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DANIELSON — Woodstock Academy's Ali Crescimanno competes on the uneven bars at the Eastern Connecticut Conference gymnastics championships on Feb. 14. Crescimanno took first place in bars and Woodstock won its 10th-straight ECC title. High school sports coverage begins on page B-1 of The Villager sports section.

Horse therapy program

BY OLIVIA RICHMAN
NEWS STAFF WRITER

DANIELSON – The Rainbow Rising Corporation is an equine therapy program that offers "healing through horses" for people overcoming substance abuse. It's a unique after-care program for individuals coming out of rehab, who have limited resources. For people who usually end up back on the street, back on drugs. People participating in Rainbow Rising will live in sober houses and come to the farm to work with horses.

Rainbow Rising Corporation's founder Brianne Kroeger is very passionate about horses, and the healing powers they possess. This is a cause that is near and dear to her heart, and she's excited to tell everyone what it's all about.

Kroeger talked about Rainbow Rising Corporation and how she plans to help the community.

So what do people do in this program?

The first couple of weeks it's all about horse safety since most people have never ridden before. It's about trying to match the proper person with the proper horse. They all have different personalities, and each person has one as well. You want them to bond, which is the whole basis of the program. They learn about grooming, being responsible for the horse while they're here, and as they get more involved we set up obstacle courses. Then we talk about it, and how it relates to challenges in the rest of their life.

How does this help people that are recovering from substance abuse?

Coming out of a rehab, you are basically just broken down. You need something else to focus on. You need something to do. Horses have amazing healing capability. They don't judge you. They're like therapy dogs, but better. Most are rescue horses that are rehabilitated. They can sense what you're feeling. They can pick on every single emotion you feel. It's like a mirror. Right now we are also working with Natchaug Hospital, who had patients they were discharging dealing with anxiety and depression, and they need to work on the same concepts. It's all about reintegrating into society in a healthy way.

How did you come up with this concept?

I lived out in Utah. They were doing it out there, very expensive rehabs. That's where I got my certification for equine therapy. I have been around horses my whole life, and I felt I wanted to tweak what they were doing. It's for people who don't have money, who don't have the resources. It's just not fair that money dictates who lives and who dies.

You wanted to make this type of therapy more accessible.

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Brianne Kroeger with her Rainbow Rising Corporation associate Amber Buell in front of a mural made for her brother, who recently passed away.

Olivia Richman photos

"Horses have amazing healing capability. They don't judge you," said Brianne Kroeger, about how horses help people coming out of rehab.

Master plan for Airline Trail

POMFRET — Connecticut Department of Energy and Environmental Protection awarded funds to Connecticut Resource Conservation and Development through its Recreational Trails program on Jan. 7. The grant money, in the amount of $188,522, will be used to carry out CTRC&D's proposal of the Twelve Town Air Line State Park Trail Master Plan.

The master plan will be developed in collaboration with a task force made up of representatives from the towns of Pomfret, Thompson, Portland, East Hampton, Colchester, Hampton, Hebron, Columbia, Chaplin, Lebanon, and Windham. The project's scope encompasses over 50 miles of the Air Line Trail and properties adjacent near the trail, including town centers, state and town parks and forests located within the 12 towns, four Council of Government regions, and the Last Green Valley region.

The goal of the Master Plan is to re-establish the economic and recreational significance and value of the Air Line Trail, which was formerly the Air Line Railroad and dates back to the 1870s. The railroad once connected New York City to Boston. Today, the Air Line State Park Trail is public property and is used for biking, walking, hiking, and horseback riding. The project will include four public workshops (northern section and southern section) to gain insights and creative solutions for trail improvements, user experience, and recommendations for future infrastructure. The mission of CTRC&D is to enhance our agriculture, natural resources, and economy by cultivating partnership-driven solutions for a diverse and resilient Connecticut. For more information about CTRC&D visit ctrcd.org.

Olivia Richman photos

Children played a variety of indoor games at 4-H's annual Winter Camper Game Day.

4-H camp

BY OLIVIA RICHMAN
NEWS STAFF WRITER

POMFRET — The Windham Tolland 4-H Camp held its annual Winter Camper Game Day on Saturday, Feb. 16. Twenty-one children came to play a variety of indoor and outdoor games as a way to learn what 4-H's summer camp will be all about.

The children played capture the flag, had balloon races, and hiked. But the most important part of the games was about meeting new friends and getting away from their phones.

According to Camp Director Heather Logee, 4-H doesn't allow electronic devices at their events. It's all about connecting with new people and getting outside, even when the weather isn't sunny.

The day-long program gave kids an idea of what attending summer camp would be like.

During 4-H's summer camps, children choose between 15 different activities throughout the week. This includes swimming, kayaking, archery, fishing, ziplining, horseback riding, dance, drama, and arts and crafts. And the counselors who lead the activities are people from all over the world.

"It teaches them face to face communication, team building, community living... Things they aren't getting elsewhere," said Logee. "We also do a lot of mixed aged groups. They learn to work with kids of all ages. You really see those older kids helping younger kids, and the younger kids are teaching the older kids how to still be kids, which is awesome."

This will be Logee's 13th summer as a director. But she's also been coming to 4-H camp since she was seven years old.

One of the things she remembers the most are the counselors, and the impact they had on her. She said they made her who she is today, and are the reasons she became a director.

As a director, she now goes overseas to do hiring. She gets to visit staff from all over the world.

Some of her best friends are people she met at 4-H Camp.

"We may not see each other often," she said, "but when we

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Have a Heart fundraiser

THOMPSON – Have a Heart is one of TEEG's largest fundraising events, bringing volunteers, supporters, and the community together. This year, Have a Heart was held on Feb. 8, featuring a silent auction, live auction, and delicious catering by the Raceway Restaraunt. The money raised by TEEG goes directly to their programs, which support residents in the Quiet Corner.

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Guests check out the abundant silent auction items

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David and Patty Blake volunteer at the food pantry.

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"We have been supporting TEEG since the beginning," said Brian Lynch, pictured with Merrill Robbins. "We don't miss their functions. They're a vital part of the area. We do as much as we can to support them."

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AT CT AUDUBON

Bird sightings at the Connecticut Audubon Society Center at Pomfret and Wyndham Land Trust properties for the week of Feb. 11: Cedar Waxwing, Brown Creeper, Fox Sparrow, Northern Shrike, American Kestrel, Turkey Vulture, Wild Turkey, Barred Owl, Flicker, Hairy Woodpecker, Bluebird, Purple Finch, House Finch, Goldfinch, Song Sparrow. Visit ctaudubon.org/Pomfret-home

Scouts serve potatoes to fund summer camp

John D. Ryan photos

Troop 21 Boy Scout Joseph Vergoni shows off several freshly washed potatoes.

Putnam Boy Scout Troop 21 Acting Committee Chairman Peter A. Lombardo helped to serve.

PUTNAM — Eat a potato; send a deserving Scout to summer camp: That was the rallying cry on Feb. 9, when Putnam Boy Scout Troop 21 held its seventh annual Baked Potato Buffet, in the downstairs hall of St. Mary Church. Several hundred dollars in the till and 120 large baked potatoes later, Scoutmaster John Ryan pronounced the event a success.

"Not every family can afford the $415 it costs to send a Scout to a week of summer camp, so we need help from the community at events like this. Troop 21 never turns any boy away for financial reasons. We still have donations coming in, so we'll do very well by the time we total things up. We're grateful to everybody who came out in the cold and ate with us."

Believe it or not, however, raising money is not the most important reason that Troop 21 holds events like this. If it's done right, and Troop 21 does it right, fund-raising builds character and helps our boys to work to earn their own way," Ryan said. "That teaches them responsibility and self-respect. Summer camp's better when a Scout knows he worked to get there."

The Scouts washed the 120 potatoes, wrapping them in aluminum foil and getting them ready to be baked. They also chopped broccoli, sliced onions and ham, melted cheese, cooked bacon and got the other potato toppings ready. There was coffee, tea and desserts to set out, along with tablecloths and placemats. For the first time in the seven years since the buffet was first held, the troop sold out, keeping the Scouts busy running the serving line and clearing the tables.

"We're open to any boy 11 to 17," Ryan said. "Boys with special needs are welcome, and as I said before, Troop 21 does not turn any boy away for financial reasons."

The buffet was just part of Troop 21's year-round, active monthly schedule of activities. The Scouts have a winter camping trip at the end of this month, followed by the troop's annual "Scouting for Food" drive for Putnam's Daily Bread food pantry, a weekend camping at an archery range, a fishing trip, a wilderness survival weekend, and then the week of summer camp in July.

For information about joining, supporting or volunteering to help Troop 21, call Scoutmaster Ryan at (860) 928-7241 and leave a message, or send an email to troop21putnam@gmail.com.

There was a big crowd at the potato buffet.

THERAPY

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I was speaking with Head of Narcotics Task Force at Troop D, Dave Mattioli, and he asked me what we could do to stop arresting people and then finding them dead a few weeks later. Something positive. He felt it was a great idea. About nine months later I've got these rescue horses, a leased property which we are currently renovating.

That's amazing. I'm glad the community has stood behind this. What has made you so passionate about this project?

I came up with this after my brother died of a heroine overdose. What my family went through losing my brother, and will continue to go through every day, I can't imagine anybody else's family going through that. My brother was my best friend and my world. I want to honor his death in a way, so it's not a waste. If I can even save one person, everything is worth it.

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Quiet Corner Shouts meets

BY CAROL DAVIDGE
FOR THE VILLAGER

POMFRET — Nowhere are there more opportunities to make a difference in the world around us than in northeastern Connecticut. That was the message at the Feb. 7 meeting of Quiet Corner Shouts!, a grassroots organization in northeastern Connecticut that encourages civic engagement.

"Get involved," said Catherine D'Agostino. She listed, as an example, 40 different boards and commissions in the Town of Pomfret. The opportunities range from Agriculture to Inland Wetlands to Economic Planning and Development to the Board of Education and Finance, with nine vacancies on the Conservation Commission. Each town in Connecticut has similar boards.

"Pomfret is creating a new Trails Commission to focus attention on the numerous hiking and waterway assets," said Pomfret First Selectman Maureen Nicholson, a new way residents can volunteer and contribute their experiences or expertise to help their town.

"People who are interested in helping their communities can attend some meetings of the commissions where they have interests, just to see what goes on. If they decide to volunteer, they should call their first selectman's office," said D'Agostino. In addition, elections in November will determine who will lead every town's government. If a person is considering running for office, people can get involved with their town's Republican or Democratic Town Committees or other organizations which choose candidates, said D'Agostino.

"There are dozens of political parties across the United States, including Connecticut, but only six in Connecticut are currently eligible to put candidates on the ballot," she said, meaning that a party or person who doesn't belong to one of those six parties would need to petition in accordance with the laws administered by the Secretary of the State to run as a candidate. (Currently the six ballot-eligible parties are Democratic, Green, Independent, Libertarian, Republican and Working Families parties.)

Cris Cadiz, co-founder of Quiet Corner Shouts, said she first ran for and was elected to Pomfret's Library Board in 2017. Other Quiet Corner Shouts members include registrars of voters and members of a wide range of committees in towns throughout the region.

Quiet Corner Shouts! is a grassroots organization that encourages civic engagement. Members come from all over northeastern Connecticut. The next meeting will be on March 14 with a performance by Katie Hill about pre-famine immigration from Ireland. The event will be at the Pomfret Senior Center, at 5:30 pm. Meetings are the second Thursdays of each month, open to the public and free. For information, go to facebook: QuietCornerShoutsInfo.

Carol Davidge photo

Catherine D'Agostino of Brooklyn (right) shared insights during a meeting of Quiet Corner Shouts! on Feb. 7 with Bruce Staehle, from Killingly, left, and Cris Cadiz, from Pomfret, center.

Westview earns top national ratings

DAYVILLE — For the 11th consecutive year, Westview Health Care Center, a 103 bed skilled nursing facility located in Dayville, Connecticut has been reported to be among America's Best in the United States with a 5 Star Overall Rating according to U.S. News and World Report. The report has based its findings from the federal government's Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services' (CMS) Nursing Home Compare data on over 15,500 nationwide Medicare and Medicaid-certified nursing homes in the country.

Westview has remained one of the United States America's Best 5 Star overall rated facilities since the inception of the U.S. News and World Report in 2009 and the only nursing home with a perfect 5 star rating in every category in Windham County

"Year after year, our amazing staff of health care professionals work so hard to provide the best of quality care matched with exceptional customer service," said Westview Administrator David T. Panteleakos. "Plain and simple, our incredibly dedicated employees are the driving force behind these accolades and such a distinction."

Westview includes a distinct and self-contained sub-acute short-term rehabilitation unit and an Outpatient Rehabilitation and Aquatic Center, dedicated to providing quality health care services. Along with garnering a five star overall rating found on www.medicare.gov , Westview received Consumer Reports Top 10 Connecticut Nursing Facility rating and Health Grades 5 Star Top Ranking.

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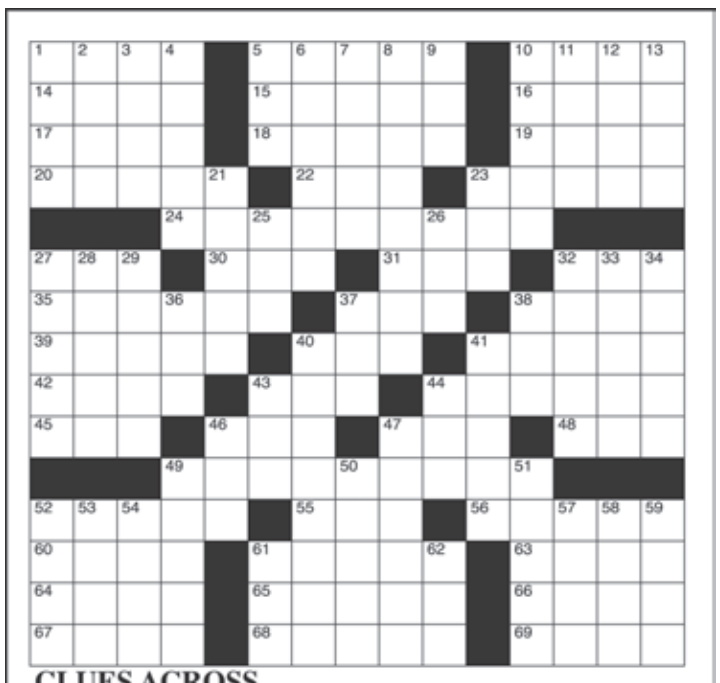
Westview Health Care Center in Dayville.



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1. Civil rights organization
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10. Outside entertaining area
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15. Comedic Actor Tim
16. Barbary sheep
17. German river
18. Take
19. Catches
20. Eating houses
22. Consumed
23. Lawyers try them
24. Hugh Jackman character
27. Basics
30. No (Scottish)
31. Duct
32. Athlete who plays for pay
35. Unit of distance
37. Female bird
38. Predatory reptile
39. Regions
40. Dishonorable man
41. Dry white Italian wine
42. A way to understand
43. Actors' organization
44. Beach hut
45. Disappointment
46. Police officer
47. Digital audiotape
48. Western Thai people
49. Of a polymer
52. Secret political clique
55. Sound unit
56. Cavalry sword
60. Whale ship captain
61. Eastern Austria spa town
63. Holds food
64. Filippo __, Saint
65. Holds bottles of milk
66. Intestinal pouches
67. Arab ruler
68. Chicago political family
69. "Transparent" actress Kathryn

CLUES DOWN

1. Detailed drawing
2. Class of comb jellies
3. Musical symbol
4. Hall of Fame ballplayer Rod
5. Pouch
6. Split
7. Having wings
8. Set aside
9. Midway between northeast and east
10. Daughter of Acrisius
11. Periods of time
12. Rapper Ice __
13. Any of several candies
21. Units of loudness
23. Central nervous system
25. Resinous secretion of insects
26. 007's creator
27. Separate from
28. Exposes to view
29. Harsh squeaking sound
32. Fishing vessel (Naut.)
33. Western Ukrainian city
34. The sea
36. Unhappy
37. Old miserable woman
38. Corn comes on it
40. Guinea pig-like mammal
41. Self-immolation by fire rituals
43. Fifth note of a major scale
44. Automobile
46. Military title (abbr.)
47. Expunge
49. Chadic language Bura-__
50. Something you win
51. Grab
52. Town in Galilee
53. Polite interruption sound
54. Italian Seaport
57. La __ Tar Pits
58. "To __, his own"
59. Tom Clancy hero Jack
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62. One of Napoleon's generals

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QUEST MARTIAL ARTS

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PUTNAM — Grandmaster Mike Bogdanski and Master Kristin Duethorn recently announced the newest graduates at Quest Martial Arts. Orange-Blue Belt: Ingrid Alves, Logan Lanning, and Samantha Smyth. American Dragon: Paul Azu. Blue Dragon: Effie Caron, Landon Healey, Logan Wedda, and Harper van der Swaagh. Blue tiger: Mason Caya. Orange Dragon: Evan Ekman and Cole Tubbs. Red Dragon: Gino Esposito. Orange Belt: Tavin Fisher and Brayden Pappagallo. Green Dragon: Anthony Mancini. Orange Tiger: Carter Meehan and Charlot Rochette. 1 Stripe Blue 7 Gup: Anthony Mills. Blue-White Belt PASS: Lyra Ritner. Yellow Belt: Chiara Rochette. Blue-White Belt: Abigael Stevens and Aylin Stevens.Green-White Belt: Evan Webb.

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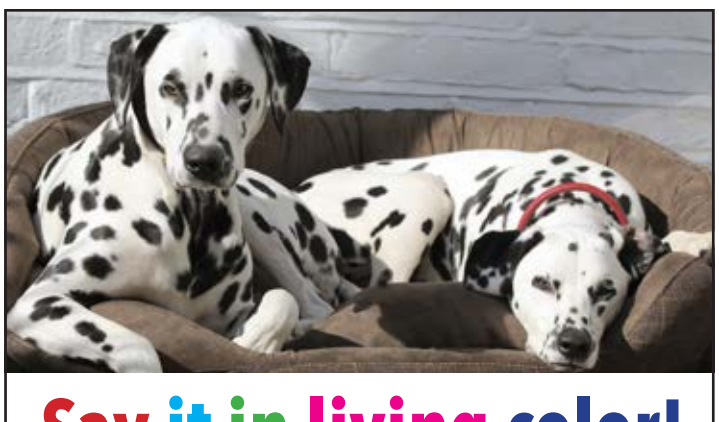

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Ice sculptures survive in Putnam

PUTNAM – The Fire & Ice Festival may be over, but many of the ice sculptures still decorate Main Street. Created by professional sculptors and local artists alike, the sponsored pieces stand for how supportive and united the Putnam community is.

Olivia Richman photos

A fabulous unicorn ice sculpture sponsored by Renee's Working Girl Catering.

he Town of Putnam's employees came together to sponsor an ic sculpture that celebrates the town.

The Baker's Dozen's adorable donut and coffee sculpture.

The Woodstock Building Associates' wintery home.

Courthouse Bar and Grille's ice sculpture was an ode to the O'Putnam 5K

Runnings' simple fish ice sculpture.

The CT National Golf Club's golf bag was a hit.

The Mansion at Bald Hill's majestic unicorn.

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The Putnam Science Academy tried their hands at their own artistic art sculpture.

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Killingly High School honor roll

DAYVILLE —The following students at Killingly High School received academic recognition for the second quarter and are listed by last name first, then first and middle name.

Seniors

High honors: Antonelli, Samuel Nathan; Ayotte, Karena Ann; Burdick, Jennifer Lynn; Fontaine, Brianna Marguerite; Fournier, Faith Celeste; Holmes, Jason Christopher; Hunt, Jasmine; Jax, Taylor Leigh; McMerriman, Dylan James; Morin, Emily; Patel, Prachi Vijay; Petersen, Dylan Andrew; Raheb, Joseph Steven; Robinson, Emily Patrice; Soto, Vanessa; Strom, Alexander James; Vazquez, Elionna Valencia; Watling, Emily Anne;

First honors: Allen, Kelsey Vera; Alvord, Jasmine Samantha; Archambault, Katherine Elise; Benoit, Camille Susan-Francis; Brower, Jacob Joseph Gimson; Charron, Taylor Morgan; Credit, Tate Ashton; Durand, Lauryn Shae; George, Ezra Turner; Gottardi, Andrea; Hicks, Tiffany Amber; Johndrow, Colby Gabriel; Jordan, Mary Elizabeth; Laurito, Danielle Hope; LeBlanc, Cecilia Gail; Levesque, Allison E; Lynch, Samantha Sandra Rose; Marceau, Emma Iris; Marcoux, Noah Nelson Paul; Nichols, Devin Patrick; O'Connor, Michael Fallon; Phelan, Matthew Paul; Philbrook, Berlin R; Pratt, Sedona Riley; Shay, Jamie Claire; Toczko-Klingensmith, James Eric; VanLiew, Dylan Mathew; Ward, Castor Paulix

Second honors include: Allen, Olivia Kathryn; Allen, Terren Danee; Auger, Brendon Tyler; Becker, Jacey Lauren; Bentinck, Bryce Preston Benjamin; Blais, Derek Richard; Bragdon, Colin; Chatelle, Mackenzie Benz; Chitwood, Alexandra Rose; Desaulnier, Luke Alexander; Diaz, Jazmyn Lynn; Dionis, Nazmia Constantine; Ernest, Ronald Joseph; Filbert, Andrea Tabitha; Gaudette, Tres-Belle Elizabethann; Gaudreau, Benjamin Cooper; Gavitt, Alexis Marie; Gervasio, Quinlan Paul; Giorgi, Sara MacKenzie; Hopkins, Gabriella Rose; Jimenez, Hailey Emma; Lafleur, Nathan Paul; Mayotte, Lauren Alexis; McCrory, Kaitlyn Ashley; Montpelier, Joshua Armand; Morrissette, Alexandria Autumn; Peckham, Kaitlyn Rene; Petersen, Derek Jacob; Provencher, Sophia A; Rojas, Itzel Karyme; Rull, David Joseph; Sanford, Dylan Robert; Savoie, Morgan Mae; Soler, Camryn Elizabeth; Torrey, Ian James; Toth, Arianna Paige; Turner, Derek Michael; West, Corinne Alicia; Wolanin, Blake Eric; Woods, Caitlyn

Juniors

High honors: Deep, Isabella May; Farnsworth, Russell Stephen; Lefevre, Cassidy Joy; Parsons, Aidan James; Pawul, Christopher; Purcell, Alexandra Margarita

First honors: Bean, Isaac Steven; Boateng-Afranie, Faith Serwah; Caffrey, Brianna Hope; Cerbo, Keeley Rose; DeRouin, Erin Sue; DiBenedetto, Rebecca Sherrie; Dreibholz, Jordan Louise; Gaudreau, Alyssa Jean; Hogan, Brianna Rose; Jackson, Mackenzie Marie; Lambert, Seth Stephen; Lepire, Jonathan Michael; Martineau, Kaileigh; Owen, Morriah Elizabeth; Ponciano, Nadia Maria; Ray, Ashley Taylor; Souvanhnaphan, Soudalath

Second honors include: Bates, Mirabelle Ann; Bellows, Stephanie Elizabeth; Bigelow, Shayne Michael; Binienda, Arianna Marie; Burnham, Savannah Rose; Creswell, Jonathan David; Filbert, Christiana Louise; Frink, Gabrial Lawrence; Gagnon, Caroline Elizabeth; Greb, Jacob Conrad; Hansen, Alyssa Jill; Hyatt, Lauren Nicole; Johnson, Caleb Wallace Davis; Jones, Lauren Taylor; Kirkconnell, Lauren Paige; Lohman, Jaimie Lynn; Lopes, Jackson Carter; Manfredo, Alexis Marie; Marshall, Jordyn Elizabeth; Murd, Samantha Ella; Noll, Ryan Thomas; Rattray, Madison Kela; Seiffert, Karly Ryan; Shaw, Dylan Thomas; Shaw, Jaycin Christopher; Sparling, Annabelle Rose; Tang, Isabel Jiayi; Theroux, Benjamin; Townsend, Aaron David; Townsend, Evan Michael; Turner, Emma J

Sophomores

High honors: Card, Abby Morgan; Dunn, Laney Abigail; Flynn, Nikki; Griffin, Annie Dwyer; Griffin, Sophie Skidmore; MacPhail, Amelia Rose; Purcell, Julia Margarita; Raheb, Daniel Peter; Rosen, Sydney Dakota; Weiss, Matthew D; Wrobel, Meghan Page

First honors: Allen, Evelyn Grace; Antonelli, Abraham David; Barber, Cal Henry; Buisson, Savannah R; Burgess, Abigail Marie; Charron, Janelle Marie; Dexter, Kiona Angelica Claire; Driscoll, Abigail Susan; Farquhar, Mackenzie Grace; Harrington, Kailey Rose; Hirschboeck, Bailey Morgan; Hopkins, Julia Renee; Lavigne, Cole R; McKenna, Aidan R.; Morrissette, Charlotte Lillilan; Picariello, Shannon Elizabeth; Roberts, Sarah Danielle; Stockford, Lillian Margaret; Sumner, Madelyn Rose; Watson, Kaleb Andrus; Yaworski, Bo Michael

Second honors: Aubin, Scott James; Baublitz, Dedrick Adam; Brayman, Austin Thomas; Briere, Madison; Cerbo, Grace Nicole; Conklin, Zoe Madison; Correa, Kamila; Crowe, Karagen Camille; Cruz, Kyleigh Amaya; Douglas, Colton Michael; Dumphy, Michelle Zowie; Ethier, Kayleigh Noella; Faucher, Alexis Mae; Galarza, Jacob Alexander; Groh, Lance Anthony; Hopkins, Kaleigh Elise; Hopkins, Madison Reed; Keefe, Paige Elisabeth; Lamoureux, Olivia Marie; Larrow, Tate Gregory; Lavoie, Destynee Matty; Lehtinen, Emilee Julyana; Lehtonen, Zachary Eric; LeSage, Grace Alexandra; Lessey, Isabelle Joy; Lillibridge-Reek, Patricia Elaine; Menzano, Bailey Asunta-Marie; Morissette, Cooper Andrew; Norgren, Abigail Lynne; Normandie, Dana Lee; Patel, Viren Vijay; Peaslee, Madyson Emma-hope; Pepin, Bailey Marie; Phommachanh, Emma Rayne; Rice, Kevin M; Rivers, Alyssa Danielle Shand; Rukstela, Jordan Taylor; Sanchez, Dakota Ray; Siegmund, Hannah Marie; Smith, Mason Zachary; Smith, Ronald Frederick; Socha, Grace Hanley

Freshmen

High honors: Bellows, Shelby Lynne; Crossman, Khloe Marie; Fallon, Maggie May; Gutierrez, Lily M; Lamparelli, Sage Ann; Pacheco, Kia

First honors: Barry, Georgia Lynn; Beaudry, Kylie Melanie; Bonin, Kayla Marie; Brytowski, Ayvril Taylor; Carpenter, Emma Rose; Cathell, Payton O'Leary; Dube, Makala Ross; Dufault, MaryGrace Amelia; Ellis, Quinn Christopher; Gilbert, Emma Rae; Girard, Sierra Rose; Graham, Gabriella Kyle; Hajder, Xavier Rafael; Holmes, Ryan; Jellison, Maggie Jean; Keefe, Payton Olivia; Lavey, Stella Ann; Mandeville, Ella Raye; Martin, Rhiannon Marie; Moore, Sophia Jacqueline; Morris, Reagan Olivia; Morrissette, Julianna Elizabeth; Norris, Kayleigh Ann; Palmer, Josephine Lynn; Percival, Benjamin; Rice, Alyssa Fayth; Sanchas, Rachel Amanda; Torrente, Kaia Grace; Ward, Lola Allison; Watson, Janessa Lynee-Marie; Yater, Alyssah Ryann

Second honors: Aubin, Tyler Rese; Baker, Brandon Hunter; Cicarelli, Olivia Rae; Cicchetti, Nicole Janice; Civitello, Elizabeth Marie; Cooper, Jeyla Aaron; Dimino, Anna Mae; Dootson, Seth Lamar; Duquette, Payton Renee; Ferraj, Marcy; Fortune, Emily Trinity; Frantz, Carissa; Giambattista, Lennon; Goulston, Samantha Barrows; Griggs, Ryan Alexander; Grzysiewicz, Jason; Hamelin, Caleb Michael; Kirkconnell, Cadence Lenora; Klingensmith, Faith Victoria; Lavallee, Kenna Yvonne; Lawrence, Hailey Nicole; Loiselle, Collin Robert; Magao, Julia Emma; Manoogian, Alyvia June; Martell, Thomas Christopher; McAuliffe, Jake Edward; Mercado, Savanna Rose; Miller, Ryan; Murawski, Kyndal Brooke; Nammachack, Joann; Nanthavong, Isaac Joy; Norman, Lydia Mai; Noury, Camden Albert; O'Neil, Gary; Ormstead, Gianna Noelle; Palin, Rhea L; Palmer, Molly Angelina Heath; Radtke, Hailey Elizabeth; Revellese, Julia Marie; Romans, Emily Marie; Sheppard, Alyssa Marie; Simoneau, Jason Joseph; Sirimongkhoune, Kaylei; Stevens, Sara Nicole; Strangman, Kathryn Grace-Kelly; Surprenant, Felicity Catherine; Toth, Hailey Olivia; Turner, Savannah Alexis; Valdes, Kaydin; Vongkaysone, Cynthia Sangduene; Zea, Laylah Ali; Zicolella, Sydney Anastasia

School Menus

MARY FISHER ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

February 25, Monday – Cheeseburger OR vanilla yogurt, muffin, cheese. Oven baked potatoes, baked beans, cucumber wheels.
February 26, Tuesday – WG mozzarella sticks, dipping sauce OR turkey/cheese sandwich. Mashed potatoes, fresh carrots, juice.
February 27, Wednesday – Shepard's pie, garlic breadstick OR vanilla yogurt, cereal, cheese stick. Spinach salad, cucumbers wheels.
February 28, Thursday – Cheese pizza OR ham/cheese sandwich. Oven baked potatoes, fresh celery and tomatoes, juice.
March 1, Friday -- Dr. Seuss Day -- Green Eggs and Ham Scrambled Eggs, Bagel, Ham, Hash brown OR Vanilla Yogurt-Muffin-Cheese Stick

POMFRET COMMUNITY SCHOOL

February 25, Monday – French bread pizza, crispy cucumber wheels, crunchy baby carrots, ranch dipping sauce, assorted fruits, milk. Breakfast: breakfast pastry
February 26, Tuesday – Beef and cheese nachos, zesty tomato salsa, sweet steamed corn, refried beans, assorted fruits, milk. Breakfast: mini pancakes
February 27, Wednesday – Mini corn dogs, oven baked potato wedge, seasoned green beans, assorted fruits, milk. Breakfast: breakfast pastry.
February 28, Thursday – Hearty Mexican mac n cheese, tortilla chips and salsa, sweet steamed corn, assorted fruits, milk. Breakfast: mini waffles.
March 1, Friday -- Oven Baked Potato Wedges Creamy Coleslaw Tartar Sauce Assorted Fruits

PUTNAM ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

February 25, Monday – Breakfast for Lunch: WG French toast sticks, sliced strawberries, fluffy scrambled egg, crispy hash brown potato.
February 26, Tuesday – WG pasta with meat sauce, WG breadstick, seasoned broccoli, 100% fruit sherbet.
February 27, Wednesday – Chicken bacon ranch, flatbread, sweet potato fries, veggies w/dip.
February 28, Thursday – Beef Shepherd's Pie, layered casserole of seasoned ground beef, vegetables, topped with rust of mashed potatoes, WG dinner roll.
March 1, Friday – Read Across America Day "Lorax" confetti mini-pancakes, "Bar-ba-loot" 100% fruit juice, "Trufulla" fresh fruit

PUTNAM MIDDLE SCHOOL

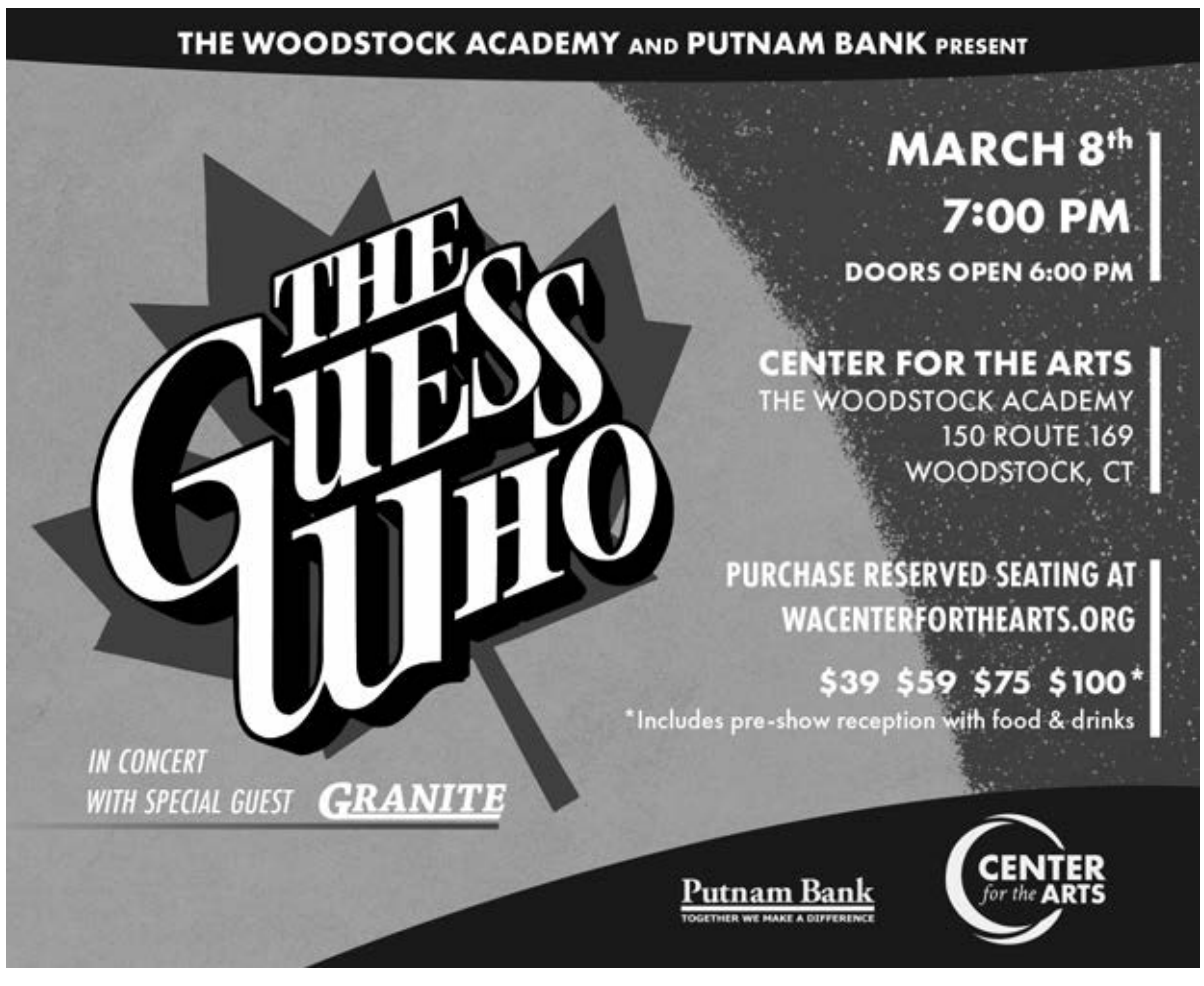
February 25, Monday – Breakfast for Lunch: WG waffles with fruit toppings bar, fluffy scrambled egg, crispy hash brown potato.
February 26, Tuesday – WG pasta with meat sauce, WG breadstick, seasoned broccoli, 100% fruit sherbet.
February 27, Wednesday – Chicken bacon ranch, flatbread, sweet potato fries, veggies w/dip.
February 28, Thursday – Beef Shephed's Pie, layered casserole of seasoned ground beef, vegetables, topped with crust of mashed potatoes, WG dinner roll.
March 1, Friday – Happy Birthday Dr. Seuss! Free book giveaway. "Green" eggs & ham, "ABC" WG waffle bar, "Cat in the Hat" hash brown

THOMPSON MIDDLE SCHOOL & TOURTELLOTTE (GRADES 5-12)

February 25, Monday – Rodeo BBQ cheeseburger (BBQ sauce, onion rings, bacon) OR loaded mac & cheese fries. Oven baked potatoes, baked beans.
February 26, Tuesday – Mozzarella sticks, dipping sauce OR manager's choice. Mashed potatoes, seasoned carrots.
February 27, Wednesday – Shepard's pie, garlic breadstick OR chicken quesadilla w/sour cream and salsa. Mixed vegetables.
February 28, Thursday – Big Daddy buffalo pizza OR turkey and stuffing roll up, WG roll. Oven baked potatoes, seasoned green beans.
March 1, Friday – Crispy breaded chicken OR Manager's choice. WG mac & cheese, broccoli w/cheese sauce.

WOODSTOCK PUBLIC SCHOOLS

February 25, Monday – Hot dog, bun, oven fries, fruit, milk.
February 26, Tuesday – Hot chicken sandwich, butternut squash, fruit, milk.
February 27, Wednesday – Mozzarella stix, marinara sauce, salad, fruit, milk.
February 28, Thursday – Beef and bean burrito, lettuce and tomato, fruit, milk.
March 1, Friday -- Pizza, cucumber cups, fruit, milk.



Westview Commons ground breaking

DAYVILLE — After years in the development and planning for a new independent living center in Northeast Connecticut, Country Living at Westview Commons, officially broke ground at the 117 Ware Road site on Jan. 9. Construction is expected to take approximately 18 months with an autumn 2020 opening planned.

The new construction includes a two story 115,000 square foot facility with a lower level parking garage for the 55 and older population. This state-of-the-art facility will contain a total of 73 "premiere, deluxe and elite" living units that include a kitchen, living room, one or two bed room lay-outs, storage, bathrooms and walk out patio options as well.

The facility is slated to include a 3,000 square foot center core common area that includes an open, two story great room for dining and entertainment activities, an Irish pub, Mediterranean café, movie theater, private dining room, open lounges, physician offices, salon and more.

Complete meal services, linen services, housekeeping, maintenance, and transportation will be available to residents.

The original concept for the project was initiated in 1998 by Westview Health Care Center's previous Administrator Eileen A. Panteleakos and President Herbert Czermak. Current Westview Administrator David T. Panteleakos has since taken on the reins. David is the son of Eileen Panteleakos and has been the administrator at Westview since her retirement in 2001. Donna Copeland, from Putnam, is the Executive Director.

Courtesy photo

David T. Panteleakos, owner, Donna Copeland, Executive Director and Herbert Czermak, owner.

PUTNAM — Sally Johnson, pictured, with Jim Verge of Amplisound, won a raffle at Ellis Tech's Senior Health Expo recently for pair of free hearing aids. Amplisound Hearing Care Center of Putnam held the raffle and provided the hearing aids.

COLLEGE NEWS

The following local students have earned academic honors at the respective college or university for the fall 2018 semester.

SMITHFIELD, R.I. — Bryant University Deans' List: Meagan Bianchi of Brooklyn, Garrett Downs of Brooklyn, Corrine Khamphoukeo of Danielson, Jacob Theroux of Dayville, Audrey Chase of Pomfret Center, Benjamin Piche, Asa Scranton of Woodstock.

ROCHESTER, N.Y. —Dean's List at Rochester Institute of Technology: Chris Cheney of Woodstock, Cameron Grube of Eastford, Shane McCarthy of Woodstock, Brent Sorensen of Woodstock, Azhur Viano of Woodstock.

Benefit concert at Congregational Church

WOODSTOCK — The sixth annual benefit tribute concert dedicated to the memory of folk legend Pete Seeger is scheduled for 7:30 p.m. on Saturday, March 30, at the First Congregational Church of Woodstock. Admission to the concert is a $10 donation per person to benefit the Community Kitchen at the church, which serves hot meals to those in need every Monday at noon.

The event, affectionately called For Pete's Sake, is hosted by former State Troubadour Sally Rogers of Pomfret, joined by a host of area performers: Carolyn Brodginski, Howie Bursen, Jeff Perkins, Leslie Sweetnam, Carol Rossetti, Claudia Schmidt, Donna Dufresne, Eva Hulme and Peter Lange. Seeger was one of the folk singers responsible for popularizing the spiritual We Shall Overcome that became the acknowledged anthem of the American Civil Rights Movement in the 1960s

Seminar series at Creation Church

THOMPSON — Creation Church, 47 West Thompson Road, has scheduled a Spring Saturday Seminar Series on Health and Wellness open to the community and featuring experts in the area on mental illness, health, and relationships. Admission to each seminar is free and open to all. All seminars begin at 9 a.m. On Saturday, March 9, Joseph DeAngelis of DeAngelis Counseling will kick-off the series with a seminar entitled "Understanding Mental Illness". On Saturday, April 6 Dr. Daniel O'Neill of the Day Kimball Medical Group will be leading a seminar entitled "Health and Wholeness". On May 4 Dennis Reiter of PeaceMaker Ministries will lead a seminar entitled "Resolving Relational Conflict". Creation Church is a non-denominational, Christian church located just across from Thompson Dam. For more information, please go to the church's website at www.creationchurch.org.

NOW free baseball clinic set

THOMPSON — On Sunday, Feb. 24, Northeast Opportunities for Wellness will team up with Tri-Town American Legion Baseball to host a free indoor baseball clinic at Tourtellotte Memorial High School. The two-hour event will offer children the opportunity to rotate among six skill stations, including: Throwing/Pitching, Catching, Batting, Fielding, a NOW Fitness Agility Obstacle Course, and NOW Nutrition class. The clinic is the first in a series of free 2019 events hosted by NOW designed to introduce sports and wellness activities to children in the 10-town area of Northeast Connecticut.

"Our organization is passionate about the sport of baseball and we appreciate the work that NOW is doing to encourage young athletes," said Ron Coderre, Chairman of the Tri-Town American Legion Executive Committee.

Tri-Town American Legion Baseball welcomes players ages 13-19 from Putnam, Woodstock, Thompson and Eastford to participate in the league each year. Registration is currently available online For more information on NOW or to sign up for the upcoming clinic, visit: www.nowinmotion.org.

Woodstock BOE community forum

WOODSTOCK — The Woodstock Board of Education has scheduled a community school budget forum for the public on Saturday, Feb. 23, from 10 a.m. to 11:30 a.m. in the Woodstock Middle School cafeteria at 147 Route 169. Woodstock Public Schools Superintendent Viktor Toth will present an overview of the fiscal year 2019-20 education budget and discuss academic priorities in the coming year.

Counselors at 4-H come from six different countries this year.

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see each other it's like we've never been a part."

What she has loves about her current involvement with 4-H is the chance to give back to the community. She gets to make genuine connections with staff from all over the world, and with kids from the community. She helps them grow, meet new people, and discover who they are.

Registration is open now, and some days are already filling up. Call 4-H's office at 860-974-3379 for more information.

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Under the Weather

"How about this weather?"

If ever there was an easy, non-challenging conversation opener, this is it. You can be in line at the grocery store, serving jury duty or pushing papers around at work – it doesn't matter where you are - this line never fails.

Everyone seems willing to talk about the weather. It's a built-in, slam-dunk, easy topic that allows complete strangers to either commiserate or celebrate, depending on the daily meteorological situation.

So what is it with the weather? Why do we love to discuss, comment and re-hash it?

Weather is complicated, frustrating and ultimately uncertain. Weather breaks our hearts and lifts our moods and forces daily choices for everyone. Weather drives our decisions, affects our attitudes and makes fellow survivors out of strangers.

Weather is our most true common denominator. No matter what our life circumstances - student, professional, retiree – when you live in the same geographic area, you and your fellow community members have the weather in common.

Weather doesn't care about politics or sports teams or vacations or the date on the calendar. It is an equal opportunity annoyer and a great equalizer – everyone has to drive in snow, or dash to the car in the rain, or stand in long lines at the fair in the hot sun. Almost everyone has had a picnic cancelled, a vacation spoiled or a ball game rained out.

But weather is also the unexpectedly warm, sunny, sweet-smelling spring morning that causes smiles and banter with co-workers. It's the light snow flurries that add sparkle to early December and prompts holiday greetings between shoppers. It's the crisp, snappy feel of fall football games and the slow, sultry, humidity of summer evenings spent on backyard patios. It's the backdrop of every day of our lives.

So what is it with the weather? Maybe we love the topic because it's universal. Maybe we love the excitement of something that will change – either for the good or the bad. Maybe it's that it is temporary and fleeting and something to either be withstood or enjoyed, knowing that it will not last. Maybe it's simply because weather is always with us…. whether we like it or not.

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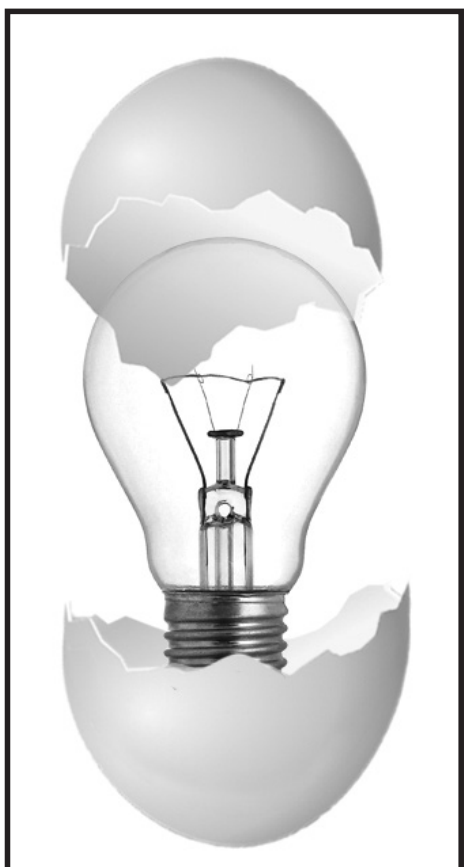

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OPINION

Opinion and commentary from the Quiet Corner

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Hayes wrong on Sunday gun hunting

State Representative Rick Hayes (Republican – 51stDistrict) should retract his support of proposals HB-5309 and HB-5310 to expand the current hunting season and expand the type of hunting allowed on Sundays. The majority of 51stDistrict residents, like myself, who utilize public lands for hiking and other non-hunting pursuits on a regular basis, would be put at serious risk to life and limb as a result of the passage of these proposals. Furthermore, expansion of hunting regulations on public lands could result in increased litter (eg. spent shotgun shells, soda bottles and the like), as well as other damage to the ecosystem. The expansion of hunting rights on public lands is a direct impingement upon the rights of those of us who would like to use those lands for running, biking, hiking, snow shoeing and cross country skiing without having to worry about being shot at. It is a shame that Mr. Hayes would deny public safety and basic civil rights for many of us due to pressure from a small, but vocal and well-funded minority of hunters, NRA activists and gun lobbyists.

PAUL COTNOIR
PUTNAM

Trump defies the Constitution

Regardless of political view point, religious belief or economic status, every American must accept and support the Constitution as it now stands. A person may disagree with elements of the Constitution and can work to change it. But while it stands, the Constitution sets out how things are to be.

Trump, whom I have called Donald the Destroyer in a previous letter, has set out to defy the Constitution twice in the past week.

By calling a national emergency about the border wall is a clear defiance of the Constitution. The Constitution says that the Congress has the sole right to direct and spend money. This is one of the fundamental aspects of the separation of powers so carefully created by the Founding Fathers. It automatically prevents the President going off and doing whatever he wants.

Yes, other Presidents have called for national emergencies and their right to do so for a specific situation may well be called into question. Whether Congress should have exerted their power to limit such actions is also a matter of debate. But their prior actions cannot be called on to set a precedent and therefore condone Trump's action. Each situation is different and is to be judged on its own merits.

The border and immigration situation is a serious one but is not one that threatens the very existence of the United States and does not constitute a national emergency. Greater threats are Trump's refusal to believe our own intelligence information over that of Putin's assurances, the internal terrorism of white supremacists, our futile war on drugs instead of working to reduce drug demand and the pervasive mindset that Trump has created and fed that only "Pure Americans" should be here. (Trump has not used this term but it fits with what I see has been going on.) I could go on and on about threats Trump is oblivious to.

Trump's attempt to get funding thru a national emergency guise must be put down by Congress. Everyone in Congress swore to uphold the Constitution and therefore must revoke this sham emergency. Unfortunately, the Republicans have gone along with Trump because they are cowards afraid of losing their positions. This situation goes above politics and goes to the very pith of our representative democracy. The rule and support of law must win out over vain purpose.

Getting back to the Constitutional attacks by Trump, he has once again assailed the First Amendment. About Alec Baldwin on SNL, Donald the Destroyer said, "how do the Networks get away with these total Republican hit jobs without retribution? Likewise for many other shows. Very unfair and should be looked into."

We are all allowed the right to express our views, including those who support Trump, without the threat of retribution, persecution or reprisal. And even the most avid of Trump supporters must agree to such rights for all. Otherwise, they are advocating repression and dictatorial powers.

As a side note, Trump keeps screaming about how unfair the media is towards him. Considering how many accusations, indictments, guilty pleas and implications have been made against him and those in his administration, maybe nothing unfair has been done.

STEPHEN ETZEL
PUTNAM

Let's take climate change seriously

I'm 32 years old and I've owned a home in Thompson for a few years now. I have a family with 2 young children. When I think about the future I'm preparing them for, I want it to be a hopeful world where the promise of happiness shines brightly, not a dreary, desolate world decaying in helpless slow-motion collapse right before our eyes. Climate change is real and we need to act now. Here in Connecticut we are already seeing the signs- our winters have been incredibly mild. We know that sea level rise threatens our entire state. Climate-related effects will cost the US $500 billion per year in lost economic output. We don't have time to waste on wishful thinking or comforting incrementalism.

I'm all for individual lifestyle changes, but hundreds of millions of middle income Americans are also trapped in the current carbon economy with no affordable way to go carbon-free even if they wanted to. That is why, in addition to doing what we can, I strongly support the Green New Deal resolution just introduced in the Congress and the Senate, to enable our families to make an affordable and unburdensome transition to a carbon-free lifestyle. A Green New Deal will keep Americans safe from climate change and create millions of green jobs, many here in our district. It is common sense policy that is overwhelmingly popular with the American people, regardless of political party or where they live.

Any presidential candidate who wants to be taken seriously on climate and earn the support of responsible young Americans needs to support Rep. Ocasio-Cortez and Sen. Markey's resolution.

RICHARD SCHULTZ
THOMPSON

Pioneers of anti-slavery in Connecticut

KILLINGLY AT 300

MARGARET WEAVER

In honor of Black History Month I thought I'd write a little about two men who lived in Northeastern Connecticut who worked for the abolitionist cause. Probably the most famous of these was the Reverend Samuel Joseph May of Brooklyn. Celebrate Connecticut 350 Years 1635-1985 includes the following about May's time in Connecticut. After a change from a Congregational Church to the Unitarian denomination, the "Brooklyn church encountered great difficulty in finding a pastor. May agreed with the Unitarian views of the congregation and accepted Brooklyn's offer of a pulpit, becoming pastor there in 1822. May soon made Brooklyn a well-known center for every reform agitated in the nineteenth century. William Ladd, the great pacifist, came to visit as did Bronson Alcott, whose ideas were changing educational theory…Of all the reform movements May was most interested in temperance, peace, and abolition. He recruited a 'Cold-Water' Army that used to drill on the Brooklyn Green; organized the Windham County Peace Society, one of the most active in the United States; and supported Prudence Crandall in her effort to educate blacks and joined with William Lloyd Garrison in advocating the immediate abolition of slavery…Brooklyn proved too small a stage for him and in 1836 he accepted a pulpit closer to Boston" (p. 131).

I found what Milton C. Sernett, PhD wrote about May on The National Abolition Hall of Fame website. "Samuel Joseph May was born on September 12, 1797 into a well-connected Boston family. He graduated from Harvard University (1817) and Harvard Divinity School (1820) and became the only Unitarian minister in Connecticut (1822). He married Lucretia Flagge Coffin in 1825. William Lloyd Garrison converted him to immediate abolitionism in 1830; they became lifelong friends. Rev. May assisted Garrison in founding the New England Anti-Slavery Society (NEASS) and was a founding member the American Anti-Slavery Society (AASS)...published the abolitionist newspaper The Unionist (1833), and helped

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Double the love

NANCY WEISS

Twins: Romulus and Remus, Castor and Pollux, Tweedle- Dee and Tweedle-Dum, Ashley and Mary Kate Olsen. Twins figure prominently in art, literature, our imagination and now in my own family. Our new grandchildren are twins, a boy and a girl. Their arrival was greeted with great joy and a deeper interest into what it means to be a twin. For the babies, it is all they know. For me, it is a chance to see the world in a slightly different way.

There were several sets of twins in my elementary school. The identical twins sparked the most interest as they were often dressed and treated alike. Their first names were chosen to be complimentary and it was commonly held that no one could tell them apart.

A pair of identical twin sisters sat next to me in 6th grade. I spent an inordinate amount of time, when I should have been listening to the teacher, studying everything I could about them. They wore similar outfits and hair do's and they liked to be together. Physically they were identical, but not in personality. One was outgoing and one was shy. They didn't make friends with other children and when they sat silently on the bus together, they seemed like an island of secret communication and comfort with each other that I admired.

Fraternal twins, such as my grandchildren, were in school with me, of course, but they weren't quite as noticeable. Because nearly half of fraternal twins are boy-girl combinations, it often took a bit to understand that they were twins rather than just siblings with the bad luck to end up in the same classroom.

The most famous fraternal twin combination may be Hansel and Gretel, who famously were beguiled by a witch, who wanted to eat them for dinner. For many years Opera New England, now Performing Arts, brought a production of the children's opera, Hansel and Gretel, to our area. The kids loved it, especially when smart Gretel motivated dreamy Hansel to push the witch into the oven. The triumphant twins then danced back into the arms of their abusive parents and had a lovely time. While child rearing practices in opera certainly leave much to be desired, the theme of team work by twins is a strong one.

When I told people our daughter was expecting twins a number of women said they had always wished they could have twins. I was surprised. The entire process is a bit more dangerous and fraught with potential problems for the mother and the babies. At least twice as much stuff is needed and two babies require a great deal of attention. Everything from car seats to college costs are doubled at once.

Nonetheless, countless people said twins were something they desired. Was it the chance to get child rearing over all at once? Did it seem an efficient use of family procreation time? Are twins especially cute? I can't speak for others, but while all babies are special, there is something extra special in twins. For our daughter and son-in-law, it was a personal triumph to navigate their way through the complexities of the process to bring home two tiny little people, who at the moment are completely oblivious to each other.

Twins attract us because they offer an insight into our own similarities and differences. They seem to have deeper bonds to each other from their shared experiences of birth. They have the possibility of understanding each other without using words or even in a language of their own. Best of all, they are double the love.

Tax breaks for second home owners

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Recent tax changes stemming from the 2017 Tax Cuts and Jobs Act (TCJA), which is now in effect until 2025, affect how much money you may be able to save. Starting in 2018, for example, married couples filing jointly can only deduct interest on up to $750,000 of qualified home loans – down from $1 million in 2017. And home equity loan interest can be deducted only if the money is used for renovations. Still, even with these changes, there are useful breaks that can help make owning a second home more affordable.

Personal use: The mortgage interest deduction has long been praised as a way to make homeownership more affordable. If you use the property as a personal residence – and not a rental – you can deduct mortgage interest the same way you would on your primary home. To qualify for the deduction, the mortgage must be a secured debt on a qualified home that you own, and you must file IRS form 1040 and itemize your deductions.

For tax years 2018 to 2025, single filers and those married filing jointly can claim an itemized deduction for 100% of the interest they pay on up to $750,000 of debt secured by their first and second homes – or $375,000 if you're married filing separately. However, if your mortgage existed before Dec. 14, 2017, you'll continue to receive the same tax treatment as the old rules, with the $1 million debt limit.

Rental use – the 14-Day or 10% rule: The tax rules are quite a bit more complicated if you rent out the property. Different rules apply, depending on how many days a year you use your second home for personal versus rental use. Your situation will fall into one of three categories:

1. You rent out the property for 14 days or less. You can rent your second home to another party for up to two weeks (14 nights) each year without having to report the income to the IRS. Even if you charge $10,000 a night, you don't have to report the rental income if the home was rented out for 14 days or less. The house is still considered a personal residence, and you can deduct mortgage interest and property taxes under the standard second-home rules.

2. You rent out the property for more than 14 days and use it for fewer than 14 days or 10% of the number of days the home was rented. In this case, your property is considered a rental property and you must report rental income to the IRS. You can deduct rental expenses, including mortgage interest, property taxes, insurance premiums, fees paid to property managers, utilities and 50% of depreciation, but you need to allocate costs between personal and rental use.

3. You use the property for more than 14 days or 10% of the total days the home was rented. In this case, your second home is considered a personal residence. You can take the mortgage interest and property tax deductions, but you can't claim rental losses. If a member of your family uses the property, those days count as personal days unless you are collecting a fair rental price.

Home equity interest deduction: In addition to the mortgage interest deduction, you may be able to write off interest on a home-equity loan – but the rules have changed. According to the IRS, under the new tax law you can deduct interest you pay on home-equity debt only if you use the money "to buy, build or substantially improve the taxpayer's home that secures the loan." To qualify, the loan must be secured by your primary or second home and it can't exceed the cost of the home.

Previously, you could take the deduction even if you used the home-equity loan to pay off credit card debt, take a vacation or even buy a second home. Under the new law, you'll need a mortgage to buy a second home – if you want to claim an interest deduction. Beginning in 2018, you can deduct interest on $750,000 in home loans – but keep in mind, that's the combined total of loans used to buy, build or improve your primary and second homes. That means if you already have $750,000 of mortgage debt, you can't claim a deduction for any home equity interest.

Selling your second home: Tax laws allow you to take up to $500,000 tax-free on the sale of your primary residence. This primary-home sale exclusion doesn't apply if you sell your second home: If you sell a house that's not your primary residence, you may be on the hook for capital gains tax on your entire profit.

Plan well: If you have a second home, or may be thinking about purchasing one, these tips may be helpful to know as you are considering the advantages and disadvantages to having a second home. Second homes are a common goal among many people as it gives them a personal getaway or rental income, but first it requires time to plan for all the specifics so you ultimately can Live Well wherever you choose your second home to be. Visit www.whzwealth.com/resources to view an exclusive checklist on choosing an accountant.

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Unconventional gifts

RED'S WORD

BRENDA PONTBRIAND

Happy Closer-to-Spring! Shout-out to Mr. and Mrs. Bud Hayes, and Mrs. Betty Brooks! I'm glad that I'm entertaining you, and that you enjoy the Villager!

Sean has the odd luxury of having his birthday on Valentine's Day. I think it's sweet to be born on the most romantic day of the year; I don't think he gives a rat's fanny either way. I bought him a cheesecake, and he gave me a bouquet of tulips and a belt sander. Yes…a belt sander! I'm redoing a downstairs hallway floor, and I've been struggling to remove all the glue and gunk from the hideous, worn out, wall-to-wall carpeting that was covering the beautiful hardwood floor underneath. This sander is awesome! I'm using forty grit sandpaper, which really creates traction on the floor, so you have to hold the sander tightly or it will run away from you. I only banged my head on the wall once when I first turned it on.

We don't normally give each other typical, romantic gifts but they are thoughtful nonetheless. Sometimes I get in my car to go to work, and Sean's left a can of my favorite soup, or a candy bar. Sometimes he leaves beef jerky or a Slim Jim. I buy him his favorite candy bar, or a motorcycle magazine. Once he bought me a jar of macadamia nuts (my absolutely favorite) but when I went to open them, I discovered the seal had been broken, and a good portion of them were gone. He said that he'd lost control on the way home from the store, and decided to have a few…which turned into half the jar.

Well, this year I wanted to come up with something special because Sean turned forty on Valentine's Day. I spent the last two months sneaking and fibbing, trying to plan a massive birthday party for him. I friend requested all his friends on Facebook. Not too creepy eh? Send out invites, book a hall, hired Mega Mix DJ, and choose the meal. To RSVP whether you are attending or not is apparently not a thing anymore because out of eighty-plus invites, maybe twenty-five responded. So, you try to guesstimate how much food you will need, and pray that more than twenty-five show up. For weeks I was wound tighter than a spool of Belding thread. In the end it was a full house, and Sean was surprised, and thrilled. The event went off without a hitch, and I figured he couldn't get upset with me for a couple of months because I threw him a party. Now I have five years to plan my brother's fiftieth, which gives me a few years to try and convince Hank Williams Jr. that my brother is his biggest fan, and he should play. Have a splendid week!

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The start stops most

BEYOND THE PEWS

JOHN HANSON

Sharia leaned back in her chair, trembling. She wasn't sure if she should laugh or cry and didn't really understand the torrent of emotions that were flooding through her heart as she read the letter for the fourth time. The opportunity was incredible--literally unbelievable. Her application had been approved. A fortune 500 company was willing to give her the job of her dreams. It was her big break!

"So, why am I feeling hesitant?" she wondered. "Should I call them and tell them it was all a big mistake?" It was a no-brainer to take the job. It was everything she had ever wanted. She had applied for it, and even prayed for it. But, now that she held the acceptance letter in her hand, she was overwhelmed with fear. "I must be going crazy," she thought, "what is going on with me?"

Even as those questions flashed through her mind she instinctively knew the answers. She was feeling hesitant because everyone important in her life had repeatedly reminded her that she was lacking. She was not crazy, she just didn't want to hope, because she had hoped before, many times, and she had usually been so disappointed. Life had taught her not to get too excited about new adventures. People had counseled her to curb her enthusiasm. The pain of trying and failing had been so significant that she would rather deal with guaranteed failure than risk believing in success only to fall short again.

The number of people who can relate to Sharia might be surprising. Hope is such a wonderful thing that when it is not fulfilled it can be devastating to the heart. Cynicism and pessimism seem much safer than hope and optimism. Life can be brutal, and failure can feel so lonely. How does one survive, let alone thrive in the uphill endeavor of life? There are so many times that the start stops people from living adventures; they just don't have the courage to step out.

The solution may be a simple change of focus. Instead of hoping in ourselves, our circumstances, or other people, what if we hoped in a good God who does not fix the world, but who empowers and comforts people so they can tackle life as it buffets and refines them? What if we embraced the fact that we will have setbacks and failures, understanding that those human traits need not define us? God invites us to take a journey with Him. Our success is not measured by what we accomplish or how much good fortune we have, it is measured by how much we let God help us deal with whatever we encounter.

God promises never to leave or forsake us (see Hebrews 13:15) and He promises to supply every need according to His resources (see Philippians 4:19). If you put your faith in God, life is no longer a matter of your performance; it is a matter of hoping in someone so much bigger than anything you will ever encounter. Believing this can give you the courage to make a fresh start… to hope again. It can help you believe that success is possible. There is so much good life to live, but the start stops most.

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with the organization of the Philadelphia Female Anti-Slavery Society (1834). Lydia Maria Child dedicated her signature book, Appeal in Favor of That Class of Americans Called Africans, to him. "In 1845, after serving parishes in Connecticut and Massachusetts, Rev. May accepted what was to become his final ministry in Syracuse, N.Y. His national prominence was acknowledged when the 'Barn Burner Democratic/ Conscience Whigs' asked him for an opening prayer at their 1848 Buffalo convention, where he supported Gerrit Smith for president. Rev. May, along with Gerrit Smith and Rev. Jermain Wesley Loguen, were instrumental in the 1851 rescue of the runaway slave William "Jerry" Henry, arrested under the Fugitive Slave Act. Thereafter, he staged annual 'Jerry Celebrations,' portraying this rescue as another 'Boston Tea Party.' Rev. May is depicted on the 'Jerry Rescue' monument in downtown Syracuse, NY.

"By 1830, Rev. May recognized that racial prejudice, not only financial self-interest, perpetuated slavery in the U.S., long after its prohibition elsewhere. He was dedicated to racial equality, not just abolition. He included African-Americans in his meetings (unlike many abolitionists), assisted hundreds of fugitive slaves in eastern Connecticut (1834) and Syracuse (from 1845), served as president of the Syracuse Fugitive Aid Society, toured settlements of former slaves in Canada for the AASS, founded one of the earliest Freedman's Relief Associations (1862. He died on July 1, 1871. In addition to abolition, Reverend May championed women's rights and suffrage, interracial and other educational reforms, pacifism, temperance, and the welfare of the under-privileged. He proposed a graduated income tax and assisted the Onondaga Nation. He was a moral giant ahead of his time. (www.nationalabolitionhalloffameandmuseum.org/samuel-joseph-may.html).

Eastern Connecticut was one of the known escape paths for fugitive slaves. Horatio T. Strother's The Underground Railroad in Connecticut lists Prosper Alexander of Killingly as one of the Underground Railroad agents in Eastern Connecticut (Appendix 2, p. 211). My research indicates during the late 1820's and early 1830's, he was involved with his brothers Asa, William, and Francis Alexander in constructing at least one of the early cotton factories along Whetstone Brook. It can be seen on the Killingly-Thompson panel of Lester's 1833 map of New London and Windham Counties. Marked Alexander's, it had only 300 spindles at that time. The 1850 U. S. Census listed Prosper Alexander's occupation as a farmer. E. M. Woodford's 1856 map of Windham County shows P. Alexander on the southerly side of Route 101 in the Dayville section of Killingly almost across from the present-day Owen Bell Park. No other dwellings are in the immediate vicinity, which would have made it that much easier for Prosper to help runaway slaves.

Prosper Alexander was born March 30, 1785 the son of Nell Alexander and (Esther) Smith. Prosper's first wife Lucinda died February 16, 1849 age 57 years and was buried in the Cross Roads Cemetery in Dayville (across from Burger King and the Shell station). On March 30, 1852 he married Mrs. Juliette E. Hopkins of Lockport, N.Y. in Kent, Connecticut (Barbour Collection, CT Town Marriages pre-1870). Prosper died August 26, 1857 and was buried beside his first wife. Census records indicate that widow Juliette Alexander, age 40, and Eva Alexander, age 5 were still in Killingly in 1860. However, by 1870 Juliette had returned to Lockport.

Much to my delight a "Google" search revealed that a portrait of Prosper Alexander, painted by his illustrious brother, artist Francis Alexander, is in the possession of Lyman Alexander Museum in New London. Someday I hope to see it

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St. Mary's church program

PUTNAM — St. Mary's Messy Church program on Saturday, Feb. 8 was a fun way to help children understand lessons from the Bible. It was also a way for families to connect with the church through food, games and Bible stories.

"Hopefully we will be reaching out to different families who can't come on Sundays," said Lay Leader Lorna Wade. "We want them to see what we're all about."

The theme of the night was sand and stars, relating to the story of Abraham and Sarah, who were promised to have as descendants as abundant as there are stars in the sky and sand on the beach.

Olivia Richman photos

Mateo Sanchez paints a truck.

Lay Leader Lorna Wade helps Olivia Sanchez with a craft.

Derek and Eve Segesdy play with kinetic sand.

Angela and Bella Sanchez check out the kinetic sand.

Pastor Bob Jon said that Messy Church started in England in 2004, and was adopted by St. Mary's because it was good for families to connect with the church in new ways.

"This is a really fun night," said Carmac Segesdy's parents. "It's perfect and lowkey."

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Divas in Danielson

BY OLIVIA RICHMAN
NEWS STAFF WRITER

DANIELSON — Divas in Danielson has recently come to an end. The narcotics anonymous support group was a woman's only monthly meeting that helped women dealing with past addictions. The founder is sad to see it end, but is happy to look back at the good it did while running.

"Women don't have a safe space to express deep rooted issues and discuss trauma in most support groups," said Bethany Alexander. "Men and women act differently, share differently, and have different experiences."

According to Alexander, she started in a basic support group but felt a lot of backlash and judgement when she told her own story.

Now almost three years clean, Alexander hit a low point when DCF called to tell her that a foster family was willing to adopt her daughter. She attempted suicide that evening, a "last ditch effort to end the internal suffering."

But she lived.

"Someone was looking out for me," she said. "Something changed for me. I felt like my depression had been lifted and I had a new drive to do better."

It started small, but slowly this path led Alexander to Narcotics Anonymous. Being so involved with support groups, she began to notice that there wasn't a lot of support specializing in women in the Quiet Corner.

That's when she started Divas in Danielson.

The group would start with a 20 minute medication, focusing on the here and now. Then it would open to discussion, where people could share whatever they wanted. Alexander would share as well.

"Women usually have a different path than the males in the room," she said, of why this format helped women open up. "They usually have a lot more issues dealing with trauma. Some of their problems are incredibly private and painful. They fear judgement."

For Alexander and other women, Divas in Danielson offered unity and openness, and it allowed women to open up and trust again.

"For recovery," she continued, "it's important to expose your secrets to keep growing. Trust is needed. It's about getting out of your comfort zone. It takes willingness and courage."

Women suffering from addiction often feel alone, even when they're surrounded by people. So not being alone is important. Finding other women to confide in will help them grow. They get strength from one another.

While Divas in Danielson has come to an end, Alexander still feels honored to have touched so many women in the community, to be a part of their journey to recovery.

"These meetings are where the real healing begins," she said. "It's hard work. You are resetting your mindset. Your life."

If you are interested in a narcotics anonymous group for women, call Alexander at 860-207-2799.

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Courtney opposes emergency declaration

PUTNAM — Congressman Joe Courtney (Ct. 2nd District), Chairman of the House Subcommittee on Seapower and Projection Forces, released the following statement on Feb. 17 that signaled support for upcoming legislation that would disapprove of President Trump's recently announced national emergency declaration:

"As I said following the President's statement on Friday, I do not believe his declaration of a national emergency has merit, and that the diversion of critical military construction funds to build a wall on the U.S.-Mexico border will harm military readiness and our national security. The House Armed Services Committee will conduct swift and laser-focused oversight of this unwarranted raid on precious funds, which are urgently needed for real military readiness purposes.

"In addition, I strongly believe Congress's proper role is to use the authority provided by the National Emergencies Act to enact a resolution of disapproval of the President's declaration. I therefore intend to support such a resolution in the coming days and will seek its swift enactment."

PUBLIC MEETINGS

BROOKLYN

Wednesday, Feb. 27
Budget Meeting, 5:30 p.m., Town Hall
WPCA, 6:30 p.m., Town Hall
Board of Education, 7 p.m., Town Hall
Thursday, Feb. 28
Board of Selectmen, 6:30 p.m., Town Hall

KILLINGLY

Monday, Feb. 25
Republican Town Committee, 7 p.m., Town Hall
Tuesday, Feb. 26
Agricultural Commission Great Tomato Festival, 5 p.m., Town Hall
Special Town Council, 7 p.m., Town Hall
Wednesday, Feb. 27
Public Safety Commission, 7 p.m, Town Hall
Board of Education, 7 p.m., Town Hall
Thursday, Feb. 28
OSLA, 6:30 p.m., Town Hall

PUTNAM

Monday, Feb. 25
Library Board, 7 p.m., Town Hall
Board of Finance, 7 p.m., Town Hall

POMFRET

Wednesday, Feb. 27
Board of Education, 6:30 p.m., PCS Library

EASTFORD

Wednesday, Feb. 27
Registrar of Voters, 7 p.m., Town Hall
Thursday, Feb. 28
Inland Wetlands & Watercourses Commission, 7 p.m., Town Hall
Library Board, 7 p.m., Town Hall

WOODSTOCK

Saturday, Feb. 23
Board of Ed community forum, 10 a.m., Woodstock Middle School
Monday, Feb. 25
Conservation, 7 p.m., Town Hall
Historic Properties, 7 p.m., Town Hall
Tuesday, Feb. 26
WPCA, 7 p.m., Town Hall
Wednesday, Feb. 27
Historic District, 6:30 p.m., Town Hall

POLICE LOGS

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TROOP D LOG

DANIELSON

Thursday, Feb. 14
Elizabth Dubin, 55, of 7 Academy Street, #B, Daneilson, was charged with criminal trespassing and larceny

THOMPSON

Wednesday, Feb. 13
Jeffrey Embair, 19, of 37 Buckley Hill Road, was arrested for illegal sexual contact with a victim under 16, sex with use of a threatening force, sex with a victim between 13 and 15 years old

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February Freeze benefits PCS eighth graders

POMFRET CENTER — The fifth annual February Freeze 5K race and kids run was held on Feb. 2, on the campus of Pomfret School. The race benefitted the eighth grade class at Pomfret Community School, helping to defray some of the cost of a class field trip to Washington, D.C. The Top Overall Male: John Xeller, Pomfret Center: Top Overall Female: Emily Gaudet, Worcester Mass.; Top Runner 70 & Over: Ruth Kneier, Putnam; Top Male 14 & Under: Thomas Johnson, Pomfret Center: Top Female 14 & Under: Maya Gerum, Pomfret Center: Kids Fun Run Winner: Landon Robbins. The weather was great and the runners and walkers had a great time and the eighth grade class is very much thankful for all of the support of the parents and throughout the community.

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Tourtellotte boys will travel for states

Charlie Lentz photo

Tourtellotte's Spencer Fulone drives to the hoop against Montville on Monday night, Feb. 18, at Canty Gymnasium.

BY CHARLIE LENTZ
VILLAGER EDITOR

THOMPSON — Coach Neil Bernier can't remember the last time the Tourtellotte Memorial boys basketball team played host to a state tournament game — certainly not in his eight years with the program, the last five seasons as head coach. The Tigers had a shot to be cordial host for a state game this season if they could have defeated Montville High on Monday night in their final game of the regular season. Instead they'll be traveling.

"We talked about it all week. I said the Montville game at the end of the year will get us at 10 and 10," Bernier said. "I said that it doesn't happen all that often around here that you finish .500 and you get the chance to host a home game in the states."

A victory against Montville would have lifted the Tigers record to 10-10 and ranked them in the top 16 of the state Division 5 rankings — resulting in a home game — it was not to be. Montville defeated Tourtellotte 49-42 on Feb. 18 at Canty Gymnasium. The loss dropped Tourtellotte's ranking to No. 18 through Monday's games and they will be on the road for the tourney — the play-down round is slated to begin on March 1 and the first round is scheduled to start on Tuesday, March 5.

"To get to nine wins, my big thing to them was 'You cannot get complacent'. Complacency kills in any part of life," Bernier said. "Tonight … it was definitely in our bottom five performances of the year."

Although coach Bernier was disappointed with the loss to Montville, he was heartened by Tourtellotte's return to the state tourney after it made its first state appearance in his head coaching tenure last season. And after a slow start this season Tourtellotte went 6-3 over a nine-game span midway through the season to help it lock up a tourney berth.

"It's sounds cliché but we have to focus on the small things. When we struggled early in the year and we looked really bad and the season looked like it was going to be a five-win season, we went back to the absolute basics, got our focus back, and it sharpened us up," Bernier said. "We probably have to go back like we're starting from square one again."

Tourtellotte's Spencer Fulone scored a team-high 15 points against Montville and Devin Dalpe added 12 points for the Tigers. Zach Southard scored 20 points for Montville (6-14).

So while Bernier would rather be playing host to a state game in the first week of March, he's happy the Tigers will be competing in the Division 5 tournament. Tourtellotte fell to Shepaug Valley in the first round of states last season — this year the goal is to win a state game, even if it comes on the road.

"It's too bad to deprive yourself of a home game but sometimes things have a funny way of working out," Bernier said. "Sometimes it's the luck of the draw. It's too bad we won't get a game here but we'll see who we get and wherever that is we're going to show up and play."

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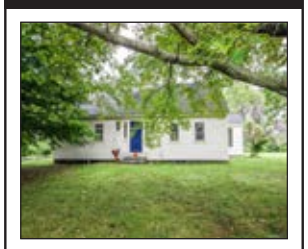

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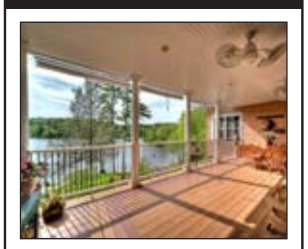

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Putnam girls focus on states after ECC tourney loss

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Putnam High's Kayleigh Lyons goes in for a layup with Windham High's Rylee Valliere trailing the play last Saturday, Feb. 16, at Plainfield High.

BY CHARLIE LENTZ
VILLAGER EDITOR

PLAINFIELD — The locker rooms at Plainfield High School are separated by only a few feet in a long corridor that runs just beyond the school's basketball court. Last Saturday afternoon Windham High's locker reverberated with hollers and whoops while Putnam High's was deadly silent after the Whippets rallied to defeat the Clippers 39-36 in the semifinals of the Eastern Connecticut Conference Division 2 Girls Tournament. The Clippers collapsed despite leading 21-5 with under two minutes left in the first half.

"We let them back in. We gave it to them. We're a better team and we let them win," said Putnam coach Mandi Hogan.

The top-seeded Clippers led 21-9 at the start of the third quarter but the fifth-seeded Whippets chipped away at that lead, outscoring Putnam 16-11 in the third frame and cut Putnam's lead to 32-25 after three quarters.

Putnam found itself in foul trouble when senior forward Lauren Blackmar committed her fourth foul with 3:45 left in the third quarter and then sophomore forward Abby St. Martin was whistled for her fourth foul with 33 seconds remaining in the third frame. Putnam had dominated the boards early on but became more tentative underneath the hoop with St. Martin and Blackmar mired in foul difficulty.

"Foul trouble didn't help us. That really hurt us. The kids obviously played different when they're in foul trouble," Hogan said. "Sometimes it just gets in their head. They have fouls and they don't think they can play as hard. But it's not about playing as hard, it's just about playing smarter. It's something they have to learn."

Putnam still led 32-25 at the start of the fourth quarter. Windham outscored the Clippers 11-4 to open the final frame with sophomore guard Nicole Peralta capping the run with a three-pointer to tie it at 36-36 with 2:47 remaining. Alyssa Figueroa gave Windham the lead for good, 38-36, on a bucket from inside with 1:22 left.

Putnam did not score over the final five minutes. Windham outscored Putnam 14-4 in the fourth quarter and sank three three-pointers during the final frame. Windham freshman guard Ady Gonzalez sank four three-pointers and finished with 13 points. Peralta added 11 points including a pair of treys. Coach Hogan said Gonzalez was left unguarded to do damage from beyond the arc.

"Anybody can hit wide-open jump shots. We just didn't get out to her," Hogan said.

Blackmar and sophomore guard Laylah Chavez each scored eight points for Putnam. St. Martin, junior guard Molly McKeon, and junior point guard Kayleigh Lyons each finished with six points for the Clippers. Lyons is the Clippers floor general and she said they must adapt to pressure situations when the state tournament arrives.

"All we can learn is that when we have that kind of pressure we have to come together. And that's the most important part of the game — is coming together. We just kind of fell apart. We lost sight of what we needed to do. That's why we ended up where we did," Lyons said. "We have the rest of the season to go. This doesn't determine anything. We haven't lost ourselves. We're definitely still going to make a statement. We have to take this moment, work on it in practice, realizing what pressure is. We've dealt with pressure. In this game we just didn't address the pressure. We had that lead. We let it go. We let it slip. Coming into states we're definitely going to have the same pressure, playing teams we haven't played before. It's just important that we stick together and we handle the pressure together."

Charlie Lentz photo

Putnam High's Abby St. Martin is defended by Windham High's Hailey Cruze, left, and Ceci Hunter, right, last Saturday.

The loss dropped Putnam High's record to 17-5. The win lifted Windham's record to 14-8 and advanced the Whippets to the Division 2 tourney final against third-seeded Montville High.

Putnam was ranked No. 6 in Class S at the end of the regular season and will likely host No. 27 Westbrook (9-11) in the opener of Class S state tournament, with first round action slated to begin on Monday, Feb. 25. If the Clippers can win in the opening round of the state tourney they will play host to a second round game on Thursday, Feb. 28.

Coach Hogan said the Clippers can bounce back despite the demoralizing loss in the ECC semifinals. Deadly silent locker rooms are no fun.

"We can play with anybody. We've showed it time and time again. We've just got to start over Monday and work as hard as we can and move forward," Hogan said. "They can turn it around. Nobody likes to be on the losing end of a game, especially a game like this. This one's going to sting but you can't get it back."

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Putnam peaking as state tourney nears

BY CHARLIE LENTZ
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PUTNAM — Sometimes you don't know what you've got until it's gone — but sometimes that's when you find what you need. Putnam High lost its starting center before reaching the stretch drive of the regular season but has found a way.

"As much as you don't want the loss — as long as you can learn a lesson out of it, it's a good thing," said Putnam coach Shawn Deary.

Charlie Lentz photo

Putnam's Sebastian Ramos is guarded by Wheeler's Seth Jones last Friday.

The Clippers regrouped — winning their last three games, capped by a 60-43 victory over Wheeler last Friday night to close out the regular season. The late push helped the Clippers earn a home game in the upcoming Division 5 state tournament. Adversity was a better teacher than any pregame lecture.

"We've been putting the guys that want to really work hard out there together and really pushing hard with 'Share the ball early. Share the ball often.' It's made the difference," Deary said. "Five guys touch the ball, you end up with a layup. Come down and one guy tries to take on the world — you end up with a bad shot."

Putnam lost senior center Ty Harris for the season before the stretch drive but the Clippers showed resilience over in their last three games, capped by the win over Wheeler on Senior Night at Putnam High School's gymnasium on Feb. 15. A three-game winning streak has a way of pulling a team together.

"I think they're buying in right now," Deary said. "We're playing some of our better basketball right now."

The victory over the Lions lifted Putnam's record to 10-10 to close out the regular season. The Clippers led the Lions 27-22 at the half but broke the game open by outscoring Wheeler 17-10 in the third frame and led 44-32 going into the fourth quarter. Putnam used the formula they've employed of late — sharing the ball — it seems to cure all ills.

"The adversity that we went through really showed them that it does take the whole team to get this thing done. When they thought they were doing it themselves they realized really fast it's going to take a lot more than one guy," Deary said. "They started to really gel together and play as a team."

Ian Spracklin scored 21 points for Wheeler (5-14). Sophomore forward Colby Livingston led Putnam with 16 points and seven rebounds. Coach Deary was heartened by the Clippers evolution this season.

"It's amazing. You do everything you can but at the end of the day they're teenage boys so they do what they think is right. When they start to really listen and they start to do what you ask, and they see the fruits of their labor, it really is enjoyable," Deary said.

Deary is looking forward to the Division 5 state tournament.

"We're playing some of our best basketball right now, which is what you really want. Looking around that division, it's promising that we can actually make a run at it. It would be awesome," Deary said.

Putnam senior guard Sebastian Ramos tallied 11 points and dished seven assists vs. Wheeler. Ramos said the Clippers are on a roll. The win over Wheeler was Putnam's third in three days — coming on the heels of a 51-47 win over Windham on Feb. 13 and a 72-64 victory over Cheney Tech on Feb. 14. The victory over Windham was Putnam's eighth win and qualified the team for the state tourney.

"We needed to make states. That was our main goal. Once we got the state game, which was eight wins, we wanted to keep going, keep the momentum going," Ramos said. "The best way to do it was to win three in a row. We were down before but three straight is big."

Through games on Feb. 19 Putnam was ranked 13th in Division 5 and will play host to a tournament game. The play-down round of the state tourney begins on March with first round games set to begin on Tuesday, March 5.

"Finishing 10-10 is a lot better than having a losing season," Ramos said. "I feel like we're 50 percent, gets us a home state game, which is good, we always like that."

Ramos will never have another senior year of high school basketball so he was thankful his teammates pulled together. He's hoping for more teamwork and a deep run in the Division 5 state tourney.

"This is my last ride right here. I want to make it a big one," Ramos said. "I want to make it a long one too — all the way to Mohegan Sun."

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Woodstock wins 10th-straight ECC title

BY CHARLIE LENTZ
VILLAGER EDITOR

DANIELSON — Woodstock Academy won its 10th-straight Eastern Connecticut Conference gymnastics title at the ECC championship meet at Deary's Gymnastics on Feb. 13. The Centaurs finished first with a score of 142.8. Killingly/ Putnam/ Tourtellotte Memorial co-op took second place with a score of 133.65,

Woodstock junior Jenna Davidson captured first in beam with a score of 9.2 and took second in floor exercise (9.5). Davidson's effort helped earned her the gold medal in the all-around (36.5). Woodstock's Ali Crescimanno took first place in both the vault (9.35) and bars (9.5). Woodstock's Maddie Grube finished third in beam (8.85). Woodstock Lydia Taft finished first in floor with a 9.60 and finished second in the all-around (36.0). Crescimanno and Tourtellotte Memorial's Kiera O'Brien tied for third in the all-around (35.85).

Killingly/ Putnam/ Tourtellotte co-op's O'Brien and Maggie McKeon, from Putnam High, placed in the top six in four events. O'Brien's scores were: vault 9.2; bars 8.4; beam 9.0; floor 9.25; all-around 35.85. McKeon's scores were: vault 9.1; bars 8.25; beam 8.85; floor 9.35; all-around 35.55. McKeon tied for fourth in the all-around.

Woodstock's Maddie Grube on the beam.

Woodstock's Emily Arters on the beam.

Charlie Lentz photos

Woodstock's Lydia Taft competes in the floor exercise at the ECC meet on Feb. 13. Taft took first place in the event.

Woodstock's Jenna Davidson in the floor exercise.

Putnam's Maggie McKeon competes in the floor exercise.

Woodstock's Jenna Davidson placed first in beam and the all-around.

Woodstock's Abigail Vaida on the beam.

Woodstock's Ali Crescimanno balances on the beam.

HIGH SCHOOL ROUNDUP

WOODSTOCK 1, HOUSATONIC 1

LITCHFIELD — Kyle Brennan notched Woodstock's goal with an assist from Doug Newton in the tie with Housatonic co-op on Monday, Feb. 18. The Centaurs hockey team finished its regular season with a record of 12-5-2. The tie put Housatonic co-op's record at 4-11-2.

PUTNAM 63, PARISH HILL 32

CHAPLIN — Kayleigh Lyons scored 18 points in the Clippers win over the Pirates in girls basketball on Feb. 13 in the final regular season game for Putnam. Abby St. Martin notched 17 points and 11 rebounds and Laylah Chavez added nine points for Putnam. The win lifted Putnam's record to 16-4. Parish Hill's record fell to 13-7.

WOODSTOCK 58, PLAINFIELD 46

WOODSTOCK — Chase Anderson scored 27 points for the host Centaurs in the boys basketball win on Feb. 16 at Alumni Fieldhouse. The win lifted Woodstock's record to 9-9. Markeith Conyers scored 19 points for Plainfield (8-10).

TOURTELLOTTE 45, LYMAN 33

THOMPSON — Ashley Morin scored 20 points and hit 6-of-6 free throws down the stretch of the fourth quarter and Lauren Ramos scored 17 points with nine rebounds and 14 steals in the host Tigers win over Lyman Memorial in the play-in round of the girls ECC Division 2 Tournament on Feb. 13. Nicolette Cordy scored nine points for the Bulldogs (5-16). For Tourtellotte: Leci Snow had five rebounds, four steals, and two points and Brianna Loffredo had five rebounds, three assists and two points for the Tigers (8-13).

COLCHESTER — Kellie Nudd scored 13 points to lead Bacon Academy (17-4) past the Centaurs in the first round of the girls Eastern Connecticut Conference Division 1 Tournament on Feb. 14. Aislin Tracey and Kayla Gaudreau each scored eight points for Woodstock (10-11).

Killingly captures Class M state wrestling crown

GUILFORD — Killingly High grapplers won four gold medals to help the Redmen capture the state title at the Class M Wrestling Championships at Guilford High School on Feb. 15 and 16. Killingly won the team championship with a total of 202.5 points, followed by second-place Foran (161) and third-place Avon (151). Ellis Tech finished in 12th place in the team standings with 84 points.

Killingly High's gold medalists were Danny Charron in the 106-pound division, Mike Charron at 113 pounds, David Charron at 126 pounds, and Derek Turner at 170 pounds. Ellis Tech's Sean Johnson won the gold medal at 138 pounds.

Killingly High won the state title on Feb. 16 at the Class M Wrestling Championships at Guilford High School. Coach Rich Bowen is on the far left.

Individual results for local wrestlers at the championships: at 106 pounds: championship match: Danny Charron (Killingly) decision over Josh Brault (Joel Barlow), 5-1.

At 113 pounds: championship match: Mike Charron (Killingly) decisioned Logan Smith (Waterford), 5-4.

At 120 pounds: fifth place match: Julian Soares (New Fairfield) decisioned Cooper Morissette (Killingly), 10-5.

At 126 pounds: championship match: David Charron (Killingly) major decisioned Hunter Chin (New Fairfield), 8-0. 132 pounds: fifth place match: Trevor Johnson (Killingly) decisioned Caleb Ferland (Ellis Tech), 7-1.

At 138 pounds: championship match: Sean Johnson (Ellis Tech) major decisioned Eric Zane (Waterford), 17-6; fifth place match: Matthew Raine (Suffield/Windsor Locks) forfeit over Isaac Bean (Killingly), 0-0.

At 170 pounds: championship match: Derek Turner (Killingly) pinned Umer Khan (Foran), 5:26. 285 pounds: championship match: Henry Schrecengost (Avon) decisioned Hayden Minski (Ellis Tech), 7-2; third place match: Rene Bernier (Killingly) decisioned Roark Ryan (St. Bernard/Norwich Tech), 8-1.

The state high school wrestling season continues this weekend with the State Open championships, set for for Friday, Feb. 22, and Saturday, Feb. 23, at Floyd Little Athletic Center in New Haven.

Long odds for Tourtellotte in state tourney

BY CHARLIE LENTZ
VILLAGER EDITOR

THOMPSON — Tourtellotte senior forward Lauren Ramos wanted a challenge and she'll get one. Ramos was hoping for one last trip to the Class S state tournament before ending her high school basketball career. She got her wish but the reward will be daunting.

The Tigers qualified for the state tourney but will be seeded 32nd in the 32-team bracket. They will face top-seeded Canton in the opening round. Canton finished the regular season with a record of 19-1.

"I'd rather be in it, no matter how far of a drive and what the outcome is, I'd rather be in states and end in states," Ramos said.

Ramos knows the odds don't favor the Tigers but that's OK.

"It's a little nerve wracking. But I mean last year we played the state champions in Coginchaug," Ramos said.

Ramos knows the drill. The Tigers finished 9-12 overall last season. Tourtellotte were seeded 24th in the state tourney and fell to ninth-seeded Coginchaug in the opening round. Coginchaug went on to win the state championship. They will be facing another tourney favorite in Canton this year. The Class S tournament play-downs are set for Feb. 21-23 and the first round of the tourney is slated to begin on Monday, Feb. 25.

Tourtellotte's record through 22 games is 8-14. The eighth-seeded Tigers defeated ninth-seeded Lyman Memorial 45-33 in the first round of the Eastern Connecticut Conference Division 2 Tournament on Feb. 13 and fell to top-seeded Putnam High 50-24 in the ECC tourney quarterfinals on Feb. 14 at Putnam High School's gymnasium.

"I give a lot of credit to Putnam because they're a great team this year," said Ramos after the loss to Putnam High.

Ramos and junior guard Ashley Morin each scored nine points against Putnam High. Layla Chavez led the Clippers with 12 points. Lauren Blackmar added eight points and Molly McKeon and Kayleigh Lyons each tallied seven points for the Clippers.

Tourtellotte coach Carla Faucher knows she has her work cut out for her when the state tourney arrives.

"We'll be playing No.-1 Canton. It's going to be a toughie," Faucher said.

On the positive side Tourtellotte is playing better as the state tourney approaches. The Tigers won four out of their last seven games. The win over Lyman Memorial in the opening round of the ECC tourney avenged a 48-42 loss at Lyman Memorial on Jan. 25.

"That was a good thing. Coming back (against Lyman), we had lost down there in the middle of the season. It's just trying to get them to believe in themselves. That's the frustrating part. They can play great for a quarter, two quarters, a whole game. And then you go down and think 'OK, we've gotten it.' And then it's a whole different team again," Faucher said.

The Tigers had 10 days to prepare of their opening round state tournament game at Canton.

"We're going to give them some a break, we're going to give them some days off. Then we're going to come back in and start working on things almost like it's a new season," Faucher said. "Anything goes. We've got to get the kids shooting against some aggressive defenses — and see what happens."

Ramos has no way of knowing what will happen when the Tigers face top-seeded Canton. But one way or another she'll be finishing her high school career in the state tournament. She wanted a challenge.

"I'm excited honestly," said Ramos after the loss to Putnam on Feb. 14. "I just didn't want it to end tonight. I'm just really excited to come out stronger next game and hopefully end the season stronger than we did tonight."

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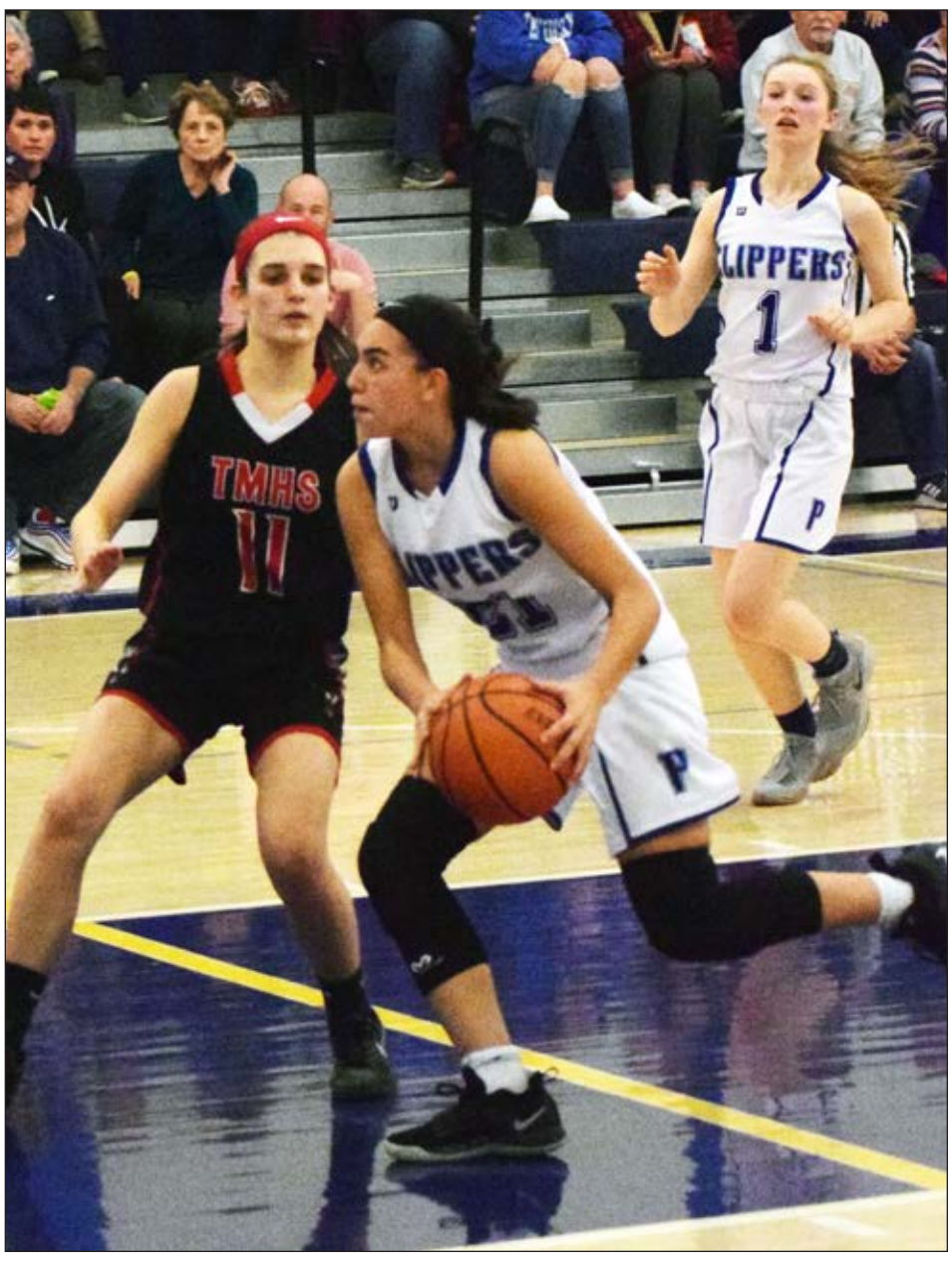
Tourtellotte's Lauren Ramos, black jersey, and Putnam High's Abby St. Martin tie up the ball at Putnam High School on Feb. 14.



Clippers race to good start in postseason

BY CHARLIE LENTZ
VILLAGER EDITOR

PUTNAM — A basketball team could not get the postseason off to a better start than Putnam High did in a 50-24 win over Tourtellotte Memorial in the quarterfinals of the Eastern Connecticut Conference Division 2 Tournament on Feb. 14 at Putnam High School. The Clippers raced to a 27-0 lead and held a 32-2 advantage at halftime. Putnam coach Mandi Hogan was pleased with her team's focus.

"I just keep trying to tell them if they want to keep playing basketball they have to start out and set the tone right away," Hogan said.

The win over eighth-seeded Tourtellotte lifted top-seeded Putnam's record to 17-4. Last season the Clippers played an independent schedule so they did not have a conference tournament to prep them before the state tourney arrives. The first round of the Class S state tournament is slated to begin on Monday, Feb. 25. Hogan said the Clippers will benefit from their run in the ECC Division 2 tourney.

"We had some down time last year. This year it keeps you working every single day. You don't have that lapse, that down time to get rusty. More basketball, it's just great for them to be a part of the ECC Tournament and I'm excited for them," Hogan said. "Going into this you're playing the best teams. It just prepares you for what's coming in the states."

The loss dropped Tourtellotte's record to 8-14. Tourtellotte's Lauren Ramos and Ashley Morin each scored nine points in the loss to Putnam High. Laylah Chavez led the Clippers with 12 points. Lauren Blackmar added eight points and Molly McKeon and Kayleigh Lyons each tallied seven points for the Clippers.

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Putnam High's Laylah Chavez drives to the hoop with Tourtellotte's Emily Angelo defending at Putnam High School on Feb. 14.

OBITUARIES

Louis Alfred Bush, 81

DANIELSON -- Louis Alfred Bush, 81, of Danielson, passed away on February 7, 2019.

He leaves his beloved wife of over 40 years, Joanne (LaBonte) Bush.

He was employed at Hales Manufacturing for many years. He enjoyed fishing, playing horseshoes and was a big fan of the New England Patriots, Boston Red Sox and Elvis Presley. He also leaves his children,

Rose Marie (Bush) Ferrara, Karen Ann Bush, Steven Bush from Putnam and Louis Bush, Jr. of North Grosvenordale; his seven grandchildren, Corey Cyr and Ryan Dauphinais (Putnam), Jamie Parker (Danielson), Skye, Jasmine, and Steven Garceau (Worcester, Massachusetts), Sheila Aranjo (Fall River, Massachusetts) and three great-grandchildren. His family is planning a Celebration of Life which will be announced at a later date.

Daniel J. Gomes, 66

PUTNAM, CT- Daniel J. Gomes age 66 passed away Tuesday, February 12, 2019 at the Westview Healthcare, Dayville, CT. He leaves his wife Mildred D. (Joyal) Gomes, a son Daniel A. Gomes and his wife Sara Garcia-Gomes of Pomfret, CT and his grand daughter Lennox, he also leaves a daughter Shelby Gomes and her fiancée Jason Gilman of Webster . He is also survived by four brothers and his mother-in-law Helen Joyal and his little buddy Brody Garcia. He was born in Worcester son of the late Joseph Gomes and Elizabeth (McHugh) Gomes living in Putnam for many years, prior to that living in Oxford. Daniel was a butcher and worked for several area Markets. Daniel was a devoted husband, father, grandfather and friend. He loved golfing, fishing and spending time with his family. All services are private. The Shaw-Majercik Funeral Home, 48 School St., Webster, MA has been entrusted with his arrangements. A guest book is available at www.shaw-majercik.com where you may post a condolence or light a candle.

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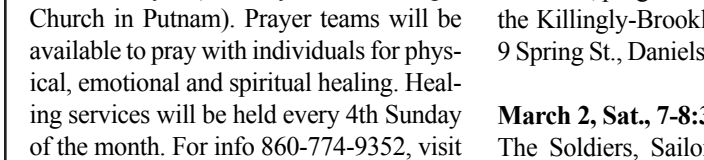

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PUTNAM-Great owner occupied or investment property on a convenient one way street with off street parking and a great spacious yard. This 2-family has been nicely updated over time with newer heating system, siding, some replacement windows, & upgraded electrical. First floor (owners unit) is a large 3 bedroom 1 bathroom with eating space kitchen, den, large living room, & a dining space/room. Owners unit has walk-out basement access with laundry facilities along with a large rear deck overlooking the backyard and detached 1 car garage/workshop. The second floor apartment (approx. 1,000 sq. ft.) features 3 good sized bedrooms and 1 bathroom along with a large living room and good working space kitchen. **$130,000**

THOMPSON-This 4 bedroom 1 bath sitting on 1.44 acres is located in the Quinebaug section of Thompson. The home also offers a large kitchen & living room with a generous sized heated enclosed porch. There is a 3 bay detached garage as well as a large metal building that sits on a concrete slab for a potential 4th garage for the auto enthusiast. As a bonus there is a house generator & fruit trees. The home needs some TLC and updates to bring it to its full potential. SOLD IN AS IS-NO REPAIRS BY SELLER. **$147,900**

PUTNAM-Welcome home to this great 2 bedroom 1 bathroom second floor rental opportunity. Located in a mixed-use building with one low impact commercial tenant on the first floor and just 1 other residential rental upstairs, this unit is just what you are looking for. The eating space kitchen has newer appliances (included) along with washer & dryer and is open to the large living room. Both bedrooms are good sized and feature generous closets. The full bathroom is neat and clean and there are hardwood floors throughout the entire unit. There is a great covered side porch entrance and enough parking on and off street. No pets, no smoking. Ready for occupancy February 1st. **$875/mo**

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KILLINGLY-This cape style home features 2 bedrooms & 1 bathroom and is a Bungalow style home on corner lot with tons of character. The walk-up attic is a great bonus with two partially finished rooms that could easily be converted into living space if more space is needed. The home has a newer/updated kitchen with nice stainless steel appliances, hardwood floors, and a nice open floor plan from the kitchen thru the dining area to the spacious living room. There is a great little mudroom off the side entry door and the enclosed front porch makes great extra living space. One car detached garage. **$159,900**

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February 24, Sun., 3pm
Westfield Church, United Church of Christ, Sikkel Concert Series: ECSU Chamber Singers and Concert Chorale
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February 24, Sun., 2pm
A Christian Healing Service, will be held at Trinity Episcopal Church, 7 Providence Rd, Brooklyn (formerly at St. Philip's Church in Putnam). Prayer teams will be available to pray with individuals for physical, emotional and spiritual healing. Healing services will be held every 4th Sunday of the month. For info 860-774-9352, visit www.trinitychurchbrooklyn.org or look for us on Facebook.

February 26, Tues., 7pm
Peter Mandel, Boston Globe travel journalist, will take you to Antarctica, India, Egypt, Patagonia, the fjords of Norway, the mountain pathways of Japan, and the deserts of Africa! Sponsored by Friends of Pomfret Public Library. at Old Town House, 11 Town House Dr., Pomfret.

February 27, Wed., 7pm
Bingo every Wednesday night at St. James, 12 Franklin Street, Danielson. Proceeds benefit St. James School.

March 1, Fri., 12-8pm
Club 2087 will hold a fish fry in its hall at 1017 Riverside Drive, North Grosvenordale. Fish and chips ($10); baked haddock or fried shrimp ($11); fried scallops ($12, $15); fried clams ($16); seafood platter ($17), and more. 860-923-2967, council2087@gmail.com.

March 1, Fri.,1pm
LiR, the life-long learning group located at QVCC is hosting a FREE Open House on in the QVCC auditorium. The presentation will be on the redevelopment of Hartford. Refreshments follow. Preview spring courses and learn about the upcoming free Coast Guard Academy band concert.

March 2, Sat., 12pm
World Day of Prayer, highlighting Slovenia's history and cultural diversity; United Methodist Church of Danielson; Slovenian luncheon; program to follow; sponsored by the Killingly-Brooklyn Interfaith Council. 9 Spring St., Danielson (behind Key Bank)

March 2, Sat., 7-8:30am
The Soldiers, Sailors and Marines Fund (SSMF) assistance is available every Saturday morning, at the Pomfret Senior Center, 207 Mashamouquet Road (Rt.44) in Pomfret. Always free and confidential; call 860-928-2309 for questions. (The SSMF is administered by the American Legion to provide temporary financial assistance to qualified veterans.)

March 2, 10am
We will celebrate "Cat in the Hat's Birthday." Big Y will be here to celebrate with us, along with the Cat and Thing1 and 2. Aldrich Library at 299 Main St Moosup. Aldrich Free Public Library 860-564-8760

March 2, Sat., 9:30am-2pm.
TAG SALE at Killingly Public Library (25 Westcott Rd, Danielson, Connecticut 06239). Benefit PAWS Cat Shelter. Rain/ Shine

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OBITUARIES

Stephen D. Leanna, 56

OXFORD – Stephen D. Leanna, 56, of Allen Avenue, died Saturday, February 16, 2019, at UMass Memorial Medical Center – University Campus in Worcester. He was born in Worcester, son of the late Edward L. and Annalee R. (Andrews) Leanna, and was a lifelong resident of Oxford. He graduated from Oxford High School in 1981 and proudly served in the U.S. Air Force.

Mr. Leanna was a police officer on the Oxford Police Department starting as a part-time officer in June of 1987 and then served fulltime for 18 years, retiring in 2015. Previously he worked as a police officer at Assumption College in Worcester. He was a gun advocate, a member of the N.R.A., and a firearms instructor for many years. Stephen loved being outdoors and enjoyed fishing and hunting. He leaves behind several good friends including John and Diane Kimball of Connecticut, Randy Watkins of California, and Ricci Hall of Massachusetts.

Calling hours were from 9 a.m. to 11 a.m. on Thursday February 21, 2019, with a funeral service immediately following at 11 a.m. at Paradis-Givner Funeral Home, 357 Main St., Oxford. Burial with military honors will follow at North Cemetery in Oxford. In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be made to Veterans Inc., 69 Grove St., Worcester, MA 01605.

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Joan Ann (VanNess) Rodgers, 82

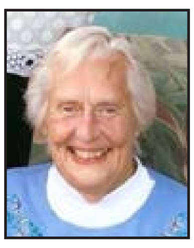
Douglas- Joan Ann (VanNess) Rodgers, 82, of Cummings Ct. passed away on Thurs. Feb. 14, 2019 after a brief illness. Her husband of 50 years Richard J. Rodgers died March 20, 2015.

She is survived by 2 sons Michael J. Rodgers of Lafayette, CO and Christopher J. Rodgers of Thompson, CT; 4 grandchildren Nicole M. Rodgers and Elishia M. Rodgers both of Douglas, Mariah Leigh Rodgers of Pt. St. Lucie, FL, and Kelly Ann Rodgers of Colorado; in-laws Jacqueline and Peter McLaughlin, and Betty VanNess; 6 nieces and 2 nephews; and many good friends. She was predeceased by a son Richard J. Rodgers Jr. and a brother William VanNess. Born in Whitinsville, MA on Sept. 8, 1936 she was daughter of William Sr. and Eva (Therrien) VanNess and lived in Douglas 40 years. Previously she lived in Whitinsville and along the way had a couple of adventures in Maine and Florida.

Joan worked for 50 years as a nurse at Memorial Hospital in Worcester. Previously she worked in the ER Dept. at Milford Hospital and for Dr. Johnson in Worcester. She was a graduate of Douglas Memorial High School, and the Salter Secretarial School. When her children grew older Joan went back to school for nursing. She loved the Boston Red Sox and never missed watching a game. She was also an avid fan of the NE Patriot's and of Fox News. Always active, Joan was always helping people. A longtime member of St. Denis Church, she also belonged to their Catholic Women's Council, Bereavement Ministry, and Ladies of St. Anne Society. She was a longstanding member of ALANON and the Douglas Seniors. Family was the most important to Joan and her greatest joy was spending time with her husband, sons, and grandchildren.

Her funeral was held Mon. Feb. 18 at 10am in St. Denis Church, 23 Manchaug St. Calling hours at Jackman Funeral Home, 7 Mechanic St., Douglas were held on Sun. Feb. 17 from 2-5 pm. Memorial donations in Joan's memory may be made to St. Camillus Health Center, 447 Hill St. Whitinsville, MA 01588. To leave a condolence massage for her family please visit: www.Jackmanfuneralhomes.com

Marion A. Allaby, 87



WOODSTOCK VALLEY -- Marion Allaby was born into a fine Christian family on May 10, 1931 in Brooklyn, New York. Shortly after her birth the family moved to Scotia, New York. She grew up in The First Presbyterian Church of Schenectady. During her high school years in Scotia High School she was very active in the church and its youth group. While in high school she was a cheerleader and a member of the marching band.

After graduating from high school, she enrolled as a student in Gordon College where she played on the women's basketball team, sang in the college choir and in a women's trio. She graduated in 1953. In 1954 she married Stanley R. Allaby to whom she was married for 64 years.

Marion taught many women's Bible classes and sang in and directed the choir of Black Rock Church where she and her husband served for 41 years. Marion is survived by her husband, Stanley R. Allaby; four children, Norman Allaby of Bethel; Darlene Moore of Woodstock; Kimberly Clemmer of Lake Mary, Florida; and Stephen Allaby of Colorado Springs, Colorado, nine grandchildren and four great- grandchildren. She is also survived by a sister, Marjorie Johnson of Glenville, New York, and by a brother, Gordon Johnson of Fort Myers, Florida.

Marion will always be remembered as a faithful Christian, a loving wife, a caring mother, a loyal friend and so much more. Many people came to put their faith in Christ as a result of her Bible teaching, personal counseling and friendship.

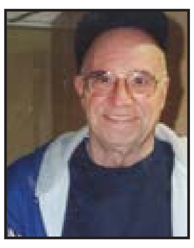
Two memorial services are planned. One in The Woodstock Evangelical Covenant Church, 24 Child Hill Road, Woodstock on Thursday, February 21 at 2:00 p.m. The second one will be in Black Rock Church, 3685 Black Rock Turnpike in Fairfield, on Friday, February 22 at 11:00 a.m. There will be an opportunity to visit with the family after each service.

In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to Wheels For The World, in memory of Marion Allaby - https://www.joniandfriends.org/donate or (818) 707-5664 ext. 1740. Share a memory at www.smithandwalker-fh.com

Robert B. Calchera, 86

WEST BROOKFIELD- Robert B. Calchera age 86 died Thursday, February 14, 2019 at the Clinton Hospital, Clinton, MA. He leaves his brothers, John Calchera of Stafford Springs, CT and Jerome (Biff) Cachera of Chaplain, CT, a niece and a nephew. He also leaves his companion Okcha Joubert of West Brookfield. He was born in Stafford Springs, CT son of the late Benjamin Calchera and Mary (Possardt) Calchera and lived in West Brookfield most of his life. He is a US Army Veteran. Robert worked for the Federal Government, Alcohol, Tobacco and Firearms. There are no calling hours, all services will be private. The Shaw-Majercik Funeral Home, 48 School St., Webster, MA has been entrusted with his arrangements. A guest book is available at www.shaw-majercik.com where you may post a condolence or light a candle

Albert R. Bourgault, 91



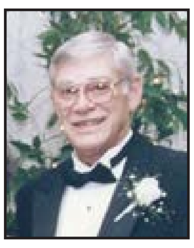
GROSVENORDALE – Albert R. Bourgault, 91, of Grosvenordale died Friday, February 15, 2019, at home. Born in Fitchburg Massachusetts, he was the son of the late Victor and Rose (Gagnon) Bourgault. Mr. Bourgault was the husband of the late Lucille (Bernier) Bourgault, whom he married in 1957.

Mr. Bourgault worked for Rizom Shoe and as a custodian at Thompson Town Hall. He served in the US Navy during World War II and was a member of the American Legion Post 67 and the VFW Post 1088. Albert also served as President for the Thompson Senior Citizens Center.

Albert is survived by his brother, Raymond Bourgault of California; three grandchildren Donna Mehltretter of Florida, Doreen Hertzfeld of N. Grosvenordale, and Michelle Bartholic of Dayville; and six great-grandchildren Barry, Drew, Alex, Coty, Amanda, and Colton. He was predeceased by his wife, a son Donald J. Warren, and two brothers, Raynold Bourgault and Leo Bourgault.

Calling hours were held on February 19 in the Gilman Funeral Home & Crematory, Putnam. A Mass of Christian Burial was held on February 20 in St. Joseph Church in North Grosvenordale. Burial to follow with Military Honors in St. Mary Cemetery, Putnam. For memorial guestbook please visit www.GilmanAndValade.com.

Donald Mayo, 84



PUTNAM – Donald Mayo, 84, of Sabin Street, died Wednesday evening, February 13, 2019, at home surrounded by his loving family. He was the loving husband of Elizabeth (Racine) Mayo. Born in Putnam, he was the son of the late Donald and Gertrude (Poirier) Mayo.

Donald was a proud veteran of the United States Air Force serving for nearly ten years during the Korean War with the 44th Field Maintenance Squad and 1605th Consolidated Aircraft Maintenance Squad being honorably discharged on December 5, 1955.

Mr. Mayo worked for over twenty-five years as an engineering assistant for Pratt & Whitney.

Donald had a true passion for the game of golf, he also enjoyed reading about the Civil War and other historical events, ice fishing, and hunting.

Mr. Mayo was a member of the Knights of Columbus Cargill Council 64 and Boy Scouts.

Donald is survived by his sons, Ken Mayo of Putnam, Greg Mayo and his wife Christine of Napa, California, Chris Mayo of Putnam, and Thomas Mayo and his wife Kristin of Upton, Massachusetts; a brother, Roland Mayo of North Carolina; a sister, Jacqueline Cournoyer of Dudley, Massachusetts; six grandchildren, Christopher, Michael, Jonathan, Caitlin, Bryce, and Samuel; and one great-grandson Brayden.

Relatives and friends are respectfully invited to attend a Mass of Christian Burial at 10:00 a.m. on Saturday, March 2, in St. Mary Church, 230 Providence St, Putnam. Burial will follow in St. Mary Cemetery with military honors. In lieu of flowers memorial donations may be made to the Alzheimer Support Group of N.E. CT, 325 Pomfret St., Putnam, CT 06260. Funeral arrangements have been entrusted to the Gilman Funeral Home & Crematory, 104 Church St., Putnam, CT 06260. For memorial guestbook visit www.GilmanAndValade.com.

Nora Virginia Johnson, 89

POMFRET CENTER – Nora V. (Harrington) Johnson, former Pomfret Town Clerk, 89, of River Rd., passed away peacefully Thursday evening, February 14, 2019 at home surrounded by her loving family. Born in Putnam, she was the daughter of the late George W. and Beatrice (Sheldon) Harrington. Nora was a proud graduate of the University of New England, class of 1949.

On June 21, 1952, in the gardens of the main house at Quinnequack Farm, she was united in marriage to H. George Johnson who passed on January 11, 1993.

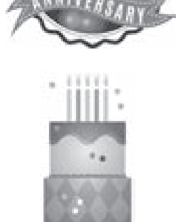
Mrs. Johnson happily served the Town of Pomfret for over 43 years as the Town Clerk, retiring in 2010 at the youthful age of 80. Nora will always be fondly known as the "Life and Spirit of the Pomfret Town Hall." Prior to becoming the town clerk, she worked for the Windham County Transcript.

She was a life member of the Pomfret Rod and Gun Club where she became an accomplished fly fisherman. Nora was an avid card player, never known to lose at a game of rummy or bridge. She was an active member of the American Morgan Horse Association. Nora bred, raised and enjoyed her beloved Morgan horses.

Mrs. Johnson will always be remembered for her two greatest loves: her majestic Morgan horses and the beautiful Town of Pomfret.

Nora is survived by two sons, David W. Johnson of St. Jacob IL and Pomfret, Paul W. Johnson and his wife Joanne of Pomfret; four grandchildren, Andrew Johnson, Amy Vertefeuille and husband Ryan, Melanie Noble and husband Joshua, and Adam Johnson. Four great-grandchildren, Jenna and Jack Vertefeuille, Mackenzie and Lyla Noble. She was predeceased by a daughter Virginia N. Johnson; and four brothers George, Frank, Lawrence, and William Harrington.

Relatives and friends are respectfully invited to attend a Celebration of Nora's Life to be held on Saturday, March 9, 2019, at 11:00 a.m. at the First Congregational Church of Pomfret, 13 Church Rd., Pomfret Center. A private burial will take place in the spring in the Bruce Cemetery in Pomfret. Funeral arrangements have been entrusted to the Gilman Funeral Home & Crematory, 104 Church St., Putnam. For memorial guestbook visit www.GilmanAndValade.com.



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OBITUARIES

Pauline Ina Meader Davis, 96

PUTNAM -- Pauline Ina Meader Davis, 96, of Putnam, passed on February 6, 2019. Pauline was the daughter of Ray L. and Vera (Bates) Meader. She was born November 29, 1922, in Leominster, Massachusetts.

She was predeceased by: her husband, Norman Ellis Davis; her brother Stanley Meader; her sisters Ruth Merrill, Marjorie Peters; and her brother Ray L. Meader. She is survived by her sister, Jane Prescott and her husband Robert; and her brother Richard Meader and his wife Janice, and her loving caretaker of two years, Alice Chartier.

She is also survived by her four children, Norman Davis, Jr. and his wife Claudia of Sandy, Oregon; Donald Davis and his wife Christie of Littleton, Colorado; Carol Davis of Stonington; and Nelson Davis of Putnam; her five grandchildren: Glenn Davis, Everett Davis, Tristin Gleason and her husband Dan, Claudia Davis-Williams, and Isabelle Davis; her four great-grandchildren: Logan Sigla, Devon Hedding, Luke Gleason and Nicholas Gleason; and a great-great-grandson, Carter Sigla; and numerous nieces and nephews.

She graduated from Rockville Elementary School. Because of circumstances in her home over which she had no control, she was unable to attend High School. This is something she always regretted. She was needed at home to care for her younger siblings. The love, care, dedication and devotion that she showed her family will never be forgotten.

She married Norman Davis on October 25, 1941 in Rockville, at the Union Church on Elm Street. She was a long-time member of the Seventh Day Adventist Church and was a member of the Tolland SDA Church. She had a strong faith in God. She was ready to depart from this earth and rest until the second coming of Christ, knowing that the next thing she will see is the face of her Lord and Savior. Her last hope was to meet all of her family and loved ones in heaven.

She was quite witty and had a wonderful sense of humor. Whenever you walked through her door, you were always made to feel welcome. She loved to do crafts such as sewing, knitting, crocheting, needle point, and embroidery to name a few. She made many quilts and donated them to her church for the needy. She made newborn preemie sweater sets and gave them to hospitals. Many of us have been the recipients of her handiwork and these creations will be cherished. She was generous and helped numerous people throughout her life. She was the matriarch of the family. There will be a huge void in the lives of her family and in the lives of the people she touched.

Service will be held at Rockville Tolland Seventh Day Adventist Church, 9 Hartford Turnpike, Tolland, at 11 AM on February 24, 2019. In place of flowers please donate to the charity of your choice. www.smithandwalkerfh.com

Rose M. Dufries, 93

Rose M.(DiDonato) Satti Dufries, 93, of Golden Heights died Friday, February 15, 2019 at Brookside after a long illness. A life long resident of Webster and Dudley . She is the daughter of the Emil and Laura (Troy) DiDonato.

She is survived by one daughter: Laura Brewster of North Grosvenordale, CT and one son: Charles Satti and his wife Marsha of Warwick, RI; Grandson Christopher Satti and his wife , Corey of San Francisco . Granddaughter Elaina S. Blazier of East Greenwich RI and two great granddaughters Gianna Blaizer Annabelle Blazier. Two brothers: Leo DiDonato and his companion Charleen Kennan of Uxbridge and Jerry DiDonato and his companion Muriel Lariviere of Webster. Sister in-law Gayle DiDonato of Dudley. A special friend Joan Dumouchel many nieces and nephews .

Predeceased by her parents ,husband Victor Satti in 1956 and husband Henry "Dewey" Dufries in 2001 brothers, Pat, Santo and Anthony DiDonato. and her sisters Claire DiDonato and Carol Dellomo,

Rose was educated in local schools, Rose was a kind and generous person who enjoyed being with her many friends she made at Golden Heights. She was a member of the Red Hats Society of Webster. Most of all Rose loved being with her grandchildren and her great granddaughters and family parties. Her strong faith and great love of family guided every decision

.The funeral Mass was celebrated at 11 AM on Wednesday, February 20 at St. Louis Church, 14 Lake St., Webster burial followed in Calvary Cemetery . Bartel Funeral Home & Chapel, 33 Schofield Ave., Dudley is directing arrangements. Flowers may be sent or donations to the Jimmy Fund.org or a charity of your choice. www.bartelfuneralhome.com

Joanne F. Litke

Woodstock Valley, C- Joanne F. (Hejwosz) Litke, passed away peacefully on February 16, 2019 with family by her side.

She was born in Webster, MA., on December 26, 1932, daughter of Frank and Stasia (Strenk) Hejwosz.

She was a graduate of Bartlett High School and worked several years at Cranston Print Works and Hyde Tool for over 20 years.

Joanne was a member of the VFW Auxiliary Post 1523, Putnam, CT. and Polish Vets Auxiliary of Southbridge, MA.

She leaves a daughter, Joanne Dvorsky Backholm and husband Philip, stepsons, Paul and Jonathan Litke, grandchildren, Ashley Cobane and husband Eric, John Connor Dvorsky and wife Yani, Elizabeth Dvorsky and Katherine Dvorsky. Step grandchildren, Christopher and Gregory Litke and 3 step great grandchildren.

Joanne was predeceased by her husband Walter A. Litke, son, John Dvorsky, Jr., twin sister Jeannette Fournier, sisters, Genevieve Siwek, Dorothy Hejwosz and brother, Goddard Hejwosz.

There are no calling hours.

After cremation, burial will be private at Holy Trinity Cemetery in Dudley.

In Lieu of flowers, Memorial Contributions may be made to: Bungay Fire Brigade, 1256 Route 171, Woodstock, CT. 06281.

The ROBERT J. MILLER FUNERAL HOME and LAKE CHAPEL, 366 School St., Webster is assisting the family with arrangements.

To leave a message of condolence, please visit:RJMillerfunerals.net

Alice F. Lazur, 98

WOODSTOCK -- Alice F. Lazur, 98, of Woodstock, died Monday, February 11, 2019 at her home in Woodstock. Beloved wife of the late Edward P. Lazur. She was born on August 21, 1920 in Webster, Massachusetts, daughter of Wladyslaw and Felicia (Dzienisiewicz) Nawrocki.

She made her home in Woodstock since 1947 and was married June 9, 1947 in ST. Joseph Church, Webster, Mass. Alice was a communicant of Most Holy Trinity Church in Pomfret. She was active with the Senior Citizens Club of Woodstock in the Craft Club, Exercise Club and enjoyed traveling with the club. Alice worked for Woodstock Public Schools in the cafeteria and for Day Kimball Hospital for over 25 years as a Nurse's Assistant, retiring in 1989. She also volunteered at Day Kimball as an Escort. Alice was dedicated to her children and grandchildren, and loved to host game parties over all the major holidays. Alice was an avid UConn Women's Basketball fan.

She leaves her children James Lazur and his wife Risa of Chaplin, John Lazur of Woodstock, daughter-in-law Barbara Lazur of Lebanon, grandchildren Kirstyn, Becka, Evan, great grandchildren Tiffany and Kory, sister-in-law Marie Nawrocki, nieces Janet, Paula, Elaine, and nephew David. She was predeceased by her son Edward Lazur in 2002, siblings Walter Nawrocki, Harriet Stoica, Johanna Huard and granddaughter Linda Lazur.

A Mass of Christian Burial was held Thursday, February 21, at Most Holy Trinity Church in Pomfret, burial followed in St. Joseph Garden of Peace Cemetery, Webster, Massachusetts. In lieu of flowers, donations may be made in her memory to the Burdick Birthing Center, PO Box 632, Putnam, CT 06260. Share a memory at www.smithandwalkerfh.com

Barbara J. Messier, 75

PUTNAM – Barbara J. (Heath) Messier, 75, of Killingly Ave., died Saturday February 16, 2019, at Hartford Hospital. She was the loving wife of Gerard Messier, Jr. Born in Spencer, Massachusetts, she was the daughter of the late Albert and Elizabeth (Summers) Heath.

Mrs. Messier worked for many years at Borden Candy Company in North Grosvenordale until its closing.

She enjoyed crafting with plastic canvas, crossword puzzles, and listening to Country Western music. But, above all she cherished the quality time that she spent with her children, grandchildren, and great grandchildren, as well as the frequent visits to see her husband at the Matulaitis Nursing Home.

Barbara is survived by her husband and four children; Gerard Messier, Jr. and his wife Tammy Jean, Valerie Schrump and her husband Donald, Elizabeth Messier, and Cheryl Piligian and her husband Robert all of Putnam; two brothers Phillip and Albert Heath both of Putnam; a sister Ethel Heath of Brooklyn; eight grandchildren Catherine, Timothy, Heather, Justin, Jared, Thomas, Kimberly, and Joshua; eleven great grandchildren Lucas, Xavier, Zachary, Amy, Matthew, Skyler, Kadyn, Lexi, Anthony, Cameron, Trevor, and Ely; and her beloved cat "Baby." She as predeceased by a son Joseph Messier; and her siblings Robert Heath, Martha Ritchie, Beverly Benoit, and Dorothy Vanasse.

Relatives and friends are invited to visit with Barbara's family from 10:00a.m. to 12:00p.m. on Sunday February 24, 2019 in the Gilman Funeral Home and Crematory, 104 Church St., Putnam. A Memorial Service will begin at 12:00p.m. Burial take place in the Spring in the Brooklyn South Cemetery. Memorial donations may be made to the American Cancer Society, 825 Brook St., Rocky Hill, CT 06067. For memorial guestbook visit www.GilmanAndValade.com.

Christopher Lee Bouchard, 33

DAYVILLE -- Christopher Lee Bouchard, 33, passed away unexpectedly on December 10, 2018 while travelling in California. In honor of Chris, a Eulogy will be held at 1:00 PM on Saturday, March 9, at the Westfield Congregational Church, 210 Main Street, Danielson.

Chris is survived by his mother and stepfather, Suzanne and Howard Himes of Danielson, son Trevor Bouchard of Danielson; sister Autumn Bouchard of Willimantic and half-brothers Anthony Parrillo of Greenville, Rhode Island and Andrew Parrillo of Chepachet, Rhode Island. He also leaves many aunts, uncles, nephews, nieces and cousins. Chris was predeceased by his father Arthur Bouchard, Jr.

Chris was born in Providence, Rhode Island on May 10, 1985 and resided in Northeast Connecticut since the age of six months; living in Dayville for many years prior to his death.

The teen-age years were challenging for Chris and he left school prior to graduating but several years later he obtained his GED and furthered his education by achieving an Associate's Degree followed by a Bachelor's Degree and last year he began working on his Master's Degree.

Prior to starting his own consulting firm, Chris worked in the field of substance abuse and mental health for many years. He became a certified grant writer and developed a proven track record of helping non-profit organizations secure grant money for altruistic causes.

He loved helping people and he loved reading. He described himself as a philanthropist, professional writer and literature enthusiast. In particular he liked stories that explored the inner workings of the human mind. Chris wrote and published his first book, "Boy Unraveled" (psychological thriller) in March 2016. His second book "Business for the Soul" was published in July 2017.

Recently, just before he passed, Chris completed the draft of his third book, also a psychological thriller.

Chris enjoyed being outdoors, especially hiking in the woods. He was an animal lover and a beautiful human being who cared and received great pleasure from helping others.

Christopher Bouchard, a talented, beautiful soul with a huge heart…you will be missed.

LEGALS

LEGAL NOTICE
TOWN OF WOODSTOCK
BOARD OF ASSESSMENT APPEALS

Citizens of Woodstock are hereby informed that the Board of Assessment Appeals for the Town of Woodstock will hold its sessions on the following dates:
March 4, 2019 - Monday, beginning at 6:00PM
March 5, 2019 - Tuesday, beginning at 6:00PM
Appeal forms are available in the Assessor's office, by email at: assessorasst@woodstockct.gov or by calling (860)928-6929 ext. 327.
Such sessions are held solely for appeals on Real Estate and Personal Property for the October 2018 Grand List and **2017 Grand List Supplemental Motor Vehicle only**.
Sessions will be held in the Selectmen's Conference Room at the Town Hall Office Building at 415 Route 169, Woodstock, CT.
Notice given of sessions held to conform to section 12-110 of the General Statutes of the State of Connecticut.
BOARD OF ASSESSMENT APPEALS
Rebecca Hyde
Barbara Rich
Edward N. Larson, Chairman
February 15, 2019
February 22, 2019

TOWN OF THOMPSON

At the February 5, 2019 meeting of the Thompson Inland Wetlands Commission the following action was taken: Application # IWA18034 approved with conditions, Wayne Witherell, 291 Buckley Hill Rd., Assessor's Map 83, Block 49, Lot 7G, construction of a driveway across a wetland for a new single family home, well and septic system located in the 100-foot upland review area.
Chair Jarrett Thomas.
February 15, 2019
February 22, 2019

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

ESTATE OF Patricia A Day (19-00052)
The Hon. Leah P. Schad, Judge of the Court of Probate, District of Northeast Probate Court, by decree dated February 12, 2019, ordered that all claims must be presented to the fiduciary at the address below. Failure to promptly present any such claim may result in the loss of rights to recover on such claim.
Brenda Duquette, Clerk
The fiduciary is:
Valerie A Breton
c/o Nicholas A. Longo, Esq.,
Bachand, Longo & Higgins,
168 Main Street, PO Box 528,
Putnam, CT 06260
February 22, 2019

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

ESTATE OF Mark E Green (19-00027)
The Hon. Leah P. Schad, Judge of the Court of Probate, District of Northeast Probate Court, by decree dated February 11, 2019, ordered that all claims must be presented to the fiduciary at the address below. Failure to promptly present any such claim may result in the loss of rights to recover on such claim.
Brenda Duquette, Clerk
The fiduciary is:
Stacy Green
c/o B. Paul Kaplan, Esq.,
Kaplan and Brennan, LLP,
643 Norwich Rd., Plainfield, CT 06374
February 22, 2019

Thompson School Readiness and Quality Enhancement Request for Proposals
Legal Notice
2019

The Town of Thompson is soliciting proposals for the development and/or operation of School Readiness Programs or contracted spaces for three and four-year-old children for early care and education in Thompson. Proposals are being solicited pursuant to Sec. 10-16o. – 10-16r and Sec. 10-16t. – 10-16u. CGS and amendments under PA 99-230, the School Readiness and Child Day Care Grant Program. Programs and services must meet local School Readiness Council policies. The Town is also soliciting proposals for The Quality Enhancement Grant pursuant to CGS Sec. 17b-749c, Quality Enhancement Grant Program. Programs and/or services are from July 1, 2019 – June 30, 2020.
To obtain a copy of either Request for Proposal, contact:
Ellen Jones
Mary R. Fisher Elementary School
785 Riverside Drive
North Grosvenordale, CT. 06255
mjones@thompsonpublicschools.org
Proposals for programs must be received by email with hard copy signature pages dropped off in person or mailed to Ellen Jones (contact information listed above) ***no later than 12:00 p.m. on March 29, 2019.***
February 22, 2019

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Emily Dejardin Messier, 82

DANIELSON,CT- Emily (Voorhees) Dejardin Messier age 82 passed away Tuesday, February 12, 2019 at the Day Kimball Hospital, Putnam, CT. She leaves three sons, William Dejardin and his wife Cheryl of Dayville, Phillip Dejardin of Killingly and Ronald Djardin of CT, two daughters, Deborah Dejardin of NH and Ann Marie Stadig of Westborough, MA. She also leaves 14 grandchildren and several great grandchildren and a brother Donald Voorhees of Florida. Emily had a son that predeceased her, James Dejardin of FL. and a brother Robert Voorhees of FL.

She was born in Norwalk, CT daughter of the late Edwin Voorhees and Loretta (Prince) Voorhees and lived here all her life. Emily enjoyed crocheting and sewing. There are no calling hours and all services are private. The Shaw-Majercik Funeral Home, 48 School St., Webster, MA 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.

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