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Killingly opens search for Calorio's successor

BY JASON BLEAU
NEWS STAFF WRITER

KILLINGLY — With the recent announcement that Mary Calorio will be moving over to Putnam to succeed the late Doug Cutler as Town Administrator, Killingly has put plans in motion to fill her seat as Killingly's Finance Director.

The job has been posted in publications seeking qualified candidates

for the position and while Calorio will begin her new job on Feb. 27, Killingly Town Manager Sean Hendricks said she is still working hard to make sure budget numbers from the town hall are complete and ready to go before her departure.

"Mary will be here through February which is when we usually put the budget together so

we'll have all the meetings with the department heads and the municipal budget will pretty much be put together by the end of the month," Hendricks said. "The hurdle we have is once we get the Board of Education budget in March we need to put all that together and present it to the Town Council on the first of April, but Mary has a staff member who actually puts the

budget books together and generates the spread sheets and they will still be here."

While Hendricks said Calorio's impending move to Putnam's Town Hall is poorly timed, he is proud of her for getting the job and is working to make the transition as smooth as possible.

"Obviously the hope is it that we find someone with some sort of

experience in municipal finance and so far I've gotten some interest. I've gotten a handful of resumes so we know there's experience out there," Hendricks said. "If we had someone in town who was qualified and was interested I'd definitely talk to them. It doesn't look like that's the case."

Hendricks added that because the job is non-

union the town is not required to post anything internally before seeking outside resumes and applications. Hendricks said he spoke with several potential candidates in the town hall but he didn't believe there was much.

While Hendricks said Calorio will be a hard

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Cleanup begins at Thompson church



Jason Bleau photo

Volunteers work to clean the interior of the Thompson Congregational Church nearly a month after a fire damaged the sanctuary of the historic building.

BY JASON BLEAU
NEWS STAFF WRITER

THOMPSON — Cleanup efforts have officially commenced in the wake of the destructive fire at the Thompson Congregational Church in late December. On Jan. 28, a month after the fire, church trustee Brian Fontaine led a small cleanup crew removing debris and other disposable remains from inside the building.

Fontaine said the interior suffered significant water damage and there

was a lot that needed to be removed for the church to move ahead with its reconstruction process.

"Today we hope to get any wet material out and to try and stop further damage. It's something we as a congregation can do," Fontaine said. "We're also having people come out to evaluate the structure itself. We had a structural engineer here this morning."

Several of the pews inside the church were crushed when a portion of the interior roof fell. A large hole

remains present in the back of the church above the altar in the sanctuary, now mostly covered in a black tarp. Last Sunday was not the first time Fontaine had worked with volunteers to help do some of the cleanup work. He said it will take some time before the effort is complete.

"We've been working quite a while at this, but we had asbestos in a couple

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Putnam Board of Ed explores new fund

BY JASON BLEAU
NEWS STAFF WRITER

PUTNAM — Putnam's Board of Education is seeking to start a new account it hopes will help save money to offset different projects and unforeseen expenses in the years to come, assuming the board of Finance and selectmen are willing to back the idea.

Superintendent of Putnam Schools Bill Hull said that the Board of Education recently began talks with the Board of Finance to form the new account, which he said would help the school pool unexpended funds from their budget to cover the cost of future initiatives.

"The Board of Education is looking at establishing a one percent non-lapsing account. In 2010 the State Legislature passed a statute indicating that Boards of Education can put one percent of their budgets off to the side and save it for things that are nonrecurring. So it can be capital items and other things we have to deal with," Hull said.

Hull stressed that the discussion with the Board of Finance is in the beginning stages and that the Board of Education has toyed with the idea for several years. He said the recent talks are only the first in many future conversations about the initiative.

"It would be an account that we could use to buy buses or do some capital projects. The nice thing is it would be held and it wouldn't contribute to our minimum budget requirement when we spend it," Hull said. "The Board of Finance had quite a few questions about it and we hope we answered them. We expect to still have conversations with the Board of Finance and Board of Selectmen about this in the future. Most town governments do have it. We know of at least 28 Boards of Education that have it. Woodstock has it and Killingly just put it in."

Hull and members of the Board of Education were happy to see the Board of Finance even entertain the idea of starting the account. Hull said he feels there is still a lot the town needs to work out, but he feels the account could help Putnam avoid raising taxes for dif-

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Lentz named editor of Villager Newspapers



Charlie Lentz

Villager Newspapers announced this week that Charlie Lentz has been named editor. Lentz had been sports editor for the Villager since the launch of the newspaper's sports section in September of 2013. Frank Chilinski, President and Publisher of Stonebridge Press, said Lentz has been instrumental in shining a light on the personalities and events of the local sports scene in Northeastern Connecticut and would bring the same vision to the news department.

"Charlie truly gets the value of local, local, local news. He has worked tirelessly over the years to build the Villager Sports pages from the ground up," Chilinski said. "He has a passion for Northeastern Connecticut and local news. Charlie knows the importance of

a newspaper reflecting the communities it serves. I'm thrilled about what he brings to local news at the Villagers. The best is yet to come."

Lentz looked forward to the challenge of expanding his focus beyond the sports world to include the newsmakers and happenings in local government, business, education, and the arts.

"It is an honor to be able to serve our readership," Lentz said. "The people of the Quiet Corner really care about their neighbors and there's an old-fashioned tightly knit sense of community here."

Lentz, who lives in Putnam, will continue to oversee the Villager's Sports pages. Prior to arriving in Northeast Connecticut, Lentz was sports editor of

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State police bust Putnam man on drug charges



Cash and evidence seized

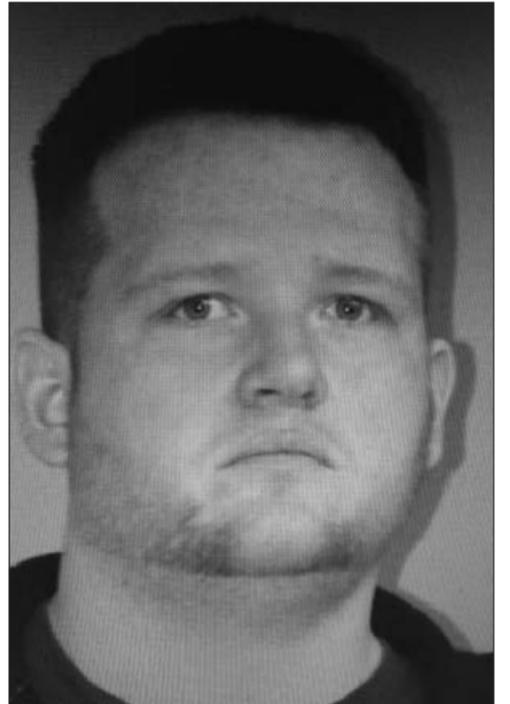
BROOKLYN — On Jan. 26 at approximately 12:45 pm, members of the Troop D – Quality of Life Task Force were patrolling Route 6 in the town of Brooklyn. While on patrol, troopers observed a blue Pontiac G5 travelling east on Route 6 commit a traffic violation. Troopers stopped the vehicle on Route 6 near Day Street and approached the vehicle.

When Troopers approached the driver's side window, they observed Ryan Ploof, 27, of 40 Chassey St., Putnam attempting to conceal something under the driver's seat. For officer safety reasons, Troopers took Ploof out of the car and discovered that he had 70 bags of heroin pre-packaged for sale in his hand.

Troopers seized the heroin as well as \$865 in cash and an Apple iPhone. Ploof was arrested without incident and transported to the Troop D, Danielson Barracks and charged with possession of heroin and possession of heroin with intent to sell.

Ploof was released on a \$20,000 dollar non/surety bond and is scheduled to appear at Danielson Superior Court on Feb. 9 for the charges. Ploof, who was out on parole, was remanded back into the custody of the Department of Corrections.

This is the second time QLTF has arrested Ploof for narcotic related charges.



Ryan Ploof

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AT CT AUDUBON

Bird sightings at Connecticut Audubon Society Center at Pomfret and Wyndham Land Trust properties for the week of January 23. Evening Grosbeaks, Hooded Merganser, Mallard, Fox Sparrow, Barred Owl, Northern Harrier, American Kestrel, Red-winged Blackbird, American Tree Sparrow, Pileated Woodpecker, Cedar Waxwings, Robins. Visit www.ctaudubon.org/center-at-pomfret

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Thompson residents call for Mill revitalization



Jason Bleau photo

The River Mill site in Thompson

BY JASON BLEAU
NEWS STAFF WRITER

THOMPSON — Roughly 100 Thompson residents turned out for a special meeting on Jan. 25 to discuss the future of the historical River Mill at 929 Riverside Drive. The aging facility has been the subject of much uncertainty. Many possibilities are being considered for the property, ranging from demolition to reuse. The Thompson Mill Sites Redevelopment Advisory Committee gave the public a chance to speak at the meeting.

The agenda included presentations from the factory's past owners and members of the Thompson Historical Society, who detailed the mill's historical significance. The public voiced overwhelming support for revitalization of the mill. The public heard comments from several individuals close to the project, including representatives of CME Engineering, the firm performing the brownfield work on the mill. Also speaking were representatives of the State Department of Energy and Environmental Protection, and State Senator Mae Flexer and State Representative Danny Rovero.

Several companies are interested in the potential of the mill including one from North Carolina called Southend Reclaimed. But there has also been interest in demolition of the building to resell the material. Thompson First Selectman Ken Beausoleil said meetings are important opportunities for the citizens of Thompson to make their thoughts heard on what they want for the historic site.

"We need the support of the townspeople and the ideas to reinvigorate the

mill because it is in the center of town," Beausoleil said. "I was on the Board of Selectmen in 2010 when the housing concept did come up. We were in the middle of an economic downturn and the process did drag on and we were not able to get the funding because of delays. We are coming out of the economic downturn and a variety of groups have found that if the mill is going to go anywhere then mixed use and housing are among the variety of things we could do with it. And being on the National Historic Register gives us come opportunities for different funding, but we need the support of the town."

Beausoleil said that the brownfield study taking place will be an important tool for showing developers exactly what needs to be done.

"That's going to be done it's going to give us a great opportunity to find out what we can do with the mill. There are a few potential investors that we are looking at. One came out and is looking at either demolishing the building or revitalizing it and putting mixed use in and of course from our standpoint we don't have a lot of commercial or industrial area in Thompson," Beausoleil said. "It will help us with our tax base and help the mill prosper. That would help the whole town. Thompson has a lot to offer and the revitalization of the downtown area with the mill incorporated into that is a win for us."

Putnam Economic and Community Development Director Delpha Very, from Thompson, gave her perspective on the project as a leader for growth. Very is working in neighboring Putnam, helping to revitalize a mill in

town for residential and commercial purposes.

"Success begets success and one of the things when we have successful projects happening in Putnam, or any community, is success grows. When someone paints an old Victorian house pretty soon the next two are freshly painted," Very said. "In the State of Connecticut we do hear the negatives about budgets and things like that, but the state is allowing us to put a tool kit together. That tool kit we just hand to developers and that's saying we know where (work) needs to be done — I think the state is backing us 100 percent on cleaning up these historic properties."

Local and state leaders who attended the meeting expressed excitement and enthusiasm at the large turnout. Citizens at the meeting were encouraged to continue to show their support for redevelopment of the site at future meetings of the Thompson Mill Site Redevelopment Advisory Committee, which meets at 9 a.m. on every second Friday of the month.

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Suspects linked to string of burglaries



Kayla Gould



Jason Link

PUTNAM — During the month of December 2016 the Putnam Police Department, along with the Connecticut State Police, Troop D, investigated a string of larcenies and burglaries that occurred at various locations within the town of Putnam. As a result of these investigations a search and seizure warrant was obtained by Putnam Police for 6 Lyon Street in Putnam.

Upon execution of the warrant stolen items and evidence were recovered that linked the suspects to burglaries in Putnam, as well as larcenies in Putnam and Webster, Mass.

Subsequent to the investigations conducted by the Putnam Police Department, arrest warrants were signed and served on the following two individuals: Kayla Gould, 28, of 6 Lyon St.,

Putnam, was charged with larceny in the sixth degree (by possession), interfering with a police officer, criminal trespass in the first degree, conspiracy to commit larceny in the sixth degree, larceny in the second degree (by possession), sale of a firearm, and false Statement. Gould was held on bonds totaling \$52,000 and presented in Danielson Superior Court on Jan. 25 for the aforementioned charges.

Jason Link, 37, of 6 Lyon St., Putnam, was charged with burglary in the third degree, larceny in the first degree, theft of a firearm (two counts), possession of burglar tools, sale of a firearm, larceny in the sixth degree, and larceny in the sixth degree (by possession). Link was held on bonds totaling \$105,000 and presented in Danielson Superior Court on Jan. 25 for the aforementioned charges.

Arrests are pending for two juveniles who were involved. The investigation is ongoing and more arrests are expected.

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Courtney condemns Trump's executive orders

WASHINGTON, D.C. — Connecticut Congressman Joe Courtney, a member of the House Armed Services Committee, spoke on the House floor on Jan. 30 to condemn executive orders issued by President Donald Trump as undercutting actions to defeat the Islamic State in the Levant (ISIL) by prohibiting Iraqis who have worked with the coalition military forces from traveling or immigrating to the United States.

"As we stand in the House chamber today, over 4,000 US Military personnel are bringing the fight to ISIL. ISIL terrorists—in Iraq, Navy and Air Force pilots, Special Forces, and advisors are working hand in hand with Iraqis and Kurds to eject ISIL from Mosul, the city they declared three years ago as the capital of their Caliphate," said Courtney. "Great progress has been made. Supported by thousands of U.S. air strikes, the eastern half of the city has been reclaimed by the forces of the civilized world, and efforts are underway to finish the job in western Mosul.

"None of this could have been done without the help of brave Iraqi interpreters, who are essential to communicating all the pieces of these operations. As a member of the House Armed Services Committee, I am proud that from 2008 to 2016 we passed and re-passed a special immigrant visa program to open the door of immigration the US for these interpreters as a safe haven and also as a

reward for putting their lives at risk and making sure that our troops can communicate safely and effectively in their operations.

"Incredibly, on Friday, with one stroke of the pen, President Trump slammed the door shut on that program because he cancelled all visa programs from Iraq. If anyone could imagine a more demoralizing way to undercut the anti-ISIL alliance at such a critical time, Friday's order won the prize and we are hearing from military commanders who are over there in Iraq talking about the blowback that's come from our allies that were literally under-way in real operations in real time. We in Congress need to stop this order for the sake of our standing in the world as a beacon of hope and freedom, and if for nothing else, to support our troops and our allies in harm's way."

Courtney has been a member of the House Armed Service Committee (HASC) for ten years. In 2008, HASC led the effort to broaden an existing special immigrants program to include those who had worked for any part of the U.S. government in Iraq or Afghanistan, and expanded the cap from 50 to 500 with numerical limits carrying over if they were not met in a given year.

Through the end of FY2015, more than 37,000 individuals had been issued special immigrant visas abroad, or been adjusted to U.S. lawful permanent residents (LPRs) status in



the United States, under the special immigrant classifications. Principal applicants accounted for about 15,000 of the total; the others were dependent spouses and children.

The 2016 NDAA passed in December of 2016, made some minor adjustments to the program, increasing the numerical limits, eliminating the sunset provisions, and implementing certain reporting requirements.

"Given the overwhelming confusion surrounding this precipitous action, as well as the pending court of appeals case, my office is on standby this weekend and going forward in the event that residents or families of the Second District need any assistance with immigration issues."

Courtney also released the following statement on Jan. 29 on President Donald Trump's executive order banning all refugees from around the world for 120 days and blocking entry of all persons from

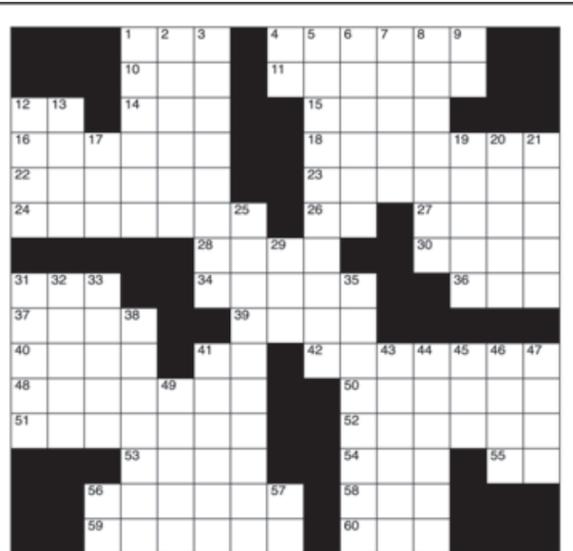
seven predominately Muslim countries who have lawfully obtained visas (including persons who have assisted the U.S. military in Iraq). Based on the guidance Courtney's office obtained, this order will affect Legal Permanent Residents and valid nonimmigrant visa holders like foreign exchange students at local colleges and universities, and highly skilled workers like the doctors at Eastern Connecticut Health Network (ECHN) and United Community and Family Services (UCFS), all deemed eligible for residency or legal status under the INA and who have complied with the policies and regulations of the U.S. Department of State and U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Services (USCIS).

"President Trump's new executive order freezing refugee arrivals and entry of all people from a number of predominately Muslim countries, including law permanent residents of the United States traveling abroad, will

boomerang against us both morally and practically," said Courtney. "The new President signed the order on Holocaust Remembrance Day, a day when we reflect in part on how our country failed to protect Jewish refugees from Nazi atrocities during World War II. This is not who we are as Americans: we do not discriminate against any religion, and we do not shut our doors to suffering people seeking a better life.

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Courtney's Norwich district office is on standby in the event that residents of the Second Congressional District need assistance with immigration issues. The office can be reached directly at (860) 886-0139

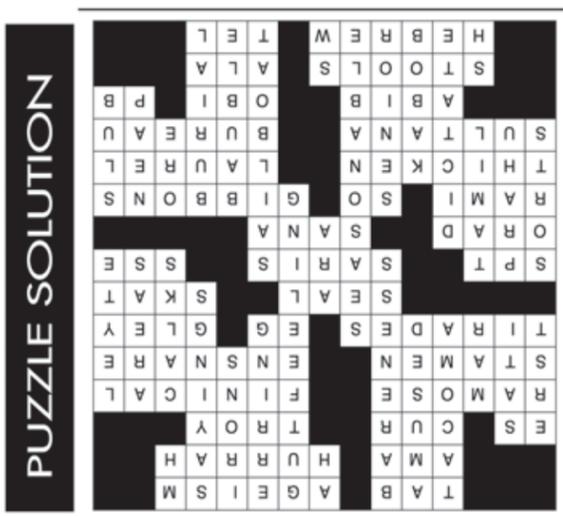


CLUES ACROSS

- 1. Part of a can
- 4. A form of discrimination
- 10. Doctors' group
- 11. Expression of joy
- 12. Spanish "be"
- 14. A mongrel
- 15. Helen was from here
- 16. With many branches
- 18. Fussy
- 22. Male fertilizing organ of a flower
- 23. Trap
- 24. Long, angry speeches
- 26. For instance
- 27. Sticky, waterlogged soil
- 28. Fasten
- 30. Card game
- 31. Seaport (abbr.)
- 34. Dresses worn in S. Asia
- 36. Midway between south and southeast
- 37. Of the mouth
- 39. Capital of Yemen
- 40. Branches of a bone
- 41. Very much
- 42. TV host Leeza
- 48. A way to change integrity
- 50. Plants with dark green, glossy leaves
- 51. Seedless raisin
- 52. Agency
- 53. Wear this when eating ribs
- 54. Martial artists wear this
- 55. Peanut butter
- 56. Drinkers sit on these
- 58. Pie ___ mode
- 59. Hebraic
- 60. River in India

CLUES DOWN

- 1. City in Washington
- 2. Entertained
- 3. Nakedness
- 4. Exclamation of surprise
- 5. Instinct
- 6. Making a mistake
- 7. "Borgias" actor Jeremy
- 8. Phrases
- 9. Millihenry
- 12. Long ago
- 13. Self-immolation by fire ritual
- 17. Disfigure
- 19. Horseshoe extension
- 20. Regions
- 21. Philippine Island
- 25. Appropriate for particular time
- 29. Small constellation in the Milky Way
- 31. Categorizes
- 32. Malaysian boat
- 33. Natives of Sri Lanka
- 35. Type of vessel
- 38. Prescribe
- 41. Ranking
- 43. Knickknack
- 44. Funeral
- 45. Mineral can be extracted from this
- 46. Tide
- 47. Lump in yarn
- 49. Food on a skewer
- 56. Letter in the Albanian alphabet
- 57. Midway between south and west



Local rep Boyd introduces coal tar bill

HARTFORD — State Representative Pat Boyd (Democrat representing Brooklyn, Eastford, Pomfret, Union, Woodstock) has intro-

duced a bill prohibiting the use of coal tar sealants on state highways.

The bill, HB 5884, will help protect the environment and public health by limiting human and wildlife exposure to coal tar sealant.

"This has been an issue discussed greatly in the Town of Pomfret since the summer and after talking with residents of the Longmeadow Farm Estates and the First Selectman it became clear to me that the state needs to take the lead on banning coal tar on our roadways," Rep. Boyd said. "We have the support of the Department of Public Health so I am hopeful that we can get this law passed this session so no other community in Connecticut will

have to go through this."

A public hearing on this bill will be held Friday, Feb. 3rd at 10 a.m. The public hearing will be held in Legislative Office Building (LOB) in Room 1D. Sign-ups start at 8:30 a.m. in the LOB Atrium.

Already two states, Washington and Minnesota have banned coal tar sealants and dozens of other cities and counties in Illinois, Texas, New York, Maryland have also restricted use.

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Rectory students perform at Westview

DAYVILLE — Fifth and sixth grader students from The Rectory School in Pomfret joined the patients and residents of Westview Health Care Center on Monday, Jan. 16, for a variety of musical performances. Accompanied by their coaches, Anne Grudzinski and Ms. Lyde, five students performed songs, danced, as well as played musical arrangements on clarinets and a flute.

The group has been practicing since November of 2016 and performs at area facilities as well as during halftime during some of their school's sporting events. The students performed at Westview as part of the school-wide initiative at The Rectory School where students and staff participated in mindful community activities in observance of Martin Luther King, Jr. Day.

"We wish to thank The Rectory School and this group of performers for sharing their talents with our patients and residents," said David T. Panteleakos, Westview administrator. "This initiative is an excellent way for these young people to gain important life skills and community awareness that not only benefits themselves but all of those around them."



Murphy introduces bill to block President Trump's executive order

WASHINGTON — U.S. Senator Chris Murphy, Democrat from Connecticut, a member of the U.S. Senate Foreign Relations Committee and U.S. Senate Appropriations Committee, unveiled legislation on Monday to block President Trump's harmful restriction on refugees and immigrants from certain Muslim-majority nations in the Middle East. Specifically, the bill would withhold any funding to enforce the executive order and declares it illegal

based on the 1965 Immigration and Nationality Act, which banned discrimination against immigrants on the basis of national origin. Furthermore, Murphy argues that immigration based on religion violates the U.S. Constitution and fuels ISIS recruitment propaganda, putting our nation at risk.

Original cosponsors of Murphy's bill include U.S. Senators Maria Cantwell (D-Wash.), Jeff Merkley (D-Ore.), Richard Blumenthal (D-Conn.), Chris Coons (D-Del.),

Brian Schatz (D-Hawaii), Tammy Baldwin (D-Wis.) and Chris Van Hollen (D-Md.). Murphy's bill compliments two measures set to be introduced by U.S. Senator Dianne Feinstein (D-Calif.).

"President Trump's irresponsible and shameful executive order makes America less safe, and Congress needs to block its implementation immediately. Trump has handed ISIS a recruitment gift that ultimately will get Americans killed," said Murphy. "We've

already seen its consequences. Connecticut resident Fadi Kassar's five year-old and eight year-old daughters were turned away at the airport on Saturday morning traveling from Syria after being approved as refugees. Those kids are the exact same ages as my two sons. Thinking about how scared they must have been, and still are, makes me furious. Congress needs to show the world that America is better than this."

Murphy added, "Trump's

discriminatory executive order does not reflect who we are as Americans, and it puts our servicemembers and the American public at risk. Both Republicans and Democrats criticized Trump for campaign promises of a ban on Muslims. Now that Trump's hateful rhetoric is reality, it's time for all Members of Congress to stand up and support our bill."

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Rectory School opens new academic building



May Lou Seaward photo

Betty Hale cuts the ribbon to the entrance of the Hale Elementary Wing of Rectory School's new academic addition at the Grand Opening Ceremony.



May Lou Seaward photo

Rectory School's new 10,000 square-foot academic addition houses the Hale Elementary Wing and the Smith Learning Center.

POMFRET — Rectory School opened its new academic addition with a ribbon cutting and grand opening ceremony on Monday, January 23. Students, faculty, administrators, board members, alumni, and community members joined the celebration to open the new 10,000 square-foot academic building, housing the Hale Elementary Wing for grades K-3 and the Smith Learning Center, which includes seventeen tutoring rooms for Rectory's signature Individualized Instruction Program.

Headmaster Fred Williams welcomed the gathering by reflecting on the anticipation Rectory's students displayed throughout the year-long construction process.

"I am awed by the pride and excitement the kids have expressed as we occupy this building

for the first time today," Williams said.

Williams continued by quoting former Governor General of Canada Adrienne Clarkson by saying, "Each of us is carving a stone, erecting a column, or cutting a piece of stained glass in the construction of something much bigger than ourselves. The opening of these new spaces furthers the mission started nearly 100 years ago by Rectory's founders, Frank and Mabel Bigelow, and allows us to more effectively continue our important work - the education of young people."

Rectory's Chairman of the Board of Trustees, Laurence Hale spoke about what makes Rectory such a special community, referencing the School's website.

"At Rectory, we build foundations for life...this new building represents

an investment in both the structural and academic foundations that Rectory students can build upon," Hale said.

Hale went on to highlight the unique Individualized Instruction Program (IIP), "At Rectory, we teach with an individualized approach, something which lead us to invest in a Rectory education for our three children. They have each benefited greatly and grown academically from the one-on-one tutoring and mentorship of the School's legendary faculty through participation in IIP."

Rectory's Director of the Elementary School, Maria Carpenter, who Fred Williams referred to as "the mother of Rectory's Elementary School," expressed her appreciation to everyone who helped make the new academic addition possible.

"I have always felt that our elementary experience was exceptional in design, even when we were scattered about this wonderful campus," Carpenter said. "We have been waiting, since we opened Rectory's kindergarten in 2004, to have a space where children and teachers could connect and collaborate in one space...and that dream is becoming a reality today."

Freddy Nagle, Rectory's Director of Development, graciously thanked donors who supported this project.

"Because of you, Rectory is able to provide an education that goes above and beyond, in state-of-the-art facilities like the one we are celebrating today, that creates a hands-on learning environment, guided by our outstanding faculty," Nagle said. "Because of you, Rectory has the

foundation and tools necessary to meet students' needs and interests, while empowering our students to ask questions, explore new ideas, and connect multiple subject areas so they can begin to understand how their studies apply to the world that awaits them."

The following donors, who were in attendance at the celebration, were recognized:

Betty Hale, for her generous support of the Elementary School Wing. Melissa, Jim, Blake, Brooke, and Brody Zahansky, for their generous support for the fourth-grade classroom.

Robert S. Perkin '62, for his generous support of a tutoring space given in honor of John B. Bigelow, James Barber, and C. Stanford Murray.

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Karl Norton, Susan Roarabaugh, John Everett, and Kevin Tubridy for their hard work and dedication to this project, a tutoring space was named in honor of Karl Norton Architects and New England Design.

For their hard work and dedication to this project the Rectory recognized John Darigan and Lupachino and Salvatore General Contractors.

Rectory is planning several open houses in the coming months, including a reception prior to a public Parent Technology Night, featuring a free showing of "Screenagers: Growing Up in the Digital Age" on Feb. 28. For more information, please contact the Admissions Office at (860) 928-1328 or admissions@rectoryschool.org <<mailto:admissions@rectoryschool.org>>

Charter Oak Credit Union offers scholarships

Charter Oak Federal Credit Union is now accepting applications for its \$2,000 individual scholarship giveaway to students in New London and Windham counties. Applications can be found at CharterOak.org, and must be returned to the credit union by Friday, March 31.

A total of 45 scholarships will be awarded. The scholarship program rewards students who are involved in their local communities through volunteer activities and who maintain a strong grade point average. The credit union prides itself on community involvement, and has awarded more than \$1.7 million since 2009 to col-

lege-bound students, non-profits and community organizations.

This unique scholarship program will reward at least one high school senior from each eligible high school in New London and Windham counties with a \$2,000 scholarship. Most high school student applicants will essentially be competing against their peers, rather than competing with students throughout eastern Connecticut.

Current college students are welcome to apply; their applications will be reviewed and scholarships will be awarded at Charter Oak's discretion. All scholarship recipients will be recognized during a private reception at Charter Oak's Waterford headquarters.

Last May, the

credit union presented 44 scholarships, totaling \$88,000, to students during its recognition ceremony. Students along with their family members celebrated their accomplishments and mingled with credit union executives and board members.

"There are so many intelligent, community-minded students throughout eastern Connecticut," said Brian A. Orenstein, Charter Oak's President and Chief Executive Officer. "The committee responsible for reviewing the scholarship applications is looking forward to reading all of the essays and learning more about what interests' students have today."

This year's essay question requires students to reflect upon how they are making a positive difference within their community.

Bishop John Selders to speak at QVCC

DANIELSON — Bishop John L. Selders, Jr., the organizing pastor of Amistad United Church of Christ in Hartford, will be one of the featured speakers during Black History Month at Quinebaug Valley Community College.

On Tuesday, Feb. 7, he will present "Recreating the Beloved Community: the Moral Monday Movement" at both QVCC locations: in the morning at the Willimantic Center from 9 a.m. to 10:30 a.m. at the QVCC Willimantic Center, 729 Main Street, Willimantic, followed in the afternoon at the Danielson campus from 2 p.m. to 3:30 p.m. at the QVCC Main Campus, Room 101, 742 Upper Maple Street, Danielson.

The event is free and open to the public.

Moral Monday Connecticut describes itself as "rooted in the social justice and civil rights movement started by the Reverend Doctor William Barber of North Carolina in response to recent restrictions on voting rights...a statewide Connecticut-based coalition of individuals and organizations brought together by the power of the Black Lives Matter movement."

Bishop Selders, an ordained minister in the United Church of Christ, also serves as associate chaplain at Trinity College, Hartford, and vice chair of the Religious Coalition for Reproductive Choice. In addition to being a talented award winning songwriter, musician and performer with local, national, and international credits, he is a nationally known educator, lecturer, preacher, trainer, facilitator and activist in the areas of race, anti-racism and internalized oppression.

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Eastern Professor authors Book on Banditry and Borderlands



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WILLIMANTIC — After more than a decade of research and travel throughout China and Southeast Asia, Bradley Camp Davis, assistant professor of history at Eastern Connecticut State University, has authored “Imperial Bandits: Outlaws and Rebels in the China-Vietnam Borderlands.” The book describes banditry and the culture of violence in the mountainous borderlands between China and Vietnam.

In the mid-19th century, bandits from southern China made their way into northern Vietnam, seeking control of commerce, specifically opium. Using violence and coercion, as well as crucial drug-trading networks, they were able to establish positions of political power in the borderlands of the two countries.

“When Vietnam fell under the authority of the French Empire,” explained Davis, “some of these bandits were woven into the colonial administration—providing security, collecting taxes and doing other services for the French—while others joined the anti-colonial resistance.

“In contemporary Vietnam and China, there’s a clear division in how people remember these groups. You have heroes and villains; those who

collaborated with the French and those who supported the anti-French resistance.”

What is a bandit?
 “For me, a bandit is someone who’s able to negotiate with formal political power, but is not necessarily beholden to formal political power,” said Davis, relating the imperial bandits to powerful criminal organizations such as the Mafia. “Even though they may have cooperated with formal political authority, they may have had no real allegiance to the state.”

By delving into official archives in France, China and Vietnam, as well as the oral traditions of the remote communities within the borderlands, Davis sought to understand the history of violence in this region.

“I like to think of archives as buildings where documents go to die,” admitted Davis. “They get housed in boxes, you read them and come up with your own stories about them, but I discovered early on that not all things that happened found their way into documents.” He added, “Documents can lie. Just because it’s written down doesn’t mean it’s accurate. There could be implicit bias; the accounts of things

could be massaged or left out.”

Armed with research visas and training in Chinese, Vietnamese and French, Davis carried out research several times in those countries between 2004 and 2011. He did not limit himself to archival documents: “I got on a motor bike and went into the mountains to as many villages as I could and talked with as many people as possible.”

In total he coded approximately 200 conversations with distinct individuals—predominantly village elders with historical memories of the bandit groups. “The stories I included in the book were those I was able to verify against other accounts.

“I saw a great deal of consistency, but sometimes the lies were more interesting,” he said, explaining that some stories were embellished or off topic altogether. “In a way I was learning parallel stories; I was learning about the 19th century, but even more about the 21st century.”

Among his findings, Davis discovered that in many ways borderlands are not divided; they follow their own order after the border is drawn. “Borders sometimes mean more to those who live in the political capitals than those who

live in the mountains. To those at high altitudes, the border is negotiable.”

“Imperial Bandits” was published in January 2017 by the University of Washington Press, and with support from the Office of the Provost and the Office for Equity and Diversity at Eastern Connecticut State University. It was on display at the American Historical Association 2017 annual meeting in Denver and will be on display at the coming Association for Asian Studies annual conference in Toronto.

DEAN’S LIST

The following local students have made the Dean’s List at their colleges.

Worcester State University: Dominique N Gould, Woodstock.

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OPINION

Opinion and commentary from the Quiet Corner

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Working Together for Woodstock

Over the last few years the Woodstock Public Schools and The Woodstock Academy have worked together to strengthen their relationship to benefit both educational programs and have a positive impact on students. This positive relationship has one goal in mind; providing the best education possible for all Woodstock students. While a sense of cooperation has not always been the norm, with many recent changes, the new-found partnership has allowed a great deal of positive collaboration which has reduced costs and increased the overall educational impact.

While there are many examples of our collaboration we wanted to highlight a few. The Academy and the public-school system share the same calendar which allows for common time for professional development where staff from both schools can get together and align curricular initiatives. This past summer, while the roofs were being redone at the Woodstock Public Schools, The Academy hosted the Woodstock Summer Learning Initiative Camp, which allowed for 50 elementary school students to take advantage of Woodstock Academy's facilities. This was at no cost to the public-school system.

Each year, The Academy and the public schools collaborate in educational opportunities that benefit students from both institutions. Each year, students from the Early Childhood program are able to spend time at Woodstock Elementary School to work with and observe students in pre-k and kindergarten. This program also hosts an annual gingerbread house activity during which all kindergarten students visit the Academy each December for a host of special holiday activities designed by Academy students. There are plans to increase and grow this collaboration in the future.

This new-found collaboration has allowed both institutions to lower overall costs. Over the last few years, The Academy has assisted sending towns by reimbursing for transportation of our home-stay students. This has provided over \$50,000 in transportation credits back to the town of Woodstock and over \$100,000 to all of the sending towns overall. This year, the public school has grown its late bus route to include an Academy stop, which gives high school students in Woodstock the opportunity to stay after school for activities or to meet with teachers and still have transportation.

This year the schools took the major step of beginning to share staff. The special education program is now directed by one individual providing for a true PreK-12 program. While this endeavor has presented us with some challenges it also provides for a much closer blending of programs, especially between Woodstock Middle School and Woodstock Academy. The sharing of staff will grow as conversations continue about what staff can be shared, thus lowering costs for everyone.

We continue to explore ways which we might collaborate in the future, including IT services, security services, and foreign language opportunities. There will also be opportunities for collaboration brought about by the proximity of the new South Campus and Woodstock Middle School.

The approach is to think out of the box and breaking down obstacles to allow for new initiatives that will strengthen both institutions and the Town of Woodstock as a whole.

Victory Toth is Superintendent for the Woodstock Public Schools. Chris Sandford is the Headmaster of the Woodstock Academy

Food for thought

In the end, the best thing we can do it feed each other. A birth, a birthday, a funeral, a bout with the flu are part of the endless ebb and flow of life. Sometimes there is the joy with the birth of a granddaughter and sometimes there is sadness at the loss of someone special. Though it all, we cook. Make soup, bake a loaf of bread or pour a consoling glass of some warming liquid for ourselves and each other. It isn't surprising that the centerpiece of religious services is often the giving and receiving food in an actual and spiritual form.



NANCY WEISS

I've been cooking a great deal. Our little granddaughter came home from the hospital last week. My husband and I wanted to make sure her home was filled with tasty things to eat. Her nutritional needs are taken care of by her mother, but the rest of the family requires comforting meals to fill the days and nights that blur together in the unregulated early days of living with a newborn. I started with soup.

One of the legacies of a Yankee background like mine is a rather limited palate. When I think of my mother's cooking, I realize that there were two basic tastes, salty and sweet. Even when she embellished a dish, it was with Gravy Master, a dark brown, sauce of concentrated salt or Worcestershire, a spicier drop of concentrated salt. If her friends came to play cards, she filled a rib of celery with cream cheese and covered it with celery salt. She made oyster stew, corn chowder and opened cans of consommé and tomato soup. Whether they came from the store or her own efforts, the soups were salty with an extra sprinkle added at the table. I've learned to do a bit better.

When a pot of chicken soup is simmering on the stove, I feel there is order to the universe. I toss in carrots, celery, onion, garlic, and spices and wait until it all melds together. The broth is soothing and, of course, a bit salty. Soup lasts from one meal to the next and in the comfort of sameness, it fills us up with calories, liquid and a feeling of being taken care of.

A friend helped me refine a bread recipe from the NYT, that appeared several years ago. No Knead Bread caused a furor of letters to the food editor because it seems too darn easy. I was intimidated by yeast until I tackled the simple mix of flour, yeast, water, and of course, salt. Mush it up, pop it in a cast iron pot and toss it in a very hot oven. When it comes out, it is a round, crusty, nourishing loaf. Slap a little butter on a slice and all is right with the world, at least for a moment.

Balancing the plain, hearty food I make, is my husband's flair with sugar, mixed most often with chocolate. He hauls out cookbooks, a giant mixer and specialized pans. When the flour is flying, he is in heaven. He is calling up the spirit of his late mother, who liked nothing better than to assemble a banana bread and invite her friends for tea. His layer cakes, cookies and truffles fill the air with sweetness. The things he cooks hold the possibility of celebration, a conversation over a plate covered with traces of half eaten ganache, and the belief that sweet treats are important in life.

Many of my friends are remarkable cooks. While my skills are not as fine as theirs', I follow a recipe and make something edible. There is pleasure in packing up a tote bag with a pot of soup, some bread and a plate of cookies. Bringing it to others completes a circle of comforting one's self and others with the communion of sharing food, salty and sweet, just like life.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Executive order barring refugees is disturbing

I was highly disturbed by the recent executive order barring Syrian refugees indefinitely and suspending all refugee admissions for 120 days. In addition to the dangerous implications for national and global security (which Republican Senators John McCain and Lindsey Graham state "may do more to help terrorist recruitment than improve our security"), this order violates our most fundamental principles as a nation. The poetic inscription on the Statue of Liberty proclaims, "Give me your tired, your poor, / Your huddled masses yearning to breathe free, / The wretched refuse of your teeming shore. / Send these, the homeless, tempest-tost to me, / I lift my lamp beside the golden door!" Who fits this description better than refugees fleeing untold trauma in search of safe harbor for themselves and their children?

Furthermore, as a Christian pastor, I feel compelled to say that while the Bible is not a policy manual and does not dictate what the U.S. government's approach should be, it does provide a clear and unambiguous perspective on this issue for those of us who look to scripture as a moral compass. There are not many topics on which the Bible is completely consistent—after all, it is made up of 66 books written by a variety of authors, in a variety of contexts, over the course of more than half a millennium. But on the issue of refugees, the witness of our scriptures is

unequivocal. In both the Old Testament and the New, over and over and over again, the people of God are called, even commanded, to welcome, care for, and love the stranger, the foreigner, the sojourner.

Leviticus 19:34 reads as follows: "The alien who resides with you shall be to you as the citizen among you; you shall love the alien as yourself, for you were aliens in the land of Egypt." There is no qualification by nationality or religion or any other trait—only the mandate to love the alien, whoever he or she may be, as yourself.

Indeed, Jesus spent his early years as a refugee in Egypt, where his family fled to escape persecution and execution at the hands of King Herod. And toward the end of the gospel according to Matthew, Jesus instructs his followers that when they feed the hungry, clothe the naked, or welcome the stranger, they feed, clothe, and welcome Jesus himself—and when they deny food to the hungry, and leave the naked out in the cold, and bar the gate to keep the stranger away, they do the same to Jesus.

May we have ears to hear and courage to follow.

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Connecticut's gradual emancipation act followed history's trail

For Christmas I received the book *Slavery & the Underground Railroad in South Central Pennsylvania* by Cooper H. Wingert. Since the home I grew up in was reputedly used on the Underground Railroad, the topic always interests me, and I'm always looking for comparisons to what was happening here in Connecticut. Since February is Black History Month, this seems an appropriate column to mention a little of what I have learned. To be quite honest, I have looked at abolition as a nineteenth century issue so was surprised to read about the efforts at the time of the Revolution and even before. After all, if all men were created equal, didn't that also mean people of color? Why should they be enslaved?



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Philadelphia, Pennsylvania (the capital of that colony) was home to a number of Quakers and a number of slaves. The city was also a bustling port where slave ships docked. By the early 1760's a movement was underway to stem the flow. "In 1761 the Assembly enacted a 10-pound duty per slave imported into the colony." (In 1773 it was raised to 20-pounds per slave). The following year, 1762, a docked slave ship was blamed for the outbreak of a mysterious deadly disease. Slavery began to decline even more.

The Friends were advocating freedom for the slaves, and in 1774 the "yearly meeting banned slaveholding altogether" (pp. 29-31). Finally on March 1, 1780 a bill passed the Pennsylvania legislature, which was considered "the first legislative abolition in America, and the first of its kind worldwide. However, any slave born before March 1, 1780 was still facing a life of perpetual servitude. Children of slaves born after that date were required to serve their mother's master until 28" (pp. 38, 39).

A few years later Connecticut also would pass a gradual emancipation law. The following is from connecticuthistory.org. "In 1780, Pennsylvania passed a gradual emancipation law, and Connecticut and Rhode Island followed suit in 1784. New York and New Jersey, each of which had an enslaved population of well over 10,000 after the Revolution, initially resisted acting against slavery. However, by 1799 in New York and 1804 in New Jersey, gradual emancipation laws had been enacted. By the turn of the 19th century, slavery was well on the road to extinction in the North. In 1800, Connecticut still had more than 1,000 people held in slavery, a number that would diminish slowly but steadily over the following years. Connecticut's gradual emancipation act freed children born to enslaved women after March 1, 1784. It did not free the mother, the father, or any other adults. Neither did the children gain their full freedom until they reached, for men, age 25, and for women, age 21. Prior to those ages, the children remained under the custody of the parents and/or owners and were required to labor as the master directed. The master could also apprentice them to another, or hire them to someone else and keep the proceeds. Thus, prior to attaining their age of majority, these children were legally held in a transitional state between slavery and freedom. Slaveholders were required, however, to register the birthdates of children born after the March 1, 1784, date and many complied. The children were no

longer valued as slave property and were listed as free. Subsequent laws, passed later in the 1780s and 1790s, lowered the age at which the children would be freed and forbade the sale of any of these children or slaves outside of the state.... Slavery, however, would remain present in the state, albeit in ever-dwindling proportions, over the ensuing decades and would not be fully abolished until 1848." The road to freedom was a long, difficult one even in the North.

Several weeks ago I wrote about Killingly in conjunction to the alphabet, beginning with A's. This week I'll extract a few of the many B's in Natalie Coolidge's *Killingly Business Encyclopedia*. Some businesses you may never have heard of, but some are more recent and hopefully will bring forth many memories. One entry was for Frank E. Baker, who happened to be a blacksmith in town during the 1880's. Issues of the *Windham County Sunbeam*, a short-lived paper, listed him in Danielsonville doing general blacksmithing and wagon repairing. Gone are the days of the village smithy, and also the next business—ambrotypist. In 1861 John A. Barker was listed on Main Street in the 1861 *Windham County Business Directory*. He was a photographer in the Danielsonville village during the Civil War. "His gallery was on wheels and stood by the roadside a few rods northeast from the batting mill" (H. V. Arnold, *Making of Danielson*, p. 225).

The next business is within more recent memory. How many of you recall Barker's Discount Department Store, which was located on Route 101 in Dayville? According to an extract from the September 14, 1972 *Norwich Bulletin* in the *Killingly Business Encyclopedia*, Barkers officially opened September 13, 1972. Donald Smith was the General Manager. According to Lynn LaBerge, who worked there, after Barkers closed King's Department Store occupied the site for just a couple of years; it closed December 4, 1982. The following year Ames Department Store took over the space.

The second store to occupy space in what was then a new shopping plaza was Beit Brothers Supermarket, Inc. Reference to its grand opening was found in the November 30, 1972 *Norwich Bulletin*. We probably don't think anything about it now that so many years have elapsed, but the construction of this small plaza began to change the business district from downtown Danielson to Dayville. The proximity to the interstate highway, then Route 52, now I-395 certainly played a part in this shift just as the opening of the railroad in 1840 led to the growth of Danielson.

Please share your memories about any of these businesses by emailing me or by calling the Killingly Historical Center.

Margaret M. Weaver *Killingly Municipal History, January 2017*. Special thanks to Lynn LaBerge. For additional information visit the Killingly Historical Center Wed. or Sat. 10-4 (or by appointment) or www.killinglyhistorical.org or call 860-779-7250. Mail for the Killingly Historical & Genealogical Society, Inc. or the Killingly Historical Center should be sent to PO Box 265, Danielson, Connecticut 06329. Margaret Weaver may be reached at margaretmweaver@gmail.com.

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Readers Reveal Top Tips

It's a brand new year, and time for another round of tried and true tips from readers! From clever recycling to a healthier dessert recipe, the following hints from readers make life a little easier.

And remember readers, send in your best tips and you could win Dinner for Two at the Publick House!

** Save those old shades - and roll out the savings!

When replacing roll up window shades, don't throw the used ones away. They make a perfect drop cloth for painting or craft projects. They lay flat and can be rolled up and thrown away or reused. Also, they cost nothing!

Diane Irwin
Webster

** A Charlton reader offers handy way to jog your memory, plus a bonus kitchen tip!

Another Christmas Holiday has passed and I find that living in a townhouse with three levels can be challenging. Many times, I take to the stairs and forget what I was heading up or down for, and that can be so annoying. I now leave a note

pad and pen at the top of each staircase to always be prepared to note what I need and what is on my mind!

Also, holiday recipes that you are working on can be placed into the plastic sheet protectors to keep them clean and handy right in your kitchen also, rather than a book or a piece of paper floating around! Happy New Year 2017!

June Duclos
Danielson CT

** Dealing with the hassles of snow and ice just got a little bit easier, thanks to this reader's duo of interposing tips:

When I came back after some time off for Christmas I found a couple inches of old snow and ice on my windshield.

1. I took an empty yogurt cup I keep in a bucket of salt/sand and was able to brush off the snow and ice with the open end (defroster was on) keeping my hand clean and warmer.

Yogurt cup — recycling at its finest! works great for spreading the salt/sand mixture and is always at the ready in the bucket near the walkway.



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2. I took an old 1/2 gallon milk jug, cut the bottom out so it left me with a scoop complete with handle and lid attached. For larger storm events, I can fill the jug scoop, take of the lid and walk with a couple fingers over the hole while dispensing salt/and mixture, for great coverage and less waste. Peace and serenity.

Viola Bramel
Northbridge

** Swapping out oil for a healthy fat makes this dessert a non-guilty pleasure!

I had some over ripe (not brown) avocados and I substituted them for the oil in a boxed brownie mix. They came out delicious with the added benefit of healthy fat and less calories than the oil recipe. My daughter loved them and it was a great way to sneak vegetables

into her diet. The recipe is as follows:

1 box dark chocolate brownie mix
1/2 cup mashed avocado
1/2 cup water (no eggs)
Stir until smooth. Bake according to box based on pan size used.
Enjoy!

Pam Schiappa
Charlton

** Who knew? No muffin pan, no problem!

I came across this hint and thought I would pass on to you. Pretty neat and I would have never thought of it. If you are in a pinch for a muffin pan, you can use mason jar lids. Place the jar rings (wide side down) on a cookie sheet. Set your baking cup in each one and fill it with batter and bake. The ring will act as your muffin holder.

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** Prize Winner
Congratulations to Pam Schiappa of Charlton who won Dinner for Two at the Publick House in Sturbridge. She

submitted the healthy recipe above.

** Win Dinner for Two at the Publick House

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

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

Online estate auctions

There are many different ways to liquidate estate contents. Taking items to auction or running an estate tag sale were the traditional ways of selling personal property in an estate. Selling items in an online estate auction is now becoming increasingly popular.

My experience shows that various types of items will sell better through different channels. We typically bring rarer and more valuable items to our live auctions. An estate sale may be better for more contemporary items, tools or when a home is packed full of items. When there are higher priced contemporary items we find that an online estate auction is a great option.

We started running online auctions to provide a solution to a client's problem. The home was located in a rural area in southern Worcester County. They had hired a company from out of state that ran a traditional estate sale but only a few items sold. There



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were some antiques but most of the items were high quality furnishings and accessories. We ran an online estate auction that drew bidders from throughout Massachusetts and Connecticut. The online auction process also ensured the majority of items sold and there was minimal cleanout afterward.

There are other situations when an online auction may be the best solution such as with classic cars. We recently sold a 1969 Volkswagen Beetle in an online auction. A local person was the winning bidder, but by promoting on the web we

were able to draw a pool of bidders from around the country.

With online auctions, large and heavy items that aren't easy to transport to an auction site can easily be sold in a home. We sold a digital milling machine weighing thousands of pounds a retiree had setup in his garage. The winning bidder brought the riggers he needed to move the sophisticated piece of machinery.



Online auctions also bring piece of mind to an estate personal representative. The representative has to show they acted with due diligence when selling personal property. The competitive bidding at auction is a proven method for selling personal property and ensures items will sell for fair market value.

As mentioned, there are different selling methods and advantages and disadvantages with each. At an estate sale, you have to decide instantaneously whether you want to buy something. If you put the item down there is a good chance someone else may pick it up and buy it. A live auction allows you time to inspect items during the preview but there is a much shorter time from when you first see it to when you

need to bid. An online auction allows bidders a long time window from the start of the preview until the end of bidding. We typically offer online bidding for two weeks or more when we run online timed auctions. A live preview also typically takes place the weekend prior to the end of the bidding. Bidders are able to inspect the items in person. Some bidders don't attend the preview and just enter their online bids. In other instances, they will travel a great way to view items. One bidder asked me where the nearest airport was to one of our online auctions. He flew his plane to Massachusetts from Virginia to attend the preview.

I will be teaching my "Evaluating Your Antiques" class for the Bay Path evening school on March 6. Other events are currently being scheduled. See www.centralmassauctions.com for more information on our upcoming events.

Contact us at: Wayne Tuiskula auctioneer/appraiser Central Mass Auctions for antique auctions, estate sales and appraisal services www.centralmassauctions.com, (508) 612- 6111, or info@centralmassauctions.com.

Souvenir at Bradley Playhouse



Christopher Atwood photo

Preston Arnold as Cosme McMoon and Diane Pollard as Florence Foster Jenkins in the Bradley Playhouse's production of Souvenir.

PUTNAM — The Theatre of Northeastern Connecticut at the Bradley Playhouse continues its 2017 season with Stephen Temperley's "Souvenir" which opens Feb. 10 and runs for two weekends. This self-proclaimed "Fantasia on the Life of Florence Foster Jenkins" was described by The New York Times as "...an unexpectedly gentle and affecting comedy".

The name Florence Foster Jenkins has been guaranteed to produce derisive laughter. In the 1930s and 1940s, this wealthy society eccentric suffered under the delusion that she was a great coloratura soprano when nothing could be farther from the truth. The climax of her career was a single concert at Carnegie Hall in 1944. Famously, it sold out in two hours. "Souvenir" by turn hilarious and poignant, tells

her story through the eyes of her accompanist, Cosme McMoon. A talented musician, he regards her at first as little more than an easy way to pay the rent, but, as he gets to know her, his initial contempt gives way to reluctant admiration, then friendship and affection. Faced with Florence's certainty of her ability, Cosme comes to revise his attitude, not only towards her singing but to the very meaning of music itself. As the play ends the audience enters her world completely, finding there the beauty she'd heard in her head all along. As Florence Foster Jenkins famously said "People may say I can't sing, but no one can ever say I didn't sing."

The TNECT production of "Souvenir" is co-directed by Kathleen Atwood and Scott A. Guerin. Florence Foster Jenkins

is masterfully played by Diane Pollard (be aware, you have to be able to sing really well to imitate someone who is incapable of producing two consecutive notes in tune). Preston Arnold appears as the long-suffering accompanist, Cosme McMoon.

The Bradley Playhouse is located at 30 Front Street (Route 44) in Putnam. All seats are reserved. Reservations may be made online at www.thebradleyplayhouse.org or by calling 860-928-7887. Tickets may be purchased at the theater box office, either before the performance or at the door. Performances are Feb.10, 11, 17 and 18 at 7:30 pm and Feb. 12 and 19 at 2:00 pm. Tickets are \$20 for adults and \$16 for seniors and students.



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FROG ROCK TRIO SET FOR VETS COFFEEHOUSE

The fabulous Frog Rock Trio returns to the RSVP Veterans Coffeehouse on Friday, Feb. 3, for another toe-tapping sing-along evening of musical entertainment. In photo, from left, Nanci Emmi, Jayne Collins and Kevin Collins. The Coffeehouse is held at the Westfield Congregational Church, corner of Main and Reynolds streets in Danielson starting at 7 p.m. Frog Rock Trio consists of Kevin Collins (ukulele, harmonica, percussion and vocals) and Jayne Collins (guitar and vocals), both of Woodstock, and Nanci Emmi (vocals) of Brooklyn. Parking is available adjacent to Davis Park plus in the Key Bank parking lot across Main St. from the church.

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From left, Norman Bernier, Celeste Therrien, Todd Mountford, Sherry Mountford, and Jeffrey Kimball.

NORTH GROSVENORDALE — The West Thompson Fire Department recently recognized members for outstanding service to the Department. Lifetime member Roger Champoux was recognized for over 50 years of service to the West Thompson Fire Department as Honorary Fire Chief for his service and presented with a certificate, plaque, coffee mug, and polo shirt.

“Mr. Champoux’s dedication to the Fire Department and the citizens of Thompson is remarkable. For more than 50 years, he dedicated his life to the Fire Service. We are very proud to honor such a great man and thankful for his time and dedication and to his family for supporting him in his ser-

vice.” said Mike Rivers, Fire Chief.

The West Thompson Fire Department recognized Deputy Chief Jeffrey Kimball as member of the year for 2016. Deputy Chief Kimball has volunteered countless hours to the Department and outstandingly represents the values of the West Thompson Fire Department.

“Deputy Chief Kimball has consistently stepped in to help with all types of projects at the Department. He truly exemplifies the Department’s values of Teamwork, Integrity, and Excellence. He is a great man and role model for others.” Rivers said.

The West Thompson Fire Department recognized Norman Bernier, Celeste Therrien, Deputy Chief Jeffrey Kimball,

President Todd Mountford, and Sherry Mountford, for their dedication and hard work on fundraising efforts for 2016.

“These individuals have consistently helped with our fundraising efforts volunteering countless hours for dinners, and running errands and making calls to make our fundraisers successful. Their time and dedication is greatly appreciated.” said Rivers.

The West Thompson Fire Department has nearly 40 members and continues to recruit new members. If you are interested in becoming a member, please call (860) 923-9696 or email mrivers.wtffd@gmail.com.

Weiss to be featured in Connecticut Magazine

POMFRET CENTER — Laurence N. Hale, AAMS, CRPS at Weiss & Hale Financial, LLC, will be featured in a special section of the December issue of Connecticut Magazine as a 2016 Five Star Wealth Manager award winner.

Five Star Professional partnered with Connecticut magazine to identify and showcase an exclusive group of wealth managers who have demonstrated excellence in their field.

“Thank you for offering us your trust and confidence as we work diligently to help you navigate toward your financial life goals. It is an honor to receive the Five Star Award for the third year, and our entire team at Weiss & Hale Financial is honored,” said Hale.

The 2016 Five Star Wealth Manager award winners have been carefully selected for their commitment to provid-

ing quality services to their clients. The award is based on an in-depth research process incorporating peer and firm feedback with objective criteria such as client retention rates, client assets administered, industry experience and regulatory and complaint history.

“Based on our evaluation, the wealth managers we recognize are committed to pursuing professional excellence and have a deep knowledge of their industry. They strive to provide exemplary care to the people they serve,” stated Dan Zdon, CEO, Five Star Professional.

When asked why he got into the profession, Laurence N. Hale said, “Helping people is in my nature and being a financial advisor allows me to do that every day in a multifaceted and intellectually challenging role.”

Westview names employee of the year



DAYVILLE — Susan Orr of Dayville was named Westview’s Employee of the Year for 2016 by the Westview Health Care Center Employee of the Year Nomination Committee. Orr joined the Westview team on January 11, 1982 and works full time as a Certified Nursing Assistant.

The announcement of her award was made by Westview Administrator David T. Panteleakos at the facility’s annual Employee Appreciation Dinner held at the Connecticut National Golf Club in Putnam.

“I have been here for 34 years and never did I think I would be here this long,” Orr said. “But Westview makes it easy. Starting from the top, we are a team here. It’s about taking care of the patients, the joy of making sure they are comfortable and watching them recover and even go home. I am honored to have been chosen for this award.”

In an effort to recognize outstanding employees, Westview implemented the Employee of the Year award in 2008 to enhance their established Employee of the Month program, which rewards outstanding employees who demonstrate dedication, outstanding work ethic and a positive attitude that is reflected in their day-to-day work.

“We are extremely fortunate and grateful for Sue’s commitment to our facility’s patients and residents over the last three decades,” Panteleakos said. “She continues to be such an incredibly valuable member to our team and this award is a small token of our appreciation to her dedication.”

As an ardent New England Patriots fan, Sue enjoys watching football with her family including her husband, Jody, and her two sons, Dustin and Travis. She also loves spending time with her grandson, Ryan, playing games and fishing.

DKH hosts adolescent behavioral therapy group

PUTNAM — Day Kimball Healthcare’s (DKH) Outpatient Behavioral Health program is hosting a Dialectical Behavioral Therapy (DBT) Skills Group for boys and girls ages 13-17 in need of developing specific skills to reduce intense emotions and confusion in their lives so that they can feel happier, live healthier, and be more successful.

The 16 week group is skills-focused and is an evidence-based clinical intervention for adolescents who struggle with extreme emotional reactivity, unstable self-concept and relationships, mood disorder, and self-injurious behaviors.

By learning and practicing the skills taught in the group, participants will learn to develop greater self-awareness and genuine self-esteem, interact more effectively with others and be able to form healthier relationships, tolerate and regulate frustration and other distressing feelings, and break the self-destructive cycle of depression, anxiety, and extreme emotional reactivity.

The group meets for weekly after school sessions from 3:00 p.m. - 4:30 p.m. at the Community Services Center on the Day Kimball Hospital Campus, 320 Pomfret St., Putnam. Snacks are provided. Registration is required. For more information and to register, contact the DKH Behavioral Health Center at (860) 928-6541 ext. 2490

Woodstock Academy prepares for campus addition

WOODSTOCK — Three months have passed since Woodstock Academy announced that it will purchase the Hyde School’s Woodstock campus. The Academy has already taken many steps to prepare for the transition of the Hyde Campus to become the Academy’s South Campus.

Several members of the current Hyde School staff and administration have been hired to fill a variety of roles and collaboration, specifically in the areas of athletics, health, and residential life, is already underway.

The newly acquired residential facilities allow for the development of a robust residential life program and diversified admissions and recruitment efforts. The residential life department will provide unique and inclusive programs for students living on campus as well as day students and students from

sending towns.

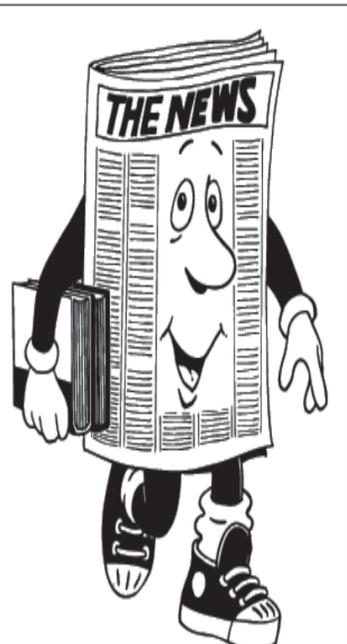
Details such as a new schedule allowing for movement between campuses during the school day, and the means of transportation between North and South Campus have been established. Integrated information technology structures and an expanded campus safety and security plan are also underway.

The anticipation of the additional facilities has already allowed for growth in academic and extra-curricular programs. Seventeen new courses have been developed for the 2017-18 school year and early stage planning has begun for expanded fine arts programming for both the school and the larger community. A grand opening for South Campus will be held during The Woodstock Academy’s Homecoming Weekend on Sept. 29-30, 2017..

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rooms so that slows things down. It's just a very long process to get things done," Fontaine said. "We have the insurance company involved with the contents. We don't have insurance on the building, but we do have insurance on the contents so we had to have them evaluate the contents before we could start doing anything. Even now we're throwing away construction waste, but if we're throwing anything away that would be deemed part of the contents of the building we have to catalogue that and take pictures of it and write down what we are throwing away."

Fontaine noted that many of those present for the cleanup were not members of the church, although some were members and others had connections to the church through family and friends. He said that they are a small congregation and many of their mem-

bers are older.

Fontaine said the church is still evaluating where they will go from here. The church is preparing a fundraising effort they hope to kick off "really soon" and are expecting to receive quotes on how much it will cost to rebuild the back of the church and fix the damage properly. Fontaine said he expects it to be a lengthy process but one he feels the congregation will see through and persevere.

The fire at the church was sparked from an electrical issue in the church basement. The fire worked its way into the sanctuary where much of the damage was done. Further cleanup efforts are expected to take place from week to week. Fontaine said the church will be utilizing social media to get the word out about when those cleanups will actually take place.

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woman to replace, he encouraged Calorio to apply for the position in Putnam and recommended her highly to Putnam's Mayor Tony Falzarano.

"When I came to Killingly it didn't take long for me to identify that Mary really knew what she was doing and that she had a very broad skill set," Hendricks said. "She's been the acting Town Manager when I'm not around so I've had a ton of faith in her. We've had conversations over the years about

her aspirations and while she wasn't looking to leave Killingly I think she believes being a Town Manager or Town Administrator was something she wanted to do. Yes it's a loss, but one of my jobs as the Town Manager is to develop folks so they can move onto bigger and better things and that's the case here. I'm sad to lose her. It's going to be our loss for a little while, but I'm really happy for her and Putnam is getting a good person."

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a sister newspaper in the Stonebridge Press family, the Littleton Courier in New Hampshire. Before joining Stonebridge Press, Lentz has cov-

ered news and sports for a number of newspapers including stops at the Anchorage Daily News, the Wilkes-Barre Times Leader in Pennsylvania, and The Record of Hackensack, N.J. He graduated from the University of Alaska-Anchorage and has a Bachelor's Degree in Journalism.

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ferent projects and impacting the minimum budget requirement by providing a dedicated funding source to be used within the guidelines of any potential ordinance that would be drawn up.

"The Board of Education has been discussing this for a while. There's no driver behind the discussions other than we are looking for ways to handle capital projects or other things that

might come about and we don't have to say 'Oh by the way we have to do something and we need extra money'," said Hull. "In essence it's a savings account off to the side for the school district to use the way in which the ordinance is written that it can be used. Some towns are very specific with what it can be used for and we are collecting data on that as we continue discussions with the Board of Finance."

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Putnam Rotary offers student scholarships

PUTNAM — The Putnam Rotary Club will be awarding more than \$15,000 in scholarships this year.

The scholarships are open to students who live in Eastford, Pomfret, Putnam, Thompson or Woodstock, according to J. Scott Pempek, chairman of the Putnam Rotary Scholarship Committee. Students attending the following schools are eligible: Putnam High School, Putnam Science Academy, Tourtellotte Memorial High School, Woodstock Academy, Marianapolis Preparatory or Pomfret Preparatory.

Scholarships will be awarded based on need, academic performance and community service.

The scholarship awards range from \$500 to \$1,000. Most will be a one-time award; however, two will be multi-year, Pempek said.

Applications are due by March 15 and the scholarships will be awarded in June. A fillable PDF application is available at your school's guidance office. For more information contact: Scott Pempek at 860-821-0027 or email: putnamrotaryscholarships@gmail.com

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WOODSTOCK – The Mansion at Bald Hill played host to its annual Bridal Expo on Jan. 29. Local couples and brides-to-be explored options for weddings including bakeries, disc jockeys, and florists. Over 20 companies were represented at the event and the Mansion took the opportunity to tout itself as a beautiful wedding celebration location.



A representative of Ashley Waterman Photography explains options.

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Ryan Eck and Toni Whitman are preparing for their big day in July.

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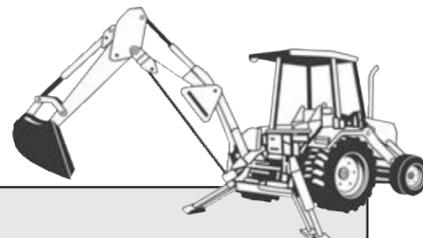
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Killingly student wins statewide VFW contest

KILLINGLY — On Jan. 15, at the State Voice of Democracy luncheon, Meghan Hebert, of Killingly, won first place in the Voice of Democracy contest sponsored by the Veterans of Foreign Wars (VFW) Post 1523, Putnam.

Prior to winning the State of Connecticut title, Meghan also won at the Post and District level. Being the state winner means Meghan wins an

all-expense paid trip to Washington DC to tour the city, be honored by the VFW and VFW Auxiliary and receive a portion of the \$153,000 in national awards, the top scholarship being \$30,000. All first-place winners will receive a minimum of \$1,000.

Meghan Hebert is a 17-year old senior at Killingly High School in Killingly. She enjoys spending time with her family and friends and taking part in

school activities. Meghan is a four-year member of the theatre program at Killingly, a three-year member of the girl's lacrosse team, and played soccer for seven years. She is also a member of her school's National Honor Society chapter and has been the Editor-in-chief for Killingly's school newspaper for two years. Meghan hopes to go to school to double major in Communications and English and to become a journalist.

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Roller coaster ride continues for Killingly

BY CHARLIE LENTZ
VILLAGER EDITOR

WOODSTOCK — Killingly coach Jim Crabtree could only shake his head and sigh after pondering a disheartening loss at Woodstock Academy. Last Friday’s game at Alumni Fieldhouse mirrored the roller coaster ride that has likely given the coach a case of motion sickness this season. Crabtree witnessed a scenario against Woodstock that he’d seen before — the Redmen raise their game one minute, then sink beneath the radar shortly thereafter.

“We’ve got to figure out that when you’ve got a lead you can’t stop playing,” Crabtree said. “Other teams are going to work hard to come back.”

Killingly took a commanding lead deep into the first half against Woodstock before fading to a 56-37 loss on Jan. 27. The defeat dropped Killingly’s record to 5-7. It’s been a perplexing up-and-down year for Crabtree and his coaching staff.

“I don’t understand it. We’ve had a couple of good weeks of practice and games,” Crabtree said. “And we come up here and I guess we thought we were going to pound on our chest and scare them or something.”

Killingly topped Woodstock 40-39 in their first meeting on Dec. 20 at Killingly High School. In recent action the Redmen were narrowly defeated by Lyman Memorial (42-41 on Jan. 23) and Bacon Academy (a 46-39 loss on Jan. 6), but Killingly handled Montville easily in a 52-34 victory just three days

before falling to Woodstock Academy.

Killingly broke from the gate quickly en route to a 16-7 lead over Woodstock — moving the ball smartly for open shots with senior guard Jared Gosper and sophomore guard Luke Desaulnier both knocking down three-pointers to fuel the early run.

“We were just playing basketball, keeping it simple, then we tried to be fancy with our passes,” Crabtree said.

Crabtree said his players need to refocus on the fundamentals if they want to earn a berth in the state tournament as the regular season heads down the homestretch. He was disappointed with the Redmen’s attempt to break Woodstock’s zone-trap defense — which fed the Centaurs comeback.

“Simple hard cuts, point to wing to post — pass and cut and spring. When Woodstock went to their zone trap we never made two hard passes. We stood still. We got the ball to the middle and then four guys watched it. To beat a trapping zone it’s got to be one pass to the middle, back out, and then attack,” Crabtree said. “We just thought we were going to do it our way and it was never really a team effort.”

Against Woodstock, Killingly raced to a nine-point lead with junior guard Gavin Turner sinking a 15-footer from the right baseline with 7:29 left in the second quarter to stretch Killingly’s lead to 16-7. But after Turner’s bucket the Redmen were shut out the rest of the first half as Woodstock closed its deficit to 16-14 at half-

time. The Centaurs outscored Killingly 42-21 in the second half. Crabtree was dismayed that a few of his players lost their cool and were assessed technical fouls in the second half.

“We haven’t gotten a technical all year. We got two tonight. We lost our heads,” Crabtree said. “They got in our heads. We broke down. They were the bigger men tonight. We acted like babies. It was embarrassing what we did out there tonight. Acting up, talking back to the officials. That’s not what we preach. It’s not what we do. That will be addressed.”

Desaulnier led Killingly with 12 points. Turner finished with nine points. The Redmen are next scheduled to play host to Bacon Academy on Friday, Feb. 3, with tipoff scheduled for 7 p.m. at Killingly High School. Killingly needed just three wins in its last eight games in order to guarantee a berth in the Class M State Tournament. Coach Crabtree hoped Killingly’s effort becomes more level-headed down the stretch — or his case of motion sickness might return.

“There’s winnable games there,” Crabtree said. “We need to go back to just playing basketball and worrying about ourselves, the people in the red uniforms. Basketball is a team game. We had too many individuals tonight. Maybe they’ll decide that we’ll do this as a team, and if not — then we’ll find some new bodies.”

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Killingly’s Gavin Turner drives to the basket with Woodstock’s Aaron Johnson defending last Friday in Woodstock.

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Putnam boys down rival Tourtellotte

BY CHARLIE LENTZ
VILLAGER EDITOR

THOMPSON — Putnam coach Shawn Deary gives Lucas Basilio the green light — common coaching sense when you have a talented 6-foot-3, 220-pound power forward who can score from both the perimeter and the paint. But Basilio is a Brazilian import with flair — a transfer student finishing up his schooling at Putnam High — and his freelancing South American style has to be roped in at times.

Deary needed a lasso after Basilio hoisted a three-point attempt in the first half against Tourtellotte that found nothing but air in a key rivalry game against the Tigers on Jan. 26. The coach caught his Brazilian bomber's attention after the air ball — Deary shrugged his shoulders and with upturned palms signaled his displeasure from the sideline.

"The guy can shoot. We've never had any ill feelings about him taking a three," Deary said. "But in the flow of basketball a shot can feel good, but when you're forcing it bad things happen. That's why I looked at him and I gave him the 'We didn't need that one. We need to do it in the flow of basketball.'"

And yet Deary never blinkered the green light for Basilio and that helped drive Putnam's

53-33 victory at Canty Gymnasium. Basilio scored 17 of his game-high 27 points in the second half. He knocked down three three-pointers over the final 16 minutes including two treys in the fourth quarter.

"I just go out there and keep shooting," Basilio said. "The team chemistry was good, they gave me good passes."

Basilio scored 12 points in the fourth quarter and the Clippers outscored Tourtellotte 19-2 in the final frame — turning a 34-31 lead into a runaway victory. Basilio finished with 18 rebounds.

Coach Deary said his burly newcomer has been a welcome addition this season but he's altered the team's chemistry and the Clippers have spent much of the season trying to regain the right mix.

"It's kind of like when you add a new family member to a family. It becomes a little difficult for him to conform from the outside to in. So that's been the struggle," Deary said. "(Basilio's) style is different versus what were used to. He's a great player — 27 points, 18 rebounds — but everybody's got to be on the same page going to that. That's where we've been missing out. And tonight, we were on the same page to start. We got off of that page for little while, (Tourtellotte) got back in

it, it was a close game. Then we decided to play as a team again and finish the game strong."

The win broke a four-game Putnam losing streak. The victory lifted the Clippers record to 6-6.

"We needed this win very badly. We needed a team win," Deary said. "I've been trying to stress for the last couple games, 'United We Stand. Divided We Fall.' We've been playing divided basketball. Not playing in the flow. Not using each other the way we can. When you don't go to your full potential you're going to lose games."

Putnam is next scheduled to play at Grasso Tech on Tuesday, Feb. 7. The Clippers travel to Woodstock Academy to take on the Centaurs on Thursday, Feb. 9, with tipoff scheduled for 7 p.m. at Alumni Fieldhouse.

Deary has the lasso ready on the sideline — but Basilio also gets the rope he needs.

"One game at a time," Deary said. "You want to be playing your best basketball right before tournament time, obviously, so hopefully we can keep striding in the right direction — learn to get better and take it home with the better basketball we know we can play."

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Putnam's Connor Holloman, right, defends Tourtellotte's Evan Ware on Jan. 26 in Thompson.

Tourney hopes for Killingly girls go down to the wire



Charlie Lentz photo

Killingly's Kylee Mazzarella moves upcourt between Fitch's Nyseanah Ismael, left, and Ciarra Jimenez, right, on Monday night at Killingly High.

BY CHARLIE LENTZ
VILLAGER EDITOR

DAYVILLE — There would be no more easy wins for Killingly High. Monday night's 53-41 victory over winless Fitch High boosted Killingly's record to 7-8.

The Redgals needed one more victory in their final five games to gain the required eight victories necessary to guarantee a berth in the Class M State Tournament and junior forward Reagan Morin knew that

might be a tough task.

"We've got to play as hard as we can and just do everything we can to get that last win," Morin said. "It's going to be hard but we're up to the challenge."

Morin scored a game-high 22 points against Fitch including 10 points in the third quarter. With Killingly leading 23-16 at halftime, the Redgals put the game away by outscoring the Falcons 21-12 in the third frame and then led 44-28 going into the fourth quarter.

"Reagan played excellent. She came out here and she worked hard, that's all we can ask from her," said Killingly coach Gina Derosier.

Derosier is also asking her team for at least one more win. The coach knew Killingly had its work cut out for it over the final stretch of the regular season. Among its final opponents: New London was 15-0 through 15 games, Stonington went 11-4 through 15 games and defeated Killingly 53-37 in their first meeting on Dec. 23, Bacon Academy was 7-8 and defeated Killingly 70-40 in their first meeting on Jan. 6, and the Redgals play Waterford (10-4 through 14 games) twice down the stretch.

"We've got to knock somebody off that people don't expect us to," Derosier said. "We've just got to just dig in deep and keep the ball rolling."

It's going to test our character, that's for sure. We got No. 7 tonight. It's one game at a time. We have to work harder than we've worked all season now, especially with what they're up against. They know what they're up against. They know it can be done. They've got the determination and the hard work to do so."

Ciarra Jimenez scored a team-high 18 points for Fitch (0-15). Killingly is next scheduled to travel to Bacon Academy on Friday, Feb. 3. Morin knew qualifying for the state tournament will take a solid effort — no more easy wins on the schedule.

"We're going to have play better than we have all season and just work as hard as we can. That's all we can ask," Morin said. "Since beginning of the season we've kept saying we want to go to states. We haven't given up for sure."

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Blacks passes 100 goal mark in Woodstock win

ENFIELD — Woodstock Academy senior right wing Ryan Black scored three goals to help the undefeated Centaurs hockey team defeat Suffield/Granby/Windsor Locks 6-4 last Saturday at Enfield Twin Rinks. The hat trick gave Black 101 goals for his career. The win lifted Woodstock's record to 11-0. Woodstock is ranked No. 1 in the state in Division III.

Nathan DeLuca, Ethan Thorpe, and Avery Riva each added one goal for Woodstock. Notching assists for the Centaurs were Pat Delaney (two), Doug Newton (two), DeLuca, Gunner Moore, Thorpe, and Will Liscomb. SGWL led Woodstock 48-21. Cal Wilcox picked up the win in goal for Woodstock.

Zack Matineau, Zack Cieri, Jake Boudreau, and Austen Rupp each scored one goal for SGWL (9-3). Woodstock is next scheduled to play host to Tri-Town on Saturday, Feb. 4, with the puck set to drop at 4 p.m. at Jahn Rink on the campus of Pomfret School.

**WHEELER 36,
TOURTELLOTTE 32**

NORTH STONINGTON — Becky Torres scored 10 points in the Tigers loss at Wheeler in girls basketball on Jan. 30. For Tourtellotte, Emily Vincent had 14 rebounds, 2 assists, and three points. Skyla Wesolowski had eight points, three rebounds, one steal, and one assist. Amanda Bogoslofski

had five rebounds, one steal, one assist, and two points. Katey Kwasniewski had three steals, three points, three rebounds, and three assists. Ashley Morin had for points, two rebounds, and one steal. Stephanie Daly had two rebounds and two points, and Mary Steglitz had two rebounds. The win lifted Wheeler's record to 2-12. The Tigers record fell to 4-11. Tourtellotte is next scheduled to play host to Windham on Friday, Feb. 3, with tipoff set for 7 p.m. at Canty Gymnasium.

WOODSTOCK 47, GRANBY 40

WOODSTOCK — Ari Koivisto scored 12 points and Heather Converse added 10 points to help the Centaurs defeat Granby in girls basketball on Jan. 28 at Alumni Fieldhouse. The win lifted Woodstock's record to 9-6. Madeleine McGee scored 14 points for Granby (6-8). Woodstock is next scheduled to play at Stonington on Tuesday, Feb. 7.

**PARISH HILL 48
TOURTELLOTTE 27**

CHAPLIN — Becky Torres scored a team-high 10 points for the Tigers in the loss at Parish Hill on Jan. 25. For Tourtellotte: Emily Vincent had eight points, 11 rebounds, two assists and three steals; Katey Kwasniewski had five rebounds, six assists, three steals, and three points; Ashley Morin had five



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Woodstock's Ryan Black surpassed the 100 goal mark in a win over SGWL last Saturday.

rebounds, one assist, 3 steals, and three points. Parish Hill's record was 11-3 through 14 games.

WOODSTOCK 66, KILLINGLY 49

DAYVILLE — Jamie Woods scored 18 points to help lift Woodstock over the Redgals in basketball on Friday, Jan. 27, at Killingly High. Heather Converse

scored 10 points for the Centaurs. Morgan Harriot led Killingly with 15 points. Kylee Mazzarella scored 11 points and Trinity Angel and Reagan Morin each added 10 points for Killingly. The loss dropped Killingly's record to 6-8. Killingly is next scheduled to play host to Waterford on Tuesday, Feb. 7.

Woodstock climbing toward tourney berth

BY CHARLIE LENTZ
VILLAGER EDITOR

WOODSTOCK — Before they laced up their basketball sneakers for the first game of the season the Centaurs of Woodstock Academy made a trek to the top of Skinner Mountain in Massachusetts. Coach Aaron Patterson hoped the symbolism wasn't lost on a team that has failed to qualify for the state tournament the last two seasons — long and steady climbs trace the only sure path to the top. "Before the season started we took a run up Skinner Mountain. It's a mile straight up hill just about," Patterson said. "We talk about that all the time in terms of right now we're in the last third of the mountain. We're just trying to keep climbing, and getting better, that's all really we're focused on, is just getting better."

The climb continued last Friday at Alumni Fieldhouse. Woodstock defeated Killingly High 56-37. The win lifted the Centaurs record to 6-7. Eight wins are required to gain a berth in the Class L State Tournament. Against Killingly, Woodstock clawed back from a 16-7 deficit late in

the first half and used a trapping zone defense to get back in the game.

"We ran a 3-2 (zone), we started trapping them and we knew we would be very successful with it," said Woodstock senior forward Jared Bouten. "We created turnovers. We started running on them."

The Centaurs outscored Killingly 42-21 after halftime. Trailing 16-14 after the intermission, Woodstock outscored the Redmen 21-14 in the third quarter with senior guard Nick Short scoring all 14 of his points in the third quarter including three three-pointers.

"I took the reins off and challenged the guys to shoot the ball and knock down some shots," Patterson said. "Told them they've got to let it fly. Nick Short was the man. He came up huge. That's the Nick we know. He was confident. In my opinion when you have good players they do good things at good times. And Nick stepped up and made some big plays."

Sophomore guard Chase Anderson sank a three-pointer with 1:30 left in the third quarter to give Woodstock the lead for good, 32-29. Short knocked down

a three-pointer with :51 remaining in the third frame to push the Centaurs lead to 35-29. Killingly never cut its deficit below five points the rest of the game. Coach Patterson was pleased with the Centaurs effort in the second half but said basketball is a game that spans an entire 32 minutes.

"Although we're glad we won, I was not satisfied in terms of the fact that I did not think we played as well as we could for the entire game," Patterson said. "The big thing was we were able to make adjustments at half-time, execute the adjustments, change the pace of the game, and I think we scored 42 in the second half which was one of the most points we've scored in a half, more than some games we've had."

The game became physical in the second half and although Killingly High was whistled for two technical fouls, the Centaurs managed to stay focused.

"The thing that I was most proud of in this game was the fact that we kept our composure, didn't get chippy, and just played the game the way the basketball game should be played," Patterson said. "Forget the win and the

loss and the points and all that. When your kids act appropriately that's most important."

The Centaurs earned some payback as well, Killingly defeated Woodstock 40-39 back on Dec. 20 at Killingly High School.

"That was the first game of the year. We're a much different team now. Honestly I felt like the first game of the year was a different season," Patterson said. "They're different. We're different. We've gotten a lot better. We've worked very hard to get to this point."

Anderson led Woodstock with 17 points against Killingly. Sophomore forward Cole Hackett added 15 points. The Centaurs are next scheduled to travel to Montville on Friday, Feb. 3, with tipoff scheduled for 7 p.m. The climb continues.

"I really want to make the state tournament, we didn't make it last year," Bouten said. "We're just trying to build this program back up."

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Charlie Lentz photo

Woodstock Academy's Chase Anderson hangs for shot against Killingly High last Friday in Woodstock.

Fourth quarter meltdown dooms Tourtellotte

BY CHARLIE LENTZ
VILLAGER EDITOR



Charlie Lentz photo

THOMPSON — Tourtellotte junior guard Simon Silvia knew repeat performances of Tourtellotte's fourth-quarter effort against Putnam High on Jan. 26 might spell the end of the Tigers' chances to reach the state tournament. The Tigers could not sink a field goal in the fourth quarter and were outscored 19-2 in the final frame of a 53-33 loss to Putnam High on Jan. 25 at Canty Gymnasium.

"We certainly can't play like that," said Silvia, who led Tourtellotte with 13 points against Putnam. "We've got to play a lot better."

Tourtellotte sophomore forward Josh Dodd sank two free throws in the fourth quarter, the only points the Tigers could muster over the final eight minutes when Putnam High turned a 34-31 lead into a 20-point win.

The loss dropped Tourtellotte's record to 5-8. The Tigers needed three wins over their last seven games to gain the required eight wins necessary to guarantee a berth in the Class S State Tournament. Silvia said the Tigers' road to the state tourney would be an uphill climb if they keep playing like they did against the Clippers. He said they obvious-

ly would have to improve offensively in pressure situations.

"It's just been our scoring lately. Our defense, we kept (Putnam) to 53 points and that's not bad. It's not great but it's not bad," Silvia said. "It's our offense that's really been struggling. We just need to keep contributing, get it to the right guys."

Tourtellotte 6-foot-5 junior center Jackson Padula was held scoreless by the Clippers and Silvia said that can't happen down the stretch.

"We need to give Jackson more touches. I mean the dude's 6-5, he needs to touch the ball more," Silvia said.

The Tigers needed three wins in their last seven games. Tourtellotte is next scheduled to play at Windham on Friday, Feb. 3. Silvia said the the loss to Putnam won't derail the Clippers but only make them more determined.

"This makes us more aggressive," Silvia said. "We just learned that if we play like this we're not going to beat other teams. So we need to play hard and be aggressive."

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Tourtellotte's Simon Silvia goes up for a shot with Putnam's Austin Harmon defending on Jan. 26 in Thompson.

Danielson Martial Arts wins at tourney



Courtesy photo

Front row, from left, Kian McKenna, Alex Potapkiy, Allison Moriarty, Jillian Walters, Beau Goulas. Back row, from left, Nicholas Walters, Rozee Santerre, Olivia Hussey, James Walters, Mark Bolin, Jean Bolin, Jackie Santerre, Audrey Hussey. Not pictured: Daryl Laperle, Veronica Hussey, Earl Salisbury, apprentice black belt.

belt, 2nd place weapons; Nicholas Walters, red belt, 1st place sparring; Jillian Walters, red belt, 2nd place sparring, 3rd place weapons; James Walters, red belt, 1st place sparring; Alex Potapkiy, apprentice black belt, 1st place sparring, 1st place weapons; Veronica Hussey, 1st dan black belt, 3rd place sparring (13-15 girl's black belts); Olivia Hussey, 1st dan black belt, 1st place sparring (women 18+), 2nd place weapons (women's combined division); Audrey Hussey, 1st dan black belt, 1st place sparring (women 35+)

Also attending: Master Daryl Laperle, 6th dan black belt, judging; Mark Bolin, apprentice black belt, Earl Salisbury, apprentice black belt.

DANIELSON—Students and black belt staff from Danielson Martial Arts Academy recently attended the first of four annual Cheezic Tang Soo Do Federation tournaments in Waterbury. The first tournament of the year is in sparring and weapons. Divisions are separated by rank and age, from kids and adult white belt through red belt, to under 18 black belts, adult black belts, and senior black belts.

Each Federation competitor receives points each time they place in a division, and points are tallied at the end of the year to determine the year's overall individual placings. Totals for each school also determine the school's placing in the Federation.

Trophy winners were as follows: Jackie Santerre, orange belt, 2nd place sparring; Beau Goulas, blue belt, 2nd place sparring; Kian McKenna, blue belt, 1st place sparring; Allison Moriarty, purple belt, 3rd place sparring, 2nd place weapons; Rozee Santerre, purple belt, 1st place sparring; Jean Bolin, green belt, 2nd place weapons; Nicholas Walters, red belt, 1st place sparring; Jillian Walters, red belt, 2nd place sparring, 3rd place weapons; James Walters, red belt, 1st place sparring; Alex Potapkiy, apprentice black belt, 1st place sparring, 1st place weapons; Veronica Hussey, 1st dan black belt, 3rd place sparring (13-15 girl's black belts); Olivia Hussey, 1st dan black belt, 1st place sparring (women 18+), 2nd place weapons (women's combined division); Audrey Hussey, 1st dan black belt, 1st place sparring (women 35+)

QUESTS STUDENTS COMPETE IN MERIDEN

PUTNAM — Students from Quest Martial Arts in Putnam under the direction of Master Mike Bogdanski and Master Kristin Duethorn recently competed in Meriden at The Ed Vargas Scholarship Karate Tournament. Matthew Card placed first in breaking, 3rd in forms and sparring. Isabella Selmecki was 3rd in forms. Kathryn McArthur was 1st sparring, 1st board breaking, 1st forms. Cadence KirkConnell was 2nd sparring, 2nd forms, 3rd breaking. Morgan Potter was 1st forms, 3rd sparring. Charlie Caggiano was 3rd in board breaking. Sophie Griffin was 3rd in forms. David May was 3rd breaking, 2nd sparring



Killingly Youth Wrestling hosts Redmen Rumble

DAYVILLE — Killingly Youth Wrestling hosted 580 wrestlers last Sunday, Jan. 29, at Killingly High School for the team's annual Redmen Rumble wrestling tournament. This was one of the largest tournaments in Connecticut this season. There were 43 different teams that participated, and 117 brackets. Wrestlers from participating teams included clubs from Connecticut, Rhode Island, Massachusetts and New York.

"It takes considerable effort from every one on our team to ensure a successful tournament," said Killingly Youth Wrestling President, Cale Ferland. "Every year our tournament gets a little bit larger and more successful. I am so impressed by the dedication of our coaches, board members, parents, and wrestlers. We are also grateful to Killingly High School wrestlers who volunteer their time to help."

Killingly took home seven gold medals at the tournament. Gold winners included Bantam Logan Williams, Middle School Asim Samuel, Middle School Cooper Morissette, Novice Jaiden James, and Novice Kaden Ware. Killingly's Brady Zadora wrestled in two brackets, Novice and Intermediate, and won gold in both.



Jennifer O'Leary Cathell photo

Killingly Intermediate Bradey Jonasch wrestles an opponent from Somers as Killingly High wrestler Matthew Charron referees.



Rachel Christie photo

Killingly Youth Wrestling Middle Schooler Cooper Morissette pins his opponent.



Rachel Christie photo

Asim Samuel of Killingly Youth Wrestling works to secure his first place finish at the Redmen Rumble.

Villager Newspapers COMMUNITY SPOTLIGHT

"Shining a light on community events"

February 4, Sat., 9am

Cookbook club, *The Taste of Home Cookbook*, Bracken Memorial Library, 57 Academy Road, Woodstock.

February 7, Tues., 6pm

Putnam Commission on Aging monthly meeting, this meeting will be held at Ella Grasso Community Room, 65 Ballou Street. All Commission on Aging meetings are open to the public.

February 4 & 5, Sat. & Sun.

Transfer station permits will be sold at the Woodstock Transfer Station from 10am-12noon. Cash or checks accepted. The vehicle registration MUST be presented at the time of purchase. Cost is \$150 (\$75 if over 65 years old). Contact the Town Clerk's office at 860-928-6929 x 320 or x 322 or email: townclerk@woodstockCT.gov with questions.

February 8, Wed., 6pm

Relay For Life of Northeastern CT monthly Team Captain meeting -- All Team Captains, co-captains and those interested in learning more about participating in Relay For Life NECT are urged to attend. This meeting will be held at Killingly High School Cafeteria, 226 Putnam Pike, Killingly

February 6, Mon., 12 - 2pm

Join the Pomfret Library Friends at Pomfret Library to find out how to use our subscriptions to Hoopla and Overdrive at our "Tech Soup" lunch. (snow date February 13). The program and lunch are free, and registration is requested at www.pomfretlibrary.org.

February 9, Thurs., 2pm

Putnam Seniors Club meets second and fourth Thursdays at VFW, 207 Providence Street, Putnam. Dues are \$6 per year. Penny social/ bingo after the meeting. Monthly luncheons and shopping at different locations.

February 6, Mon., 6:45pm

Quiet Corner Garden Club monthly meeting. The public is invited to attend our program. Master Gardener, Sharon George will present "HOW TO GROW PLANTS FROM SEEDS." The presentation will begin at 7:00 pm at our meeting room at So Woodstock Baptist Church, 23 Roseland Park Road, in South Woodstock. For information: quietcomergardenclub.org

February 10, Fri., 7pm

VFW Post 5446, Steak Supper - ALL you can EAT! Baked potato, vegetable, salad, rolls and butter. \$20 pp, 7 Winsor Ave, Plainfield. Call 860-564-5446 for more details.

February 10, Fri., 9:30-11:30am

Stonecraft Women's Connection at The Inn at Woodstock Hill, 94 Plaine Hill Road, Maple Sugaring w/Barbara Austin and mellow tunes with Tracy Medling. Reservations required \$12. Call 860-774-5092.

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

Reception for The Monahan Family Artwork & Paintings, On view January 17 to February 28 (The meeting room may be unavailable at times due to other functions). Program generously supported by the Friends of the Library. Thompson Public Library www.thompson-publiclibrary.org

February 10, Fri., 7pm

Free program by Stephen Spignesi, discussing his book: Grover Cleveland's Rubber Jaw and Other Unusual, Unexpected, Unbelievable But All-True Facts About America's Presidents. Brief business session followed by the program and refreshments. Community Room of the Canterbury Town Hall, 1 Municipal Drive, Canterbury. <http://www.canterburyhistorical.org/>

This page is designed to shine a light on upcoming local nonprofit, educational and community events. Submissions are limited to 50 words or less and are FREE to qualifying organizations, schools, churches and town offices. To submit your event contact: Teri Stohlberg at 860-928-1818 ext. 105, or teri@villagernewspapers.com. Deadline for submission is Friday at Noon

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E. Verna [Worrell] Fish, 100



WOODSTOCK -- E. Verna [Worrell] Fish, 100, of Woodstock, passed away peacefully on January 9. She was born on November 3, 1916, daughter of the late Vernon Worrell and Carrie [Wells]

Worrell of Southampton Township, New Jersey.

She began her working career as a bookkeeper at Samoset Laundromat in Plainfield, New Jersey. Then after having her children, she modeled women's wear for Tepper's Clothing Store in Plainfield, New Jersey. After moving to Connecticut in 1974, she began her sales career at BugBee's Department Store in Putnam. In 1990 she began working as a clerk at Sturbridge Village, where she worked for 20 years until she retired at the age of 94 in 2010. She loved her co-workers at the Village, especially Shirley, and meeting and helping all the guests that visited the gift shop. She always said that working kept her young.

In her spare time, she would visit with her many friends in her knitting club and often shared stories and techniques about her 90 years of knitting expertise with others during the knitting hour at the Jacob Edwards Library in Southbridge, Massachusetts. She was fond of feeding and talking to the hummingbirds and cardinals, gardening, vacationing and taking walks on the beach at Long Beach Island or Cape Cod with her family, spending evenings watching QVC, collecting antiques, and snuggling with her cats.

Verna was predeceased by her loving husband of 66 years, James H. Fish, Sr.; her sister, Julia (Wells) Shontz; and her daughter, Lois Mae Fish. As the family thread and matriarch, she is survived by five generations including

her children Carol [Fish] and her husband Joseph Nicasro of Watchung, New Jersey, James H. Fish, Jr. and his wife Carol of Columbia, Phyllis [Fish] Engel of Manchester, Paul Fish and his wife Anna of Southbridge, Massachusetts and Debbie [Fish] Baker and her companion Todd Ciukaj of Woodstock; 14 grandchildren, 23 great-grandchildren, 16 great-great grandchildren; her brother-in-law, Robert Stutz of Trenton, New Jersey; sister-in-law, Imogene Fish of Needham, Massachusetts; and many friends, including Yvonne, her wonderful hairdresser and Butch, Mary, Kathy and Andy, the best neighbors anyone could ever wish for.

Verna lived an incredible life and will be truly missed. "Time endears, but cannot fade, the memories that we have made", and memories of time spent with this elegant, loving woman will live on in the lives and hearts of all she touched.

Verna's family wishes to thank the staff at Douglas Manor, especially Lynn, for their kind and compassionate care over the past year. She made many friends while at Douglas Manor and for this her family is most grateful.

No calling hours will be held at this time. Burial services will be held at the Hillside Cemetery in Scotch Plains, New Jersey at 11:00 a.m. on Saturday, January 14. A Memorial Service in celebration of her life will be held in the spring. Details of this service to be announced.

In lieu of flowers, contributions may be made to either Animals for Life (<https://animalsforlife.org/>) or St. Jude's Children's Research Hospital (<https://www.stjude.org/>). Arrangements by Smith and Walker Funeral Home, 148 Grove Street, Putnam, CT. www.smithandwalkerfh.com

William F. Hoss, 85



DAYVILLE -- William F. Hoss, 85, of Alexander's Lake, Dayville, passed away January 27 at home, surrounded by his loving family. Born September 7, 1931, in Indianapolis, Indiana, he was the

son of the late Frank and Thelma (McDermid) Hoss. Bill moved to Killingly with his parents and sister Bette in 1945. He attended Killingly High School, Class of 1949, where he was Class President for three years, and an outstanding scholar and athlete. After graduating from the University of Rhode Island, he served as an Officer in the U.S. Navy, and was named to the All-Navy basketball team. In 1956, he married the love of his life, Nola O'Connor, who has been his wife for 60 years.

Bill enjoyed his career in education, first as a mathematics teacher, basketball coach and athletic director at Saddle Brook High School in New Jersey, then as an award-winning school administrator who always put children first. He was Principal of the Killingly Memorial Elementary School for 17 years, then Principal/Assistant Superintendent in Lisbon. He also participated in numerous civic activities, including Rotary and the Danielson Springtime Festival, serving as President during the Bicentennial Celebration. He was active in St. Albans Episcopal Church as a Sunday school teacher, vestry member, and Senior Warden.

Throughout his life, Bill was an avid

competitor; whether pitching horseshoes, playing softball, ping pong or squash, shooting hoops, or on the tennis court, Bill strove to win, and he often did. His drive and athletic ability culminated in his induction into the Killingly Athletic Association Hall of Fame on November 19, 2016.

After retiring, Bill had more time to indulge in his many passions, including golf, bridge, travel, volunteer work, telling stories and spending time at the lake with his family and friends. In short, Bill loved life and people, and we loved him back.

Bill is survived by his wife Nola, his three children: Diane (Hank Feder), William Jr. (Lisa) and Cheryl Bowen (the late Greg Bowen), and his sister Bette Rivard of Seattle, Washington. He is also survived by his cherished grandchildren Alex, Derek, Nola Rose, and twins David and Benjamin, and numerous cousins, nieces and nephews.

A Celebration of Life will be held at St. Albans Church, 254 Broad St. Danielson, on Saturday, February 4, at 11:00 am, followed by a reception at Grill 37 in Pomfret (formerly The Harvest). In lieu of flowers, memorial gifts for a student athletic scholarship may be sent to the Killingly Public School Central Office at 79 Westfield Ave. Danielson, CT 06239 in memory of William Frank Hoss. Tillinghastfh.com

Gail A. Lyon, 57

DANIELSON -- Gail Ann (Bourbeau) Lyon, 57, passed away on January 24, with her family at her side after an illness.

She leaves two daughters, Chrysse Baker and her husband Gary of

Danielson and Miranda Hough and her husband Sean of Putnam. Six grandchildren, Alyssa, Brandon and Samantha of Danielson and Brianna, Gabby, and Rori of Putnam. Two sisters, Janet Markewitz and husband Max of Ballouville and Wendy Bourbeau and wife Tracy of Canterbury. Nieces, Nephews, cousins, friends and her beloved cat Luna.

She was born in Putnam on October 18, 1959. She was a collector of gemstones and liked to garden and craft. Services will be private.

Cecile J. Bruels, 93



EDGEWATER, FLORIDA-- Jeanne D'Arc Cecile (Boulais) Bruels, 93, of Riverside Drive in Edgewater, Florida, passed gently in her sleep on in December. She was the second of seven children born to Emma (Audette) and Aldei Boulais of Danielson, and the wife of John F. Bruels whom she married on November 18, 1944, and who preceded her in death.

She graduated from St. James School and attended Killingly High School, both in Danielson, before leaving to work and help support her family. Together with her husband, she lived in San Antonio, Texas, Providence, Rhode Island, Danielson, and ultimately in Edgewater, Florida. She worked in several jobs over the years before joining her husband in starting Basic Electronics, Inc., a firm that produced pneumatic hospital bed controls.

Cecile was an avid dancer, golfer, boater, and tennis and card player. She traveled extensively both domestically and internationally and especially enjoyed annual family visits to New England. Along with her husband,

she was an active member of both the Smyrna Yacht Club and the New Smyrna Golf Club for many years. She had a large circle of friends in Connecticut and Florida.

Cecile had a true zest for life, was always inquisitive, and had a true sense of adventure. She laughed fully and often, and never took herself too seriously. She was a great wife, mother, sister, aunt, and daughter. Her time on this Earth was the absolute definition of a "life well lived."

She is survived by her two sons, John, of Gulfport, Florida, and Glen, of Friday Harbor, Washington, along with their spouses, children, and one great grandchild. She is also survived by her sisters Madeleine Socquet and Rita LaBelle of Danielson, Theresa Turren of Hanson, Massachusetts, and a brother, Roland Boulais and his spouse, of Greenville, Rhode Island, as well as many nieces and nephews.

A Celebration of Life is planned for friends in Edgewater, Florida on February 9 and a family ceremony is planned in Danielson in April. In lieu of flowers, donations may be made in her name to St. James School, 120 Water St., Danielson, or your local Hospice.

Leo C. Bellanceau, 80



NORTH GROSVENORDALE -- Leo C. Bellanceau, 80, of Brickyard Rd., died January 24 in Day Kimball Hospital. He was the loving husband of Lina (Schwolow) Bellanceau for 59 years. Born in Putnam, he was the son of the late Leon and Arthemise (Comeau) Bellanceau.

Mr. Bellanceau was a veteran during the Korean War era serving as a Military Police Officer with the United States Army. He earned the Army of Occupations Medal, Sharpshooter Medal, and the Good Conduct Medal. Leo went on to work as a carpenter for Greg's Carpentry and also worked for International Paper. He enjoyed hunting and fishing and especially enjoyed spending time with his family while vacationing and traveling. He was a lifetime member of the Knights of Columbus in North Grosvenordale and the National Rifle Association.

In addition to his wife Lina, Leo is

survived by his sons, Gregory Bellanceau and his wife Donna of Woodstock, Andre Bellanceau and his wife Sandra of Glocester, Rhode Island, and Leo Bellanceau and his wife Laurie of Thompson; his daughters, Loraine Rousseau and her companion Scott Kramer of Thompson, and Angela "Sue" Welch and her husband Jim of Putnam; his brother, Norman Bellanceau of Danielson; nine grandchildren; seven great-grandchildren; many nieces and nephews. He was predeceased by his sisters, the late Anna Daniels and Florida Marzakowski.

Relatives and friends were invited to visit with Leo's family on January 28 in the Valade Funeral Home in N. Grosvenordale, which was followed by a service in the funeral home. Memorial donations may be made to Hospice of N.E.C.T., P.O. Box 632, Putnam, CT 06260. For memorial guestbook visit www.GilmanAndValade.com.

Joseph H. Tetreault, 79



PUTNAM -- Joseph H. Tetreault, 79, of Fox Road, died January 25, in his home, surrounded with love. He was the loving husband of Frances (Truppa) Tetreault. Born in Putnam, he was the son of the late Joseph C.H. Tetreault and Beatrice M. (Cabana) Tetreault.

Until his retirement, Joe worked as a press operator for Tuscarora Plastics, Hale Manufacturing and also worked in construction. He enjoyed Red Sox baseball and trips to Foxwoods Casino. In the good old days, Joe loved to hunt and fish and was a member of the Irish-American Club and the Foresters.

In addition to his wife Frances, Joe is survived by his son, Steven

Tetreault and his wife Pat of Dayville; his daughters, Barbara Kenyon and her husband Shaun of Putnam, and Diane Lefebvre and her husband Mark of Danielson; his sister, Joan Harvey of Thompson; Joe also leaves behind his grandchildren and great grandchildren...the sunshine of his life. He was predeceased by his daughter, Donna Tetreault; his brother, David Tetreault; and sisters, Gloria Mackenzie and Loretta Keagan.

There will be no services per Joe's request. Final arrangements have been entrusted to the Gilman and Valade Funeral Homes and Crematory, 104 Church St., Putnam, CT 06260. Memorial donations can be made to Hospice of N.E.C.T., P.O. Box 632, Putnam, CT 06260. For memorial guestbook visit www.GilmanAndValade.com.

Helena M. (Dzenutis) Sorber, 91



DANIELSON -- Helena M. (Dzenutis) Sorber, 91, of Danielson died January 26 at Davis Place. Wife of the late Llewellyn H. Sorber, he died May 21, 1984. She was born in Jersey City, New Jersey on December 7, 1925 daughter of the late John and Mary (Bruzgjis) Dzenutis.

She liked swimming, drawing, painting, sewing, crafts and gardening. Helen leaves her daughter, Ronnell

Rauert of Woodstock, brother, Peter A Dzenutis of Canton, granddaughters, Kristin Brown of Dunedin, Florida, Kyle Waterbury of Clearwater, Florida, great grandson Kole Michael Waterbury of Dunedin, Florida, niece Lorraine Carty of New Port Richey, Florida.

A calling hour was held February 1 at Gagnon and Costello Funeral Home in Danielson, which was followed by a funeral service at the funeral home. Burial will be in the spring in Quasset Cemetery, in Woodstock. Share a memory at www.gagnonandcostellofh.com

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Tina Gendreau, 58



PUTNAM - Tina Marie (Plaga) Gendreau, 58, of Sunset Avenue, died unexpectedly January 24, at home. She was the beloved wife of Leo P. Gendreau for 24 years. Born in

Putnam, she was the daughter of the late Edward and Lucille (Lucier) Plaga. For many years, Tina worked as an inspector for Dimension Polyant in Putnam. She also worked for the Rectory School and most recently, enjoyed time at home taking care of her family. Tina liked gardening, cooking and playing with her two beagles, Tucker and Prince. She mostly loved spending time with her family and cherished every moment with her grandsons.

In addition to her husband Leo, Tina is survived by her daughter, Laura

Krause and her husband Michael of Brooklyn, her stepson, David Gendreau and his wife Alyssa of Stafford Springs, her step-daughter, Heather Speer and her husband Patrick of Danielson, her brother, John Plaga of Putnam, her sister, Cynthia Martin and her husband Paul of Pomfret, her two grandsons, Tyler Krause and Garret Speer, her niece, Michelle Baranski and her husband John, and her nephew, Nathan Baranski.

Relatives and friends were invited to visit with Tina's family on January 27 in the Gilman Funeral Home & Crematory. The funeral was held on January 28 at the funeral home followed by a Funeral Mass of Christian Burial in St. Mary Church of the Visitation in Putnam. Memorial Donations may be made to the ASPCA, 424 East 92nd St., New York, NY 10128. For memorial guestbook please visit www.GilmanAndValade.com.

Roscoe K. Gibson, Jr., 84



EAST KILLINGLY - Roscoe K. Gibson, Jr., 84 of Kelly Rd, East Killingly, passed away at home peacefully on January 26, having spent the last year battling cancer. He is survived by his wife of 59 years of

marriage Lillian B. (Nadeau) Gibson, one brother Ronnie Gibson of Webster, Massachusetts, two sons Bryan K. Gibson, Michael A. Gibson, five granddaughters and four great granddaughters, and also many nieces and nephews. He was a Korean War Veteran and served from 1951 to 1955 in the U.S. Navy. He was a lifelong member of American Legion Post 13 in Putnam. He enjoyed such hobbies as fishing and bowling. He could often be found at the

Marketplace or PJ's Donuts with friends, young and old, sharing stories over a cup of coffee. After leaving the Navy he was employed by a local builder as a Carpenter and built several homes in the surrounding towns and went to work for Charles Jewitt Corp. in Glastonbury, retiring after 30 years as a general foreman. Calling Hours will be Saturday, February 4, from 11:00 AM to 1:00 PM at the Smith and Walker Funeral Home, 148 Grove Street, Putnam. In lieu of flowers donations may be made in his memory to the Pancreatic Cancer Network or Cancer Research Network. Share a memory at www.smithandwalkerfh.com



Thomas A. Charpentier, 82



P O M F R E T - Thomas A. Charpentier, 82 of Pomfret, passed away January 29, surrounded by his caring family, in his home. He was the loving husband and a noble caregiver to

his wife, the late Nancy L. (Lucchesi) Charpentier. They were married on July 4, 1959. Born in Wauregan, he was the son of the late Alcide and Virginia (Larocque) Charpentier.

Thomas was a graduate of Plainfield High School and received a Bachelor's Degree in business from Bryant College (now known as Bryant University) in 1958. He also served in the Army National Guard. He worked for Citizen National Bank from 1961 to 1999 retiring as their Senior Vice President and Assistant Trust Officer. At the time of his death, he was employed as a bookkeeper for Abbott Spring Farm, a position he enjoyed for decades. He was a gifted horologist. In his younger years, he was a horse enthusiast. He also enjoyed cooking, studying algebra and was most recently "brushing up" on his French. His family would like to

give a special thank you to the staff at Day Kimball Hospice and the Home Instead Agency, especially their staff members Bob and Suzy.

Thomas was survived by his son, Christopher E. Charpentier; his daughter Melanie C. Charpentier; his nieces and nephews, Ellen Charpentier, Amy Knous, Regis Synnott, John Charpentier, Philip Charpentier, Thomas Delaney, Carol Pace, and Kathleen Richards. He was predeceased by his brothers, the late Philip Charpentier and his wife Catherine, John Charpentier and his wife Regis; his sister, Claire Delaney and her husband John; and his beloved quarter horse, Poncho.

Relatives and friends were invited to visit with Thomas's family from on February 1, in the Gilman Funeral Home in Putnam. Funeral services and burial will be private. In lieu of flowers memorial donations in Thomas' memory may be made to the Day Kimball Hospice, P.O. Box 632, Putnam, CT 06260. For memorial guestbook visit www.GilmanAndValade.com.



Alice Bell Mailloux, 85

PLAINFIELD - Alice Bell (Long) Mailloux, 85, of May Street, died January 27 in Davis Place. She was the loving wife of the late Eugene P. Mailloux. Born in Wallingford, she was the daughter of the late Calvin and Alice (Strickland) Long.

Mrs. Mailloux was an at-home homemaker.

She enjoyed collecting dolls, crocheting, and taking care of her family.

Alice is survived by her sons, Robert Mailloux, Eugene Mailloux, and Michael Mailloux; her daughters, Patricia Lajeunesse, Elaine Tarpinian, and Dawn Allard; siblings Herbert Long, Clara Sylvia, Clayton Long; fifteen grandchildren, fifteen great grandchildren, and several nieces and nephews. She was predeceased by her siblings Martha Kemp, Caroline Morin, George Long, and Dorothy Benoit.

Relatives and friends are invited to attend a graveside service to be held on Friday, June 23, at a time to be announced in West Thompson Cemetery. The Gilman and Valade Funeral Homes & Crematory, 104 Church St., Putnam has been entrusted with her funeral arrangements. For memorial guestbook visit www.GilmanAndValade.com.

LEGALS

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

ESTATE OF Evelyn D Green, AKA Evelyn Louise Deming Green (16-00350)

The Hon. Leah P. Schad, Judge of the Court of Probate, District of Northeast Probate Court, by decree dated December 12, 2016, ordered that all claims must be presented to the fiduciary at the address below. Failure to promptly present any such claim may result in the loss of rights to recover on such claim.

Brenda Duquette, Clerk

The fiduciary is:
Raymond W Green
c/o Ernest J. Cotnoir, Esq.,
163 Providence Street, PO Box 187,
Putnam, CT 06260
February 3, 2017

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

ESTATE OF Lois E Cournoyer (17-00021)

The Hon. Leah P. Schad, Judge of the Court of Probate, District of Northeast Probate Court, by decree dated January 26, 2017, ordered that all claims must be presented to the fiduciaries at the address below. Failure to promptly present any such claim may result in the loss of rights to recover on such claim.

Brenda Duquette, Clerk

The fiduciaries are:
Stephen Cournoyer
c/o Ernest J. Cotnoir, Esq.,
163 Providence Street, PO Box 187,
Putnam, CT 06260
Christopher Cournoyer
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February 3, 2017

Cecile A. Gendron, 82



PUTNAM - Cecile A. (LeBreux) Gendron, 82, of Ballou St., died Sunday, January 29, in Day Kimball Hospital. Born in Sanford, Maine, she was the daughter of the late Albert and Mildred (Christensen) LeBreux.

Mrs. Gendron worked in the packag-

ing department for Tuscarora Plastics. She enjoyed playing bingo.

Cecile is survived by her sons, Michael Gendron of Woodstock, and Barry Gendron and his wife Linda of N. Grosvenordale; her daughters, Norma Alvord of Dayville, and Janet Gendron of Putnam; her sister, Janet Mowry of Buzzards Bay, Massachusetts; her grandchildren Carrie, Keith, Justin, Nicole, Jesse, Robin, Jaryd, and Myriah; her great

grandchildren, Kayla, Brittani, Kelsey, Gavin, Cameron, Dillon, Jasmine, Logan, and Alaina; and her great-great granddaughter, Alyia. She was predeceased by her sister, the late Donna Lee Green.

Services are private and have been entrusted to the Gilman and Valade Funeral Homes and Crematory, 104 Church St. Putnam, CT 06260. For memorial guestbook visit www.GilmanAndValade.com.

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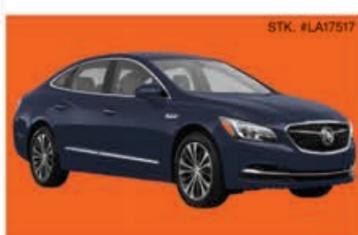
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