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## Army Ranger presents flag to Putnam Legion



PUTNAM — The Mayotte-Viens American Legion Post 13 enjoyed a special patriotic program on Dec. 27 when Post member and active duty Army Ranger SSgt. Jesse Hagstrom, from Woodstock, presented the membership with an American flag that was flown at his base when he was on duty in Afghanistan. Hagstrom, who has been

*Valentine lamartino photo*

**U.S. Army Ranger SSgt. Jesse Hagstrom (center) surrounded by family and fellow Legionnaires. From left, Jeff DeClerck, Frank Tremont; Brian D. Maynard; Barney Seney; Henry Gawle, Suzanne Hagstrom, Brian Hagstrom, Marc J. Coderre, Sr.; Victor J. Kratz; Dennis Beauregard; Ronald P. Coderre; Steve Fahey.**

a member of Post 13 for six years, had never met his fellow Legionnaires because of his active duty.

Hagstrom was raised in Woodstock. He enlisted in the Army in 2012 and graduated from Airborne training in 2013, air assault school 2014 and Ranger school in 2016. He is also a graduate of Ranger Sapper school in 2019. He's served two combat deployment tours in Afghanistan. Hagstrom is presently connected to the 3rd Battalion 75th Ranger Regiment based at Fort Benning, Ga. Hagstrom is the son of Brian and Suzanne Hagstrom, from Woodstock. He's the grandson of 103-year-old World War II veteran and

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## Dragon's Blood Elixir

BY KAREN BUTERA  
FOR THE VILLAGER

DANIELSON — After taking a short break for the holidays Westfield Congregational Church opened their doors once again on Jan. 4 for its Farmers Market. If you have never been to a Farmer's Market before you must be thinking how can any farm have much to sell for this time of year. However, there is no shortage of vendors. When the fruit and vegetable vendors decrease, the slack is picked up by others. On this past Saturday, along with a few farm vendors, some of the vendors that were there was a bakery, candle maker, soap

maker, different herbs and spices, farmer's selling meet, a jeweler and others. Every time a Farmer's Market is open, it is always a surprise to see the different items you will find for sale.

Dragon's Blood Elixir is hardly something you would think you would find at a local Farmer's Market. That is the name of one of the products that was being offered at the church market. It is a company that makes hot sauces and finds success with the various Farmer's Markets.

It is the hot sauce creation of Doug Crane of Woodstock. He considers himself the Master Alchemist of hot sauces. He is a one-man show, making his

sauses, bottling, labeling and selling his products- running the whole operation. He started the business in 2009. As well as the original product, Dragon's Blood Elixir, he has added over a dozen different varieties of sauces, including Chipotle, Dijon Horseradish, Don't Fear the Reaper, Peter Piper's Pickled Pepper Sauce and others.

He spent many of time working as a restaurant cook in Woodstock before moving on to a local high school in the food service industry. While there, he was able to experiment with his sauces. He used them to help the school by using the product for a fundraiser. He

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*Carol Davidge photo*

Oscar the Grouch with his creator, Caroll Spinney, who passed away on Dec. 8, 2019.

## A walk down Sesame Street: remembering Caroll Spinney

BY CAROL DAVIDGE  
FOR THE VILLAGER

WOODSTOCK — I had the great privilege to interview Caroll Spinney at his Woodstock home in 2006 — where I found him to be a quiet, endlessly imaginative person. Along with billions of others around the world, I mourned his passing in December. He brought us "Big Bird" and "Oscar the Grouch" on "Sesame Street."

Born in 1933 in Massachusetts, Spinney was 5 years old when he saw his first puppet show. After service in the military, Spinney played many differ-

ent hand-puppet characters and nine walkabout characters on "The Bozo Show," a Boston television program.

During the 1968 annual festival of the Puppeteers of America, Sesame Street founder Jim Henson saw Spinney's show, "Picklepudd and Friends," and offered him the role of Big Bird. To play Big Bird, Spinney had many challenges. He couldn't see out of the costume and played the role by watching a miniature television screen inside the puppet. He also had to hold up the eight-foot, two-inch Big Bird by extending his right arm

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WHAT'S THE SCOOP?

*Charlie Lentz photo*

PUTNAM — Putnam High's Colby Livingston (white jersey) gets off a shot surrounded by Killingly High's Riley Zadora, left, and Ethan Preston, right, on Monday, Jan. 7, at Putnam High School. Killingly topped Putnam 59-51. Story on page B-1 of The Villager sports section.

## Become a TV producer

WOODSTOCK — Northeastern Connecticut Community TV is taking reservations for its free Video Production Training Program. The next class starts Thursday, Jan. 23, at 6 pm in the North Windham studio. This is a free program and is open on a first-come, first-serve basis for

residents of the TV's 16-town service area.

You need not be a cable subscriber or customer for this training program. The studio is located at 207 Tuckie Road in North Windham. Call the studio at (860) 456-8500 or e-mail the coordinator at PEG.CTNE@charter.com for more

information and secure your spot in the next training class group. You can also get an application at ctv192.org.

Participants must reside in one of the following towns to be eligible for this program: Ashford, Brooklyn, Canterbury, Chaplin, Columbia, Coventry, Eastford,

Hampton, Lebanon, Mansfield, Pomfret, Scotland, Storrs, Thompson, Willimantic, Willington, Windham, and Woodstock.

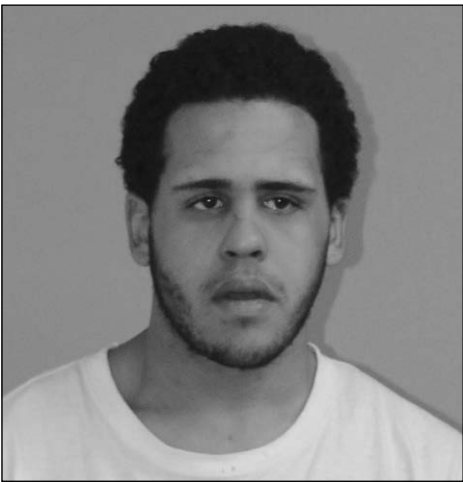
Minimum age for this program is 18 years. Participants get hands-on experience in all aspects of media production. Access producers make in-stu-

dio programs, record community events, and air these programs on the public access channel 192. The opportunity exists to turn participants into a local access producer and give you the opportunity to use your new skills to produce your own public access television program.



# Troopers nab fugitive, make drug bust

KILLINGLY — On Tuesday, Jan. 7, at approximately 6:42 p.m. members of the Connecticut State Police Troop D – Quality of Life Task Force stopped a vehicle on Route 101 in Killingly for numerous motor vehicle violations. Troopers approached the car and identified the driver as Paul Moran, 32, of Lillibridge Road, Plainfield. Troopers then placed Moran under arrest for driving under suspension. While patting Moran down, Troopers located a hypodermic needle and Moran admitted to having fentanyl in his vehicle. Troopers conducted a search of the vehicle with the assistance of K9 Ambrie and located crack cocaine and fentanyl in the vehicle which was seized as evidence. Moran was transported to Troop D where he was processed and charged with possession of narcotics, operating under suspension, operating an unregistered vehicle, misuse of plates, and no insurance. Moran was placed on a \$5,000 bond and was scheduled to appear in Danielson Superior Court on Jan. 22.



Isaiah Snell



Paul Moran

On Jan. 1 at approximately 5:34 p.m. Troopers assigned to the Troop D Quality of Life Task Force, Troop D Patrol Troopers and Troop D K9 Units responded to the apartments at 24 Maple Street in Danielson. Troopers

were attempting to locate Isaiah Snell, 24, who held two active violation of probation warrants and was a fugitive from justice out of Rhode Island for robbery in the first degree. Troopers located the apartment

that he was believed to be hiding in. Troopers knocked on the door for a period of time but Snell refused to answer the door. K9 Luka took a position at the rear door and K9 Broko took a position at the front door. After both dogs could be heard barking, Snell yelled out to Troopers that he wished to surrender. Troopers then took Snell into custody without incident. Snell was transported to Troop D where he was charged with two counts of violation of probation and Fugitive from Justice (robbery first degree). Snell was held on a \$250,000 cash/surety bond and will appear in Danielson Superior Court on Jan. 2. Members of the Connecticut State Police are committed to combating drug activity in the “Quiet Corner” and anyone with information regarding the illegal sale of narcotics and /or synthetic marijuana are encouraged to call the Troop D QLTF anonymous Tips Hotline at (860) 779-4950 or message the QLTF Facebook page.

## POLICE LOGS

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

### TROOP D LOG BROOKLYN

**Jan. 1**  
Hunter Collins, 22, of 383 South Street, Brooklyn, was charged with disorderly conduct and assault in the 3rd degree.

#### DANIELSON

**Jan. 2**  
William Warren Bist, 42 of 52 Academy Street, Apt. D, Danielson was charged with violation of parole.

**Jan. 3**  
Tyler Clifton Brown, 37, of 6 Windham Landing, Danielson, was charged with disorderly conduct and assault in the 3rd degree.

### PUTNAM POLICE DEPARTMENT

**Dec. 27**  
Julia Adamec, 25, of 10 Thayer Street, Putnam, was charged with Failure to Drive in Proper Lane

**Dec. 29**  
Ryan Casey, 27, of 50 North Road Putnam, was charged with Traveling Unreasonably Fast, Reckless Driving, Failure to Maintain Lane, Operating Under the Influence of Alcohol/Drugs, Carrying a Firearm while Under the Influence

**Dec. 31**

Mark A. Morin, 46, 160 Woodstock Ave, #3, Putnam, was charged with Criminal Violation of a Protective Order, Disorderly Conduct, Assault 3rd degree.

**Jan. 1**  
Stephanie Willemain, 26, of 28 Sunnyside Ave., Apt #1, Putnam, was charged with Disorderly Conduct

**Jan. 2**  
Isaiah D. Snell, 25, of LKA 68 Smith Street, 2nd Floor, Putnam, was charged with Assault Third Degree, Breach of Peace, Disorderly Conduct


**Jan. 3**  
Jesus Caez III, 32, of 78 Smith Street Putnam, was charged with Breach of Peace

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## Boyd invites all to coffee hours

POMFRET — State Representative Pat Boyd, D – Brooklyn, Eastford, Pomfret, Union, Woodstock, invites residents of the 50th Assembly District to join him for Pre-Session Coffee Hours as he prepares for the 2020 legislative session.

“I cannot do my job effectively unless I hear from constituents about items they support or oppose, suggestions that they have for legislation and feedback on my performance as state representative,” said Boyd. “The best ideas in shaping state government oftentimes come directly from constituents’ suggestions.”

Coffee hours will be held until the 2020 legislative session, which begins Feb. 5. The coffee hour dates and locations are as follows.

Thursday, Jan. 16, 7 p.m., The Vanilla Bean Cafe, 450 Deerfield Road, Pomfret Center.

Saturday, Jan. 18, 2 p.m., Coriander Cafe, 192 Eastford Road, Eastford.

Sunday, Jan. 19, 2 p.m., Traveler’s Restaurant, 1257 Buckley Highway, Union.

Thursday, Jan. 23, 7 p.m., Hank’s Restaurant, the Killingly Room, 520 Providence Road, Brooklyn.


Sunday, Feb. 2, 2 p.m., Sweet Evalina’s Stand, 688 State Route 169, Woodstock.

Residents who cannot attend any of the Pre-Session Coffee Hours can reach out to Boyd with any questions, comments or concerns by e-mailing him at Pat.Boyd@cga.ct.gov

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Bird sightings at the Connecticut Audubon Society Center at Pomfret and Wyndham Land Trust properties for the week of Nov. 12: Carolina Wren, Pileated Woodpecker, Fox Sparrow, Junco, Almanac

Bird sightings at the Connecticut Audubon Society Center at Pomfret and Wyndham Land Trust properties for the week of Dec. 30: Bald Eagle, Northern Harrier, Bluebird, Flicker, Yellow-bellied Sapsucker, White-throated Sparrow, Junco, Song Sparrow, Cowbird, Red-tailed Hawk, Crow, Blue Jay, Canada Geese. Visit ctaudubon.org/pomfret-home

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Reading the morning newspaper is the realist's morning prayer.



George Wilhelm  
Friedrich Hegel



# Good for the stomach

KAREN BUTERA  
FOR THE VILLAGER

DANIELSON — As with every New Year comes many new resolutions of various types. Multiple intentions have to do with diets and getting fit for the New Year. Every year more people go gluten free, and there has also been an increased interest in the Keto diet. It seems that everywhere you go you hear about people that have digestive issues. People are constantly searching the internet to see what they can find to help with this issue. One of the people that falls into that category of better digestive health concerns is Karen Letendra.

“I have always been interested in digestive health and I like to find ways to keep my digestive system healthy,” said Letendra, from Putnam. “I have been looking for a way to improve it.” She used to drink coffee but found it gave her an irritable gut. She decided to drink Kombucha instead and see if that would help. It is a fizzy drink of fermented black and green tea and sugar. The drink originated in Northeast China. Even though New York had one of the first Kombucha bars in America, and Los Angeles has always been very much into the latest health trends, in 2017 Portland had 78 times more Kombucha sales than anywhere else in the country.

“It also contains Scoby, which stands for Symbiotic Colony of Bacteria and Yeast, also known as the ‘mother’ or ‘starter,’” Letendra said.

She related it to the starter for Sourdough bread. She decided to make her own at home and started by researching it. Someone even gave her the Scoby to start the Kombucha.

“It got rid of my nervous energy. Also, the wrenching in my gut went away. Another plus is there are lots of B Vitamins in it. I ended up with lots of energy but it was a calm energy,”



Karen Letendra

Karen Butera photo

Letendra said.

After that she decided to produce it in bulk and sell it. She called the name of her business, ‘Live On Calm-bucha!’ because of how it made her feel. She uses only organic black and green tea with organic cane sugar.

“I wanted to be the first one in the State of Connecticut to sell Kombucha but there is someone else near the other side of the state,” said Letendra.

Once she perfected her recipe she started to work out of a shared kitchen in Windham where she and other

local small food businesses were able to produce their products in a commercially licensed co-op kitchen. She decided to take the plunge and purchased her own building on Providence Street in Putnam. She resides in an upstairs apartment and is currently remodeling the downstairs where she will have a brewery and tap room. There will also be an area where you can enjoy a drink of Live On Calm-bucha on tap or purchase a bottle. Check for updated information on Facebook, Live On Calm-bucha.

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## Quiet Corner's first baby

PUTNAM — Lennox Donte Townes was born at 10:49 a.m. on New Year's Day to parents Sterling and Cassie Townes, from Killingly. Lennox is the couple's fourth child. The healthy baby boy weighed in at 7 pounds 15 ounces and measured 20 inches long. His birth made him the first baby born at Day Kimball Hospital's Burdick Family Birthing Center in 2020 and the first in Northeastern Connecticut in 2020.



## QUEST MARTIAL ARTS



PUTNAM — Grandmaster Mike Bogdanski and Master Kristin Duethorn of Quest Martial Arts announced the awarding of Black Belt ranks. From left, Bogdanski, David May -3rd Dan; Alishia Thompson- 2nd dan; Charlie Caggiano- 1st dan; Gerry Lamontagne - 3rd dan; Duethorn.

## DRAGON

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would give out samples to the student and staff to get their feedback on it.

His next step is to make a recipe book.

“Some people love hot sauces, not matter how hot they are. It is the other people that do not like hot sauce that I want to. I plan to make a recipe book so these people will know how to use it,” said Crane.


His has future plans for his specialty sauces.

“In several years I want to take four sauces to the mass market. I want to be a hot sauce mogul replacing the name brands that are currently in the store,” said Crane.

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Doug Crane of Woodstock, owner of Dragon's Blood Elixir Hot Sauce





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# LeSage is Westview Employee of the Month

DAYVILLE — Jennifer LeSage is Westview Health Care Center's November Employee of the Month for December. LeSage is a Licensed Practical Nurse on the third shift of the skilled nursing facility. This high level of responsibility at this extended hour of night is just one example of how she fills her life to the brim with rewarding actions.

In her time as a Westview staff member, these actions have now been recognized across the organization for a second time; LeSage earning Employee of the Month in 2006 as well. LeSage graduated from Quinebaug Valley Community College's Practical Nurse Education Program (studying at the Windham Regional Technical School satellite location) in January of 2004 and came to Westview by February 2004. LeSage has provided kindhearted care for patients, residents, and families at the Dayville health care center ever since. As a third shift Nurse at Westview, Jen LeSage bears the responsibility of watching over the population of the skilled nursing residence during the overnight hours. In caring for both the patients and their families during these sensitive moments, Jen excels in professionalism, kindness, and dedication.

To work in this setting between the

hours of 11 p.m. and 7 a.m. requires the best of her abilities.

"I am beyond touched to be chosen to be Employee of the Month, as this is a special recognition that so many people deserve at Westview every day. I love my job as it is so rewarding and a privilege to make a difference in the lives of these patients and residents. So many of them, and their families, have made a difference to me and impacted my life. I work with a group of people whom I love and respect, have helped me grow of the years and have made great friendships with them. We have such an amazing group of caring and compassionate staff who make the patients and residents feel like they are all family here at Westview. The great organization here starts with our Administrator David, Director of Nursing Cindy Olsen, our Director of Human Resources Ruth Bentley, and continues down through every role in the building. The departments of Nursing, Therapy, Dietary, Resident Services, Laundry, Maintenance, Business, and Media and Marketing all walk together. This is what makes Westview such an exceptional organization. It makes me so proud to be a part of this place," LeSage said.

"We are so fortunate to have Jen on our amazing third shift team. She



Courtesy photo

Jennifer LeSage

has dedicated her career to helping and caring for others, which is what we are all about here at Westview. Congratulations and thank you to Jen," said Administrator David T. Panteleakos.

## Day Kimball rededicates gift shop

PUTNAM — The Woman's Board of Day Kimball Hospital in partnership with the Putnam Business Association, Putnam Economic and Community Development Office, and Day Kimball Hospital, held a ribbon

cutting ceremony for the re-dedication of the Hospital gift shop on Nov. 19. The Shop, located just through the Visitor's Entrance at Day Kimball Hospital, recently underwent a renovation.

The Shop originally opened in 1951 and has been operated and managed by members of the Woman's Board of Day Kimball Hospital ever since.

"All proceeds from our gift shop go back to the hospital, so it's very exciting to see how our newly renovated gift shop is helping our community by helping the hospital," said Valentine Iamartino, president of the Woman's Board.

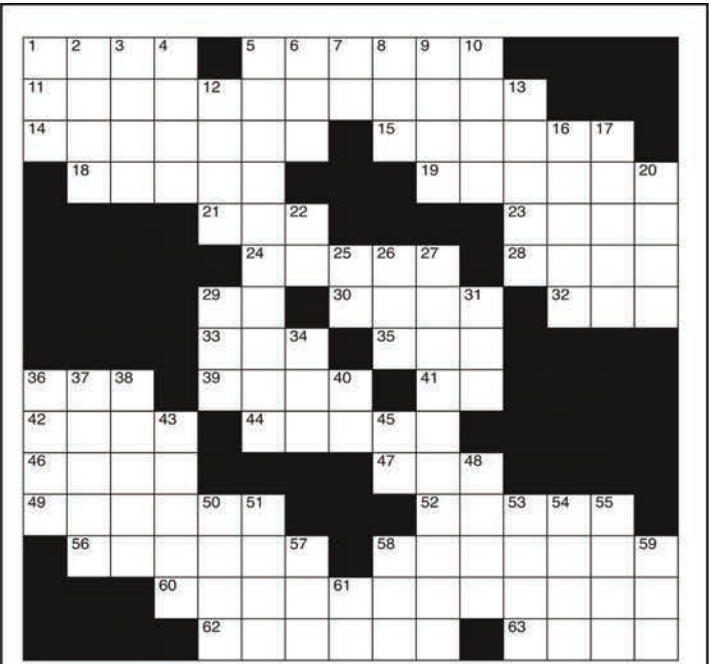
Currently, the Woman's Board is working to fulfill a three-year, \$200,000 pledge, in support of room renovations

to the Hospital's Burdick Family Birthing Center. Most recently, monies were raised to support an updated BabySafe Monitoring System for the Maternal Child Health department located within the Hospital's Birthing Center. At the ceremony, Putnam Business Association Coordinator, Sheila Frost, presented a plaque to The Shop in commemoration of the rededication and in recognition of Day Kimball Healthcare's 125th anniversary.

"I am thrilled to share our

remodeled gift shop with our community," said Iamartino. "It's the best kept secret in Northeast Connecticut. We would love for our community to embrace and use our gift shop as a destination shopping experience."

Sentiments were also shared by Delpha Very, director, Putnam Economic and Community Development Office, Joseph Adiletta, interim president, Day Kimball Healthcare, and State Senator Mae Flexer.



### CLUES ACROSS

1. Beer ingredient

5. Popular FOX TV show

11. Recurring from time to time

14. Criticized severely

15. Musician

18. German urban center

19. Quenched

21. Human gene

23. Indian music

24. Accumulate

28. One who graduated

29. Atomic #109

30. Semitic fertility god

32. Sportscaster Patrick

33. Child's dining accessory

35. Payment (abbr.)
36. Guitarist's tool

39. Dabbling ducks

41. Commercial

42. Style someone's hair

44. Biu-Mandara language

46. Actress Spelling

47. Large hole in the ground

49. One-masted sailboats

52. Tropical Asian plant

56. Concurs

58. Latin term for charity

60. The number below the line in a fraction

62. Reddish browns

63. This (Spanish)

### CLUES DOWN

1. Belong to he

2. One time only

3. Parent-teacher groups

4. Puts in place

5. Editing

6. In the course of

7. Helps injured people (abbr.)

8. OJ trial judge

9. Resist authority (slang)

10. Formerly alkenols

12. "Cheers" actress Perlman

13. Jewelled headdress

16. Viking Age poet

17. Vanuatu island

20. Wish harm upon

22. Unit of length

25. Blood type

26. Drain

27. Do-gooders

29. Advanced degree

31. Business designation
34. Chinese-American actress Ling

36. Performs on stage

37. Slang for money

38. Large Russian pie

40. The Mount Rushmore State

43. Narrow inlet

45. News organization (abbr.)

48. Scarlett's home

50. Micturates

51. Monetary unit

53. Any customary observance or practice

54. Sons of Poseidon

55. Facilitates grocery shopping

57. Standard operating procedure

58. Former OSS

59. Midway between south and southeast

61. The Wolverine State



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From left, Francine Lee, Denise Baum, Kim Lecuyer, Valentine Iamartino, Wanda Mineo, and Joseph Adiletta on Nov. 19 at the gift shop.

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# Tree of Life ceremonies benefit hospice care



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Fourth grade students from Mary Fisher School lead Christmas carols at the lighting of the Tree of Life at St. Joseph's Roman Catholic Church in Thompson.



Carolers at the Tree of Life Ceremony at Davis Park in Danielson.

PUTNAM — Families and friends-gathered on village greens in 11 communities across Northeast Connecticut for Day Kimball Healthcare's 30th annual Tree of Life Ceremony on Dec. 8. This year's community celebration of holiday carols, hope and healing, and lighting of the "Hospice Tree of Life" raised more than \$28,000 to support hospice and palliative care services in the region.

"Tree of Life is one of the most significant fundraising opportunities for the community to support hospice and palliative care services for individuals and families who are in need," said DKH Development Director, Kristen Willis. "Most importantly, the ceremony is a deeply personal way to celebrate a loved one, honor a caregiver, and pay tribute to so many remarkable individuals who have forever left their mark on our community and in our hearts."

The purchase of memorial lights on each community's Tree of Life benefits the work done by Hospice and Palliative Care of Northeastern Connecticut, a service division of Day Kimball Healthcare at Home, to enhance the lives of seriously and terminally ill patients and their families.

"I do this in memory of my wife Ruth, who was admitted to the hospice program in February 2003," said this year's Tree of Life Chairperson, Roger

C. Franklin. "I observed first-hand the most compassionate and caring team of hospice nurses and aides whose amazing skills and professionalism allowed my wife's final days to be experienced pain-free and with a special kind of dignity. And for that reason, the Tree of Life ceremony is an opportunity to not only remember your loved ones who have passed on, but to honor those who continue to provide end of life care."

With the help of local clergy, civic organizations, community members, and Hospice staff and volunteers, ceremonies were held in the towns of Brooklyn, Canterbury, Danielson, Eastford, Griswold, Plainfield, Pomfret, Putnam, Sterling, Thompson and Woodstock. All locations had a tree decorated with colored lights, each bulb representing donations collected in memory of loved ones or honoring caregivers throughout the community. Activities at each location included holiday-themed musical entertainment by local chorus groups and the sharing of personal stories about the impact of hospice and palliative care on the lives of those served, culminating with the lighting of the ceremonial Tree of Life in a single glowing moment.

More information about the event can be found at [www.daykimball.org/TreeofLife](http://www.daykimball.org/TreeofLife).

## TRI-TOWN BASEBALL TEAM HONORED



Valentine lamartino photo

PUTNAM — The Tri-Town American Legion Zone VI champions were honored at the Crossings Restaurant on Nov. 30. The team members and coaches were presented jackets emblematic of the Zone VI championship. Kobe Akana (center, left) and Braden Akana (center right) surrounded teammates, coaches and members of the Executive Committee display the Zone VI championship plaque that was presented by Zone VI Commissioner John Krot.

## HAGSTROM

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Bronze Star winner, Henry Gawle, who was on hand to witness the event. Hagstrom was sponsored in the Post by Legionnaire and U.S. Air Force veteran Marc Coderre, Sr., but never attended a meeting because he's always been on active duty.

"When I was in Afghanistan we raised a new American flag every morning. Members of our unit were given an opportunity to dedicate the flag to a person or group. I felt it was appropriate to recognize my comrades at Post 13 since many of them had been deployed around the world during their service to our country," said SSgt. Hagstrom.

In recognition of Hagstrom's initial meeting with Post members, Post Commander Brian D. Maynard felt it necessary to bring appropriate American Legion protocol to the ceremony. The program was opened with the usual Legion ceremony including the singing of the National Anthem by Post member and U.S. Air Force veteran Maurice "Moe" Coderre.

Putnam Mayor and former Post Commander Norman "Barney" Seney provided the greetings of the community and a proclamation recognizing Hagstrom for his service. American Legion Department Commander Dennis Beauregard offered congratulatory words from all Connecticut Legionnaires.

"Since I've been in American Legion, I've never witnessed a ceremony like this. More Posts around the state should be putting on similar programs. It's especially significant because of SSgt. Hagstrom's presence," said Beauregard.

Hagstrom, who was introduced by Marc Coderre, was eloquent in his words to the audience of 80 in attendance.

"Being a member of the Army Rangers is a special privilege. I'm proud to serve our country. Presenting this flag to the Post members is an honor. I will remember this day for years to come," Hagstrom said.

Maynard surprised Hagstrom by asking 4th District Commander Ronald P. Coderre to perform a formal induction ceremony, officially welcoming Hagstrom into the Post.

"Jesse, thank you for your service to our country. In addition to your family at home and your fellow Rangers in Georgia, you now have comrades here at Post 13. We're all proud and salute you for your accomplishments," said Coderre.

"When I was in the Army, I witnessed firsthand the rigors of the training that Rangers go through. I commend you for all you've done and wish you continued success in your career," Maynard said.



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# LEARNING

## Worster is in Tourtellotte spotlight

THOMPSON — Each month Tourtellotte Memorial High School's Student Spirit Association recognizes a student who demonstrates outstanding achievement, character, leadership, attitude, and contributions to the school and community. January's Spotlight Award goes to junior Lindsey Worster.

Worster was nominated by her peers Maddy Podgorni and Robert Terrell. In Worster's nomination, Terrell described her as a true model of what a leader should look like. He also explained that she leads by example when it's time to get work done.

"She goes out of her way to be nice to everyone," wrote Podgorni in her nomination.

Podgorni also described how Worster attended a leadership conference over the summer in Wisconsin called the World Affairs Seminar. Worster was interviewed among many other applicants and chosen to attend this conference sponsored by the Putnam Rotary Club.

"Some things that motivate me are my family, friends, school, goals, passions, success, accomplishments, opportunities, and so much more," Worster said. "Learn from the past, to live in the present, so you can see your future. I have learned over the past couple years that

every person makes their own decisions whether they be for the better, or for the worse. Knowing that you have control over your actions, which will have a huge impact on your future, is an essential quality that personally motivates me every single day."

Worster is a very devoted student in the classroom and in the school community. She actively participates in extracurricular activities as a class president, a national anthem singer, and a helper with the new unified sports team. She is also a member of the Tourtellotte Student Leadership Team and the Student Council and participates in sports and choir. She volunteers at local events like Thompson Community Day and enjoys volunteering at Thompson Ecumenical Empowerment Group and more. Worster's plans for the future include finishing high school and graduating college with a degree in criminal justice.

"Although I am undecided on a field, my career interests are crime scene investigator, as well as blood spatter analyst," Worster said. "Every day is a new day and a new opportunity. The trials of yesterday are put behind you. Make every day count, and your chances of success will increase."



Lindsey Worster

Courtesy photo

## Barnes is Putnam Teacher of the Year

PUTNAM —Mrs. Tiffany Barnes was honored as Putnam's 2020 Teacher of the Year at a ceremony in Hartford on Dec. 4. Barnes has a Bachelor of Science degree in Human Development and Family Studies from the University of Connecticut. She also has earned a Master's Degree in Early Childhood Education from Eastern Connecticut State University. She has proudly taught Grade 2 at Putnam Elementary School since 2009. During her tenure at the elementary school, Mrs. Barnes has held leadership roles as a PBIS Tier 2 Coach and Second Grade Team Leader. Mrs. Barnes is also a Connecticut Team Mentor and a Trainer for teachers who want to become mentors for new teachers. Mrs. Barnes participates in UConn's Project LYFT, a program to identify and provide enrichment opportunities for gifted students.

"Mrs. Barnes is an outstanding teacher! She serves as a wonderful example of how creating relationships with young children benefits them academically to achieve to their highest potential! Mrs. Barnes is a true teacher's leader and we are thrilled to be honoring her as Putnam Teacher of the Year," said Principal Kate Colavecchio,



Tiffany Barnes Putnam Teacher of the Year

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## Putnam student in ACT dance showcase

PUTNAM — Sara Ramos, from Putnam, will be among the performers as EASTCONN's Arts at the Capitol Theater presents "Inspired: Student Dance Showcase 2020" on Friday and Saturday, Jan. 10 and 11.

Performance are at 7 p.m. on the Capitol Theater's main stage, 896 Main St., Willimantic. This family-friendly, annual dance performance is open to the public. The evening will feature a variety of original solo, duet and group performances choreographed by student dance majors at ACT. ACT will also welcome special guest artist and alumni Yasmine Aumaree (Class of 2019).

In preparing for Inspired, students reflected on different inspirations for their work. Through a range of dance genres - jazz, hip-hop, ballet and contemporary - students will portray elements of freedom and acceptance, self-recognition, peace found in nature, the journey of recovery and more.

ACT students performing in Inspired include seniors Madison Nelson (Windsor), Lia Casadei (Windham), India Harper (New London) and Tiani Gardner (Norwich). Juniors include Sara Ramos (Putnam), Joseph Volkerts (New London), Arina Hagist (Stafford Springs), Emily Hannaford (Stafford Springs), Lea Duval (Plainfield), Alexa Chapman (Marlborough) and Ayana Stewart (Willimantic). Sophomores include Dominick Burrel (New London) and Ariana Sandi (Norwich).

To reserve tickets, call the Capitol Theater Box Office at (860) 465-5636 or visit the Box Office one hour prior to show time for walk-up ticket sales. ACT is a public, performing arts magnet high school administered by EASTCONN. ACT is currently recruiting academically motivated students who will enter grades 9-12 in the 2020-2021 school year. To learn more about ACT or to download an application, visit [www.eastconn.org/act](http://www.eastconn.org/act) or call (860) 465-5636.

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# Wyndham Land Trust celebrates end of year

POMFRET — The Winter Solstice gathering to celebrate the shortest day of the year is a Wyndham Land Trust tradition. This year members, volunteers, and friends gathered at the Lyon Preserve in Pomfret to enjoy the crisp winter air in the open grassland fields, while roasting chestnuts on an open fire and sampling coffee and hot chocolate. A chorus of Barred Owls hooted throughout the event, as if to thank the land trust for protecting their habitat for another year. The gathering allowed reflection on the past year, and the land trust had much to celebrate during 2019.

George Jackson, a founding member of the Wyndham Land Trust, and Ben Williams, long-time board member, both stepped down after over 40 years of service. To honor their years of dedication, the land trust installed granite benches at separate preserves in Pomfret. Jackson's bench at the Aicher Preserve recognizes his place among the founders of the land trust; Williams's bench at the Lyon Preserve recognizes his passion for butterflies.

Earlier in the year the Wyndham Land Trust achieved accreditation with the Land Trust Alliance after completing a rigorous application. Land trust accreditation is a mark of distinction, showing that a land trust meets high standards for land conservation. Accreditation sends a message to landowners and supporters that the land trust is a strong, effective organization that can be trusted to conserve land forever.

The Wyndham Land Trust acquired properties in 2019 in Woodstock, Canterbury, and Thompson, and it now owns over 4,000 acres of protected land spread across the 10 towns of north-



A new bench at a Wyndham Land Trust preserve

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eastern Connecticut. This includes the Bull Hill Project in Thompson and Woodstock, that now covers over 1,000 acres in a large unbroken forested block. All of their preserves are open to the public to enjoy, and the most walk-

able properties are described on the land trust web site. The land trust continues to work to preserve critical open spaces, forests, and wildlife habitat in the Quiet Corner and already has land acquisition proj-

ects in the pipeline for 2020. More about the organization is at [www.wyndham-landtrust.org](http://www.wyndham-landtrust.org) and on their Facebook page.

# Day Kimball Hospital low in readmissions



Day Kimball Hospital

Courtesy photo

PUTNAM — Day Kimball Hospital has learned that among the 26 Connecticut hospitals facing Medicare penal-

ties for high 30-day readmission rates, it has the 5th lowest hospital-wide, 30-day readmission rate in the state according

to a recent U.S. Department of Health and Human Services' Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services report.

The CMS Hospital Readmission Reduction Program was established in 2012 as part of the Affordable Care Act and evaluates U.S. hospitals annually on rates of 30-day readmission among Medicare fee-for-service beneficiaries. Financial penalties are imposed on hospitals for excess readmissions when compared to expected levels of readmissions. The current results assess readmission rates from 2015-2018 for six common medical and surgical conditions: heart attack, heart failure, chronic lung disease, pneumonia, coronary bypass surgery and total joint replacements. Nationally, 83 percent of hospitals evaluated by this program were penalized, with penalties averaging 0.7 percent of Medicare reimbursement, up to 3 percent.

Day Kimball Hospital's current rate is 0.15%, a 0.49% decrease from the previous year.

"This is a testament to the dedication of our care team who strive to ensure that patient care is successfully managed across the continuum," said Day Kimball Healthcare's

Chief Medical Officer and Vice President of Medical Affairs and Quality, John Graham, MD. "Our commitment to quality, patient safety, and high reliability is a top priority at Day Kimball Healthcare," he said.

Through the Connecticut Hospital Association Day Kimball participates in the Hospital Improvement Innovation Network, a national initiative funded by the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services that aims to, in part, reduce 30-day hospital readmissions.

"Preventing readmissions is a complex issue that involves hospitals, physicians, and other care providers who manage patient care, as well as patients and their families. Day Kimball remains proactive in this area through various initiatives including a focus on care transitions from hospital to home, enhanced readmission protocols, and addressing social determinants of health which can also contribute to readmissions," said Dr. Graham.

# Christmas at Westview Health Care Center

DAYVILLE — Westview Health Care Center patients, residents, volunteers, and staff displayed marvelous festive ability on Christmas Eve. An annually-evolving collection of decorations run up and down the hallways, and the staff becomes part of the ornamentation as well. Mistletoe-dangling headbands, candy-striped socks, and Christmas-themed scrubs are as prevalent as lab coats during the holiday week at Westview.

"I just love this place! They are all so wonderful and really make a loving home for all of us here at Westview. We are all one big family," said Lorraine Salvas, a resident at Westview.

The patients and residents are given opportunities to wear their jolliest attire, and it's always a surprise to see how many of them have perfect Christmas party outfits in their wardrobe. The loyal volunteers who help to facilitate with events like this throughout the year

additionally don their merry apparel for this Christmas party, and all of this festive fashion is for a good reason: everyone wants to look their best when the Santa arrives.

The party begins with an assembly in the formal dining room, in the corner, a 14-foot Christmas tree covered in multicolor lights illuminates the activity. At its base sits a large stack of presents, each wrapped in varying patterns of paper and ribbon. These gifts are sought out by Westview's Therapeutic Recreation Department as a Secret Santa drive among the facility's employees.

Therapeutic Recreation Director Louise Taylor, and her associates Vicki Ericson and Genevieve Dubois, fine tune the list for gifts dedicated to each and every patient and resident. Each present is given as Santa makes his way to each patient and resident to hand-deliver a gift with their name on it.



Santa (George Gilkenson) and Lorraine Salvas

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## Bag it

No matter how good my intention, I forget to bring the bags about half the time. I'm taking longer to adjust than I should to the requirement to bring one's own bags to the grocery store. I'm not alone. Often either the person in front of me or the one behind has made the same error. For the new year, I am determined to step up my game as a recycler.

I'm old enough to have witnessed first-hand radical changes in behavior. When I was growing up, every restaurant was enveloped in a cloud of smoke. Both of my parents smoked and always seemed to light up inside the car with the windows closed. Meetings at work were held around big conference tables with ashtrays at every seat. One of my medical doctors always had a pack in her front pocket. Then, it stopped. It took a while, but in general cigarette smoking ceased.

In his twenties, my husband served in the Connecticut House of Representatives. He represented seven towns. One included Glass Container Corporation, a major employer in the area. The "bottle bill" was proposed to add a five-cent fee on carbonated beverages (beer and soda) and non-carbonated water. Many of his constituents vehemently opposed the legislation. He was torn. The bill passed. I walk often along state and town roads. I see few redeemable bottles or cans. I do see many nips containers. If the small bottles carried a fee, they would be recycled too.

Most of us rely on private wells for water, so it is ingrained to turn off the tap rather than let it run. I've always viewed a garden hose as a real luxury. I choose the lower water settings for appliances and let Mother Nature wash the cars. We don't have teenagers in residence taking long showers, so I feel okay about conserving water.

Not so good however on the food waste front. My husband and I cook a lot. He makes the fancy stuff and I keep us alive. Despite our swirling spatulas many items get tossed. Greens turn slimy overnight and dairy products hit the sell-by date before I remember I've bought them. I peel plenty of vegetables, drink copious amounts of coffee and tea, so I plan to get with it and begin to compost again, something I did years ago.

Clothes are fairly easy to recycle. I give mine to a friend, who has a niece my size, or to the ARC. My husband offers his first to his sons-in-law, who fortunately get a kick out of his cast-offs. Our grandchildren are the recipients of piles of wonderful things that have often been worn very little.

I like mittens and found a place that makes beauties from old sweaters. They are thick and warm and hard to loose.

The grocery bags remain a problem. If I remember to bring them to the supermarket, I forget to bring them into Target. If I buy a nice insulated bag, I fail to cart it in when buying ice cream, but have it with me when I'm buying paper products that are sold in giant quantities. The pretty ones get meat juice in the seams, while I overflow the paper bags and watch them rip wide open. It makes me appreciate the skills of the cheerful baggers at the market.

I'm ready to change my habits to make a difference, no matter how small. As New Englanders it's our natural inclination to hold back, make things last and use or reuse what we can. Imagine the innovations recycling will inspire.



NANCY WEISS

## LETTERS POLICY

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# OPINION

Opinion and commentary from the Quiet Corner

## LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

### Killingly grad calls for Muscara’s resignation

I try avoiding partisanship, preferring to judge arguments and situations on their logical merits. I say this as, concerning the current controversies of the Killingly Board of Education, the facts present a single best course forward, and, regardless of one's political affiliations. Disregarding the Killingly mascot affair, which is on course to be resolved regardless of his membership, one thing is clear: for the good of the students — especially after the dust settles — Jason Muscara must resign from the Board of Education.

Counting the contracting period as I was graduating in 2015, my time at Killingly High School saw three principals come and go. That controversy and lack of stability at the school-wide level had a palpable effect on those who truly matter when debating education policy: the staff and students. Yet, this is worse; the tension Jason brings to the Board and the dialogue surrounding it is district-wide. Changes can, and should, be made to the district, but a general steadiness and confidence is always required.

I believe Jason when he says he didn't know he was in a hate group. That's in the past, and it is admirable that he left when he discovered the group's true colors.

### Impeachment is a circus

I'm not at all surprised about what has so far happened with this impeachment circus. President Donald Trump being impeached by a democratic led house was something I expected. As it occurred, I painfully listened to a bunch of these chest pounding democratic politicians who (one after the other) said little more than they "had to do this to prevent what our founding fathers could have feared happening." And almost like being told what to say, they went on to add how the founding fathers would be so proud of them for protecting the United States Constitution and that Donald Trump is the deserved bad guy. Now these Pelosi pawns are crying for the abolishment of the electoral college, but wasn't it those same founding fathers — who these hypocrites are now so concerned about — that established it? Those founding fathers must be spinning in their graves in disgust with them, and with all the other still

### Happy New Year

Alas! It is the New Year! What a wonderful and blessed Christmas, eh? The USMCA is about to be approved.... the New Year is off to a fine start! Iran got the smackdown they deserve....yes! By President Trump! And Ricky Gervais spoke up at the Golden Globes putting the entire audience in their places. Entire world-wide. Comedy at its finest, thanks God for the 1st Amendment in our great country!

God bless our troops heading to the mid-east.....thankfully, our President thought ahead and bolstered our military to support them. Packing away the ever-growing sen-

### Only Congress should take us to war

No one man should have the power to take his people into war. Only the people's Congress should.

John Madison wrote in a letter to Thomas Jefferson: "The constitution supposes, what the History of all governments demonstrates, that the Executive is the branch of power most interested in war, and most prone to it. It has, accordingly, with studied care, vested the question of war in the Legislature."

Article I, Section 8, Clause 11 of the Constitution says "Congress shall have power to ... declare War." That power is not given to the Executive in Article II.

The War Powers Act, Section 2, 1973 says: "The constitutional powers of the President as Commander-in-Chief to introduce United States Armed Forces into hostilities, or into situations where imminent involvement in hostilities is clearly indicated by the circumstances, are exercised only pursuant to (1) a declaration of war, (2) specific statutory authorization, or (3) a national emergency created by attack upon the United States, its territories or possessions, or its armed forces."

In response to 9/11, Congress passed the Authorization For Use of United States Armed Forces against "those nations, organizations, or persons he determines planned, authorized, committed, or aided the terrorist attacks that occurred on September 11, 2001,

### No fan of Trump

Once again I have to ask, "Who's side is Our President on?" Now he's touting Putin's railing against the impeachment. When will Trump and his followers realize that Russia is our foremost and prime Enemy? They have been since WWII. We have been fighting proxy wars against Russia almost continuously. In reality, the Cold War never ended, which has cost us trillions of dollars

Presently, however, the tension his position on the Board breeds is unsustainable and not healthy in any way for the district; nothing Jason can possibly say or do can remove that albatross from himself, and consequently, from the Board.

Jason, this isn't about "letting them win" anymore. That's impossible. Your replacement would be another Republican, not even possibly a Democrat, and the mascot debate, by the time of your departure, will be over. If it somehow comes up again, your Republican replacement will deal with it. You proved your point. You won. The present affair at hand, governing and improving the system, is about the students now.

The controversy surrounding you will only continue, indefinitely, to bring pain, instability, and mistrust, and four years of that will prove toxic to most everyone. The truest mark of dedication to the students you were elected to advocate for and improve the education of, at this point, would be relieving them of it all while it's early.

ALEXANDER GREY  
DANIELSON

sore (Hillary Clinton) losers who also want to see an end to the electoral college. Since the popular vote was first recorded (in 1824), there have been only four Presidents (other than Trump) who lost the popular vote. What is not surprising however was that I couldn't find any evidence of the disgruntled servile clamoring for the end of the electoral college as a result of it, that's of course until Donald Trump became President. And then there are those who will question and debate any of Mr. Trump's accomplishments. However, his greatest and best accomplishment was keeping Hillary Clinton out of the White House — via an electoral college victory! So kids, cry on all you want but let our founding fathers rest in peace because they had a much greater vision than you ever will.

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timental ornaments of Christmas, I got the opportunity to experience my many gifts over the years. I am so thankful for this safe place I call home, good water, good food..... everything I need! Hence, an attitude of gratitude is really what we all need. It is said to improve overall health, reduce anxiety and produce a feeling of contentment, thus reducing negative stress. Sounds good to me!

Anywho, wishing you, an awesome new year of life ahead!

TAMI JO WYKES  
BROOKLYN

or harbored such organizations or persons." General Soleimani had nothing to do with the 9/11 attack. President Trump's unilateral assassination of him, without authorization by Congress, violates the letter and spirit of all the above laws about the power to go to war.

Sen. Bernie Sanders and Rep. Ro Khanna (D-Calif.) have introduced legislation that would block funding for any offensive military force in or against Iran without prior congressional authorization. House Speaker Nancy Pelosi is introducing a resolution that "reasserts Congress's long-established oversight responsibilities by mandating that if no further Congressional action is taken, the Administration's military hostilities with regard to Iran cease within 30 days."

For a half century, the Congresses have dodged their duty to decide whether or not people's lives and taxes should be risked. The executive has continually expanded its power, without resistance. It is time for us to demand that Congress do its job. You can phone Pelosi at (202) 225-4965, Majority Leader Senator Mitch McConnell at (202) 224-2541, and your three Connecticut representatives with one call at (844) USA-0234.

JOCK MCCLELLAN  
WOODSTOCK

and thousands of lives. But Trump still uses Putin as a cheerleader.

These facts are so blatant that one almost has to come to the conclusion that Trump and his supporters, by not seeing Russia as our enemy, are not patriots but co-conspirators in a war against the United States. I just don't get it how intelligent and religious

## Retirement at different stages of life



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Weiss, Hale & Zahansky Strategic Wealth Advisors is committed to empowering our community to Live Well TM. This week, we will continue to share unique strategies to help you meet your financial life goals for this year. One goal that is important for everyone at every stage is planning for retirement. Throughout your career, retirement planning will likely be one of the most important components of your overall financial plan. Whether you have just graduated and accepted your first job, starting a family, enjoying your peak earning years, or preparing to retire, your employer-sponsored retirement plan can play a key role in your financial strategies.

How should you view and manage your retirement savings plan through various life stages? Following are some key points to consider.

Just starting out: If you are a young adult just starting your first job, chances are you face a number of different challenges. College loans, rent, and car payments all may be competing for your hard-earned yet still entry-level paycheck. How can you even consider setting aside money in your employer-sponsored retirement plan now? After all, retirement is decades away — you have plenty of time, right?

Before you answer, consider this: The decades ahead of you can be your greatest advantage. Through the power of compounding, you can put time to work for you. Compounding happens when your plan contribution dollars earn returns that are then reinvested back into your account, potentially earning returns themselves. Over time, the process can snowball.

Say at age 20, you begin investing \$3,000 each year for retirement. At age 65, you would have invested \$135,000. If you assume a 6% average annual return, you would have accumulated a total of \$638,231 by age 65. However, if you wait until age 45 to begin investing that \$3,000 annually and earn the same 6% return, by age 65 you would have invested \$60,000 and accumulated a total \$110,357. Even though you would have invested \$75,000 more by starting earlier, you would have accumulated more than half a million dollars more overall.

That's the power you have as a young investor — the power of time and compounding. If you can't afford to contribute \$3,000 a year (\$250/month) to your plan, remember that even small amounts can add up through compounding. So, enroll in your plan and contribute whatever you can, and then try to increase your contribution amount by a percentage point or two every year until you hit your plan's maximum contribution limit. As debts are paid off and your salarincreases, redirect a portion of those extra dollars into your plan. Finally, time offers an additional benefit to young adults — the potential to withstand stronger short-term losses in order to pursue higher long-term gains. That means you may be able to invest more aggressively than your older colleagues, placing a larger portion of your portfolio in stocks to strive for higher long-term returns.

Getting married and starting a family: You will likely face even more obligations when you marry and start a family. Mortgage pay-



# Local women fought for right to vote in 1920

Before Christmas Dave Dorion sent an e-mail in response to my tidbit that in December 1917 a local war bureau had been formed. “I noticed that one of the members of the War Bureau executive committee was N. Lorne Greig from Dayville. My mom mentioned in her memoir that Lorne Greig was the manager of the Asswaga Mill. Mr. Greig and his wife had an interesting relationship with my mother’s family, even though her dad’s position was what I imagine was a very lower level management position, overseer of the picking room. He did have a tremendous sense of humor and was self-educated through correspondence courses. (Dave’s mother wrote in her memoirs), ‘The owners of the Assawaga Co. were a family named Park from Hanover, Connecticut. Their son-in-law, Lorne Greig, was the manager. The Greigs were fond of my parents. They had no children and were very good to my sister and me. There were always beautiful gifts from them at Christmas. I loved to visit their home. They were wealthy, and the house had such nice things like Oriental rugs, hand-carved furniture, gold-trimmed china, cut glass, etc. A bit different from our humble home with oak furniture, brass beds, and Tiffany lamps. Dad was often called on to chauffeur for the Greigs. Mr. Greig did not like to drive any great distance. And often times Mrs. Greig would vacation alone in the White Mountains or Groton Long Point. When Dad drove Mrs. Greig on these vacations, he had his vacation also, all expenses paid.’”

I thought I’d give you a quick glimpse of the excitement in Danielsonville from a previous January, that of 1890. How wonderful it must have been to see the new gas and electric lights that were appearing in the area. The January 8 Windham County Transcript had the following: “‘Let there be light!’ This will be the order of the Electric Light company this week, and unless unforeseen difficulties prevent, on Thursday night our citizens will see the advent of the electric light in our village”. The January 22nd Transcript reported, “W. H. Hamilton has the satisfaction of having the first electric lights in this village. Last evening he had several incandescent lights shining forth in his office. He has established a plant of his own, having an incandescent 8-light dynamo, the machine being shunt wound.

Sufficient power is supplied from the engine in the office.” (His electricity was not connected to the main grid, which apparently experienced some delays).

Gas lighting, however, was being utilized to illuminate streets of the Borough. “The Warden and Court of Burgesses have released the Globe Gas Company from further service in lighting the streets, and the Electric Light company now have the matter in charge. Several stores were lighted by gas last week, and the inauguration of gas-lighting of the village was very successful, universal commendation being expressed at the excellent quality of the gas. Silas Hyde’s residence was the first one in the village to be lighted with ‘city gas’, which fact was the occasion of Mr. and Mrs. Hyde receiving numerous callers Thursday evening. Charles Winkelman’s store was also lighted the same evening, the first store we hear.” (WCT 1/9/1890).

In fact, it was not until the February 5, 1890 Transcript that success with electric lighting was reported, “After a series of unavoidable disappointments the officer in command of the machinery at the Electric Light works Thursday evening gave the command, ‘Let there be light,’ and a subtle, intangible force went over the wires in this village and instantly our beautiful valley was brilliantly illuminated—hundreds of voices ringing out compliments for the success of the new light. ‘How beautiful!’ ‘Better than we expected.’ What a great way to begin a new decade and a new era. May I never take electric lights for granted!

This year, 2020, marks the 100th anniversary of a landmark in women’s history for women at last gained the right to vote in all elections, not just those for school board. Women’s suffrage had faced a long and difficult struggle, and had involved many individuals including a number from Northeastern Connecticut. I have already come across two prominent women who played leading roles in Connecticut’s battle for enfranchisement — Marinda C. Robinson, wife of Dr. Rienzi Robinson,



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of Danielson and Rosamund Danielson of Putnam. I know there are others.

I initially learned Marinda Robinson’s involvement with women’s suffrage when I came across her obituary in the Robinson files at the Killingly Historical Center while searching a Robinson query. “Funeral services for Mrs. Marinda Catherine Butler Robinson, widow of Dr. Rienzi Robinson, who died last week at St. Helena, Calif., will be held Saturday afternoon... Mrs. Robinson was a resident of Danielson for a long period and was prominent here in social, reform and uplift movements. She was active in the campaign for woman suffrage and an advocate of physical culture for girls. She was also deeply interested in the library, especially the children’s department, to which she gave many books and pictures...Born at Hudson, N.Y., in 1848, Mrs. Robinson spent much of her girlhood in New Haven. On February 22, 1894, she was married at Hudson to Dr. Robinson, who for more than fifty years was one of the most prominent medical practitioners in this section...(May 31, 1928, paper not specified, probably Windham County Transcript).

According to Allen B. Lincoln’s A Modern History of Windham County, Connecticut, The Danielson Equal Franchise League was formed in 1913 with Marinda Robinson as its first president (p. 809. Chapter XXVIII).

Mrs. Robinson (as she was almost always labeled in articles) travelled extensively and was very interested in what the suffragists were doing in other parts of the country. “Writing from Augusta, Ga., Mrs. Rienzi Robinson of Danielson tells of the interesting suffrage meeting held in that city as follows: ‘One of the great advantages is of travel is the opportunity it gives for learning the mode of thought and action of other people and of measuring up to our own milestones...There is not a reform in the north that has not bitten deeply into the soul of the south. When we arrived Jan. 7 in this old conservative city of Georgia, the first thing I heard of was a debate held the previous

evening on woman suffrage under the auspices of the Augusta Equal Suffrage Party, participated in by the most prominent Augustans and contributed to by four of Augusta’s most brilliant legal men. The first speaker against suffrage said he was ‘told that old anti-suffrage was going to die, the death rattles were in her throat and she needed somebody to stand by and administer an opiate to make her die in peace.’

Marinda Robinson found the remarks by Lawton B. Evans, whom she labeled one of the brightest legal men in Augusta, to be especially clear-cut and compelling. He said, “‘I am under the impression that women are tired of this talk about the holy mission of motherhood, as if motherhood were any more sacred than fatherhood, and as for this talk about the home sphere, I think a man belongs at home just about as much as a woman does. It is time for us to get down to the issue, and consider women for their real values as sensible creatures and citizens of our country...A woman is a citizen and amenable to the laws and she pays taxes on her property, and she is punished for crime, she is subject to all the laws and protected by them. Men make all the laws regulating her conduct, her duties, her rights and her liberties, and she is not allowed to say a word one way or the other...” (Norwich Bulletin, Tuesday, February 8, 1916, p. 10 from Newspapers.com).

If you have a relative who was active in the women’s suffrage movement in Connecticut, please e-mail me or contact the Killingly Historical & Genealogical Center so I can include her in a future article.

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## TRUMP

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people can be behind this malignant narcissist.

Yes, that is what he his. Over 800 mental health professionals have signed letters to Congress attesting to this diagnosis. And no, they didn’t have to have Trump on the couch for many hours to come to this conclusion. Trump has provided overwhelming evidence to this diagnosis through his daily puerile tweets. Like the impeachment evidence, Trump has manifested this conclusion himself. I give you as reference an article by Dr. Brandy X. Lee at Rawstory.com.

A malignant narcissist has the characteristics of pathological liar, contract breaker, high roller, sexual narcissist, blame-gamer, violent narcissist, controller/manipulator, substance abuser, sadist, rager, brain-

washer, risk-taking thrill seeker, paranoid, image maker, and lacking empathy. For those of us who refuse to join the Trump cult, these characteristics are all too obvious, and being so, scares the stuff out of us about the actions they predict.

Now this thing in Iran and killing Qassem Souleimani. Yes, he was a bad person and has wrought considerable damage to the US and to other Arab countries. And the world probably is better off without him. But taking him out is a huge risk that I cannot believe Trump ever thought through. I’ve read that this might work out for Trump if Iran backs down or takes a long time reacting. But Iran, like America, is filled with proud people, with a strong national and cultural identity. And they have threatened retaliation on the US homeland.

And don’t forget one minor item in the situation. Iran has the fourth largest navy in the world. They have 398

vessels located in the very small area of the Gulf of Oman and the Straights of Hormuz, through which 1/3 of the world’s oil passes. They can severely disrupt the world’s oil market without doing anything directly against the US. When we have \$5-\$6-\$7 gas, don’t blame the Iranians. This will have been brought on by Trump alone.

Trump has said that he is ready to destroy 52 locations including those comprising cultural locations. The 1954 Hague Convention has classified destruction of cultural items and properties to be a war crime. Trump has also said that any retaliation against the US will be met with disproportionate response. Under the Geneva Conventions of War, this also constitutes a war crime. Our President must be above being a war criminal or even threatening war crimes. This guy is just incredibly stupid.

And one final item. Before the 2012 presidential election, when former

President Barack Obama was running for reelection, Donald Trump issued several warnings — among them, that Obama would start a war with Iran in order to win reelection. To quote a video taken in his office in the Trump Tower in November 2011: “Our president will start a war with Iran because he has absolutely no ability to negotiate. He’s weak and he’s ineffective, so the only way he figures that he’s going to get reelected, and as sure as you’re sitting there, is to start a war with Iran.” Obama did not start such a war. But, at least, that’s one Trump prediction that might yet be right. Sorry us.

BTW, Kudos to Messer’s Cassettari, Patrie, Sweetnam, McClellan, and Day for last week’s right-on OpEd letters.

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## HALE

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ments, higher grocery and gas bills, child-care and youth sports expenses, family vacations, college savings contributions, home repairs and maintenance, dry cleaning, and health-care costs all compete for your money. At this stage of life, the list of monthly expenses seems endless.

Although it can be tempting to cut your retirement savings plan contributions to make ends meet, do your best to resist temptation and stay diligent. Your retirement needs to be a high priority.

Are you thinking about taking time off to raise children? That is an important and often beneficial decision for many families. But it’s a decision that can have a financial impact lasting long into the future.

Leaving the workforce for prolonged periods not only hinders your ability to set aside money for retirement but also may affect the size of any pension or Social Security benefits you receive down the road. If you think you might take a break from work to raise a family, consider temporarily increasing your plan contributions before you leave and after you return to help make up for the lost time and savings. Or perhaps your spouse could increase his or her contributions while you take time off.

Lastly, while you’re still approximately 20 to 30 years away from retirement, you have decades to ride out market swings. That means you may still be able to invest relatively aggressively in your plan. But be sure you fully reassess your ability to withstand investment risk before making any decisions.

Reaching your peak earning years: The latter stage of your career can

bring a wide variety of challenges and opportunities. Older children typically come with bigger expenses. College bills may be making their way to your mailbox or inbox. You may find yourself having to take time off unexpectedly to care for aging parents, a spouse, or even yourself. As your body begins to exhibit the effects of a life well lived, health-care expenses begin to eat up a larger portion of your budget. And those pesky home and car repairs never seem to go away.

On the other hand, with 20+ years of work experience behind you, you could be reaping the benefits of the highest salary you’ve ever earned.

With more income at your disposal, now may be an ideal time to kick your retirement savings plan into high gear. If you’re age 50 or older, you may be able to take advantage of catch-up contributions, which allow you to contribute up to \$26,000 to your employer-sponsored plan in 2020 (up from \$25,000 in 2019), versus a maximum of \$19,500 for most everyone else (\$19,000 in 2019).

In addition, if you haven’t yet met with a financial professional, now may be a good time to do so. A financial professional can help you refine your savings goal and investment allocations, as well as help you plan ahead for the next stage.

Preparing to retire: With just a few short years until you celebrate the major step into retirement, it’s time to begin thinking about when and how you will begin drawing down your retirement plan assets. You might also want to adjust your investment allocations with an eye towards asset protection (although it’s still important to pursue a bit of growth to keep up with the rising cost of living). A financial professional can become a very important ally in helping to address the various decisions you will face at

this important juncture.

At Weiss, Hale & Zahansky Strategic Wealth Advisors, we discuss topics such as, health care needs and costs, as well as retiree health insurance, income-producing investment vehicles, tax rates and living expenses in your desired retirement location, part-time work or other sources of additional income, and estate planning, with clients who are preparing to retire in the near future.

You’ll also want to familiarize yourself with required minimum distributions (RMDs). The IRS requires that you begin drawing down your retirement plan assets by April 1 of the year following the year you reach age 70½. If you continue to work for your employer past age 70½, you may delay RMDs from that plan until the year following your actual retirement.

Other considerations: Throughout your career, you may face other important decisions involving your retirement savings plan. For example, if your plan provides for Roth contributions, you’ll want to review the differences between these and traditional pre-tax contributions to determine the best strategy for your situation. While pre-tax contributions offer an up-front tax benefit, you’ll have to pay taxes on distributions when you receive them. On the other hand, Roth contributions do not provide an up-front tax benefit, but qualified withdrawals will be tax free. Whether you choose to contribute to a pre-tax account, a Roth account, or both will depend on a number of factors.

At times, you might face a financial difficulty that will tempt you to take a loan or hardship withdrawal from your account if these options are available in your plan. If you find yourself in this situation, consider a loan or hardship withdrawal as a last resort. These moves not only will slow

your retirement saving progress but could have a negative impact on your income tax obligation.

As you make decisions about your plan on the road to retirement, be sure to review it alongside your other savings and investment strategies. While it’s generally not advisable to make frequent changes in your retirement plan investment mix, you will want to review your plan’s portfolio at least once each year and as major events (e.g., marriage, divorce, birth of a child, job change) occur throughout your life.

Retirement is coming; Plan Well: Strategic retirement planning looks different at each life stage. Whether you’re just starting your career or preparing to retire in a few years, your plan should reflect your unique financial life goals. At Weiss, Hale & Zahansky Strategic Wealth Advisors, we work with you to develop a unique and strategic plan to help you meet those financial life goals. You can access weekly market highlights, along with additional information, on our website at [www.whzwealth.com/resources](http://www.whzwealth.com/resources).

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# In 2020, be an encourager

The world already has enough naysayers.

Want to make a positive and profound difference in 2020? Be an encourager of others. There are already too many voices telling us what is wrong with everything from our personal lives to world events. What the world needs is more positive encouragers.

As I've mentioned before, our local school districts are desperate for substitute teachers. There's a shortage of willing substitutes. I can't do it often but jump in when I can. I don't do it for the money. It doesn't pay much, but I do it for the opportunity to stand in front of a classroom of students and provide positive encouragement.

Children and adults alike, all benefit from positive affirmation. Whether it is purposefully provided from an optimistic encourager or not, the kids



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are going to find affirmation somewhere and it's not always positive. "Come on try it ... all the popular kids are doing it" or "come on smoking makes you look older." I can go on and on, but I'm sure you get the picture. Our children are going to be influenced somewhere by someone ... why not you in a positive way? Why not step out this year and make a purposeful effort to be a positive influence in your family, workplace and community?

Last year, I accidentally accepted a substitute teaching job for the day with kindergarteners. I generally only do junior high or older. I misunderstood the assignment, but with encouragement from my wife, I didn't call and cancel.

I headed out to the school and when I arrived was introduced to my teaching assistant for the day. She

immediately lined up the class of the cutest little boys and girls I've ever seen. She pointed to the first in line and loudly said, "This is the one who hides and sucks his thumb. He's too old to act like a baby." She pointed to the next and said, "This little girl never tells the truth, so don't believe anything she says." I was stunned. She pointed to the next little boy, but before she spoke, I interrupted her and said, "Thank you, but I think I'll make my own judgment." I smiled and introduced myself to the class and said, "I am so excited to be here. I have a feeling this is the best kindergarten class I have ever met, and I believe you will be cooperative and well-mannered today. We are going to learn some fun new things, so let's all take a seat and begin."

I spent the day encouraging, complimenting and doing everything I could to uplift and positively affirm these kids. I expected them to be cooperative and well-mannered and

they were. At the end of the day, they didn't want to leave. As one little girl was boarding the bus, she turned and asked, "Why are you so nice?" I said, "Because you deserve it." Her smile made the whole day worthwhile.

I headed back to the room to get my things and the teaching assistant asked, "Are you coming back tomorrow?" I answered that I was not. She said, "Good. These kids don't need someone telling them how good they are. They need someone telling them the truth."

I won't go into detail of how I responded. I certainly told her what I thought about her attempted introduction of the students that morning.

Life can be tough and rarely fair. To shield others from harsh realities doesn't serve them well, but every human will benefit from kindness, encouragement and compassion. You can make a difference in the lives of others by being the conduit of encouragement.

Offer positive input and praise. Your discouragement isn't needed or helpful. The line of those wanting to rain on the parade of others is long and not too distinguished. Everyone has a reason you can't do something and shouldn't try. "What if you fail?" the majority will ask. Why not be the lone and needed voice crying out from the wilderness that asks, "What if you succeed?"

What we focus on is what we make happen. Focus on the negative creates more negativity. I find when I encourage others, I become personally encouraged. Why not make it your personal mission to make a positive difference by being an encourager this year? You can do it.

Where should you start? Begin at home and see what happens. I think you will like the result!

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An alarm pierces the night. Men scramble out of bunks, yank on their clothes and try not to trip over one another as they scurry to battle stations. Officer Mack makes his way toward the control room, adrenaline pumping through his veins. Every soul on the submarine is now in his hands. They have trained for hours just so the next few minutes can go smoothly.

As he steps into the room someone shouts "officer on deck!" With an obligatory salute all soldiers turn their attention to him as he orders, "Set course 180 degrees."

Immediately the Conning Officer says, "Set course 180 degrees."

Then the Helmsman calls out, "Set Course 180 degrees."

As the vessel turns the Helmsman shouts out, "On course, 180 degrees." The Conning Officer responds, "180 degrees, aye."

To watch a scene like this unfold in a group of battle proven men who are under intense pressure is an amazing experience. It is a picture of uncommon unity. Most successful military operations have similar protocols. Many businesses that are engaged in dangerous endeavors and many emergency responders do the same. They listen for a command and then repeat it, to insure that everyone on the team is in complete unity. It is a beautiful thing when everyone cooperates. Lives are saved. Everyone on the team understands that those who give the orders are only human, but more is accomplished through unity than would be accomplished if everyone was making their own judgment calls.

I wonder what would happen in a local church, or in the body of Christ at large, if we adhered to this method of

operation? What if everyone responded to what God said by repeating the same thing? What if every preacher preached what the Bible said instead of their spin on what the Bible said? What if elders in a church accepted direction from their pastor without arguing for their point of view? What if a man could be anointed of the Holy Spirit to preach and the congregation could be anointed to hear, so that when the preacher said something true, the whole congregation would agree and maybe even say, "amen"?

Obviously, the first step toward a world of unity rather than obstruction and internal sabotage, is to come to agreement as to who is in charge. When societies, churches, families or individuals demote God from commanding officer to consultant everything begins to break down. When they begin treating God's Word like a book of proverbs and myths, the enemy quickly gains the upper hand because confusion rules the day.

Truth be told, we are in a war between good and evil, and God is trying to speak into our lives. It is also true that the enemy is always trying to divide the troops, and that he has the legal right to mess with people that are out of order. For example, Jesus was God in flesh, speaking truth and going in the right direction. Judas was off base, but he convinced himself otherwise and ended up betraying Christ and then committing suicide. In contrast, the rest of the disciples, although afraid and confused, did not rebel, but followed to the best of their ability and eventually "turned the world upside down". If the eleven did it, we can do it. It all starts with complete trust in God and those He has called to lead, so we can all live in uncommon unity.

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

# Westfield Church Farmers Market

DANIELSON — Westfield United Congregational church of Danielson held a Farmers Market on Jan. 4. Vendors took advantage of the opportunity to and sell their items and local

residents came out to see what types of fresh items were for sales.

Karen Butera photos



Judy Haines checks out jewelry



From left, Angela Authier, Pam Rodgers and Julie Barton



Shane White with wife Cathy and their granddaughter Willow



Joan Casenelli of Westfield UCC shows a fresh baked cinnamon roll to Amy Palmisciano



Maureen McKeon and Deborah Paddleford with Jody LaSalle



# Courtney votes for local priorities in spending package

WASHINGTON, D.C.—Congressman Joe Courtney (D- Second District, Conn.) voted on Dec. 17 to pass the final negotiated spending packages to fund the government in Fiscal Year 2020. Together, these measures contain several initiatives to support programs and priorities in eastern Connecticut that Congressman Courtney fought for in the bill, and throughout the year-long budget process.

“Passage of a bipartisan appropriations package that avoids a costly

shutdown and keeps America open for business is a clear sign that the House of Representatives is continuing to produce real results for the American people,” said Courtney. “This package makes long-overdue progress on some of my top priorities in Congress, such as repealing the so-called ‘Cadillac Tax’, supporting the ramp-up in submarine construction and investment, and supporting communities in our region facing the crumbling foundations crisis. With passage of these bills, we are

closing the year out strong for eastern Connecticut, and I am proud of the year-long work this measure represents in our first year in the new House majority.”

Throughout the year, the House completed work on 10 of 12 funding measures included in this package, in addition to other legislative measures attached to the final agreement. The Senate, however, passed only four of the 12 funding measures contained in the Dec. 17 legislative package.

Some of Congressman Courtney’s top highlights in the packages include: Region’s Undersea Priorities– The agreement backs Congressman Courtney’s efforts to invest in the growing workload and workforce at the Groton shipyard and its state-wide supply chain, and largely reflects the funding levels authorized in the 2020 Defense Authorization Conference Report he helped pass last week. As

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# Celebrating Christmas at St. Joseph School



St. Joseph School celebrated the Christmas season.

Courtesy photos

NORTH GROSVENORDALE —The Feast of the Epiphany on Jan. 6 marked the formal end of the Christmas season. There was a great deal of events recently celebrated by the members and students of the St. Joseph School community to commemorate the season.

On Friday, Dec. 6, students were

surprised to have their shoes filled with candy courtesy of a secret visit by St. Nicholas on his feast day; he strategically timed his visit while they were at Christmas Show practice. Two days later on Sunday, Dec. 8, well over 200 patrons enjoyed a breakfast with Santa and Mrs. Claus which was followed by another appearance from the

jolly old elf at a special book fair. Both events combined to raise over \$5,000 for the school.

On Monday, Dec. 9, students, faculty, and families came together in the church to mark the Feast of the Immaculate Conception led by Father Steve Gulino, Associate Pastor. The week of Dec. 9 also provided our students to do some shopping of their own for parents, grandparents, and their pets in our annual “Secret Santa” shopping spree.

Friday, Dec. 13, was perhaps the highlight of the season as the students performed in the annual Christmas show, reminding us all for the true reason for the season. At the end of the show, Mr. David Sizemore, Principal of SJS, honored Rocky Navarro with the SJS Carl Charbonneau Memorial Friend Award for his fidelity and service to the mission of SJS. Mr. Navarro has helped SJS in numerous ways over the years, especially in his efforts to assist with fire drills and emergency procedures.

On Wednesday, Dec. 18, students and teachers were able to wear their favorite “Ugly Christmas Sweaters” during the day. In the afternoon, the community gathered in the cafeteria to have cocoa and cookies as well as to watch the classic Christmas special, “The Year Without a Santa Claus.” Finally on Thursday, Dec. 19, the SJS Choir

performed three Christmas songs on a local radio station, including a rendition of “Jingle Bell Rock,” along with “Were You There On That Christmas Night” and “Rocking Around the Christmas Tree.”

“Obviously, the Christmas season is commemorated throughout the world in a variety of ways” said Sizemore. “However, I think how we anticipate the birth of Jesus here at SJS helps our students grasp the importance of why he came into the world to save us all. Even little things like waiting to place the baby Jesus in the manger scene that we have on display until after Christmas reminds students on the importance of patience and waiting—these are vital skills that our young people need to develop at an early age.”

The school’s next breakfast, “Ground Hog Day Breakfast” will take place on Sunday, Feb. 2, from 8:30 a.m. to 11:30 a.m. This day will also serve as the school’s annual open house where prospective Ffamilies can receive guided tours of the school as well as information to either register their students for the remainder of the current school year or for the 2020-21 academic year. In advance of this event, you can contact the school at (860) 923-2090 or you may reach out directly to Sizemore at dsizemore@sjschoolng.com.



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# Elks Lodge hoop shoot

PUTNAM — The Elks Lodge 574 of Putnam held its Hoop Shoot Free Throw Contest for boys and girls ages 8-13 on Jan. 2 at Putnam Middle School's gym. Dennis Golden, from Woodstock, was the Lodge Hoop Shoot Coordinator. The Elks partnered with Willie Bousquet, Director of the Putnam Parks and Recreation Department and Sue Allard, Program Supervisor.

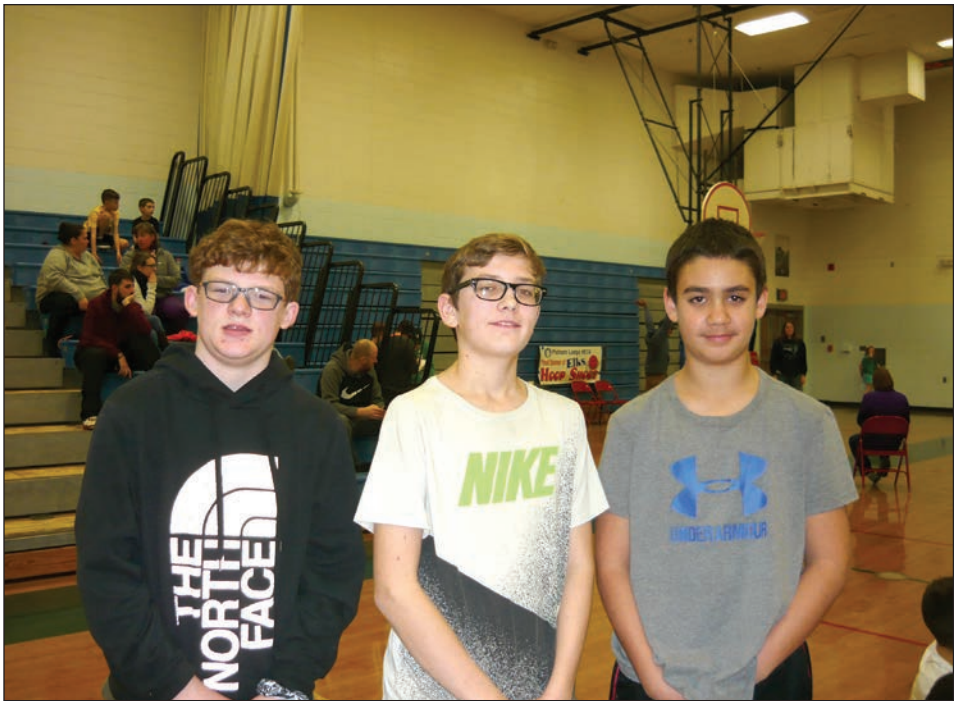
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From left, Carter Murawski, T.J. Espinosa, Jr. and Sidney Silveira



From left, Joseph Gordon, Trevor Lamothe and Jordan Chrzanowski



From left, Jack Seiffert, Jordin Kolek and Ahmyas Cardona



From left, Owen Lefebvre, Robert Dione and Mateo Sanchez



From left, Gavin Mattee, Abdoulaye Mbye and Drew Seiffert



From left, Olivia Sanchez, Nico Sanchez and Aubrey Paquette



Lisa Morissette and Dennis Golden, Lodge Hoop Shoot Coordinator



From left, Brinda Miller, Exalted Ruler of Putnam Lodge 574 and Kim Simmons, keep score



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PUBLIC MEETINGS

BROOKLYN

**Monday, Jan. 13**  
Parks and Recreation, 7 p.m.,  
Clifford B. Green Memorial Center  
**Tuesday, Jan. 14**  
IWWC, 6 p.m., Clifford B. Green  
Memorial Center

KILLINGLY

**Tuesday, Jan. 14**  
Veteran's Coffee House, 9 a.m.,  
Community Center  
Regular Town Council, 7 p.m.  
**Wednesday, Jan. 15**  
Water Pollution Control  
Authority, 5 p.m., 31 Wauregan  
Road, Killingly  
Cable Advisory Committee, 5:30  
p.m.  
KCC Regular, 7 p.m., Room 102

EASTFORD

**Sunday, Jan. 12**  
Recreation Commission, 3 p.m.,  
Town Office Building  
**Tuesday, Jan. 14**  
Planning, 7 p.m., Town Office  
Building  
**Wednesday, Jan. 15**  
Clean Energy Task Force, 7 p.m.,  
Town Office Building

POMFRET

**Monday, Jan. 13**  
Board of Finance, 6:30 p.m.,  
Pomfret Community School  
Conference Room  
Green Team, 7 p.m., Senior Center  
**Tuesday, Jan. 14**  
Economic Planning and  
Development, 8 a.m., Senior Center  
Wednesday, Jan. 15  
Planning and Zoning

Commission, Old Town House

THOMPSON

**Monday, Jan. 13**  
Board of Education, 7 p.m.,  
Thompson Middle School Media  
Center  
Zoning Board of Appeals, 7  
p.m., Town Hall, Merrill Seney  
Community Room  
**Tuesday, Jan. 14**  
Housing Authority Commission,  
5:15 p.m., Housing Authority Office,  
815 Riverside Drive, Thompson  
Inland Wetlands Commission,  
7 p.m., Town Hall, Merrill Seney  
Community Room  
**Wednesday, Jan. 15**  
Tourtellotte Trust Board of  
Trustees, 6 p.m., Library Conference  
Room  
Economic Development  
Commission, 6:30 p.m., Town Hall,  
Merrill Seney Community Room  
**Thursday, Jan. 16**  
Library Board of Trustees, 2 p.m.,  
Library Conference Room  
Board of Finance, 7 p.m., Library  
Community Center

WOODSTOCK

**Monday, Jan. 13**  
Ag Comm., 1 p.m., Room A  
Recreation Commission, 7 p.m.,  
Room C  
**Tuesday, Jan. 14**  
Board of Finance, 7 p.m., Room 1  
**Wednesday, Jan. 15**  
WRTC, 7 p.m., Room A  
**Thursday, Jan. 16**  
Board of Selectmen, 7 p.m., Room  
A  
Planning and Zoning, 7:30 p.m.,  
Room 1

Trees managed at  
Palmer Arboretum

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On Jan. 2 Bartlett  
Tree Experts donated  
its services and  
partnered with  
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sor a day of tree  
service at the arbo-  
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With the land-  
scape being a  
dynamic system  
forest management  
is a long term pro-  
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an indefinite time  
frame. Fast growing  
colonizer species  
such as Ash and Black  
Cherry eventu-  
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growing and shade  
tolerant species like  
Sugar Maple. Proac-  
tive management is  
critical to long term  
success of urban for-  
ests as unintended  
consequences of  
changes to water  
hydrology from site  
development and  
introduction of in-  
vasive species, like  
Emerald Ash Borer,  
affect the health of  
natural landscapes.

At Palmer Arboretum  
examples of this  
occurring is a declin-  
ing stand of White  
Ash being replaced  
by younger Sugar  
Maple trees. Bartlett  
Tree Expert's team  
included Max LaBier,  
Jake Sanderski, Joe  
Dillon and Kristen  
Garritty, joined by  
regional Safety and  
Training Coordinator  
Richard Herfurth.

While sharpening  
both the skill sets  
of its technicians  
and its saws,



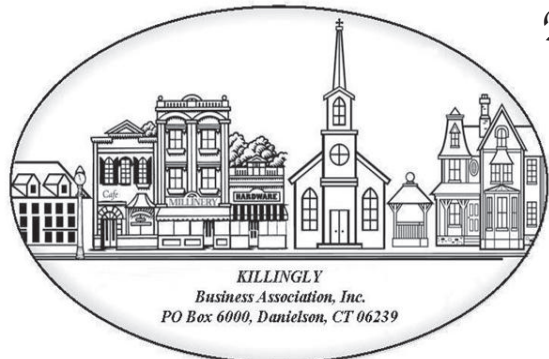
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Technicians from Bartlett Tree Experts manage trees at Palmer Arboretum

Bartlett Tree Experts  
accomplished the  
following three ob-  
jectives: Prune the  
faster growing Amer-  
ican Elm and Crab-  
apple that are encro-  
aching the feature  
cypress grove to in-  
crease available  
sunlight, remove the  
brittle branches on  
a large standing dead  
Cottonwood to re-  
duce risk and pre-  
serve the hollowed  
out trunk for wild-  
life habitat, and be-  
gin the process of  
phasing out the de-  
clining White Ash.  
Although presence  
of Emerald Ash Borer  
is not confirmed, it  
is moving fast through  
Connecticut and  
Massachusetts and  
Bartlett's current  
recommended strat-  
egy is removal of  
any declining, non-  
feature Ash trees.  
With many of Pal-  
mer Arboretum's  
specimen plantings  
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Get Back to Work: January 14 from 2 – 4 p.m. and January 27 from 10 a.m. – noon: Gain a full understanding of Job Center services. Learn about Workforce Advisor options (including training guidance), and build your next steps toward employment.

EastCONN Adult Education Workshop: January 7 from 9:30 a.m. – 12:30 p.m.: Learn about EastCONN’s Adult Education programs including pathways to earn a high school diploma, access English language classes, or enroll in citizenship preparation classes. Complete enrollment paperwork and assessments, meet individually with a school counselor to discuss your goals and understand your program and class options that will meet your needs.

Resume Prep Workshop: January 8 from 9 a.m. – 12 noon: In this hands-on workshop, you will begin writing your résumé with the help of a Certified Professional Resume Writer. Learn how to showcase your skills more effectively to tailor your resumé for the job you desire; receive assistance compiling all the information you will need to craft a professional resumé; get connected to resources that will help you convert your resumé to a fully-formatted electronic document.

Metrix Learning: January 8

from 9 – 11 a.m.: This workshop is an orientation to online training through the Metrix Learning System. E-Training licenses allow 90 days of 24/7 unlimited access to more than 5,000 courses (IT, desktop computer skills OR healthcare education). Learn new skills or upgrade existing skills to help find the job you want or enhance your career.

CTHires – Résumé Builder: January 8 from 1 – 4 p.m.: This workshop focuses on building and completing a résumé in the CTHires online employment system. It provides opportunities to review and update your CTHires profile, including job skills, and do a comprehensive résumé build with the assistance of the workshop instructor. Also learn to download, print, and email your résumé from CTHires.

Manufacturing Jobs for Everyone!: January 8 from 2 – 3:30 p.m.: Manufacturing jobs are in huge demand. There is a job for just about everyone – man or woman – from entry level to highly skilled. Find out about job opportunities and how to prepare for a career in manufacturing. Learn about the Manufacturing Pipeline and the free training – classroom or online – offered to help you get a great paying job in manufacturing.

Word Made Easy: January 10 from 9 a.m. – noon: Designed for the beginner. Learn how to create, edit, copy and paste Microsoft Word documents and much more in a fun, stress-free environment. This is a three-hour, hands-on workshop. No computer experience is necessary.

Money Matters: Making Money Work for You: January 13 from 10 a.m. – 12 noon: Learn how to direct your money instead of wondering where it

went. Learn the steps to budgeting. Identify ways to decrease spending and increase income while prioritizing bills. Understand the importance of monthly income and expense tracking.

Confidence Makeover - Rebound & Recover: January 15 from 9 a.m. – 2 p.m.: This workshop presents an outline of how to work toward a concrete confidence makeover by suggesting a variety of specific techniques and practical confidence-building tips that can make a significant difference in being the right candidate.

Advanced Word: January 15 from 9 a.m. – noon: Bring your Word skills to the next level. Do you know the best résumé format to use for an Applicant Tracking System? Come to Advanced Word and find out. Learn how to create bulleted lists and insert hyperlinks, tables and more. This is a three-hour, hands-on workshop. Some experience with MS Word preferred.

QVCC SNAP Scholarship Orientation: January 16 from 2 – 3 p.m.: If you are receiving SNAP (food stamps), you may be eligible for free job-related, non-credit training at Quinebaug Valley Community College in Danielson and Willimantic. Offerings include CNA, Vet Assistant and Pharmacy Tech. Learn more at this orientation.

E-mail Made Easy: January 17 from 9 a.m. – 12 noon: Designed for the beginner. Learn how to use email in a fun, stress-free, friendly environment. Create a job search email address; practice composing and replying to emails. Explore the features of Gmail. This is a three-hour, hands-on workshop. No computer experience is necessary.

Disability Resource

Awareness Workshop: January 17 from 12:30 – 1:30 p.m.: As a job seeker with a disability, learn about the resources that can help you find and maintain employment. Some resources covered in this workshop are Department of Rehabilitation Services (DORS), Disability Employment Initiative (DEI) and Ticket-to-Work (Ticket) Programs.

All Things Money: January 21 from 9:30 – 11:30 a.m.: Understand where your money goes and how to plan to meet your financial needs. Learn how credit works, the effect debt and delinquency can have on your credit score, and how to repair your credit. Know what to do if you’re hit by fraud. Understand your financial life in this two-hour workshop.

Health Careers Orientation: January 21 from 4 – 5:30 p.m.: This workshop is an overview of in-demand careers in healthcare, job skills and available certificate and degree programs. Also receive information about financial assistance.

Advanced E-mail: January 22 from 9 a.m. – 12 noon: Learn how to effectively email employers. Create an effective subject line. Learn how to attach résumés in the correct format and practice writing/emailing persuasive cover letters. This is a three-hour workshop. Please bring your email address and password.

Creating a Job Search “Elevator Pitch”: January 22 from 1 – 4 p.m.: In this three-hour workshop, learn how to create the perfect 30- or 60-second “elevator pitch” to introduce yourself to potential employers. Explore how to identify or create a networking opportunity and effectively engage during a networking opportunity. Useful for all job seekers that are unfamiliar or

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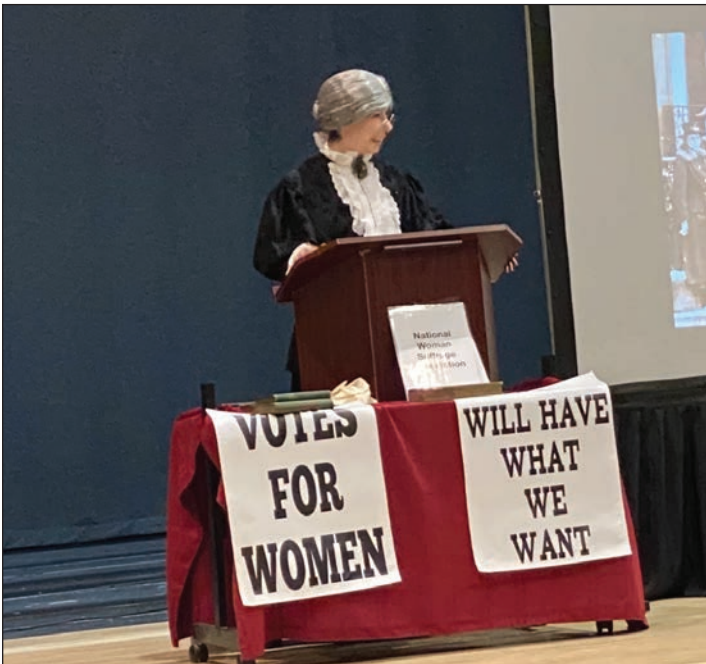
Google Docs Made Easy: January 29 from 9 a.m. – noon: Improve your computer skills and learn how to use Google Docs now – don’t be left behind! Learn how to use Google Docs in a fun, stress-free environment. The workshop features hands-on practice creating and editing documents. Explore how to share and collaborate documents with multiple people. This is a three-hour hands-on workshop. Please bring your Gmail address and password.

Networking with LinkedIn: January 29 from 1 – 4 p.m.: Learn how to create or update a LinkedIn profile, how to build your online network, and how to enhance your job search through online networking. Attendees will be encouraged to join relevant professional groups available through LinkedIn to expand their electronic network. The workshop also includes information about how to use local labor market information to identify, research, and approach local employers.

Applying Online - The Basics: January 31 from 9 a.m. – noon: Learn the basics of applying online, including use of job search engines, emailing employers, and attaching and inserting résumés to online applications and emails.

Job Corps Orientation – (Ages 17-24): January 31 from 9:30 a.m. – 12:30 p.m.: This is an overview of Job Corps, trades offered, where they are located, and expectations for Job Corps students. Also receive information about eligibility and the process to enroll in the program. This is the starting point for any prospective Job Corps student.

## Thompson Middle School celebrates women’s suffrage



Courtesy photos

Thompson Middle School celebrated the 100th anniversary of the 19th Amendment.

THOMPSON — To kick off the Grades 5 and 6 non-fiction unit in Thompson Middle School, the students in those grades were recently entertained by the historical performer Sheryl Faye. This is the second year that Faye came to Thompson Middle

School to perform for the students. This year to celebrate the 100th anniversary of the 19th Amendment Faye’s portrayed Susan B. Anthony (in photo). Not only was it a great start to the non-fiction units in those grades, but a very education-

al and entertaining afternoon. Pictured in the group photo are some of the TMS staff as well as Thompson First Selectman Amy St. Onge.

### COURTNEY

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Chairman of the House Seapower and Projection Forces Subcommittee, Courtney worked with House appropriators to ensure strong support for these priorities during deliberation of the budget this year. These include:

Virginia-Class Submarine - \$8.4 billion for two Virginia-class submarines in 2020 and advanced procurement for additional submarines in 2021 and 2022, aligned with the recent Block V contract announcement. Like the 2020 National Defense Authorization Act Conference Report, the agreement also provides \$200 million in advanced procurement specifically to support the tenth option boat in the contract and an additional \$100 million to accelerate development of additional capabilities in future submarines.

Columbia-Class Submarine - nearly \$2.4 billion for the Columbia-class submarine, including \$1.8 billion in advanced procurement to support construction start of next year and \$548 million for continued research and development. The total includes an additional \$123 million for continued development of the submarine supplier base, matching a provision Courtney helped secure in the 2020 NDAA.

Academic Partnerships for Undersea Research - \$10 million, matching the 2020 NDAA, to support partnerships with academic institutions that conduct research on undersea unmanned warfare and energy technology. This could support efforts like the National Institute for Undersea Vehicle

Technology, a collaborative program between the University of Connecticut and the University of Rhode Island.

Submarine industrial base workforce training - \$8 million to support workforce training programs to help support expansion of the skilled submarine workforce as the industrial base ramps up construction of the Columbia-class program. Courtney led a bicameral letter of the Connecticut and Rhode Island delegations in support of this funding – click here to read his letter.

Pier 32 Replacement at SUBASE New London - \$72.3 million to replace the aging Pier 32 at the base. The new pier will be longer and wider than the existing pier, allowing adequate space to fully support modern Virginia-class submarines.

Bolsters Supports for Workforce Development – The spending agreement increases support for workforce initiatives across eastern Connecticut by increasing funding for Workforce Innovation and Opportunity Act (WIOA) programming to \$2.8 billion and Registered Apprenticeships to \$175 million. The bill also invests in financial aid for low-income students, by increasing by \$150 the maximum Pell Grant award, for a total of \$6,345 for the 2020-21 school year. Invests in K-12 Education – The spending agreement includes major investments in K-12 education supports, which is welcome news to school districts across the region. The package increases funding for Title I Grants to Local Educational Agencies by \$450 million, for a total of \$16.3 billion, and boosts IDEA Grants to States by \$400 million, for a total of \$12.8 billion.

Boost for Federally Protected Rivers and Watersheds - \$3.6 million for the Partnership Wild & Scenic River Program, the largest amount of money the program has ever received. Courtney worked to include funding for the program to ensure that funding would support every river in the program. This funding level will increase funding for older Wild and Scenic Rivers, like the Eightmile River, and will provide new funding for those added to the program in February like the Wood-Pawcatuck Watershed. Earlier this month, Courtney joined Senator Menendez (D-N.J.) in leading a bicameral letter of support for this funding.

Protects Plum Island – The agreement retains a bipartisan amendment Courtney joined Representatives Rosa DeLauro (D-CT) and Lee Zeldin (R-NY) in passing in the House in June to block the federal government from taking steps to sell Plum Island to the highest bidder. Support for Crumbling Foundations – The final agreement includes three provisions Courtney advocated for to continue federal efforts to support eastern Connecticut’s crumbling foundations crisis.

Extension of the Mortgage Debt Forgiveness Tax Deduction – The measure includes an extension of the mortgage debt forgiveness tax provision, which protects those who have foreclosed or had a short sale on their homes from having the forgiven debt treated as federal income for tax purposes. The provision, which is extended back to 2018 and prospectively through 2020, is one way that homeowners who are facing crumbling foun-

dations can seek federal relief. Earlier this year, Courtney joined Rep. Ron Kind (D-WI) in introducing legislation, HR 1977, to extend this provision.

Increased Federal Housing Funds for Connecticut – The package totally rejects the Trump Administration’s proposal to eliminate the Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) program. Instead, the measure increases the CDBG program by \$100 million from FY2019 levels. According to an analysis by the House Appropriations Committee, Connecticut is slated to receive \$1.2 million in additional CDBG funds in 2020 as a result of this funding increase. In 2016, Congressman Courtney’s office identified the CDBG program as an option for the state to utilize federal funds to respond to Crumbling Foundations, and has repeatedly urged State officials to maximize the use of this annual federal funding to respond to the crisis.

Continues Funding for the National Coast Guard Museum – The package includes \$5 million in federal funds to continue supporting development of exhibits and preservation of artifacts at the future museum in New London. Courtney helped secure a critical change in law in 2016 to ensure that the Coast Guard can provide funding for “the design, fabrication, and installation of exhibits or displays in which such artifacts are included. In November, Courtney wrote to the House and Senate Appropriations Committees urging inclusion of the Senate-passed funding, secured by Senator Chris Murphy.





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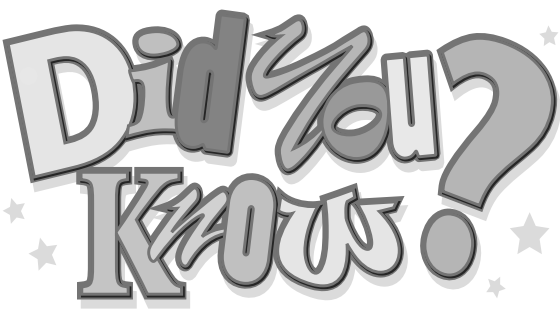


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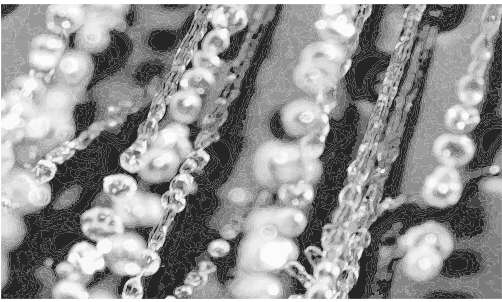
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

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Spinney lived in Woodstock with the love of his life, wife Debra, to whom much is owed by the world for her love and support for Carroll. "Sesame Street" just celebrated 50 years. For his work, Carroll earned numerous awards including being named a Living Legend by the Library of Congress. We mourn his passing. Thankfully, he is immortal through his performances on "Sesame Street."



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## Killingly boys hoops moving forward



Charlie Lentz photo

Killingly High's Shayne Bigelow attempts to swat away a shot attempt by Putnam High's Jordan Marks on Monday, Jan. 6, at Putnam High School.

BY CHARLIE LENTZ  
VILLAGER EDITOR

DAYVILLE —Killingly coach Jim Crabtree said this year's team hopefully won't travel on the same roller coaster they've gone on in recent years — when the Red Hawks posted strong starts only to fade near the finish line. Killingly defeated Putnam High 59-51 on Monday night to lift its record to 3-2 — Crabtree believes the victory showed him they won't be taking him for another ride this season.

“I think this team's a little different than we've been in the past,” said Crabtree, in his eighth season. “They challenge each other. They get upset when things aren't going good. They call each other out. Nobody gets offended when they get called out. They realize that everybody wants to win and everybody's in on the same plan.

The plan went off script as Putnam rallied and took a 39-38 lead into the fourth quar-

ter. But Killingly outscored the Clippers 21-12 in the final frame to pull out the victory.

“We didn't play our best today. I give Putnam credit for that,” Crabtree said. “Finding a way to win on not your best night says a lot about us. We haven't done that in the past.”

Killingly sank 10-of-16 free throws in the fourth quarter to pull out the win. Senior guard Shayne Bigelow scored a game-high 26 points for Killingly. Killingly's two losses through its first five games came by a total of four points — a 55-52 loss to Griswold and a 60-59 loss to Montville — Bigelow said the Red Hawks have to play complete games if they want to win the tight games down the stretch.

“We have to come out and stay focused and just play team defense for a full 32 minutes and we can beat anybody on our schedule,” Bigelow said.

Senior forward Ethan Preston scored 12 points and grabbed 12 rebounds in the win over Putnam on Jan. 6.

Coach Crabtree said Preston has stepped up his game this season.

“(Preston) is averaging 12 and half rebounds a game. He's had games of 17 and 15 rebounds. He's closing in on double-digit scoring now,” Crabtree said. “As a senior leader it's been outstanding to see. He was named captain in the preseason. He's accepted the role and I couldn't have asked for more effort out of him from day one.”

Killingly failed to qualify for the state tournament last season. Eight wins are required to guarantee a berth in the tournament. Killingly is classified by the CIAC in Division IV, one grade larger than Division-V Putnam. Crabtree said the contest against Putnam was a must-win game if the Red Hawks want to earn a berth in the Division IV state tournament.

“Right now we've just got to figure out

on paper when the game starts and we're the better team — I'm not saying we are the better team — but on paper when we should be we have to go out and do a better job and execute and be the better team,” Crabtree said. “In high school you've got to win the games that you're supposed. Then you win a couple of those 50-50's — and if you go and win one or two upset games — then you're at 10, 11, 12 wins and it's been a great season. But when you give away games where you're definitely on paper a better team, that's when your team looks at you and we begin to question ‘Are we doing the right things? Are the right players playing?’ But right now whether a kid's playing 32 seconds or 32 minutes everybody's full-go all the time.”

Killingly is next scheduled to

play host to Ledyard at 5:30 p.m. on Saturday, Jan. 11. Crabtree doesn't expect another roller coaster ride this season. The coach also doesn't expect his team to fade down the stretch.

“We might start out a little slow. But when the game gets going — the intensity, the heart, the desire — it's there. What else could I ask for?” Crabtree said. “We've got Ledyard on Saturday. We'll find out where we are. We'll reassess where we're going. It's a barometer. We'll know where we are in the mix.”

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# Killingly girls off to fast start

BY CHARLIE LENTZ  
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DAYVILLE — Despite the doubters Killingly High coach Gina Derosier believed her Red Hawks would be playing host a state tournament game this March — although that hasn't happened in Derosier's tenure on bench. With a quarter of the season gone Killingly is 5-1 through six games, capped by a 55-35 win at Putnam High on Monday night. The coach is making believers out of the courtside critics.

"We're where I expected to be — maybe other people didn't. I think we've been flying under the radar a little bit but I think that's going to come to a halt pretty soon," said Derosier, in her fourth season at the helm. "We knew coming in that this was going to be a tough test. We knew that Putnam is relentless. Their atmosphere in this gym is exactly what it needs to be for a high school game."

Killingly led Putnam 11-9 after one quarter and never looked back. The Red Hawks outscored Putnam 14-6 in the second quarter and led 25-15 at halftime. Killingly increased its cushion to 39-26 after three quarters and outscored the Clippers 16-9 in the final frame to hang on to the win at Putnam High's gymnasium on Jan. 6.

Killingly sophomore guard Sophia Moore has emerged as a capable defender and scorer. Moore sat out last season while rehabbing a torn anterior cruciate ligament in her left knee that she suffered during the soccer season of 2018. She has returned to hardwood with a vengeance, scoring 14 points including four three-pointers in the win over Putnam.

"She's been ready to shoot. The last couple of games we run a certain drill where we only allow three-pointers. She's been on fire. For it to come to fruition during a game for her, it makes my heart happy for her because she needs that,"



Charlie Lentz photo

Killingly High's Aila Gutierrez shoots over Putnam High's Jillian Gray on Monday, Jan. 6, at Putnam High School.

Derosier said. "Coming into the season I think she might have been a little hesitant coming off that knee injury, having not played basketball for almost two years. We said that she was slowly gaining confidence and now it looks like she hasn't missed a beat."

Moore also helped shut down Putnam senior guard Kayleigh Lyons, limiting her to five points.

"Kayleigh Lyons is a phenomenal basketball player.

Sophia Moore worked her butt off and denied (Lyons) the basketball and I think she did a pretty good job," Derosier said. "It's a credit to Sophia but it's a testimony to Kayleigh on how much we respect her as a basketball player."

A trio of freshmen have made an impact for Killingly. Freshman forward Ella Lach scored 14 points against Putnam. Freshman point guard Aila Gutierrez spearheaded the Red Hawks fast break

and freshman forward Marisa Kazantzis tallied 10 points.

"They continue to get better every game," said Derosier of her trio of freshmen.

Sophomore guard Emma Carpenter allied 12 points including a pair of three pointers in the win over Putnam.

"(Carpenter) steadies the ship for us. She is our silent leader. We want the ball in her hands at the end of the game," Derosier said. "We want her on the foul line shooting the shots

at the end of the game."

Killingly's next home game is scheduled against Ledyard on Saturday, Jan. 18, with tipoff set for 12:30 p.m. at Killingly High's gymnasium. The quest to host a Class MM state tournament game continues.

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## Tourtellotte girls finding their way



Charlie Lentz photo

Tourtellotte's Ashley Morin drives to the hoop against Montville on Jan. 2.

BY CHARLIE LENTZ  
VILLAGER EDITOR

THOMPSON — Tourtellotte Memorial coach Carla Faucher is no Grinch but she's undoubtedly glad the holiday season is over. The Tigers have a revamped lineup this season with a number of newcomers to the starting lineup. Practice time has been sporadic and that's hampered Tourtellotte's progress early on. The Tigers fell to Montville 43-28 on Jan. 2 and their record is 1-5 through six games.

"The frustrating thing

is with the way the holidays ran this year and the snow days it's really been hard to put two practices back to back," Faucher said. "It seems like we have a holiday and then a game, or one practice and a game, one practice and a game. It's been a challenge these first three weeks of the season to try and get them going after a loss, a win, go over things. They're working together but they still have a lot to learn."

Freshman forward Hailey Johnson and sophomore forward Zeynep Acun are both

new to the starting lineup this season and have shown promise. Acun tallied a team-high nine points against Montville and Johnson added six points. They are part of the Tigers future and give the team height inside the paint.

"I see a lot of potential. They're both very young, sophomore and freshman. They have a lot to work on. We worked with 'Z' (Acun) on some moves the other day in practice and it was nice that she took them and worked on them in the game, that was really a positive thing," Faucher

said. "(Johnson) is taking charge out there."

Senior guard Ashley Morin returned to the starting lineup and she's the Tigers leading scorer, she tallied seven points against Montville. Tourtellotte must find some complementary scores so opposing defenses can't focus on shutting down Morin.

"We're seeing a lot of double teams (on Morin) and they're getting to know Hailey (Johnson) now too and that's happening. We need the other girls to really step it up and start producing," Faucher said.



Charlie Lentz photo

Tourtellotte's Hailey Johnson is caught in traffic against Montville on Jan. 2.

The Tigers will have to take care of the ball better than they did against Montville. Tourtellotte turned the ball over 11 times in the first quarter against the Indians and fell behind 18-6 after one quarter. Faucher said they can't continue on that path if they want to get wins.

"The turnovers are really what's killing us. That turns into baskets for the other team," Faucher said. "It puts us in a big hole — we see the shoulders start slumping, they don't feel good about themselves. So we have to try to keep them positive, working as a team, get them working the plays, be confident in their skills."

Montville lifted its record to 3-1 with the win over Tourtellotte.

Maya Hillman led the Indians with 13 points and Grace Sanford added 12 points. Tourtellotte is next scheduled to play host to Putnam High on Tuesday, Jan. 14, with tipoff scheduled for 7 p.m. at Cauty Gymnasium.

The holiday season is over. Faucher is no Grinch but she's glad the Tigers finally have more practice time to focus on the basketball season.

"It's one of those things, you never know who's going to show up. I just need the other girls to believe in it," Faucher said. "We'll get there."

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# Ellis Tech hoopsters making strides



Ellis Tech's Ryan Thorstenson lofts a jumper against Prince Tech at Ellis Tech's gymnasium on Jan. 3.

BY CHARLIE LENTZ  
VILLAGER EDITOR

DANIELSON — Ellis Tech lost three of its first four basketball games this season but coach Dan Piccione said that's not indicative of the Golden Eagles' potential. Among Ellis Tech's losses were defeats to Hartford's Prince Tech and Hale-Ray of East Haddam — two of the tougher opponents on its schedule.

"Play against a Prince Tech, a Hale-Ray — those teams are good teams. It's just about making strides in the right direction. Playing against our rivals like Norwich Tech, Grasso

Tech — really want to get those division games. We're making steps in the right direction. The kids are really working hard," Piccione said. "We're hoping to make the state tournament at the very least — eight wins. We get into our better schedule in February. We're looking to finish strong."

Piccione was heartened by Ellis Tech's 51-26 victory over Tourtellotte Memorial on Dec. 30. Piccione is in his 11th season coaching the Golden Eagles and could not recall the last time Ellis Tech had topped Tourtellotte.

"I don't remember beating Tourtellotte in a very long time

— probably eight, nine years," Piccione said. "I just want to make strides in the right direction, working off that win against Tourtellotte. That's the plan. You can see a little belief when they look at each other."

Ellis Tech's starting five includes junior forward Antonio Rojas, senior point guard Tom Sherman, senior center Ben Williams, senior guard Ryan Thorstenson, and sophomore guard Sam Rebello.

"Taking care of the ball is going to be very important for us. We're looking for ball handlers. Sam (Rebello) has been doing a great job. Tommy (Sherman) has been getting



Charlie Lentz photo

Ellis Tech's Sam Rebello tries to get past Prince Tech's Tyshawn Jackson on Jan. 3.

better," Piccione said. "Ben (Williams) has been playing tough, we just need him to score a little bit more in the paint. Antonio Rojas has been helping everywhere."

Rojas is the only player who returned to the roster with significant varsity experience. Rebello has been one of the newcomers to the starting lineup who has been a nice addition.

"We're trying to get (Rebello) to believe in himself. He can definitely score. He plays really good defense. He's athletic. He rebounds. He's going to help us. We've just got to get him comfortable playing with other teammates," Piccione said.

Williams gives Ellis Tech some size inside the paint and Piccione said he should contribute offensively as the season progresses. Rojas has also been doing some damage from the low post.

"Ben (Williams) is a pretty good shooter. We've been working on him going inside, that's a work in progress. We want him to use his height a

little bit more," Piccione said. "Antonio (Rojas) has been filling that role for us a little bit better."

Ellis Tech is next scheduled to travel to Grasso Tech on Friday, Jan. 10. The Golden Eagles return home to play host to Norwich Tech on Tuesday, Jan. 14, with tipoff set for 6:30 p.m. at Ellis Tech's gymnasium.

"We're just working on picking up the intensity of our game — our ball pressure, man-to-man defense — it starts with that. Against Tourtellotte we played really good defense. We scored a lot of easy baskets off our defense for the first time in a long time. We're just trying to work on that, build our defense," Piccione said. "Offense will come, we've got a lot of good shooters."

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## Tourtellotte boys look to get healthy



Charlie Lentz photo

Tourtellotte's Nima Sherpa passes with Griswold defending the lane on Jan. 4.

BY CHARLIE LENTZ  
VILLAGER EDITOR

THOMPSON — Tourtellotte coach Neil Bernier is seemingly spending as much time looking at medical charts as he is at game plans. The Tigers were already challenged to find scorers before the injury bug hit — now Bernier must deal

with some fractures and bruises as he searches for wins.

"Like I told the guys in the locker room, we can't cry about it and whine about it and wish it away," Bernier said. "People aren't going to come out here and fell sorry for us because we're hurt, they're going to play basketball. It is

what it is at this point. We can't make people healthy by the snap of a finger."

The Tigers went winless through their first six games. Tourtellotte was already trying to integrate a number of newcomers into a lineup that lost its top two scorers from last season to graduation. And although Bernier isn't making excuses the injuries haven't helped. Among those missing in action are senior Brady Monahan (out for the season), senior Stephen Scrapchansky (high ankle sprain and fracture), senior Devin Dalpe (broken finger), along with junior Carter Cooper (sprained ankle) and junior Connor McMenemy (sickness).

"We have pretty much a starting lineup on the injured reserve," Bernier said. "We're really really thin."

Bernier is optimistic with the emergence of a trio of sophomores who have picked up some of the slack early on. Forwards Ryan Barbour and Mason Barber, along with guard Alex Grauer have given the coach valuable minutes.

"Really our three sophomores — Alex Grauer, Mason Barber, Ryan Barbour — I think have led us in scoring the last three games," said Bernier after a 64-36 loss to Griswold on Jan. 4 at Canty Gymnasium. "Right now we have trouble handling pressure, we're a little slow in our

decision making — and when that happens it's really hard to make those precision passes."

The lack of depth means many of his players are logging a lot of minutes in both the varsity and junior varsity games.

"We have a lot of guys that we have to kind of wedge them into a jayvee team, then they have to come up (to the varsity) and play minutes for us now," Bernier said.

A pair of freshman, Mateo Alvarez and Danny Boutin, have also seen a lot of minutes on both the varsity and junior varsity.

"We have to get day-by-day production out of the young guys and hope that they keep getting better moving forward and getting used to the speed of the game," Bernier said.

The coach will gauge the improvement of his team as the season moves into its second half.

"Coming into the tail end of the season when we play some teams a second time — how much progress have we made?," Bernier said. "How much growth have we seen?"

He expects Barbour, Barber, and Grauer to keep improving and earning their playing time while they lead by example.

"Those three come out and work hard every day. They'll give everything they have. They leave it all on the court — so that's a good example to have. They're stepping into those roles and the



Charlie Lentz photo

Tourtellotte's Ryan Barbour shoots with Griswold's Mikey Sims defending on Jan. 4 in Thompson.

other kids on the team know that they belong in those roles," Bernier said.

Tourtellotte is next scheduled to travel to Lyman Memorial on Monday, Jan. 14.

"If you get beat you have to do it with our best effort," Bernier said. "And the next game

comes, don't make the same mistakes again over and over — that's the only thing I can ask them at this point."

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# Putnam boys search for four-quarter effort

BY CHARLIE LENTZ  
VILLAGER EDITOR

PUTNAM — Putnam High fell to Killingly High 59-51 on Monday night in a battle of backyard rivals. For one quarter the Clippers showed coach Shawn Deary what they're capable of. Now he wants them to show him for 32 minutes.

"We always get up to play Killingly so that's another thing. We've just got to play this game for the rest of the season, with this energy and together as a unit — instead of in spurts. If we can put a whole game together we'll be better," Deary said. "We're young. We're getting there. We've got a little ways to go."

Trailing Killingly 27-20 at halftime — Putnam outscored the Red Hawks 15-7 over the first three minutes and 35 seconds of the third quarter — with senior guard Jordan Marks fueling the surge with a pair of three pointers to help Putnam take a 35-34 lead. Coach Deary would like to see more of that this season.

"We were playing as a team. That's the biggest part of our struggle right now is team unity and just playing in the flow of basketball," Deary said. "We have this habit of not throwing that next pass or looking somebody off where we could just make the easy pass."

Putnam led 39-38 after three quarters but was outscored 21-12 in the fourth quarter in the 59-51 loss at Putnam High School on Jan. 6. The defeat dropped the Clippers record to 2-3.

"Obviously we wanted this one pretty bad. It's definitely a winnable game and unfortunately we got the momentum to shift our way and then we got tired," Deary said. "We ran out of steam late in the fourth."

Junior forward Colby Livingston scored a team-high 15 points for Putnam. Marks finished with 14 against Killingly. Senior forward Anthony Navedo tallied 12 points for the Clippers. Deary was pleased with the balanced scoring against Killingly but said the Clippers need to take better care of the ball.

"If we could just limit turnovers, especially early, that first quarter we had more turnovers than points," Deary said. "It's hard to win a game when you're doing that. Right now we just don't have a point guard that's handling the ball and not turning it over, and wants to be a leader on the floor, the general."

Putnam could not sink its foul shots down the stretch.

"I've been preaching free throws. We've been practicing free throws. Unfortunately, down the stretch they hit their free



Charlie Lentz photo

Putnam High's Anthony Navedo shoots over Killingly's Cole Lavigne on Monday, Jan. 6, at Putnam High School.

throws and we didn't," Deary said.

Deary would have liked to get the win but he was heartened by Putnam's effort against a larger school. Putnam is classified in Division V by the CIAC while Killingly is a Division IV school.

The Clippers play in Division 4 of the Eastern Connecticut Conference.

"In our (ECC) division we'll be competitive all the way through. It's actually a very competitive division for everybody. It's pretty equal so I'm hopeful there," Deary

said. "We've got a couple of tough games on our schedule still. But if we can get together and play as a team and use everybody on the floor I think we stand a good chance at the small division."

Putnam's next home game is scheduled against

Ellis Tech on Wednesday, Jan. 15, with tipoff set for 7 p.m. at Putnam High's gymnasium.

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## HIGH SCHOOL ROUNDUP



Charlie Lentz photo

Tourtellotte's Aydan Lavallee drives to the hoop with Griswold's Tyler Green defending on Saturday, Jan. 4, in Thompson.

scored seven points for Woodstock Academy (1-5). East Lyme lifted its record to 1-6.

### WHEELER 38, TOURTELLOTTE 31

NORTH STONINGTON — Hailey Johnson led Tigers with 11 points and hauled down 10 rebounds in the Tigers loss in girls basketball on Jan. 4. Ashley Morin added seven points seven rebounds, and three assists and Leci Snow grabbed eight rebounds and had four points for Tourtellotte.

### WOODSTOCK 2, LEOMINSTER 2

POMFRET — Julianna Buonconti and Chelsea Willis each scored goals for Woodstock in the girls hockey tie on Jan. 6 at Pomfret School's Jahn Rink. Eliza Dutson, Jade Hill, and Sydney Haskins each notched one assist for the Centaurs (3-2-1).

### WOODSTOCK GYMNASTICS

DANIELSON — Woodstock's Taylor Markley (36.1 in the all-around) and Jenna Davidson (35.3) led the Centaurs (4-0, 1-0 ECC) to a 138.55 total to down Old Lyme (114.65) and East Lyme/Waterford/Norwich Tech (109.75) at Deary's Gymnastics on Jan. 6. Killingly/Putnam/Tourtellotte (3-1, 1-0 ECC) finished with a 120.95 total to also defeat Old Lyme and East Lyme co-op. Kiera O'Brien led KPT with a 33.8 in the all-around.

### PRINCE TECH 79, ELLIS TECH 33

DANIELSON — Tyshawn Jackson scored 25 points to lead the Falcons (4-0) past the Golden Eagles in boys basketball on Jan. 3 at Ellis Tech. Ben Williams, Ryan Thorstenson, and Sam Rebello each scored seven points for Ellis Tech. Ellis Tech's next home game is set for Tuesday, Jan. 14, against Norwich Tech, with tipoff scheduled for 6:30 p.m.

### BACON 53, WOODSTOCK 41

WOODSTOCK — Noah Violette led Bacon Academy with 15 points and Casey Hart added 12 points and grabbed 10 rebounds for the Bobcats (2-2 overall, 1-1 ECC Division II) in the boys basketball win over the Centaurs on Jan. 2. Logan Talbot led Woodstock (0-3 overall, 0-2 ECC-Division II) with 20 points and Aidan Morin added eight points and had seven rebounds. Woodstock is next scheduled to play host to Stonington on Saturday, Jan. 11, with tipoff set for 1 p.m. at Alumni Fieldhouse.

### GRISWOLD 64, TOURTELLOTTE 36

THOMPSON — C.J. Mattson scored 13 points and Pharoah Curtis added 13 points to help the Wolverines (4-1) defeat the Tigers in boys basketball on Jan. 4 at Canty Gymnasium. Ryan Barbour scored 10 points and Mason Barber tallied nine points for Tourtellotte (0-6).

### WHEELER 39, KILLINGLY 37

NORTH STONINGTON — Molly Butremovic scored 10 points and Leah Pion and Addie Hauptmann each added eight points in the Lions win over Killingly in girls basketball on Jan. 2. Trinity Angel scored 15 points and Emma Carpenter added 12 points for Killingly. The win lifted Wheeler's record to 4-1. Killingly is next scheduled to play at Fitch on Jan. 16.

### WOODSTOCK 1, WARWICK 0

WARWICK, R.I. — Chelsea Willis scored for the Centaurs (3-2) in the girls hockey win over Warwick, R.I. co-op on Jan. 3. Sydney Haskins notched the assist. Woodstock goalie Marie Gravier made eight saves. Woodstock is next scheduled to play host to Oakmont, Mass., on Saturday, Jan. 11, with the puck set to drop at 6 p.m. at Pomfret School's Jahn Rink.

### WATERFORD 53, WOODSTOCK 35

WATERFORD — Aurissa Boardman scored 14 points for the Centaurs (1-4) in the girls basketball loss to the Lancers (4-0) on Jan. 2. Woodstock is next scheduled to travel to New London on Friday, Jan. 10. The Centaurs return home to play host to Longmeadow, Mass., on Tuesday, Jan. 14, with the game set to begin at 7 p.m. at Alumni Fieldhouse.

### TOURTELLOTTE 43, ELLIS TECH 14

THOMPSON — Hailey Johnson scored 12 points and Ashley Morin added nine points to help the Tigers defeat the Golden Eagles in girls basketball on Dec. 30 at Canty Gymnasium. Leci Snow added six points for Tourtellotte and Emily Angelo, Lindsey Houghton, Zeynep Acun and Alivia Dalpe each scored four points for the Tigers. Breeanna Bentley led Ellis Tech with eight points.

### WOODSTOCK GYMNASTICS

GLASTONBURY — Woodstock Academy freshman Taylor Markley scored first-place finishes on the beam (9.3), floor (9.3), and bars (9.0) and tied teammate Jenna Davidson for first in the vault (9.0) in a meet on Jan. 3. Markley scored of 36.4 in the all-around to lead Woodstock Academy to a 139.95 finish and wins over both Glastonbury (129) and Ellington (114.25).

The Killingly/Putnam/Tourtellotte co-op (120.75) defeated Ellington but fell to Glastonbury. Kiera O'Brien led KPT with a 34.55 all-around score to finish third behind Markley and Davidson (35.5).

### LYMAN 29, TOURTELLOTTE 25

LEBANON — Cassie Wells scored 12 to lead host Lyman Memorial past Tourtellotte in girls basketball on Dec. 28. Hailey Johnson scored 13 points and grabbed 13 rebounds, and Ashley Morin added eight points for the Tigers.

### ST. BERNARD 68, KILLINGLY 55

UNCASVILLE — Killingly High's Shayne Bigelow led all scorers with 22 points but it was not enough as Killingly fell to the Saints in boys basketball on Tuesday, Jan. 7. Yianni Baribeau had nine points and 12 rebounds, and Jay Grzysiewicz dished six assists for Killingly (3-3). Walker Baligeron had 20 points to lead St. Bernard (4-3).

### WOODSTOCK 64, WINDHAM 48

WILLIMANTIC — Andrew Johnson scored 17 points and Logan Talbot added 13 in the Centaurs win over the host Whippets in boys basketball on Jan. 7. The Whippets fell to 0-7. Woodstock lifted its record to 1-3.

### LEDYARD 39, TOURTELLOTTE 23

THOMPSON — Leci Snow led the Tigers with eight points, six rebounds and three assists in the loss to the Colonels in girls basketball on Jan. 6. Hailey Johnson added six points and had eight rebounds for Tourtellotte. ECC Division 2 Ledyard lifted its record to 1-6. Tourtellotte's record fell to 1-6.

### STONINGTON 51, WOODSTOCK 33

WOODSTOCK — Woodstock

Academy's Alexa Pechie scored 13 points and Peyton Saracina added 10 points in the loss in girls basketball on Jan. 7 at Alumni Fieldhouse. Zoe Ribeiro (20 points, 11 rebounds) and Sophia Bell (16 points, 11 rebounds) led the Bears (4-1). Woodstock's record fell to 1-6.

### KILLINGLY 43, MONTVILLE 37

MONTVILLE — Trinity Angel scored 27 points in Killingly's win over the Indians in girls basketball on Jan. 4. Maya Hillman led Montville with 19 points. The loss dropped Montville's record to 3-2. The win lifted Killingly's record to 4-1.

### PUTNAM 44, LYMAN 16

LEBANON — After leading 6-5 after one quarter the Clippers broke the game open with a 10-1 run in the second quarter en route to the win over the host Bulldogs in girls basketball on Jan. 4. Putnam was led by Kayleigh Lyons (13 points), Molly McKeon (12), Abby St. Martin (eight) and Jillian Gray (six).

### EAST LYME 68, WOODSTOCK 44

EAST LYME — The Vikings defeated the Centaurs in girls basketball on Jan. 4. Katie Papp and Kaitlin Birlin each scored eight points, and Peyton Saracina and Aurissa Boardman each



# Putnam shooters go cold against Killingly

BY CHARLIE LENTZ  
VILLAGER EDITOR

PUTNAM — Not much went right for Putnam High in a 20-point loss to Killingly High this week. Perhaps the only positive outcome of the Clippers 55-35 loss to the Redhawks on Monday night is

a chance for a do-over in the rematch — scheduled for Jan. 22 at Killingly High School. “We get to play them again in two weeks,” said Putnam coach Mandi Hogan said. “We just need to come back and regroup and work harder.” No cause for alarm according to the coach.

“It’s a long season,” Hogan said. Killingly shutdown Putnam’s leading scorer, senior point guard Kayleigh Lyons. Lyons did not score until 6:52 was left in the game — sinking a three-pointer. Lyons finished with five points. “(Lyons) was in a double

team. She’s tired. She’s uses a lot of energy. Her shots just didn’t fall. I expect her to bounce back. But the team has to function when Kayleigh’s in those kinds of situations,” Hogan said. Coach Hogan said Lyons inability score wasn’t the only problem with the Clippers offense. “We just missed too many shots, wide open shots, layups, putbacks, foul shots. We had shots. We had opportunities and we just didn’t make anything,” Hogan said. “I don’t know what it was. We were prepared. We’ve been preparing for them. They were prepared.” Conversely, Killingly shot well from the perimeter, canning seven three-pointers. “Everything went their way,” Hogan said. It was just that kind of a night. They were

on and we were off. Killingly led 25-15 at halftime and outscored the Clippers 14-11 in the third quarter to stretch their margin to 39-26 going into the fourth quarter. Junior forward Abby St. Martin led Putnam with 14 points. Senior forward Jillian Gray finished with 11 points for the Clippers. The loss dropped Putnam’s record to 5-2. Putnam is next scheduled to travel to Tourtellotte Memorial on Tuesday, Jan. 14. The rematch against Killingly High is scheduled for Wednesday, Jan 22, with tipoff set for 5:30 p.m. at Killingly High’s gymnasium.

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Putnam High’s Kayleigh Lyons, left, and Laylah Chavez, right, battle Killingly High’s Makaya Dube, center, for a rebound on Monday, Jan. 6, at Putnam High School.

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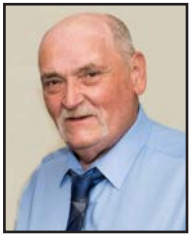
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# OBITUARIES

## Gary Allen Larrow, 68



Gary Allen Larrow, 68, of Brooklyn, CT passed unexpectedly December 24, 2019 at home. Born March 11, 1951, son of Albert and Charlotte (Durand) Larrow. Gary was a decorated combat Vietnam Army Veteran, who received a Purple Heart and Air Medal. He also served eight years with the RI Air National Guard after being Honorably discharged from the Army. He was a truck driver for almost 50 Years, just like his father and grandfather.

He leaves his mother Charlotte E. Larrow of Danielson; his daughters Patricia (Matthew) George of Dayville, CT and Shannon Larrow of New London, CT; his grandsons Sean George and Paul George of Dayville, CT; his granddaughter Brianna Larrow of Putnam, CT; his estranged wife Patricia A. Larrow of Putnam, CT; his brothers Steven (Terri) Larrow of Brooklyn, CT, Michael (Cheri) Larrow of Orlando, IN, Kenneth (Phyllis)

Larrow of Danielson, CT and Edward (Sue) Larrow of Pomfret, CT; his sister Charlotte Larrow of Brooklyn, CT; his loving companion Susan Strauss and her family of Brooklyn, CT. Also several aunts, uncles, cousins, nieces and nephews.

Gary was predeceased by his father Albert Larrow, his son Sean Allen Larrow; his co-pilot and Cav Brother Tom Suprok, who Gary now co-pilots with through the heavens.

Calling hours were Monday, January 6, 2020 from 4:00 to 7:00 PM at Gagnon and Costello Funeral Home, 33 Reynolds Street, Danielson, CT. A Mass of Christian Burial was held Tuesday January 7, 2020 at 11:00 AM in St. James Church, 12 Franklin Street, Danielson, CT. Burial with Military honors will follow at Holy Cross Cemetery, Danielson, CT. Share a memory at [www.gagnonandcostellofh.com](http://www.gagnonandcostellofh.com)



## Joseph R. Lariviere, 83



Goose Creek, SC-Joseph R. Lariviere, a long-time resident of Goose Creek, SC, passed away Sunday, December 29, 2019, in Hodgenville, KY, surrounded by his loving family. He was 83 years old.

He was born to Valmore and Mary Rose (Bernard) Lariviere in Woonsocket, RI on January 8, 1936. After growing up in the small town of North Grosvenordale, CT, he joined the U.S Navy and served for 22 years, retiring as Chief Quartermaster (QMC) in 1976 off the U.S.S. Mount Baker. He married his late wife of 58 years, Anna E. (McNeill) Lariviere in 1960 in Brooklyn, NY. They were blessed with four children and settled to raise their family in South Carolina.

After retiring from the Navy, he supervised at ATO, Inc. and then at Allied Marine Industries as a Dock Master. He spent his leisure time making special memories with his family while fishing, shrimping, golfing, hunting, woodworking, and traveling. He took pride in his green thumb and spent hours tending to his plants and

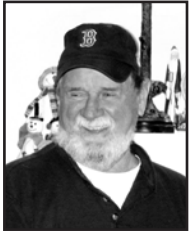
garden. Joseph was a man who never met a stranger. His thoughtfulness and kindness will forever be cherished by his friends and family.

He is survived by his daughter, Leslie Hutcherson of Hodgenville, KY, and granddaughters, Brittany Stone and Chelsea Stone of Bardstown, KY. In addition to his wife, he was preceded in death by siblings, Roland Lariviere, Herve Lariviere, Rita Davis and Marcel Lariviere; son, Joseph R. Lariviere, Jr., and daughters, Anna Elizabeth Lariviere and Lisa Anne Lariviere.

Relatives and friends were invited to visit with Joseph's family from 9:00a.m. to 10:00a.m. on Saturday, January 4, 2020, in the Valade Funeral Home and Crematory, 23 Main St., N. Grosvenordale, followed by a Mass of Christian Burial at 10:30a.m. in St Joseph Church, 18 Main St., N. Grosvenordale, CT. Burial with military honors followed in St Joseph Cemetery. For memorial guestbook please visit [www.GilmanAndValade.com](http://www.GilmanAndValade.com).



## Richard James Mellady Sr.



Born December 10th 1934, passed away peacefully on Friday, January 3rd 2020 surrounded by his children. He was predeceased by his parents: John and Olivette (Rouette) Mellady, brothers: John Mellady, Robert Mellady, Raymond Mellady and sister: Ruth (Mellady) Reynolds, and former wife Linda (Luciani) Mellady. A long-time resident of Willimantic, he served overseas in the U.S. Navy from 1952 to 1954 as a seaman.

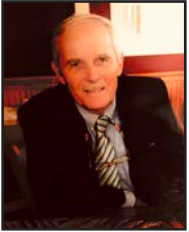
Richard was a carpenter by trade for over 40

years, specializing in roofing and built many homes and apartments in Eastern Connecticut. Richard will be sadly missed by his two children: daughter, Gina Mellady and her wife Kendra (Comeau) Mellady of Meriden, CT and son, Richard J. Mellady Jr and his wife Debora (Nadeau) Mellady

of Brooklyn, CT and his two step-children: son, Donald Blanchette of New Britain, CT and daughter, Kelli Blanchette and her wife, Juneann (Ostiguy) Blanchette of Brooklyn, CT along with his sisters Carol Merchant and her husband Donald of Windham, CT and Jane Johnson of Coventry, CT, Brother in law Roland Reynolds of Coventry, CT and many nieces and nephews and great-nieces and nephews who reside in Connecticut and nearby areas. A Catholic memorial service will be held graveside on Saturday, January 18, 2020 at 10:00 am at St. Joseph's Cemetery in Willimantic, CT. In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to St. Joseph's Church in Willimantic, CT.



## Charles Eldredge Stoddard, Jr., 84



Charles Eldredge Stoddard, Jr., 84, passed away unexpectedly on Saturday, January 4, 2020. Charles was a native of Putnam, CT, and current resident of Asheville, NC, for more than 15 years. He was a son of the late Edith Elizabeth and Charles Eldredge Stoddard, Sr.

He was a graduate of Putnam High School and a proud alumnus of University of Connecticut, continuing to watch women's basketball games and frequenting the UCONN Dairy Bar for chocolate milkshakes. He saved middle and high school graduation programs and Christmas and birthday cards from his siblings, grandchildren and friends. Traveling to Germany over 8 times was his passion, which resulted in his being fluent in German. German, Latin, and most recently French were some of the many languages he learned while attending UNCA. Charlie, Eldredge, Grampa or Papa will be remembered as a master bridge player, avid golfer, lover of horticulture – especially beech trees – charitable giver, Central Connecticut librarian, mentor and lifelong learner. He enjoyed eating hotdogs and beans with vinegar and ketchup, stewed tomato casserole with lots of cheddar

cheese, mushroom soup, Rum Raisin ice cream and anything sweet. Charles would never pass up an opportunity to visit a Dairy Queen, park, or Spades card game. Charles had a passion for life, was a free spirit, and had a terrible habit of never showing up on time, but he was loved and will be forever missed.

Mr. Stoddard is survived by his daughter, Susan Johnson and son-in-law Bradley Johnson; son, David Stoddard and daughter-in-law Cindy Stoddard; sisters, Helen Stoddard Smith, Carolyn Crafts and brother-in-law Bryan Crafts; brother, Joseph P. Stoddard and sister-in-law Cecile; grandchildren, Sarah, Adam, Lauren and Danielle; great-grandchildren, Logan and Addison; and former daughter-in-law, Cheryl Stoddard.

Relatives and friends are invited to visit with Charles' family from 2:00p.m. to 4:00p.m. on Saturday, January 11, 2020 in the Gilman Funeral Home and Crematory, 104 Church St., Putnam. A graveside service will be held at Abington Cemetery in the Spring. In lieu of flowers, memorials may be made to the Asheville Bridge Club, Attn: Paul Beebe, Room 800 Fairview Rd. #C1, Asheville, NC 28803. Charlie would have wanted to say goodbye, Au Revoir, Auf Wiedersehen, until we meet again. For memorial guestbook visit [www.GilmanAndValade.com](http://www.GilmanAndValade.com).

## Laura G. Krug, 61

DANIELSON – Laura G. Krug, 61, passed on in her home on December 12, 2019.

Laura leaves two children, Erin Rhault and Joshua Krug, and two grandchildren, Evan and Drew Rhault, two of her remaining five siblings, Lenard Cannon and Cathy Carlson and friends and loved ones. She cared deeply for her own family and for her mother late in life. She was very saddened by the loss of her mother and sisters. She loved them and their children as well.

Laura grew up on a farm in Middletown, CT, raised by her parents, sisters and brothers as she was the youngest of 6, and with the godly inspiration of Paul and Evelyn Olander. Laura loved to laugh and run and dance and play. Though her body was broken with disease late in life, her spirit was always childlike. She sought to see the good in others. She was soft, generous and kind. She expected her children to be kind, polite and thankful.

Laura's love for God's creation, indeed, made her a blessing. She entertained such pure joy at the New England winters and every season. She deeply cared for her pets, often

house cats. She loved all creatures, large and small, wild animals, geese and ducks, all farm animals, wild cats and hummingbirds and butterflies and human beings. She loved the beauty of flowers and plants and trees. She loved to cook for others. She was, is and will be a wife and mother. Laura loved stained-glass windows. She enjoyed playing cards and Scrabble and other games with family and friends. She was crafty. She was a waitress and a caregiver and took great joy in holidays, celebrations, birthdays; and loved giving the best gifts to her children. She loved Christmastime most of all and family. She will be greatly missed by those who knew her.

There will be an informal service for her at the Friends of Assisi Food Pantry on 77 Water Street, Danielson, CT. It will be held at noon, Wednesday, January 15, 2020. Anyone who knew her, and anyone who cares to pay their respects, is welcomed. Burial will be in the Spring, privately. If any donations are sought to be made on her behalf in anyway, they can be sent to Saint Jude Hospital or Catholic Charities. Share a memory at [www.gagnonandcostellofh.com](http://www.gagnonandcostellofh.com)

## Douglas Collins, 74



DANIELSON - Douglas Collins, 74, passed away at home on Tuesday December 31, 2019 with his loving family by his side;

He is survived by his wife of eighteen years Glenda (Stamos) Collins; his son Christopher Plante and his spouse Keith of Griswold, CT; four daughters: Karen Rhodes and her spouse Michael of Parish, FL, Kelly Morris of Jewett City, Susan Tarbox of Griswold, CT, Brianna Collins and her companion Joshua Howlett of Bethesda, MD; two brothers: Thomas Collins of Moosup and Arthur Collins and his spouse Irene of Florida; two sisters: Betty Nadeau and her husband Robert of Rhode Island, and Ida Durning of Rhode Island; fifteen grandchildren: Ray and his spouse Amy , Brian, Darren, Brendyn, and Taylor and spouse Mason Moriarty, Analia Musitano , Alfred Musitano, Nathaniel Musitano, Michael Musitano , Luciano

Musitano, Angelo Musitano, Benjamin Rivera, Leah Carmela, and Kaylee Hill; his great-grandchildren Kylie, Caidance, and Aubree Musitano and one great-grandchild on the way; his two special nephews: George and Thomas Butts; he also leaves, many nieces, nephews, relatives and friends.

Douglas was born in West Warwick, RI on August 16, 1945, son of the late Thomas and Myrtle (Tourtellotte) Collins; he enjoyed going hunting and fishing and was a fan of old western films. Douglas thoroughly enjoyed taking the family on trips to Jamestown Beach and spending as much time as possible with those he loved.

All were invited to attend a celebration of Douglas' life on Friday January 3, 2020 at 12:00 noon at the Sterling Fire House, 225 Main Street Sterling, CT. Private committal services will be held at a later date at the Riverside Cemetery in Sterling.

Funeral arrangements have been entrusted to the care of the Shaw-Majercik Funeral Home, 48 School Street Webster, MA 01570.

## David Ross, 68,



David Ross, 68, of Putnam, CT passed away January 1, 2020 at Day Kimball Hospital in Putnam, CT. Born June 24, 1951 in Brooklyn, NY, son of the late William W. Ross and Jean (Macdonald)

Kerr. David was a Business Manager for a Software Company. He was a graduate of Bryant College. David was a caregiver to his mother Jean until her death on September 13, 2019. He enjoyed golf and the stock market.

He leaves his brothers William H. Ross and his wife Rose of Southington, CT, James Ross of Enfield, CT and Thomas Ross of Enfield, CT; his sister Leola Ross of Seattle, WA; his step-siblings Robert Kerr and his wife Linda of Moosup, CT and Karleen Gedney and her husband Charles of Moosup, CT. Also several nieces and a nephew. He was also predeceased by a brother Bob Ross of Putnam, CT.


A Graveside Service will be at 10:30 AM Saturday, January 18, 2020 at Maplewood Cemetery, 184 Salem Turnpike, Norwich, CT. Share a memory at [www.smithandwalkerfh.com](http://www.smithandwalkerfh.com)

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# OBITUARIES

## Ronald Alfred Arpin



DANIELSON, CT – Ronald Alfred Arpin, 79, passed peacefully into heaven after a brief illness on Saturday, January 4, 2020 at Vanderman Place, Willimantic, CT with his family by his side. He was born in Webster, MA, the son of Stella (Sniadach) and Armand Arpin. Ron graduated from Bartlett High School and enlisted in the U.S. Navy. He served four years in the engine room on an auxiliary ship and was honorably discharged as an E-5. Ron worked nearly 40 years on the third shift as a valvemaker/machinist for Jamesbury/Metso Corp. retiring when the company outsourced much of their business.

Ron is survived by his daughters, Christina Arpin and her partner, Mallory Flagg, Diana Barresi and her husband, Rob, and Angela Arpin; a sister, Arline Langlois; a brother, Armand Arpin, his longtime companion, Claire Richford and her family, as well as many nieces and nephews. He was predeceased by his wife, Alexandra “Sandee” (Dhembe)

Arpin and a brother, Arthur Arpin.

Ron enjoyed fishing, crossbow hunting and horseshoes as well as playing cribbage with his daughter, Chris, and Texas Hold'em on his computer. He enjoyed his dogs, Sadie, Gracie and Spirit and watching the Patriots and Giants during football season. Ron was a great cook, especially turkey dinner with his delicious meat stuffing at Thanksgiving. He was a Mr. Fix-it of all things with his handy duct tape. Ron was very competitive and had a sarcastic wit and sense of humor. He attended church at Danielson Church of The Nazarene.

The family wishes to thank the staff at Vanderman Place for the excellent care they provided to Ron during his stay, especially Debbie, Cathy, Justin and Nancy.

Per Ron's wishes, funeral service and burial will be private. In lieu of flowers donations can be made to The Alzheimer's Association. [tillinghastfh.com](http://tillinghastfh.com)



## Sr. Marie Ruth Page, DHS, 103



WINDHAM, CT - Sr. Marie Ruth Page, DHS, 103, a member of the Daughters of the Holy Spirit passed away on Saturday, December 28, 2019 at Saint Joseph Living Center in Windham, CT.

Born on April 3, 1916 in Chicopee, MA, Marie Ruth Exilda Page she was the daughter of the late Edouard and Amanda (Gelinas) Page. Sr. Marie Ruth entered religious life in Putnam, CT in 1934 and made her religious profession at the Motherhouse in St. Brieuc, France on September 2, 1937. She was then known as Sr. Edouard de la Croix.

Sr. Marie Ruth was a teacher for over 50 years having taught at St. Mary's School, Jewett City, CT, St. Cecilia School, Leominster, MA, St. Brendan School, New Haven, CT and Assumption School, Chicopee, MA. Over 30 of those years were teaching the 8th grade. In her retirement years, she served as sacristan at St. Joseph Guest House, New Haven and did CCD work at St. Cecilia's Parish in Leominster, MA and Assumption Parish, Chicopee, MA. In 2004 she

moved to the Holy Spirit Provincial House and was admitted to the Healthcare Facility in 2012. She was one of the first sisters to form the new community at St. Joseph Living Center in 2016.

She is survived by the Daughters of the Holy Spirit spiritual family – her sisters in community, the Consecrated Seculars and the Associates as well as two nieces, one nephew and many grand and great grand nieces and nephews. She was predeceased by her brothers, the late David Page and Raoul Page as well as her sisters, the late Gertrude Belanger, Rose Warwick, Florence Sampson and Viola Jerreld.

Calling hours took place Thursday, January 2, 2020 from 9:00 a.m. to 11:00 a.m. at St. Joseph Church, 99 Jackson Street, Willimantic, CT with a prayer service at 10:00 a.m. A Mass of Christian Burial was held at 11:00 a.m. followed by burial in St. Mary Cemetery in Putnam at 2:30 p.m.

In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to DHS Retirement Fund, P. O. Box 497, Putnam, CT 06260. The Gilman Funeral Home and Crematory, 104 Church St., Putnam, CT has been entrusted with arrangements. For memorial guestbook, please visit [www.GilmanandValade.com](http://www.GilmanandValade.com).

## Marcia E. Laurens, 77



MESA, ARIZONA - Marcia E. (Clapgood) Laurens, 77, passed away October 26, 2019.

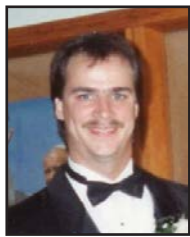
Mrs. Laurens is survived by her husband of forty four years, Carl A. Laurens, Jr; four children, Rene Mailloux and his wife Suzanne of Gilbert, Arizona, Nina Kozchanowski and her husband Rick of Mesa, Arizona, Mark Mailloux and his wife April of Oxford, and Chris Mailloux and his wife Kim of Paxton; two sisters, Linda Richert of Dudley and Arlene Santerre of North Grosvenordale; five grandchildren and ten great grandchildren.

Mrs. Laurens was born in Webster, daughter of the late Everett Clapgood and Cecelia (Bembenek) Clapgood and lived most of her life in Webster before moving to Arizona. She worked at Stevens Linen in Dudley and then at St. Vincent's Hospital as a phlebotomist. Mrs. Laurens was skilled in crocheting and cake decorating as well as many other crafts.

A Celebration of Life will be held on Thursday, January 16, 2020 at 11:00 a.m. at the Beechwood Hotel, 363 Plantation Street, Worcester. In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to the American Diabetes Association, 10 Speen St., 2nd Floor, Framingham, MA 01701.

[paradisfuneralhome.com](http://paradisfuneralhome.com)

## Stephen B. Cutting, 55



N O R T H SMITHFIELD - Stephen B. Cutting, 55, of St. Paul St., formerly of Brooklyn, CT, died Thursday, January 2, 2020, at home after a brief illness. Born in Worcester, MA, he was the son of the late Donald C. and Marie C. (DeMoras) Cutting. Stephen graduated from Millbury High School and attended Worcester State College.

Mr. Cutting worked as a truck driver for Keebler Co & Kellogg for a number of years and Penske Trucking of Franklin, most recently. He was a member of the Elks Club in both Danielson, CT and Woonsocket, RI. Stephen enjoyed fishing, shooting

pool, and was an avid fan of the Boston Bruins, Boston Red Sox, and New England Patriots.

Stephen is survived by his children, Dr. Marissa Cutting and her husband Sho Grant of San Antonio, TX and Justin Cutting of Schenectady, NY; his siblings, Michael Cutting and his wife Andrea of Webster, MA, James Cutting of Westfield, MA, and Laurie Cutting Locklear of Ft. Mill, SC; and many nieces, nephews, and friends.

Relatives and friends were respectfully invited to visit with Stephen's family from 5:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m. on Wednesday, January 8, 2020, in the Gilman Funeral Home and Crematory, 104 Church St., Putnam. For memorial guestbook visit [www.GilmanAndValade.com](http://www.GilmanAndValade.com).

## Patricia A. “Pat” Brousseau, 77



SOUTHBRIDGE - Patricia A. “Pat” Brousseau, 77, died Tuesday, December 31, 2019, at Harrington Memorial Hospital, following an illness.

Pat leaves her husband, Raymond A. “Biddy” Brousseau, whom she married April 26, 1968. She also leaves her son, Vance Brousseau, and his wife Kim, of Woodstock, CT; two grandchildren, Abigail and Jordyn Brousseau, both of Woodstock, CT; her sister, Dolores Mahoney, and her husband Thomas, of Worcester; and four nieces, Rise, Linda, Michelle, and Carla.

Born in Worcester, MA, on April 13, 1942, she was the daughter of the late Michael and Louise (Bizzaro) Delle Femine. She graduated from Commerce High School with the class of 1960. Pat was a member of the St. John Paul II Parish, and it's Ladies of St. Anne Sodality, and a volunteer for the St. John Paul II Food Pantry.

The funeral was held Saturday, January 4, 2020 from Sansoucy Funeral Home, 40 Marcy Street, Southbridge, MA, with a Mass at 10AM at Notre Dame Church, 446 Main Street, Southbridge, MA. Calling hours were Friday, January 3, 2020 from 5-7PM at the funeral home. [www.sansoucyfuneral.com](http://www.sansoucyfuneral.com)

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Alysia Casiano, Clerk  
The fiduciary is:  
Rainer A. Ingves, Jr. and Lorie J. Dillon c/o JAMES K. KELLEY (attorney for Lorie J. Dillon and Rainer A. Ingves, Jr.) LAW OFFICES OF JAMES K. KELLEY & ASSOCIA, 33 BROAD STREET, DANIELSON, CT 06239, (860)774-9627  
January 10, 2020

**NOTICE TO CREDITORS**  
ESTATE OF Michael P O'Shaughnessy (19-00476)  
The Hon. Leah P. Schad, Judge of the Court of Probate, District of Northeast probate Court, by decree dated December 16, 2019, ordered that all claims must be pretested to the fiduciary at the address below. Failure to promptly present any such claim may result in the loss of rights to recover on such claim.  
Alysia Casiano, Clerk  
The fiduciary is:  
Donna O'Shaughnessy, 89 Crooked Trail Ext., Woodstock, CT 06281  
January 10, 2020

**NOTICE TO CREDITORS**  
ESTATE OF James L. Roy (19-00481)  
The Hon. Leah P. Schad, Judge of the Court of Probate, District of Northeast probate Court, by decree dated, ordered that all claims must be pretested to the fiduciary at the address below. Failure to promptly present any such claim may result in the loss of rights to recover on such claim.  
Alysia Casiano, Clerk  
The fiduciary is:  
Deborah K. Lucier and Richard G. Roy c/o NICHOLAS A LONGO (Attorney for Richard G. Roy and Deborah K. Lucier), BACHAND, LONGO & HIGGINS-168 MAIN ST., P.O. BOX 528, PUTNAM CT 06260, (860)928-6549.  
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**NOTICE TO CREDITORS**

ESTATE OF Roberta Rivers (20-00005)  
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The fiduciary is:  
Rhonda R. Brooks, PO Box 228, Pomfret Center, CT 06259  
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**NOTICE TO CREDITORS**  
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The fiduciary is:  
Donald Froehlich c/o GABRIELLE LABONTE, LAW OFFICE OF GABRIELLE LABONTE, 5 VINA LANE, P.O. BOX 709, BROOKLYN, CT 06234  
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**LEGAL NOTICE**  
**TOWN OF WOODSTOCK TAX COLLECTOR'S NOTICE**  
The second installment of real estate and personal property taxes, sewer use bills, and motor vehicle supplemental taxes listed on the October 1, 2018 Grand List becomes due and payable to the Town of Woodstock on **January 1, 2020**. Payment must be postmarked or brought into the office by **February 3, 2020** to avoid an interest charge. Interest will be charged on **February 4, 2020** on all delinquent payments at the rate of one and one-half percent per month, or a minimum charge of \$2.00 on each bill. Motor Vehicle Supplemental taxes not paid by **February 3, 2020** will be reported as delinquent to the Motor Vehicle Department. If you have any questions, please contact the Tax Collector's Office at

860-928-9469 ext. 318 or the Assessor's office at 860-928-6929 ext. 326.  
The Tax Collector's office hours are Monday, Tuesday, and Thursday 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.; Wednesday 8:30 a.m. to 6:00 p.m. The town hall will be closed on Fridays.  
The office will be closed at noon on Tuesday, December 31, 2019 and will be closed on Wednesday, January 1, 2020 for the New Year's Day Holiday and on Monday, January 20, 2020 in observance of Martin Luther King Jr. Day.  
Linda Bernardi, CCMC  
Woodstock Tax Collector  
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December 27. 2019  
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**LEGAL NOTICE**  
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The Tax Office's hours are as follows: Mon-Wed 8AM to 5PM, Thursday 8AM to 6PM, and CLOSED FRIDAY. If you wish to pay by mail, enclose coupon of bill and address to: Revenue Collector, PO Box 253, Brooklyn, CT 06234. If a receipt is desired, please enclose a self-addressed stamped envelope.  
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**WITCHES WOOD TAX DISTRICT**  
**NOTICE TO PAY TAXES**  
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Failure to receive a tax bill does not invalidate the tax or the interest. (Section 12-130 C.G.S.) If you do not receive a tax bill, please contact the Tax Collector immediately.  
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**Legal Notice**  
In accordance with the provisions of Section 7-394 of the General Statutes of the State of Connecticut, notice is hereby given that: The Annual Financial Report of The Town of Woodstock for the Year Ended June 30, 2019, Prepared by MahoneySabol, CPAs and Advisors, was filed in the Office of the Town Clerk on December 30, 2019, and that the audit is open for public inspection. Dated this 30 day of December, 2019. Attest: Judy E. Walberg, Town Clerk  
January 10, 2019

**LEGAL NOTICE**  
Notice is hereby given that there will be a caucus of all enrolled Republicans electors of the Town of Brooklyn on Monday, January 13th at 7pm at the Brooklyn Town Hall, 4 Wolf Den Rd, to endorse candidates for the Republican Town Committee.  
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## January 10, Fri., 9:30-11:30am

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

## January 11, Sat., 7-11pm

Snowball. The 15th Annual Snowball of the Mill Museum. The theme of the gala, "Celebrating a Stunning Century" will be a party with pizzazz for the 100th year anniversary of the passage of the 19th Amendment. The Ball will be held at the Betty Tipton Room at Eastern Connecticut State University. The event includes hors d'oeuvres, cash bar, a silent auction and dancing to the big band sound of the all female band the Flamingos. Tickets are \$75 per person and available online at purplepass and at the museum. The Mill Museum (Windham Textile & History Museum) 860-456-2178 www.millmuseum.org



## January 11, Sat., 2pm

Deborah Vadas Levison, author of The Crate: A Story of War, Murder, and Justice, will speak at the Killingly Public Library. The program is open to the public and sponsored by Friends of the Library.

## January 17, Fri., 5-7pm

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

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(\$13); fried clams (\$16); seafood platter (\$18). 860-923-2967, council2087@gmail.com.

## January 6, Mon., 6:45pm

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

## January 17 - 19, 5:30pm

Winter Teen Weekend from Friday at 5:30 PM until Sunday at 9:00am at Windham-Tolland 4-H Camp, 326 Taft Pond Rd, Pomfret Center, CT. Food, games, sledding, leadership skills and lots of fun for teens 13 - 17. Fee is \$50.00. Pre-registration required by January 12. Call 860-974-3379 to register or email: campdirector@4hcampct.org

**January 12, 2020.** Open House from 2 - 4 PM at Windham-Tolland 4-H Camp, 326 Taft Pond Rd, Pomfret Center, CT. New and old campers, families and friends are welcome. Take a tour to check out 4-H camp as you start thinking about plans for next summer and take advantage of early registration discounts.

## February 3, Mon., 6:45pm

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

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

Submissions are limited to 50 words or less and are FREE to qualifying organizations, schools, churches and town offices.

To submit your event contact: Paula at paula@stonebridgepress.news

Deadline for submission is Friday at Noon

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



### SATURDAY, JANUARY 11

TEQUILA BONFIRE  
from 9-midnight  
308 Lakeside  
308 East Main Street  
East Brookfield, MA 01515  
774-449-8333

### ONGOING

MARIACHI BAND  
First Thursday of the month 5-8 p.m.  
MEXICALI MEXICAN GRILL  
Webster location  
41 Worcester Rd., Webster, MA  
508-461-5070



TRIVIA SATURDAY NIGHTS  
7:00 p.m. register 7:30 p.m. start up  
HILLCREST COUNTRY CLUB  
325 Pleasant St., Leicester, MA  
508-892-9822



LIVE ENTERTAINMENT FRIDAY NIGHT  
HEXMARK TAVERN  
AT SALEM CROSS INN  
260 West Main St., W. Brookfield, MA 508-867-2345 salemcrossinn.com



THE CENTRAL MA CHAPTER OF TROUT UNLIMITED meets the first Monday of every month from September through May. We discuss a variety of conservation programs to improve the local cold water fisheries, local fishing opportunities. Our annual High School Fly Fishing Championship (open to all MA high school students) And our annual fund raising banquet. Auburn Sportsman's Club 50 Elm St., Auburn, MA



### SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 8

EAST BROOKFIELD'S 100TH ANNIVERSARY  
2:30 Presentation 3:30 Skating  
"The Lake in Winter"

Event. Ken Ethier: Ice harvesting; ice skating; a bonfire with DJ and concessions Town Hall; Lake Lashaway Town Beach FREE -snacks for Sale

### SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 9

FISHING DERBY  
6 AM - 2 PM - Details to come! See Facebook @EB100th or tinyurl.com/EB100th!

### SATURDAY, MARCH 14:

OPEN HOUSE AT HODGKINS BUILDING  
1:00-3:00 (Museum/ RR/Art Guild/ Boy Scouts)  
108 School Street FREE

### TUESDAY, MARCH 24

RE-ENACTMENT of signing of town bill and unveiling of Anniversary Quilt 6:30  
Senior Center; Pleasant Street  
FREE







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