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From left, Kim Mather, librarian and Snow White, with Allison Whiston, librarian and Anna of Frozen.

Comic characters invade Killingly Library

BY KAREN BUTERA
FOR THE VILLAGER

DANIELSON — The ninth annual ‘Take Your Child to the Library Day’ was celebrated at the Killingly Public Library on Feb. 1. It is a national event that was started by Nadine Lipman in 2011. She started it to bring a fun way to raise awareness in the community that the library is great place to visit and where you can view the resources and take part in the multitude of events that the library has to offer year round.

The theme of the day was Character Con — where kids and adults could come dressed up as their favorite Disney Character of their choice. The them for 2020 was Frozen and Toy Story.

Kim Mather, assistant children’s librarian, was also known as Snow White for the day.

“Frozen and Toy Story was chosen because they are so popular and they both were new this past year,” Mather said.

There were movie related-happenings throughout the library. One was a popular Frozen Scavenger Hunt. They received a slip

of paper with Frozen related pictures such as ice, Olaf and snowflakes. Kids were able to search all around the nook and crannies in the Children’s Department. Once they found the hidden pictures they had to bring them to the desk to collect their sticker.

In another area of the department there were crafts. There was a place where kids could build an Olaf with Marshmallows. In another area there were games to play and there was even a photo op with an Etch-a-Sketch.

Of course there wouldn’t be Toy Story without Buzz Lightyear’s space ship, which also offered a photo opportunity. Mather enthusiastically quoted Buzz, “To infinity and beyond.”

Allison Whiston, children’s librarian was dressed as a Frozen Character, Anna.

“We have been planning this for two months. Mather and I have been discussing different ideas. We like to see the kids come in on a specific day with their families to enjoy themselves and the entertainment,” Whiston said.

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Eastford’s Duck Day predicts more winter

BY CAROL DAVIDGE
FOR THE VILLAGER

EASTFORD — Scramble the Duck — Eastford’s version of Punxsatawney Phil — predicted last Sunday that Connecticut will have six more weeks of winter. Scramble has been 100 percent accurate for the past five years, superior to Punxsutawney Phil’s 39 percent. So despite groundhog Phil’s 2020 prediction of a warm spring, don’t put away any snow shovels.

During Duck Day, Scramble quacked quietly and his mentor, 14-year-old Isaac Torcellini, interpreted the much-awaited prediction: “Yes, it is more winter. Yes, we’ll wait for warmth. But in the night of winter, we’ll find our greatest strength. Six More Weeks of Winter, I predict.”

Scramble’s prediction on Feb. 2 happened during “Duck Day — Eastford’s Alternative to Groundhog Day,” viewable online at: scrambleduck.org.

Fifty people gathered at what was the warmest Duck Day ever, and when Scramble predicted more winter, all of them groaned. State Senator Dan Champagne (R-35th) and State Representative Pat Boyd (D-50th) were in the crowd. Assisting Scramble were the



Julia Torcellini photo

State Senator Dan Champagne (R-35th) left and State Rep. Pat Boyd (D-50th) right, with Micah, Isaac and Benjamin Torcellini, along with Scramble.

three Torcellini brothers: Micah, 16, Isaac, age 14, and Benjamin, 10.

Sunday’s Duck Day was a first for the Nemeth family from Brooklyn: mother Jenn and father Matt, Arlo, 5, and Wynton, 2, who were brought by grandmother Ann Marie

Milette.

Mia Beaulieu, a sophomore at E.O. Smith High School, raises ducks, laying hens, and a turkey at her Red Goose Barn on her family’s Mayflower Hill Farm in Ashford.

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HIGH FLYERS

Charlie Lentz photo

WOODSTOCK — Woodstock Academy’s Hallie Saracina, white jersey, is defended by Amistad’s Ashleigh Paige McDonald on Saturday, Feb. 1, at Alumni Fieldhouse. High school sports coverage begins on page B-1 of The Villager sports section.



Day Kimball Hospital rated highly

PUTNAM — A recently released report from the Connecticut Department of Public Health that provides information about adverse events at the state’s hospital and outpatient surgical facilities shows that there were zero adverse events for patients at Day Kimball Hospital in 2018. Among the 28 acute care hospitals in Connecticut, DKH was the only one to report zero adverse events that year. This also marks the second consecutive year that DKH has attained this achievement; it was one of three hospitals in the state with zero adverse events in 2017.

This report, DPH’s Adverse Event Reporting document, covers all adverse events

reported in 2018. An adverse event is a reportable incident that caused harm to a patient, such as bed sores, falls, perforations or errors occurring during surgery, and other events. DPH releases this report annually.

“At Day Kimball, we take very seriously the trust our community places in us, and commit to continuously improving patient-centered quality and safety,” said DKH Interim President, Joseph Adiletta. “This has allowed our hospital to be the only one in the state to achieve zero adverse events this year.”

Hospitals and outpatient surgical facilities are required to report adverse events to DPH using the

National Quality Forum list of Serious Reportable Events in Healthcare, plus additional events as defined by DPH. According to DPH, items on the list are of concern to both the public and healthcare professionals, are clearly identifiable and measurable, and are often, though not always, preventable.

“We work diligently to promote patient safety and eliminate preventable patient harm by striving to surpass established national standards,” said DKH Chief Medical Officer and Vice President of Medical Affairs and Quality, John Graham, MD. “This significant achievement represents the concerted effort on the part of everyone on

our hospital staff in what is an ongoing process of quality monitoring and performance improvement.”

Day Kimball Hospital is a member of the Connecticut Hospital Association’s Patient Safety Organization and actively participates in the statewide high reliability collaborative to reduce patient harm across the state.

DKH has committed to serve as a champion trainer for Connecticut’s “Safety Starts with Me.” “This initiative is dedicated to sharpening our focus – adopting and ingraining shared values and beliefs about how we act and interact – so that we can make our organization an even safer place

with fewer human errors and fewer events of harm,” said Adiletta.

The Adverse Event Reporting document is just one of several reports produced by DPH as part of the state’s Quality in Health Care program, which was developed to measure the clinical performance of health care facilities and to develop systems for those facilities to share best practices. To learn more about the Quality in Health Care program and the Adverse Event Reporting document, visit www.ct.gov/dph. Learn more about all of Day Kimball Hospital’s various safety and quality measures by visiting daykimball.org/ quality.

Troopers bust Woodstock man on drug charges

PUTNAM — On Jan. 29 at approximately 6:04 p.m., a Connecticut State Police Trooper assigned to the Troop D Quality of Life Task Force spotted a vehicle on School Street in Putnam committing several motor vehicle violations. As the Trooper pulled out to stop the vehicle it sped down May Street. The Trooper caught up to the offending vehicle and activated his emergency police lights and the vehicle came to an abrupt stop behind Price Chopper. The driver, who the Trooper recognized as Daniel Bowling, 25, of 21 Pond Factory Road, Woodstock, from a prior narcotic arrest, departed the vehicle and locked the car. The Trooper informed Bowling that he was a subject of a traffic stop and needed to get back into his car. Bowling was asked numerous times to return to his vehicle so that the traffic stop could be conducted in a safe manner, but Bowling became hostile toward the Trooper and refused to return to

his car. The Trooper then approached Bowling and was eventually able to place him under arrest for Interfering with a Police Officer. Two Putnam Police Officers arrived on scene to assist the Trooper and provide back-up. During a subsequent investigation, the Trooper observed several indicators of criminal activity that led him to believe that narcotics may be present in the vehicle. K9 Ambrie, a narcotic detecting Labrador, alerted to the presence of narcotics coming from within the vehicle. K9 Ambrie then sniffed the interior of the car ultimately locating approximately 400 grams of an illegal controlled substance. Also located within the car was narcotic packaging materials and \$630. K9 Ambrie was later deployed to sniff the seized money and alerted to the odor of narcotics. Also located and seized from the vehicle was an aluminum

baseball bat that was in between the front driver's seat and the driver's door, where Bowling was standing when the Trooper was attempting to arrest him. Bowling admitted that he put the bat there for protection. Bowling was transported to Troop D where he was processed and charged with Interfering/Resisting Arrest, Weapons in a Motor Vehicle, Possession of a Controlled Substance, Possession of a Controlled Substance With Intent to Sell, and Possession of Drug Paraphernalia — along with several motor vehicle charges. Bowling was released on a \$10,000.00 bond and will appear in Danielson Superior Court. 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



Daniel Bowling

Troop D QLTF anonymous Tips Hotline at (860) 779-4950 or message the QLTF Facebook page.

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

George Wilhelm Friedrich Hegel

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. 27
Jason Nelson, 43, of 53 Fortin Drive, Brooklyn, was charged with criminal trespass in the 3rd degree and violation of a standing criminal protective order.

DANIELSON

Jan. 29
Stacy J. Mesyna, 33, of 113 Shippee Schoolhouse Road, Danielson,

POLICE LOGS

was charged with disorderly conduct and assault in the 3rd degree.

KILLINGLY

Jan. 29
Ann Marie Dzurnak, 33, of 130 Cranberry Bog Road, Apt. M, Killingly, was charged with larceny in the 6th degree, disorderly conduct and assault in the 3rd degree

NORTH GROSVENORDALE

Jan. 30
Cody Bricault, 25, of 32 Buckley Hill Road, North Grosvenordale was charged with disorderly conduct.

WOODSTOCK

Jan. 30
Jason Ballanceau, 38, of 154 Harrisville Road, Apt. 23, Woodstock, was charged with disorderly conduct, assault in the 3rd degree, stangulation/suffocation in the 2nd degree and unlawful restraint in the 2nd degree. Derin Labonte, 34, of 218 Joy Road, Woodstock, was charged with extradition arrest-no warrant.

PUTNAM POLICE DEPARTMENT

Jan. 20

Steven Randolph, 50, of 52 Harrison Street, Putnam, was charged with Operating a motor vehicle while license is under suspension

Jan. 24
Kayla Alimandi, 30, of 68 Smith Street Putnam, was charged Breach of Peace 2nd degree, Criminal Violation of a Protective Order.

Jan. 27
Francis Houle, 72, of 332 Church Street Putnam, was charged with Failure to drive right, Failure to carry operator's license.

Jan. 31
Nathan Souza, 28, of 110 Clearview Drive Brooklyn, was charged with Breach of Peace, Violation of a Protective Order

Feb. 1
David Hallaman, 28, of 4 Lyon Street, Putnam, was charged with Disorderly Conduct, Possession of Controlled Substance; Possession of less than one-half ounce of marijuana.

Morgan Leclair-Mclean, 22, of 24 Reardon Road, North Grosvenordale, was charged with operating a motor vehicle under the influence of alcohol/drugs; failure to maintain lane.

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St. Joseph School receives gift from Spirol



Eighth graders with Mr. Rick Lepore

NORTHGROSVENORDALE—David Sizemore, Principal of St. Joseph School in North Grosvenordale announced on Feb. 3 that the Charitable Foundation of the Spirol International Corporation, headquartered in Dayville, will be donating 10 scholarships in the amount of \$1,000 each for qualified families to help offset the cost of tuition for the 2020-21 school year. This latest philanthropic gift is the third in a series of recent donations from Spirol to help the SJS community over the past two years.

“Words cannot adequately describe my sincerest gratitude to our friends at Spirol for providing tuition assistance to families in need,” said Sizemore. “Unfortunately, we live in a time where many Catholic elementary schools are struggling to keep their doors open due to rising costs, so having a partner like Spirol to help us continue our long legacy of providing a quality, faith-based education in a caring, respectful, and nurturing environment is absolutely essential to our future.”

“The hope is, through these scholarships, families who might otherwise not think it possible to afford SJS will seek out the educational opportunities provided by this wonderful school com-

munity,” said Jim Shaw, a member of the Spirol Charitable Foundation. “Perhaps our financial support will help make a difference in the lives of children and that through an increase in enrollment made possible through these scholarships, SJS will be better positioned to carry out its mission for many more families and many more years to come.”

Spirol’s first donation to SJS came in the spring of 2018 when it gave a \$25,000 grant for the purchase of iPads for students in Grades 4-8. The school was able to expand that program earlier this year to also include students in Grade 3.

“I cannot thank Spirol International enough for their generous donation to fund our iPad program,” said Rick Lepore, Director of Technology at SJS. “The iPad program here at SJS has been a blessing to the development of our students’ ever building knowledge of technology. It is great preparation for them in their future education.”

During the summer of 2019, Spirol awarded SJS an additional grant of \$30,000 in order to refurbish a classroom space into a new Learning Center, now known as the Bishop Vincent J. Hines Learning Center. The grant not



SJS faculty at the Student Learning Center

only funded new equipment and technology for the room, it also helped to pay for a part-time Learning Specialist for the 2019-20 school year.

“The Bishop Hines Learning Center has had a tremendous impact on our school community,” said Sizemore. “Not only are students with learning needs able to receive one on one assistance from Mrs. Nancy Beeman, our Learning Specialist, we also have a professional space for our colleagues from Thompson to provide Title 1 and Speech related services to our students. Additionally, our after school clubs gather in the Learning Center virtually every day of the week to enhance the student experience at SJS.”

To find out more information for the 2020-21 school year, please contact SJS at (860) 923-2090 or e-mail to Sizemore at dsizemore@sjschooling.com. Additional information about the school can be found on its website, www.schoolofstjoseph.org. A guided tour

with Sizemore can be scheduled as well as a prospective student spending a Shadow Day at SJS.

The next Open House that SJS will host for families will be Sunday, March 29 from 8:30 a.m. to 11:30 a.m. The Open House will be paired with a Sunday Breakfast that will run simultaneously where guided tours will be offered by current SJS families as well as faculty members. Breakfast is complementary for all prospective families. Finally, the Easter Bunny will also be “coming to town” on March 29 for special photo opportunities.

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MaryJo Maichack, the Minstrel Storyteller, was a special addition to the day as she spun her tales while getting the kids to anxiously participate. She was quite creative in getting the children engaged with laughter, motions and hand movements. In keeping with the Frozen theme, her title was ‘King Frost and Chilly Tales and Tunes for Chilly Children.’ The children were enthralled with Maichack’s mean and sensitive character faces and hand movements. She also entertained with song.

Special guest Elsa, sang songs for and with the kids. At the end of the event, there was even a Parade where all of the kids were able to march around as their favorite character.



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Mother and daughter team

BY KAREN BUTERA
FOR THE VILLAGER

DANIELSON — The Farmer’s Market of Danielson, held at Westfield Congregational Church had another successful day on Feb. 1. Multiple vendors came out to participate in the event.

Dovehill Farm, LLC of Moosup was there. The farm is a family affair run by husband and wife team John and Sylvia Wielk and daughter Jenny Wielk. On this first Saturday of February, mother and daughter teamed up to help.

“Dad would call me Dove as a little girl. Plus the farm is on a hill and there are doves there,” said Jenny, from Putnam.

During their busy time of the year- from April to the beginning of November they spend long days from 6 a.m. to 10 p.m. taking care of their 7 seven acres of farmland and all of their fruits, vegetables and animals. Right now is considered their down time. Even so, their hours are still considered long to many of us. They do not have the average 8-5 hour days that so many adults are use to. Down time days consist of less hours, but even then, much of their day is doing research for the new season, ordering, planning and

farm maintenance. During the winter months they manage to enjoy family time by going out for dinner or going to a movie. They also like spending time at home together.

The property was purchased ten years ago. They started out slowly with planning. Two years ago they became an LCC. They are currently raising fruit and vegetables.

“We grow apples, peaches, pears, cherries, blueberries and raspberries,” said Sylvia, from Moosup. “We can them to preserve them. We also pickle cucumbers.”

She also had applesauce, jam, green tomatoes and red tomatoes set up in Ball jars on her table.

They grow a full variety of vegetables consisting of potatoes, carrots, tomatoes, squash, onions, garlic, beans, lettuce and corn.

“In the beginning we took time to plan out our garden and fields,” said Jenny.

“We raise rabbits and chickens. We sell the eggs and mix the two manures together. They make great fertilizer,” Sylvia said.

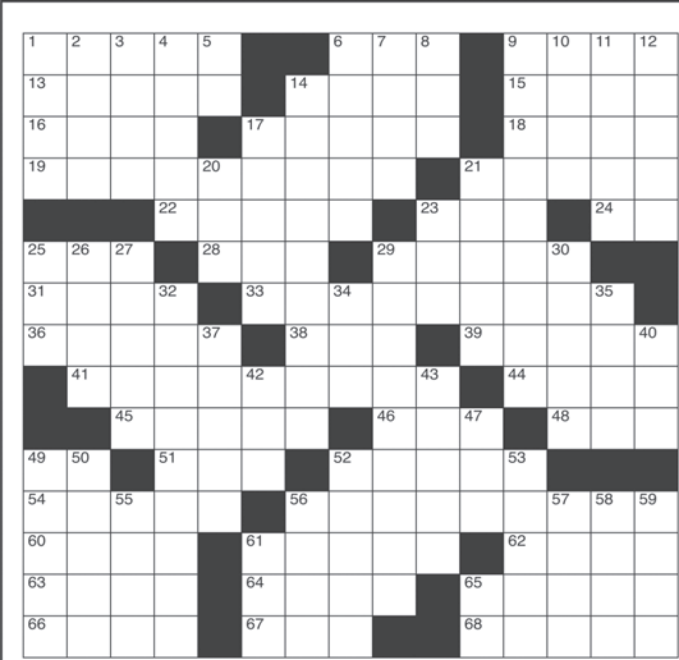
They had eggs on hand and they proved to be a popular item. They are currently raising goats and are looking forward to the day when they can use



From left, Sylvia Wielk and Jenny Wielk

them to make milk and cheese, and possibly soap in the future. They feel that right now the market is saturated with goat’s milk soap. This year mother

and daughter have spent time at UConn learning about caring for animals, another of their downtime projects.



CLUES ACROSS

1. Indicates number of days
6. When you hope to get there
9. Hairstyle
13. Black (Spanish)
14. Expresses pleasure
15. Away from wind
16. Tech pros organization
17. Wile E. Coyote is familiar with it
18. Clean
19. Saints’ signal caller
21. A way to hunt
22. Poetries
23. Automobile
24. Secondary school (abbr.)
25. Indicates before
28. Male parent
29. Short-billed rails
31. It pays to keep yours
33. On occasion
36. David __, US playwright
38. Slang for cigarette
39. Vaccine developer
41. Returned to health
44. Toni Morrison novel
45. Period between eclipses
46. Veterans battleground
48. Gang
49. A radio band
51. Jaws of a voracious animal
52. Elaborate garments
54. Chinese province
56. Checks
60. Horizontal passage
61. Steep hillsides
62. Fertility god
63. Dried-up
64. Signs a name
65. __ Winger, actress
66. German river
67. Gov’t lawyers
68. Take something somewhere

CLUES DOWN

1. __ Blyton, children’s author
2. Colleague
3. “The African Queen” writer
4. Crater on the moon
5. Toward
6. Overhang
7. Identifies something close at hand
8. Sign language
9. Unbroken views
10. Ancient Greek City
11. Stretch out to grasp
12. Alcohols that are unfit for drinking
14. Humorous stories
17. Long song for a solo
20. Barrels per day (abbr.)
21. City of Lights
23. A place to sleep
25. Advanced degree (abbr.)
26. The back
27. Furniture-makers Charles and “Ray”
29. Songs to a lover
30. Gland secretion
32. 10 meters
34. Disfigure
35. Stores grain
37. Sacred book of Judaism
40. Catch
42. Promise
43. Challenges
47. Russian space station
49. Banking giant
50. Served as an omen
52. Drenches
53. Type of sword
55. Minor planet
56. Messenger ribonucleic acid
57. Japanese ankle sock
58. Obtain in return for services
59. Waste matter
61. A proposal to buy at a specified price
65. Unit of loudness



LEGION HONORS LAFONTAINE



Jean C. LaFontaine, center, Past American Legion Department of Connecticut Commander and Past Commander of Post 67 of North Grosvenordale, was honored on Jan. 255 at the Legion Mid-Winter Conference in Trumbull, when he was inducted into the Department of Connecticut Hall Fame. He was presented to the audience of 300 by Past Dept. Commander and Past Post Commander of Post 111 of Woodstock Everett G. Shepard III, left. Also on hand to witness the ceremony was American Legion District 4 Commander and Past Post 13 Commander of Putnam Ronald P. Coderre, right.

PUBLIC MEETINGS

BROOKLYN

- Monday, Feb. 10
Parks and Recreation, 7 p.m.,
Clifford B. Green Memorial
Center
- Tuesday, Feb. 11
EDC, Cancelled
- IWWC, 6:00 p.m., Clifford B.
Green Memorial Center
- Thursday, Feb. 13
Board of Selectmen, 6:30 p.m.,
Clifford B. Green Memorial
Center
- BRRC, 7 p.m., Clifford B. Green
Memorial Center

KILLINGLY

- Tuesday, Feb. 11
Regular Town Council, 7 p.m.
- Wednesday, Feb. 12
Board of Education, 7 p.m.
Ag Committee Regular, 7 p.m.,
Room 102
- Thursday, Feb. 13
ZBA Regular, 7 p.m., Town
Meeting Room

EASTFORD

- Sunday, Feb. 9
Recreation Commission, 3 p.m.,
Town Office Building
- Tuesday, Feb. 11
Planning, 7 p.m., Town Office
Building
- Wednesday, Feb. 12
Registrar of Voters, 5 p.m., Town

- Office Building
- Thursday, Feb. 13
Board of Education, 7 p.m.,
Eastford Elementary School

POMFRET

- Monday, Feb. 10
Board of Finance, 6:30 p.m.,
Pomfret Community School
Conference Room
- Green Team, 7 p.m., Senior
Center
- Wednesday, Feb. 12
Board of Education Budget
Workshop, 6:30 p.m., Pomfret
Community School

PUTNAM

- Thursday, Feb. 13
WPCA, 6:30 p.m.

THOMPSON

- Monday, Feb. 10
Zoning Board of Appeals, 7
p.m., Town Hall, Merrill Seney
Community Room
- Tuesday, Feb. 11
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
- Board of Education, 7 p.m.,
Thompson Middle School Media
Center
- Wednesday, Feb. 12
Building Committee, 6 p.m.,
Thompson Middle School Media
Center
- Thursday, Feb. 13
Water Pollution Control
Authority, 6 p.m., WPCA
Treatment Plant Office, 40
Riverside Drive, Thompson
- Friday, Feb. 14
Mill Sites Redevelopment
Advisory Committee, 9 a.m.,
Town Hall, Merrill Seney
Community Room

WOODSTOCK

- Monday, Feb. 10
Recreation, 7 p.m., Room C
- Tuesday, Feb. 11
Board of Finance, 7 p.m., Room 1
- Thursday, Feb. 13
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TEEG, Putnam Diaper Bank receive grants

THOMPSON — Thompson Ecumenical Empowerment Group, Interfaith Human Services of Putnam’s Diaper Bank, and Northeast Placement Services of Woodstock were among the organizations recently awarded grants by the Jewett City Savings Bank Foundation. The Foundation awarded \$21,200 in grants to support 16 organizations dedicated to healthcare and social services. The grants were announced by Kevin Merchant, president and CEO of Jewett City Savings Bank.

“The Foundation is committed to ensuring the health and well-being of all members of the communities we serve. We’re happy to help these vital organizations carry out their missions to help people live healthier, more prosperous lives,” said Merchant.

The Foundation also awarded \$1,500 in grants for two annual appeals, including \$1,000 to Day Kimball Hospital in Putnam and \$500 to the Center for Hospice Care in Norwich. Among the donations were grants to three healthcare organizations totaling \$6,500. Receiving a \$5,000 grant was Norwich-based United Community & Family Services. The donation marks the third annual installment of a \$25,000 contribution to the organization’s capital campaign for the Griswold Health Center.

A total of \$14,700 was awarded to 13 social services organizations. Griswold



Members of the Plainfield Veterans Coffeehouse, from left, Bob Lalumiere, Ted Dumaine, Bob Plankey and Rudy Trahan presented a plaque to JCSB’s Dianne Chiavarini in appreciation of their grant.

PRIDE (Partnership to Reduce the Influence of Drugs for Everyone) received \$2,000 to help fund its medicine collection program as well as a mobile collection event to prevent the abuse and misuse of unused prescription drugs. The Foundation awarded a \$1,500 grant to Interfaith Human Services of Putnam for its Diaper Bank and other programs. Pawcatuck Neighborhood Center also received a grant of \$1,500 to help prevent homelessness through mortgage assistance, rental assistance,

and funding for security deposits. Other grants to support low-income individuals and families included a \$1,200 grant to the Thames Valley Council for Community Action (TVCCA) of Jewett City to provide winter boots to children; a \$1,000 grant to the First Congregational Church of Griswold to provide free Saturday breakfasts; and a \$1,000 grant to Tommy Toy Fund of Norwich to provide Christmas toys for children in Eastern Connecticut.

To help veterans, \$1,000 grants were

awarded to A Reason to Ride, Inc., of Jewett City to assist with rent, utility, and medical expenses; and the Town of Plainfield Recreation Department for the Veterans Coffeehouse and other emergency needs funding. Grants to support senior care included \$1,000 to the Griswold Senior Center to provide Tai-Chi classes, and \$1,000 to Quinebaug Valley Senior Citizens Center to help seniors with limited resources participate in fitness and training classes.

Additional grants included \$1,000 to Northeast Placement Services in Woodstock to help fund the construction of a new barn workspace, as well as \$1,000 to Thompson Ecumenical Empowerment Group (TEEG) to provide camperships for its All-Star Adventure Program. In addition, a \$500 grant was made to The Arc Eastern Connecticut to purchase weighted blankets and swing chairs for individuals at their Danielson location living with autism.

During this most recent round of funding, the Jewett City Savings Bank Foundation awarded 66 grants totaling \$77,000 to 56 local organizations. With these most recent donations, the Foundation has donated more than \$900,000 in grants since it was established in 2003. Among Jewett City Savings Bank offices are branches in Brooklyn and Dayville.

DUCK

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“This is my first year at Duck Day. I’m excited because Scramble is the same breed as my ducks, the Pekin breed,” said Beaulieu. She began raising ducks after taking an animal science course during her freshmen year.

Scramble’s story began in 2014 on a farm in Eastford, when three young Torcellini brothers raised a duck.

“We named him Scramble because he scrambled out of his egg,” said Isaac.

During their homeschool lessons, the boys studied Groundhog Day. To their surprise, the next February, in 2015, Scramble accurately predicted six more weeks of winter. Then in 2016 he predicted early spring. In 2017, he predicted six more weeks of winter. In 2018, he predicted six more weeks of winter, and last year, in 2019, his prediction of six more weeks of winter was also accurate. Now in 2020 Scramble predicts six more weeks of winter, challenging Punxsutawney Phil’s 2020 prediction of a warm spring.



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Mia Beaulieu, from Mayflower Hill Farm in Ashford



Benjamin Torcellini watches as Scramble the Duck predicted six more weeks of winter.

Below: Scramble flaps his wings



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Westfield Congregation Church Farmers Market

DANIELSON — The Farmer’s Market in Danielson, held at the Westfield Congregational Church was a popular spot on Feb. 1 as shoppers stopped by to see what the various vendors had to offer. The market has been meeting on the first and third Saturdays at the church.

Karen Butera photos



Alyson Charpentier with daughters Natalya and Adasya



From left, Mary Pendleton, Larry Gear and Sharon Crocker



From left, Doug Crane hands out hot sauce samples to Tim Paddleford and wife Deborah



From left, Barbara Labbe, Brigitte Cassell and Jody LaSalle

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The world through a restaurant window

Last week I had the pleasure of eating in restaurants several times. I meet friends, colleagues from work and dine with my family at various area restaurants and places beyond. I enjoy the experience of turning up somewhere, surveying the menu and ordering. I appreciate the role restaurants play in our lives. During the dreary month of February, we need to bundle up and go out to eat.

My husband is a real foodie. He likes to try ethnic foods. Friends recently treated us to a tour of Worcester establishments which included a Vietnamese restaurant, a meat market, a chocolate purveyor and a huge Asian market. At the Vietnamese place, Dalat, we watched a teenage dance troupe do a traditional dragon dance in celebration of the Lunar New Year.



NANCY WEISS

We met relatives at a Peruvian restaurant in Norwich, Canggih. It was delicious. I have been writing for years about places in the state, and I have never covered anything in Norwich. The restaurant is tucked on a side street and the food and service were very good. I thought we'd be offered lots of dishes made from potatoes as that is the food I associate with Peru, but there was plenty of variety. The chef came out to chat with us, which always adds to the allure of a place.

An old friend and I enjoyed a long, leisurely lunch at 85 Main in Putnam. We began meeting there when it first opened as The Vine. After we settled into a corner table, we watched as the place begin to fill up. We discussed million topics. The waitress patiently refilled our water glasses and coffee cups as we talked.

To celebrate another friend's birthday, we went to Anya in Thompson. The fireplace brought welcome warmth on a chilly evening. The deep, silver banquette where we were seated creates a swanky allure. Three of us ordered fancy cocktails and then entrees. We laughed and talked and took our own sweet time.

At Our Father's Table also in Thompson, a friend and I enjoyed a pleasant lunch of soup and sandwiches. The restaurant was bustling with diners. It offers bakery goods too. It felt as if it is a place for 'regulars' from the community, as well as drop-in visitors as we were. The price was very reasonable and the service was attentive and friendly.

I finished reading a novel while sipping a latte at Victoria Station recently. I watched the world of downtown Putnam go past the window and, when I began to feel guilty that I was taking up a table, I looked around and saw that I was not alone.

Every year my book club has a luncheon meeting at the Inn at Woodstock Hill. We enjoy the ambiance of the dining room and then adjourn to the living room to talk about our book. We have followed the same pattern for a decade or more. The staff is always welcoming and accommodating.

Soon I'll go to an event at the Mansion at Bald Hill and one at Grill 37. I'll pick up a cup of soup at the Vanilla Bean and a casserole at Sweet Peas. At Jessica Tuesday's I'll have a healthy salad on an otherwise dreary afternoon. My husband and I will slip in to Elizabeth's and enjoy a favorite dish.

I cook plenty of meals at home, but often I dine out. I'm grateful for the variety of tasty food we have in our area. It's challenging to run a restaurant, but it is a gift to the community – especially in February.

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OPINION

Opinion and commentary from the Quiet Corner

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

No fan of Trump

I suppose by the time this comes out, Trump has been “acquitted”. The Constitution has been trampled into the ground. The basic rules of law have been ignored. Another step has been taken in the creation of a dictatorial leader.

I put acquitted in quotes because he has hardly been acquitted. To have been, there would have to have been a legitimate court trial. By any rational consideration, there was never a legitimate proceeding.

To be legitimate, there would have to be an impartial jury. No one can argue that the jury was legitimate. Most of the jurors had pre-judged the outcome. The Republicans should all be held on perjury charges by abrogating their swearing to be impartial. Furthermore, the jurors were intimidated by Trump with retribution. They also accepted large donations to their re-election coffers from the RNC essentially bribing them to “acquit”. None of these allegations can be refuted because they are patently true.

To be legitimate, the proceedings would have included the presentation of evidence and witnesses. Moscow Mitch prevented this by coercing the GOPs to vote to ignore evidence.

To be legitimate, there would have been no rush to judgment. Where was the harm in taking the time to do things right and include all pertinent facts?

Shame. Shame. A sham has been committed. A sham and a corruption.

The impeachment was never an attempt to overthrow Trump's election. Trump brought all this on himself. He was the one who attempted to bribe Ukraine. He was the one who obstructed Congress's legitimate investigations. These are proven facts by evidence and sworn testimony by honest, dedicated witnesses. These actions will continue to be

proven as true as new evidence comes out. And it will, regardless of Trump's attempts to bury the truth. Look at the number of books, articles and interviews that are coming out describing the miserable character of Trump. There is so much information coming from so many different angles that it can't all be made up.

And let's touch on one salient point that the GOPs continue to bring up, viz., Biden's corrupt actions. Curious that not one “fact” or piece of evidence has been put forth to define his “corruption” in Ukraine. Or any place else for that matter. All we hear is conjecture and allegation.

And what association is there between Biden and whatever his son may have done? First, there has been no evidence of corruption by his son. Second, since when is a father expected to control and be responsible for the actions of an adult son or daughter? If this is so, then Trump is also responsible for the actions of his kids. And there is considerable negative conjecture about the honesty of their business dealings. But we hear nothing about Trump being responsible for their actions.

Finally, Trump's claim that he held up money to Ukraine because of corruption there is completely stupid. We provide foreign assistance to many countries; many of which are incredibly corrupt or are ruled by dictators. But Trump has not held up monies to any of these guys because of corruption. Why not? I posit that it is because there is nothing there to abet his political ambitions. His motives in Ukraine were purely self-serving and corrupt in themselves.

STEPHEN ETZEL PUTNAM

Always choose optimism

We came into this world without choice. We didn't decide to be conceived. Two people we didn't know decided that for us. We were carried for nine months, then pushed out with no consideration by our mother as to whether we wished to go or stay. We were suddenly and rudely squeezed out into a life that we didn't decide to live. Then to add to the humiliation of coming into this world naked, a group of masked strangers examined our bare bodies and counted our fingers and toes, as if they'd never seen a tiny human before. Embarrassingly, we cried like little babies, when for no reason at all, one of the masked strangers grabbed us by our ankles, raised our naked bodies upside down and slapped us on our bottoms. Their actions told us for the first time, life is unfair.

That's how it all began for me. Maybe you endured a similar experience? We were given no choice. On one day we didn't exist and on the next, we are a human life beginning to form and grow. We entered an imperfect and broken world and are told at an early age, “Life isn't fair. Just deal with it.”

Even though we are forced onto this world we quickly begin establishing how we'll live our lives by the choices we make. Those choices are made based upon how we see and interpret the world around us. The choices we make, determine our direction and the way we live our lives. We are where we are at this very moment, not by chance, but because of the choices we made. It is those choices that determine the quality of the life we lead and our impact on those around us.

The choice between optimism and pessimism may be the most impactful choice we make. It creates the foundation upon how we build and live our lives and the impact we have on others.

Where some people see sadness, others create happiness. Where some see no way out, others optimistically create their path. Where some see overwhelming odds, others see opportunity to succeed. The greatest difference I see in the lives of happy and successful people and those who are miserable and failing, begins with how they view life. The happiest and most successful among us, see the world as a beautiful place abundant with opportunities for happiness and success, while others see obstacles in their path and

misery. I always marvel at how an optimist and a pessimist can look at the same thing but see something different. It is a matter of perspective created by our attitude. We all have heard the example of those who see the glass half full while others see it half empty.

That is applicable to any situation. I paid my way through college selling vacuum cleaners, door to door. I graduated from college debt free, while nine out of ten people who started in that business quit in the first day because they could not see the opportunity. They focused on the prospects who slammed the door in their faces. I focused on those who did not and assumed they were happy to see me. Both were true but I focused on the positive.

Looking through the eyes of optimism encourages you to push forward. As I say almost every week, if you are pessimistic and assume failure, why would you even try? You already assume the worst.

Don't blame others for your view of life. Some of us are born into loving families who nurture and teach us right from wrong, while others are brought into lives where they were never wanted and learn to live their lives without nurturing or instruction. Regardless of which, it is the choices that we make that determine how we live our lives and how we ultimately impact others. Blaming your parents for your attitude is a foolish excuse. As soon as we are old enough to discern right from wrong, good from evil and positive from negative, our choices become our responsibility. Accepting responsibility for our own actions is paramount to living a happy, successful and optimistic life.

More important than success, the most optimistic people I know are also the kindest. The kindness we shared and the dignity in which we live makes a lasting impact on the world around us.

The time to think about the impact we have on others is not on our deathbed but while we are living our lives. Decide now the difference you wish to make, the joy and happiness you wish to share with others or positive education you can pass on.

Choose optimism and you are choosing a happier and more fruitful life.

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Reviewing tax strategies



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If you are thinking about tax season already, you are not the only one. Tax efficiency is a part of any investment strategy and it is important to consider how it will fit into your entire financial picture. Our unique and strategic Plan Well. Invest Well. Live Well process considers your specific circumstances and builds a plan to help you achieve your financial life goals and Live Well. Whether you have thought about taxes yet this year, follow along for the month of February for tax strategies to help you Plan Well. Invest Well. Live Well.

Minimizing your potential income taxes requires a regular review of your holistic financial picture and the current tax strategies available to you. In fact, tax planning can be a year-round process. At Weiss, Hale & Zahansky Strategic Wealth Advisors, we work with our clients and their tax professional to prepare unique strategies based on their unique financial life goals and tax-efficiency plans best suited for their individual needs.

Strategies to consider: Although your tax picture is unique to you, there are common strategies to consider and discuss with your financial and tax advisors. Here are a few:

Minimize taxable income while saving for retirement: If you are an employee, you make contributions to your 401(k) plan with pre-tax dollars, thus reducing your current income and, possibly, your current-year taxes. You can also reduce current-year taxes by making tax-deductible contributions to an IRA, if you qualify.

If you are self-employed, you can use a Keogh, SEP (Simplified Employee Pension), or SIMPLE (Savings Incentive Match Plan for Employees) plan to shelter income. Maximize deductions. Some deductible items, like medical expenses, must meet a specific threshold before deductions can be taken. If you fall short of the minimum, you may be able to time discretionary expenses so that you exceed the threshold one year but not the next.

Consider charitable donations. Depending on your specific tax picture, charitable donations could provide a good source of income tax deductions. One tax-saving strategy is to donate appreciated property. You can take a deduction for the fair market value and avoid capital gains tax on the sale.

Review interest expenses. If you pay interest that is not tax-deductible (e.g., interest on auto loans or credit cards), consider paying off the debt.

Review social security benefits. If you collect social security, you may benefit from strategies to reduce or defer taxable income. If your non-social security income exceeds certain levels, it triggers taxation of a higher percentage of your social security benefits.

Pay attention to record-keeping. Keeping complete records may help you save on taxes, especially if it prevents having to locate or recreate information.

Review Form 1040 for missed tax opportunities. Reviewing your 1040 could help you spot opportunities for making investments that provide greater after-tax savings. Pay special attention to the Taxable Interest, Tax-Exempt Income, and Dividend Income sections of the form.

Municipal bonds. Tax-exempt municipal bonds are an excellent tax-advantaged investment, especially if you are in a high income tax bracket or have moved into a higher tax bracket after a promotion or career change. Interest earned on municipal bonds is exempt

Snowbound in Dayville in February of 1920

February! One month closer to spring. I was putting birdseed out the end of January and was delighted to see white buds showing on some of my snowdrops. It was a delight to see them even closed. I think I had snowdrops on the brain while I was reading microfilms from 1920 because I quickly picked up on the following ad in the October 14, 1920 Windham County Transcript. “Wanted. Men and women with burning feet, sore corns and callouses to try a box of SNOW DROP SALVE. 25 cents. Works wonders. Guaranteed by Burroughs Drug Store, Woodward’s Drug Store and The White Cross Pharmacy.”

One hundred years ago a main topic of conversation in early February 1920 was the wintry weather. The February 12, 1920 Transcript contained several articles of interest: “SNOWBOUND. Local activities halted by Heavy Storm. Passengers on Stalled Train Sleep at Station. Mill Workers Residing Out of Town Stay Here. “Those who were snowed in talked it over on the phone. Surely everything and everybody had to be subordinate to the weather man (sic). Not since the blizzard of March 12, 1888 has Dayville been so crippled. On Thursday night four trains were stalled here, fifty or more people spent the night in the waiting room of the railroad station...Even the station agent and telegraph operator got what rest they could lying on the floor in their office. All night long one could hear the puffing and whistling of the engines, trying to get up sufficient stream to forge ahead. It is said that ‘an ill wind blows some good,’ consequently Mrs. Moran did a flourishing business at her restaurant, feeding fully eighty persons. After the supply of bread had gone, Mrs. Moran served hot pan cakes (sic), which rapidly disappeared as well as all the food on hand. Some people on Main street not being able to get anyone to shovel paths or to get the snow and ice away from their storm doors have been

literally snowbound for several days. Several employees of the Assawaga Company, living outside the village were compelled to tax the hospitality of their friends over night. The R.F.D. carriers have not been able to cover their complete routes since last week Wednesday and have been obliged to shovel their way along, in one case having to unharness the horse and with assistance lift the sleigh by another. The schools have been closed and no trolleys running the quietness of the village has been depressing. January and February of 1920 will certainly be remembered for their zero weather and storms.”

A second article noted the impact of the storm on the local mills. “LOCAL MILLS HIT HARD BY STORM. Conn. Mill and Goodyear Plants Face Shutdown. Hope for Relief. Danielson Cotton Co. Forced to Stop 10- Percent of Looms Because of Lack of Materials. Inquiry today (Thursday) at the offices of mills in Killingly, indicated that though all are effected by the storm, as the result of no freight service, there are but two plants seriously ‘up against it’ as the saying goes. The Connecticut Mills has but one day’s supply of yarn on hand, and unless shipment arrives in the meantime, the plant will be closed until relief arrives. Two expert traffic men have been working on the situation with a view to the securing yarn by freight or some other method, but the outlook today was that the mill will be closed tomorrow. The Goodyear Cotton Mills, Inc. is similarly affected, as no yarn had been received for nearly two weeks and the supply on hand will be exhausted today....A gang of men in the employ of this mill was at work today in the Dayville freight yard, clear-



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Elmville is securing yarn from the branch plant in Moosup, the yarn being carried by sleighs. Danielson is gradually returning to normal conditions as regards local traffic, roads being opened and sidewalks cleared. But the past week has been one that will not soon be forgotten and it will be sometime before all conditions are normal.”

The entire winter was so severe that Allen B. Lincoln included it in a chapter in A Modern History of Windham County, Connecticut. Nathan Kennedy reflected on the storm of February 4-6. “The cold was intense, the gales terrific and snow drifts, in the mad fury of the elements, rose up like pyramids from eight to eighteen feet...In places the driven snow had to be plowed and also cut with axes to loosen the three hard crusts...The old and faithful oxen, comparatively few of which are left, suddenly came into more prominence than for half a century, since they were the only animals that could wade through the depths with any degree of success and safety...The winter of 1919-20 (was) accredited with thirty-five snowfalls.” (Vo. I, pp. 815,816).

Since this is the 100th anniversary year of Votes for Women and the ratification of the XIX Amendment, I’ve continued my research on women who were active in the suffrage movement from this area. Names that I’ve uncovered for Killingly include the following. (Married women were listed under

their husband’s names in papers of that era; I’m using census records to try to uncover their first names). Mrs. Rienzi Robinson (Marinda), Mrs. Clarence Adams (Ella), Mrs. Charles M. Smith (Lillian), Grace Spalding, Mrs. Arthur Logee. The May 14, 1914 Norwich Bulletin reported that Mrs. Robinson was President of the Danielson Equal Franchise League; 1st Vice-president: Mrs. A. G. Bill; 2nd vice president: Mrs. George Danielson; 3rd vice president: Mrs. John A. Paine; secretary: Mrs. Arthur A. Dean; treasurer: Mrs. Clara M. Logee (from Newspapers.com.). Research indicates that this Equal Franchise League was one of the earliest in Northeastern Connecticut. Kira Holmes and I are planning an exhibit that will open in March, Women’s History month. If you have photos that we could scan, please contact the Center at (860) 779-7250.

The Killingly Historical & Genealogical Society will be sponsoring a Mayflower trip on June 19 to Plymouth Plantation, the Gristmill, and the Mayflower II replica. Tickets for bus and entrance fees are available. Meals are on your own. The tour bus (not school bus) will depart from the Brooklyn Walmart at 7:15 a.m. and return at 5:30 p.m. Free parking. For additional information contact (860) 779-7250 or director@killinglyhistorical.org for tickets by May 1.

The Genealogy Club at the Killingly Public Library will meet Saturday, Feb. 15 from 10-11 a.m. All are welcome.

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from federal income taxes and, in most states, from state and local taxes for residents of the issuing states (although income on certain bonds for particular investors may be subject to the Alternative Minimum Tax). Plan capital gains and/or losses. Determining when to recognize capital gains or losses depends on whether you want to postpone tax liability (by postponing recognition of gains) or recognize capital gains or losses during the current year. If the gains will be subject to a higher rate of tax next year (because of a change in tax bracket), or if you cannot use capital losses to offset cap-

ital gains, you may recognize capital gains this year. Review IRA opportunities. If you want to maximize the timing and amount of IRA distributions as long as possible for your heirs, understanding IRA rules is critical. If you are retiring or changing jobs, consider rolling over the assets in your company’s pension and 401(k) plan to an IRA. If you have a traditional IRA, evaluate whether it would be beneficial to convert it to a Roth IRA. Estate planning strategies: Review and update your estate plan to minimize potential estate and gift taxes. Life insurance: Life insurance may provide liquidity to pay estate taxes and could be an attractive solution to other liquidity problems, such as fami-

ly-owned businesses, large real estate holdings, and collectibles. Life insurance proceeds can pass free of income and estate taxes when structured properly. The importance of tax-efficient strategies: These are just a few of the most common tax planning strategies. We suggest working with your financial and tax advisors to align your unique financial life goals and strategic plan to maximize your tax-efficiency. Remember, your tax-efficient strategy may require periodic tweaks and changes because tax laws evolve and change over time. In fact, tax-efficient portfolios require a forward-looking mindset, with investors having to think ahead, sometimes many years ahead, to lay the

groundwork for preserving future wealth. The deadline to file taxes is April 15th, so keep in mind that it’s never too early to start planning. You can access weekly market highlights, along with additional information, on our website at www.whzwealth.com/resources. If you are not already, we encourage you to follow us on Facebook and LinkedIn for timely information, just search Weiss, Hale & Zahansky Strategic Wealth Advisors! This material has been provided for general informational purposes only and does not constitute either tax or legal advice. Although we go to great lengths to make sure our information is accurate and useful, we recommend you consult a

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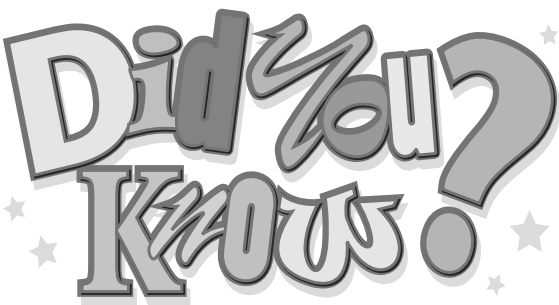


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Clippers sailing toward tournament time



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Putnam High’s Kayleigh Lyons shoots over Lyman Memorial’s Nicolette Cordy on Monday, Feb. 3.

BY CHARLIE LENTZ
VILLAGER EDITOR

PUTNAM — The Putnam High girls basketball team is “checking the boxes” this season — Clippers terminology for taking care of business. Putnam defeated Lyman Memorial 69-31 for its ninth-straight victory on Monday night — it was Putnam’s 14th win against two losses thus far — another victory, another box checked off in a season marked by lofty goals. Senior point guard Kayleigh Lyons is leading the charge.

“We’re really starting to feel confident, not cocky, but confident about our game,” said Lyons after scoring a game-high 16 points against the Bulldogs on Feb. 3. “We’re seeing each other a lot more. Playing together a lot more. Talking a lot more. We’re just playing basketball.”

The win over the Bulldogs lifted Putnam’s record to 7-0 in Division IV of the Eastern Connecticut Conference. The Clippers are the defending ECC-Division IV regular-season champions and repeating as conference champs was one of the boxes Putnam wanted to check off.

“We were ready for this game, like Coach always says before the game ‘We don’t have all our boxes checked off.’ This is one of the big boxes that she wanted us to check off and here we are,” Lyons said.

Putnam (14-2) is next scheduled to travel to Wheeler on Tuesday, Feb. 11. The Clippers defeated Wheeler 52-34 in their first meeting back on Jan. 9. A win in the rematch against the Lions on Feb. 11 will complete a perfect 8-0 ECC-Division IV record.

Lyons doesn’t want to look too far ahead but she knows

the ECC Tournament lies on the horizon. The ECC tourney is really two separate tournaments — the Division II tourney will be composed of Division III and Division IV teams, the Division I tourney will be composed of Division I and Division II teams. Putnam will play in the ECC Division II tourney and at this point it looks like its main competition will be Killingly High, which leads Division III of the ECC and will also compete in D-II ECC postseason tourney. Lyons can’t deny the ECC tourney title is one of boxes the Clippers would like to check off.

“It’s going to be big. We’re definitely full of energy. We’re definitely talking about it. Every practice is gaining towards that moment,” Lyons said. “I hope everyone comes out and cheers for us because we’re ready to show people what we have.”

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coach Mandi Hogan takes it one game at time but the goals have been constant all season.

“We’ve got one more (division) game so the next thing is try and beat Wheeler and go undefeated,” Hogan said. “Either way I’m proud of them, back-to-back division champs, that’s a great thing.”

Hogan would not speculate on a possible showdown against Killingly High in the ECC Division II Tournament. The Clippers split their regular-season series against Killingly, losing 55-35 on Jan. 9 and defeating Killingly 47-33 on Jan. 22.

“We’re not even really looking that far ahead. Again, we want to play Wheeler this week and we have Windham twice coming up and Parish Hill on Senior Night. So there’s a lot that we’re really focused on. Let’s see how the (ECC tourney) bracket folds out,” Hogan said. “If we match up (with Killingly), we match up. We’ll see them when we see them.”

Thus far the boxes have been getting checked off: getting the eight wins needed to qualify for the Class S state tourney, winning the ECC Division IV regular-season crown. The goals ahead remain: strong runs in both the ECC Tournament and the Class S state tourney. Putnam is currently ranked No. 2 in the state in Class S in games played through Tuesday, Feb. 4.

“The first box was win the Clipper Classic, that’s checked. The next one is get to our eight wins, we got them pretty fast, so that was checked to get into the state tournament. To win the (ECC-IV) division, we get to check that off as well,” Hogan said.

Hogan wants to hold on to that No.-2 ranking in Class S so that Putnam can gain a favorable bracket in the state tournament.

“We just want to keep winning so you get a higher seed.”

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Putnam High’s Abby St. Martin drives the lane with Lyman Memorial’s Sidney Pankowski defending.



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Woodstock’s Gaudreau shoots down Amistad

BY CHARLIE LENTZ
VILLAGER EDITOR

WOODSTOCK — Woodstock Academy’s Kayla Gaudreau is a shooter — a gunslinger who never hesitates. So when the Centaurs teetered on the edge of a deflating loss against Amistad last Saturday — surrendering a 17-point halftime lead and falling behind by one point with time running out — coach Will Fleeton was well aware his senior sniper wasn’t afraid to pull the trigger.

“She is a shooter,” Fleeton said. “And I guess like they always say — shooters keep shooting.”

Trailing 41-40, the coach diagrammed a play to isolate Gaudreau for a shot but things didn’t go as planned.

“We ran an inbounds play which would have gave (Gaudreau) the shot in the corner. But when I called it I wasn’t thinking for her to get the three. I was thinking (Amistad’s defense) would jump out because we ran it a couple times early in the game so they’ve seen it,” Fleeton said. “They jumped out like I thought but they also covered the post well so she couldn’t dump it in. The play was over, she didn’t get it, but she never left the corner. So when the ball went out it came back around to her and there it is.”

The Centaurs improvised with the clock running down and the ball found junior guard Alexie Pechie, who passed it back to Gaudreau — who was stationed beyond the three-point line near the left corner of the basketball court.

“I knew I had we had to do something. We were lacking a little bit but I just count on my teammates and I just trust the ball going in,” said Gaudreau, a senior guard. “I just trusted the process and did what we do in practice.”

With the game hanging in the balance and 17 seconds remaining on the clock Gaudreau launched a three-pointer. Her three-point attempt found nothing but net — giving the Centaurs a 43-41 lead en route to a 45-41 victory over the Wolves at Alumni Fieldhouse on Feb. 1. Fleeton said the bucket was



Charlie Lentz photo

Woodstock Academy’s Kayla Gaudreau fires a shot against Amistad on Saturday, Feb. 1, in Woodstock.

perhaps Gaudreau’s finest moment under pressure and the ball found her in the right place at the right time.

“She’s hit many. That’s definitely probably No. 1 for sure with the game on the line like that,” Fleeton said. “She is a wing-corner type of shooter. She doesn’t fare too well at the top of the key. So I will say she was in a good spot.”

While coach Fleeton assigned a top ranking to that pressure basket Gaudreau was a bit more modest.

“Probably a 7 for this game,” said Gaudreau, who finished with a game-high 18 points including four three-pointers. “I knew I had to do it for the team.”

Fleeton wasn’t surprised his senior guard didn’t hesitate to hoist up a three-pointer with the game on the line.

“She hasn’t seen a shot that she’s not liked probably the last three and half years,” Fleeton said. “I’d much rather have gotten a good look at the rim, try to get a foul, get a two in that situation.”

After Gaudreau’s clutch bucket the Centaurs forced Amistad to turn the ball over. With six seconds left Gaudreau found senior forward Katie Papp under the hoop for layup, giving the Centaurs a 45-41 lead and completing the scoring.

“I had Katie (Papp) low and hiding on the back line,” Fleeton said. “We got the two-on-one and we cashed in on it.”

Woodstock led 27-10 at half-time but Amistad crept back and trailed 38-29 going into the fourth quarter. Amistad took its first lead of the game on Ashleigh Paige McDonald’s bucket with 1:35 left, putting

the Wolves up 41-40. Coach Fleeton said the Centaurs showed resilience by surviving Amistad’s comeback attempt.

“We’re tough and I want to attribute that to our defensive end. That’s where we try to keep that tough mentality,” Fleeton said. “I definitely know the hearts were beating at that moment. (Amistad) takes the lead, those are usually when bad things happen. And I was trying to convey to them to do what we know — and that’s to defend — so let’s get a stop, and we’ll get a bucket, let our defense get us out of trouble once again. I think it did. Then we get down to that 17 seconds and (Gaudreau) knocks it down. That’s a huge shot.”

Amistad’s record fell to 6-6. The win lifted Woodstock Academy’s record to 4-11. The Centaurs are next scheduled

to play host to Killingly High on Monday, Feb. 10, with tipoff set for 7 p.m. at Alumni Fieldhouse. Gaudreau will likely be taking a few more pressure shots for Woodstock as her high school career nears its conclusion — that’s OK with her coach — he had the best view in in the house for his gunslinger’s deadeye shot.

“Believe it or not she’s definitely more ice cold than I am in here,” Fleeton said. “She just missed a couple right before that, that may have been ill-advised based on the time. That last one may have been ill-advised. But hey, but she got that one.”

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Killingly girls hit the home stretch



Charlie Lentz photo

Killingly High’s Ella Lach splits Tourtellotte defenders Alysha Bugbee, right, and Saydie Cooper, left, in Thompson on Friday, Jan. 31.

BY CHARLIE LENTZ
VILLAGER EDITOR

THOMPSON — Killingly is the midst of its best season in years and its opponent last Friday night was a youthful Tourtellotte team in a rebuilding phase. So while the result was perhaps predictable — a 50-21 win for Killingly — that doesn’t mean coach Gina Derosier allowed her players to let up for one minute against the Tigers, that’s now how a team goes about preparing for the upcoming Eastern Connecticut

Conference Tournament and then the Class MM state tourney.

“Pre-game, we drilled it into them, you’ve got to come out intense because no one’s rolling over for us,” Derosier said. “They don’t just hand us the ball-game. You’ve got to work just as hard as anybody else. Intensity right out of the gate and don’t let up. Don’t take your foot off the gas pedal.”

Killingly was ranked No. 6 in Class MM in games played through Tuesday, Feb. 4. Coach Derosier is pleased with



Charlie Lentz photo

Killingly High’s Makayla Dube brings the ball upcourt against Tourtellotte on Jan. 31.

the effort of her team as the end of the regular season nears.

“They’re playing hard. They’re playing good basketball, smart. Playing good basketball and playing hard, they kind of coincide — so I feel like the harder that we play the better that we play,” Derosier said. “So we’re trying to pick it up as the season goes along. Late in the season we’re trying to kick it up another notch and I know we’re capable. So we’re going in the right direction.”

Killingly wrapped up a berth in the Class MM state tournament with its eighth win of the season back on Jan. 21, a 49-35 win over Windham. Derosier hopes her team stays injury free and she can’t let her team lose momentum if they want to make a run in both the ECC tournament and the state tournament.

“You worry about health. You worry about sickness that goes on in school. So we’re trying to keep our kids as healthy as we can,” Derosier said. “We’re also going as hard as we normally do in practice. Sometimes when you’re going through the long stretch of the winter there’s a tendency to go through the motions. But they’ve been very good about keeping the practices intense.”

The loss dropped Tourtellotte’s record to 3-13. Hailey Johnson led Tourtellotte with 12 points. The Tigers are next scheduled to travel to St. Bernard for a 6 p.m. start against the Saints on Saturday, Feb. 8. Trinity Angel scored a game-high 20 points for Killingly. Ella Lach tallied 13 points and Emma Carpenter added 11 points for Killingly. The win lifted Killingly’s record to 11-3.

Killingly is next scheduled to play at Plainfield on Saturday, Feb. 8, for a noon start at Plainfield High’s gymnasium. Killingly travels to backyard rival Woodstock Academy on Monday, Feb. 10, with tipoff scheduled for 7 p.m. at Alumni Fieldhouse. Coach Derosier doesn’t expect her players to let up for one minute as they continue their climb toward the postseason.

“They’re pretty focused themselves. We have goals for them too but they certainly have goals of their own — we hit one and then we kind of set another one — it’s kind of like a ladder effect,” Derosier said. “You hit one rung and you’re going up to the next. We’re trending in the right direction.”

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HIGH SCHOOL ROUNDUP

KILLINGLY 44, MONTVILLE 36

DAYVILLE — Ella Lach scored 18 points to help Killingly High defeat the Indians and clinch the regular-season girls basketball title of Division III of the Eastern Connecticut Conference. Killingly's Trinity Angel added 13 points in the victory at Killingly High on Tuesday, Feb. 4. The win lifted Killingly's record to 12-3. Maya Hillman scored 15 points and Emma Hillman added 10 points for the Indians (8-7). Killingly is next scheduled to travel to Plainfield High on Saturday, Feb. 8, with tipoff against the Panthers set for noon.

WOODSTOCK 5, BURRILLVILLE 3

BURRILLVILLE, R.I. — Guerin Favreau scored two goals and Brendan Hill and Kyle Brennan each scored one goal for Woodstock Academy (10-4) in the boys hockey win over Burrillville, R.I., on Feb. 4. Woodstock is next scheduled to play host to Northeastern at Jahn Rink at 6 p.m. on Saturday, Feb. 8.

TOURTELLOTTE 48, WHEELER 44

THOMPSON — Ashley Morin scored 13 points, grabbed nine rebounds, dished four assists, and made four steals to lead the Tigers past the Lions in girls basketball on Tuesday, Feb. 4, at Canty Gymnasium. The Tigers built a seven-point lead midway through the fourth quarter and held on for the win. Emily Angelo added 12 points for Tourtellotte. Leci Snow scored seven points, grabbed seven rebounds and made five steals for the Tigers. Hailey Johnson had 12 rebounds and five points for Tourtellotte. Alivia Dalpe added eight points for Tourtellotte.

Molly Butremovic led Wheeler with 14 points. The loss dropped Wheeler's record to 10-6. The win lifted Tourtellotte's record to 4-13. The Tigers are next scheduled to play at St. Bernard at 6 p.m. on Saturday, Feb. 8.

NEW LONDON 49, WOODSTOCK 43

WOODSTOCK — Tayshawne Pemberton and Rhodia Perry each scored 19 points for the Whalers (7-7) in boys basketball on Feb. 4. Nick Bedard led host Woodstock (4-11) with 12 points and Logan Talbot added 10 points. Woodstock is next scheduled to play host to Plainfield at 5 p.m. on Saturday, Feb. 8.

KILLINGLY 69, MONTVILLE 58

MONTVILLE — Killingly's Shayne Bigelow led all scorers with 28 points and Jay Grzysiewicz had 16 points and nine assists for Killingly (9-6) in boys basketball on Feb. 4. Yianni Baribeau tallied nine points, nine rebounds, and seven blocks for Killingly. Eddie Reyes scored 14 points for Montville (10-3). Killingly is next scheduled to play host to St. Bernard on Friday, Feb. 7, with tipoff scheduled for 7 p.m. at Killingly High School.

NFA 66, WOODSTOCK 31

NORWICH — Alexa Pechie scored 10 points and Katie Papp added eight



Charlie Lentz photo

Woodstock Academy's Guerin Favreau skates past Tri-Town's Alex Knisley on Saturday, Feb. 1, at Pomfret School's Jahn Rink. Favreau scored three goals to lead the Centaurs past Tri-Town.

points for Woodstock Academy (4-12, 0-5 ECC) in the girls basketball loss on Feb. 4. Norwich Free Academy lifted its record to 14-2 overall, 4-1 ECC Div. I.

WINDHAM TECH 32, ELLIS TECH 27

DANIELSON — Viviana St. Jean scored 14 points and grabbed 15 rebounds for the host Golden Eagles in the loss to Windham Tech in girls basketball on Feb. 4. The win lifted Windham Tech's record to 10-5. The loss dropped Ellis Tech's record to 5-10. Ellis Tech is next scheduled to play at Grasso Tech at 4:30 p.m. on Friday, Feb. 7.

WOODSTOCK GYMNASTICS

DANIELSON — Woodstock's Jenna Davidson took first in beam (9.45), bars (9.4) and vault (9.2) and tied for first in floor exercise (9.3), scoring an all-around of 37.35, to lead the Centaurs (137.8) past Stonington (133.1) and Killingly/Putnam/Thompson (128.05) at Deary's Gymnastics on Feb. 3. The win lifted the Centaurs record to 11-1 overall, 7-1 Eastern Connecticut Conference. Stonington's record is 9-2, 8-1 ECC. KPT is 7-5, 4-4 ECC. KPT's Kiera O'Brien took second in the all-around (35.2).

BACON 52, WOODSTOCK 40

COLCHESTER — Nick Tiziani scored 18 points and Conor Brown added 11 points to lead Bacon Academy to the boys basketball win over the Woodstock Academy on Jan. 31. The win lifted Bacon's record to 4-8 overall, 3-2 Eastern Connecticut Conference Division II. Ethan Davis and Logan Talbot each scored 10 points for the Centaurs (4-10 overall, 1-5 ECC-Division II). Woodstock is next scheduled to travel to Plainfield on Saturday, Feb. 8, with tipoff set for 5 p.m. at Plainfield High's gymnasium.

KILLINGLY 53,

travel to Wheeler on Tuesday, Feb. 11.

WOODSTOCK GYMNASTICS

NORWICH — Stonington tallied a score of 137.0 in a gymnastics quad meet on Feb. 1. Woodstock Academy finished with 135.25, Killingly/Putnam/Tourtellotte scored 127.25 and Norwich Free Academy scored 117.0 Woodstock's Jenna Davidson took first in beam and floor exercise for the Centaurs and tied Hanna Laskey of Stonington for first place in the vault. Laskey took first in bars. Kiera O'Brien was third in the vault and beam for KPT (7-3 overall, 4-2 ECC). NFA's record is 1-7 overall, 2-8 ECC.

PUTNAM 59, PLAINFIELD 26

PLAINFIELD — Putnam High's Abby St. Martin scored 20 points, grabbed nine rebounds and blocked three shots and Kayleigh Lyons tallied 15 points with five rebounds, seven assists and four steals to help the Clippers defeated the host Panthers in girls basketball on Jan. 29. Putnam's Molly McKeon had 11 points and three rebounds and Jillian Gray notched five points, five rebounds and three blocks. Meagan Hart led Plainfield with 13 points. The loss dropped Plainfield's record to 4-9.

WOODSTOCK TRACK

NEW LONDON — Woodstock's Daisy Li won the 55-meter dash in 7.63 seconds at the ECC girls indoor track championships on Feb. 1. Li finished second in the 55-meter hurdles (9.69 seconds) and was a member of the Centaurs' four-by-180 relay team, which finished third. Woodstock's Linsey Arends took first in the 3,200-meter (12:11.75) and Julia Theriaque finished first in the high jump (5-feet-2). East Lyme won the girls Division I team title with NFA taking second and Woodstock finishing third. In boys competition, Woodstock's Greg Weber finished second in the long jump (20 feet, 3.75 inches) and third in the high jump (5-8) and Adam Schimmelpfennig was second in the 55 meter hurdles. The Woodstock boys finished fourth in D-I team competition.

WOODSTOCK 7, NORTH BRANFORD 1

NORTHFORD — Woodstock's Brendan Hill scored two goals and Kyle Brennan and Guerin Favreau each added one goal and one assist for Woodstock Academy in the boys hockey win on Jan. 30. North Branford's record fell to 0-10-1.

AUBURN 57, WOODSTOCK 49

AUBURN, Mass. — Woodstock Academy's Aidan Morin scored 13 points and Logan Talbot added 12 points in the boys basketball loss to Auburn on Jan. 30.

BACON 62, WOODSTOCK 39

COLCHESTER — Woodstock's Katie Papp scored 14 and Alexa Pechie added 11 points in the girls basketball loss on Jan. 30 to Bacon Academy (12-1).

Putnam boys need wins down the stretch



Charlie Lentz photo

Putnam High's Colby Livingston drives to the hoop with Plainfield High's Jayden Fort defending on Tuesday, Feb. 4.

BY CHARLIE LENTZ
VILLAGER EDITOR

PUTNAM — Time is running out on the Putnam High boys basketball team. The Clippers fell to Plainfield High 80-53 on Tuesday night — dropping their record to five wins and nine losses with six games remaining in the regular season. Putnam must win three

of its last six games to gain the required eight victories needed to guarantee a berth in the Division V state tournament. Coach Shawn Deary said his players must focus down the home stretch of the season.

“Just got to start playing team basketball and having a little discipline,” Deary said.

Plainfield erupted for 80

points at Putnam High's gymnasium on Feb. 4 and coach Deary said the Clippers will have to play better defense down the stretch if they want to qualify for the state tourney.

“We go over a game plan and we're not executing like we need to,” Deary said.

The coach said the Clippers have the talent to make a run for a tourney berth but it's up to them.

“I would hope so. I mean it's obviously not an easy schedule this year. We definitely can win three games down the stretch. It's just a matter if we decide to play our best game — or we give up really easy, we need to really fight through that,” Deary said.

Deary said it has to start on the defensive end. Plainfield canned five three-pointers in the first half and led 43-25 at halftime.

“Just identify defensively what we need to do early. We identify the shooters early — we say that (Plainfield) lives and dies by the three and we don't get out on the shooters and we let four guys go off for threes in the first half,” Deary said. “It's just not enough.”

Connor Abram scored 17 points and Elijan Brady added 14 points for Plainfield High. With the win Plainfield lifted its record to 6-7. Plainfield is next scheduled to play at Woodstock Academy on Saturday, Feb. 8,

with tipoff scheduled for 5 p.m. at Alumni Fieldhouse.

Colby Livingston scored 11 points and Justin St. Martin added 10 points for Putnam High. Putnam (5-9) is next scheduled to play host to Wheeler (8-5) on Saturday, Feb. 8, with tipoff set for 3 p.m. at Putnam High's gymnasium. The Clippers need eight victories to guarantee a berth in the Division V state tournament. Coach Deary hoped his play-

ers knew time was running out and they need to make a focused effort down the stretch.

“I would hope they would. I'm struggling to find it, been struggling to see it in their eyes, that's for sure,” Deary said. “I really hope that they want it.”

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Ellis Tech girls focused on postseason



Charlie Lentz photo
Ellis Tech's Vivianna St. Jean shoots against Cheney Tech on Friday, Jan. 31, in Danielson.

BY CHARLIE LENTZ
VILLAGER EDITOR

DANIELSON — The team meeting was urgent like a full-court press. Ellis Tech has some work ahead as the postseason approaches. The first order of business on the docket was getting back on the winning track against Cheney Tech last Friday night and the Golden Eagles talked it over behind closed doors.

"We had a team meeting the

other day. I sat the girls down. We talked about it. They're amped up," said coach John Murdock. "They are not happy how the first half of the season went—we're really looking to make a push down the end." Murdock said team discussions are typically frank but productive.

"I normally start the meeting but then I kind of let the girls take it from there," Murdock said. "Sometimes the meetings, they aren't always, you know,

the most kind at times but all the players know — I mean it's a mature meeting — they take it well. And obviously they respond very well."

Whatever was discussed seemed to work. Ellis Tech took care of business with a 41-17 victory over Cheney Tech on Jan. 31.

"Mentally we came to play. We had a chip on our shoulder from that last loss (a 37-29 loss to Goodwin Tech on Jan. 29). We came out ready to go, a lot of passing, that was probably our best team win of the season," Murdock said. "The seniors, they really want to make a push here and play well for states."

The win lifted Ellis Tech's record to 5-9 and put them in good shape as both the Connecticut Technical Conference tournament and the Class S state tournament loom on the horizon. Vivianna St. Jean said the Golden Eagles discussed some strategy in the team meeting and implemented it against Cheney Tech.

"What (coach Murdock) talked about was we needed to communicate more and we need to pass the ball a lot faster than what we usually do. Today we did that a lot better," said St. Jean, a junior forward who hails from Pomfret.

St. Jean was the beneficiary of much of that improved passing — she scored a season-high 21 points to lead the Golden Eagles past Cheney Tech. St. Jean also grabbed 13 rebounds and blocked three shots.

"I got the ball a lot. I drove a lot better than I usually do," St. Jean said. "I had confidence today."

St. Jean said her teammates are focused as the end of the regular season approaches.

"We have a lot more confidence from this game," St.



Charlie Lentz photo
Ellis Tech's Breeanna Bentley goes up for a bucket with Cheney Tech's Iris Dillon trailing the play.

Jean said. "This game we did a lot better and you can tell the confidence level boosts when we have good games like this."

Grace Olden and Taylor Solito each scored six points for Cheney Tech. With the loss, Cheney Tech's record fell to 2-12. Kalista Lovely tallied 12 points for the Golden Eagles. Ellis Tech is next scheduled to

play at Grasso Tech on Friday, Feb. 7. Ellis Tech returns home to play host to Wheeler on Monday, Feb. 10.

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Tourtellotte girls building for the future



Charlie Lentz photo
Tourtellotte's Hailey Johnson goes up for a shot in traffic against Killingly on Friday, Jan. 31, in Thompson.

BY CHARLIE LENTZ
VILLAGER EDITOR

THOMPSON — Every game is a teachable moment for Tourtellotte Memorial this season. The Tigers are rebuilding with the majority of their players getting their first taste of extended playing time. So while last Friday night's 50-21 loss to Killingly High wasn't fun — Tourtellotte coach Carla Faucher said it showed her underclassmen the kind of intensity needed to succeed at the varsity level.

"Killingly's a young

team and we told them that they're the same age as you. There's no reason why we can't be as aggressive, as talented — we have the ability, they just have to believe in themselves and continue to work hard," Faucher said. "And that's what it is. It's working hard. It's difficult with the numbers that we have for the pressure on the next level. They have to realize they have to come in and play hard every single practice."

The loss to Killingly dropped Tourtellotte's record to 3-13. Although coach Faucher isn't



Charlie Lentz photo
Tourtellotte's Ashley Morin looks to pass, guarded by Killingly's Sophia Moore on Jan. 31.

pleased with the team's record she said the Tigers have made strides this season with an untested lineup. Freshman forward Hailey Johnson and sophomore forward Zeynep Acun are first-year starters. Among the players getting extended minutes at the varsity level for the first time are freshmen guard Saydie Cooper, sophomore guard Alivia Dalpe, sophomore guard Alysha Bugbee, and sophomore forward Sarah Duquette. Johnson scored a team-high 12 points against Killingly High on Jan. 31 at Canty Gymnasium.

"They're showing spurts. The younger kids are starting to understand the need to attack. They're taking the lead of (senior guard) Ashley (Morin). Alysha (Bugbee) has really picked it up the last couple games — when she's running the point she's starting to look for the seams and go after it a little bit," Faucher said. "Saydie Cooper, in the jayvee games they're being more aggressive and that's starting to come over into the varsity games. It's nice to see the younger kids seeing that and trying it out on the varsity."

The Tigers are next scheduled to travel to St. Bernard for a 6 p.m. start against the Saints on Saturday, Feb. 8. Trinity Angel scored a game-high 20 points in the win for Killingly. Ella Lach tallied 13 points and Emma Carpenter added 11 points for Killingly. The win lifted Killingly's record to 11-3.

Perhaps this season has been a trial by fire for many of Tourtellotte's players but it might forge a stronger team down the road.

"They're getting a lot of playing time, both jayvee and varsity," Faucher

said. "They're getting a good amount of minutes and understanding the speed of the varsity game but also what's required of them and how they need to play. Some of them are really stepping it up and putting some pressure on the other kids on who should get in the game. They're slowly understanding the process and I think they're doing a good job of it."

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We're pretty high right now, we're up there," Hogan said.

The No.-2 ranking in the state doesn't surprise the coach. Hogan had high expectations for this season — with four starters returning. Putnam finished last season with a record of 18-6 overall. The Clippers were upset in the ECC Tournament semifinals by Windham. Putnam earned the No.-6 seed in the Class S state tournament last season and reached the second round, where

it was knocked out by 11th seeded Bloomfield.

"We were pretty solid last year and we only graduated the two seniors (Lauren Blackmar and Morgan Blackmar). And so having four starters return out of the five, as your core group, that's the most experience, the chemistry — so it's all just playing a role this year — and we added a couple more puzzle pieces to it. The kids work hard and we just try to improve and get stronger every day," Hogan said. "You can see it out here. They play together. They have a good chemistry. They have

a lot of energy with each other and they're always supporting each other — from the bench to inside the game — it carries over into everything."

Nicolette Cordy scored 10 points and Sidney Pankowski added eight points for Lyman Memorial in the loss at Putnam High on Feb. 3. The loss dropped the Bulldogs record to 5-10. Abby St. Martin and Laylah Chavez each scored 13 points for the Clippers. Alex Hutchins and Jillian Gray both added 10 points for Putnam.

The Clippers can put a bow on Division IV of the ECC with a win

over Wheeler on Feb. 11 — earning Putnam its second-straight ECC regular-season title and a perfect divisional mark. The team would love to add an ECC Tournament title to its ECC regular-season crown — the Clippers might say that would make a perfect boxed set.

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OBITUARIES

André J. Bourbeau, 77



WEBSTER-André J. Bourbeau, 77, died Thursday, January 30, 2020, at Hope Hospice and Palliative Care in Providence. He is survived by his children Dennis Bourbeau and his wife Catherine MacLeod of Cleveland Heights, Ohio, Edward Bourbeau and his wife Shellie of Philadelphia, Nicole Bradley and her husband Sidney of Southbridge, and Lisa Ulery and her husband James of Ellington, CT, 4 grandchildren Noelle Bourbeau, Matthew Ulery, Remy Bourbeau, and Gabrielle Bourbeau. He also leaves 3 sisters Charlotte McGlinchy of Brooklyn, CT, Lorette Richer of Brimfield, and Aline Pennino of Paxton, many nieces and nephews. He was predeceased by

his brother Laurent L. Bourbeau, Jr., who died in 2010. He was born in Southbridge, son of the late Laurent, Sr., and Alice H. (Whitton) Bourbeau and lived in Webster for several years. He graduated from Tantasqua Regional High School in 1960, and also received his BA in History. He was an US Air Force veteran serving from 1964-68. He retired from the Home Depot in Oxford, where he worked for 20 years. André enjoyed history, horticulture, fishing, and was an avid reader. Calling hours were Sunday, February 2, 2020, at Sansoucy Funeral Home, 40 Marcy Street, Southbridge, MA 01550 from 1-3PM. Burial will be private. www.sansoucyfuneral.com



Chester “Chet” Kroll, 79



DUDLEY – Chester “Chet” Kroll passed away at age 79 on January 31, 2020 in his home surrounded by his family. He leaves his wife of 56 years, Carol A. (Pawlak) Kroll; a daughter, Dr. Sherry Kroll and her husband Richard Paul of Pomfret, CT; a son, Chester Allen Kroll and his wife Jennifer of Mukwonago, WI; a granddaughter, Erica Martin; 3 grandsons, Nathan and Zachary Kroll and Christopher Martin; a step-granddaughter, Saga Pappas and her husband Marc; 2 great-granddaughters, Hadley and Millie Pappas; a brother, Stanley “Butch” Kroll, Jr. and his wife Jacqueline of Dudley; 2 sisters, Evelyn Robinson of Florida and Shirley Magoon of Webster; several nephews and nieces. He was born in Webster on March 24, 1940, the oldest of the 4 children of Stanley B. Kroll, Sr. and Rita V. (Perrault) Kroll. He graduated from Saint Louis High School in 1958. He earned an Associates Degree from Springfield Technical Institute and later completed courses at Clark University in Worcester. He served in the United States Marine Corps from 1958 to 1962 during



the Vietnam era. Mr. Kroll was first employed at Channel 22 in Springfield, MA. He moved with his family to Houston where he worked at the Houston Space Center until 1970. He then settled in Dudley and had several jobs as a quality control manager at local companies, retiring in 1995. Chet loved traveling the world with his beloved wife Carol; their home is filled with wonderful memories of these journeys. However, the main focus of his life was home and family, especially spending quality time with his grandchildren and great-granddaughters. A private graveside service will be held in Saint Joseph Garden of Peace, Old Worcester Road, Webster, with military honors provided by the Webster-Dudley Veterans Council. There are no calling hours. Donations in his name may be made to Webster-Dudley Veterans Council, 3 Veterans Way, Webster, MA 01570. Arrangements are under the direction of Sitkowski, Malboeuf & Hickey Funeral Home, 340 School Street, Webster. www.websterfunerals.com

Lionel A. Lussier, 91

DANIELSON- Lionel A. Lussier, 91, passed away at Davis Place on Thursday January 30, 2020; he leaves behind his nephew Emilien “Joe” Loisel of Dacula, Georgia. Lionel was born in Killingly, CT on July 1, 1928, son of the late Arthur and Lilianne (Bonin) Lussier; he served honorably as a member of the United States Army during the Korean war. Private funeral arrangements have been entrusted to the care of the Shaw-

Majercik Funeral Home, 48 School Street Webster, MA. A guest book is available at www.shaw-majercik.com where you may post a message of comfort, share a fond memory, or light a candle in remembrance of Lionel



Jeffrey Alan Ward, 43



DANIELSON – Jeffrey Alan Ward, 43, of Danielson passed away unexpectedly on Friday, January 31, 2020. He was the beloved husband of Annie Phonsavanh. Jeff was born in Providence, RI on January 28, 1977, son of Manuel and Donna Haddock of Pawtucket, RI. Jeff graduated from Tolman High School in 1995 and was a graduate of New England Tech. He worked as a master electrician for Relco Reilly Electrical Contractors. He was a board member and teacher at the Rhode Island Construction Training Academy. He was the umpire in chief and coached with the Killingly Little League, the KBMF and the KPR Basketball League. Jeff had a tremendous impact in the Killingly community, from volunteering his time coaching and the love, loudness and laughter he always carried with him.

He was a member of the Foresters of America, an avid fisherman and sports fan. Besides his wife and his parents Jeff is survived by three children, Jeffrey Alan Ward Jr, Castor Paulix Ward, and Drew Alexander Ward, all of Danielson; his sister Stephanie Kazarian of Warwick, RI; his brother Manuel Haddock Jr. of Brooklyn; maternal grandmother Rita Ward of Cranston, RI; granddaughter Ellie Elizabeth Ward; nephews, Anthony and Ethan Peabody, Paul DeAngelis, Ethan and Benjamin Kazarian and Manuel Haddock III. A Mass of Christian Burial will be held on Saturday, February 8, 2020 at 10:00 A.M. at St. James Church, Danielson. Burial will follow in Holy Cross Cemetery, Danielson. Calling hours will be held on Friday, February 7, 2020 from 5:00-9:00 P.M. in Tillinghast Funeral Home, 433 Main Street, Danielson. Donations in Jeff's memory may be made to the Killingly Little League. tillinghastfh.com



DUDLEY – Roseann (Mangan) Monaco, 89 died Tuesday, January 28th at home surrounded by her loving family. She leaves her children; son, William (Bill) Monaco of Dudley; two daughters, Darlene Marcucci and her husband Mario Marcucci of Southbridge; Lisa Monaco of Chepachet, Rhode Island; Thirteen grandchildren and eight great grandchildren. Predeceased by her husband, of 55 years Thomas J. Monaco Sr. and Sons, Thomas J. Monaco Jr. and Paul Monaco. Mother, Isabelle (Mangan) Brown; Father, William Mangan, Stepfather Otis Brown and brother William Mangan. Born in Norwich, Connecticut, and raised in Quinebaug, Connecticut. Roseann graduated from Tourtellotte High School. Upon completing high school, she worked at the American Optical Company while attending nursing

school at the Memorial Hospital in Worcester where she graduated as a Registered Nurse. Roseann retired from Harrington Hospital as Vice President of Nursing after over 40 years of service. During her tenure, she received numerous awards to include a state citation of merit from the Governor of Massachusetts and recognized by the Providence House for outstanding service to the elderly to mention a couple. Roseann enjoyed spending time with the grandchildren and great grandchildren. She was an avid Red Sox fan and reader. Roseann enjoyed playing bingo with her children at her home in Florida. A funeral was held Saturday, February 1st from Bartel Funeral Home & Chapel, 33 Schofield Avenue, Dudley, with a mass at 10AM in St. Stephens Church, corner of route 197 & 131, Quinebaug, Connecticut. Calling hours were held on Friday, January 31st from 4PM to 7PM at the funeral home. www.bartelfuneral-hom.com

Armond Levesque, 78

SOUTHBRIDGE- Armond Levesque 78, of Vista Lane, died Thursday, Jan.30, 2019, at home. He leaves his wife of 53 years Carol (Wetherbee) Levesque. He was predeceased by a son Michael A. Levesque who died March 23, 1916. He was born in Southbridge, the son of the late Roland and Agnes (Roberts) Levesque and lived in the area all his life. He is survived by siblings: Paul Levesque of East Long Meadow and brother Albert and wife Linda Levesque of Sturbridge, and his sister, Jackie and Leonard Boudriault of Brimfield, Florence Duquette of Southbridge and Alphonse Levesque of Quinebaug. Predeceased by Edward Levesque, Madilyn Settle and Pauline Gaumond.

Armond worked in the shipping department, at United Lens for 34 years. He was an avid sports fan, bowler and enjoyed golfing. His funeral Mass will be held at 10:00AM, Friday, February 7, at St. Anne's Church, 1 Church St. Fiskdale, section of Sturbridge. Burial will follow in St. Anne's Cemetery. There are no calling hours. Memorial contributions to Harrington Cancer Center, 55 Sayles St., 2nd Floor, Southbridge, MA 01550 Belanger-Bullard Funeral Home, 51 Marcy ST. Southbridge is directing arrangements. An online guestbook is available at www.BelangerFuneralHome.com

William B. Molloy Sr, 84

BARRE – William B. Molloy Sr, 84, passed away on Friday January 31, 2020 at the Meadows of Leicester. William is survived by two sons: William B. Molloy Jr and his wife Tricia of Windham, CT and Kevin Molloy and his wife Kristin of CA; his brother Robert Molloy of Walpole and his sister Phylis McGuire, and seven grandchildren; he was predeceased by his brothers Henry and Gerald Molloy. William was born in Boston, MA on August 21, 1935, son of the late Henry

and Dorothy (Livingston) Molloy; he served honorably as a member of the United States Navy and worked as a truck driver for the Laruso Corporation for many years. William was a “people person” and was very interested in going to truck and train shows and working with heavy equipment. Please consider making a memorial contribution to the American Legion Post 2, 450 South Barre Rd. Barre, MA 01005 in honor of William.

Private funeral arrangements have been entrusted to the care of the Shaw-Majercik Funeral Home, 48 School Street Webster, MA. A guest book is available at www.shaw-majercik.com where you may post a message of comfort, share a fond memory, or light a candle in remembrance of William.

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Joseph L Raymond Jr., 63



Joseph L Raymond Jr. 1957-2020 Killingly-It is with great sadness that the family of Joseph Louis Raymond Jr. announce his passing at Day Kimball Hospital in Putnam, CT on January 28, 2020 at the age of 63. ●Joseph was predeceased by his wife, Donna; his son, Robert; his father, Joseph; his mother, Dorothy; his sister, Linda Guerin; and his sister, Susan Carlson. Joseph was the loving husband of Donna for 27 years until her death. He talked about her to everyone he came in contact with and always mentioned how much he missed her. They were married on August 31, 1991 at Whipple's Chapel in Ballouville, CT. Joseph will be fondly remembered by his 2 sisters: Donna and Donald LaPlume of Barefoot Bay, FL and Karyn Raymond of Oxford, MA. He will also be missed by his nieces, nephews, relatives and friends. Joseph was born in Worcester, MA on January 9, 1957. He attended schools in Worcester, MA. He was employed many years at National Envelope in Worcester, MA where he met his soulmate, Donna. Joseph had a great sense of humor

and was always full of jokes. Many people would comment on how funny he could be. Donna would always roll her eyes and together they would laugh. He also had a kind heart and would often mow the lawns or do kind deeds for several neighbors to help them out when they were busy. He also helped many relatives in their time of need. Joseph loved going on day trips and adventures with Donna. They enjoyed bike riding and explored much of New England together. He also loved music and going to concerts, looked forward to family outings with nieces and nephews, as well as good times and laughs with his friends. Joseph and Donna cherished their many animals throughout the years. He especially loved his Bloodhound, Guinness and his Amazon Parrot, Keo. As requested by Joe there will be no services. In lieu of flowers, a memorial donation may be made to your local Hospice or animal rescue organization. Private funeral arrangements have been entrusted to the care of the Shaw-Majercik Funeral Home, 48 School Street Webster, MA. A guest book is available at www.shaw-majercik.com where you may post a message of comfort, share a fond memory, or light a candle in memory of Joseph.

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Julienne M. Provost, 95



THOMPSON – Julienne Marie (Mandeville) Provost, 95, formerly of Wagher Rd., died Sunday morning, February 2, 2020, at Westview Healthcare. She was the loving wife of the late Armand “Normand” Provost. Born in North Grosvenordale, she was the daughter of the late Narcisse and Yvonne (Beaulac) Mandeville.

Julienne attended St. Joseph’s School through her first year of high school. She met Normand while he was working as an usher at the Bradley Playhouse, and they were married on September 3, 1945. Their married spanned over 73 years.

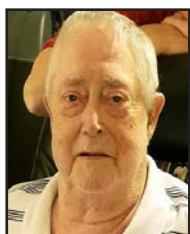
Julienne’s family deeply loved her, and she always enjoyed holiday gatherings and family events. She enjoyed flower gardening, crocheting, and embroidering. She along with her husband were lifelong member of the Worcester County Beekeepers Association where they received many awards. Julienne was a member of Saint Joseph Roman Catholic Church in North Grosvenordale.

Julienne is survived by her children, Paul Provost of Thompson, Wayne Provost and his wife Jane of Oxford, MA. Craig Provost and his wife Annette of N. Grosvenordale, Darlene Tretheway of N. Grosvenordale, and Joyce Biernacki and her husband Bob

of N. Grosvenordale; twelve grandchildren, Tammy Brissette and her husband Scott of Thompson, Brian Provost and his wife Jody of Webster, MA, Holly Provost of Charlton, MA, David Provost of Oxford, MA, Kevin Provost of Webster, MA, Amy Provost of Utica, NY, Sarah Tretheway of N. Grosvenordale, Nathan Tretheway of N. Grosvenordale, Joel Tretheway and his wife Akanksha of Putnam, Jesse Tretheway and his wife Amber of Dayville, Lauren Biernacki of Ann Arbor, MI, Ryan Biernacki and his wife Shawna of Moosup; fourteen great grandchildren; one great great grandchild; a brother, Norman Mandeville of Hendersonville, NC, a sister, Henriette Cartier of Riverside, CA; and many nieces and nephews. She was predeceased by a son Sgt. David Provost, a son in law David Tretheway, a daughter in law, Deborah Provost, and three sisters and brother in laws, Jeanne and Edward Semensky, Theresa and Bill Richer, and Lorraine and Romeo Beausoleil.

Relatives and friends are invited to visit with Julienne’s family from 9:00a.m. to 10:30a.m. on Saturday February 8, 2020 in the Valade Funeral Home and Crematory, 23 Main St., N. Grosvenordale, followed by a Mass of Christian Burial at 11:00 a.m. in St. Joseph Church, 18 Main St., N. Grosvenordale, CT. Burial will follow in St. Joseph Cemetery. For memorial guestbook visit www.GilmanAndValade.com.

Kenneth N. Foskett, 76



WOODSTOCK– Kenneth N. Foskett, 76, of Route 169, passed away at Hartford Hospital on Thursday, January 30, 2020. He was the loving companion of over thirty years to Sheryl (Fitzgerald) Fitzgerald. Born in Webster, MA, he was the son of the late Howard W. and Catherine M. (Munro) Foskett.

Mr. Foskett was a self-employed finish carpenter. In his younger years he was very active in the 4H Club. He enjoyed tinkering with things, yard

work, and was an advocate for agriculture.

Kenneth was survived by his son, Zachary Foskett of Woodstock; and his sister, Joyce Potter of Port Charlotte, FL. He was predeceased by his sister, the late Eleanor Bates.

Relatives and friends are invited to visit with Kenneth’s family from 1:00 p.m. to 3:00 p.m. on Saturday, February 8, 2020 in the Gilman Funeral Home and Crematory, 104 Church St., Putnam. Memorial donations may be made to The Shriner’s Hospital for Children, 2900 N. Rocky Point Dr., Tampa, FL 33607. For memorial guestbook visit www.GilmanAndValade.com.

Marcia Rae (Whitten) Tripp, 72



SOUTHBRIDGE– Marcia Rae (Whitten) Tripp, 72, of Southbridge, passed away quietly after a series of health issues on Sunday, January 26, 2020 at St. Vincent’s Hospital. Marcia

was born in Presque Isle, Maine on November 29, 1947. She was the daughter of Iola (Merrithew) Whitten and Carl A. Whitten. She was an avid crafter and a great cook, but she was known throughout the neighborhood for her exceptional baking. Marcia loved helping others, she was a caretaker, working with residents of Matulaitis Nursing Home for 17 years as a Nurse’s Aide and she was known to all as “the neighborhood mom”, always making room at her table for whoever showed up. She was a devoted volunteer lending a hand to many organizations and causes. While living in North Grosvenordale, she was a regular volunteer at TEEG, helping in the food pantry, crafting with clients in Parent Education classes, and driving clients to their various appointments. Her dedication to important causes and spirit of volunteerism instilled a sense of community service in all of her children.

Marcia is survived by her husband Robert Tripp, Sr. and her four sons Daniel Bennett, Carl and Elizabeth (LaPorte) Bennett, Robert Tripp, Jr. and Timothy Tripp. She also leaves three sisters, Melinda (Whitten) Albert and Roberta (Whitten) Judd, both of Sherman, Connecticut, Rachel (Whitten) Hughes of Hastings, Florida, five nieces and nephews, Shawn, Bryan, Melanie, Krystal and Coralynne and five grandchildren, Austin, Aubree Jean and August Bennett and Timothy and Braiden Tripp. She was predeceased by her brother Carl J. Whitten, her Mother and Father, Mr. and Mrs. Carl A. Whitten, and son, Damien Tripp.

A memorial service will be held at TEEG, 15 Thatcher Road, North Grosvenor Dale, Connecticut on Sunday, February 9th 2020, from 12 p.m. to 3 p.m. In lieu of flowers donations can be made to TEEG, 15 Thatcher Road, North Grosvenor Dale, Connecticut 06255.

Funeral arrangements have been entrusted to the care of the Shaw-Majercik Funeral Home, 48 School Street Webster, MA. A guest book is available at www.shaw-majercik.com where you may post a message of comfort or light a candle in remembrance of Marcia

Arline May Bowen, 94

EASTFORD — Arline May (Marvin) Bowen, 94, went home to be with her Savior and Lord on Jan. 28, 2020.

She was born Aug. 8, 1925, in Providence, R.I., to Wade and Irene (Baldwin) Marvin. In 1930, they moved to East Woodstock. At Woodstock Academy, Arline met Spencer Bowen, who would become her beloved husband for just short of 67 years. Spen predeceased her on Sept. 17, 2013.

She was a loving helpmate to him, running errands for the family business – parts pick-up, bank runs and DMV. She made sure she was home to greet her children when they got home from school.

She enjoyed driving her Mustang convertible with the purple stripe – a gift from Spen for her 83rd birthday. She and Spen loved traveling to Sanibel Island every winter for more than 20 years. She was active in her church, teaching Sunday School and working with women’s fellowship activities.

She enjoyed her grandchildren with weekly “Gramma days,” and went on to enjoy her great grandchildren.

She was predeceased by her sister,

Barbara (Marvin) Brown.

She is survived by her brother, Kenneth Marvin, and her sister-in-law, Betsy (Bowen) Erickson; her children Stephen Bowen and his wife Diana, Marjorie Krug and her husband Stephen, and Nancy Norman and her husband Carl; her grandchildren, Jonathan Bowen and his wife Carriel Cataldi, Rebekah Ciliax and her husband Ryan, Alexandra Krug, Jason Norman and his wife Melissa, Michael Norman and his wife Jennifer, and Joanna Fitte and her husband Rich; and nine great-grandchildren, Drew Norman, Aubrey Norman, Cade Norman, Mitchell Norman, Jillian Norman, Kara Norman, Rayne Norman Fitte, Kaylee Fitte and Bowen Fitte.

Anyone wishing to make a donation in Arline’s memory can give to Samaritan’s Purse (www.samaritanaspurse.org) or Eastford Independent Fire Co. (P.O. Box 333, Eastford, CT 06242).

A memorial service is planned for the spring at the convenience of the family. Share a memory at www.smithandwalkerfh.com

John T. Daley, 73

DANIELSON -John T. Daley, age 73, of Danielson CT passed away on January 31, 2020. John is survived by his wife, Marilyn, of 52 years; his daughters Kim Low (Jeff) and Linda Cesolini (Dave); and his special granddaughters Julia, Jacqueline and Natalie Low. He is survived by his sisters Mary DeJulis (Ernie) and Anne Sandoval (Glenn), he was predeceased by his brother Mike Daley (Debbie). He was Uncle John to many nephews and nieces.

Born on June 1, 1946 in Lackawanna, NY, to Robert and Martha Daley, he resided in CT for the last 44 years. He worked as a mechanical technician in the packaging industry, retiring in 2015.

John enjoyed deep-sea fishing from

Point Judith, RI which for years provided a bounty for Marilyn’s fresh fish fry. During Christmas he proudly displayed his model trains for family & friends to enjoy. Family was very important to John, many Sundays were spent together over family dinner. He enjoyed rooting at his granddaughters’ athletic events, encouraging them at every step. John was full of advice, most famously urging them to both shoot foul shots and serve the volleyball under-hand.

Visiting hours will be 2-4pm, followed by a prayer service at 4pm, Saturday February 8, 2020 at Tillinghast Funeral Home, 433 Main St, Danielson, CT. Please do not send flowers. tillinghast-fh.com

Joseph L. Raymond Jr, 63

DAYVILLE – Joseph L. Raymond Jr, 63, passed away at the Day Kimball Hospital in Putnam on Tuesday January 28, 2020; he is survived by two sisters: Donna LaPlume and Karyn Raymond; he was predeceased by his wife Donna (Colcombe) Raymond and his sisters Susan Carlson and Linda Guerin.

Joseph was born in Worcester, MA on January 9, 1957, son of Joseph L. and Dorothy T. (Croteau) Raymond; he worked for the National Envelope Company in Worcester for

many years; he will be deeply missed by his relatives and friends.

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

A guest book is available at www.shaw-majercik.com where you may post a message of comfort, share a fond memory, or light a candle in memory of Joseph.

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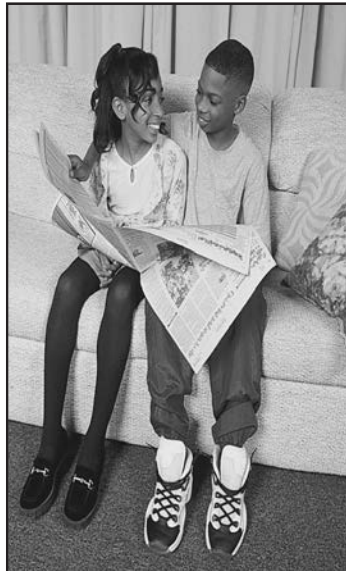
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LEGALS

TOWN OF THOMPSON ZONING BOARD OF APPEALS LEGAL NOTICE

The Thompson Zoning Board of Appeals will hold a public hearing on Monday, February 10, 2020 beginning at 7PM in the Merrill Seney Room, Thompson Town Hall, 815 Riverside Dr., North Grosvenordale, CT for the following:

ZBA Variance 20-01: Applicant & Owners: Gerald S. & Brenda Denaris, 50 Druid Ave, 116/6/20 Zone R40, requesting a variance for 30' front-yard Setback Deficiency.

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

Respectfully submitted, Kevin Beno, Chairman

Publish TWICE in the Thompson Villager:

Friday Jan. 31, 2020

Friday Feb. 7, 2020

January 31, 2020

February 7, 2020

TOWN OF THOMPSON

On January 17, 2020 the following wetlands agent approvals were issued:

Application # WAA2019 approved with conditions, Saywatt Hydroelectric, LLC, 12 Old Route 12 (Assessor's Map 67,

Block 102, Lot 26) - Construction of a 220 KW photovoltaic solar array in the 100-foot upland review area; and Application # WAA19023 approved with conditions, James Jasmin, 518 Brandy Hill Rd. (Assessor's Map 143, Block 16, Lot 37) - Replacement of a well & septic system located in the 100-foot upland review area for Quaddick Reservoir for an existing home. Maria Butts, Wetlands Agent February 7, 2020

TOWN OF THOMPSON

At the January 14, 2020 meeting of the Thompson Inland Wetlands Commission the following actions were taken:

Application # IWA19022, approved with conditions IWA19022, 5 Wrightson Dr. (Assessor's Map 143, Block 17, Lot 9) - demolition and rebuilding of a single family home with septic repair in the 100-foot upland review area for Quaddick Reservoir and the authorization of a retaining wall built without prior approval;

Application # IWA19026 approved with conditions, Madison Avenue Investments, LLC, 44 Madison Avenue (Assessor's Map 103, Block 13, Lot 6J) - the construction of a septic system, a portion of which is located within 100-foot upland review area, for a new single family home; and

Application #IWA19027 approved with

conditions, Madison Avenue Investments, LLC, Street Address of Regulated Activity (Assessor's Map 103, Block 13, Lot 6O minor clearing work in the 100-foot upland review area for construction of a new single family home. George T. O'Neil, III, Chair February 7, 2020

TOWN OF WOODSTOCK

The Planning & Zoning Commission has scheduled a Public Hearing for Thursday, February 20, 2020 at the Woodstock Town Hall, 415 Route 169 at 7:45 p.m., lower level, for the following: #SP636-01-20 Desiree Kocis (Applicant) – Proposal to designate Joy Road or a portion thereof as a Scenic Road. Please contact Town Clerk or ZEO for details and "Ordinance Concerning the Designation of Scenic Roads". Chairman Jeffrey Gordon, M.D. February 7, 2020

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

ESTATE OF Mary B Panek (20-00041) 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:

Stephanie E. Wolf

c/o JAMES N SCHEIBELER (attorney for Stephanie E. Wolf) JAMES N SCHEIBELER, ATTORNEY AT LAW, 35 ACADEMY STREET, PO BOX 711, DANIELSON, CT 06239, (860)774-5367 February 7, 2020

Legal Notice

Town of Thompson

Notice is hereby given that the contract between the Thompson Board of Education and the Thompson Association of School Administrators for the period of July 1, 2020 through June 30, 2023, is on file in the office of the Town Clerk, Town Hall, 815 Riverside Drive, North Grosvenordale, Ct. Dated at Thompson Ct. February 7, 2020

Renee Waldron

Town Clerk

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

"THE LAKE IN WINTER" EVENT.

2:30: Ken Ethier: Presentation on Ice harvesting
East Brookfield Town Hall
3:30: Bonfire, Music, Skating
and S'mores with DJ and concessions. Lake Lashaway Town Beach
FREE -snacks for sale



PETTY LARCENY

9pm-12am
308 Lakeside
308 East Main Street
East Brookfield, MA 01515 774-449-8333

SUNDAY FEBRUARY 9



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

SATURDAY, MARCH 14

OPEN HOUSE
at Hodgkins Building (Museum/RR/Art Guild/
Boy Scouts) 108 School Street FREE 1:00-3:00

TUESDAY, MARCH 24

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

SATURDAY, APRIL 4,

ROARIN' TWENTIES DANCE
at Sturbridge Host Hotel \$35, 5:00pm
Tickets @EventBrite.com or at the library

SATURDAY, APRIL 11,

OPEN HOUSE
at Hodgkins Building (Museum/ RR)
108 School Street, East Brookfield 1:00-3:00.
FREE

SATURDAY, APRIL 18,

HISTORICAL TALK - Ed Londergan -
The First and Second Settlements
East Brookfield Town Hall 9:30 FREE

TOWN WIDE CLEAN-UP DAY
Meet at East Brookfield Town Hall 9:00

SATURDAY, MAY 2,

EAST BROOKFIELD NATURE WALKS
at Pelletier Woods
Howe Street, East Brookfield 2:00. FREE



SATURDAY, MAY 9,

OPEN HOUSE
at Hodgkins Building (Museum/ RR).
108 School Street, East Brookfield. 1-2:00 FREE

SATURDAY, MAY 16,

7K RUN AND FUN WALK
Timberyard Brewery, East Brookfield
10:0am. \$30.00 adults, \$15.00 kids

SATURDAY, MAY 30

HISTORICAL TALK -
Ed Londergan - Murder in the Brookfields
(Spooners / Newton Murders)
East Brookfield Town Hall, 9:30. FREE

SATURDAY, JUNE 6

HISTORY & DESSERT
at Podunk Chapel, East Brookfield
2:00 & 3:30 seatings. \$5.00 pp

FRIDAY, JUNE 12

COAST GUARD BAND
East Brookfield Elementary School, 7:00 FREE

SATURDAY, JUNE 13

OPEN HOUSE
at Hodgkins Building (Museum/ RR)
108 School Street, East Brookfield 1:00-3:00.
FREE

SATURDAY, JUNE 20,

OPEN HOUSE
at Camp Frank A. Day (archery, boating, basketball,
mini golf, lunch) Rain Date: June 21. 125 South

MONDAY, JULY 6

SUMMER READING KICK OFF -
EB Library - continues for five weeks.
East Brookfield Town Hall. FREE

SATURDAY JULY 25

HISTORICAL TALK - Heather Gablaski -
East Brookfield: 100 Years a Town
East Brookfield Town Hall, 9:30. FREE

SATURDAY, JULY 11

INDEPENDENCE DAY CELEBRATION
Parade & Fireworks
Connie Mack Field East Brookfield

SATURDAY, AUGUST 8

OPEN HOUSE
at Hodgkins Building (Museum/ RR)
108 School Street, East Brookfield,
1:00-3:00. FREE

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 12

PARADE AND FAMILY FUN EVENT!
Route 9, East Brookfield,
9:30 -7:00. FREE. Rain date Sept 13

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 10

OPEN HOUSE
at Hodgkins Building (Museum/ RR)
108 School Street, East Brookfield, 1:00-3:00.
FREE

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 24, 3:30

BUS AND CEMETERY TOUR,
ending in dinner at Podunk Chapel.
Meet at East Brookfield Town Hall.
\$15-\$20.00 pp

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 7

HISTORICAL TALK - Guy Morin- Central
Massachusetts during the Revolution
East Brookfield Town Hall, 9:30 FREE

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 14

OPEN HOUSE
at Hodgkins Building (Museum/ RR)
108 School Street, East Brookfield, 1:00-3:00.
FREE

HISTORICAL TALK -
Ken and Tina Ethier - "Trolley Talk"
East Brookfield Town Hall, 9:30. FREE

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 12

OPEN HOUSE
at Hodgkins Building (Museum/ RR)
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508-892-9822

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2345 salemcrossinn.com

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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

SUMMER CONCERT SERIES
July/August every Thursday 6:00-8:00
Connie Mack Field East Brookfield. FREE - Food
and Drinks for sale.

VILLAGER NEWSPAPERS

COMMUNITY SPOTLIGHT

"SHINING A LIGHT ON COMMUNITY EVENTS"

February 7, Fri., 5-7pm

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

February 8, Sat., 5-7pm

There will be a baked potato buffet in
the downstairs hall of St. Mary's Church,
218 Providence Street, Putnam. Five dol-
lars per person buys a whole baked pota-
to, with seven toppings to choose from,
plus dessert and coffee or tea. Eat in or
take out. Proceeds benefit the Troop 21
Scouts BSA, Boy Scouts of America,
summer camp fund. For information, call
(860) 928-7241.

February 10, Mon., 6:30-8pm

Opening Reception Thompson Public Li-
brary Art @ the Library* "Perspectives"
Works on Mylar by Al Mathes on view:
February 4th to February 28th. The meet-
ing room may be unavailable at times due
to other functions. Program generously
supported by the Friends of the Thomp-
son Public Library. www.thompsonpub-
liclibrary.org 860-923-9779

February 14, Fri., 14, 9:30-11:30am

Stoncroft Women's Connection Brunch
at The Inn at Woodstock Hill, 94 Plaine
Hill Rd. "Lyme Awareness and Sup-
port" with Monique Picard, BSN, RN.
Inspirational Speaker Sandra Lombardo's
Dramatic Presentation of "Rahab
of Jericho". Reservations for Brunch

Coffee and Card Games.

February 7,
Fri., 8-11am



\$13 are required, cancellations essen-
tial. Call 860-774-5092, 860-455-7671
or email:wccwc81@hotmail.com by
Mon., Feb. 9. Bring a Friend and join the
party!

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February 15, Sat., 8am-3pm.

Beat the winter blues! The Wind-
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Road, Pomfret, CT is having a "Camp-
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outdoor gear and a sled if there is snow
on the ground. Admission is \$25/child.
Call 860-974-3379 to register by Feb 12
or email: registrar@4hcampct.org

February 19, Wed., 2-4:30pm

Senior social Afternoon Tea. All are wel-
come Senexet Grange. 628 Route 169,
Woodstock, CT 06281. The Grange is of-
fering a time of Senior Fellowship for our
Quiet Corner community. Enjoy free tea
or coffee and snacks every 3rd Wednes-
day of the month. Please join us as we
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of your interest during this time as well.
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suggestions and friends! For more infor-
mation contact: Amy @ 860-455-8844,
grange40ct@gmail.com or friend Senex-
et Grange on Facebook.

February 21, Fri., 5-7pm

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ter (\$18). 860-923-2967, council2087@
gmail.com.

February 21, Fri., 1pm

LiR, a lifelong learning group located
at QVCC in Danielson, is hosting a free
Open House in the QVCC auditorium.
The presentation will be a road trip ex-
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adventurer Martin Podskoch. Refresh-
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