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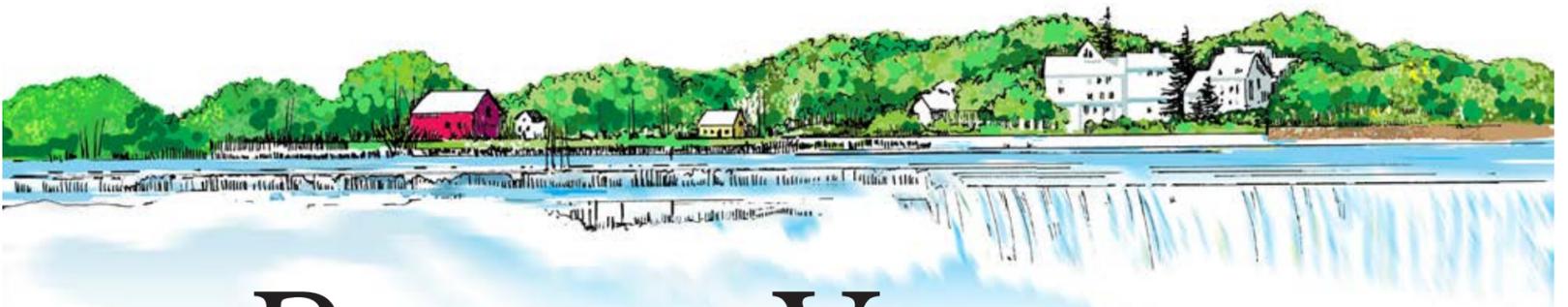
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## Issues with Cargill Falls project



Jason Bleau photo

The hydro dam under construction at Cargill Falls.

BY JASON BLEAU  
NEWS STAFF WRITER

PUTNAM — Putnam Mayor Tony Falzarano has become increasingly

frustrated with a controversial project at Cargill Falls Dam and the lack of communication from the property owner at the Cargill Falls Mill.

The Cargill Falls Dam is a project associated with the redevelopment of the Cargill Falls Mill, a combination of retail space and apartments.

The dam is being produced to create hydroelectric power from the iconic Cargill Falls. The concept has drawn the ire of many in town who fear its impact on the water flow over the falls and the potential disturbance of the aesthetic of the falls.

In late 2016 Falzarano had expressed frustration over the controversy. Now the Mayor has said he has had trouble getting a hold of property owner Leanne Parker and that the lack of communication has frustrated him even more.

"I am at wit's end after sending three different e-mails at three different times to the owner of Cargill Falls Mill," said Falzarano at the Board of Selectmen March 6 meeting. "I got one response, which I shared with all the Selectmen, that the lawyers are still looking at whatever they're looking at and we want the nine points clarified and we have no points clarified and nothing in

writing."

Those nine points are concerns the town presented to Parker in 2016. Falzarano said that his office received a request to lower the gate for the dam in order to do work but he said until the

Selectmen get the information they are looking for he isn't planning on clearing any requests concerning the dam.

"It stays just the way it is until we get answers. Until further notice, don't Turn To **CARGILL** page A14



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### WOODSTOCK NO. 1 IN NEW ENGLAND

WOODSTOCK — Woodstock Academy's Lydia Taft dismounts the balance beam at the New England Gymnastics Championships Saturday. Woodstock finished first to claim the title of best high school gymnastics team in New England, coverage in Villager sports section.



Charlie Lentz photo

PUTNAM — Race volunteers Earl Rosebrooks, left, and Henry Donnelly, were in pre-holiday St. Patrick's Day spirits at the Courthouse O'Putnam 5K road race last Sunday, March 12. Nine hundred and 36 participants completed the 3.1-mile course.

## Hermasimowicz is Killingly's new finance director

BY JASON BLEAU  
NEWS STAFF WRITER

KILLINGLY — Agata Herasimowicz was appointed Killingly's Finance Director March 7 with the approval of the Killingly Town Council. Killingly began searching for a new Finance Director while former Finance Director Mary Calorio was still on board. Caloria is now Putnam's Town Administrator. Killingly Town Manager Sean Hendricks received a dozen applications before

bringing Herasimowicz on board.

"We got really lucky. If we hadn't had a good response to this particular posting I think I was going to wrap things up and repost in probably May or June after the budget season was over. The Finance Director is a really important position. Obviously Mary was very important to the operation and my office. Everyone had a lot of faith and trust in her. What we're getting with Agata is someone who has all the skills that we

want in a finance director," Hendricks said. "In terms of writing financial reports, conducting audits, working on budgets, 90 percent of the day-to-day stuff we need a finance director to do and to maintain the positive direction that the town has been going — we've got a person here with all those skills walking in our door."

Calorio was part of the three-member panel charged with finding her own successor and she worked with Herasimowicz

before leaving Killingly. Herasimowicz has served as the assistant finance director and deputy treasurer for the Town of Tolland for 10 years and said the move to Killingly was the next logical step in her career growth.

"I'm honored to be here. I'm excited," Herasimowicz said. "I was told by my boss that it was a matter of time that I would move and that it wasn't 'if' but 'when' so this is the time for me to move. I was trained basically to be involved in every aspect of the

town operation and I got great exposure. I appreciate my town because they gave me great opportunities to learn."

Herasimowicz was the unanimous choice by members of the search panel. Herasimowicz said she expects challenges but she looks forward to becoming a significant part of Killingly's financial planning.

"(Killingly) is a little bigger town than where I'm working right now. It's more diversified and has a little different grand list. There's more

commercial development and I see more plazas here. I did research on Killingly as far as finances go and I'm impressed," Herasimowicz said. "My understanding is this is a town which would like to keep its mill rate lower. It is something very amazing to keep the mill rate low and still have really nice things in the grand list and things going well for the town."

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Jairo Castillo

# K9 police dog sniffs out drug offense

PUTNAM — On March 9 at approximately 3 p.m., members of the Connecticut State Police Troop D – Quality of Life Task Force conducted a traffic stop on a 2000 Toyota Camry for a traffic violation. The traffic stop occurred on I-395 northbound, near exit

95 in Putnam. QLTF Troopers interviewed the two occupants in the vehicle and became suspicious criminal activity was taking place.

K9 Dodie, a narcotic detecting canine, arrived on scene and alerted to the odor of narcotics coming from the car and the front passenger. The front passenger, identified as Jairo Castillo, 33, of 118 Furnace Street, Killingly, admitted to Troopers that he had heroin and crack cocaine on his person.

Castillo turned over a plastic bag containing crack cocaine and heroin pre-packaged for sale. Castillo was then arrested without incident and transported to the Troop D – Danielson Barracks and charged with Possession of Narcotics 21a-279(A) and Possession of Narcotics WITS – 21a-278(B). Castillo was released on a \$50,000 cash/surety bond and was scheduled to appear in Danielson Superior Court on March 22.

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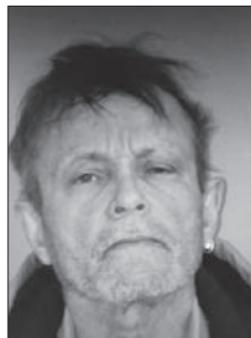
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# Danielson man charged with heroin possession

DANIELSON — On March 13 at approximately 8:40 p.m., members of the Connecticut State Police Troop D – Quality of Life Task Force conducted a traffic stop on a 2000 Mazda Protege for a traffic violation. The traffic stop occurred on Reynolds Street near the intersection of Broad Street in Danielson. QLTF Troopers were patrolling Reynolds Street in response to increased complaints of heroin use and drug dealing in the area. After the traffic stop, the driver, identified as Jose Pedraza, 61, of 51 Reynolds Street, Danielson granted Troopers consent to



Courtesy photo

Jose Pedraza

search the car.

A search of the car was conducted and multiple bags of heroin were located and seized. Pedraza was then arrested with-

out incident and transported to the Troop D - Danielson Barracks and charged with Possession of Heroin 21a-279(A). Pedraza was released on a \$5,000 cash/surety bond and was scheduled to appear in Danielson Superior Court on 03/30/17.

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

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The Woodstock Academy baseball team held a celebrity bartender evening March 1 at The Crossings Restaurant and Brew Pub in Putnam. The fundraiser was in support of the team's trip to Call Ripken Training Facility in Maryland. The evening raised more than \$7,000. Pictured, from left, celebrity bartenders Glenn Senecal, John Schiffner, Angela O'Connor and Ron Coderre. The group raised \$1,050 during their shift.

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# Flexer joins coalition supporting health benefits

HARTFORD — State Senator Mae Flexer (Democrat-Danielson) was joined by a bipartisan coalition of female lawmakers, activists and other supporters at a press conference on March 9 to highlight a bill aimed at protecting health benefits for women, children and adolescents.



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Mae Flexer announces her support for bill on March 9 in Hartford.

The bill comes at a time when national legislators have moved to slash health-care coverage for millions of Americans, including 109,000 Connecticut residents enrolled under the Affordable Care Act.

Senate Bill 586, "An Act Expanding Mandated Health Benefits for Women, Children and Adolescents," was passed on March 9 by the Insurance and Real Estate Committee and will next be debated on the floor of the Senate.

"This legislation will ensure that regardless of what happens in Washington, women's healthcare will continue to be protected in our state," said Flexer. "This has been an important conversation, and I am so pleased that this bill had strong, bipartisan support."

Flexer thanked the leadership of the Insurance and Real Estate Committee, which reported the bill out of committee on a Joint Favorable report.

"Thanks to this legislation, Connecticut women can rest assured that regardless of what President Trump and

the Republicans in Congress do when it comes to repealing the Affordable Care Act, state law will from here on out protect the access to basic women's health care services like contraception and breast pumps afforded to them at no cost under the Affordable Care Act," said State Representative Sean Scanlon, a Democrat who represents Branford and Guilford and serves as House chairman of the Insurance and Real Estate Committee.

"Connecticut is a leader in promoting reproductive rights and women's health care, and this legislation continues that tradition," Rep. Cristin McCarthy Vahey (D-Fairfield) said. "Access to preventive services saves lives — it's critical that women continue to receive the medical care they need."

"These bills are vital in supporting women, children and families in Connecticut. Women's access to affordable healthcare is a human

right and should not be based on economic ability," Rep. Robyn Porter (D-New Haven) said. "Regardless of what happens at the federal level, these bills will preserve women's access to affordable healthcare and allow them to live a healthy lifestyle."

"We have a moral obligation to provide all women and children access to affordable healthcare," Rep. Christine Conley (D-Groton) said. "I am extremely pleased to co-sponsor these bills and will continue to push for the protection of women's healthcare rights."

"Women's health is a bipartisan issue that impacts not only women, but also families in Connecticut," said Rep. Noreen Kokoruda (R-Madison). "We all need to work together to address this important issue."

Senate Bill 586 seeks to ensure that women will be protected under any circumstances with or without protections from the federal gov-

ernment. The bill expands mandated health benefits for women, children and adolescents; expands mandated contraception benefits; and requires the Commissioner of Social Services to amend the Medicaid state plan to provide expanded contraceptive benefits.

Because of the Affordable Care Act, nearly 800,000 Connecticut women have not been charged a copay or deductible for contraceptive coverage resulting in an average yearly savings of hundreds of dollars. SB 586 will ensure that regardless of what happens now to the Affordable Care Act in Washington, the protections essential health benefits it affords to all women will remain law in Connecticut.

This bill makes sure that health insurance coverage plans cover 21 essential benefits that women need in order to receive comprehensive healthcare in our state, including: Well-woman visits for any woman who is younger than 65 years old; Breast cancer screenings; Screenings for sexually transmitted diseases; Breastfeeding support and counseling for any pregnant or breastfeeding woman; Gestational diabetes screening for any woman who is 24 to 28 weeks pregnant, and any woman who is at increased risk for gestational diabetes; and Osteoporosis screening for any woman who is 60 old or older.

# Thompson building official resigns

BY JASON BLEAU  
NEWS STAFF WRITER

THOMPSON — Thompson's Board of Selectmen is beginning the process of evaluating its building official position with the announcement of the resignation of Lee Post from the office coming at the board's March 7 meeting.

First Selectman Ken Beausoleil received Post's letter of resignation and the Selectmen have a short window to proceed with the hiring process.

"The building official has decided to resign his position effective March 31," Beausoleil said. "My recommendation is to look this over and think of what direction that we'd want to go."

Thompson has several different options on the table which may play into the continuing budget discussions in town. The First Selectman provided a job description and statutes from the state and town for his fellow Selectmen to examine. No decision was made on March 7 but only one more meeting is scheduled before Post's resignation takes effect.

Beausoleil laid out a few possible routes, including hiring a new full-time building official. Another option is working with another town to share a building official. Post had previously served as the building official for Thompson and Putnam concurrently, working an estimated 50 hours a week between the two towns. Putnam proposed making it building official position a full-time position last year and has since filled that position.

Another option is to consolidate positions to keep the building official part

time in concept, but share responsibilities with another department and work full-time hours performing multiple duties for the town.

"What some other towns have done is combine positions, such as building and zoning. Some have done conservation and inland wetlands as well. So there are a variety of options to us," Beausoleil said.

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# Local State Reps discuss gun legislation

BY JASON BLEAU  
NEWS STAFF WRITER

PUTNAM — The Quiet Corner Tea Party sponsored a two-hour forum and informational session with three of Northeastern Connecticut's State Representatives Monday at Victoria Station Cafe. The March 13 forum covered several topics including the growing concern of gun owners involving past and present forms of legislation brought before the House of Representatives in Hartford.

State Representatives Danny Rovero of the 51st District, Pat Boyd of the 50th District, and Anne Dauphinais of the 44th District spent much of the first hour of the forum answering questions and concerns from locals about gun legislation in the state. Several House and Senate bills are being discussed including controversial proposals.

Each Representative gave reaction to several past bills, including Senate Bill 1160, the gun law passed in Hartford in the wake of the Sandy Hook shootings in Newtown. That bill severely limited firearms that could be sold in the state. State Rep. Rovero, who was the only one of the three representatives in office at the time and voted for that bill, said he agreed with many of his colleagues that the bill was too encompassing and should have been separated into several different acts.

"I wanted to divide it. There were some good parts to that bill. I believe in background checks to be honest and there were a couple other parts of the bill I didn't like. They wouldn't break it up and I couldn't vote for it that way," Rovero said.

Dauphinais and Boyd said they would have voted against the bill. Dauphinais said she is a staunch supporter of Second Amendment rights, but feels the bill made some good points when it comes to mental health. Boyd said the bill was "reactionary" and that it was an unfair law to legal gun owners.

The lawmakers also addressed House Bill 5054, another bill passed before Boyd and Dauphinais were in office. This bill has created concerns for gun owners by putting harsher action in place should gun owners be accused of domestic violence. Those against the act argue that it could strip a woman of her mean of self-defense if her husband or significant other were to accuse her of assault. And that regardless of who is accused of the act it violates the Second Amendment without due process. Rovero was the only one of the three who said he supported the act. Rovero said he did so for the greater good feeling that if he saved one woman's life it was worth it.

The representatives addressed more recent proposals before the House of Representatives, including



Jason Bleau photo

From left, State Representatives Ann Dauphinais, Danny Rovero, and Pat Boyd during a forum in Putnam on March 13.

Governor Dannel Malloy's proposal to severely increase permit fees for gun owners from \$70 to \$300 and the cost of the initial five-year permit fee from \$140 to \$370. None of the three state representatives voiced support for such action with each feeling it was an inconsistent proposal and one that targeted gun owners specifically to bring money to the general fund.

"If it was truly about money it would've been a proposal increase across the board of two percent for everything. I don't think it was about money," Rep. Boyd said. "The governor was very clear with his opinions in the past when it comes to gun ownership so I felt like it was politically motivated. To be honest with you when it came out my first gut reaction was 'this isn't going to go anywhere'. I think it caused a political stir. It was not an appropriate increase unless you're going to do it across the board. I severely believe that when the final budget comes out that this isn't going to be in it."

Dauphinais agreed and said the increase was proposed to target a specific group.

"I saw it as a clear poke at the gun owners of Connecticut and this disproportionately selects out the poor," she said. "One of the things the governor said is he's trying to make it in alignment with the other states around us, which is absolutely not true. There are several states around us that actually don't have a permit, they're constitutional carry. The only one that even comes close isn't a state, it's New York City and I think that's a \$300 charge so it doesn't align us with anyone else close to the state."

Rovero said he couldn't support the increase but spoke from personal experience as a gun owner, noting that he

was shocked by the \$70 he had to recently spend to renew his permit. He felt an increase to \$300 was unacceptable.

Not all gun laws received negative feedback. Rep. Boyd joined 47th District State Representative Doug Dubitsky in co-sponsoring legislation that Boyd said would allow for those who have passed gun permit exams and requirements in other states that are similar to Connecticut's to carry in this state as well.

"A number of states around us have similar if not identical requirements to obtain a pistol permit and Connecticut does not allow reciprocity between other states for whatever reason," said Boyd. "The bill would allow us reciprocity with states that have similar or identical training requirements for the gun permit."

The lawmakers also addressed House Bill 6200, allowing police officers more freedom to request a carry permit from citizens. Currently police officers cannot ask for a carry permit without probably cause and local gun owners would like that to remain. Rovero noted that the law actually wouldn't loosen the restrictions on officers by much and would apply only to those who carry out in the open within reason.

"This is actually a compromise. What they wanted originally was a law that if they thought you were carrying a weapon they could come up and ask to see your permit. People could have a newspaper under their coat and I've got nothing against policemen, but that could give police an excuse to put someone up against the wall. So they made a compromise," Rovero said. "Not many people walk around with their pistol on the outside, out in the open - Recently I went to a Rod & Gun Club and asked a lot

of questions to both men and women and most of them said they would have no problem of being asked for their license if they had their pistol exposed. I'm not saying I'm going to vote for it, but that's what the majority of people I talked to said."

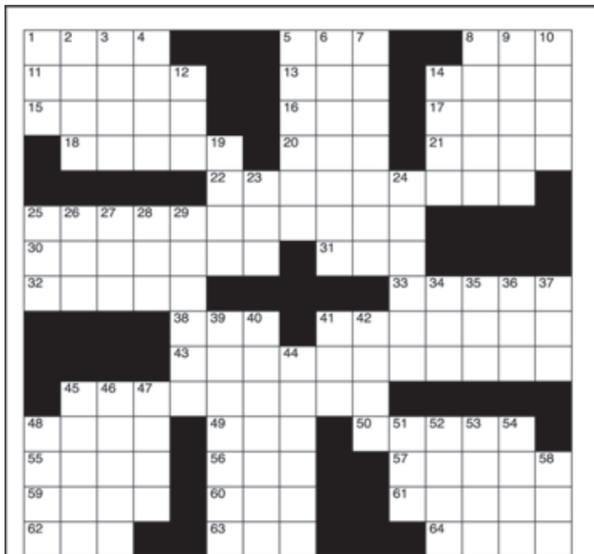
Boyd and Dauphinais were a little less open to the concept. Boyd said he feels there is something to be said in favor of the law, but he understands where gun owners are certainly concerned.

"This would change the statute to go from carry to show," Boyd said. "My take on it is I'm not sure this is going anywhere. I am concerned about the Fourth amendment piece. It's clear that you have a right to carry, but there's also a reasonability piece. I worry about lawful gun owners being harassed."

Dauphinais agreed. "It would be the equivalent to just being able to arbitrarily ask anybody for a driver's license or identification. It's something our constitution doesn't allow to happen without probably cause. Now if you were starting to act suspicious and you had a backpack that looked like it had a gun in it and you were in a big group of people and looking around then that gives probably cause," she said.

Other topics discussed included the Governor Dannel Malloy's budget proposal, Connecticut's decision to name itself a "sanctuary state", and the concerns locals have about how budget cuts and financial changes in Hartford that may impact Putnam's Day Kimball Hospital.

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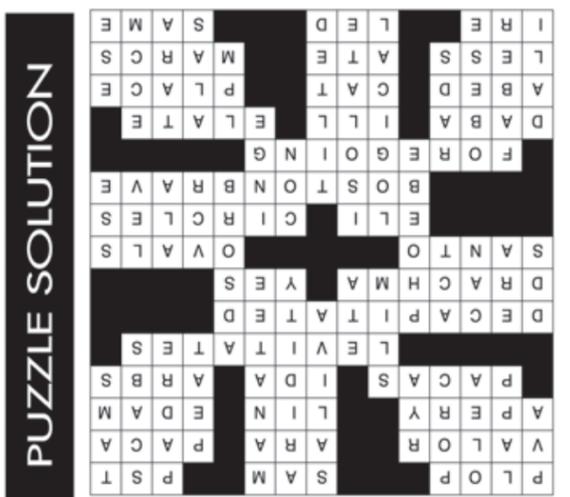


**CLUES ACROSS**

- 1. Fall down
- 5. Walmart founder Walton
- 8. Los Angeles time zone
- 11. Gallantry
- 13. Early Supreme Court justice Bartlett
- 14. One-time governor of MD
- 15. Act of imitating
- 16. Popular basketballer Jeremy
- 17. Round Dutch cheese
- 18. S. American rodents
- 20. Comic opera "Princess \_\_\_"
- 21. Commodities buyers and sellers (slang)
- 22. Hovers
- 25. Having had one's head cut off
- 30. One-time monetary unit of Greece
- 31. Not no
- 32. Beloved Cubs third baseman Ron
- 33. Shapes
- 38. Giants signal caller Manning
- 41. Moves all the way around
- 43. Babe Ruth retired as one
- 45. Relinquishing
- 48. Native religion in China
- 49. Not well
- 50. Fill with high spirits
- 55. In bed
- 56. Type of pet
- 57. Somewhere to go
- 59. Smaller quantity
- 60. Ingested
- 61. Singer and Jacobs are two
- 62. Anger
- 63. British rockers \_\_\_ Zeppelin
- 64. Like

**CLUES DOWN**

- 1. Polyvinyl acetate
- 2. Canadian folk musician
- 3. Evergreen trees and shrubs
- 4. Meat from a pig (French)
- 5. Secretion
- 6. Quality of yielding nothing of value
- 7. Aquatic mammal
- 8. Father
- 9. Protective crusts
- 10. Caps
- 12. Handwoven rug
- 14. Soil-like material
- 19. Not wide
- 23. When you aim to get there
- 24. Hold molecules
- 25. Tooth caregiver
- 26. Amount of time
- 27. Beverage container
- 28. Perform
- 29. Appollo's grandmother
- 34. Obsolete home-ent. device
- 35. Serbian mythological demon
- 36. Bulgarian currency
- 37. Midway between south and southeast
- 39. Makes sense
- 40. A way to single out
- 41. Criminal (slang)
- 42. Former Tigers third baseman Brandon
- 44. Wobbled
- 45. Singapore's second highest peak
- 46. Grossly overweight
- 47. Radioactivity units
- 48. Famed Spanish painter
- 51. Internet router algorithm
- 52. Expression of sorrow or pity
- 53. Druidic mother goddess
- 54. Electronic counter-countermeasures
- 58. Midway between east and southeast



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# Debate continues on Thompson bus privatization

BY JASON BLEAU  
NEWS STAFF WRITER

THOMPSON — The Town of Thompson continued to examine the possibility of privatizing its school bus services with a second joint meeting between the Board of Education, Board of Finance, and Board of Selectmen on March 9.

The discussion was a continuation of talks that began a week earlier between the three boards concerning bus privatization by utilizing services from the company DATTCO. The Board of Education brought along attorney David Ryan, who worked with Plainfield during its transition to a privatized bus service in 2013. Ryan said that several aspects of the deal would be subject to negotiation but DATCO would eliminate Thompson concerns of keeping the bus fleet up to date.

“DATTCO’s bid for year one eliminates the budget problems right from the get-go,” Ryan said. “Plainfield’s situation was better than Thompson’s in terms of a percentage of their buses that were aged past 10 years and over 100,000 miles. Thompson is worse off than they were.”

On March 2 the Thompson Board of Education argued that the town’s fleet had reached a critical point where the town would have to invest a significant amount to replace the buses that need to be rotated out due to their age. At that meeting the Board of Education estimated a financial commitment of \$7 million to bring the fleet up to date compared to the \$6.76 million that it would cost the town from 2018 to 2022 under a contract with DATTCO, which would provide its own fresh fleet. Attorney Ryan said the Board of Education in Thompson seems to have come to a point where they are starting to look at eliminating the town’s ability to manage the fleet.

“It starts with the Board of Education saying to themselves ‘We don’t think we should be in the business of bussing,’” Ryan said. “In addition to that they’re in a bad situation with the buses. The economy of Connecticut made it problematic for all communities to get budgets done and budgets got shoved to the wayside. Some people just think it’s not that important. In Thompson’s case and in Plainfield’s case it got to



a very bad picture in terms of where the buses are at. You’d think you could recover with two new buses a year, but you can’t. You’re chasing your tail forever and you’re out of compliance the whole time.”

Since 2013 both Plainfield and Woodstock have chosen to privatize their bus fleet and this leaves Thompson and Killingly as the only communities in the region with their own bus fleets.

Thompson Superintendent Dr. Michael Jolin said Thompson’s situation could leave them at risk of a catastrophic failure of their vehicles and that the town has little redundancy to help replace vehicles if they should break down at any time. This is a fear shared by many on the Board of Education including Joe Lindley, who continued his support for the privatization.

“The biggest concern, why we started looking at this, was the aging fleet. I did an analysis on the fleet that we currently have and looked at a couple scenarios,” Lindley said. “One is a 10-year cycle, which in the industry seems to be recommended, trying to replace the fleet at two buses per year. I looked at a 12-year cycle at two buses per year, a 10-year cycle with three buses per year, and 12-years at three buses per year. If we go to a 10-year cycle we’d never get caught up and by the year 2040 we’re 23 buses behind

again. If we go to a 12-year cycle and extend the life of the buses, which is 20 percent more than what’s recommended, and try to replace two buses per year we’d never get caught up going out to again 2040. If we got a 10-year cycle at three buses per year we don’t get caught up until 2032 and then a 12-year cycle at three buses we don’t get caught up until 2024.”

Lindley said it would difficult to invest in improving the current fleet in the years to come.

“I think that has to be weighed very heavily in our consideration. The problem that we have, no matter what route we go, we have these big balloons that keep happening every 10 to 12 years,” Lindley said.

Board of Finance member Larry Groh who questioned the urgency of the bus replacements on March 2 as well. This time Groh came forward with more hard data and said he doesn’t believe the problem is as dire as the Board of Education thinks it is.

“We have 12 buses that are less than 10 years old. From listening to everybody talk it sounds like we have a wholly outdated fleet. Some of them are as new as 2016. We have three buses at 10 years old, and then we have seven buses that are more than 10 years old which most of them are used for spares. We use 14 buses

barely for transportation of our kids. We have 15 buses that are 10 years old or less,” said Groh.

He said data from the National Association of Directors of Pupil Services showed the buses the town runs should last 12 to 15 years. Groh also noted that the buses were recently examined during an unscheduled inspection and that only one was taken out of a service for an issue that was since resolved.

“The bottom line is that if we finance 17 buses it’s still cheaper to do an in-house than it is to go privatized and I think that we should all look at that bottom line and, more importantly, the safety of our children. I’m not sitting here and saying we shouldn’t look at our children’s safety because even if it costs more (to privatize) and our children are safe then I’d be more inclined,” said Groh.

Thompson taxpayers would have to authorize purchasing new buses every year to keep the fleet up to date. Board of Education Chair William Witkowski said one way or another the town has to make a legitimate effort to bring in new buses on a more regular basis.

“Unless we turn this over we have an older fleet. We’ll require more maintenance. It’s a lot for one person to be handling. So we have to think about that. How are we going to handle this? And this is a town problem. It’s not a Board of

Education problem. It’s not a Board of Selectmen or Board of Finance problem. We have to decide this as a group what we are going to do. Our utmost concern has to be the safety of the students we’ll transport and it’s very difficult with an ever aging fleet to stay on top of it,” Witkowski said.

The Board of Education’s figures show DATTCO would create a substantial increase in the cost of field trips and sports trips.

Thompson taxpayer Steve Hogan said he felt the town was getting ahead of itself by jumping right into the privatization option. He felt that town officials should try to put an investment plan for new buses before the taxpayers.

“I view this as kind of putting the cart before the horse. Why don’t you just go to the town, see if the town will buy you buses at a referendum and support or not support it?” Hogan said. “Go to the town, see if they’ll buy the buses, see if they’ll support moving the buses over to the town and you’re through with it because right now what you’re doing is you’re going through all this and you’re going to have to go through the town anyway which could say no.”

Taxpayer Chrissy Campbell, a resident against the bus privatization plan, said the townspeople haven’t even had their say on whether or not to sell the current fleet yet. She too believes that officials may be getting ahead of themselves.

“I think the taxpayers should have an input and be asked if we want the fleet sold and if we want the garage leased out. I don’t think this should go to the Board of Education to make a decision and then to the town and the Board of Education to have to say ‘oops this isn’t the right decision,’” Campbell said. “That kind of seems silly to me.”

The three boards will meet at least one more time on March 23. If the town is to move forward with its agreement with DATTCO it may need to make a decision within the next few months. The Board of Education is currently negotiating contracts with the bus driver union, which expires on June 30 of this year and could impact the decision.

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## PUBLIC MEETINGS

### EASTFORD

Monday March 20

Clean Energy, 7 p.m., Town Office Building

Grove Cemetery Trustees, 7 p.m., Eastford Public Library

Tuesday March 21

Republican Town Committee, 7 p.m., Eastford Public Library

Wednesday March 22

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

Registrar of Voters, 5 p.m., Town Office Building

Thursday March 23

Inland Wetlands and Watercourses, 7 p.m., Town Office Building

Library Board, 7 p.m., Town Office Building

Facilities Study Group Publicity Sub-Committee, 6 p.m., Town Hall

Putnam Facilities Study Committee, 7 p.m., Town Hall

### THOMPSON

Monday March 20

Conservation Commission, 7 p.m., Town Hall

Tuesday March 21

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

Wednesday March 22

Recreation Commission, 7 p.m., Town Hall

Thursday March 23

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

Board of Finance, 7 p.m., Thompson Library

### WOODSTOCK

Monday March 20

Ag Commission, 1 p.m., Town Hall

Tuesday March 21

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

Wednesday March 22

Historic District, 6:30 p.m., Town Hall

Thursday March 23

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

Open Space Land Acquisition, 7 p.m., Town Hall

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## Nyland in Tourtellotte student spotlight for March

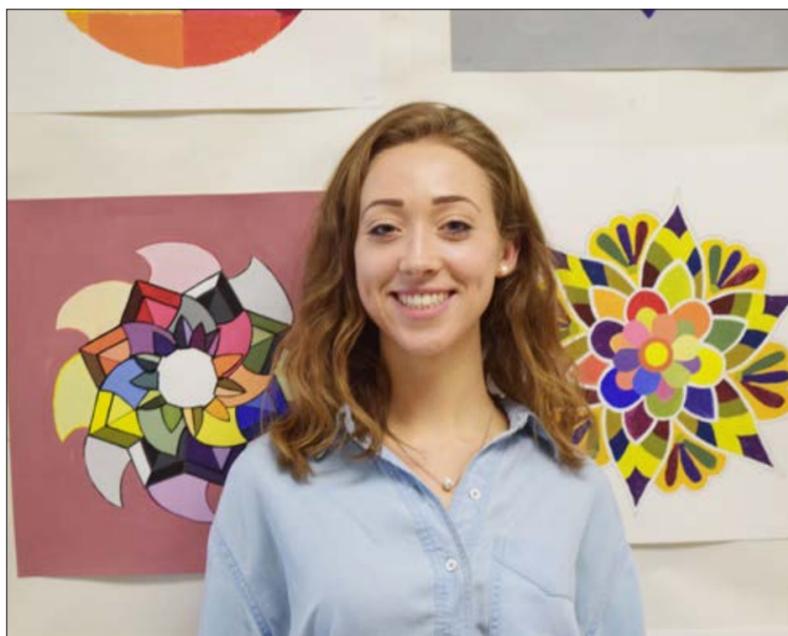
THOMPSON — This year Tourtellotte Memorial High School has begun a new recognition program called the TMHS Student Spotlight of the month. Each month, a TMHS student will be recognized for outstanding achievement, character, leadership, attitude, and/or contributions to the school and community. March's Student Spotlight honoree is senior Anne Nyland. Nyland contributes to her community in a number of significant ways. A member of the cross-country and track teams, Nyland was also the captain of both teams.

Of the experience, Nyland says, "It was my goal to be the best I could be. I wanted to be a good example to my teammates by pushing myself and making sure they were always ready to run with good vibes."

Another important way that Nyland has contributed to her community is through her work with TMHS's annual Homelessness Awareness event. Nyland says, "Over the last four years, I have been very involved with the homelessness awareness event that occurs annually for TEEG. I believe that homelessness is a major issue in our communities and I wanted to help. I raised over \$2,000 for this event by walking door-to-

door, asking people of our community to contribute to this cause. This was an eye-opening experience." Nyland continues to contribute by volunteering at TEEG's food pantry and at her church.

Nyland was nominated for the Spotlight honor by junior Jordon Sroczenski. In her nomination, Sroczenski writes, "Anne has the greatest work ethic and attitude of anyone I know. No matter what she is struggling with personally, Anne is determined and is always smiling. She is serious and dedicated to anything she does and always looks for a silver lining—whether that be in people or a tough situation. Running is said to be so individual, but Anne truly makes every team she's a part of feel like a family. She has inspired me and so many others and that is invaluable." Nyland's long-term plans include continuing her education at Worcester State University and eventually becoming a nutritionist. When asked what her message is to her school community Nyland says, "Don't be afraid to be yourself. If you believe in something, go for it. Never let others bring you down and you will be golden. Always spread good vibes."



Anne Nyland

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## WOODSTOCK MIDDLE SCHOOL HONOR ROLL

WOODSTOCK — The Woodstock Middle School Honor Roll for the second quarter.

**HIGH HONORS – GRADE 6**  
Jayton Bergeron, Carah Bruce, Gabrielle Couture, Shannon Cunniff, Carolina Da Silva, Magnolia Hart, Brian Jameson, Annika LeBoeuf, Bryn Miller, Paige Owens, Wyatt Robbie, Alexandra Taylor, Adam Thompson, Liam Wilcox

**HONORS – GRADE 6**  
Charlotte Adase, Morgan Bonin, Lauren Brule, Summer Chaput, Amanda Currie, Alexis Danila, Jeter Darigan, Bodie Defocy, Antonina Dinges, Baden Eaton, Lennon Favreau, Kara-Lynn Hebert, Clinton Kallgren, Makala McDermott, Abigail Morse, Ella Rose Musumeci, Elias

Newall-Vuillemot, Ellie Nunes, Sophia Quinn, Amelia Racicot, Braiden Saucier, Bella Webb

**RECOGNITION – GRADE 6**  
Aaron Allard, Austin Amlaw, Ava Anderson, Brady Anderson, Abigail Armstrong, Kristen Ash, Maxwell Auker, Payton Barna, Ava Basak, Zoe Bellanceau, Brooke Bergevin, Tessa Brown, Ella Chabot, Mitchell Child, Ethan Craig, Bailey Davignon, Kirsten Deorsey, Jade Desmond, Ava Edwards, Grace Gelhaus, Olivia Jendrewski, Jacob Jurnovoy, Dylan Mayo, Kaden McCullough-Murphy, Ainsley Morse, Branden Nystrom, Mavin Palmerino, Garrett Poitras, Kylie Quercia, Austin Quinney, Randall Rawcliffe, Fiona Rigney, Lillian Rossi, Nicholas Simonelli, Kate Stone, Dylan Veilleux, Nicholas

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**HIGH HONORS – GRADE 7**  
Morgan Bentley, Skylar Dodge, Scout Favreau, Liam Hagan, Isabella Miller, Dhruvi Patel, Hans Rhynhart, Mia Ruggeri

**HONORS – GRADE 7**  
Jai Abrams, Carleigh Boisvert, Ava Coutu, Nicholas Dahl, Olivia Grant, Samuel Hagan, Cassandra Klingensmith, Sarah Lucas, Thomas Musumeci, Marissa O'Sullivan, Ian Palmerino, Lucas Reardon, Robert Saraidarian, Kadin Shepherd, Vincent Tocci, AinslieTschamler

**RECOGNITION – GRADE 7**  
John Armstrong, Annarose Avery, Liam Bates, Alexander Bissonnette, Emily Blake, River Favreau, Gwenith Hendrickson, Jillian Marcotte, Lily Schofield, S y d n e y

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**HIGH HONORS – GRADE 8**  
Emma Auker, Matthew Brady, Riley Chapuis, Sydney Cournoyer, Sydney Couture, Cody Currie, Hannah Darigan, Sloane Downing, Maggie Flynn, Grace Gronski, Ann-Marie Hebert, Emma Hovestadt, Brynn Kusnarowis, Kaily LaChapelle, Hanna Longwell, Evan Lundt, Marco Maluf, Christina Mark, Marissa Mayhew, Emily McClure, Lucy McDermott, Ashley Nunes, Evan Odorski, Megan Preston, Connor Quinn, Heather Schofield, Meghan Slate, Sarah Tavares, Maeve Taylor, Rockwell Valentine, Eli Werstler, AliseYonush

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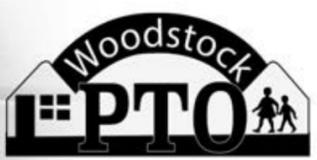
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Patryk Kalinowski from Woodstock was named to the Dean's List at Merrimack College in North Andover, Mass., for Fall 2016. Merrimack College undergraduate students earn the right to be named to the Dean's List by earning a minimum 3.25 GPA based on a 4.0 GPA grading system.

Kathryn Lusa, from Pomfret Center, a member of the Class of 2017, has been named to the Fall 2016 Dean's List at Stonehill College in Easton, Mass. Lusa is majoring in Arts Administration. To qualify for the Dean's List, students must have a semester grade point average of 3.50 or better and must have completed successfully all courses for which they were registered.

Matthew Fiedler from Brooklyn, Connecticut, earned a place on the Dean's List as a Stillman School of Business student at Seton Hall University in South Orange, N.J., for the Fall 2016 semester

Allison Rich from Woodstock graduated from Radford University in Radford, Va., at the end of the fall semester 2016 and was named to the Dean's List. She is a senior criminal justice major. To be named to the Dean's List at Radford, a student must have taken 12 or more graded credit hours and have a grade point average of 3.4 or above with no grade below a C.

Abigail Willis from Eastford was named to the 2016 fall semester Dean's List at Simmons College in Boston. To qualify for Dean's List status, undergraduate students must obtain a grade point average of 3.5 or higher, based on 12 or more credit hours of work in classes using the letter grade system.

Alexandra Copeland from Putnam recently earned a Master of Science from Simmons College. Copeland majored in library and information science



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Eagle Scout Richard L. LaBonte, Sr. of Pomfret is flanked by American Legion members, from left, Ronald P. Coderre, Commander of Post #13, Nicholas Milano of Post #13, Manny Rodrigues Dist. #4 representative and Paul Spedaliere former Statte Commander. Labonte of Post #21 of St. Mary Church was feted at his Court of Honor on Saturday, March 4.

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# Life stories

We all have stories to tell and now is the time to tell them. Memoir is the hottest genre in book publishing and one way or the other, anyone can be part of the action. At the writers' conference I attended in Mexico, many of the speakers and attendees had published or were working on memoirs. I thought of all the stories I have been told about life, individual lives, in our region, and I wished I had written them down. More than that, I wished I had gotten the people who told me their stories to write them themselves.

Memoir is different from autobiography in that autobiography presumably covers an entire life. Memoir is personal and often focuses on specific memories that, when recalled, bring a new understanding to the writer and the reader. Once I thought that only politicians, movie stars and intellectuals were entitled to write their memoirs, but now I think everyone has something to share.

Mary Karr wrote The Liar's Club, about her childhood in Texas. Her language is salty, witty and compelling. Her parents were alcoholics and later she was too. Eventually she escaped the dismal trajectory of her life through writing. She believes that every memoir is about being broken by something in our lives. She also thinks there is wisdom in stories about survival and what makes us change. She remembered her father's expressions as she wrote about him. By recalling stories, we bring back the people we have lost even if they have been gone for a very long time.

When I drive into Putnam and pass the old textile mills, I remember being a little girl and hearing the noise of the looms through the open windows of my mother's Buick on summer afternoons. The clatter seemed deafening and the heat oppressive. Thousands of people worked in those buildings and yet I have never read a story about their experiences.

In the town where I live, there were once many people who worked as servants in the large houses that dotted the landscape. The owners of the mansions are long gone, but the descendants of the people who worked for them are still here. What stories were passed on to them by their parents and grandparents that would teach us about how they managed their lives? I'm not sure we will ever know.

Keeping stories alive is something we can all do. While visiting a friend in Mexico, I sat with her mother and recorded an amazing story. As a bride, she and her husband went out on a fishing boat with a friend. The boat exploded and they spend a harrowing day and night in the ocean. Dolphins swam beneath her, buoying her up. She is certain the pod saved all three of them. She remembered many details as she told me the story. I wrote it and she is editing it. We both hope that her grandchildren and great grandchildren will enjoy the tale for years to come.

Memory is elusive. It changes over time, especially as we focus on different memories at each phase of our lives. Remembering what happened and telling as clearly as one can is as good an activity any.

A memoir doesn't need to be dramatic, it just needs to be as true as the writer can make it.

With my cellphone, I can take thousands of photos. With my computer, I can type millions of words, many pointless. With an hour or two in the company of another human being, I can hear a story that can be told only by them. Civilization began with talk around a camp fire. We can keep it going but telling the stories of our lives.

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# OPINION

Opinion and commentary from the Quiet Corner

## LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

### Reader objects to letter on Trump

To the editor:

Mr. Boyd's letter [on March 10] on removing President Trump from office, has no content and I'm perplexed why The Villager even printed it. He quotes the 25th Amendment, the Articles of Impeachment and some quote from a writer for the "New Yorker". He gives readers absolutely nothing, no examples of his illogical "The evidence is compelling" statement but just an invalid and very vague

letter. Now if he was writing about Obama, he probably would of had page after page of valid information to warrant impeachment among other things. If Mr. Boyd presented his allegations in a court of law, they would last about five minutes and that would be because of the laughter.

TOM PANDOLFI  
WOODSTOCK

### Early childhood education shouldn't go to lottery winners

To the editor:

There are a number of sources for exposing social injustices that include editorials, letters to the editor, movies, documentaries, etc. But there is one issue that has received scant attention in the media, and that is the right to early childhood education (ECE). It is a subject that should transcend politics, to the point that it should be considered as a basic right for every child.

While perusing the March 1 edition of a local publication, I came across an ECE registration notice from the Town of Putnam that "encouraged" parents to register their child (or children) for the 2017-2018 school year — age range: 2.9 - 4 years of age. It is not a legal requirement and there is no charge for this program as it is a service provided by the Town (under the aegis of free public education). You may bring your child to the school, but it is the parent's option.

In the same publication there is a similar though not identical notice for the Town of Pomfret. It differs in that instead of registering students, they are "accepting registration requests." The minimum age is 4 years (thus this program is more restrictive than Putnam's) and "since there are a limited number of openings, children will be selected by lottery." Instead of registering students, Pomfret is pushing lottery tickets!

I could rail on about the inequities and gross unfairness of this shortsighted policy. The utility and effectiveness of ECE is well documented. Public education is essential in

this digital age where traditional education has been challenged by social media (such as FACEBOOK, SNAP.), and normal conversations and relationships are strained by texting, cell phones, e-mail, and X-boxes. Don't forget about old time broadcast channel TV "upgraded" to 2500 channel cable (this includes "Tosh dot O" and Penn State Football- to name a few) and "you can watch it all on the go" These choices are overwhelming if not destructive to young minds and the challenges to teachers are becoming insurmountable.

ECE is the initial educational experience for our youngest population that cannot advocate on their own behalf. It is probably the easiest group to "teach" or "socialize." It gives the child the ability to point to the color red or the letter A while cuddling with Grandma on the couch reading "Snoopy Come Home". It deals with basic connections. To date, the digital age has not defiled or invaded it.

So Pomfret has opted out of ECE for everybody. (They also send grades 9-12 to Woodstock Academy.) If nothing else, this high end Republican town knows how to save a buck!

And getting back to the application for admission, the Pomfret number to call to get your child's ECE lottery ticket is (860) 928-2718. If there is no answer, leave a message.

MARTIN C. GRAHAM, PH.D.  
WOODSTOCK

### Bathroom issue is silly

To the editor:

A while ago when I was at the Rome (Italy) Hilton Hotel, I went to their lobby bathroom. A fascinating story so far.

While there, a woman entered, examined her face in the mirror; I reminded myself that I was on the continent, not in America, and to pay no attention. No big deal. So what.

Now comes the crisis, back in the states. Gender, transgender, no gender identity bathrooms. With the multitude of issues to concern ourselves with, weapons of mass destruction, nuclear, chemical, biological, clean air, clean water, health care, and so on and so on, must we worry about public restrooms? I think not.

I am content with my birth biology which happens to be male. I feel like a male, look like a male, act like a male, and have no doubt

nor reservations about being a male. It is not a question of being proud about it.

I am mindful that there are some who are uncomfortable with their anatomical identification. This is real and I respect that.

Anyway, I digress. Public restrooms should be whatever suits the situation. Yes, for minors, school boards should decide on local rules according to their community standards. I regret to concede the President is right about that. The federal government has no authority to intrude in our public or private bathrooms, and for that matter, our bedrooms.

And the bathroom issue should be put to rest. For grown-ups — it is silly.

DAVID B. BOYD  
WOODSTOCK

### Pomfret citizen concerned about fracking

To the editor:

Over a dozen Connecticut towns have passed Anti-Fracking Waste Disposal Ordinances or are in the process of doing so. Why are these towns taking action? Find answers to your questions at an information session on Thursday evening, March 23, at the Audubon Center at Pomfret, 218 Day Road, at 7 p.m. Our guest speaker is Jennifer Siskind from the Connecticut chapter of Food & Water Watch, who will give a presentation on the dangers of fracking waste and

why Connecticut towns need to be concerned and act quickly to pass local legislation. The evening is sponsored by Pomfret Citizens Concerned About Fracking Waste; the event is free; and residents from surrounding towns are welcome to attend. For more information, please email: PomretFrackingWasteBan@gmail.com.

TIMA SMITH  
POMFRET CENTER

### No global warming, right?

To the editor:

"See, all this snow shows that global warming is a hoax." You've may have heard someone say something like this, or thought it yourself. The evidence is right on your boots.

But we need to look further then our own boots to get the full global picture. Scientist have documented that the earth's oceans have been warming steadily, and a recent study shows that the warming has been happening faster, deeper and more globally than previously known.

What happens when the water is warmer? The air above it gets warmer. And warmer air can hold more moisture. Have you ever noticed that in the cold winter your nose seems dry, and that the summer air is muggy? That's just following the laws of physics.

So as the Atlantic Ocean has gotten warmer, it is carrying much more moisture with it. And when that moisture hits cold air brought down by the jet stream, the H2O becomes snow. Lots of it. So paradoxically, the global warming is increasing the frequency of big snow storms.

But when the weather is warm there's no such snow. You will remember that this winter we had relatively little snow, and recently had record high temperatures for Connecticut. In fact globally, the earth's temperature was at a record high last year, and has been breaking records for most of this century.

So what? It costs. It is estimated that the blizzard of 2015 cost New England a billion dollars, from lost business, work and commerce. It confuses fruit trees during blossom, reducing crops. It confuses birds and animals trying to adapt. The peepers were singing in the recent warm spell and then may have been frozen by the cold snap.

Ninety-seven percent of climate scientists agree that global warming is happening and that it is caused at least in part by the greenhouse gases humans emit. So we should be cautious when we hear claims that global warming is a hoax spread by China.

JOCK MCCLELLAN  
WOODSTOCK

## GUEST COLUMN

DAVE RICHARDSON

### Woodstock must address \$2 million cut in funding

Two weeks ago Board of Finance member Dave Fortin laid out the situation facing Woodstock in this year's budget battle. With only the governor's budget proposal on the table, the town must plan to address its needs with a roughly \$2,000,000 cut in state funding. I will have a lot more to say on that issue in the coming weeks but to try to put things in perspective it might be a good idea to look back on what has transpired over the last three budgets and the tax increases you've already had to deal with and compare to what may be coming.

Over the last three years Woodstock has approved tax increases totaling 1.76 mill or 7.9%. We won't have final numbers for FY 2017, until September when this year's books close, but we do have numbers for the first two years — FY 2015 and 2016. Tax increases during those two years brought in about \$1.1 million dollars. These monies, you may recall, were going to be essential to maintain infrastructure and fund essential school program, it was "for the kids"; at least this is what was said during budget presentations and at public hearings including the Annual Town Meetings. During that time I wrote about \$600,000 surpluses in both years and spoke out about it at various town meetings. Now we know where those monies went. A review of town audits for the years ending June 30, 2014 and June 30, 2016 show the following: The General Fund balance, where the town keeps extra cash, increased by \$303,964 to \$3,416,477 requiring the board of finance to twice increase the allowed ceiling for that fund. The Capital Non-recurring account, where the town keeps funds designated for capital projects, designated and undesignated, increased by \$227,206 to a total of \$929,081. And then we have the Board of Education Employee's Benefit Fund, this is used to fund the self-funded health-care insurance for BOE employees, this increased by \$629,004 to a total of \$813,351 — this is roughly \$250,000 higher than the "five year target" for this fund which was set in the spring of 2016. You can find all of this in the town audits which are publicly available. The pages containing this information are pages 20 and 21 for the General fund - 2014 and 2016 reports respectively; pages 21 and 22 for the Board of Ed Fund; pages 64 and 75 for the Capital Non-recurring account; a little over \$1.160 million dollars that was crucial but didn't get spent. For 2017? We'll have to wait and see. If there is an unintended bright spot in the over-taxing of these past budgets, it is that the town and schools did not wastefully spend their excesses and so some of this money can be used to spread out the impact of the state's budget cuts.

Back to this year; if the governor's proposals hold, we are facing nearly a \$2 million shortfall in revenue as Dave had pointed out. With the increase in the Grand List, which come primarily from increases in valuations not new construction, holding the mill rate flat will mean a roughly 3.9 percent tax increase for the average Woodstock taxpayer and still leave us short over \$1.3 million dollars if we were to approve spending at this year's level. If we take \$700,000 from the general fund to help offset some of this, we will still need to either increase taxes an additional \$625,000, another .9 mill or 3.9 percent raising the total effective increase to 7.8 percent, or we have to cut budgets by this amount. To add to the taxpayer's costs, the governor's proposal also

# When towns had bands

In my Feb. 24 column I wrote about the Killingly High School band playing at halftime at the New England Patriots-Philadelphia Eagles game on September 8, 1974. Wayne Magao sent the following memory, "I read your article about the band going to the pro football game. I was driving school bus at that time for Killingly and was very close to Gerry Fillmore. I was driving one of the buses and when we got there, the grounds people let us go on the Astroturf early. That was quite the experience for all of us. It was a great sight to see them (the band) playing with the Killingly uniforms on. I will never forget it. Thanks for the memories."

In my March 3 column I mentioned the American Band in Ballouville and asked if anyone had heard of it. While extracting additional 1917 Windham County Transcript articles, Marilyn Labbe found some more information on the band. She commented that there seemed to be a number of bands in town at that time. The following is what she found.

American Band Members — Ballouville  
"Our newly organized band is making good progress. The membership now consists of twenty, and they meet and practice regularly

each week and are so far advanced that they can play a few selections that is much credit to them and their instructor. There will be a regular monthly meeting in the band room next Wednesday evening, Jan. 31, when important business transactions will come up and plans for the future will be considered" (WCT 1-25-1917). "Aldarge Bernard, who recently joined the American Band, is the owner of a new alto horn which arrived this week" (WCT 3-1-1917). "Wilfred Leger, a former member of our American Band and a clarinetist who is a member of the 38th Co. at Fort Terry, has the opportunity of becoming a member of the government band stationed there and has sent home for his instruments" (WCT 9-20-1917). "Otis Chase, a member of our American Band, is soon to go into the service of his country" (WCT 10-4-1917).

"General training day. We hear the proposition for a local organization for military drill. This brings to mind the old fashioned 'general training' day, when all men of military age went over to the 'training ground' 'Between the Rivers' for a week of military drill, and it was (not) a bad idea, either. Much was



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accomplished in the rudiments of military drill and discipline, and in the handling of arms. It was a gala week too for the non-militants. Hundreds attended each year to see the gaudy uniforms, the precise step, the prancing of horses, and to listen to the rattle of musketry and the booming of cannon. It was a real stimulus to patriotism—a field tableau of 'fair women and brave men'. And the small boy—how he liked it and, for weeks thereafter, the juveniles, with quaint improvised uniforms, miniature drums and wooden swords and guns paraded the streets in imitation of the object lesson in patriotism which they had received, and which they never forgot. It was a yearly reminder of patriotic duty and service, and of the need of preparedness. Its abolition marked the beginning of the decay of patriotic fervor and devotion. We speak in behalf of its return." (WCT 3/8/1917).

I thought that those of you who have

Williamsville/Rogers connections might especially enjoy this next 1917 article, which as you will read, speaks of a number of unfulfilled expectations about the population of the village. "An Immediate Necessity. A few years ago when Superintendent Boys and the people of Williamsville came down to our town meeting and told us that they would need a new \$6,000 school house with four large well equipped rooms, to accommodate their growing school population, there was no opposition, but there were sundry shrugs of skepticism. The house was promptly built and is now full to overflowing. A part of the pupils have had to return to their former quarters under the Williamsville church.

"Since the school house was built many things have happened. The Goodyear Company of Akron, Ohio, have taken over the plant as a part of their mammoth business at Akron, and the mills at Williamsville are to be expanded conjointly with their business through a series of years. The population of Williamsville has doubled and it will double again the coming season, and so on from year to year for many years.

"The visible growth of the village from week to week is a marvel unprecedented in Killingly—almost without precedent in New England. Unoccupied ground one day, a cellar the next day, then a pile of lumber, and, in a few days, a house. There is to be a new mill this summer with an addition of 1800 to 2000 operatives. Then next year another mill, perhaps, and so on until it requires no great stretch of the imagination to see a population of 8,000 within the next half dozen years.

"This, compared with present school enumeration as a basis of estimate would give, to put it mildly, 1,200 pupils—some estimate as high as 1,500 to 1,800. State authorities kick at more than 40 pupils to a room. It therefore looks like an ultimate call to at least 30 rooms. But not all at once. Yet it is well to have an eye to the future and this is a matter to which the Goodyear Company, the people of Williamsville, the people of Killingly and their School Board should give immediate intelligent attention. Plans should be carefully prepared by competent school architects, embodying the latest thought in school architecture and with plans covering all contingencies of future need, so that the educational facil-

ities may be made elastic to expand with growing necessity. No family, no community, no town can afford to skimp on education. While we have a right to demand that every dollar shall count and that it shall bring its value in efficiency and results, we have no right to withhold the dollar.

"The Goodyear Company are to expend a large amount of capital in our town. They have plans for making their village very attractive, and for benefiting our town to its most remote corners. The buildings going up there are of modern type, with all modern conveniences—water, electricity, etc. They ought to be attractive to a fine class of people" (WCT 3-8-1917).

Margaret M. Weaver Killingly Municipal Historian. Special thanks to Wayne Magao for memories and Marilyn Labbe for her work extracting Transcript articles. For additional information visit the Killingly Historical Center Wed. or Sat. 10-4 (or by appointment) or [www.killinglyhistorical.org](http://www.killinglyhistorical.org). or call 860-779-7250. Mail for the Killingly Historical & Genealogical Society, Inc. or the Killingly Historical Center should be sent to PO Box 265, Danielson, Connecticut 06329. Margaret Weaver may be reached at [margaretmweaver@gmail.com](mailto:margaretmweaver@gmail.com).

## LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

### Concerns with American Health Care Act

To the editor:

I would agree that there were things that "went wrong" under the Affordable Care Act. When it was first rolled out there were a number of administrative problems. I think Access Health and the insurance companies offering the ACA plans had errors in their systems and procedures, they seemed understaffed and undertrained. (In that first year, I paid my Premium bill early every month but it was not getting credited, every month when I called Member Services I had to deal with wait times that often lasted over an hour). I have experienced a significant improvement in services since the initial rollout of the ACA.

There may be some need for further improvement. And some of those needed improvements might indeed be in the content of the program and not in the administration. But, from the summaries that I have seen of the new American Health Care Act, intended to replace the Affordable Care Act, it contains much to be concerned about.

Here are some of my concerns today:

1. "Access" vs. "Coverage"

We keep hearing that everyone will have "access"; we don't hear that everyone will have "coverage". The access issue was taken care of with the Affordable Care Act since people with pre-existing conditions cannot be denied coverage. But "coverage" remains a problem (and will become a bigger problem) under this proposed American Health Care Act because many more people will not be able to afford insurance.

2. The Tax Credits in this new plan will now take age into consideration. If you are between the ages of 50 - 64 your premiums can be significantly increased. Currently, under the Affordable Care Act, insurance company's oldest enrollees cannot be charged more than three times the youngest enrollees. That goes away under the new proposed plan. The Congressional Budget Office estimates the overall average premium in 2018-2020 will go up by 15-20 percent under this proposed plan. But since premiums could go down for younger insureds, it means premiums would go up significantly for older insureds. These older citizens are the ones who need coverage the

most and many will not be able to afford it.

3. Under the new plan, there is greater emphasis on Health Savings Accounts. HSAs allow you to put aside tax free funds to pay for medical expenses not covered by insurance. You deposit these funds into special HSA bank accounts. In theory, if you have a health plan with a \$2,000 Deductible, you might choose to put \$2,000 aside in a tax free HSA account and pay your uninsured medical expenses (Co-pays, Deductibles etc.) with these, tax free, HSA dollars. This is fine if you can afford your Premiums and can further afford another \$2,000 to get this tax break, but if you can barely afford your Premiums, you will not benefit from HSAs. This is only going to benefit those with a higher income. Another feature in this draft plan allows for an increase in the amount you can put into those HSAs (maximum amounts are limited by law). If you can't afford to set aside \$2,000, you won't be able to set aside \$8,000. Again, this will only benefit people in higher income brackets (and since they are in higher income brackets they'll be saving disproportionately more).

4. The rich get richer; the new plan will repeal a portion of the Internal Revenue Code; that repeal will only benefit the wealthy. Today there is a surtax, called the Hospital Insurance Payroll Tax. It is imposed upon high income tax payers, on their net investment income. This goes away under the new plan as do current annual fees imposed on health insurers.

5. I am deeply worried about a Trump Administration rollout. I have little confidence this plan will be rolled out without significant logistical problems. We are finally in a place under the Affordable Care Act where much of that has been smoothed out. I would hate to have to face those long telephone wait times as I call to ask that someone else's error be corrected.

We need to influence our Congressmen and women to reject much of what is in this new plan and ask them to focus on where real improvements should be made; making plans of value more affordable to those who cannot afford coverage today.

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## GUEST

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does away with the property tax credit of \$200, so if you pay state income tax, add an additional \$200 to your cost, or for the average taxpayer, an additional 4 percent in cost of property taxes.

Budget proposals by the BOE and BOS and the response of some members of the board of finance indicate they think that an effective increase of 12% for the average taxpayer is rea-

sonable; so as Dave Fortin suggested, you may want to get informed and get involved before it is too late. The Board of Finance schedule is posted and the first public hearing on this year's budget is set for April 4 at 7 p.m. in the town hall. The opinions expressed here are mine and may not reflect those of the Board of Finance.

Dave Richardson, from East Woodstock, is an Alternate Member of the Woodstock Board of Finance.

## The weird and the wonderful at auctions



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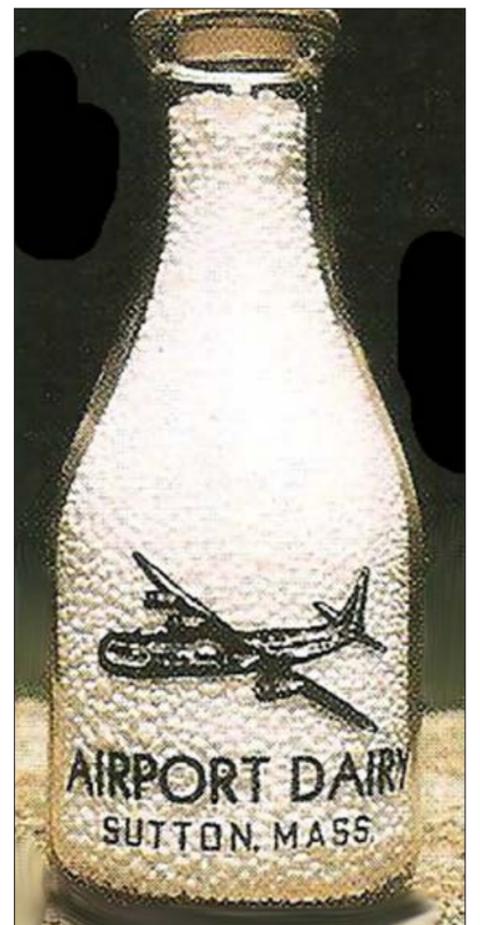
There are many new antique related events taking place around the country. An estate sale was scheduled at the birthplace of P.T. Barnum in Bethel, CT according to the Danbury News-Times. P.T. Barnum posters and newspapers from as early as 1891 were scheduled to be included in the sale. The counter and chairs from English Drug, which was later established at the same location will also be included in the sale. Mary English lived in P.T. Barnum's home for 23 years but decided it was time to downsize and sell the collection and other personal property.

The Malibu Times reported that a Mailbu, CA woman discovered a "national treasure" at a local estate sale. When she arrived at the estate sale she learned that it was the home of Carroll O'Connor who played Archie Bunker on the television show "All in the Family." Her father was a big fan of the show and he wore the same sized clothing as Mr. O'Connor. She purchased four of O'Connor's jackets. The woman who was running the sale was the daughter-in-law of the O'Connors. The seller wrote a note to the buyer's father saying, "Dear Ron, Jerri tells me you're a huge fan. Wear them in good health." When the buyer brought one of the jackets she purchased for \$40 to be evaluated by an appraiser at the "Antiques Roadshow" it was said to be worth upwards of \$20,000.

The Indianapolis Star reported a sale which is described as "the weirdest auction ever." Items scheduled to be auctioned by the Indianapolis Motor Speedway include an organ "as big as a Chevy Suburban," a Conestoga wagon and miniature trains. Other items include a 19th century American LaFrance horse drawn pumper fire engine, a "Cigar Store Indian," carousel horses, sleighs, and a high wheeled bicycle used to "play bicycle polo in the 1880s." It is believed that some of the items were originally acquired to be included in an amusement park that was never built. After the items sell, the additional space will be used to display some of the 300 cars that the museum currently owns.

With many museums seeing attendance and funding down and many organizations seeing a decline in membership, auctioning items is becoming a great option to increase revenue. Donated items often don't fit in with the mission of the organization. A town historical museum may hold items related to other towns, state or national history. Deaccessioning items that aren't displayed or needed may provide extra funds for preservation, archiving items or building improvements.

We will be auctioning a milk bottle and other dairy related memorabilia collection from the estate of Doug Taylor of Mendon in our Worcester location on April 27. I'll be



appraising items for the public as part of the Summer Solstice activities at the "Residence at Valley Farm" in Ashland on June 21. Our next multi-estate auction will take place on Aug. 31 in Worcester. Please keep watching [www.centralmassauctions.com](http://www.centralmassauctions.com) as other events are currently being planned.

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# The Last Green Valley announces tours

DANIELSON — The Last Green Valley (TLGV) announced “Farmers in the Valley Tours!” Four family-friendly tours are set to run from March through August, and will include kids’ activities, local foods to gobble up, alpaca haircuts, cows and more cows, visits with The Last Green Valley Rangers, and lots more wholesome fun and fresh air. The fifth and last event on the tour will be TLGV’s “Tastes of the Valley” annual fundraiser with a whole new twist, presenting “A Farmer at Your Table.”

Kicking off the Farmers in the Valley Tours is a visit to Ekonk Hill Turkey Farm’s “Ninth Annual Spring Ice Cream Social” on Saturday, March 18th, starting at 11 am. Gobble up some free homemade ice cream & make your own sundae at the toppings bar. Scoop up family fun & talk turkey with The Last Green Valley Rangers. A sweet way to celebrate the arrival of spring at amazingly scenic Ekonk Hill Turkey Farm at 227 Ekonk Hill Road (Route 49) in Sterling.

Morning Beckons Farm calls you in for the “seventh Annual North American Shearing Contest” on Saturday, June 24th, from 8 am – 4 pm. This is a hair-raising excuse to visit the largest alpaca farm in the northeast! Watch the fleece fly at the Shearing Contest, a free event that is open to the public. Walk the farm and check out the other interesting animals living there, too. Visit the farm store for alpaca-related products and great gift ideas. The Last Green Valley Rangers will be on hand at this partner farm located at 343A Sand Dam Road in Thompson.

Ice Cream and Bluegrass are the perfect combination for a summer day, and Fort Hill Farms, one of the six family farms that make up The Farmer’s Cow, is offering you the chance to enjoy both at their “National Ice Cream Day Bluegrass Bash” on Sunday, July 16th, from 1 – 3 pm. This diversified farm has been in continuous agricultural production for more than 300 years. Three generations work on this scenic and historic site, and three states can be seen from the peak of Fort Hill, a spectacular setting with breathtaking views. Tap your toes, taste local ice cream, and learn about The Last Green Valley with our Rangers. Find Fort Hill Farms at 260 Quaddick Road in Thompson.

Fresh sweet corn calls you to Cushman



Ekonk Turkey Farm

Courtesy photos

Farm, another of the six family farms that make up The Farmer’s Cow. Enjoy a “Corn Roast in the Hayfield & Farm Tour” on Saturday, August 5, from 1 – 3 pm. What started on 155 acres at the homestead has grown into nearly 1,800 acres of cropland in three towns managed by the sixth generation of the Cushman & Smith families. The newest dairy complex includes a rotary parlor that milks 30 cows at a time, and a barn big enough for 900 cows. Enjoy freshly picked local sweet corn! And, the cows will be glad to show you their home. Move on over to visit with The Last Green Valley Rangers, too. Cushman Farm is located at 393 Lebanon Avenue, North Franklin.

The final tour event is TLGV’s annual fundraiser with a new twist. This year, Tastes of the Valley presents “A Farmer at Your Table” on Sunday, August 27, at the Publick House Historic Inn in Sturbridge, MA. Enjoy the new flavor at this event - a seated 5-course gourmet dinner. Locally-grown products will be cooked up into unique tastes by top

chefs, all from our National Heritage Corridor, and you will dine with guest agri-superstars & TLGV notables as they move from table to table with each course. The auction items, raffle baskets and pledge forms will be present, too, but look for a whole new course of fun and fundraising opportunities. This event will be like nothing you’ve tasted before, so join in to support TLGV’s diverse programming.

Made up of 77 percent farmlands and forests, The Last Green Valley National Heritage Corridor is a 35 town region in eastern Connecticut and south-central

Massachusetts. You can find dairy farms, orchards, vegetable farms, herds of beef, bison, alpaca, goats, sheep, and flocks of poultry, including the largest bison, alpaca and free-range turkey farms in Connecticut. Celebrate the diverse agriculture by accepting the invitation and tour some of TLGV’s partner farms this year.

The Last Green Valley is a National Heritage Corridor – the last stretch of dark night sky in the coastal sprawl between Boston and Washington, D.C. The Last Green Valley works for you in the National Heritage Corridor.



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# Bragdon joins CorePlus as branch manager

BROOKLYN — Nicholas K. Fortson, President & CEO of CorePlus Federal Credit Union announced that Tammy Bragdon has been hired as the Branch Manager for the credit union's Brooklyn location. Bragdon has vast experience in the financial services industry, holding positions of Branch Manager, Mortgage Originator and Security Officer. She brings over 20 years of experience in corporate management as a successful team leader in local financial institutions.

"I am excited to be a part of the CorePlus Credit Union family and I am looking forward to the opportunity to work with our Members, staff and community to advance the credit union movement in Northeastern Connecticut," she said recently. Tammy Bragdon is a long-time resident of Windham County, and is very involved in her local community as a supporter of the Northeast Connecticut Chamber of Commerce and the Putnam Business Association.

CorePlus Federal Credit Union, founded in 1936, currently has eight full service branches locally in Putnam, Brooklyn, Norwich, Taftville, Groton, East Lyme, Waterford, and Plainfield. CorePlus currently has more than 21,000 members and \$190 million in assets. Its services include a number of consumer loan and savings products, including checking, car loans, personal loans, credit card services, mortgages and home-equity loans. CorePlus Federal Credit Union managed by an all-volunteer Board of Directors along with Fortson.



Courtesy photo

Tammy Bragdon

# Putnam after school services support veterans

PUTNAM — Working in support of the Mayotte-Viens American Legion Post No. 13 project to display banners of World War II veterans throughout Putnam, the Putnam After School Services (PASS) under the guidance of coordinators Sue Allard and Colleen Dicoella have made the dream a reality.

Post No. 13, led by Commander Ronald P. Coderre, Past Commander Barney Seney and Sons of American Legion Commander Arthur "Buster" Corey initiated the banner project entitled "Hometown Heroes." The banners, which will be on display throughout Putnam from Labor Day to Veterans Day, will feature photos of 32 Putnam men who were part of the military during World War II. The cost of the banners is approximately \$2,500.

As the project planning progressed the veterans approached the Town of Putnam and Recreation Director Willie Bousquet. At that point the PASS program stepped in offering to put on a chicken parmesan dinner to help offset the cost of the banners. Not only was the dinner a success but it also surpassed all expectations.

"When we heard of this project we wholeheartedly embraced the idea. We thought if we could sell three hundred tickets to the dinner we could cover all the costs. Although our goal was ambitious, we knew it would be supported by the community," said PASS coordinator Sue Allard.

On March 4 the Veterans of Foreign War Post No. 1523 Hall was teeming with people enjoying dinner or taking dinners to those who were unable to attend. In the end the event surpassed all expectations, raising approximately \$4,500. Thanks to the students, parents and leaders of PASS the banner project will become a reality.

"This effort, led by Sue Allard and Colleen Dicoella, was truly amazing. The energy they provided the project put it over the top almost instantly. The young kids in PASS are so proud of what they've accomplished. As veterans and members of Post 13 we can't thank them enough for their untiring work in making this possible," said Coderre.

Thanks to the united effort, the Putnam community will be decorated with banners honoring those who served during World War II. The banners will serve as a compliment to the flags, another Post No. 13 project, that are displayed during the summer months on the World War I Veterans Memorial Bridge on Pomfret Street.

As the World War II veterans are gradually dying and fading away, those from Putnam who remain will be recognized for their effort in ensuring the freedom our country enjoys today.

"It's an honor to recognize the members of our Greatest Generation. Projects like this one are long overdue as a way of saying thank you," said Allard.

# Woodstock's John performs at Eastern

WILLIMANTIC — A talented cast and crew of Eastern Connecticut State University students recently performed in "Two Gentlemen of Verona," the second Main Stage production of the 2016-17 academic year. The Shakespearean musical included Emily John, Class of 2017, from Woodstock Valley, who was a member of the ensemble. John majors in Theatre.

The play was an adaptation of

Shakespeare's early comedy about young people exploring love, friendship and the temptations of city life. It ran from Feb. 23 to March 5 and was the first Eastern production to feature a live band of musicians in the pit of the new Proscenium Theatre.

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# Early job figures offer hope

HARTFORD — Connecticut's economy gained 5,700 jobs in January; welcome news following a disappointing annual loss of 200 jobs in 2016. Through January, Connecticut has recovered 75 percent of the jobs lost during the 2008-2010 recession, the slowest growth of any New England state.

"The news for January is quite positive and mirrors at long last what we've been seeing on the federal level," said CBIA economist Pete Gioia.

Gioia noted that

Connecticut was the only New England state not to add jobs in 2016, with growth in neighboring states ranging from 0.6 percent to 1.8 percent.

Massachusetts added 56,000 jobs in 2016, or 1.6 percent, while New Hampshire saw 1.8 percent growth. The United States saw 1.6 percent job growth in 2016.

Massachusetts has recovered more than 300 percent of jobs lost in the recession, leading all New England states.

Gioia said that early last year forecasters pre-

dicted Connecticut would add a minimum of 12,000 jobs in 2016.

"This is hugely disappointing," said Gioia. "This shows that we still have a critical problem in the economy in terms of job creation. Part of that is meeting the demand for jobs that go begging and part of that is just getting the economy moving again. Policymakers at the Capitol should do everything they can to encourage companies to grow, expand, and add jobs here in the Connecticut."

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# QVCC named military friendly school

DANIELSON — Quinebaug Valley Community College has been designated a 2017 GOLD Military Friendly School by Victory Media, a veteran-owned business that benchmarks and rates colleges and companies to help veterans and military families make well-informed decisions about employment, education, and entrepreneurship opportunities.

This is the eighth consecutive year the college has received recognition as an institution that is “Better for Veterans” — those with programs and policies that lead to positive outcomes. Last year QVCC ranked in the Top Ten category for Military Friendly Community Colleges.

According to Pam Brown, veterans certifying officer at QVCC, the Military Friendly

designation includes special awards for those colleges and training facilities that set the standard for excellence.

“These are schools that offer exceptional examples of what it means not just to build a program that meets federal requirements, but one that serves the military and veteran community from classrooms to careers,” Brown said. “QVCC takes pride in offering veterans

and service persons a strong support system. In addition to assisting with military educational benefits packages, veterans have advising, registration and certification services in a one stop fashion.”

Brown said the college’s student support organization for veterans as well as the dedicated Veterans Oasis on the Danielson campus continue to improve educational access,

and degree attainment for veterans and servicepersons. Visitors to the campus will notice the veterans’ garden with individual engraved brick pavers near the main entrance.

“It’s a way to honor our student and community veterans and make them a permanent part of the QVCC landscape,” Brown said.

# Connecticut legislators reintroduce wildlife act

WASHINGTON — Building on a nearly decade-long, community-driven effort, U.S. Senator Chris Murphy (Democrat-Connecticut) and U.S. Representative Elizabeth Esty (fifth district Connecticut), joined by U.S. Senator Richard Blumenthal (D-Conn.) and U.S. Representative John Larson (first district Connecticut), reintroduced on March 14 their Lower Farmington River and Salmon Brook Wild and Scenic River Act to create a U.S. National Park Service protective designation for the Lower Farmington River and Salmon Brook. With protective designation as a “Wild and Scenic River,”

the Lower Farmington River and Salmon Brook — which runs through ten Connecticut towns — would be eligible to receive as much as \$100,000 in federal funding to support conservation efforts.

“The Lower Farmington River and Salmon Brook Wild and Scenic Act is the product of years of hard work by passionate Connecticut residents who want to protect the natural beauty of our state. Congress should listen to them,” said Murphy. “I started working on this issue as soon as I got to Congress nearly 10 years ago, and we haven’t stopped fighting for it. I hope we’ll get

this over the finish line soon.”

“The Farmington River is an economic and environmental treasure for our state,” Esty said. “Families from across Connecticut and around the world travel to the Farmington River to enjoy the fishing, boating, and other recreational opportunities it offers. This bill is good for our communities, our economy, and our environment. By passing this bill, we can ensure that we preserve this environmental treasure for generations to come.”

“This measure will help protect and preserve the Farmington River—a truly wild and scenic

treasure that brings both economic and recreational benefits. I am hopeful that my colleagues will come together to ensure this precious natural resource receives this designation and much-needed federal resources, so the Farmington River can be enjoyed by many generations to come,” said Blumenthal.

“The Farmington River and Salmon Brook are some of Connecticut’s most treasured resources that provide natural beauty, support ecological diversity, and recreational opportunities for residents and visitors. I am pleased to join my colleagues in reintroducing this legislation to design-

nate these rivers as ‘wild and scenic’. This designation is crucial in protecting this body of water for generations to come,” said Larson.

The Lower Farmington River and Salmon Brook runs through the following Connecticut towns: Avon, Bloomfield, Burlington, Canton, East Granby, Farmington, Granby, Hartland, Simsbury, and Windsor. The upper portion of the river was given protected status in 1994.

Murphy, Esty, Blumenthal, and Larson have introduced similar legislation previously, and have continuously for the Lower Farmington River’s Wild & Scenic

designation. Last year, the U.S. Senate unanimously passed the Lower Farmington River and Salmon Brook Wild and Scenic River Act for the first time ever. Former U.S. Representative Nancy Johnson, who was Murphy’s predecessor in the U.S. House of Representatives, helped enact legislation that initiated the study on which the Lower Farmington River and Salmon Brook Wild and Scenic River Act is based. The study was completed in 2011 and confirmed the suitability of designating the Lower Farmington River and Salmon Brook as Wild & Scenic

# Fagan receives Girl Scout Gold Award

Courtesy photo

From left, Mae Flexer, Danny Rovero, Shannon Fagan, Deanne Fagan, and Shawn Fagan.



PUTNAM — Shannon Fagan, from Putnam, has earned the prestigious Girl Scout Gold Award. Fagan was feted in a ceremony at the Putnam Elks Lodge on March 12, with Putnam Mayor Tony Falzarano, Connecticut State Representative Danny Rovero, and Connecticut State Senator Mae Flexer in attendance. Falzarano presented Fagan with a letter of proclamation from the town. Rovero and Flexer also presented Fagan a letter of recognition for the state

The Girl Scout Gold Award is the highest and most coveted award that Girl Scout Seniors and Ambassadors can earn in Girl Scouting. Starting in 1916, women across the country undertook projects that improved their communities—and the world. With each Gold Award Project, girls address an issue they see in their community and create a project that will make a sustainable impact and make the world a better place. The Gold Award process

builds girls’ personal leadership skills and inspires others to take action within their communities.

Fagan’s Gold Award Project titled “LEAD” — Leaders Empowering Acceptable Decisions. This project focused on bringing an afterschool program to Putnam Middle School sixth graders with a focus on drug awareness, internet safety and team building. The group established a safe and comfortable environment for these sixth graders to learn how to become better leaders within their community and talk about their day-to-day challenges. Shannon worked closely with the Putnam Middle School Principle Teri Bruce to complete this project.

Fagan is the first Putnam Girl Scout since 2002 to earn this award. She currently a freshman at Eastern Connecticut State University studying Business Administration. She is the daughter of Deanne and Shawn Fagan.

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### Nutrition Word Find

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|----------|---------|-----------|
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| CHOICES  | HEALTHY | VITAMINS  |
| DIET     | MEAL    | WEIGHT    |

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### THIS DAY IN...



### HISTORY

- **1796:** NAPOLEON BONAPARTE MARRIES JOSEPHINE DE BEAUHARNAIS.
- **1841:** THE SUPREME COURT RULES THAT THE SLAVES WHO SEIZED CONTROL OF THE AMISTAD ARE FREE.
- **1997:** AN ECLIPSE PERMITS THE COMET HALE-BOPP TO BE SEEN DURING THE DAY IN CERTAIN PARTS OF THE WORLD.

### Get Scrambled

Unscramble the words to determine the phrase.

ODGO NNUOITIRT

ANSWER: Good nutrition



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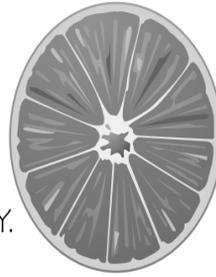
ANSWER: NUTRITIONAL LABEL

### How they SAY that in...

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- SPANISH:** Boca
- ITALIAN:** Bocca
- FRENCH:** Bouche
- GERMAN:** Mund

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# Workshop tips and tricks

Spring is on the horizon, and along with spring cleaning chores and garden tasks, the promise of warm weather brings with it a roster of "fix it" jobs to tackle. This time of year has most do-it-yourselfers itching to get busy in the workshop or garage. With this in mind, the following tips and tricks are geared to make your time on the workbench more productive!

**Metal Magic:** Don't pay big bucks for an expensive commercial product sold for removing woodworking stains on saws and metal pieces. Instead, use a spray on oven cleaner for the same great results!

**Hammerhead Help:** If the head of a favorite hammer gets loose, try soaking the hammer overnight in engine oil. The wood will expand and the hammer will be nice and tight again.

**Safe Razors:** When cutting with a double edge razor blade, cover one edge with an old wine bottle cork to protect fingers. As a bonus the cork acts as a handle. And when it comes time to sharpen those razor blades, simply use the striker on a matchbook.

**Measuring Up:** Mark off a section of your workshop floor by painting inch and feet intervals on it. Now measuring large pieces of lumber will be a snap — no more bending and stretching.

**Sliding Along:** To coax your retractable tape measure to slide without stalling, simply lubricate the length of metal tape with a drop of car polish to keep it super smooth.

**Free Screening:** Protect light fixtures in the workshop or garage by covering them with scrap metal window screening. It's a cheap and easy fix



TAKE THE HINT  
KAREN TRAINOR

that prevents flying wood chips from shattering exposed light bulbs.

**Fill it Up:** Save that sawdust in a covered jar. When you need wood filler, simply mix the sawdust with PVA glue for a perfect fix!

**Tape Trick:** When you find yourself taking apart something to fix that has many small parts, simply lay the parts on face double tape and you'll never lose them again!

**Smooth Sawing:** To keep a circular saw sliding smoothly across boards, rub paste wax onto the bottom of the base plate or shoe of the saw. Apply two coats of auto or furniture paste wax. Let it haze over, then buff it with a soft, dry rag. The wax coat will also help fend off rust and corrosion

**Too Tacky:** To make an instant tack board, simply glue a block of styrofoam to the back of the workbench and use it to hang blueprints and notes to aid you in your work. The handy board can even hold spare screws, drawer knobs or other small items that you can simply poke in the foam.

**Hooked Up:** Are your power cord tools a tangled mess in the workshop? Install a few large, vinyl-covered, screw-in bicycle hooks into your ceiling joists and loop the tool's cord onto a hook. Problem solved!

**Perfect Pad:** Did you ever notice the underside of a workbench doormat always collects dirt? To make clean-up easier,

fold a few newspapers to form a pad and place it under the mat to catch the dirt. Just change the pad regularly.

**Workshop Recycling**  
A spring type clothespin makes a great little vice for small objects being glued. And the large metal binder clips from the office are even stronger for tougher jobs.

Always keep the bags of silica gel that come in vitamin bottles, electronics boxes, and even purses. Just toss a few in your tool box to prevent your small tools from rusting.

If you dampen the bottom of an old clay pot, you'll have a good substitute for whetstone to sharpen your metal tools.

Do your safety glasses get dusty in the workshop? Wipe them down with a fabric softener dryer sheet to reduce the static that attracts the dust. And a used fabric softener sheet works like a tack cloth to collect and wipe up sawdust from drilling or sandpapering.

Don't toss out that old metal toilet paper holder. Hung on your workshop wall, it can serve as a rack for different sized rolls of tapes.

Old record album covers make great storage pockets in the workshop. Store loose sheets of sandpaper in an album cover and label the grade of paper on the outside. And slide circular saw blades in an album jacket for safe storage.

An old dish drainer can find new life in the workshop. Use it to store circular saw blades and angle grinder disks. Just stack the items as you would dishes.

Golf tees are the perfect shape and size to "cork" the inputs of air powered tools to

prevent dirt and dust building up when not in use.

An old plastic travel toothbrush holder makes a safe place to hold a sharp glass cutter.

No water in the workshop? An empty super-sized liquid laundry detergent jug with a spigot makes a great portable "sink." Just fill an empty jug with water. The detergent residue adds just enough soap to the water for clean handwashing in a pinch.

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

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

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ask the town to do something for you when you don't even have the courtesy to give the town some answers," Falzarano said.

Selectman Roy Simmons said he fears the deterioration of the relationship between the Cargill Falls Mill ownership and the town. Simmons said he'd like to see the town try to mend any breaks in that relationship going forward. Falzarano agreed and said he hoped to have more answers by the Board's next meeting on March 20.

"For the good of the town I want this thing to succeed. I want to see them make apartment buildings, I want to see them get hydro power or whatever they're going to do, but this is just too long and there's no answers," said Falzarano.

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Cargill Falls as it flows without the hydro dam in operation.

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**March 18, Sat., 6:45pm**

Woodcock Watch, led by Andy Rzeznikiewicz, Sanctuary Manager, Meet in Trail Wood parking lot, 93 Kenyon Rd, Hampton, Cost: \$5 CAS members; \$10 non-members.

**March 18-19, 8am**

Putnam Lions Volleyball challenge, at Strong Field House, Pomfret Preparatory School. Come take the challenge, co-ed teams, a team skills challenge, B team challenge, C Corporate change challenge. For info call 860-933-5793 or email fishcrzy@hotmail.com

**March 18, Sat., 9:30am**

Our Saturday morning book & coffee club is hosting a special presentation with Dr. Robert Kirk. Bob will be speaking about Oneness With All Life by Eckhart Tolle. You are free to join us even if you have not read this book. Our town book club meets once a month. We always have coffee, tea, and goodies to snack on as we talk about books. Bracken Memorial Library, 57 Academy Road, Woodstock.

**March 18, Sat., 9:30**

Book club, The Immortal Life of Henrietta Lacks by Rebecca Skloot. Bracken Memorial Library, 57 Academy Road, Woodstock. 860-928-0046

**March 18, Sat., 5 & 6:30pm**

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**March 21, Tues., 8am**

Early Morning Bird Walks, Meet at the Center at Pomfret, 218 Day Rd. Fee: \$3 CAS members; \$7 non-members.

**March 21-May 6**

Finnish Cultural Heritage - An Exhibit from March 21 to May 6. The CHS and The Finnish American Heritage Society of Canterbury present this art exhibit to mark the 100th year of Finland's independence from Russia at The Connecticut Historical Society Museum and Library, 1 Elizabeth Street, Hartford.

**March 24, Fri., noon-8pm**

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

**March 18, Sat., 9am-noon**

There will be a food drive for local, needy people at the Cargill Council 64 Knights of Columbus Hall, 64 Providence Street, Putnam. Please bring your non-perishable food items and tax-deductible monetary donations, to help your neighbors in need. If you can't get there in person, then please mail your check to Interfaith Human Services of Putnam. P. O. Box 281, Putnam, CT 06260.

**March 19, Sun., 2pm**

The Heroes That Preserved the Garden of Eden - the environmental visionaries who saved nature from relentless destruction. This talk will share some of their stories and dis-

cuss how they preserved what is left from the Garden of Eden. Presented by historian Steven Lewis. At the Center at Pomfret, 218 Day Rd. Fee: Free to CAS members; \$7 non-members.

**March 19, Sun., 7:30-10:30am**

American Legion All You Can Eat Breakfast to benefit Legion programs on Breakfast includes scrambled eggs, home fries, bacon, sausage, ham, hash, English muffins, sausage & gravy, beans & kielbasa, French toast, pancakes, coffee juice including Belgian Waffles & omelets all for just \$8. 17 Thompson Road, Thompson

**March 19, Sun., 8:30am-12pm**

Spring Breakfast-St. Joseph School, 26 Main Street North Grosvenor-

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

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 Tuesday, March 21 - Hamburger or cheeseburger, lettuce, tomato, curly fries, ketchup, pineapple chunks, milk choice, alt. ham sandwich meal  
 Wednesday, March 22 - Stuffed crust pizza, garden salad w/Italian dressing, yellow cake, fresh apple, milk choice, alt. garden salad plate  
 Thursday, March 23 - Popcorn chicken, mac 'n cheese, ketchup, steamed broccoli, banana, milk choice, alt. turkey sandwich meal  
 Friday, March 24 -- NO SCHOOL

## POMFRET COMMUNITY SCHOOL

Monday, March 20 -- Mac & cheese, baked beans, veggie cups, WG roll, fresh fruit or fruit cups, 1% or fat free milk  
 Tuesday, March 21 -- Roasted turkey breast, mashed potatoes/gravy, green beans, cranberry sauce, WG roll, fresh fruit, or fruit cup, 1% or fat free milk  
 Wednesday, March 22 -- Hamburger or cheeseburger, French fries, veggie cups, fresh fruit or fruit cups, 1% or fat free milk, cookie  
 Thursday, March 23 -- Personal round pizza, steamed broccoli, veggie cups, fresh fruit or fruit cups, 1% or fat free milk  
 Friday, March 24 -- Deli turkey sandwich, sliced cheese, carrot snacks, baked Doritos or chips, fresh fruit, 1% or fat free milk

## PUTNAM ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

Monday, March 20 -- Mini chicken sliders WG mini chicken fillet on WG bun, side of crisp lettuce and

tomato, plain, BBQ, or ranch, and crispy sweet potato fries  
 Tuesday, March 21 -- Beef Shepherd's Pie, layered casserole of seasoned ground beef, vegetables, topped with crust of garlic flavored mashed potatoes, WG dinner roll  
 Wednesday, March 22 -- Chicken Parmigiana dinner, or plain crisp breaded chicken patty, side of WG penne pasta, zesty marinara sauce, roasted broccoli florets  
 Thursday, March 23 -- Breakfast for lunch; WG French toast sticks, fluffy scrambled egg, crispy hash brown potato, 100% fruit juice.  
 Friday, March 24 -- WG stuffed crust pizza, fresh Caesar salad with seasoned croutons and parmesan cheese

## PUTNAM MIDDLE SCHOOL

Monday, March 20 -- WG mini chicken fillet on WG bun, side of crisp lettuce and tomato, crispy sweet potato fries, topping bar  
 Tuesday, March 21 - Beef shepherd's pie: layered casserole of seasoned ground beef, vegetables, topped with crust of garlic flavored mashed potatoes, WG dinner roll  
 Wednesday, March 22 -- Chicken parmigiana dinner or plain crisp breaded chicken patty, side of WG penne pasta, zesty marinara sauce, roasted broccoli florets  
 Thursday, March 23 -- Breakfast for lunch: WG French toast sticks, fluffy scrambled eggs, crisp hash brown potato, 100% fruit juice  
 Friday, March 24 -- WG stuffed crust pizza, fresh Caesar salad with seasoned croutons and parmesan cheese

## THOMPSON MIDDLE SCHOOL & TOURTELLOTTE (GRADES 5-12)

Monday, March 20 -- Roast turkey and gravy,

mashed potato, carrots, dinner roll, devil's food cake, alt. main: hamburger/cheeseburger, bacon, lettuce, tomato, onion, pickle  
 Tuesday, March 21 -- Hot Italian grinder, lettuce, tomato, onion, corn chowder, baked beans, alt. main: chicken patty/bun, lettuce, tomato, chipotle mayo  
 Wednesday, March 22 -- Chicken nuggets, mac 'n cheese, broccoli, alt. main: hamburger/cheeseburger, bacon, lettuce, tomato, onion, pickle  
 Thursday, March 23 -- Lasagna w/ meat sauce, roasted green beans, garlic breadstick, alt. main: chicken patty/bun, lettuce, tomato, chipotle mayo  
 Friday, March 24 -- NO SCHOOL

## WOODSTOCK ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

Monday, March 20 -- Fish Nuggets, Roll/Oven Fries, Steamed Carrots, Fruit, Milk  
 Tuesday, March 21 -- French Toast Stix, Roasted Red Potato, Breakfast Sausage, Fruit, Milk  
 Wednesday, March 22 -- Chicken Nuggets, Brown Rice, Seasoned Black Beans, Fruit, Milk  
 Thursday, March 23 -- Ham Steak, Scalloped Potato, Green Beans, Roll, Fruit, Milk  
 Friday, March 24 -- Pizza, Green Salad, Fruit, Milk

## WOODSTOCK MIDDLE SCHOOL

Monday, March 20 -- Fish Nuggets, Roll, Oven Fries, Steamed Carrots, Fruit, Milk  
 Tuesday, March 21 -- French Toast Stix, Roasted Red Potato, Fruit, breakfast sausage, Milk  
 Wednesday, March 22 -- Chicken Nuggets, Brown Rice, Seasoned Black Beans, Fruit, Milk  
 Thursday, March 23 -- Ham Steak, Scalloped Potato, Green Beans, Roll, Fruit, Milk  
 Friday, March 24 -- Pizza, Green Salad, Fruit, Milk



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## TROOP D LOG

**THOMPSON**  
 Tuesday March 7  
 Kyle James McDonald, 25, of 53 Blain Road in Thompson was charged with criminal mischief in the third degree, disorderly conduct, and assault in the third degree.

**DANIELSON**  
 Monday March 6  
 Joseph Jay Casanova, 31, of 7 Academy Street in Danielson was charged with interfering with an officer, breach of peace, and threatening.

Wednesday March 8  
 Kyle Gilbert, 25, of 686 Upper Maple Road in Danielson was charged with making a false statement in the second degree.

**PUTNAM**  
 Monday March 6  
 Seth T. Barrows, 28, of 21 Franklin Street Apartment 6 in Putnam was charged with larceny in the sixth degree.

**KILLINGLY**  
 Thursday March 9  
 Jairo Castillo, 33, of 118 Furnace Street in Killingly was charged with

possession of narcotics and possession of narcotics with intent to sell.

## Putnam Police Department

Wednesday, March 8  
 Jonathan Marshall, 28, of 106 Morin Ave. Apt. D Danielson, was charged with operating under the influence, failure to drive right, operating without a license.

Samantha Lariviere, 26, of 36 Heritage Road, Putnam, was charged with traveling too fast, operating under suspension.

Friday, March 10  
 Chris Tsanjoures, 29, of 320 Walnut Road, Putnam, was charged with operating an unregistered motor vehicle.

Saturday, March 11  
 Heath Hill, 26, of 70 Proulx St., Brooklyn, was charged with breach of peace second degree.

Sunday, March 12  
 Tylease Oates, 31, of 46 Laconia Ave., Putnam, was charged with interfering with an emergency call.

## Woodstock Academy announces post grad program

WOODSTOCK — Woodstock Academy, beginning with the 2017-2018 school year, will offer a post graduate program. The program will be academically focused with athletic and extra-curricular components.

The post grad program, similar to a gap year program, allows students who have already graduated from high school to bolster their academics in preparation for college, while also further developing their individual interests; whether it be through participation in Post-Graduate athletics, crafting a more robust artistic portfolio, or another specialized program.

In keeping with its mission, Woodstock Academy continually looks to provide a diversity of educational experiences which benefit all of the students who choose to attend the Academy; the Post Grad Program is just one example. Associate Headmaster Holly Singleton said "the addition of the PG Program will complement existing programs at The Academy and enhance the learning opportunities for all students."

The Academy is already preparing a robust SAT prep course which will be offered to all students, and will be an essential part of the post graduate program. In preparation for the Post Graduate Program, the Academy is strengthening its partnerships with Quinebaug Valley Community College, Eastern Connecticut State University, and other area colleges to offer more college level courses for college credit. These classes would be open to both traditional and PG students.

Headmaster Chris Sandford said "As the demand for quality post graduate programs increases, The Woodstock Academy is uniquely positioned to meet that need with the facilities and flexibility that the acquisition of South Campus affords."

The characteristics which make Woodstock Academy a great secondary school allows it to easily develop a strong college-preparatory PG Program. Woodstock Academy has challenging academics, a diverse student body, highly quali-

fied faculty, small classes, and can provide individual attention to students. Additionally, Woodstock Academy emulates a college environment and experience yet provides some structure and support that colleges do not provide, but which some students may need.

Students will enroll in the Post Graduate Program through an application process separate from traditional high school students. Students from the local area, across the country, and around the world are all encouraged to apply. The program will attract a variety of students and increase the diversity of the student body. Sandford said that "Diversity among the student body is invaluable in helping students understand the world."

The Post Graduate Program is just one of many new initiatives by The Woodstock Academy made possible by the acquisition of South Campus. More details are available at <http://woodstockacademy.org/postgrad>.



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Woodstock's Ali Crescimanno dismantles the balance beam at the New England Championships on March 11.

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# Woodstock wins New England Championships



Charlie Lentz photo

Woodstock's Maddie Grube competes in balance beam at the New England Championship on March 11.

BY CHARLIE LENTZ  
VILLAGER EDITOR

WOODSTOCK — Barnstable High had been Woodstock Academy's nemesis the past four years at the New England Gymnastics Championships — the Red Raiders from Massachusetts won three out of the last four New England crowns (2016, 2015, and 2013) with Woodstock finishing in

second place in each of those seasons. In 2014 the Centaurs won the New England title while relegating the Raiders to runner-up status.

But there would be no showdown between the rivals at the 23rd annual New England Gymnastics Championships last Saturday — Barnstable never showed up — the Raiders failed to qualify while they

rebuild. Woodstock reloads rather than rebuilds. The Centaurs banished all pretenders to the throne en route to regaining the New England crown at Alumni Fieldhouse on March 11.

"Being defeated sophomore and junior year, made this win even sweeter," said Woodstock senior co-captain Paige Stuyanski. "That was our goal coming in and we achieved that."

The Centaurs tallied 150.825 points to capture the crown while second-place finisher MADS (Medfield, Ashland, Deerfield, Mass.) finished with 143.975 points. Greenwich High (143.525) took third place in a 10-team field that included squads from Connecticut, Massachusetts, Rhode Island, and New Hampshire. Woodstock's margin of victory (6.85 points) was the basketball equivalent of a 60-point blow-out.

"It was awesome," said Woodstock coach Kasey Fillmore. "Everything that happened today — you couldn't ask for much better."

Stuyanski led the coronation procession — winning gold medals in uneven bars (9.75), balance beam (9.9), and the all-around (39.0), and taking bronze in vault (9.6). Centaurs senior Grace Logan won the bronze medal in all-around (37.7), took silver in bars (9.6), and bronze in floor exercise (9.775). Woodstock sophomore Lydia Taft finished in seventh place in all-around (37.325), earning in fourth place in both bars (9.4) and beam (9.4). Centaurs freshman Jenna Davidson finished 17th in all-around (35.7) and took sixth place in beam (9.05). Woodstock sophomore Ali Crescimanno was 24th in the all-around (35.225).

"It's what we've been working for all year, every day in the gym," Taft said. "It's a great feeling. We want to work hard in the gym every single day to get this feeling again next year."

Davidson is just a freshman and winning New England's simply whetted her appetite for more.

"We're just going to work really hard and hopefully we can keep doing it," Davidson said. "We'll remember this for-

ever."

The secret formula to Woodstock Academy's success is not so secret. Most of the Centaurs start tumbling as toddlers at Deary's Gymnastics in Danielson and they're skilled veterans by the time they reach high school. Robin Deary Fillmore runs the Danielson operation and she coached for 28 years before handing the reins to her daughter, Kasey Fillmore, who is in her second season coaching the Centaurs. An assembly line of gymnasts rolls through Deary's Gymnastics and ends up on Woodstock Academy's sleek machine — perpetually retooling the Centaurs.

"This atmosphere is awesome. They all hang out outside of gym. It's not like they're just friends because they need to be, or teammates because they need to be. They're all sisters. They all absolutely love each other," coach Fillmore said. "That bond is something that makes this team so strong. Gymnastics is absolutely a lifestyle. It's all year-round and these girls are super-dedicated. There's a lot of social stuff they miss — but they do it all for this and it's all paying off."

The New England Championships plaque was the visible payoff — the bond between Woodstock's gymnasts is intangible.

"I couldn't have asked for anything better. I can't stop smiling," Stuyanski said. "The girls on this team, it couldn't get any better."

Others rebuild, Woodstock reloads. There was no showdown last Saturday at the 23rd annual New England Gymnastics Championships — one team showed up the competition.

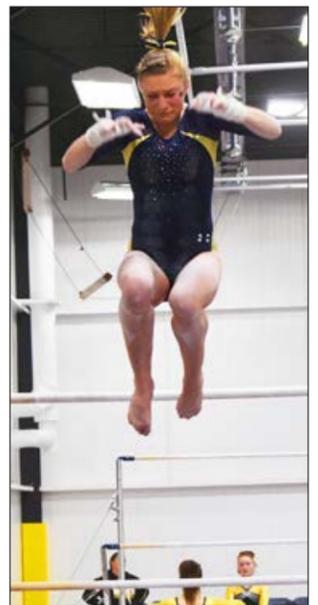
"I'm just shook by it. I don't think I've actually processed it yet. I think it's the best outcome it could have been," Logan said. "I'm so proud of our team as a whole — every girl on it. They're just such inspiring kids and I love them all so much."

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Woodstock's Grace Logan competes on the uneven bars.



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Woodstock's Lydia Taft dismounts the bars.

## End of an era as Stuyanski and Logan say goodbye



Charlie Lentz photo

Paige Stuyanski finishes her last floor routine for Woodstock Academy last Saturday.

BY CHARLIE LENTZ  
VILLAGER EDITOR

WOODSTOCK — A thousand eyes focused toward the mat for the last event of the 23rd annual New England Gymnastics Championships last Saturday at Woodstock Academy's Alumni Fieldhouse. With all other events concluded the Centaurs literally had the floor to themselves. It gave the home crowd one last chance to say goodbye to Woodstock's Grace Logan and Paige Stuyanski, who performed the last floor routines at New England's — the final performances of their high school careers.

"It was a storybook ending. I could not have written it better. For them to end on floor and no else to be going — and everyone watching them — it was perfect," said Robin Deary Fillmore. "It's the culmination of everything. And having it here at the Academy and them being able to show everyone here just how truly amazing they are — was perfect."

Deary Fillmore has mentored Stuyanski and Logan since they began tumbling as toddlers at Deary's Gymnastics in Danielson. She also coached high schoolers for 28 years and led the duo during their freshmen and sophomore sea-

sons at Woodstock before handing the head coaching reins to her daughter, Kasey Fillmore. Woodstock's senior co-captains reminded Deary Fillmore of her daughter and Centaurs assistant coach Justine Basley, who were the top gymnasts for Killingly High's championship teams, Class of 2007.

"Just like Kasey and Justine were way back when," Deary Fillmore said. "Paige and Grace are the same exact thing."

Stuyanski and Logan are key links in the Centaurs gymnastics juggernaut. Woodstock has won seven consecutive Class S or Class M state titles, six straight State Open Championships, three out of the last six New England Championships, and eight consecutive Eastern Connecticut Conference Championships.

"Since they came on as freshmen they've been on the top," said coach Kasey Fillmore. "It's a big loss but we've got girls on the team that have learned from them, and have looked up to them. They do it in the gym, in school, outside of school — they teach these girls true character. They show it by making sure everyone's together and supporting each other. There's girls that will fill their shoes — in years coming they'll be another Grace and Paige."

Woodstock's senior co-captains capped their careers by helping the Centaurs capture first place at New England's last Saturday. The duo were freshmen when Woodstock last won

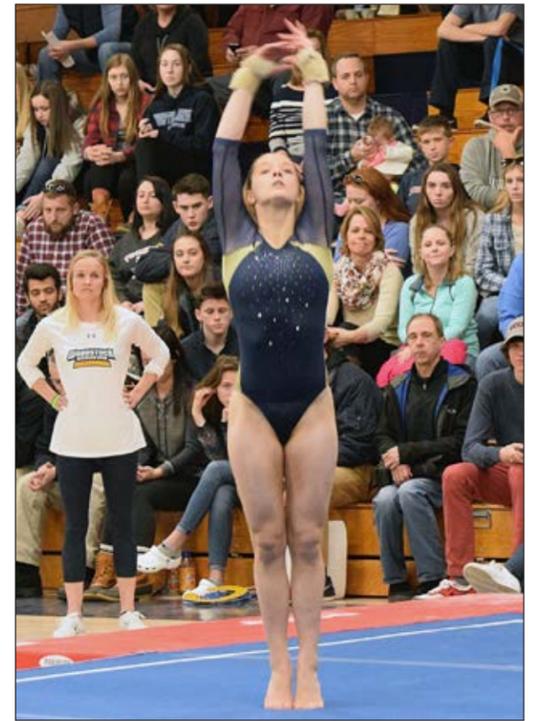
New England's in 2014 at Algonquin Regional High in Northborough, Mass. The trove of gold they've stashed away over their careers rivals the reserves at Fort Knox.

Stuyanski won nine gold medals at the New England Championships over her four-year career: (gold in floor as a freshman), (gold in floor, balance beam, uneven bars, and all-around as a sophomore), (gold in floor as a junior), (gold in bars, beam, and all-around last Saturday). Stuyanski collected 11 gold medals in Connecticut State Open Championships competition: (gold in beam, floor, and all-around as a freshman), (gold in beam, floor, and all-around as a sophomore), (gold in beam, bars, and all-around in her junior year), (gold in beam and all-around as a senior).

Logan won three gold medals at the New England Championships over her career: (gold in bars as a freshman), (gold in vault and bars as a junior). She won six gold medals in Connecticut State Open Championships competition: (gold in vault and bars as a freshman), (gold in vault in her sophomore season), (gold in vault and floor as a junior), (gold in bars in her senior season).

Stuyanski will be attending and competing on scholarship for Texas Woman's University in Denton next season. Logan has accepted a scholarship offer from Bowling Green University.

"I don't think I could have done it without



Charlie Lentz photo

Grace Logan competes in floor exercise last Saturday.

Paige," Logan said. "I think she's pushed me to be the person I am today. She's made me such a better person. I don't know what it's going to be like next year, with her in Texas and me in Ohio. She's an amazing girl and is going to do amazing things with her life."

Stuyanski has the same faith in her fellow co-captain. "She's a role model to all the girls but she's a role model for me too," Stuyanski said. "I'm so glad to have her by my side."

They took a bow as high schoolers last Saturday. A thousand eyes focused on Stuyanski and Logan

as they walked off the mat for Woodstock one last time — the Centaurs dynasty may continue — but their footsteps will be hard to follow.

"A lot of the little kids from our gym came and supported us so that was awesome," Stuyanski said. "We just try to lead the team but also set a good example for everyone. The little kids — hopefully they'll be in our shoes in a couple years."

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# 23rd annual New England Gymnastics Championships

WOODSTOCK — Woodstock Academy won first place at the 23rd annual New England Gymnastics Championships last Saturday, March 11. The Centaurs played host to the event at Woodstock Academy's Alumni Fieldhouse. Woodstock's team point total was 150.825, followed by Medfield/Ashland/Deerfield, Mass. (MADS) 143.975. Greenwich High (143.535) took third place in the 10-team field. Woodstock Paige Stuyanski won gold medals in the uneven bars, beam, and the all-around.



Charlie Lentz photos

Woodstock Academy's New England Championship team, from left, Lydia Taft, Abigail Vaida, Maddie Grube, Ali Crescimanno, Paige Stuyanski, Elise Boisvert, Emily Arters, Jenna Davidson, Grace Logan (kneeling).



Ali Crescimanno on floor.



Ali Crescimanno on bars



Elise Boisvert on floor exercise.



Jenna Davidson on floor.



Jenna Davidson on beam



Jenna Davidson on bars.



Ali Crescimanno on bars.



Grace Logan on beam



Paige Stuyanski vaults



Paige Stuyanski on bars.



Jenna Davidson on beam.



Paige Stuyanski dismounts the beam



Grace Logan vaults

# Hot finish on cold day at Courthouse O'Putnam 5K



Charlie Lentz photo

Runners squeeze down a crowded Canal Street at the start of the Courthouse O'Putnam 5K last Sunday.

BY CHARLIE LENTZ  
VILLAGER EDITOR

PUTNAM — Michael Stadolnik wore a T-shirt and shorts in 60-degree weather last year when he ran to victory at the Courthouse O'Putnam 5K road race. Last Sunday the temperature stood at 23 degrees downtown for this year's run so Stadolnik bundled up in long sleeves, knit cap, running pants, and gloves. The outfit was different but the results the same. Stadolnik won his fourth-straight Courthouse O'Putnam race with a clocking of 17 minutes, 25 seconds over the 3.1-mile distance.

Stadolnik's O'Putnam performance is getting to be old hat but the women's

division saw some new shoes cross the finish line first and a course record to go along with them. Victoria Conlin, a senior at Central Connecticut State University, clocked a hot finish on a cold day. Conlin captured first place among the women and set a new standard with a clocking of 19 minutes, 49 seconds — eclipsing the previous women's course record of 20:05, set by Elizabeth Edwards last year.

Conlin, 21, said she will soon be graduating from Central, where she competed for three years for the track team in the 5,000 meters and 10,000 meters. She also ran cross country and track at Tolland High School. This was Conlin's second

try at the O'Putnam race, she ran it two years ago and finished in second place. She took a "a little bit of a break" from running but has returned to the roads — running from "eight to 10 miles a day" — and plans on entering the Hartford Marathon this fall. The frigid temperatures last Sunday weren't optimal conditions for Conlin but she'll take the result.

"It makes not that excited to warm up or cool down," said Conlin, from Tolland. "But I like it when it's a little bit cooler so I don't get overheated."

Linda Spooner, from Sturbridge, Mass., finished second among the women in 20:36. Jaclyn Sullivan, from Jewett

City, was third in 20:48.

Stadolnik, 43, from Plainfield, finished one minute ahead of second-place finisher Connor O'Marra, from Dayville, who crossed the tape in 18:25. Todd Bennett, from Colchester, finished third among the men in 18:27.

For Stadolnik the O'Putnam race is just a warm-up for a long running season ahead. He plans on running the Boston Marathon, Vermont City Marathon, Hartford Marathon, and Cape Cod Marathon this year. He logs 100 miles per week in training.

"This is the beginning of the race season for me," Stadolnik said.

And it was a very chilly beginning.

"You have to make sure you're well warmed up before the race," Stadolnik said. "You don't want to pull anything. But actually running this race I was very comfortable. It's freezing out now but when you're running it's not too bad."

Stadolnik had plenty of companionship on the race course, 936 entrants started this year's race.

"There's like a bunch of runners I see all the time out here," Stadolnik said. "This is the first time I get to see them all at the beginning of the year. It energizes everybody. It's great."

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Michael Stadolnik wins the Courthouse O'Putnam 5K last Sunday.



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**BOTTOM RIGHT:** Victoria Conlin set a course record in the women's division at the Courthouse O'Putnam 5K last Sunday.

## Woodstock tops Trinity Catholic in state tourney

NORTHFORD — Woodstock Academy senior right wing Ryan Black scored five goals and notched four assists to help top-seeded Woodstock defeat ninth-seeded Trinity Catholic 11-1 on March 9 in the quarterfinals of the CIAC Division III State Hockey Tournament at Northford Ice Pavilion. Black's five goals gave him 50 on the season, giving him back-to-back 50-goal seasons.

The win advanced Woodstock Academy (20-2-1) to the D-III state semifinals against No. 5 Lyman Hall/H-K/Coginchaug (12-10-0) on Thursday, March 16, at Yale University's Ingalls Rink in New Haven. Lyman Hall defeated fourth-seeded Tri-Town 3-2 in quarterfinal action.

In other half of semifinal bracket: No. 2 WMRP (19-3-0) played No. 6 Hall-Southington (11-8-3) on March 16. If Woodstock can get past Lyman Hall, the D-III championship game is scheduled for 10 a.m. on Saturday, March 18, at Ingalls Rink.

For Woodstock in the win over Trinity Catholic: Avery Riva scored three goals with two assists, Nathan DeLuca scored one goal with one assist, Ethan Thorpe scored one goal with one assist, Doug Newton scored one goal, Will Liscomb notched two assists; and Gunner Moore, Patrick Delaney, and Austen LeDonne each had one assist. Kyle Bernard scored the lone goal for Trinity Catholic (8-14).

Trinity Catholic led 35-25 in shots. Goaltender Cal Wilcox picked up the win for Woodstock Academy.



File photo

Ryan Black scored five goals in Woodstock's win over Trinity Catholic.

## Converse named NEWMAC All-Conference



Courtesy photo

Ian Converse

WORCESTER, Mass. Worcester Polytechnic Institute senior Ian Converse, a Woodstock Academy alumnus, earned New England Women's and Men's Athletic Conference Men's Basketball All-Conference honors following a series of votes by the conference's head coaches.

Converse was named an All-NEWMAC First Team selection and the program's first NEWMAC All-Sportsmanship team honoree. Over the course of 25 games played, Converse

led the league in offensive rebounds (66) while ranking third in field goals (159), fifth in points per 40 minutes (21.3), fifth in points per game (15.5) and fifth in field goal percentage (48 percent).

In terms of the 13 conference games played, the senior topped the chart with 32 offensive boards and was second in points per 40 minutes with 22.7. Converse was also third in field goals (85), fourth in points per game (16.5) and fourth in field goal percentage (49.1 percent). The double-digit scorer in 20 games, including the last 11, posted six double-doubles on the season. On March 4, Converse scored 23 points and hauled in nine rebounds in the NEWMAC semifinal versus eventual tournament champion MIT.

In a separate honor, Converse is one of four senior WPI winter student-athletes that were named to the inaugural NEWMAC All-Sportsmanship Team, as announced as part of the league's revamped postseason award program.

WPI's Tori Claverie was named as the women's swimming & diving recipient while Ian Converse earned the award for men's basketball. WPI's Andrew Kelleher was recognized for men's swimming and diving and Sarah Rogers was tabbed for women's basketball.

New to the conference this year, the NEWMAC has established an All-Sportsmanship Team for the 2016-17 Academic Year. The award is intended to recognize one student-athlete from each team, in every sport that best demonstrates the ideals of the NEWMAC and its Code of Conduct, regardless of his/her overall performance or statistics for the season.

# Courthouse O'Putnam 5K road race

PUTNAM — Nine hundred and 36 entrants braved 23-degree temperatures at last Sunday's Courthouse O'Putnam 5K road race. Michael Stadolnik won the men's division and Victoria Conlin ran to victory in the women's division. Complete results can be found on the website [www.hartfordmarathon.com](http://www.hartfordmarathon.com).



Charlie Lentz photos

Runners begin the Courthouse O'Putnam 5K in Putnam on March 12.



Lauren Townley and William Jara



Lisa Cyr, left, and Amanda Hranzullo



Janice Franklin, left, and Gayle Olivo



From left, Richard Hussar, Phil Kemp, and Christian Smutnick



Katelyn Krikorian and Dave Shepard



From left, Jen Lafave, David Lafave, and Michelle Engel



Jake Pezzulo played the bagpipes to welcome runners.



Jill Whitley, left, and Danielle Lafash



Kellie Parker, left, and Alexandria Kwasek



Back row, from left, Matthew Saad, Christine Saad, George Long; front row, Jacob Saad and Tanner Saad.



From left, race volunteers Rick Dion, Lynn Converse, and Doug May.

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# OBITUARIES

## Clayton Burton Long Sr., 84



**PLAINFIELD** -- Clayton Long, 84, of 56 Erin Dr., Plainfield, passed away Friday at Colonial Health and Rehabilitation Center in Plainfield after an extended illness.

He was born in East Hartford on January 1, 1933, to Calvin B. Long and Alice (Strickland) Long.

He was married to Lorraine (Cusson) Long from 1954 - 1997 until her passing.

He was the husband of Mary Long who survives him.

Mr. Long served in the Army National Guard from 1951-1953. He then began work as a head herdsman on Bosworth Farms Pomfret, CT from 1954-1979. He then worked as a night watchman at Danielson Curtain from 1980 until his retirement in 1995. Mr. Long subcontracted for the Norwich Bulletin after retirement from 1995-2007.

Mr. Long was an avid country music fan enjoying the likes of Merle Haggard, George Jones, and Hank Williams Sr. He loved animals and had two dogs, Milo and Molly, who were his pride. The thing he most enjoyed was his family.

In addition to his wife, he leaves behind four sons; Clayton (Zeb) Long of Wauregan, Randall and wife Cindy Long of Plainfield, Calvin and wife Dawn Long of Brooklyn, and Leo and wife Denise Long of Danielson. Four daughters; Carol and husband Jim Gorman of Brooklyn, Claylene

and husband Leo Adams of Putnam, Colleen and husband Benny Rivera of Wauregan, and Lorraine (Plourd) Loiseau and husband Robert of Plainfield. And two siblings Herbert Long and Clara Sylvia.

Mr. Long also leaves behind four step-children; Patricia Cusson of Brooklyn, Pamela and husband John Babcock of Danielson, Melissa and Mike Evans of Maine and Michael Lejeunesse of Plainfield.

Mr. Long also had twenty-two grandchildren and numerous great grandchildren. And one great-great grandchild.

He was also predeceased by son Clayton Burton Long Jr. who died in 1957. Step-son Rene Lejeunesse, and five siblings Martha Kemp, Caroline Morin, George Long, Dorothy Benoit, and Alice Mallioux.

Church service to be held on March 25 from 10-11 AM at St. Phillips Church located 63 Grove St. Putnam. Graveside service to follow from 11AM-12PM at St. Mary's Cemetery, Providence St. Putnam. Friends and family are invited to a celebration of life following the services located in the basement of St. Phillips Church after 12 PM.

Family requests all donations to go to American Lung Cancer Society or Colonial Health and Rehabilitation Center in Plainfield.



## Gladys Ernestine (Withers) Ekman, 93



**ROCKVILLE, MARYLAND** -- Gladys Ernestine (Withers) Ekman, 93, formerly of Woodstock, died peacefully March 9, at her assisted living home at Sunrise Senior Living in Rockville, Maryland.

Rockville, Maryland.

Gladys was born April 9, 1923, at Georgetown University Hospital, to Ernest Arthur and Elsie (Vaughan) Withers. She and her family lived in Florida, New York, until 1934, when they moved to Woodstock. Gladys graduated from Woodstock Academy in 1940. She was married to Kenneth Theodore Ekman on July 25, 1943.

Gladys worked at Stillwater Worsted Company from 1940 to 1946. Her son Robert James Ekman was born on February 13, 1947, and Gladys worked part time house cleaning jobs while raising her son. She began full time work again at Linemaster Switch Corporation in Woodstock in 1968, assembling electrical switches, and

she remained there until her retirement in 1985, shortly after her husband Kenneth passed away on April 8, 1985.

Gladys lived independently in Woodstock most of the rest of her life, until in 2013, after a brief illness, she moved to Sunrise Senior Living in Rockville, Maryland, to be close to her son Robert and his family.

Gladys is survived by one sister, Sarah Hooker (Withers), and one brother, William Withers, as well as her son Robert, two grandsons, Daniel and Eric and one great grandson, Elias Kai Ekman. Gladys was predeceased by three sisters, Marjorie Potter, Gwendolyn Potter and Dorothy Szarkowicz, as well as one brother, Ernest Withers.

A Calling Hour was held March 16, which was followed by a Memorial Service at the Smith and Walker Funeral Home. Spring Burial will be in Central Cemetery in Woodstock. In lieu of flowers, please send a donation to Montgomery Hospice, 1355 Piccard Drive, Rockville, MD 20850. [www.smithandwalkerfh.com](http://www.smithandwalkerfh.com)

## Marie V. Duggins, 98



**DANIELSON** - Marie V. "Ginny" Duggins of Danielson, widow of the late Fletcher T. Duggins, passed away on March 9. Born on February 27, 1919, she was the daughter of the late William and Virginia (Gibeault) Murdock. She grew up on the family farm at Pomfret Landing. After attending Killingly High School, she worked for Pratt & Whitney in Willimantic and became a certified machinist. On January 13, 1944 she enlisted as a Seaman and reported to Hunter College, Bronx, New York for boot camp, remaining there for advanced training. She is recognized as one of the first thirty WAVES to be stationed at Quonset Point Naval Air Station, Rhode Island during WWII. While serving as a WAVE, she earned the rank of Petty Officer 3rd class, Aviation Machinist Mate. It was there that she met the love of her life, Fletcher "Bud" Duggins, also stationed at Quonset in the Navy. They wed on November 23, 1944. A proud veteran of World War II, she was awarded the American Campaign and the WWII Victory medals. After her honorable discharge, Ginny was the quintessential homemaker, taking exceptional care of her husband, daughters, and home. She worked as a librarian's assistant at the Bugbee Memorial Library in Danielson and eventually joined the library staff at Killingly High School where she enjoyed her daily interactions with the students. Ginny is survived by her daughter Linda (Gerald) McAuliffe, two grandsons, Tate (Angel) and Jason McAuliffe, and a

great granddaughter, Ashley (McAuliffe) Collins. Additionally, she leaves her daughter, Mary Mongeau, and two grandchildren, Beth and Randal (Jennifer) Mongeau. Joan Nelson and Elaine Baker, her sisters, survive her. Her husband and brothers Robert, William and Donald Murdock predeceased her.

Ginny was a kind, soft-spoken lady who possessed a sharp wit and great sense of humor. She had an amazing memory and a talent for story telling. Her stories about her life on the family farm on Pomfret Landing and about her time in the Navy kept family and friends laughing. She was generous and compassionate, admired by her family and her many friends. She will be sorely missed by all fortunate enough to know her. For the past eight years, she was a resident at Davis Place where she received excellent care as her health declined. Her family extends their thanks to her doctors, nurses, aides and all staff who demonstrated their compassion, attentive care and understanding every day during her residence at Davis Place.

Visitation was held on March 13 at Tillinghast Funeral Home in Danielson which was followed by a service celebrating her life. Burial with military honors will be held in Westfield Cemetery at a later date. In lieu of flowers, a donation in Ginny's memory can be made to the charity of your choosing. Please share a memory with her family at [www.tillinghastfh.com](http://www.tillinghastfh.com)



## Jeffrey C. Horne, 66



**ALTAMONTE SPRINGS, FLORIDA** -- Jeffrey C. Horne, 66, passed away on March 7, while in the care of the Hospice of the Comforter in Altamonte Springs, Florida. His family was at his bedside.

Jeff was born in Putnam, on January 15, 1951, the son of the late Donald E. and Marjorie Horne of Woodstock. He leaves his wife Maureen Gildea Horne of Florida and his daughters Jennifer Marinelli and Megan (Jeffrey) McGuinness, both of Warwick, Rhode Island. Jeff's five grandchildren; Brooklyn, Brodie, Becket, Paxton and Miller, will miss the man they called "Grampy Florida."

Growing up in Woodstock, Jeff was a 1969 graduate of Woodstock Academy. During his youth and high school years, he excelled in all sports, with soccer and basketball his favorites. He continued his education at Baldwin-Wallace College in Ohio and then returned to Woodstock to work at Colt's Plastics, in Dayville, eventually becoming Sales Manager. In 1974 he married Karen Larson (McFarlin) also

from Woodstock.

During those years, Jeff was active in area sports. He enjoyed his weekend games of golf with his many friends as well as playing shortstop in the Putnam Men's Summer Softball League. Trips to the Patriots, Celtics, and Red Sox were also on his calendar throughout the year. Jeff was a member of the Woodstock EMT and Volunteer Fire Department during this time.

In 1993, Jeff remarried and he and Maureen moved to central Florida. He was a Property Manager of the development community in which they lived. He later became the Manager of Receiving at Lowe's and worked there until his retirement in January 2016. Jeff was diagnosed with cancer just 2 weeks later. During his many years in Florida, he enjoyed golf at his local community course, as well as visits from

his daughters and their families and his many of his New England friends.

A Celebration of Jeff's Life will be held with family and friends in Warwick on April 8. Jeff will always be remembered for his great sense of humor and love of life. He will be missed by many.

## Stephen M. Benkowski, Sr.



**WEBSTER, MASSACHUSETTS** -- Stephen M. Benkowski, Sr., a long-time resident of Webster and Dudley, passed away peacefully in his sleep in Hudson, Florida on Sunday

February, 5.

He leaves his loving wife of forty years, Suzanne (Lamoureux) Benkowski of Hudson, Florida; siblings John and Betty; daughter Beth and her husband Kenneth Poplawski of North Grosvenordale; sons Stephen Jr. and his wife Amy of Hampton, Vincent Zito and his wife Karen of Stow, Massachusetts and Matthew Zito and his wife Michelle of Dudley, Massachusetts. Steve also leaves many aunts, uncles, cousins, nieces, nephews, grandchildren, and great-grandchildren. He was predeceased by his siblings, Joseph Jr., Mary, Edwardy, Helen and Peggy; a by a son, Darryl Zito of Auburn.

Steve was born in Webster, Massachusetts, son of the late John J. and Anna (Martinek) Benkowski and lived in the Webster-Dudley area most of his life. Steve graduated from Bartlett High School in 1960, then

immediately enlisted in the U.S. Navy, where he served on the aircraft carrier USS Constellation. Steve was a former Vice Commander at American Legion Post 184 as well as an altar boy and parishioner at St. Anthony of Padua in Dudley, Massachusetts, where he was mentored as a young man by Father Ferenz.

Steve was a machinist and supervisor in Worcester and Sturbridge in addition to owning and operating S&S Antiques in Dudley, with his wife Sue, for nearly twenty-five years. Steve enjoyed fishing and hunting with his brother-in law Al Belanger and his nephews each year. He also loved cruising, traveling and going to the races at Thompson Speedway.

Services will be held for family and friends on Saturday, March 25, from 11:00 AM to 1:00 PM, with a prayer service, including military honors at 12:45 pm in the Shaw-Majercik Funeral Home, 48 School Street, Webster. A guest book is available at [www.shaw-majercik.com](http://www.shaw-majercik.com) where you may light a candle or post a condolence message.



## Sandra W. Houle, 69



**DANIELSON** - Sandra W. (Jacobs) Houle, 69, of Prospect Avenue, died March 7, at Hartford Hospital. She was the loving wife of Roy L. Houle. Born in Derry, New Hampshire, she was the daughter

of the late John Jacobs and Beatrice (Hill) Sawyer. Sandra was united in marriage to Roy L. Houle on August 1, 1975.

Mrs. Houle worked for many years at various shoe factories in New Hampshire prior to moving to the local area where she was employed at Colony Corporation as a window blind assembler.

Sandra enjoyed spending time with her family and was affectionately known as their Nana and Nano. She enjoyed shooting pool, playing pitch in the Danielson VFW league, and crocheting blankets for her family and friends.

Sandra is survived by her husband of forty-two years, Roy L. Houle; a son Michael R. Johnson and his wife Michelle of Danielson; four daughters Rolanda Charron and her husband Alfred of Putnam, Tiffany Charron and her husband Steve of Ft. Meyers, Florida, Michele Vandale and her husband Richard of Dayville, and Melissa Perkins of Brooklyn; a brother Robert of Vermont, five sisters Elsie, Dorothy, and Kathy all of New Hampshire, and Rosemary and Jeannine both of North Carolina, fourteen grandchildren, twelve great grandchildren, and numerous nieces and nephews. She was predeceased by several brothers and sisters.

Relatives and friends were invited to attend a graveside service in St. Joseph Cemetery in Dayville on March 16. Funeral arrangements have been entrusted to the Gilman Funeral Home & Crematory, 104 Church St., Putnam. For memorial guestbook please visit [www.GilmanAndValade.com](http://www.GilmanAndValade.com).

## Diane Whipple Baranski Barber



**OCALA, FLORIDA** -- Diane Whipple Baranski Barber passed away January 17 in Ocala, Florida. She was born May 27, 1951. She was the eighth

child of William and Olga Whipple. Diane leaves her husband, Leon, her daughter Laurie and family, her son Christopher and family, a sister, Ruth Hopkins, four grandchildren, and many nieces and nephews. She worked for many years at Bob's A&W Root Beer in Brooklyn.

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## Maurice J. Coderre, 86



**PUTNAM** -- Maurice J. Coderre, 86 of Putnam, passed away Saturday, March 11, after a long illness. He was the husband of Marion (Prince) Coderre, she died in 2003. He was born in

Thompson, June 2, 1930 son of Roland and Noella (Chaput) Coderre. He was a veteran of the Korean War, serving with the US Army. After the death of his daughter Beth Ann Coderre in 2003, he raised and cared for his grandson Simon Coderre like a son. He will be remembered as a loving and caring father and grandfather. Maurice had a great love for animals and loved caring for his birds. He worked as a plumber at Belding Heminway Mill for many years in Putnam. He leaves his grandson Simon Coderre of Putnam, his sister Pierrette Bernier of Webster,

Massachusetts, two brothers Paul Coderre of Thompson and Raymond Coderre of Jackson, Wyoming, and a great grandson. He was predeceased by his wife and daughter, his sister, Jeannine Pratt and his brother, Edgar Coderre.

The funeral will be Friday, March 17, at 10:00 AM from the Smith and Walker Funeral home, 148 Grove Street, Putnam, followed by a Mass of Christian Burial at 11:00 AM in St. Mary Church of the Visitation, 218 Providence Street, Putnam. Burial will be in the Spring in St. Mary Cemetery with Military Honors.

In lieu of flowers donations may be made in his memory to the Day Kimball Hospice or the Day Kimball Homemakers, P.O. Box 632, Putnam, CT 06260 [www.smithandwalkerfh.com](http://www.smithandwalkerfh.com)



## Mildred L. Hebert, 91



**KILLINGLY** -- Mildred L. Hebert, 91, of Killingly, died March 10, at Westview Nursing Home in Dayville. She was born May 14, 1925 in Rogers, daughter of the late Peter and Anna (Wolak) Stahecki. She married Adelard J. Hebert on September 15, 1951, he died February 25, 1999.

Mildred was a communicant of St. Joseph Church, Dayville. She enjoyed the outdoors and spending time with her grandchildren. Mildred worked at several local companies throughout her life and retired in 1988 from the Acme Corp in Dayville. She was a

member of the Oak Lodge Union #46 of Rogers Corp.

She leaves her son Gregory Hebert, her grandchildren Caitlin Hebert, Corey Hebert and Carissa Beshaw, and her husband Alex, her great granddaughter Penelope Beshaw also several nieces and nephews. She was predeceased by all her siblings: John, Joseph, Frank, Freddie, Peter, Mary, Frances, Stella and Sophie.

A calling hour was held March 16 at Gagnon and Costello Funeral Home in Danielson. A Mass of Christian Burial followed at St. Joseph Church in Dayville. Burial will at Holy Cross Cemetery, Danielson, CT. Share a memory at [www.gagnonandcostellofh.com](http://www.gagnonandcostellofh.com)

## Margaret M (Sweeney) Payne, 80



**THOMPSON** -- Margaret Mary Elizabeth Ann (Sweeney) Payne, age 80, of Thompson, died March 3.

She was the beloved wife of the late William T. Payne. Predeceased by her parents Daniel and Beatrice (King) Sweeney of Acton; her daughter, Norma E. Stang of Simsbury, CT; and granddaughter Rachel E. Payne. Survived by her son William T. Payne Jr. and his wife Marcia of Simsbury, CT; her daughter, Florence Payne of Southbridge; her son in law, Steven Stang and his wife Macil of Canton, CT; and her grandchildren: Andrew of East Lyme, CT, Christina and her wife Alyssa of Providence, RI, Melissa of Worcester, and Thomas of Brooklyn, NY.

For more than 40 years Margaret managed Thornfield Hall in Thompson, a unique home for special needs women, known throughout the state as a truly wonderful residence for all those who lived or worked there. Margaret's concern was always for others, family, friends, employees or total strangers in other countries to whom she contributed so generously. Margaret will be greatly missed by all her family and friends.

Calling hours were held March 5 at the Smith and Walker Funeral Home ([smithandwalkerfh.com](http://smithandwalkerfh.com)) in Putnam, CT. A funeral service was held on March 6 at the Putnam Baptist Church in Putnam, CT. Burial took place March 7 at the family plot in Mount Auburn Cemetery, 580 Auburn St., Cambridge.

Those who wish may make a memorial gift to the charity of one's choice.



**PUTNAM** -- Robert "Bob" A. Goulet, 85, of Hanley St., entered eternal rest Saturday March 11 at Day Kimball Hospital. He was the loving husband of Lise M. (Daigle) Goulet and the late Doris (Cloutier) Goulet who died in 1977. Born in Putnam, he was the son of the late Loretta Joly.

Upon completing his high school education Bob joined the United States Army and served during the Korean War being honorably discharged on December 8, 1953.

Mr. Goulet worked for many years as a correction officer at the Brooklyn Correctional Institute.

Bob was an avid Boston Red Sox fan and enjoyed listening to Country music. But, above all he cherished the time that he spent with his family and friends. He was truly loved by all.

Bob is survived by his wife of thirty-four years Lise; two sons Jason Goulet of Jewett City and Robert Goulet of Pomfret; three daughters Patricia Pribula of Pawcatucket, Rhode Island, Melanie Kondratowicz and her husband Jim, and Ashley Goulet of Putnam; a brother Ronald Saucier of Putnam; daughter in law Theresa Goulet of Killingly; and nine grandchildren Jared, Danielle, Nicole, Justin, Jacoby, Jimmy, Rebecca, Holly, and Caden; and two great grandchildren Alexa and Rowan. He was predeceased by a son Thomas Goulet.

Relatives and friends were invited to visit with Bob's family on March 16 in the Gilman Funeral Home. For memorial guestbook visit [www.GilmanAndValade.com](http://www.GilmanAndValade.com).



## Richard Paul Lemieux, Jr., 28



Richard Paul Lemieux, Jr., 28 of Dayville, fell asleep in the arms of our Lord on October 22, 2016. He is the beloved son of Colleen Campbell of Willimantic, and Richard Lemieux, Sr. and wife Christine of Plainfield, and a brother to Christopher Lemieux of Houston, Texas. Richard was born January 21, 1988 in Putnam. He attended Brooklyn Elementary School then later Griswold High.

He worked different jobs through

his life, from Carpentry in the Local 24 Carpenters Union and Mechanics, where he owned and operated his business Couga's LLC in Griswold. He was a great artist and loved drawing. He loved hanging out with his many friends, riding his skate board and his BMX bikes. Richard had a passion for cars and anything with a motor.

A Mass of Christian Burial will be held Saturday, April 8, 2017 at 11am at Joseph Church, 350 Hartford Pike, Dayville. Burial will follow in St. Joseph Cemetery. Share a memory at [www.gagnonandcostellofh.com](http://www.gagnonandcostellofh.com)



**EAST KILLINGLY** -- Marjorie (Thomas) Shay, 82, passed away on March 6, in UMass Hospital University Campus. She was the loving wife of the late Robert C. Shay who passed away in 2013. Born in Markleysburg, Pennsylvania, she was the daughter of the late Reverend Earl H. Thomas and Iva Myrtle (Laraway) Thomas.

Mrs. Shay worked as a bottle packer for Knox Glass and Glass Container. She enjoyed bowling, going to Foxwoods Casino, playing the piano and organ, especially church hymns. However, the most important things in her life were her children. She was

always there for them.

Marjorie is survived by her children, Douglas E. Shay of Taylor, Texas, Babette Cummings of E. Killingly, Randy C. Shay of E. Killingly, and Robert T. Shay of E. Killingly, her brother, Blaine L. Thomas of Monaca, Pennsylvania; three grandchildren; three great grandchildren; four great-great grandchildren; several nieces and nephews. She was predeceased by her brother, the late Elmer P. Thomas; and her sister, the late Ruth E. Fearer.

Relatives and friends were invited to visit with Marjorie's family on March 11 in the Gilman Funeral Home in Putnam with a service in the funeral home afterwards. For memorial guestbook visit [www.GilmanAndValade.com](http://www.GilmanAndValade.com).

## Theresa D. (Bodo) Yargeau, 78



Theresa D. (Bodo) Yargeau, 78, of Danielson, died Saturday, March 11, at Hartford Hospital. Beloved wife of the late Paul J. Yargeau. She was born October 5, 1938 in Putnam, daughter

of the late Lawrence and Mary Jane (Auger) Bodo.

She made her home in Danielson all her life. She was a foster mother and loved all the children she cared for. She enjoyed Flea Markets and was a

loving wife and mother.

She leaves her son Brian Finn of Danielson, siblings Mary Jane Bouthillier, Barbara Crowley and her husband Carl, Mildred Auclair, Richard Pelletier and his wife Donna, several nieces and nephews. She was predeceased by her twin sister Shirley Bodo, siblings Florence Tetreault, Lionel Arpin and Alcide Pelletier. Funeral Services will be private.

The Gagnon and Costello Funeral Home, 33 Reynolds Street, Danielson, is in charge of arrangements. Share a memory at [www.gagnonandcostellofh.com](http://www.gagnonandcostellofh.com)

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# LEGALS

### NOTICE TO CREDITORS

ESTATE OF EDNA ELAINE TAPIO (17-00052)

The Hon. Leah P. Schad, Judge of the Court of Probate, District of Northeast Probate Court, by decree dated March 7, 2017, ordered that all claims must be presented to the fiduciary at the address below. Failure to promptly present any such claim may result in the loss of rights to recover on such claim.

Janis E. Beltis, Clerk

The fiduciary is:

Brian Tillman  
c/o Mark R. Brouillard, Esq.,  
St. Onge & Brouillard, PO Box 550,  
Putnam, CT 06260-0550  
March 17, 2017

### NOTICE TO CREDITORS

ESTATE OF JOYCE Y. STAUFFER, AKA Joyce Yvonne Stauffer (17-00060)

The Hon. Leah P. Schad, Judge of the Court of Probate, District of Northeast Probate Court, by decree dated March 9, 2017, ordered that all claims must be presented to the fiduciary at the address below. Failure to promptly present any such claim may result in the loss of rights to recover on such claim.

Janis E. Beltis, Clerk

The fiduciary is:

Martin E. Stauffer  
c/o Gail Rooke-Norman, Esq.,  
31 Academy Street,  
Danielson, CT 06239  
March 17, 2017

### NOTICE TO CREDITORS

ESTATE OF JOHN B. MURPHY, JR. (17-00093)

The Hon. Leah P. Schad, Judge of the Court of Probate, District of Northeast Probate Court, by decree dated March 9, 2017, ordered that all claims must be presented to the fiduciary at the address below. Failure to promptly present any such claim may result in the loss of rights to recover on such claim.

Janis E. Beltis, Clerk

The fiduciary is:

Marsha A. Murphy  
c/o Nicholas R. Scola,  
Nicholas R. Scola, LLC,  
286 Main Street,  
Danielson, CT 06239  
March 17, 2017

### NOTICE TO CREDITORS

ESTATE OF George A Bilodeau, Jr. (16-00354)

The Hon. Leah P. Schad, Judge of the Court of Probate, District of Northeast Probate Court, by decree dated January 18, 2017, ordered that all claims must be presented to the fiduciary at the address below. Failure to promptly present any such claim may result in the loss of rights to recover on such claim.

Brenda Duquette, Clerk

The fiduciary is:

William Harkins  
c/o Stephen T. Kulig, Esq.,  
Brigham & Kulig,  
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## Town of Thompson Board of Assessment Appeals LEGAL NOTICE

Citizens of Thompson are hereby informed that the Board of Assessment Appeals for the Town of Thompson will hold its sessions for appeals on Real Estate, Personal Property and Motor Vehicles on the following dates:

March 23rd 2017, 6:30 PM  
2nd Floor Town Hall  
April 3rd 2017, 6:30 PM  
2nd Floor Town Hall  
April 4th 2017, 6:30 PM  
2nd Floor Town Hall  
April 6th 2017, 6:30 PM  
2nd Floor Town Hall  
April 11th 2017, 6:30 PM  
462nd Floor Town Hall

The appeal forms are available on the Town of Thompson's website under the assessor's office. The deadline for appeals is a postmarked date of March 20th, 2017.

Notice of given sessions to conform to section 12-110 of the General Statutes of the State of CT.

Board of Assessment Appeals  
Erica Groh, Chairman  
Dan Santerre  
James Clark  
March 17, 2017

## TOWN OF THOMPSON PLANNING AND ZONING COMMISSION LEGAL NOTICE

The Town of Thompson Planning and Zoning Commission will hold a public hearing on Monday, March 27, 2017 beginning at 7PM in the Thompson Town Hall, 815 Riverside Dr., North Grosvenordale, CT for the following:

Application 17-02: Route 193, LLC, Applicant. David Holke, Owner of Record. For property at 0 Thompson Rd. Map 87/Block 53/Lot 8/Zone C. Requesting Special Permit for proposed restaurant with associated parking, drainage, and septic system.

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

Respectfully submitted,  
Greg Lee, Chairman  
March 17, 2017  
March 24, 2017

## LEGAL NOTICE NOTICE OF PRIVATE SALE

**PLACE:**  
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**DATE: MARCH 21, 2017**  
**INSPECTION TIMES:**  
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B54 CHARLES COUCHON  
B30 ERIC FISKE  
D42 ESTELLE MEAGHAN  
D1 DANIEL MILLS  
D14 JOSEPH GOTTLIEB  
F36 RICHARD GOLENSKI

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Highest bidder must pay a \$100.00 deposit on unit and will be returned when said unit is vacant.

Highest bidder will be notified by telephone the following business day.  
March 10, 2017  
March 17, 2017

## PROPERTY AUCTION

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

104 Wagher Road and ±0.35 acres on Wagher Road (Volume 658 Page 206) owned by Scott A. Adamuska and Melissa J. Adamuska, owing \$1,972.39. Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc.; Novastar Mortgage, Inc.; and Ford Motor Credit Company, LLC may have interests which will be extinguished by the sale. ±0.50 acres on Sand Dam Road (Volume 410 Page 237 less Volume 654 Page 107) owned by Katherine J. Bates, John A. Weiss, and William A. Weiss, owing \$3,999.88. 910 Riverside Drive (Volume 518 Page 255) owned by William Bergeron,

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

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

2 Marcy Lane (Volume 406 Page 57) owned by Paul A. Brassard, Jr. and Robin Brassard, owing \$10,346.73. Avail 1, LLC; Option One Mortgage Corporation; Liquidation Properties, Inc.; and the United States Internal Revenue Service may have interests which will be extinguished by the sale. 611 Riverside Drive (Volume 848 Page 302) owned by Richard J. Carlson, Sr., owing \$16,267.64.

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

614 Quinebaug Road and a parcel on Fabyan Road (Volume 657 Page 130) owned by Jay Dooley, owing \$11,772.71. Robert Vincent and Susan Vincent may have interests which will be extinguished by the sale. 316 Quaddick Road (Volume 490 Page 255) owned by John P. Eddy, Jr. and Tammy M. Eddy, owing \$19,741.28. Hometown Bank may have interests which will be extinguished by the sale. 150-152 Church Street (Volume 464 Page 165) owned by Kenneth E. Gareau, owing \$9,989.49. Henri P. Cloutier and Cecile E. Cloutier may have interests which will be extinguished by the sale.

±0.07 acres on Hillside Avenue (Volume 72 Page 299) owned by Hermina Gauvin or her Estate, owing \$2,271.39. The United States Internal Revenue Service; the Connecticut Department of Revenue Services; and the surviving spouse and heirs of Hermina Gauvin may claim interests which will be extinguished by the sale. ±6.00 acres on Riverside Drive (Volume 685 Page 337) owned by Samia A. Ghattas, owing \$3,388.91. N.R.L.L. East, LLC may have interests which will be extinguished by the sale. 141 Old Turnpike (Volume 831 Page 310) owned by Michael M. Houston, owing \$10,066.08.

248 Porter Plain Road (Volume 796 Page 1) owned by James F. Gerow and Debra J. Gerow, owing \$10,907.97. Charles N. Jarmolowicz may have interests which will be extinguished by the sale. ±0.08 acres on Bloomfield Avenue (Volume 61 Page 315) owned by Harry C. Johnson and Olive J. Johnson, owing \$2,063.44.

±4.60 acres on Hiawatha Drive (Volume 67 Page 300) owned by the Estate of John H. Kress and Raymond L. LaChapelle or his Estate, owing \$8,560.76. The United States Internal Revenue Service; the Connecticut Department of Revenue Services; and the surviving spouses and heirs of John H. Kress and Raymond L. LaChapelle may claim interests which will be extinguished by the sale. ±0.07 acres on Center Street (Volume 415 Page 116) owned by Corinne Larsen, owing \$2,195.95.

±1.53 acres on Linehouse Road (Volume 401 Page 336) owned by Jan E. Manning or her Estate, owing \$6,929.42. The United States Internal Revenue Service; the Connecticut Department of Revenue Services; and the surviving spouse and heirs of Jan E. Manning may claim interests which will be extinguished by the sale. ±0.12 acres, ±0.13 acres, and ±0.14 acres on Arrow Head Drive (Volume 108 Page 43) owned by Joseph Nierodzinski, owing \$4,234.10.

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

15 Corttis Road and ±1.41 acres on Anderson Road (Volume 643 Page 51) owned by Kara B. Pizzetti, owing \$2,930.69. Ann E. Abrams

and Deutsche Bank National Trust Company as Trustee for Morgan Stanley ABS Capital 1, Inc., Trust 2006-HE8 may have interests which will be extinguished by the sale.

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

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

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

The dollar amounts listed are through the end of last month. Additional taxes, interest, fees, and other charges authorized by law accruing after the last day of the month immediately preceding this notice are owed in addition to the amount indicated as due and owing in this notice.

Bidders must present \$5,000 per property in cash or certified check payable to "Pullman & Comley, Trustee" on the day of the sale, and the winning bidder must pay the balance of the sale price within 5 days or forfeit that deposit. Absent a redemption, the purchaser will take title "free and clear" six months after the auction except for certain encumbrances. Details at [www.cttaxsales.com](http://www.cttaxsales.com).  
March 17, 2017

## TOWN OF WOODSTOCK NOTICE OF SPECIAL TOWN MEETING MARCH 23, 2017 7:00PM

A Special Town Meeting of the electors and citizens qualified to vote in town meetings of the Town of Woodstock, Connecticut, will be held on Thursday, March 23, 2017 at 7:00 p.m. at the Woodstock Town Hall, 415 Route 169, Woodstock, Connecticut to consider the following actions and to vote on the following matters:

- 1.) To elect a Moderator;
- 2.) To consider and vote upon the following Resolution:

WHEREAS, the Planning and Zoning Commission of the Town of Woodstock has concluded that the Woodstock Plan of Development should contain provisions which would (1) maintain and enhance the conservation of natural or scenic resources, (2) protect natural streams or water supplies, (3) promote conservation of soil and wetlands, (4) enhance the value to the public of abutting or neighboring parks, forests, wildlife preserves, nature reservation or sanctuaries or other open space, (5) enhance public recreation opportunities, (6) preserve historic sites or (7) promote orderly urban or suburban development; and WHEREAS, the Commission has further concluded that one method to accomplish and foster such preservation would be to adopt the enabling legislation contained in Chapter 203 of the Connecticut General Statutes providing tax relief for owners of open space lands.

WHEREAS, in 2013-2014, the Planning and Zoning Commission reviewed the PA 490 policy regarding the minimum requirements for the open space category as part of updating the 2002 Plan of Conservation and Development and have made the following amendments to the policy:

The Planning & Zoning Commission recommends that the following land and area be preserved as open spaces:

1. Any tract, plot or parcel of land which is greater in area than ten (10) acres and is undeveloped.
2. That portion of any partially developed tract, plot or parcel of land which remains undeveloped and has a ten (10) acre minimum with the standard minimum lot size deducted from that if there is a building on it.
3. Adjacent lots of less than ten (10) acres are excluded from eligibility.
4. Subdivision lots and lots in industrial use are allowed if they met the minimum size required.
5. Any undeveloped tract, plot or parcel of land upon which are located wetlands, as designated by the Inland Wetlands and Watercourses Agency of the Town of Woodstock, which wetlands would constitute a significant impediment to residential or commercial development.
6. Any undeveloped tract, plot or parcel of land the location, geological condition or topography of which would constitute a significant impediment to residential or commercial development.
7. Any tract, plot or parcel of land, which is enrolled legally in the open space category of PA 490 at the time of adoption of these changes, may be continued in such PA 490 designation

until such time that it is sold, its use is changed or it is otherwise enrolled from the PA 490 designation. Once such tract, plot or parcel of land is no longer designated in the open space category of PA 490, it can be enrolled at a later time if it meets all Town of Woodstock eligibility requirements for PA 490 open space designation existing at such later time.

RESOLVED, that the Town of Woodstock approves the recommendation of the Woodstock Planning and Zoning Commission open space plan in the Town's 2014 Plan of Conservation and Development as set forth therein and recited above.

3.) To consider and vote upon the following Resolution:

WHEREAS, the Wyndham Land Trust, Inc. purchased property on Rocky Hill Road for preservation of open space; and

WHEREAS, said Property was conveyed by warranty Deed recorded on September 30, 2016 in Volume 613, Page 326 of the Woodstock Land Records; and

WHEREAS, the Wyndham Land Trust, Inc. is a non-profit entity ruled as tax exempt pursuant to Section 501(c) (3) of the Internal Revenue Code; and WHEREAS, the Property is tax exempt for the October 1, 2016 Grand List and subsequent Grand List years; and WHEREAS, General Statutes §12-81dd authorizes towns, by action of its legislative body, to abate real property taxes due for any portion of a tax year with respect to any taxes paid by a non-profit land conservation organization that was due for a period before the date of acquisition but was paid subsequent to the date of acquisition.

RESOLVED, that the Town of Woodstock, pursuant to General Statutes 12-81dd, hereby abates the taxes due on the October 1, 2015 Grand List payable after the September 30, 2016 acquisition date for the property owned by the Wyndham Land Trust, Inc. on Rocky Hill Road, Woodstock, recorded at Volume 613, Page 326 of the Woodstock Land Records. The abatement of taxes for the October 1, 2015 Grand List year is in lieu of classifying the property as open space under PA 490 for that Grand List year.

4.) To transact such other business as may properly come before said meeting.

5.) To adjourn.  
Dated at Woodstock, Connecticut, this 2nd day of March, 2017.

Allan D. Walker, Jr., First Selectman  
Chandler Paquette, Selectman  
D. Mitchell Eaffy, Selectman  
Attest: Judy E. Walberg, Town Clerk  
March 17, 2017

## TOWN OF WOODSTOCK NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING APRIL 4, 2017 7:00P.M. WOODSTOCK TOWN HALL

The Board of Finance of the Town of Woodstock will hold a Public Hearing at the Woodstock Town Hall on Tuesday, April 4, 2017 at 7:00 p.m. in accordance with section 7-344 of the Connecticut General Statutes.

Itemized estimates of the expenditures of the Board of Selectmen and the Board of Education will be presented and the Board of Finance will hear all persons who wish to be heard in regards to any appropriation which they are desirous that the Board of Finance shall recommend or reject for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2018.

Dated at Woodstock, CT. this 13th day of March, 2017.

Michael Dougherty, Acting Chairman  
Woodstock Board of Finance  
March 17, 2017

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