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Friends of Assisi fired up over donation

BY OLIVIA RICHMAN

KILLINGLY — The Dayville Fire Company didn't raise \$1,000. Or \$2,000. Not \$3,000. The fire station raised an astonishing \$10,300 for the Friends of Assisi Food Pantry throughout the month of December. And the volunteers from Assisi couldn't hide their shock and overwhelming gratitude when they were presented with the check.

"I feel I'm still in a state of shock," said Director Jean Cyr. "This is the biggest check we've ever

received. All the checks we receive are such a big help, but this was just over the top."

The money raised by the fire station will not only provide the community with food, but "fill in any holes" there might be in the pantry this time of year. This can include soap, laundry detergent, health and beauty aids, and some winter clothing

The fire station's boot drive, which officially took place on Dec. 16, usually goes towards the Tommy Toy Fund. But this year, Fire Chief

Kevin Ide wanted to be "more local." That's why he chose the Friends of Assisi Food Pantry, which serves the town of Killingly.

"Helping this community is what we do," said Ide. "We have spaghetti suppers to raise money. We like to do local charities throughout the year. We knew with budget cuts at state level and the government taking things away . . . We knew the food pantry would be facing hard times, as well as the people using it."

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Friends of Assisi Food Pantry personnel react to the news of a \$10,300 donation from the **Dayville Fire Company.**

Heavy metal artist



Olivia Richman photos

Sculpture and machinist Daniel C. Durand with one of his unique lamp sculptures at the Silver Circle.

NEWS STAFF WRITER

POMFRET — They may be made of metal, but they're full of Artist personality. Daniel C. Durand makes lamps and sculptures with something extra: Character.

What started as just piles of scrap metal 20 years ago are now functional art pieces with spirit.

"I have always liked doing artwork," Durand said. "I took art classes when I was younger. I liked drawing, but I wasn't good enough that I felt it was a creative outlet for me. But metalwork is natural for me."

I sat down with Durand to discuss his robotic wonders and find out more about his inspiration.

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Fritz brings his artwork to Putnam



Olivia Richman photos

Artist Jonathan Fritz with the pieces he has on display at the de la Terre Cafe in downtown

BY OLIVIA RICHMAN

PUTNAM — His work has been used around New York City, in fundraisers, as murals, in businesses . . . and now he's brought his unique art style to downtown Putnam.

Bright and bold are the best ways to describe Jonathan Fritz's work. It's not a surprise that many of his whimsical and powerful pieces are inspirations from childhood memories, past relationships, his family . . . some are even inspired by overheard children's conversations.

There's one piece up in his studio - which is lined with his work — of a woman on a trapeze. It's based on a childhood memory of going to the cir-

cus as a child. "I think I was inspired by the color. The emotions that I felt at that particular moment," said Fritz. "I just wanted to share that, because it was really bright and cheery. It made me feel real

good." Paintings like "Willy Wonka" and "Mother's Garden" share the same traits. Bright. Cheerful. A positive memory he wants to express and share. But he also has painted pieces portraying police brutality, a hard breakup, and many other serious topics that have an emotional ooze dripping from them just by looking at them.

Painting has always been an outlet for Fritz.

He grew up a self-taught artist in a family of artists. All four of his sisters are artists. So in 1996, he moved to New York City with his ink drawings and started doing small shows in the Big

It was awesome," he said of New York. "My friends and I also used paintings for fundraisers. I also curated work for local artists, getting their work in local cafes, bars and coffee shops."

An educated artist, Fritz's sister soon convinced him to pick up a paint brush and start painting on a larger scale. "She liked my ink drawings," he said.

"But thought I would be able to commu-

Trucking toward a better New Year

BY OLIVIA RICHMAN NEWS STAFF WRITER

POMFRET

Longmeadow Automotive held its "Piece of the Pie" car recycling fundraiser to give back to the community on Dec. 13. The monies raised will go to area non-profits including the Daily Bread food pantry, the Putnam Elks, and Thompson Ecumenical Empowerment Group (TEEG). And TEEG has a very specific use for the money they received

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Rich and Karyn DiBonaventura have donated to multiple charitable organizations.

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A community conducts itself with pride

BY OLIVIA RICHMAN

KILLINGLY — This is a story about community. About accepting others. Being kind. It's a story about how the Killingly community rallied around Ryan Chatelle, and how his family has been in awe of the community they live

On the first night of the Killingly High football season last fall Leo Chatelle brought his son, Ryan, to the game. Ryan, who has Down Syndrome, had slowly inched his way toward the band.

Before long, recalled Leo Chatelle, his son was up there directing the band.

"Being parents, we didn't want to mess up their program," said Leo. "But the band director and all the assistants and everybody in the band just embraced him. The crowd loved him. And the band director even gave him

A 35 year-old who has always loved music, Ryan was very passionate about directing the band. And it showed.

"People come up to us now and say, 'Is that Ryan? Is he the band director?" said his mother, Deb Chatelle. "A lot of times, people were watching him instead of the game. Because he was really pretty good. And fun to watch."

Leo said the Killingly High School band director. Jeff Ethier, the assistant. Kevin Plouffe, and drum leaders Kory Seiden and Silvia Cote really took Ryan "under their wing and let him do his thing with them.'

Now, the Chatelles can't go into the community without people knowing them, recognizing them.

Recently there was a big yard sale up



Deb, Ryan, and Leo Chatelle

at the Killingly High School and the parent of somebody in the band just simply gave Ryan a Killingly band scarf.

The family went to Community Cleaners to get Ryan some white gloves, to look more professional as the band director. And the business just donated the gloves to Ryan.

"It's great to see how Killingly and the community has accepted people with intellectual disabilities as part of the community," said Deb. "They want to be treated like anybody else."

These kind deeds have continued to happen throughout the community.

"People are just really, really kind to him," said Leo. "They're so support-

Leo said Ryan was the first child with Down Syndrome to be fully integrated into school in Killingly, something

that won the town an award about 25 years ago. The family didn't want him in recess rooms. They wanted him to be with his classmates and learn.

'We never treated him as handi-"And now the Cote. community hasn't

Leo knows that the band could have said no. But they didn't. It was a simple gesture that has meant so much more to the Chantelle family than anyone could have ever anticipated.

"We want to thank them for letting him participate," said Leo.

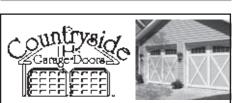


capped," said Leo. Ryan Chatelle with Killingly High drum leaders Kory Seiden and Silvia

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Ex-Thompson official granted accelerated rehabilitation

DANIELSON — Leo Adams, the former Thompson Public Works director, who was accused of using town money to buy a payloader for his own use, was granted a chance to erase the offense from his record. On Dec. 21, Danielson Superior Court Judge John Newson approved an accelerated rehabilitation program for Adams if he follows the terms of the 18-month program which includes making restitution.

If Adams stays out of trouble and pays the town of Thompson \$5,000 within 12 months, the third-degree larceny will be dismissed. In September of 2016 Adams used \$9,000 of town money to purchase a forklift and payloader although he was only authorized to buy the forklift, according to Assistant

State's Attorney Jennifer Barry. Barry said Adams asked that the payloader be left off the receipt when the purchase

A town accounting led to its contacting the state police. The police located the front-bucket loader on Adams' property. Barry said the State's Attorney office would not oppose the court diversionary program as long as restitution is made and since Thompson officials did not object. Adams' lawyer, Martin Weiss, said Adams, 63, should have the restitution paid off within six months.

Truppa to speak at Veterans Coffeehouse

DANIELSON — Andrea Truppa, Danielson Probate Court, will share information about the probate court and hearings about voluntary conservatorships at the Danielson Veterans Coffeehouse on Tuesday, Jan. 9.

Among the subjects expected to be covered are voluntary conservatorships, whereby the court appoints someone (generally at no cost to the individual) to assist the individual with management of their finances and/or medical care. Under a voluntary conservatorship, there is no finding of incapacity. Rather, the petitioner submits an application to the court soliciting assistance with financial and/or healthcare affairs. Sometimes the conservator provides only a limited scope of services such as helping the individual develop a financial budget, reviewing a rental contract, or applying for benefits. The court has a list of professionals (generally attorneys) willing to act in this capacity. Under a voluntary conservatorship, the conserved person can end the conservatorship any time they want.

Truppa will also share information with them about the Northeast Regional Children's Court (also under the purview of the probate court) where she frequently appoints grandparents and family members to become the legal guardians over children. The children's court employs various social workers and other professionals who strive to assist families in need where the children have been subject to some form of neglect or abandonment by the parents.

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Themes announced for Putnam's First Fridays street festival

PUTNAM — The Putnam Business Association will focus on the mosaic of diverse local history and culture with a celebration of Northeastern Connecticut's mill towns in the upcoming eighth season of the First Fridays downtown street festival in Putnam in

At the turn of the 19th century, Samuel Slater introduced the concept of inviting entire families to move to factory towns. Next to the factories, houses were built for the new workers. Company stores and company-financed civic buildings filled the streets of the

Visit the "Cultural Celebration Station" during First Fridays each month for a glimpse of the many cultural mosaic pieces of the region. Here is the schedule: May 4 celebrates Polish-Americans, who came to New England in family groups to work in the factories, primarily textile mills, and settled in neighborhoods with large Slavic populations. Discover cultural topics like "migus-Dyngus" (Wet Monday), share your Pierogi and Gobalki recipes and

June 1 celebrates African-Americans spanning the earliest years of the state's colonization around 1630 continuing strongly to this day. Learn how Connecticut's official "State Heroine" impacted history, and find out where the Connecticut Freedom Trail location is in Putnam.

July 6 celebrates French Canadian-Americans, and the many "Little Canadas" formed in our region. Surely you've mange' (eaten) Toutiere (meat pie), Poutine (fries w/cheese curds & brown gravy), Pea Soup, Pouding Chomeur (Poor Man's Pudding.)

August 3 celebrates Greek-Americans as many Greeks arrived to work in textile mills. Popular Foods you may have (eaten) are Spanakopita, Baklava, Moussaka (casserole), and Souvlaki.

Sept. 7 celebrates Native-Americans, there were originally small American Indian tribes in the Connecticut area, including the Mohegan, Pequot, Niantic, Nipmuc, Mattabesic, Schaghticoke, Paugussett, and others. The name "Connecticut" is an Algonquian Indian word Quinnehtukqut meaning "beside the long tidal river" or "long river" and refers to the Connecticut River.

Oct.5 celebrates Scandinavian-Americans, a broad group made up by the people of Finland, Sweden & Norway. Finnish immigrants began to settle in Connecticut in the 1920s and Grosvenordale boasted a rich Swedish population. If you've attend Scandinavian holiday gatherings you may have maistui (tasted) Gravlax (salmon), Pickled Herring, Isterband (Swedish sausage), and Semla (cardamom bun w/whipped cream. Oct. 5 also welcomes back First Fridays' own unique culture of Zombies during the wildly popular Zombie Fashion show. Zombie costume possibilities are endless with our cultural mosaic theme! Imagine Heidi the Scandinavian

Zombie, or a Paul Bunyan Zombie? Find your inner zombie artist, create and come dressed in costumes inspired by your own family history and make it a frightfully fun evening!

The fifth annual First Fridays poster contest to represent the theme will be announced in the coming months. Artists of all ages are encouraged to create a "mosaic" showing off the "Mill Town Mosaic and Cultural History" theme discovering Polish-African-American, American, French-Canadian, Greek-American, Native-America, and Scandinavian-American culture and how it has impacted our region.

First Fridays continues to grow in size and recognition, drawing crowds in the thousands from near and far, and has transformed into an award-winning seasonal event. For more information on First Fridays, and all things to discover in Putnam, visit http://www. discoverputnam.

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Flexer calls for rollback of Medicare cuts



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Mae Flexer, far right, in Hartford on Dec. 14.

HARTFORD — State Senator Mae Flexer (D-Danielson) rallied on Dec. 14 alongside advocates, seniors, people with disabilities and their families in support of the immediate restoration of the Medicare Savings Program (MSP). Cuts made to the program threaten to impact the healthcare of over 110,000 people in Connecticut. Flexer has also signed a petition calling on the Secretary of the State to bring the legislature back into special session so that this issue can be dealt with.

"I have spoken with dozens, if not hundreds of people over the past few weeks who are worried about the cuts to the Medicare Savings Program. I am happy to say that thanks to their advocacy, these cuts have been delayed by several months and there is momentum to completely roll them back," Flexer said. "Connecticut is supposed to be a place where when you struggle, we wrap our arms around you and we lift you up. Thirty years ago, although I was blissfully unaware of it at the time, my family was homeless. My parents struggled to find housing, and were finally able to put a roof over our heads only because state and

federal supports were available to help us. Too many people in our government do not know what it's like to live on the poverty line, like my parents had to live when I was a child, and like the people in need of the Medicare Savings Program live today. They do not know what it's like to live on just \$1,500 a month when a fee increase like the one caused by these cuts could be crippling. Our role is to look out for the most



advocating for harmful policies like these cuts to the Medicare Savings Program. We are at a crossroads. We need to decide what Connecticut's values. Are we going to be a state that lifts everyone up, or are we going to turn our backs on our most vulnerable and instead give our support to millionaires, to billionaires, and to corporations. I

believe in a Connecticut that is committed to the well-being of all its residents. If that is the Connecticut we want to be, our first step must be to reaffirm our commitment to seniors and people with disabilities by repealing these cuts to the Medicare Savings Program."

The Medicare Savings Program offers financial assistance to eligi-Medicare enrollees. Connecticut had paid into Savings the Medicare am to extend its eligibility to more people than almost every other state. The bipartisan budget reduced income eligibility requirements from a range of 211 percent to 246 percent of the federal poverty level to 100 percent to 135 percent of the federal poverty level. The nonpartisan Office of Fiscal Analysis has projected that this change in eligibility requirements could impact over 110,000 people through loss of coverage or transition to a different coverage pro-



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Name: Amanda Anderson

Occupation: Administrative Coordinator at Berkshire Hathaway

Lives in: Thompson

Family: Husband, Travis

Pets: Dog named Tucker, Cat named Bud and chickens!

How long have you lived in the area? Lived in Killingly for 22 years, moved to Thompson from there

Do you have a favorite food? Ice cream!

What is currently your favorite TV **Show?** The Big Bang Theory What is your favorite travel desti**nation?** Anywhere up north-New Hampshire, Vermont, upstate New York

What's the best part about your town? You can feel as though you live far away from the hustle and bustle, but you are actually just minutes away! Being able to go to downtown Putnam and walk around, but then go home and sit on our deck looking over the land we own in the peace and quiet gives the best of both worlds.

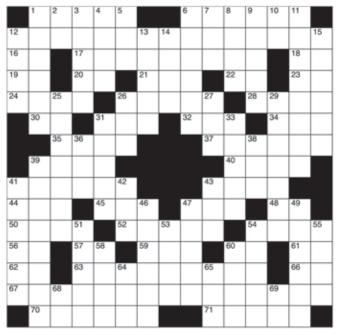
Who has been the greatest influence in your life? My parents! They have taught me everything I know, how to work hard, be a great person, have fun, and live a great life. They've taught me the importance of being strong through the tough times, and enjoying the great times!

Who is your favorite musical artist? Chris Stapleton

What is the greatest piece of advice you have ever been given? Just breathe, what should be will be.

Favorite Sports Team: Patriots

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Caron Earns Westview Employee of the Month

Dayville resident Brenda Caron was named Westview Health Care Center's Employee of the Month for December. Caron has been employed at Westview since May 2002 and works within the facility's kitchen as a dietary aide.

Daughter of Arthur and Carol Hughes, Caron lives in Dayville with her husband of 32 years, Ron, with their faithful Golden Retriever companion, Red. As a diehard fan of Bruce Springsteen, she prides herself in having seen him several times and hopes that Santa Claus will leave tickets to the Springsteen on Broadway 2018 Broadway tour for Christmas.

She also enjoys spending time outdoors working in her flower beds as well as baking treats, which she often brings into work for her fellow coworkers, residents and patients. It would be amiss to neglect how fond she is of spending time with her family and her new great-niece, Kaydence Farner.



Courtesy photo

Brenda Caron

the second time in 15 years," said Caron, "I work with a fun group of people in the dietary department and all the staff at Westview is very friendly and outgoing."

"Brenda is an extremely giving

"I feel very honored to be and joyful person," said David T. employee of the month for Panteleakos, Westview administrator. "Her gentle nature and constant positivity aids in her ability to uplift the spirits of everyone that she encounters here at Westview."



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PUTNAM — Seven-year-old Lexi Summer Abram, from Putnam, submitted this photo.



EAGLE SIGHTING

PUTNAM — John Ryan snapped this photo of an eagle perched near the Quinebaug River in Putnam on



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Second Grade student Ja'von Arrington presented a thank you note to American Legion Post #13 following the five-week reading program that was recently concluded. Pictured with Arrington (I to r) are Legion members Roger Franklin, Ronald P. Coderre, Barbara Smith and Alan Joslin

PUTNAM — Putnam Elementary School Principal Kate Colavecchio recently invited eight veterans of American Legion Post No. 13 to work with second grade students on a reading program.

The eight, Commander Ronald P. Coderre, Al Cormier, Marc Coderre, Sr., Alan Joslin, Roger Franklin, Barbara Smith, Cosmo Quercia and Richard Tremblay were asked to work with the students in a unique reading program. The program, as formatted by Principal Colavecchio, entailed a once per week half-hour session where the vets read to and listened to the students as they read from their favorite books.

"Having the veterans come to school has been a positive experience for our second-graders. The kids have enjoyed the respite from the routine of the classroom and the opportunity to share their favorite books with the men and women of Post 13. I marvel at how well this program has worked for a first-time venture," said Colavecchio.

The goal of the seven-week program was to expose the students to other adults in addition to their classroom teachers. It was also aimed at building self confidence

Legion Vets Go Back to School



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American Legion Post #13 of Putnam presented a certificate of appreciation to Putnam Elementary School Principal Kate Colavecchio following the five-week program with the school's 2nd grade students. From left, Alan Joslin, Cosmo Quercia, Ronald P. Coderre, Principal Colavecchio, Barbara Smith and Roger Franklin.

in the young students, while participating in an academic program outside of the normal classroom environment. Each week the vets met with different students in small groups of three to five kids.

"This experience has been so much fun," said Navy veteran Alan Joslin, who served in Vietnam. "I think I've learned as much as kids. And I've been impressed with how smart they are and the high level of reading proficiency they've attained."

Workshops at Danielson job Center Offers

DANIELSON-The Danielson American Job Center at 562 Westcott Road is offering a variety of employment and training workshops in January to area residents. Advance registration is encouraged due to space limitations. Please go to CTHires.com or call 860 774-4077 to register. The following workshops are scheduled.

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Health Careers Orientation – An overview of in-demand careers in healthcare, job skills and available certificate and degree programs. Also receive information about financial assistance. January 9 (4 – 5:30 p.m.)

Get Back to Work – You can overcome job search stress. Stay connected, get involved, and know your next steps. Our staff is here to offer guidance, direction and opportunity. January 10 (9 – 11 a.m.) and January 23 (1 – 3 p.m.)

In-Demand Jobs in Eastern CT – Our On-the-Job Training (OJT) programs may give you the competitive edge to get hired. Explore in-demand jobs in advanced manufacturing, technology or engineering, and the skills employers want. On-site screening will pre-qualify you for one or more OJT programs. January 10 (1 – 2:30 p.m.)

Applying Online: The Basics – Learn the basics of applying online, including the use of job search engines, emailing employers, and attaching and inserting résumés to online applications and emails. January 11 (9 a.m. – 12 p.m.)

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Confidence Makeover: Rebound & Recover – Presents an outline of how to work toward a concrete confidence makeover. Suggests a variety of specific techniques and practical confidence-building tips that can make a significant difference in being the right candidate. January 12 (9 a.m.

Introduction to Microsoft Word – In this two-day workshop learn how to create a document, save it to a disk, open and close it, make changes, and print it. PREREQUISITE: Must possess basic knowledge of computers or have attended the Computer Basics Workshop. January 17 and 18 (9 a.m. – 12

p.m.)

CTHires – Résumé Builder – Build and complete a résumé in the CTHires online employment system. Opportunities to review and update your CTHires profile, including job skills, and to do a comprehensive résumé build in CTHires with the assistance of the workshop instructor. Also learn how to download, print, and email a résumé from CTHires. January 17 (1 – 4 p.m.)

Creating A Job Search "Elevator Pitch" – Learn how to create the perfect 30- or 60-second "elevator pitch" to introduce yourself to potential employers. Explore how to identify or create a networking opportunity and effectively engage during a networking opportunity. Useful for all jobseekers that are unfamiliar or out of practice with networking, and those that are using

LinkedIn. January 19 (9 a.m. – 12 p.m.)

Email Skills for Jobseekers – In this six-hour workshop conducted over two days, learn how to compose and reply to emails and attach résumés to emails. Geared for jobseekers emailing résumés to employers, attendees will practice responding to a job posting via email while using a practice cover letter and résumé. Instructor will help jobseekers obtain an email address if needed. January 24 and 25 (9 a.m. – 12 p.m.)

Fundamentals of Résumé Writing – Learn how to write a focused résumé needed to secure a job interview and employment offers. Topics include thinking like an employer, strategies for developing essential parts of the résumé, keywords, relevant vs. irrelevant information, formatting, cover letters. January 25 (9 a.m. – 12 p.m.)

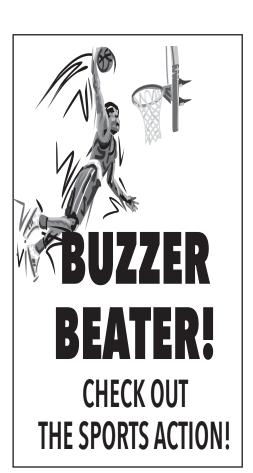
Acorn Adventure with Rangers at Roseland Park

WOODSTOCK — Children and their families are invited to join The Last Green Valley's Chief Ranger Bill Reid and Ranger J.P. Babineau at Roseland Park in Woodstock on Saturday, Jan. 20, from 1 p.m. to 2:30 p.m. Ranger Bill and Ranger J.P. will share fun facts about bald eagles, and participants will get a chance to experience just how big a bald eagle's wings are, how huge their eyes compared to the size of their heads and other fun activities. The group will also search for eagles at this popular spot for these incredible birds of prey. Bring binoculars or a spotting scope, if you have them. Enthusiasm and a desire to learn about these beautiful birds are essential.









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schools and the public are encouraged to submit items for inclusion on the Learning Page.

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TMHS ensemble performs at Westview

DAYVILLE — Tourtellotte Memorial High School's Modern Music Ensemble returned to Westview Health Care Center on Dec. 12 for or its annual holiday themed musical performance in the facility's Formal Dining Room.

Kate Anderson, music director at TMHS, led 11 of students from her honors level performance class, Modern Music Ensemble, in an hour-long holiday performance for the residents and patients of Westview. The group sang several traditional holiday favorites including "Silent Night", "Little Drummer Boy" and "Run, Run Rudolph". The students also performed multiple soloist acts as well as a beautifully arranged original song titled, "Stay With Me," which was entirely written and composed by the group.

"We love to come out and perform for our community members," Anderson said. "This is a real-life musical experience for them and I'm so proud of what this talented group of artists have achieved."

"TMHS Modern Music Ensemble is a holiday staple for the residents, patients and staff here at Westview," said David T. Panteleakos, Westview administrator. "Although the students vary from year to year, the arrangement and presentation, to the credit of Mrs. Anderson's direction, is always top-notch and beautifully orchestrated."



Tourtellotte Memorial High School's modern music ensemble performed at Westview.

Quinebaug Middle College attains accreditation

DANIELSON — EASTCONN's public magnet high school, Quinebaug Middle College, has attained accreditation by the New England Association of Schools and Colleges following a seven-year-long, process of self-study and assessment that included the participation of students, staff and community members.

NEASC recently notified EASTCONN that QMC (located on the Quinebaug Valley Community College campus in Danielson) has earned NEASC accreditation. Most public high schools in Connecticut are NEASC-accredited. QMC is a public magnet high schools, open to all eastern Connecticut students in grades 9-12.

NEASC is an independent, voluntary, non-profit membership organization that connects and serves over 2,000 public and independent schools, colleges and universities in New England, as well as International Schools in more than 65 nations. A globally recognized, research-driven standard of excellence, NEASC accreditation attests to a school's quality and integrity.

Accreditation also assures colleges and universities about the quality and validity of a high school graduate's academic history during the college application process.

"Going through the challenging NEASC process that started seven years ago, culminating with a deep self-study and a three-day visit from the NEASC Review Committee, has already improved QMC as a learning community and in many meaningful ways," said QMC Principal Gino LoRicco. "I am so proud of the work that our students, families, staff, EASTCONN and QVCC have engaged in thus far in our journey, and I look forward to the work that's now before us."

Last spring, a nine-member NEASC visiting committee assessed the school. QMC enrolls non-traditional learners who seek more control over their educational program. While earning their QMC high school degree, students may attend QVCC college courses and earn free college credits toward an associate's degree. Learn more at www.east-conn.org/qmc, or call (860) 932-4040.

Woodstock Academy longtime trustee passes

WOODSTOCK — Woodstock Academy announced its community was saddened by the loss of longtime trustee, Robert Holland, who passed away on Sunday, Dec. 24. A memorial service was held for Holland at Woodstock Academy's Bates Memorial Auditorium on Dec. 28. Holland demonstrated his commitment to Woodstock Academy and its mission by serving as a trustee for almost 30 years.

"Bob was a leading voice in the expansion of the Academy to two campuses and will be remembered as a valuable member of our community," said Head of School Christopher Sandford.

More about Holland's pursuits as a writer and other interests can be found at frosthollowpub.com/about. In lieu of flowers, Holland's family has requested that gifts be made to the Woodstock Academy Foundation. Donations may be made at woodstockacademy.org/giving.

Putnam business owner featured in martials arts book

PUTNAM — Grandmaster Mike Bogdanski was recently featured in the book "Modern Masters of the Martial Arts". Bogdanski and Kristin Duethorn are the co-owners of Quest Martial Arts in Putnam. The book, released this summer, features one martial arts teacher from each art. The book focuses on actions and insights of the world's classical fighting styles. Each teacher was asked to demonstrate one technique that exemplified their respective art. Each teacher was asked to provide a synopsis describing the strategies and philosophies of the art they are proficient in, along with a few words of wisdom

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Woodstock Academy's Hill Singers perform at Mohegan Sun

BY OLIVIA RICHMAN NEWS STAFF WRITER

WOODSTOCK — Woodstock Academy's Hill Singers were offered the opportunity of a lifetime late last year: The chance to perform at Mohegan Sun in front of 6,000 people, opening for world-renowned acapella pop group Pentatonix.

"This is the biggest crowd we've ever performed for," said Director Amy Ranta. "And we had a great response from the crowd. There was a lot of cheering and hooting and hollering. It was a great experience."

The Woodstock Hill Singers came across this amazing concert experience through a contest. They sent recordings of themselves singing and forwarded it to Pentatonix.

Ranta said it took a while to hear back so they had began to "write it off." So when she received an e-mail she had to read it three or four times to make sure she was reading it correctly.

The Woodstock Hill Singers had been chosen to open for

Pentatonix on the weekend of Dec. 9-10. Performing traditional Christmas carols, as well as an updated jazz version of "Jolly Old St. Nick" and "We Three Kings," which featured three different soloists, it was a very proud moment for Ranta.

"Some were a little nervous, but they didn't let it stop them," she said. "They went out there and really owned it."

The 19 students met with Pentatonix briefly. Ranta said the kids were "over the moon." They all had their own stories of what Pentatonix said to them, or what they wish they had said to the pop group.

"As a teacher it was awesome watching them experience this," Ranta said. "I hope it was inspirational. I hope it's something they'll have with them their whole life."

This is Ranta's 18th year teaching vocals at Woodstock Academy, where she is also the Fine Arts department head. "I love my job, period," she

In high school, Ranta was very passionate about music. She knew quite early on that



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Woodstock Academy's Hill Singers performed at the Mohegan Sun.

it was something she had to do for the rest of her life. Leading the Woodstock Academy Hill Singers is an added bonus to her career, where she gets to do more challenging music with passionate students. She gets to know the kids better, pushing them to do their best.

"They were absolutely ready for this show," she said. "The day that we found out that we got the gig, the kids – on their own – said, 'Well, we're rehearsing after school today.' They wanted to get to a level of excellence for the show."

It's moments like that that make being a teacher exciting for Ranta.

"The great thing about being a music teacher are those 'A-ha'

moments," she said. "You have most kids from freshmen to senior year. I really get to see the kids grow. And become young adults. That's a big privilege, I feel."

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Grochowski is in Tourtelotte's spotlight

THOMPSON — Tourtellotte Memorial High School's Student Spotlight program recognizes a student who has demonstrated outstanding achievement, character, leadership, attitude, and/or contributions to the school and community. December's Student Spotlight honoree was sophomore Desiree Grochowski.

"Desiree is an extraordinary young woman. Not only is she an outstanding student--she strives for excellence in all of her classes — but she also goes above and beyond in all that she does," said TMHS teacher Jenna LaFlamme.

"The person I was yesterday and the person I want to be in the future is

Tourtellotte what motivates me. I want to be better than the person I was yesterday and izes a student outstanding Grochowski said.

Grochowski actively participates in the TMHS community. In school, Grochowski is a part of the Student Leadership Team, and she also assists several teachers during her study halls.

"She has volunteered to assist both myself and Ms. Sobanski in our classes. She is always willing to provide help to her peers. In addition to her academic abilities, she also has such a big heart for her classmates," LaFlamme said.

"I've always wanted to travel the world to get the most I can out of life.

After college, or even while I'm attending, I would love to go to as many places that I can so that I have stories to tell," Grochowski said. "As cliche as it is, live every moment like it's your last. Make adventure for yourself, and do it all with people that you love. Do things that make you happy. Surround yourself with the people that help you grow. Learn all that you can but have fun while doing it. Someone very close to my heart once told me that, 'A day without a smile is a day wasted.'"

"Words cannot fully express how worthy she is of this recognition," LaFlamme said.



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Desiree Grochowski

Arc: Grant Funds provided to The Arc Quinebaug Valley



PUTNAM — Thanks to a grant received from The Community Foundation-Northeast Connecticut Women and Girls Fund, The Arc Quinebaug Valley will be able to continue a curriculum of classes on positive choices and healthy relationships for individuals with intellectual and developmental disabilities.

Grant funds in the amount of \$2,679 were provided to The Arc Quinebaug Valley on Dec. 7 at the Northeast Connecticut Women and Girls Fund Founder's Event.

"The Community Foundation-Northeast Connecticut Women and Girls Fund continues to make a difference at The Arc Quinebaug Valley. These grant funds will be used for supplies and technology that will enhance a program The Arc currently offers, which empowers women and girls to make positive choices and gain knowledge of healthy relationships, domestic violence, family economic security, and more. We are extremely thankful to have the opportunity to continue this curriculum of classes in 2018." Said

Susan Desrosiers, executive director of The Arc.

The Arc provides programs for individuals with intellectual, developmental and other life-affecting disabilities. Vocational, residential, recreation, education, day and retirement services offer opportunities for people with disabilities to reach their goals and be integral members of their community.

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From left, Mallory Moreau, The Arc's director of education and training, Pam Brown, chairperson of the grant committee, and Crystal Simonson, The Arc's community outreach coordinator.

CAT HOLLOW BRIDGE INSTALLED

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DAYVILLE — A bridge was recently completed that now crosses the Whetstone Brook and allows access to the trails on the opposite side Cat Hollow Park. Conservation folks have been working from time to time on trails there, but now with the bridge in place, extra helpers will be needed. Cat Hollow Park is now even more handicapped accessible with views of the dams, scenic babbling brook and mill ponds. To find the new bridge, follow the "Picnic Area" sign down to 35 foot dam site. Cat Hollow Park is between Dog Hill Road and Valley Road in the Dayville area of Killingly.

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More chips

It's a new year and there is no shortage of advice about what to give up.

Time to quit eating red meat or mercury laden fish. Time to cut cable TV. Time to cancel unread magazines. So many good ideas, but not my way to welcome this new year. I don't want to quit as much as I want to add more. We are only going around once and there is so much more to do, to embrace and to enjoy

In 2018 I'm going to embrace my shortcomings with the blasted computer and realize that I erase articles I've just edited. There are many talented people who can help me. Some seem to be from elsewhere, and one group calls me every afternoon around 5. Their feelings are never hurt when I shout into the phone they must never call me again. They are one of the most dependable aspects of life, so I may as well appreciate them.

I'll embrace technology in the new year. The local food movement has brought us excellent produce and



NANCY WEISS

meat from animals who lead happy lives. In the new year I will continue to eat local delicious food including a brand of New England potato chips that never fail to please. For years I have counted out 12 chips and savored them. I'm going to add three more and make it an even 15. The additional chips balance off the paleo

meals I prepare for my husband who decided to embrace his inner cave man. We are eating cauliflower rice, so Cape Cod chips are a necessity.

Saving money is a good thing, but I plan to enjoy more cups of soup and fancy coffees at local places. Every time I drop by one of the welcoming cafes and restaurants in the area, I run into someone I know or meet someone new. When I sit alone reading or writing, I stop what I am doing and enjoy the guilty pleasure of overhearing other conversation. The best are between two people, but I'll listen to a cellphone chat and imagine the person on the other end. I admire people who work in the hospitality business. It's hard work and they have to smile at

I plan to read more books including audiobooks. Our local libraries have Hoopla, a system that allows patrons to borrow music, movies, videos and books for free. If you don't live on a town road or have a child in public school, the library may be the only thing you get for your tax dollar. Beside, our l are places where we meet our neighbors, something that we need to do more often. My book club read "Clementine: The Life of Mrs. Winston Churchill". Try it for a new perspective.

Most of all, I plan to be more empathic. It is easy to be critical, easily annoyed, disappointed with the people around us. I may bite my tongue until it bleeds, but I'm going to try to look at life from more than my own, limited point of view that it ends. This past year I lost several close friends. The quality of their relationships, the friendships they fostered ly once did to their ancestors? are very real legacies. Empathy, gratitude and a dose of patience are qualities I want more of in the coming year.

I plan to hold the door for young mothwhen someone takes their time orderand yes, more chips.

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Opinion and commentary from the Quiet Corner

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Reader against community college consolidation

The Board of Regents didn't fool too many people. "Students First" is a marketing designed name for an awful idea which results in Community College consolidation and "shared/regionalized" college leadership. This "proposal" was a fete accompli as soon as it was presented to some of the public (very quietly under the radar). A number of Town Meetings" were arranged to let the locals blow off some steam but from the first, this plan was going to be implemented unaltered. Few, if any, of the Community College Presidents, Deans or Department Heads who know how these facilities work, or the public who had fought so long and hard to get a community college for their area were allowed any input into this college consolidation plan.

What this plan will accomplish is to take the COMMUNITY out of the community college system.

I have experienced Quinebaug Valley Community College in Danielson for thirteen years now as a volunteer and have served eight years on the QVCC Foundation. I know how tightly this school is woven into the fabric of the towns of the Quiet Corner of CT. I see how the school, through its President and other officials, is out in the community listening to the needs of the hospital, nursing homes, pharmacies, manufacturing companies, listening to the need for support services for veterans, the needy and the hungry. I see the President and other dedicated people (who will lose their jobs), interfacing daily

with students, encouraging them and often solving problems. Because it is their school, the generous people of this community have contributed their hard earned dollars so that no student has graduated from QVCC in the last six years with any federal debt! How will it work to have someone from Hartford, not our local President, try to have this immediate availability to local people, businesses and organizations?

Students First purportedly will save millions of dollars but Mr. Ojakian, the spokesperson for the Board of Regents, refuses to give specifics about how this is to be accomplished no matter who asks or how many times the question is presented. Asked by students, how their lives will be better, the answer was they will have better lunches and be able to seamlessly transfer to other schools in the system (less than two percent ever ask). That will work if they have a car, money for gas or money for an apartment near the new school. These are community colleges.

I know the state is in real financial trouble but let's not take a system that works and bury it in a new layer of state bureaucracy that in the future will cost more and be less effective than what we have now. Please, legislators and Connecticut taxpayers: demand a true public hearing on this "Student First" plan. Don't let this Board of Regents' plan dismantle local control of our community colleges.

> BILL BROWER WOODSTOCK

Eastford reader questions tax plan

To the editor:

Imagine your employer came to you and other employees and said that although the company has been very profitable these past 7-8 years (in fact, the company has more cash reserves than ever), he has not made as much money as he had hoped for, and as he deserves for being a job creator. As a result, he had a proposal for his employees, for the good of everyone. He proposed that all employees should take out personal loans to finance a major and record setting increase in company profitability. With this new increased and extravagant level of profitability, he might offer an increase in wages, or might buy new equipment, or maybe he would just buy another vacation home. He

wouldn't make any promises about how the extra money would be handled. You needed to leave that up to him as a captain of industry. Furthermore, after thinking about this a little more, he decided that the employees should share in the bounty, so, some modest raises would be part of the deal, but they would have to expire in 7 years to ensure that the company remained solvent. What a deal, right? When asked how he ever came up with such an interesting idea, he replied that the new "tax reform" legislation for the middle class was his model!

> Tom Hughes EASTFORD

Reader objects to another reader's objections

To the editor:

I found Mr. Stanley Koleszar's letter to the editor in the December 8 Villager edition to be highly educational. I did not know that the Villager has a duty to report on Christians only! Nor did I realize that during Advent the Villager is obligated to present stories only about Christian spirituality, and if the Villager ventures into reporting on other forms of spirituality it must include a full and say something affirming whenever I Evangelical Christian theological critique of have the chance. One truth about life is the beliefs in question. Who knew it is wrong that it ends. This past year I lost several to "politely interview" Wiccans rather them rake them over the coals as Christians literal-

If I remember right, Christians murdered approximately 9 million men, women, and children over a period of 600 years because these suspicious folk were accused of consorters with little kids. I will wait patiently ing with the devil and doing his work. Which is strange, because pagans do not believe in ing at a counter. I won't sigh when the the devil. And historians are now discovering check-out person can't get the scanner to that the vast majority of these executions took read the bar code. All the old resolutions place not because witchcraft was widespread, of what to give up will be replaced by a but so local parishes and magistrates could few big ones for more. More compas- acquire the wealth the accused left behind. I sion, more community, more empathy guess this is the kind of thing that happens when Christians rule politics: witch hunts.

I was also surprised to learn that Wiccans are a "competitive challenge to the Kingdom of God". Really? Do they go door to door

evangelizing? Do they hand out tracts at the airport? Do they own powerful television networks as well as the Republican Party? Do they write scathing letters and articles for the local paper condemning Christianity? Do they widely and openly complain that nobody respects their beliefs and traditions and that their views must be presented in the media on every issue? This is news to me!

But Mr. Koleszar is right about one thing. Absolutely no relatives of small local newspaper employees should be allowed to make the paper. Is the editor's kid on the honor roll? Don't report it! Is the assistant editor's first cousin president of the school board? Then no school board reporting! Did a sales rep's house burn down? Forget about writing that up! God forbid the child of a newspaper employee be so remarkable that an interesting article could be written about her. The very thought gives me palpitations. Someone bring me the smelling salts!

Those of us who are Christians may be unaware that the winter solstice, Dec. 21, has been a holy day for indigenous and most pre-Christian religions going back to the dawn of humanity. Many still celebrate it today. Christians do not hold a monopoly on December--please be kind and share it!

> JANE LARSON WOODSTOCK

Woodstock reader advocates for road tolls

To the editor:

For almost 30 years now, there have been no tolls on Connecticut's highways. This is because in 1983 a truck driver crashed into a line of cars waiting at the Stratford toll plaza, killing seven people. This horrible accident was used by Connecticut's toll opponents to pressure lawmakers to abolish road tolls, with the reasoning that they posed a public safety hazard.

However, since the 1980's toll collecting technology has advanced significantly. In the early 1980's you had to stop and pay the road tolls with cash. Then it evolved into paying with tokens, where you had to slow down and throw them into a receptacle. Today all you need is an E-ZPass, you don't even have to slow down to pay the toll, you can just keep on going. If you don't have an E-Zpass you will simply receive a bill in the mail from the government.

Due to these advances in technology, public safety is no longer an issue when it comes to collecting tolls and the State would not require more employees to man toll booths. The costs of implementing a toll system would be very small to the State.

Additionally more than half of all states have tolls on their highways, and it is time that Connecticut jumped back on board.

Massachusetts alone rakes in around 400 million dollars in road tolls each year and with spending on the rise in Hartford, highway tolls may be a new source of revenue. These new revenues may be deployed to help defray the State's infrastructure repair costs and help to improve the service and rest plazas on the State's highways. As an added bonus, if Connecticut invested in her infrastructure it would attract business that would also generate new tax revenue and create new jobs.

As a Republican I am one of the last people who would want to hand over more money to the government. However, the cost to the State of Connecticut to implement a system of road tolls would be very low, and the benefits are large. I advise the State of Connecticut to invest in such a system immediately, and start reaping the rewards.

> WILLIAM FRENCH WOODSTOCK

he started a luncheon service with \$1,500 from savings and \$3,500 borrowed from friends. Using converted taxi cabs for catering he set out to make a living. Soon he noticed that 40% of his revenues were coming from coffee and doughnut sales. So, in 1948 he tried again



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To better reflect his menu he and his team chose the name Dunkin' Donuts. Five years later he did something that was not being widely practiced; he began selling franchises.

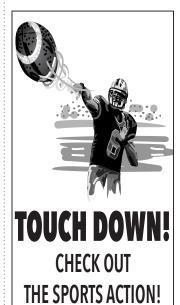
His name was William Rosenberg, and his flexibility and his willingness to keep trying paid off big. There are now 11,300 Dunkin' Donuts restaurants in 47 countries. They serve three million customers at day. That means 1.7 billion cups of coffee per year-that is an average of 30 per second. In 2016, their U.S. franchises sold \$828.89 million worth of coffee and doughnuts.

While not every such endeavor becomes a burgeoning business, there is something to be said for adjusting to life and trying again. It is reassuring to see that it can be done. It is often the fourth or fifth idea or the third or fourth attempt at business that finally takes hold.

This simple, but powerful concept is even more important to remember in our personal lives. The best of people, who are living honest and principled lives, go through periods of difficulty. Not every venture are inevitable. Life is often brutal. But, there is hope that the next effort will bring better returns. Here is how the Bible says it: "Plant your seed in the morning and keep busy all afternoon, for you don't know if profit will come from one activity or another—or maybe both. (Ecclesiastes 11:6 NLT) Life is not a destination, it is a journey that consists of many new tries.

January 1, 2018 was the perfect time to try again. New Year's resolutions may seem old fashioned, but starting fresh is something we all need to do from time to time. Try a new devotional approach. Try attending church regularly. Try becoming a part of a support group. Give yourself another chance. Give other people another chance. Ask God for His direction as you launch into a new year. "His mer-cies are new every morning" (Lamentations 3:23) and He is the God of second chances. Try again!

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



Another cold spell in the winter of 1873

Recently Olive Blevins sent an email with a little about Michael's Market, which I mentioned a few weeks ago. She said, "If I am not mistaken, the Michael in Michael's Market was Michael Pappas. Before it was Michael's, it was Foodarama owned by a Mr. A check of Natalie Coolidge's Killingly Business Encyclopedia added the following about Michael's Market: "Brothers Michael and George Pappas bought a Big Dollar Store in August 1980 which was their third store to be a market. The store burned in April 1981. Brother Carl Pappas became part owner and the store was rebuilt and opened for business again in April 1984. The 22,000 sq. ft. store is more than twice the size of the old one. The supermarket will be open 7 days a week with Carl Pappas as manager." Bernie Mitchell commented that the first Michael's Market was located in Canterbury at the corner of Routes 14 and 169. The building is still standing. Does anyone know were the third Michael's Market was located? If so, please email me or contact the Killingly Historical Center.

The earliest entry in the Business Encyclopedia for Big Dollar was from the September 9, 1971 Windham County Transcript. Society President Doug Flannery said that he worked there when he was in high school.

Olive Blivens also reminisced about Mickey's. "I remember Mickey's very well. I lived on Mechanic Street in the 1960's. Mickey was such a kind, pleasant man. Every child could count on a slice of white American cheese from Mickey!" (email 12/7/17).

Carleen Sabourin called the Killingly Historical Center and left a message in regards to R. B. Greene's Transportation (Richard B.) on Maple Street. Entries for the business occur in the Killingly Business Encyclopedia from 1957 through 1998. Do any of you recall when he operated a gas station on Maple Street? According to memories of Edmond A. LaFantasie in the Business Encyclopedia this would have been about 1954-56. (Carleen, your number was missing from your call so please call the Center again and leave it. Thank you).

Our stretch of bitter cold weather made me turn to my Villager archives since I knew that I've mentioned other cold spells. Since my readership varies, I think some will bear repeating. Perhaps you'll remember some especially cold December and January day. The following was from a January 2014 column.

"The following are extracts from the January 15, 1970 Windham County Transcript. I'm sure many of you recall this tragedy. "Over 100 Firemen Battle Blaze; Police Save Several Lives. Spontaneous action and deeds of heroism prevented a disaster from becoming a tragedy in the early morning hours of Friday, January 9, when the Keystone building on Main Street was destroyed by fire, leaving twelve persons homeless and several business establishments wiped out... Destroyed in the blaze were two ground-floor businesses, Buddy's Tavern owned by Robert Streich and Ye Old Washboard self-service laundry, owned by Joseph Shiman of Canterbury." Also damaged in the fire was Bargain Supply Company, Harold Blumenthal proprietor. "Pete's Lunch, located in the building adjacent



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to the destroyed structure and an apartment above suffered broken windows and some water damage." "The near-zero temperatures turned the water streaming from the fire hoses into ice almost as soon as it hit the air and a heavy coat of ice built up in the street, on buildings and firefighting apparatus and even the firefighters themselves." For a photo of the fire-ravaged block see Images of America Killingly Revisited by Natalie L. Coolidge, p. 54. "Harold Blumenthal was able to salvage a portion of his stock and made plans to reopen his business in the former S & S Electronics Store at the opposite end of Main Street, opposite the Town Hall.'

"Did you pick up on the reference to the bitter cold in the article about the Keystone block fire? That brought to mind what Claire and Ted Sabourin had told me about the day they were married — January 15, 1955. It was 18 below, and that evening it also snowed (several conversations; latest 1/3/14)

latest 1/3/14).

"Next day---Well I'm shivering in my shoes with this morning's sub-zero temperatures (January 4, 2014). Marilyn Labbe said that it was 5 below at her house in Moosup and radio in Putnam reported 6 below at 7 a.m. Brrr! Of course that's warm compared to the 20 below that my sister-in-law had

in Concord, N.H.

"When the weather turns cold, I periodically like to refer back to The Diaries of Dr. Hill 1851-1896, edited by Marcella Pasay, since I remember seeing numerous weather entries including some about frigid stretches. One such period apparently gripped the region the end of 1872 and the beginning of 1873. "Sunday, December

29. Pleasant but not so cold as it has been for ten days past. The mercury has been at zero most of the time and but little above and has been as low as -6 degrees. Good sleighing. Then on January 17, 1873 there was hard rain. Late January brought more cold weather---Friday, January 31st: "Pleasant all day. Cold. Mercury -20 degrees at 4 a.m. The coldest night since January 17, 1837. Milder tonight. Mercury +12 degrees with hazy atmosphere." Hopefully we'll see nothing like that! I cannot imagine thinking that a day with 20 below temperatures was a pleasant one!

I also remember cold winters during the late 1970's or 1980's. When my children were young, we would drive Pennsylvania between Christmas and New Year's to visit with both families. One year the temperatures were bitter cold with highs in the single digits and below zero temperatures at night. I think that was the year we spent one night then turned around and came home because we were worried about the pipes freezing. My brother-in-law ended up dropping a light bulb down in the pump house at my in-laws to help keep the pump from freezing. (Those were the days when light bulbs gave off a little heat).

I'm sure many of you also have memories of cold winters from days gone by. Please take time to share them. We have no list of them at the Killingly Historical Center.

I've mentally begun compiling a list of topics for future Villager articles. If you have memories you'd care to share or topics you're interested in, please let me know by emailing me or by contacting the Killingly Historical Center.

Winter Weather Closings: In the case of inclement weather, check to see if the Killingly Historical Center is closed.

Volunteers wanted: Are you an accurate typist? Would you like to hone some office skills? If so, the Killingly Historical Center could be the perfect fit for you. Any help would be appreciated. To volunteer, please call the Killingly Historical Center at (860) 779-7250, email Director Elaine Tenis at Elaine@killinglyhistorical.org. or stop in at the Center.

Margaret M. Weaver Killingly Municipal Historian, January 2018. Special thanks to Doug Flannery, Bernie Mitchell, Olive Blevins, Carleen Sabourin, and Ted Sabourin for information used in this column. For additional information email me at margaretmweaver@gmail.com or visit the Killingly Historical Center Wed. or Sat. 10-4 or www.killinglyhistorical.org. or call (860) 779-7250. Like us at Facebook at www.facebook. com/killinglyhistoricalsociety. Mail for the Killingly Historical & Genealogical Society, Inc. or the Killingly Historical Center should be sent to P.O. Box 265, Danielson, Connecticut 06329.

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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Gordon lauds his P&Z commission

To the editor:

As 2017 winds to a close and 2018 is ready to start, this is a good to time to reflect upon things done and things to be done. During the past year, Woodstock's Planning & Zoning Commission was very busy. For the year ahead, it expects to remain likewise busy.

The Commission remains focused on its policy-making responsibility of keeping the town's zoning and subdivision regulations in good working order so that appropriate and wise guidance of land development occurs throughout Woodstock. During the past year, the Commission has continued to make good adjustments to the regulations. Some of the changes have been small and some have been big, but all of the changes have been meaningful. Effective, goal-oriented, easy to understand, and easy to use regulations benefit everyone. An example is not requiring expensive public hearings for small subdivision applications.

Currently, the Commission is moving forward with its stem to stern review of the subdivision regulations. In August, a Community Conversation was held and was well attended. The input and ideas brought to the Commission by members of the public helps the Commission do its work and to be responsive to community concerns.

The Commission remains focused on its administrative responsibility of using the regulations to review and to decide upon individual land use applications. The public and applicants alike know they will be treated fairly by the Commission and that the decisions rendered, whether people agree with them or not, are done objectively, following the "rule of law" in the form of constitutional rights, state statutes, and town ordinances. I am proud that the "law" of common sense is uppermost in the Commission's work.

The Commission remains focused on its economic development responsibilities. I am glad to see that Woodstock's Economic Development Commission is up and running and that the Woodstock Business Association is active. The regulations that the Commission has in place have real impacts upon our local business community, economy, and municipal tax base. The Commission continues to do what it can do to help current businesses prosper in Woodstock and new businesses to come to Woodstock. An example is streamlining the way various business permits are handled, such as combining several permits together when applied for at the same time, so as

to save people money.

The Commission remains focused on helping the agricultural community. Woodstock is a "farm friendly" community and the Commission has been and continues to be a part of this effort.

The Commission remains ever mindful of the balance between community interests and individual landowner rights. It is challenging work. It is hard work. It is important work. The Commission (Joseph Adiletta, E. John Anastasi, Syd Blodgett, Gail Dickinson, Dorothy Durst, Kenneth Ebbett, Duane Frederick, Jeffrey Gordon, David Morse, Doug Porter, Frederick Rich, and Dexter Young) works well together because we remain committed to doing what is best for each citizen and property owner in Woodstock, and for the Woodstock community as a whole. We remain mindful of the rural and agricultural character of our town. We remain cognizant of the need for appropriate economic development and sustainability. We remain aware of the special quality of life Woodstock's setting provides. We remain fiscally prudent in the use of taxpayer money.

I am fond of saying, "it is not just what one does that matters, it is also how one does it that matters". On both accounts, the Commission is a good example of how municipal government works for people by working with people.

At its Dec. 21 meeting, the Commission re-elected the following people to Commission positions: Jeffrey Gordon (Chair), Fred Rich (Vice-Chair), Dorothy Durst (Secretary), and Jeffrey Gordon (Subcommittee Chair).

Commission meetings are held at 7:30 p.m. on the third Thursday of each month and Regulation Review subcommittee meetings are held at 7:30 p.m. on the first Thursday of each month, in Woodstock Town Hall. Any changes in meeting schedules are posted at the town's website and available at Town Hall. Members of the public are welcome to attend. If you wish to correspond with the Commission – which is always appreciated – then please do so via the Town Planner/Zoning Enforcement Officer's office. Contact information is on the town's website.

On behalf of Woodstock's Planning & Zoning Commission, I wish your families and you all the best this holiday and New Year season.

Jeffrey A. Gordon Chair, Woodstock Planning & Zoning Commission Woodstock

Woodstock Republican Town Chairman thanks Munroe

To the Editor:

When I think of volunteers I think of time and values. In our lives, one thing we cannot create, accumulate, acquire, buy or even borrow is time. We have a limited amount of time for sleep, work, family and our own interests. Therefore, an individual's time is a very precious commodity.

When an individual commits themselves to volunteer on a consistent basis they have chosen to give up their own time to support a community to benefit others. This brings meto values. Some of the strongest values, service and sacrifice are shown when one places the needs of another above their own. The true volunteer chooses to give up their personal time and energy and expend it to help others.

expend it to neip others. Here in Woodstock, Ed Munroe has served 13 years as our coordinator of Emergency Management. His commitment and support are greatly appreciated. Power outage coordination of services, flood damage control and blizzard relief are just a small sampling of the emergencies when Ed selflessly gave of his time for the safety of all our residents.

Today is a day to remind all of you just how much his work is appreciated. It is my pleasure, on behalf of the Woodstock Republican Town Committee, to formally express our gratitude to Ed and to give special recognition to an individual who inspires those around him.

WITH GRATITUDE, JUDY WALBERG, CHAIRMAN, WOODSTOCK REPUBLICAN TOWN COMMITTEE WOODSTOCK

Financial planning: helping you see the big picture

Do you picture yourself owning a new home, starting a business, or retiring comfortably? These are a few of the financial goals that may be important to you, and each comes with a price tag attached.

That's where financial planning comes in. Financial planning is a process that can help you tar-

get your goals by evaluating your whole financial picture, then outlining strategies that are tailored to your individual needs and available resources.

Why is financial planning important?

A comprehensive financial plan serves as a framework for organizing the pieces of your financial picture. With a financial plan in place, you'll be better able to focus on your goals and understand what it will take to reach them.

One of the main benefits of having a financial plan is that it can help you balance competing financial priorities. A financial plan will clearly show you how your financial goals are related-for example, how saving for your children's college education might impact your ability to save for retirement. Then you can use the information you've gleaned to decide how to prioritize your goals, implement specific strategies, and choose suitable products or services. Best of all, you'll know that your financial life is headed in the right direction.

The financial planning process

Creating and implementing a comprehensive financial plan generally involves working with financial professionals to outline specific goals. Financial Professionals will be able to help you develop a clear picture of your situation by reviewing your income, assets, liabilities, insurance coverage, investment portfolio, tax exposure, and estate planning. Considering all the following they may help you establish priorities and goals actively working to achieve them.

It is key in the process to implement specific strategies that address the weaknesses you face and also to build on the strengths you may have. It is a process, therefore, financial professionals will continuously monitor and adjust your plans by amending goals and time frames to help you achieve the plan when circumstances change.

Some members of the team

The financial planning process can involve a number of professionals. Financial planners typically play a central role in the process, focusing on your overall financial plan, and often coordinating the activities of other professionals who have expertise in specific areas. Accountants or tax attorneys provide advice on federal and state tax issues. Estate planning attorneys help you plan your estate and give advice on transferring and managing your assets before and after your death. Sometimes insurance professional will provide recommendations on needs and appropriate products and strategies.

The most important member of the team, however, is you. Your needs and objectives drive the team, and once you've carefully considered any recommendations, all decisions lie in your hands.

Why can't I do it myself?

You can, if you have enough time and knowledge, but developing a comprehensive financial plan may require expertise in several areas. A financial professional can give you objective information and help you weigh your alternatives, saving you time and ensuring that all angles of your

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Schapp is DKH Employee of the Month

DANIELSON — Stephanie Schapp, medical assistant for Day Kimball Medical Group's family medicine practice in Danielson, has been named employee of the month for November by Day Kimball Healthcare.

Schapp began her career at DKH in 2014 and has been a medical assistant for the last eight years. She is responsible for assisting the physician with patient chart prep, communicating with patients, in-house clinical testing, providing patient care, and working as a team player in the primary care setting for a smooth patient flow.

Stephanie is very deserving of this award. She is extremely empathetic with her patients; she cares deeply for them and is committed to their care. Stephanie is a team player who is always willing to jump in and help when needed. She is a valuable resource to our practice and to the community we care for," said Schapp's supervisor, Tamara Grundwalski, office

'What I love most about my job first and foremost is caring for the patients and helping those who are sick and in need. I enjoy making even the smallest difference in patients' lives, as well as growing great relationships with my patients and co-workers," Schapp said.
"I am both excited and honored to have been chosen as employee of the month, and a little shocked. I want to acknowledge my loving and supportive husband, David, my 10 year old son, Tyler, and 9 year old step daughter, Hailey. My mom and dad Linda and Larry Pisko, grandmother, Gloria Bombanti, and my deceased grandfather, James Bombanti, have always been my

rock and pushed me to become the person I am.

Schapp was born at Day Kimball Hospital and currently resides in Danielson. She earned her certificate in medical assisting from Lincoln Technical Institute in New Britain. Schapp plans to return to school to pursue a career in social work as a mental health counselor, and is due to begin advocacy training for domestic violence with FAVOR, a Connecticut statewide nonprofit organization that is committed to empowering families as advocates and partners in improving educational and health outcomes for children.

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Back row, from left, Joseph Adiletta, Anne Diamond, Matthew Roy, with Stephanie Schapp, front.





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Kerri Sauer

DAYVILLE — Westview Health Care Center recently announced that Kerri Sauer, APRN-BC, WCC has returned to the facility in a full time capacity as an Advanced Practice Registered Nurse. Although Sauer has been part of the Westview Health Care Center team in different capacities since she graduated nursing school in 1998, up until recently she has remained on staff as per diem Wound Care Specialist while she

Sauer heads up APRN at Westview

continued to further her professional interests and medical accreditations.

Within the last 20 years of her career, Sauer has earned numerous degrees including: Bachelor's Degree in Public Health from Southern Connecticut State University in New Haven, a Nursing Degree from Becker College in Worcester, Massachusetts and a Masters of Science in Nursing at the University of Phoenix. She is a board certified Nurse Practitioner through the American Academy of Nurse Practitioners and received a post-graduate certificate in Adult and Geriatric Health from the University of Massachusetts-Boston. Aside from also being certified in Wound Care through the Wound Care Education Institute, she is a member of the Sigma Theta Tau International Nursing Honor Society and the National Nursing Honor Society. Her new role and duties at Westview will be integral to the continuing quality of care that Westview's reputation is built upon. Working collaboratively with the facility's Medical Director, Dr. Joseph Botta and local physicians, Kerri's expertise will help provide the best suitable outcomes for the patients and residents entrusted in the care of Westview. With advanced practice experiences in

primary care, internal medicine and orthopedics, she's able to offer an array of assessments, treatment modalities and referrals within the community.

'I most enjoy the camaraderie and mutual support of Westview staff and administration," said Sauer. "I find the home-like feeling of the facility to be very therapeutic and I'm looking forward to supplementing the Westview team with all that my prior experience, training and education has to offer.

Sauer is a lifelong member of the northeast community. When not working Sauer enjoys golfing and spending precious time with her family and friends and continuing her professional education.

"We are all truly excited that Kerri has returned home to Westview on a full time basis to implement and oversee our Advanced Practice Registered Nurse program. Having her level of expertise available to our professional nursing team, therapists and medical staff is invaluable to our patients' and residents' best outcomes. Kerri also happens to be a perfect fit in the Westview World of dedicated and hardworking professionals," said Westview administrator David T. Panteleakos.

Employees donate to The Arc Quinebaug Valley

PUTNAM — Robert Smith of the Frontier Communications team presented a check on Dec. 15 in the amount of \$680, on behalf of Frontier Communications employees, to Crystal Simonson, community outreach coordinator of The Arc Quinebaug Valley.

"Words cannot begin to express how thankful The Arc is for the employees of Frontier Communications, as their continued donations truly make a difference at our agency." Said Simonson.

This gift will help to enhance services provided by The Arc. The Arc provides programs for individuals with intellectual, developmental and other life-affecting disabilities. Vocational, residential, recreation, education, day and retirement services offer opportunities for people with disabilities to reach their goals and be integral members of their community.

Community members and local businesses prove to be our biggest supporters, and with their help, we are able to remain a successful agency and provide the very best for the individuals we support." said Susan Desrosiers, executive director of The Arc Quinebaug Valley.

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Robert Smith presents a donation to Crystal Simonson



Courtney condemns tax bill as historic mistake

WASHINGTON, D.C. — Congressman Joe Courtney (Conn.—2nd district) made the following statement after voting against the final version of the Republican tax overhaul that was passed in the House of Representatives by a vote 227-203 on Dec.

"This afternoon, Congress made a historic mistake in passing a seriously lopsided tax overhaul the will almost entirely benefit wealthy Americans and corporations at the expense of middle-class and working families," said Courtney. "This bill will exacerbate our national deficit and sets up the rationale that Republicans will use to launch their long-anticipated attacks against Social Security and Medicare, which Speaker Paul Ryan has already brazenly promised to do. It is also a sneak-attack on the Affordable Care Act that will result in 13 million Americans losing insurance, and will cause health care costs to rise for millions more through the repeal of the individual mandate.

This bill was the quintessential backroom deal. It was rushed through Congress in record time without a single public hearing and with no testimony from outside experts about how it will affect our economy and our future. I believe that the more Americans come to learn about what was contained in this bill, the more they will come to understand the extent of the harm it will do to our nation.'

The original tax legislation was introduced in Congress only 48 days ago and has gone through extensive re-drafting behind closed doors during that time. The current version of the bill that was passed today was only released to members of Congress and the public on Friday evening, Dec. 15, less than five days ago.

The vast majority of the provisions in the bill that provide some limited benefit to the middle-class families will expire in 2025, while tax cuts for corporations will be made permanent.'



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financial picture are covered.

Financial professionals act as a fiduciary relationship. This means a hired professional that is responsible for a service to you will act in the best interest of you with thinking similar to, "If I were my client, what would be best for myself in this given situation?"

Staying on track

The financial planning process doesn't end once your initial plan has been created. Your plan should generally be reviewed at least once a year to make sure that it's up-to-date. It's also possible that you'll need to modify your plan due to changes in your personal circumstances or the economy.

Some events that may result in a necessary review of your plan are things like the birth of a child, marriage, illness, or job loss. Specific events that prompt an immediate financial need like drafting a will or managing a distribution from a retirement account. Also, if your goals or time horizons have changed, you may need to re-align your financial picture.

Other forces such as the economy and the performance of your portfolio

will impact your plan. Common questions about financial

planning

What if I'm too busy?

Don't wait until you're in the midst of a financial crisis before beginning the planning process. The sooner you

start, the more options you may have. Is the financial planning process complicated?

Each financial plan is tailored to the needs of the individual, so how complicated the process will be depends on your individual circumstances. But no matter what type of help you need, a financial professional will work hard to make the process as easy as possible, and will gladly answer all of your questions.

What if my spouse and I disagree?

A financial professional is trained to listen to your concerns, identify any underlying issues, and help you find common ground.

Can I still control my own finances? Financial planning professionals make recommendations, not decisions. You retain control over your finances. Recommendations will be based on your needs, values, goals, and time frames. You decide which recommendations to follow, then work with a financial professional to implement them.

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Day Kimball Healthcare's Tree of Life raises over \$31,000



The first Hospice Tree of Life ceremony in Eastford, hosted by Pastor Mike Moran and the Eastford Congregational Church on Dec. 3, with Nancy and Russ Mayhew lighting the tree on behalf of all hospice

PUTNAM — Day Kimball Healthcare's 28th annual Tree of Life Ceremony, held on Dec. 3 at 11 locations across northeast Connecticut, raised more than \$31,000 to support hospice and palliative care services in the region according to the Day Kimball Healthcare Development Office, with some donations still coming in.

"It was such a beautiful event, as it always is, at all eleven sites across the region," said DKH Development Director Kristen Willis. "We had a very nice turnout, including in the town of Eastford, which hosted its first Tree of Life this year. This event is just such a special tradition for so many families in Northeast Connecticut. It's an opportunity to not only honor and remember loved ones who have passed during the holiday season, but to support the providing of hospice and palliative care for other individuals and families who are in need today.

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

Ceremonies were held in the towns of Brooklyn, Canterbury, Eastford, Killingly, Griswold,

Plainfield, Pomfret, Putnam, Sterling, Thompson and Woodstock. Activities at each location included holiday-themed musical entertainment by local chorus groups and the sharing of personal stories about the impact of hospice and palliative care on the lives of those served, culminating with the lighting of the ceremonial Tree of Life. More information about the event can be found at www.daykimball.org/TreeOfLife.



Attendees at the Tree of Life ceremony held at Roseland Cottage in Woodstock admire the tree after it is lit on Dec. 3.

Putnam Library adds video magnifier for vision-challenged

PUTNAM — The Putnam Public Library recently added a new station featuring a video magnifier called Acrobat VGA that is available for use for those who have a hard time reading regular-sized print. The Acrobat is designed to enlarge and enhance images to improve the lives of people who have low vision. The unique design of this product provides the ultimate in flexibility and offers a large range of magnification with multiple viewing options that make reading easier than ever. Seven color select options are available for increased contrast. Depending on the user's eye condition, certain text and background color combinations allow for ease of reading. One of the color select options is black and white, which will convert anything you

are viewing to a black and white image for increased contrast.

The purchase of this product was made possible by the Putnam Lions Club, which donated funds to the Putnam Public Library to use for services that would improve the lives of people with low vision. Part of the Lions Club mission includes sight programs aimed at preventable blindness and assisting people who have vision challenges. Helen Keller attended the Lions Clubs International Convention in 1925 and challenged the Lions to become "knights of the blind in the crusade against darkness." The Lions accepted her challenge and went on to make vision one of their defining caus-

es. The Lions raise money to support

recreational camps for vision impaired

children, vision screenings, guide dog training, as well as recycling glasses.

The video magnifier is easy to use, and help is available from the library staff. The library is open Monday through Thursday from 10 a.m. to 8 p.m., Friday from 10 a.m.to 5 p.m., and Saturday from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. For further information, call the library (860) 963-6826 if you have any questions about this service.

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Putnam Public Library has added a video magnifier station.





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DONATION

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Food pantries are usually a common choice during Thanksgiving, but Ide said many food pantries are "forgotten" during the rest of the year. But the food pantry is open year-round, he said, and it's important for the fire department to help them.

The \$10,300 is more than the fire station has ever collected in the past. And it really took the whole station to make it happen. This included the "Dancing Fireman," a viral video of one of their firefighters, Bubba, who "dances pretty smooth for a big guy," who was filmed dancing in the street while collecting money.

"My firefighters went above and beyond," said a proud Ide. "I was away at a Marine Corps graduation for one of our members. The station took the baton and did it. Nine to four in the afternoon. Put in a full day."

And the generosity of the community also touched Ide. They got some \$100 bills.

Some \$20s. But any little bit helps. Anything can make a difference. "People were giving us the

change out of their ash trays," said Ide. "We got a set of earrings. A couple nails. A trinket. They gave everything they had, even if it wasn't much. But it added up to a lot of money.' "I'm always feeling very

blessed about this community," Cyr said. "They really care. They really care about others." Olivia Richman may be

112 or by e-mail at olivia@stonebridgepress.com Members of the Dayville Fire

Company, who spent an entire day trying to raise money for the Friends of Assisi, posed with the food pantry volunteers.



DURAND

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How did this all start?

"My dad was machinist. I worked in a machine shop. A friend of mine asked me to do some things for his wedding, centerpieces. He wanted some simple figurines for the tables. Each figure would represent different cultures. Like a couple stomping on glass... And one odd-ball one I wanted to do. I picked aliens, some alien culture. We made up a fictional story about it. I still have it at the house."

You are a machinist yourself and very familiar with metal. What do you like about working with it?

"I like the feel of it. It's heavy. It's solid, but..."

You can really make it into anything you

"Exactly. I like to give things a personality. I like taking these materials these blank materials and giving it a personality. The faces of things I do is the hardest part. That's where they have the most character. So it takes me the longest. Things will sit there for months. And I'll go back to it. It's just neat to take solid junk objects and make them into something personality."

that's So the hardest part for you. Seeing what faces and personalities come to you naturally. What fits the sculptures most.

"I've seen a lot of artists do similar things. Lawn animals, birds... You can tell it's a living thing. But they don't look like they're alive.'

You're just offering a more exciting take on sculptures.

"Yeah. I'm not knocking other artists for their style. But people 'That will say to me,



A wine rack and bottle open-



lamp looks like it can step off the base.' That's a big compliment. It lets me know I accomplished what I was trying to do."

Where do you get the materials?

"At where I work, their scrap bins. I collect things from yard sales, flea markets . . . There's a lamp I got from bulky waste, salvage... And they're beautiful lamps. I like working with lamps, clocks...

Why lamps? Why clocks?

"If I'm going to buy something, I like it to be more than aesthetic. I like to have something that is functional as well. If you're going to spend a few hundred dollars on art, it's neat if you can turn it on. Or if it's a wine rack. If I see an old fuse box, I think, 'That's a good size for a table lamp.' I'll think of how tall or big it should be. And I work from there. The face is the last thing."

Tell me about one of your pieces and what inspired it.

"The lamp in Silver Circle with a cigar in its mouth. It reminds me of my father. He smoked cigars all his life. But the eves . . . When I made the face, I thought, 'It looks like my dad.' It was odd. It initially didn't have the cigar. But my own sister said, 'It looks like dad,' without me telling her. So I added that extra element for character. My dad was missing a finger, so some of them only have four fingers. It's something some people wouldn't notice. A lot of my artwork has a lot of secret touches like that."

How do you feel when other people are interested in your pieces?

"It's a great feeling. It's an odd feeling. I don't think of myself as an artist. I was doing it for myself. But people were coming to me and saying it's neat, which progressed it a little bit. People told me I should start selling it. I don't like to do custom things for people. If I make something, I want it to come from me."

speak to you.

That's exactly it. Years ago I had some robots in the gallery. I had a robot TRUCKING with long legs. It was a night light. And it had from sneakers on. It sat there for months and months. Suddenly, someone said they would buy it if it didn't have shoes. People are quirky like that. That's when I said to myself, 'I don't want to alter my work."

Right. You created a piece intentionally. with inspiration behind it. They work, they're functional. But it's artwork. When you're not creating sculptures, what are you busy with?

"I'm a machinist. And I have three children three to seventeen. I have a daughter in preschool and a son looking at colleges. It's crazy. But my littlest one has a robot in the window sill at Silver Circle. We weld together all the time. Hopefully she grows up to use that skill.

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FRITZ

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nicate with people on a larger scale. My career really took off after that. I had never picked up a paint brush before."

What he loved about painting was the clarity. The boldness. Using a variety of textures is also something Fritz became known for. It's become a trademark of his and can be seen throughout New York City on buildings and in restau-

"What I like about it is that if someone is looking at my work, their first instinct is to reach out and touch it," he said. "Right then and there, I captured their attention. Then they'll look deeper into what message I'm trying to express. Fortunately, my paintings communicate with people. And remind them of their own personal life. I really feel fortunate and lucky as an artist on that end."

And his art continues to make an impact in Putnam.

Continuing on similar work he did in New York City, Fritz currently works at United Services in the autism center, bringing art to the program members.

"I believe that clients with autism have a special gift in art," said Fritz. "It doesn't have to be visual art. It could be cooking. Or music. I feel I can communicate with them and find their niche, whether it's painting or collages."

For Fritz, art is his life.

His work includes art. His entire apartment has been transformed into a studio, a gallery, the walls lined with pieces he created throughout his career. And he wants to continue to bring his work to the Quiet Corner community.

"I don't know what I'd do without my art," he said. "It really sorts things out for me. And I want everyone to have my art. It brings joy to me that people You want the work to see my work and it means something to them. I just want to share my work with everyone here."



Jonathan Fritz gives a tour of the meaningful and inspirational pieces of artwork he has in his studio.



Jonathan Fritz work has been featured all over New York City, including murals and at restaurants and fundraising events. His studio is full of unique pieces he's created throughout his

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continued from page A1 Longmeadow

Automotive. "During the past year

we have been struggling after the untimely death of our beloved food truck," said TEEG Executive Director Ann Miller. "We have lost the capacity to receive food from some of our donors as they need to have a truck they can load with pallets. We have also struggled with sharing food out to our partner pantries, such as Daily Bread."

Back in 2013, Rich and Karyn DiBonaventura of Longmeadow Automotive in Pomfret, had donated a van to TEEG that transported over 400,000 pounds of food during its lifetime. It was also used for TEEG's summer lunch program, delivering over 4,000 meals.

When we found out it was on its last leg I had the idea to do another food drive," said Karyn DiBonaventura. "We did it back in 2015. We also took the van and scrapped it, turning it into cash. That gave me the idea of collecting our scrap here and turning it back into food for the food pantry locally."

TEEG had set aside \$5,000 themselves. But \$15,000 was needed for a small box truck. With help from Longmeadow and Mike Roy, the VP-CRA Officer of bank-Hometown, TEEG is almost at their \$15,000 goal.

They are hoping to have the new truck by March or April.

"We've been verv blessed in the business we have," said "The DiBonaventura. support we get through

customers, family, friends . . . when we see the community in need. . . plus I'm a foodie. I love to cook and stuff. You hate to think about someone going hungry."

According to Rich DiBonaventura, their need to give back to various community organizations started at the Deary Road Race one year. They were raising money for cancer. It opened their eyes to other needs in the area and put them in circles for people who do philanthropic things like fundraising.

It was something they wanted to be a part of themselves.

TEEG's plea for a new truck has touched more than just Longmeadow. Other local businesses have also seen the importance in replacing the van, bankHometown presented TEEG with a \$5,000 pledge towards the purchase of a new truck, matching TEEG's \$5,000.

"We're a community

bank and make local decisions," said Roy. "It was a need that TEEG identified. We like the fact that it not only helped TEEG in their mission, but also benefited other local food banks.'

It's a story that Miller is very excited about.

"This is very cool on many levels, and essentially it goes back to our first van that was purchased by the community," she said. "Longmeadow were the initial contributors to that campaign and it served us well for many years. When the van was no longer road-worthy, they recycled it and started the metal recycle giveback that will fund our new food truck. It's really come full circle."

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bankHometown donated \$5,000 to TEEG, towards the purchase of a new food truck.



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The story of Thompson's Line House Tavern

BY LINDA K. BRANIFF FOR THE VILLAGER

THOMPSON — In 1865, Charles Hammond Whitney was a shoemaker living in Webster, Mass., with his wife and children. For reasons unbeknowst to anyone now living, Charles Whitney decided he would buy a piece of land.

It was a quirky little four-acre lot: It sat in both Thompson and Dudley, Mass. It was located at the junction of Dudley's New Boston Road (next to Walter Upham's land and the Boston, Hartford and Erie Railroad lines) and a Connecticut road off the old Thompson Turnpike (Route 131) that led to Webster, now called Line House Road. There were no buildings on it when sisters Relief (Rawson) Cummins and Emeline (Rawson)Thayer sold the land to Charles in March 1870 for \$100.

By June 1870, the federal census said that Whitney was a saloon keeper.

Perhaps for legal reasons, in May 1872, he sold the property, now "with buildings thereon," to a farmer named Hilton Hudson for \$500. Hudson then sold the same property back to Lydia A. Whitney, Charles' wife, one year later (perhaps with a new, larger building on it) for a price of \$3,000 — quite a markup. Lydia took out a 7 percent, \$5,000 mortgage to pay Hudson, keeping \$2,000. The new deed specified it was now Mrs. Whitney's property, "alone and in her own right, to be held without interference or control from her husband."

With rooms for travelers on one side and a taproom on the other, the Line House was in business.

In the 1870s, selling liquor was a risky business. The temperance movement was in full swing, and saloon keepers were not the most popular people in town. One side of the Line House taproom sat in Dudley. The other side sat in Thompson. Public drunkenness had become a large issue and on April 12, 1873 it was voted to prohibit the sale of liquor and close any houses of prostitution in Thompson.

Joseph S. Perry was voted liquor agent and given \$25,000 to enforce this law. The liquor sellers and saloon keepers were furious and all sorts of violence erupted, including the burning of temperance supporters' barns and even the burning of a judge's barn. Tradition has it that the Line House

at one time in its early history had a bar on wheels. If it was illegal to sell in booze in Thompson, roll the bar across the room to Dudley. Whitney was constantly standing before a judge for breaking the "no liquor" law in Thompson.

Cases involving "demon rum" were very common before Connecticut Justice Oscar Tourtellotte. In February 1874, Charles Whitney had no less than ten indictments against him, with just as many \$100 bonds.

The Webster Times newspaper daid of Whitney "he was well known to be one of the vilest rot-gut sellers in Windham County."

In March 1874, Charles H. Whitney was again before Justice Tourtellotte charged with keeping an open house for the sale of intoxicating liquors on the Lord's day. He was fined \$40 and costs, which he paid. Three more cases against him for selling liquor were annulled by the Grand Jury, with Whitney agreeing to pay court costs and agreeing to leave Connecticut. (Leaving Connecticut seems rather comical here since it merely involved walking across the barroom.)

Charles H. Whitney died in 1878 at age 40 of biliary colic, leaving his wife and four children, as well as a remainder of the \$5,000 unpaid mortgage on the tavern. Lydia lived the rest of her life in New Boston and died in 1894. She had sold the Line House in 1882 to Amadie Lamothe of Webster for \$4,000; he also paid off the remaining mortgage. Amadie's brother, Napolean, next owned the tavern in 1907. He was a Webster liquor dealer.

In 1910, the Line House was sold to a former weaver from Webster, Emil Bonat, a 33-year-old German, who in 1910 said he was a clerk in a saloon. It was known as the Line Hotel in 1912. Bonat advertised it as a place catering to automobile and sleighing parties or picnics, with meals served at all hours. The Bonats had suffered the tragedy of losing four of their five young children to cholera and scarlet fever previous to this, and their ill fortune continued when they lost the Line Hotel to a repossession in December 1913.

After passing through several more hands, the building was sold to Mary McCraney and husband, Roy, in 1923.

In the midst of Prohibition, in January 1924, after an early morn-



The Line House in 1981.

At right: The sign for the Bonat family's Line Hotel EMIL BONAT, Proprietor

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ing police raid at the Line House, Roy McCraney was arrested by officers of Massachusetts and Connecticut police and fined \$100 on two counts of keeping liquor with intent to sell. An additional \$50 fine was imposed for maintaining a disorderly house and a 22-year-old young woman from Worcester was arrested for vagrancy. The 1 a.m. raid involved police from Danielson, Oxford, Petersham, Brookfield, and Webster. During the raid, carloads of people from Worcester continued to pull into the Line House looking for hooch. No arrests occurred and they were sent on their way.

The Line House continued on well into the 1990s. In 1981, it was included in an historical survey of Dudley.

Described as having few of its original features left and being covered with asbestos shingles, it still had an eyebrow window with a fanlight on the edge of the roof, an unusual adornment for the Dudley area. Two projecting door hoods (once enclosed) also were noted on the front, presumably one door for the hotel and one for the taproom. The historical assessment was that, as at the beginning of the 20th century, it was still a rowdy road-house and tayern.

The Line House is no longer in business. It still stands, but in 2017 it is a large private three-family residence covered in modern siding with four modern dormers on the roof.

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Christmastime celebrated at Westview

DAYVILLE — The month of December was a perpetual celebration of all things Christmas for the patients and residents of Westview Health Care Center. Beginning with a holiday craft bazaar on the 1st of December, the days that followed were coordinated by the facility's Recreation Department to celebrate the splendor of Christmastime in fun and imaginative ways. Residents and patients partook in card making, cookie decorating, jewelry making and games such as Christmas Jeopardy and Holiday Trivia. Numerous carolers visited the facility including members of the Danielson Elks, TMHS Modern Music Ensemble, Putnam Science Academy students, Woodstock Academy's Tri-M Music Honor Society, Boy Scout Troop 27, as well as carolers from Crossway Church and Creation Church. The month-filled festive activities culminated in joyous celebration on Friday, December 22, 2017 with the arrival of Santa and Mrs. Claus who helped dispense gifts to the residents and patients of Westview during their annual Christmas Party held in the facility's Formal Dining Room.

"Our Recreation Department, under the direction of Louise Taylor, has been coordinating a myriad of activities and events during this joyous holiday season," said David T. Panteleakos, Westview administrator. "Not only do they make it look a lot like Christmas throughout the halls and rooms, but more importantly they made it feel like Christmas during the weeks leading up to Christmas day."

Courtesy photo

Charlotte Capone and Santa



Police Logs

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

TROOP D

KILLINGLY Friday, Dec. 15

Mary Elizabeth Andrews, 19, of 24 Boys Avenue Apt. #A, Killingly, was charged with conspiracy to commit larceny, conspiracy to commit robbery, criminal attempt/tampering with or fabricating physical evidence

Tuesday, Dec. 18

Jairo Castillo, 34, of 1309 Hartford Pike, Killingly, was charged with a warrant (failure to appear)

DANIELSON Monday, Dec. 11

Jennifer Lynn Vargas, 35, of 43 Hubbard Hill Road Apt. #C, Danielson, was charged with criminal mischief and breach of peace

Thursday, Dec. 14

Matthew Bumpus, 20, of 41 Hawkins Street Apt. #H, Danielson, was charged with impairing the morals of children; child selling, illegal sexual contact with victim under 16, sexual assault and forcible fondling

Friday, Dec. 15

Margaret Tockzo, 20, of 17 Mechanic Street Apt. #C, Danielson, was charged with conspiracy to commit larceny, conspiracy to commit robbery, criminal attempt/tampering with or fabricating physical evidence, conspiracy to commit conspiracy

Saturday, Dec. 16

Devon Eckart Barnes, 36, of 539 Lhomme Street Ext, Danielson, was charged with operating under the influence of alcohol and failure to drive in proper lane (multiple lane highway)

Wednesday, Dec. 20 Rainel Christene Rozik. 38, of 2 Union Street Apt. B, Danielson, was charged with a warrant (failure to appear)

Alexis Sanchez, 39, of 35 Athol Street, Danielson, was charged with fugitive arrest without a warrant

William Dunn, 54, of 376 Valley Road, Danielson, was charged with disorderly conduct: fight/cause/capable of causing minor injury

Patricia McFarland, 51, of 7 Short Street Apt. #B, Danielson, was charged with disorderly conduct: fight/cause/capable of causing minor injury

Friday, Dec. 22

Jacalyn Whittemore, 56, of 41A Hawkins Street, Danielson, was charged with larceny

BROOKLYN Saturday, Dec. 16

Robert L. C. Olmstead, 72, of 60 Fortin Drive, Brooklyn, was charged with reckless endangerment.

WOODSTOCK Friday, Dec. 22

Tina L Boutilette, 47, of 1047 Route 198, woodstock, was charged with interfering with an officer and breach of peace

Thursday, Dec. 28 Christopher Cournoyer, 46, of 287 Route 169, Woodstock, was charged with criminal violation of a restraining order

THOMPSON

Monday, Dec. 17 Alfred Talbot, 57, of 687 Riverside Drive, N. Grosvenor, was charged with a warrant (failure to appear)

PUTNAM POLICE DEPARTMENT

Friday, Dec. 8

Dylan Leeder, 26, of 193 Cherry Hill Rd. Brooklyn, was charged with Operating Under Suspension.

William Moss, 48, of 75 Prospect St. Putnam, was charged with Failure to Obey Control Signal, Failure to Carry License.

Richard St. Louis, 40, of 206 Church St. Putnam, was charged with Failure to Illuminate License Plate.

Shawn Audet Jr., 20, of 70 Chapman St. Putnam, was charged with Operating Under Suspension.

Sunday, Dec. 10

Jonathan Robinson, 26, of 500 School St. Putnam, was charged wih Failure to Illuminate Plate, Failure to Carry Registration.

Richard Briere Jr., 50, of 240 County Line Rd. Thompson, was charged with Operating Turn, Following Too Close.

Vinal Morin, 41, of 577 Route 197 Woodstock, was charged with Tail Light Violation.

Kimberly Ash, 31, of 18 Marshall St. Apt.1 Putnam, was charged with Disorderly Conduct.

Matthew Baker, 34, of 18 Marshall St. Apt.1 Putnam, was charged with Disorderly Conduct.

Monday, Dec. 11

Brad Vargas, 38, of 1309 Hartford Pike Dayville, was charged with Breach of Peace, Assault Third.

Wednesday, Dec. 13

Ashleigh Lafortune, 35, of 10 Fabyan Rd. N. Grosvenordale, was charged with Insufficient Insurance.

Saturday, Dec. 16

Alicia Corriveau, 32, of 17 Maynard St. Apt.1 Putnam, was charged with Traveling Unreasonably Fast.

Qing Liu, 36, of 126 S. Main St. Putnam, Failure to Maintain Lane.

Harold Woton III, 46, of 38 Herindeen Landing Woodstock, was charged with Traveling the Wrong Way on a One Way, Failure to Carry Insurance Card.

Monday, Dec. 18

James Maresca, 26, of 396 Church St. Putnam, was charged with Failure to Pay

Michael Bartels, 35, of 31 Grey Fox Landing Woodstock, was charged with Operating without a License.

Brandon Ward, 18, of 91 Church St. Thompson, was charged with Failure to have Marker Plate Lit, Failure to Carry Registration, Misuse of Plates. Possession of Drug Paraphernalia

Tuesday, Dec. 19

Tyler Fafard, 26, of 250 Fox Rd. Putnam, was charged with Violation of Probation (two counts).

Jennifer Dyer, 37, 51 Putnam, Groveland Ave. was charged with Disorderly Conduct.

Saturday, Dec. 23

Putnam, was charged with Disorderly Conduct, Assault Third.

John Perry, 55, 11 Bolles St.

Sunday, Dec. 24

Scott Zadora, 53, of 36 Center St. Putnam, was charged with Unsafe Passing on the Right, Operating Under the Influence.

Tuesday, Dec. 26

Kenneth Lamontagne, 38, of 27 Battey St. Apt.C Putnam, was charged with Traveling Unreasonably Fast, Operating Under Suspension.

Saturday, Dec. 30

Keith Therrien, 34, 10 Fabyan Road, North Grosvenordale, was charged with Larceny second. Failure to Obtain a Building Permit, Notice in Sales Agreement, Notice of Cancellation.

Public Meetings

POMFRET

Tuesday, Jan. 9 EPDC, 8 a.m., Town Hall

Economic Planning & Develpment, 8 a.m., Pomfret Community/Senior Center

Recreation Commission, 7 p.m., Pomfret Community School

Library Board of Trustees, 7 p.m., Pomfret Public Library

Thursday, Jan. 11 Conservation Commission, 7 p.m., Pomfret Community Center

PUTNAM

Thursday, Jan. 11 Water Pollution Control Authority, 6:30 p.m., Town Hall

THOMPSON

Monday, Jan. 8 Board of Education, 7 p.m., Thompson

Middle School Media Center

Quinebaug Fire Department, 7 p.m., Quinebaug Fire Station

Zoning Board of Appeals, 7 p.m., Merrill Seney Community Room

Tuesday, Jan. 9 Housing Authority, 5:15 p.m., Housing Authority office

Inland Wetlands Commission, 7 p.m., Merrill Seney Community Room

Water Pollution Control Authority, 7 p.m., WPCA Treatment Plant

Wednesday, Jan. 10 Building Committee, 6 p.m., TMS Media Center

Tourtellotte Board of Trustees, 6 p.m., Merrill Seney Community Room

Friday, Jan. 12

Mill Sites Redevelopment Advisory Committee, 9 a.m., Merrill Seney Community Room

EASTFORD

Monday, Jan. 8 School Readiness Council, 6 p.m., Town

Board of Selectmen, 7 p.m., Town Hall Tuesday, Jan. 9

Planning Commission, 7 p.m., Town

Republican Town Committee Caucus, 7 p.m., Town Hall

Wednesday, Jan. 10

Democratic Town Committee Caucus, 7 p.m., Town Hall Democratic Town Committee, 7:30 p.m., Town Hall

Thursday, Jan. 11 Board of Education, 7 p.m., Town Hall

WOODSTOCK

Monday, Jan. 8 Agricultural Commission, 1 p.m., Town

p.m., Town Hall Economic Development Commission, 7

Woodstock Business Association, 6

p.m., Town Hall

IWWA, 7 p.m., Town Hall

Recreation Commission, 7 p.m., Town

Tuesday, Jan. 9 Board of Finance, 7 p.m., Town Hall

Conservation, 7 p.m., Town Hall

ZBA, 7 p.m., Town Hall

Wednesday, Jan. 10



WRTC, 7 p.m., Town Hall

Democratic Town Committee, p.m., Town Hall

Thursday, Jan. 11 Arboretum, 7 p.m., Town Hall

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

Open Space, 7 p.m., Town Hall



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Charlie Lentz photo

Putnam High's Tyion Harris lofts a shot over Ellis Tech's Connor Trahan on Tuesday night in Danielson.

BY CHARLIE LENTZ

DANIELSON — Putnam High's basketball team is using a much different playbook than Ellis Tech this season. Both schools are refugees from the disbanded Constitution State Conference. The Clippers are playing a competitive non-conference schedule this

year as they prepare to turn the page and join the Eastern Connecticut Conference next season. Ellis Tech coach Dan Piccione is simply trying to get his Golden Eagles to stay on the same page as they navigate the newly created Connecticut Technical Conference.

With different agendas, the backyard rivals met Tuesday night at Ellis Tech and Putnam prevailed 62-38. The past few seasons have been trying for Piccione, with Ellis Tech going winless two years ago and mustering just one victory last season. The Golden Eagles have the potential to garner more victories this season but coach Piccione said they have to work harder. As for staying on the same page, that's been a chore of late and Piccione kept a couple of players in his doghouse on Tuesday night.

'We need to get people at practice. We didn't have a full team tonight because we had two important people miss practice yesterday and the day before," Piccione said.

The lack of manpower haunted the Golden Eagles in a critical stretch in the second quarter Tuesday night after Ellis Tech's Nico Cummings sank a layup off the fastbreak to pull his team within one point, 16-15 — Putnam then closed out the first half on a 10-0 run and took a 26-15 lead into halftime.

'We need to get people in practice so we can have some subs and deal with that (Putnam) press," Piccione said. "It really showed in that second quarter."

The loss to Putnam on Tuesday dropped Ellis Tech's record to 1-5. Cummings, a 6-foot-4 senior forward and captain, led the Golden Eagles with 20 points against Putnam and Piccione said he will be counted on this season.

"We depend heavily on him," Piccione said. "He handles the ball, rebounds really

Ellis Tech senior captain Brennan Young missed Tuesday night's game with a sprained ankle but is one of the components that coach Piccione is relying on to lift their fortunes.

"(Young) is probably our best shooter. He's been out since the last time we played Putnam (Dec. 26). He rolled his ankle," Piccione said. "Not having him hurts but he'll be back soon.

Piccione expects his team to get on the same page before the season hits its stride.

"The kids are definitely working harder. I hope that we can get a better effort, daily, from them," Piccione said. "I expect a better season than last year for sure — get everyone back, get everyone healthy, see what happens."

Putnam's victory against lis Tech lifted the Clippers record to 4-2. Putnam High coach Shawn Deary has scheduled several tough opponents this season in hopes of raising his team's level of play as it prepares to join the ECC next season. The Clippers are next scheduled to play at Griswold on Tuesday, Jan. 9. Among the ECC teams Putnam High scheduled are Killingly High (twice), Griswold (twice), Montville (twice), and Lyman

"Playing Killingly and Montville was a tough stretch for us, playing two big physical teams. It took the wind out of our sails but I think we got a little bit of that back tonight," Deary said. "We've got a week to prepare for Griswold so I'm hoping we'll be back to our normal self before we get there."

Coach Deary has a youthful roster, peppered with a strong junior class, and should be in good position to make a respectable entry into the ECC next season. Six-foot-4 junior center Tyion Harris scored a team-high 15 points in the win over Ellis Tech, junior point guard Sebastian Ramos added 11 points, and freshman forward Colby Livingston tallied 13 points. Harris seems to be developing at a rapid pace.

"He's a junior. He's a raw talent. He's definitely got a little bit to learn to be more physical if he's going to be a big man," said Deary of Harris. "But once we get him the ball he's long and he can finish pretty well.'

Livingston has a soft touch on his midrange jumper and has shown a high basketball IQ after breaking into the starting five as a freshman.

"He's got a head for the game. He's just got natural court vision," said Deary of Livingston. "He's in the right place at the right time. The last couple games we've been telling him to be a little bit more comfortable with his shot and he really took advantage of that tonight."

Deary likely hopes Putnam sticks to its playbook as the team uses this season as a transition into next.

"We definitely picked up more ECC teams this year, knowing that we were making a switch over to the ECC, so that we could be a little bit more ready for the way they play, a little more physical, a little more man-to-man, a lot more contact underneath," Deary said. "We wanted to get ready for that but at the same time we didn't want to just throw their feet to the fire. So we kept some of the Tech-league schools that we could — so that we could kind of have a mix this year going into next. I'd really like to get us through this season and if we can, get a run into the state tournament."

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Woostock Academy girls hoopsters top Griswold

GRISWOLD — Jamie Woods scored 19 points and Heather Converse added 13 points to help Woodstock Academy top Griswold High 59-30 in girls basketball on Tuesday night. Emma Dembinski led Griswold (2-3) with nine points. The win lifted the Centaurs record to 5-2. Woodstock is next scheduled to play at Montville (4-3) on Friday, Jan. 5.

TOURTELLOTTE 86, GRASSO 41

THOMPSON — Jackson Padula scored 18 points to lead the Tigers past Grasso Tech in boys basketball Tuesday night at Canty Gymnasium. Simon Silvia tallied 13 points and Spencer Fulone and Isaac St. Onge each added 11 for Tourtellotte. Jon Parea-Tobey led Grasso Tech (0-2) with 20 points. The win lifted Tourtellotte's record to 2-2. The Tigers are next scheduled to play host to Griswold on Friday, Jan. 5, with tipoff set for 7 p.m. at Canty Gymnasium.

E.O. SMITH 55, WOODSTOCK 39

WOODSTOCK — Woodstock Academy's Jamie Woods scored 14 points in the girls basketball loss to E.O. Smith in the Woodstock Holiday Tournament on Dec. 29 at Alumni Fieldhouse. Kaleigh Dale led E.O. Smith with 19 points.

Tourtellotte

Ellis Tech 39 PUTNAM — Spencer Fulone scored 12 points and Jackson Padula and Simon Silvia each added 11 points to help Tourtellotte defeat the Golden Eagles in the boys consolation final of the Clipper Classic basketball tournament on Dec. 27 at Putnam High School. Joe Long scored 18 points and Nico Cummings tallied 10 points for Ellis Tech.

WOODSTOCK 48, WINDSOR 40

WOODSTOCK — Jamie Woods scored 21 points and Heather Converse added 13 points to lead the Centaurs past Windsor in the opening round of the Woodstock Holiday Tournament on Dec. 27. Tanae Arnold led Windsor with 13 points.

LYMAN/WINDHAM TECH 55, **WOODSTOCK 16**

WOODSTOCK — Kellen Horst and Elliot Hellwig notched pins for Woodstock Academy (0-3) in wrestling on Dec. 27. Mason LaFlam and Joe Reihl had pins for the Bulldogs (3-0), who won six matches by forfeit.

File photo

Woodstock Academy's Heather Converse scored 13 points in a victory over Griswold on Tuesday night.



Putnam girls win Clipper Classic tourney

PUTNAM — Putnam High rallied from a 28-21 halftime deficit to defeat Killingly High 52-49 in the championship game of the Clipper Classic girls basketball tournament on Dec. 27 at Putnam High School.





Charlie Lentz photos Killingly High's Trinity Angel shoots.

Putnam's Kayleigh Lyons moves the ball upcourt.



Killingly's Reagan Morin runs down the basketball.



Putnam's Ashley Burke tries to get past Killingly's Abbie Burgess.



Putnam High's Julia Loomis grabs a rebound.



Putnam High coach Mandi Hogan talks it over during a timeout.



Killingly's Kylee Mazzarella tries to break some pressure.

Killingly High boys capture Clipper Classic



Killingly High's Sean Johndrow drives against Putnam.



Killingly's Griffin Ware moves upcourt.



Putnam High's Sebastian Ramos gets off a shot.

PUTNAM — Killingly High defeated Putnam High 60-37 in the boys championship game of the Clipper Classic at Putnam High School on Dec. 27.



Charlie Lentz photos

Killingly coach Jim Crabtree offers an opinion.



Killingly's Luke Desaulnier works the point.



Killingly's Alex Fontaine drives to the bucket.

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Snining a light on community events

January 5, Fri., noon to 8pm

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

January 6, Sat., 10am

Cookbook club is meeting for brunch (Weight Watchers New Complete Cookbook). Bracken Memorial Library, 57 Academy Road, Woodstock.

January 7, Sun., 7:30-10:30am

American Legion Post 67, N. Grosvenordale, "All You Can Eat" breakfast. Tickets only \$8 and include scrambled eggs, homefries, bacon, sausage, ham, hash, English muffins, sausage & gravy, beans & kielbasa, French toast, pancakes, plus Belgian waffles and omelets. To benefit Legion programs.

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

Art @ the Library Reception for art exhibit: As I See It: Multimedia Works, By Kate Gilman-Alexander (on view December 28 to January 26) at Thompson Public Library, 934 Riverside Drive, North Grosvenordale.

January 8, Mon., 7pm Quiet Corner Garden Club presents "How To Grow Microgreens." Virginia Keith of Blueberry Hill Organic Farm presents methods for growing and cooking microgreens. The Quiet Corner Garden Club meets the first Monday of each month at South

Woodstock Baptist Church. Non-members \$5 donation to attend this program. For info: www.quietcornergardenclub.org

January 9, Tues., 7pm

Bingo every Tuesday at the VFW, 1523 Providence Street, Putnam.

January 11, Thurs., 2pm

Putnam Senior Citizens meeting, the second Thursday of the month at the Putnam VFW, 1523 Providence Street, Putnam.

January 12, Fri., noon to 8pm

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January 12-14

Winter Teen Weekend from Friday at 5:30pm until Sunday at 9am at Windham-Tolland 4-H Camp, 326 Taft Pond Rd, Pomfret Center. Food, games, sledding, leadership skills and lots of fun for teens 13 - 17. Fee is \$50. Preregistration required. Call 860-974-3379 to register or email: wt4hcampdir@earthlink.net

January 13, Sat., 5-7pm

American Legion Post 67, N. Grosvenordale, Swedish meatball dinner, Tickets \$10 per person available in advance call 860-923-9203 and at the door. Take-outs available. To benefit Legion programs.

January 17, Wed., 3pm

Pomfret Public Library will offer an Intro to Online Genealogy using Google workshop. Register at pomfretlibrary.org or call 860-928-3475. Pomfret Public Library 449 Pomfret Street, Pomfret.



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.

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OBITUARIES

Adolfina 'Mónica' Ruiz, 71



'Mónica or Doña Ruiz, as she preferred to be called, was born the youngest of eight children to Baldomero and Mónica Ruiz Alonzo in Asunción, Paraguay. Her father was a Colonel in the

military and her mother a housewife and manager of the family farm.

The young Adolfina attended elementary school in rural Asunción and moved to Argentina as a young teenager where she entered the Congregation of the Sisters of Our Lady of the Garden. She then moved to Rome, Italy where she professed her first vows and continued her studies.

In the mid sixties, she immigrated to the United States with several other Sisters in response to a call to serve at Marianapolis Prep School in Thompson. It was while working at Marianapolis that she attended Annhust College in Woodstock where she obtained her BA degree in Spanish and Theology.

Two years later, Mónica began her long career as teacher and administrator in elementary schools in New Haven and Middletown. She took a sabbatical year to return to Rome, Italy to pursue an advanced degree in Theology from the Teresenium Institute. With her summa cum laude degree in hand, she returned to the United States, was sworn in as a US citizen and returned to the classroom at Holyoke Catholic as a Theology and Spanish teacher.

In the mid-nineties Mónica dedicated herself to special needs students in Saco, Maine and upon returning to Connecticut a couple years later, accepted a teacher position at Putnam High School and then later at the school that she described as "the love of her teaching career," Woodstock Academy. She retired from Woodstock in June of this year.

Doña Ruiz was a caring person who gave her all to everything she did. She was unusually attentive to the needs of others and always willing to do her utmost to help meet those needs. She will long be remembered for her kindness, her quick sense of humor, her gentleness, her simple yet solid faith in her God and for her appreciation of others and her amazingly winning smile. She lives on in our hearts and we will always be honored to have called her "friend."

Adolfina is survived by her sister Angela and her brothers Marino and Rubén of Paraguay, several nieces and nephews and her adopted sister and friend of 40 years.

Calliong hours were held at the Holy Spirit Provincial House Chapel in Putnam on Friday, December 29. A Mass of Christian Burial was celebrated afterwards and interment followed in St. Mary of the Visitation Cemetery on Providence Street in Putnam.

In lieu of flowers Mónica requested that memorial donations be made to the Retirement Fund of the Daughters of the Holy Spirit and/or to the Sisters of Our Lady of the Garden.

Funeral arrangements have been entrusted to the care of the Gilman-Valade Funeral Home in Putnam. For memorial guestbook, please visit www.GilmanandValade.com.

Rocco A. Albanese, 96

THOMPSON - Rocco A. Albanese, 96, died December 24, in Lanessa Extended Care in Webster, Mass., after a period of declining health. His wife of 50 years, Joan "Beatrice" (Keefer) Albanese, died in 2014.

He leaves 3 step-children, Robert E. Lee and his wife Sonia of Sunrise, Florida, William G. Lee of Sumter, Carolina, and Geraldine M. Drobot and her husband Joseph of Thompson; 5 grandchildren, Jennifer, Morgan, Marjorie, Jason and Jill; and 5 great-grandhildren, Luka, Alex, Arden, Charlotte and Elliot.

He was born on January 4, 1921 in Port Chester, New York, the only son of Michael and Rose (Penabare) Albanese. He graduated from Port Chester High School and began studies in dentistry at Columbia University. He moved to Norwalk in 1964 and lived there until 2015, when he relocated to Thompson.

He enlisted in the U.S. Army in 1942, serving as a dental lab technician in the Theatre European until 1946.

Albanese Mr. worked as a lens polisher at Perkin and Elmer Company in Wilton, retiring in 1976.

He was a member of Saint Matthew's Church in Norwalk. He loved golfing.

Services will be held privately at the convenience of the family. There are no calling hours. Donations in his name may be made to St. Jude Children's Research Hospital, 501 St. Jude Place, Memphis, TN 38105-1942. Arrangements are under the direction of Sitkowski & Malboeuf Funeral Home, 340 School Street, Webster, www.sitkowski-malboeuf.com

Geraldine J. (Bruce) Collins, 99

Geraldine J. DANIELSON — (Bruce) Collins, 99 died December 18, at her home. She was the wife of the late George Collins who died in 2001. She leaves two daughters, Sandra J. Collins of Moosup, Reba Collins of Ocala, Florida and a son John Collins of Sarasota, Florida. She also leaves grandchildren, great grand children and great grandchildren. She was born in Pennsgrove, New Jersey, daughter of the late Samuel and Edith (Smith) Bruce and living in Sarasota,

Florida, Storrs, and most recent Danielson. She was a LPN working in Hospitals and Health Care Facilities. She enjoyed crafting.

There are no calling hours, services and burial are private. The Shaw-Majercik Funeral Home, 48 School St., Webster, Massachusetts has been entrusted with her arrangements. A guest book is available at www. shaw-majercik.com where you may post a condolence or light a candle.

Henry G. Lefebvre, 76



O R T H GROSVENORDALE / LADY LAKE, FLORIDA – Henry G. Lefebvre, 76, of Reardon Road, died December 28, in William W. Backus Hospital. He was the loving husband of

Claudette (Blain) Lefebvre. Born in West Warwick, Rhode Island, he was the son of the late Louis and Rose (Lamoureux) Lefebvre.

Mr. Lefebvre worked as a textile worker for Stevens Linen in Dudley, Massachusetts. He enjoyed listening to Elvis Presley music as well as collecting his memorabilia. He enjoyed listening also to country music, playing a good game of chess, playing golf, and attending local high school football games. He was an avid walker; an active person who enjoyed being outdoors.

In addition to his wife Claudette, Henry is survived by his son, Michael R. Lefebvre (Deborah) of Southbridge, Massachusetts; his daughter, Catherine J. Berthiaume (Robert) of N. Grosvenordale; his brothers, Paul Lefebvre (Joanne) of Woodstock, and George Lefebvre (Diane) of Venice, Florida; his grandchildren, Thomas Berthiaume (Morgan), Berthiaume, Ashleigh Lefebvre, and Alain Lefebvre; and his great granddaughter, Eleanor Berthiaume. He was predeceased by his brothers, the late Robert J. Lefebvre, and Joseph Lefebyre.

Services are private and have been entrusted to the Gilman and Valade Funeral Homes & Crematory. For memorial guestbook visit www. GilmanAndValade.com.

Genevieve (Jean) (Ostrowski) Marshalkowski, 81



THOMPSON WEBSTER, MASS. -- Genevieve (Jean) (Ostrowski) Marshalkowski, 81 died December Westside at Care Center, Manchester. She

was the wife of the late Robert S. Marshalkowski Sr. who died in 2016.

She is survived by her son Robert S. Mashalkowski Jr. and his wife Pamela, her grandson Benjamin and wife Cecelia of Wethersfield, and great grandson Leo. She was pre-deceased by her daughter, MaryAnn Mashalkowski. She also leaves a brother John Ostrowski and Alice Markiewicz, both of Webster.

She was born in Mayfield, Pennsylvania, daughter of the late Stanley and Pauline (Bilski) Ostrowski and lived in Webster, Massachusetts most of her life. She was formerly employed at Gentex in Dudley, Mass. She was an avid card player. Calling hours at the Shaw-Majercik Funeral Home, 48 School St., Webster, were held December 23. Memorial donations may be made to the Webster-Dudley Veterans Council, Veterans Way, Webster, MA 01570.

A Mass of Christian burial was held in St. Joseph Basilica, Saturday, December 23, with burial in St. Joseph Garden of Peace, Webster, A guest book is Massachusetts. available at www.shaw-majercik. com where you may post a condolence or light a candle

Theresa H. (Martel) Bouchard, 96



SOUTHBRIDGE, MASSACHUSETTS -Theresa H. (Martel) Bouchard, 96, of Grace Lane, passed away on Saturday, December 23, in the UMass Medical Center, University Campus, Worcester,

Mass., after an illness.

She leaves her husband of 71 years, Euclid V. Bouchard; her son, Richard G. Bouchard of Southbridge, Mass.; her brother, Allan Martel of Woodstock; four grandsons, Richard E. Bouchard of Sturbridge, Mass., Major Michael Bouchard of Middletown, Christopher Bouchard of Southbridge, Mass., and Jason Bouchard of Southbridge, Mass.; four great grandchildren, Alyssa, Ashley, Anthony and Adeline; and many nieces and nephews. Her son, Gary M. Bouchard, died in 2008 and her daughter, Grace T. Bouchard, died in 2009. She was also prede-

ceased by six brothers, Warren Martel, John Martel, Hector Martel, Clarence Martel, Courtland Martel and Marshall Martel and four sisters, Rita Simpson, Faith Clutchak, Veronica Lapane and Gladys Martel. She was born in Sturbridge, Mass., the daughter of Hector and Theresa (King) Martel.

Theresa worked in the cafeteria at Southbridge High School for 16 years before retiring many years ago. She enjoyed making ceramics and sewing. She also loved doing word puzzles.

Her funeral was held on December 27, from the Daniel T. Morrill Funeral Home, 130 Hamilton St., Southbridge, Mass., followed by a Mass at in St. Anne's Church, 16 Church St., Sturbridge, Mass. Burial was in St. Anne's Cemetery, Sturbridge, Mass.

In lieu of flowers, memorial donations may be made to the Shriner's Hospital for Children, 516 Carew St., Springfield, MA 01104.

www.morrillfuneralhome.com

Albert L. "Abby" Earnest, 95

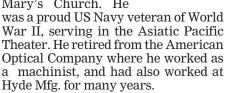


SOUTHBRIDGE, **MASSACHUSETTS** Albert L. "Abby" Earnest, 95, died December 28, surrounded by his loving family, after a long illness. He leaves his wife of 72 years, Rose (Lucibella) Earnest.

They were married April 24, 1945. He also leaves his two daughters Carol (Earnest) and her husband Pierre Theriault of Charlton, and their daughter and son-in-law Shay and Robert Tremblay of Woodstock and their children Amber, Julia, Sophia, and Jeremiah Tremblay, all of Woodstock, and Catherine (Earnest) Nolin of Griswold, and her daughter and sonin-law Kimberly and William Neilson III, and their two daughters Makayla, and Kierra Neilson of Griswold, and many nieces and nephews.

He was predeceased by 7 brothers Edward Earnest of Woodstock, Charles Earnest of Southbridge, Mass., Lawrence Earnest of Southbridge, Mass., Alfred Earnest of Holland, Mass., Walter Earnest of Southbridge, Mass., Donald Earnest of Colorado, Cecil Earnest of Southbridge, Mass., and two sisters; Nellie Sherman of Woodstock, and Catherine Lewis of Eastford.

Abby was born in Southbridge, Mass., November 22, 1922, son of William E. and Lucy (McCall) Earnest and has lived here all his life. He was a longtime member of St. Mary's Church. He



He was a well known golfer and lifetime member at Cohasse Country Club where he started off caddying at the golf course when he was young, and that led to his love of golf. He was also named top senior golfer in the state of Massachusetts several times. He most enjoyed playing golf, and spending time with his family, especially his grandchildren and great-grandchil-

Callinghours will be held on Tuesday, January 9, at Sansoucy Funeral Home, 40 Marcy Street, Southbridge, Mass., from 10AM - Noon, with a funeral home Prayer Service at 11:30AM. Burial will be private, www.sansoucvfuneral.com

John A. Preston, Sr., 70



ROGERS - John A. Preston, Sr., 70, of Boys Avenue, passed away December 28, in Hartford Hospital surrounded by his family that he so dearly loved. Born in Attawaugan, he was

the son of the late Kenneth and Ethel (Mason) Preston.

Mr. Preston worked as a baker for Superior Bakery. After working all day, he loved spending his time with his "buddies" at Chase Garage in Wilsonville. He enjoyed working on old cars, listening to Elvis music as well as watching his movies. John had a disabling accident at a young age. However, that never stopped him from living his life to its fullest potential. Despite his disability, he never let anything stop him, or get in his way. He went on to live a full, hardworking life

despite his early, bleak projected prognosis. Above all, it was his children he cherished the most, his pride and joy and who he worked so hard for. It was apparent to all, that he consistently and unfailingly made sure that his children always came first, loving

them unconditionally.

John was survived by his son, John A. Preston, Jr. of Rogers; his daughters, Erica Preston of Woodstock, and Catrina Preston of Indiana; his brother, Elmer Preston of Thompson; and his seven grandchildren, Ethan Preston, Natalie Preston, Calvin Brown, Kenny Brown, Tyler Gabbard, Emma Gabbard, and Eli Gabbard; and his best friend, Jerry Moulton. He was predeceased by his brothers, the late Morris, Richard, Raymond, Alfred, and Harry Preston.

Calling hours were held Thursday, January 4, in the Gilman Funeral Home in Putnam. A service followed at the Albert J. Breault VFW Post #1523, Providence St., Putnam. For memorial guestbook visit www. GilmanAndValade.com.

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OBITUARIES

Robert "Bob" A. DuBois, 86



MORGANTOWN, VIRGINIA There was a little more laughter in heaven on Christmas Day as Robert "Bob" A. DuBois, 86, left world and this rejoined his wife, his parents, family, and

many friends. Bob died at Pine Ridge Nursing Home in Kingwood, West Virginia, after a hard-fought battle against Alzheimer's.

Born August 20, 1931 in Putnam, he was the son of the late Isidore and Mina Bazinet DuBois. Bob was proud to serve his country in the Third Infantry of the U.S. Army in Korea during the Korean War. While in Korea, he began writing to a pen pal, and upon returning to the United States after the war ended, he met his pen pal, Lois M. Dailey. They were happily married from 1955 until her death in 2003.

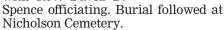
During most of his working life, Bob worked as a mail carrier for the U. S. Postal Service in Morgantown until his retirement in 1992. After his retirement from the postal service, he decided to stay busy on a part-time basis and worked at Enterprise Rental Car and the Salvation Army.

He was a member and past post commander of VFW Post 548 in Morgantown; was a treasurer of the Cool Springs V.F.D. for more than 25 years, and served on the Monongalia County Fire Board. He belonged to several bowling leagues in the '70s and '80s, enjoyed golfing with his son, and camping, traveling and visiting with his family. More than anything, he especially enjoyed doing all of these things with much conversation and laughter and treasured his friendships, especially with many of his co-workers at the post office and "the boys" at the fire department.

He is survived by and will be dearly missed by his daughter and son-inlaw, Mary A. and Merle Dalton; his son and daughter-in-law, Robert S. and Sandra DuBois, with whom he made his home for five years before recently moving to Pine Ridge; grandchildren, Matthew DuBois and his wife, Jessica, Marissa DuBois, and Carrie M. Dalton; one great-grandson, Canon A. DuBois; a brother, Richard DuBois, of Georgia; a sister, Fabiola Cutler, of Connecticut; brothers-in-law, Harry LaPointe, of Reedsville, and Franklin Dailey, of Morgantown; sister-in-law, Shirley Dalton, of Morgantown; and many nieces, nephews and friends.

In addition to his wife and parents, he was predeceased by his brothers, Isidore, Armand, and Stewart DuBois, all of Connecticut; and sisters, Yvette LaPointe of Reedsville; Rita Landry, Loretta Starzyk, Gertrude Vaillant, and Jane Charron, all of Connecticut.

Calling hours were held on December 28 and again at Nicholson Chapel Church on December 29, which was followed by a service with Rev. David D.



In lieu of flowers, the family suggests donations be made in Bob's memory to Cool Springs V.F.D., 32 Fire Dept. Road, Morgantown, WV, 26508; WV Caring, the hospice organization who provided Bob and his family with loving care, P. O. Box 760, Arthurdale, WV, 26520; or to Nicholson Chapel Cemetery, c/o Paul Nicholson, 1326 Summers School Road, Morgantown, WV. 26508.

Robert Gardiner Holland, 77



Robert Gardiner Holland Woodstock, born February 27, 1940 to Alice and

Roy Houghtaling, passed away on the 24th of December at the age of 77.

He attended Colby

College, before ultimately graduating from UCONN. After

serving in the Navy, Bob went on to follow his passion for writing by

pursuing a career in journalism, first with the Rochester Democrat and Chronicle, and later with the New

Haven Register. After earning his masters in Literature at Trinity College, Bob followed his passion for language and education as a professor of journalism first at UCONN, and later at Nichols College, and ECSU. For the last 25+ years, Bob leveraged his skills as a storyteller to write over 50 novels, including a series of mystery, sports, and adventure books for boys. In 1996 he founded Frost Hollow Publishers, LLC, to distribute many of these titles,

as well as works by other local authors.

Bob was passionate about his many hobbies including reading, hunting,

fishing, politics, dogs, and, of course, UCONN athletics. A devoted member

of his local community, Bob offered 30+ years of public service first on the Woodstock Board of Education, followed by 27 years as a member of The Woodstock Academy Board of Trustees. He was on the Roseland Park Board of

Trustees, and was a member of the Woodstock Theft Detecting Society.

He is survived by his wife, Leslie, of 47 years, his daughter Morgan Rees and husband Trevor of Williamsburg, VA, his son Gardiner Holland and wife Jen of Weston, MA, four grandchildren (Corbin and Berkley Rees, Lydia

Clara Holland), his brother Bill Holland and wife Nancy of Albion, ME, and

many nieces and nephews.

Kelly A. Matte, 57



DUDLEY- Kelly A. (McDonald) Matte, 57, passed away on Saturday, Dec. 17th, in the UMass Medical Center, University Campus, Worcester, after a brief illness.

She leaves her three children, Dana

McDonald and his wife Shannon of Dudley, William Matte of Webster and Christine Matte of Putnam, CT; her three brothers, James McDonald of Southbridge, John McDonald of Framingham and William McDonald of Southbridge; her two sisters, Mary Kimball of Southbridge and Rita McDonald of Southbridge; her seven grandchildren, Brady McDonald, Talan McDonald, Mya McDonald, Victoria Chiuchiolo, Dominic Algieri, Gavin Matte and Bruce Matte; her aunt, Sr. Mary Bernard, SSJ of Baltic, CT; her two close friends, Mother Mary David, SSJ and Sr. Joan Clair, SSJ, both of Baltic, CT; and many

nieces and nephews. She was born in Putnam, CT the daughter of the late Arthur and Simone (Rivest) McDonald.

Kelly worked at the Sunoco Gas Station in Dudley, retiring in recent years due to illness. She previously worked for Bruce Smick Amusements, Galileo Fiber Optics and Sanitary Dash. She was an avid sports fan, especially of NASCAR, the New England Patriots and the Boston Red Sox. She loved her cat Missy. Kelly was a proud grandmother who most of all loved spending time with her family.

Her funeral was held on Friday, Dec. 29th, at 11:00am in the Daniel T. Morrill Funeral Home, 130 Hamilton St., Southbridge. Burial followed in New Notre Dame Cemetery, Southbridge. Calling hours in the funeral home were held on Friday, Dec. 29th, from 9:00 to 11:00am, before the service.

In lieu of flowers donations may be made to the American Lung Association, 1301 Pennsylvania Ave., Suite 800, Washington, DC 20004.

www.morrillfuneralhome.com

Marion O. "Bud" Hanson, 90



WOODSTOCK Marion O. "Bud" Hanson, 90, of County Road, died Saturday, December 30, at home surrounded by his loving family. Born Independence, Missouri, he was the son of the late Jack

and Margaret (Boand) Hanson. He was the loving husband of the late Doris L. (Green) Hanson whom he married after his enlisted time in the US Navy. They were married for 65 years at the time of her death in 2016, and he missed her dearly.

Eager to serve his country, Bud lied about his age and enlisted early in the US Navy serving as a Yeoman Third Class during World War II. After an initial career working on the railroad in the mid-west, 'M.O.' moved to New Jersey becoming a pioneer in the computer programming industry, serving as a Systems Analyst for General Cable Corporation in New Jersey and Connecticut, and later as a systems consultant internationally for Howmedica and Micrognosis, Bud was most proud of his wife and family of six children, whom he raised in New Jersey before moving to Connecticut in 1974. His favorite pastimes were family camping trips, sing-a-longs with

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Braemer,

immigrant parents. Lydia spoke only

Finnish as she entered the New York

Public School System. After gradu-

ating from high school, she attended

a New York City School of Design.

She wished to work in fashion but

WWII brought her into the workforce

Lydia A. Braemer,

97, of Sterling, wife

of the late William

December 25, at Day

Kimball Hospital in

Putnam. She was

born in Brooklyn,

New York to Finnish

his large extended family, fishing with dear friends, and in his later years, trips to the casino.

Bud is survived by his sons, David Hanson and his wife Theresa of Yakima, Washington, and

Don Hanson and his wife Nancy of Southbury; his daughters, Carol A. Kasperowitz and her husband Greg of Long Valley, New Jersey, Diane Hanson of Pomfret Center, Mary Murray and her husband Jeff of Brookfield, and Janice Lindsay and her husband Will of Woodstock; seventeen grandchildren; and nine great-grandchildren.

Relatives and friends are invited to visit with Bud's family from 4:00 pm to 7:00 pm on Friday January 5, in the Gilman Funeral Home, 104 Church St., Putnam. The Mass of Christian Burial will be the following morning, Saturday, January 6 at 10:00 am in St. Mary Church of the Visitation, 218 Providence St, Putnam. Those wishing to join the procession to the Church may gather at the funeral home at 9:00 am. Burial in St. Mary Cemetery will take place in the spring. For memorial guestbook visit www. GilmanAndValade.com.

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Airlines. Lydia married and moved

to Sterling, where her two daughters

were raised, near her parents Evert

and Anna Havukainen. She enjoyed

golf, painting with Foster Caddell

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four grandchildren and seven great

A memorial service was held

on January 3, at St. John Lutheran

Church, in Danielson. Burial will be at

a later date. There are no calling hours.

In lieu of flowers donations in her

memory may be made to The Sterling

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grandchildren.

William P. Rice, Jr., 78



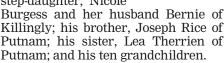
PUTNAM William "Bill" P. Rice, Jr., 78, of River Road, died at Davis Place in Danielson, on December 26. Born in Putnam, he was the son of the late William P. Rice, Sr. and Doris (Pepin)

Rice. He was the loving husband of Janice Parent Rice for 15 years. He was predeceased by his first wife, Rose (Alvord) Rice who passed away in 1999.

Bill served in the US Army and was later employed by Wajer Express as a truck driver. He was a member of the Putnam Lions Club and Teamsters Local 170. He enjoyed reading and going to local casinos. He was described as a good spirited and positive guv.

Bill is survived by his sons, William F. Rice and his wife Polly of Simsbury,

Robert J. Rice, Sr. and his wife Elisa of Hamden, Brian J. Rice and his wife Amanda of Woodstock; his stepson, James Parent and his wife Sabrina of Middletown; his step-daughter, Nicole



A Mass of Christian Burial for William was held December 30, in Saint Mary Church of the Visitation. Burial followed in St. Mary Cemetery in Putnam. Memorial donations may be made to Hospice of Northeastern Connecticut, P.O. Box 632, Putnam, CT. For memorial guestbook visit www.GilmanAndValade.com

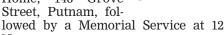
Marvin G. Whiteley, 69

WOODSTOCK - Marvin G. Whiteley, 69, formerly of Eastford, died December 27, after a long illness. He was the husband of Linda (St. Onge) Whiteley. He was born November 15, 1948 in Putnam, son of the late George and Helen (Dixon) Whiteley.

Marvin was a graduate of Woodstock Academy and Harvard H. Ellis Technical School Electric Division. He worked for Larochelle Electric in Southbridge, Massachusetts for 31 years. He retired early due to having polycystic kidney disease. Marvin was known for his love of Chevrolets. He served with the National Guard in Putnam.

(Bill) of Sullivan, New Hampshire, Ruth Brodmerkle of Barre, Massachusetts, John Whiteley of Danielson. He was predeceased his brother Frank Whiteley of Eastford.

Calling hours will be Saturday, January 6, from 11:00am to 12noon at the Smith and Walker Funeral Home, 148 Grove Street, Putnam, fol-



Donations may be made in Marvin's memory to Bungay Fire Brigade, 1256 Route 171, West Woodstock, CT 06281, NECCOG Animal Services, 125 Putnam Pike, Dayville, CT 06241 or PAWS Animal Shelter, 240 Woodstock Ave W, Woodstock, CT 06281 www. smithandwalkerfh.com

He leaves his siblings, Grace Brolin

Robert J. Antos, 71

STURBRIDGE, MASSACHUSETTS - Robert J. Antos, 71, of Pine Street Sturbridge, died December 21 after a brief illness.

He leaves a son: Shannon and his wife Eva Antos of Steamboat Springs, Colorado; his long-time friend and companion Patricia Pelloth of Woodstock; a brother Joseph Antos of Dudley, three sisters Eleanor (Jean) Missiewicz of Webster, Nancy Skebos and her husband Thomas of Oxford and Janet Mayer and her husband Robert of Putnam; and many nieces and nephews.

Bob was born on February 28, 1946 in Webster, Mass. to the (late) Joseph and Irene (Chenard) Antos.

He graduated from Bartlett High School and lived in the area all his life. Bob retired from the Massachusetts Turnpike Authority, and was was a member of the Quinebaug Lodge of Masons A.F. & A.M.

Bob enjoyed helping people, he was a wonderful cook and loved time spent outdoors: gardening, hiking and kayaking. He was also a fervent Civil War buff, and spent much of his free time participating and studying battle re-enactments.

A memorial service for Bob was held on Tuesday, January 2 in the Belanger-Bullard Funeral Home, 51 Marcy Street, Southbridge which was followed by a Masonic Service.

The Belanger-Bullard Funeral Home, 51 Marcy Street, Southbridge, Mass. has been entrusted with arrangements.

In lieu of flowers, the family has requested that donations be made to the Civil War Trust, 1140 Professional Court, Hagerstown, MD 21740. Please visit www.BelangerFuneralHome.com to sign a memorial guestbook.

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Lydia A. Braemer, 97

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Interest will be charged on February 2, 2018 on all delinquent payments at the rate of one and a half percent per month or a minimum charge of \$2.00 per tax bill, in accordance with Section 12-146 of the Connecticut General Statutes.

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CT 06281-2601 Mail must be postmarked no later than February 1, 2018 Rande R. Chmura

Treasurer December 22, 2017 January 5, 2018 January 26, 2018

> TOWN OF THOMPSON COMMISSION

The Town of Thompson Planning and Zoning Commission, at its November 27, 2017 meeting, rendered the following decisions: a. Application 17-18: Keith Elliott and

Cherie Poer are Owners of Record.

Keith Elliott is Applicant for property at

447 Quaddick Rd. Requesting Home

PLANNING AND ZONING LEGAL NOTICE

rials is Applicant for property at 0 New Rd. Requesting Gravel Permit Renewal. Approved with conditions. And at its December 18, 2017 meeting,

Occupation for East Coast Video. It will

be a Video Production Office, he will

be producing videos of various types.

Customers will visit the office to drop

b. Application 17-19: O&G Industries.

Inc. Owner of Record, Rawson Mate-

off and pick up products. Approved.

rendered the following decisions:

a. Application 17-20: #2004-08 18-lot Subdivision, Thompson Rd (aka Rt. 193), requesting 1 year permit extension to complete public improvements associated with approved subdivision. Approved.

b. Application 17-21: Five (5) year extension of time requested to complete public improvements associated with approved subdivision SUB #2007-04 Green Valley View Estates 31-lot Subdivision, Route 197 and Donovan Drive. Approved.

c. Application 17-23: Daryn Trudeau, owner, for property at 73 Wilsonville Rd. Home Occupation proposed -Trudeau Electric, LLC - home office, billing and office space. Approved. Respectfully submitted, Randal Blackmer Jr., Acting Chair

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Get Scrambled

Unscramble the words to determine the phrase.

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Answer: Cyber Security



THIS DAY IN...

• 1540: KING HENRY VIII OF ENGLAND MARRIES ANNE OF CLEVES.

• 1946: VIETNAM HOLDS ITS FIRST EVER GENERAL

POLITICAL PARTIES ARE ALLOWED TO REGISTER WHEN THE ASSOCIATIONS LAW COMES INTO FORCE.

ELECTION.

• 1960: IN IRAQ,

BREACH

a break in a form of defense



ENGLISH: Data

SPANISH: Información

ITALIAN: Dati

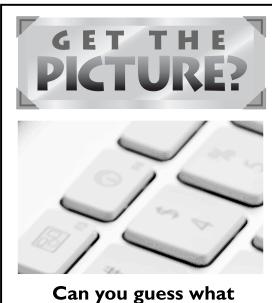
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GERMAN: Information



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PNSMEK: COMPUTER KEYBOARD



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25 7 9 1 8 21 7 Α.

Clue: Calculate

1 14 15 16 В.

Clue: Blend together

10 19 7 6 C.

Clue: Cooking device

22 7 1 1 7 21 16 D.

Clue: Sweet treat

SUDOKU

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B.

sift

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oven D. dessert

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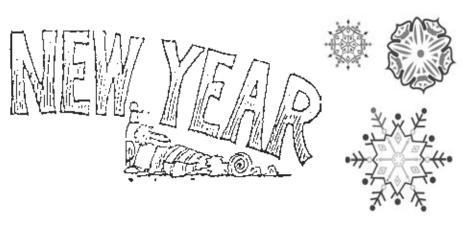
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