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These students are making the cut

BY OLIVIA RICHMAN NEWS STAFF WRITER

DANIELSON — The hair dressing and barber department at Ellis Tech is always looking for new ways to help out the community, one haircut at a

Once a month, the students head over to Maple Courts across the street and provide a free service for the people who live there, including many elderly clients. This past fall they also went to a veteran's home and did haircuts all day free

of charge, which they also do for the Access Community Shelter, who come in once a month.

"It makes me feel really good," said senior Emily Carignan. "They don't really get to go out and get haircuts. It's something they are normally not able to do. And we do

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Olivia Richman photos Instructor Domenick Zipoli with his senior hairdressing





WOODSTOCK BATTLES KILLINGLY

WOODSTOCK — Woodstock Academy's Ciri Miller goes up for a shot against Killingly High on Tuesday, Feb. 27, in the first round of the Class L state tournament. Woodstock topped Killingly 54-31 and advanced to play host to Bacon Academy in a second round game on Friday, March. 2. Story on page B-1 of today's sports section.

and barber students. Flexer announces time's up package

DANIELSON — State Senator Mae Flexer (D-Danielson) and other members of the Senate Caucus Democratic last week declared that time's up" on the problem of sexual harassment and sexual assault, as caucus members announced a legislative package that includes the largest overhaul in modern history of Connecticut's sexual harassment laws.

'With the Time's Up and Me Too movements, we have seen cultural tides in our country are finally changing, and Connecticut must strengthen its stand against sexual harassment and sexual assault,' said Flexer. "This year I will be reintroducing legislation to extend the statute of limitations for sexual assault cases. As we have seen in many of the high-profile sexual assault cases being tried around the country, it often takes years for sexual assault victims to come forward and confront



Mae Flexer, center, announces a time's up legislative package last week in Hartford.

their abusers, and people are coming to understand the unique circumstances of these crimes can keep victims from coming forward right away. Connecticut has one of the most restrictive statutes of limitations in the country, under which sexual abusers like Harvey Weinstein, Larry

Nassar and Bill Cosby could have avoided punishment. The time for a change in this law is long overdue."

"Sexual harassment is

something women experience far too frequently. Harassment in the workplace is especially

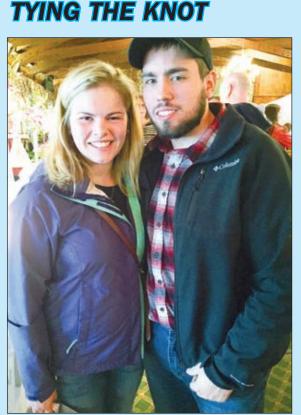
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Courtesy photo State Representative Anne

Dauphinais stands alongside Nick Glomb, a member of the IDD community, and State Rep. Robin Green during the fifth annual Family Hearing

Dauphinais takes part in Family Hearing Day

HARTFORD — State Rep. Ann Dauphinais (44th District-Killingly) joined her fellow colleagues and members of the Intellectual/Developmental Disabilities (IDD) Caucus as part of Family Hearing Day on Feb. 23. The event now in its fifth year is designed to not only provide lawmakers with the opportunity to hear firsthand from members of the IDD community but also the challenges and comments their care givers, parents and advocates face from across the state.



Olivia Richman photo

THOMPSON — Tess Person and Jacob Knight (pictured) are planning on getting married in June. The couple attended a wedding expo on Sunday, Feb. 25, at Raceway Golf Club.

Diary of Anne Frank at Killingly High

DAYVILLE — An historical drama with a powerful message is presented by the Killingly High School drama department with "The Diary of Anne Frank" on Friday and Saturday, March 2 and 3, at 7 p.m. and at 2 p.m. on Sunday, March 4.

"We both certainly feel – like many people do – that the historical component is important," said the play's producer, and English teacher, Jen Nadeau. "Especially with the events going on around us. It's important to look back at history to see how people have been treated. To be aware of how people need to be treated, how they should be treated. We look at this as an awareness piece.'

And the students have quickly embraced the powerful message carried within the story. Independently, the

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students have already researched various parts of the world where similar events are currently happening. Opening their minds to what's going on in the world.

Their willingness to learn and understand hasn't only been eye-opening for Nadeau, but a brilliant way to bring Anne Frank's diary onto the stage in an accurate and powerful way.

"This is a different play than we've ever done. This is the first play we've done where we are dedicated to real people. We have an expectation that we may have a Holocaust survivor in the audience. And that makes a real difference to the kids. This is a piece of history they're

concentrating more on being accurate than they

ever have, and really staying true to the people they're portraying," said

The students have also become very attached to Anne Frank herself. They've grown to care for her, said Nadeau, more than they thought they would, which has been "great to see." Anne Frank was extremely independent and open with her emotions, said Nadeau. The students now admire her brute honesty and the way she expresses her feelings.

"That certainly comes through in her writing," said Nadeau. And now the stu-



Jen Nadeau photo

portraying. And they're The cast practicing during an after-school rehearsal.

dents will be portraying that powerful, raw writing on stage.

They're a passionate and dedicated cast who has been working "very, very

In fact, the students are all from an after-school theater program. So all of their rehearsals and everything they work on is after school. But that hasn't stopped the school from getting involved. The art department, theater arts department, technology department and video tech department have

all become involved in putting on this production.

"I really do enjoy working with the students," said Nadeau. "And the director, Bill Corriveau, and I work extremely well together. It has just been wonderful to work with him, and see the kids grow and develop. That's what keeps us coming back."

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PUTNAM ADVANCES IN STATE TOURNEY

PUTNAM — Putnam High's Molly McKeon drives to the hoop against Windsor Locks on Tuesday, Feb. 27, in the first round of the Class S state tournament. Putnam won 41-25 and will play host to Lyman Memorial in a second round game on Friday, March 2. Story on page B-3 of today's sports section.





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Bird sightings at the Connecticut Audubon Society Center at Pomfret and Wyndham Land Trust properties for the week of Feb. 18: Short-eared Owl, Eastern Screech Owl, Barred Owl, Northern Harrier, American Woodcock, Red-winged Blackbirds, Common Grackles, Wood Ducks, Brown Creeper, Pileated Woodpecker, Mallard. Visit ctaudubon.org/pomfret-home

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Westview's country living project approved

KILLINGLY — At its regularly scheduled monthly meeting, the Town of Killingly Planning and Zoning Commission unanimously approved a special permit for the Country Living at Westview Commons Residential Life Care Community project.

The project was described as a 73-unit independent living center for the elderly with one and two bedroom efficiency apartments to be located at 117 Ware Road, in Dayville. The estimated \$15 million project includes a 112,000 square foot, two story building with 44 single bedroom units, 29 two bedroom units, a lower level indoor parking garage, a large two story great room for dining and entertainment, a country store, café, movie theater, library, gym, outdoor gazebo with walking trails, gardens and exterior water features as well. The program also has a long list of amenities including concierge services, 24 hour security, dining, numerous educational and recreational programs, transportation, entertainment; and support for cleaning, maintenance and laundry services.

'We greatly appreciate all of the sup-



port we have received for our project," said David T. Panteleakos, CEO and Administrator for Westview Health Care Center. "This type of housing and services for our retired and elderly citizens is in tremendous demand in our region. We intend to build a facility and program that matches Westview Health

Care Center's five star ratings, services and status.'

The project was also approved by the Inland Wetlands and Watercourse Commission on February 5, 2018 and an official groundbreaking is planned for the fall.



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From left, Company President Pat Boyd, Firefighter of the Year Cam Robinson, Fire Chief Brett Sheldon

Pomfret Fire Department celebrates 84 years

Department held its annual Company meal, Fire Chief Brett Sheldon reviewed the year Appreciation Dinner at the Parson's Lodge on the Pomfret School Campus. The vear 2018 marks the 84th Anniversary of the establishment of the Department and more than 70 members, spouses and life members attended the celebration.

The event opened with remarks from the Fire Company President Pat Boyd who recognized past chiefs and life members for their contributions to the company. Boyd also thanked spouses for the support of the fire service. First Selectman Maureen Nicholson thanked the department for the unselfish service to the Town of Pomfret. The blessing was offered by Department Chaplain Reverend James Kellaway. The meal was prepared

— Recently the Pomfret Fire by the Pomfret School Dining Services. After the and thanked members for all they do for the community. Boyd and Sheldon recognized members for noteworthy actions during the year and for service to the Department. In particular, 5 Year Service Awards were presented to Captain Mike Dumouchel, firefighter Donald Dunning, and firefighter Kaulman Lengyel. 10 Year Service Award was presented to Assistant Chief Roy Hicks. The Fire Chief's Award was presented to Firefighter Scott Downer, the Company President's Award was presented to Fire Police Captain Douglas Hopkins and the Firefighter of the Year Award was presented to firefighter Cam Robinson.

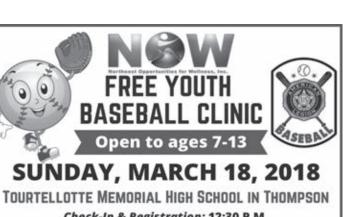
Road closures for Courthouse O'Putnam 5K

PUTNAM — Local road closures are scheduled in conjunction with the Courthouse O'Putnam 5K run on Sunday, March 11. With approximately 1,300 athletes expected to participate in the event, residents and visitors are asked to please be aware of traffic impact and limited road closures affecting the area from 10:30 a.m. until 4 p.m.

The following will be closed to all vehicles from 10:30 a.m. until 4 p.m.: Main Street (Bundy Street Front Street). The following will be closed to all vehicles from 10:30 a.m. until 2:30 p.m: Main Street (Massicotte Circle - Bundy Street). The following will be closed to all vehicles from 11:30 a.m. until 1:30

The following will remain open for use by vehicles and race participants from 1 p.m. until 2 p,m. Please expect minor delays and use caution: Kennedy Drive, Sunset

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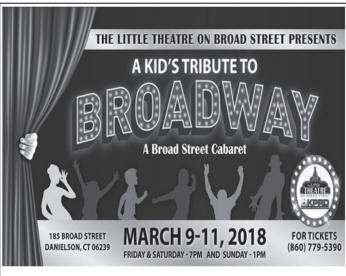




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Name: Monique Maldonado

Business **Occupation:** Theatre Manager at The Bradley Playhouse and Real Estate Professional at Berkshire Hathaway New England Properties

Lives In: Woodstock,

Family: Married, husband Carlos and 4 boys; Christopher (37), Nicholas (24), William (21), and Victor (15), 2 daughters-in-law, 3 grandchildren and 1 on the way

Pets: none at the moment

How long have you lived in the area? We've lived in Woodstock since 1999

Do you have a favorite food? Lobster

What is currently your favorite TV **Show?** Watch the weather channel,

the History Channel or Discovery Channel when I get a free moment to watch T.V.

What is your favorite travel desti**nation?** Florida or Cape Cod

What's the best part about your town? It's so beautiful, love the antique homes, the farmland, and the people.

Who has been the greatest influ**ence in your life?** My dad and mom

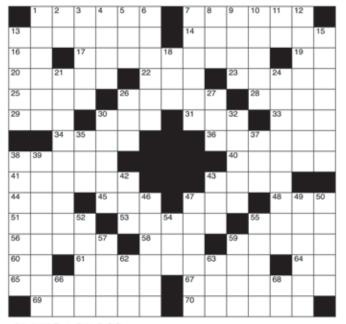
Who is your favorite musical artist? Too many, I love music

What is the greatest piece of advice you have ever been given?

Trust the Lord with all your heart and lean not on your own understanding. Proverbs 3:5

Favorite Sports Team: New England **Patriots**

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- outer space
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LaHaie and Reynolds back to Broadway Live

Donna LaHaie and Ted Reynolds

WOODSTOCK — Donna LaHaie and Ted Reynolds are slated to return to the Broadway Live stage on April 7-8 at the Center for the Arts at Woodstock Academy in Woodstock for a special benefit show called "The Conncert". The show is a special benefit performance for the Hale YMCA Youth and Family Center.

LaHaie hales from Putnam and Reynolds, who resides in Thompson, first appeared together in a Broadway Live production in 2000 and are slated to reprise their rendition of the classic musical piece "Time To Say Goodbye" as performed by artists Andrea Bocelli and



"We are so thrilled that Donna and Ted are once again together on the big stage for The Conncert," said Executive Producer David T. Panteleakos. "Both Donna and Ted are incredibly talented vocalists and they have been so generous with their time and talents for Broadway Live events and for so many other worthy causes. Their rendition of 'Time to Say Goodbye' and the other songs they are slated to perform

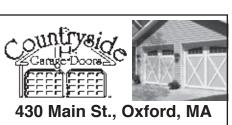
will undoubtedly be powerful and most memorable.'

The Conncert" or The Connecticut Concert is a special benefit performance for the Hale YMCA Youth and Family Center that features music from Broadway, Jazz, Rock & Roll, and Classical music performed by 30 regional vocalists backed by a 16-piece orchestra. The dates of the show are Saturday, April 7 at 7:30pm and Sunday, April 8 at 2 p.m. Performances are being held at the Center for the Arts at Woodstock Academy and tickets are available at the YMCA in Putnam or on-line at www.theconncert.com.

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harmful as it inhibits career progression and creates an atmosphere where women are made to feel unequal and unwelcome," Flexer said. "This proposal today will ensure that all workplaces



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in Connecticut have strong training and policies to prevent sexual harassment. If passed, these would be some of the strongest laws in the country. Connecticut should lead the nation in preventing sexual harassment.'

The legislative package, known as the "Time's Up Act" reforms Connecticut's sexual

> harassment and sexual assault laws and processes to create stronger protections for victims and to increase penalties for offenders by: reformthe Connecticut Commission on Human Rights and Opportunities (CHRO) complaint pro-

cess; strengthening and expanding Connecticut's mandated reporter laws; eliminating statutes of limitation for all felony sexual assault crimes; increasing financial penalties for offenders; providing for injunctive relief and punitive damages; strengthening CHRO; setting a universal process for investigations of harassment complaints against school administrators; and requiring increased training and education in Connecticut

workplaces. A proposed bill on the package is expected to be raised for consideration in the Judiciary Committee.

Knights of Columbus host dinner

PUTNAM — There will be a pasta, sausage and meatball dinner on Saturday, March 10, from 5:30 to 7 p.m. at the Cargill Council 64 Knights of Columbus Hall, 64 Providence Street, Putnam. Tickets are \$10 per person and are available at the Council Hall, Joseph's Jewelers in Putnam and Danielson, or by calling (860) 928-4525. Proceeds benefit the Council 64 Member's Benefit Fund.



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Day Kimball Healtcare receives donation from bankHometown

PUTNAM — Day Kimball Healtcare recently received a donation from bankHometown and the bankHometown Foundation, which donated \$6,000 in support of Day Kimball Healthcare's (DKH) 2018 Junior Volunteer Program at Day Kimball Hospital.

The sponsorship funds will support Day Kimball's highly-competitive Junior Volunteer Program, available to just 60 area high school students for seven weeks during the summer months. Junior volunteers have the opportunity to gain valuable insight into a possible future career in healthcare while also providing valuable service to the community. Junior volunteers contributed 3,790 hours of volunteer service across 11 departments at Day Kimball Hospital last summer.

We are extremely grateful for this opportunity and excited to be partnering with bank-Hometown in support of one of the hospital's most valuable and long-standing community service programs," said DKH Director of Development Kristen Willis. "It has become increasingly challenging to provide adequate resources for important programs such as this while fulfilling our primary duty and responsibility to provide high quality acute, clinical, and emergent care to our patients. Having



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From left, Janet Johnson, Jeffrey Corrigan, Anne Diamond, Peter Deary, Michael Roy, Michael Hewitt, Jo-Ann Chenail, Kristen Willis.

bankHometown's support for this program will help us to continue to enrich lives while preparing the future workforce and citizens of northeast Connecticut."

"This is a great opportunity to support Day Kimball and a program that will have ongoing impact on our community by instilling the value of volunteerism in the students. Volunteering in the communities we live and work is a cornerstone of our culture and mission and we pleased to support the sharing of this value with the future leaders of our communities," said bank-Hometown President and CEO Michael D. Hewitt.

"Being a hospital volunteer adds a whole new dimension to a student's life, allowing them to gain valuable experience while helping to serve their communities," said Janet Johnson, DKH Volunteer Services Coordinator, who has been heading up the Junior Volunteer Program for the past 15 years. "We're so grateful to bankHometown and the bankHometown Foundation for supporting our Junior Volunteer Program. The impact that volunteer service has, not only on the continued success of the hospital but on the lives of our young volunteers, is immeasurable.'

DKH's Junior Volunteer Program, now accepting applications for summer 2018, provides students with opportunities to learn valuable lessons in volunteerism and social responsibility, and exposes students to firsthand administrative and clinical experiences in a healthcare setting. Eligible candidates must have graduated ninth grade before entering the program, and must be between 14 and 18 years old. Learn more at daykimball.org/volunteer.

Danielson job center offers workshops

DANIELSON — The Danielson American Job Center located at 562 Westcott Road is offering a variety of Employment and Training workshops to area residents in March. Advance registration is encouraged due to space limitations. Please go to CTHires.com or call (860) 774-4077 to register.

The following workshops and seminars are offered.

Successful Job Search Strategies – Discover how to find and apply for jobs not listed in the classified section. Learn to use traditional job search techniques more effectively and how to research companies, use the Internet and search agents as a job search tool, and learn to post your résumé on the CTHires online employment system. Explore CTHires and other sites for private, state and federal employment opportunities, as well as labor market information. March 1 (9 a.m. – 12 p.m.)

Confidence Makeover: Rebound & Recover – This workshop presents an outline of how to work toward a concrete confidence makeover by suggesting a variety of specific techniques and practical confidence-building tips that can make a significant difference in being the right candidate. March 5 (9 a.m. – 2 p.m.)

Computers Made Easy – Learn the basic aspects of how computers work, basic computer operations and terminology for Windows 7. Topics include basic file management, using Help and Support features, Internet searches and how to identify secure sites. Geared for individuals who have never used a computer or who need a refresher on computer use. March 7 (9 a.m. – 12 p.m.)

Ticket to Work Orientation – This workshop is designed for Social Security beneficiaries wanting to return to work and become financially independent while keeping their Medicare or

Medicaid benefits. March 7 (10 – 11 a.m.) Get Back to Work – You can overcome job search stress: Stay connected, get involved, and know your next steps. Our staff is here to offer guidance, direc-

- 12 p.m.) or March 22 (1 – 3 p.m.)
 Applying Online: The Basics – Learn the basics of applying online, including use of job search engines,

tion and opportunity. March 8 (10 a.m.

emailing employers, and attaching and inserting résumés to online applications and emails. March 9 (9 a.m. – 12 p.m.)

Metrix Learning – This workshop offers an orientation to online training through the Metrix Learning System. E-Training licenses allow 90 days of 24/7 unlimited access to more than 5,000 courses (IT, desktop computer skills OR healthcare education). Learn new skills or upgrade existing skills to help find a new job or enhance your career. March 9 (12:30 – 2:30 p.m.)

Health Careers Orientation – An overview of in-demand careers in health-care, job skills and available certificate and degree programs. Also receive information about financial assistance. March 13 (4-5:30 p.m.)

In-Demand Jobs in Eastern Connecticut – Our On-the-Job Training (OJT) programs may provide the competitive edge to get hired. Explore in-demand jobs in advanced manufacturing, technology or engineering, and the skills employers want. On-site screening will pre-qualify you for one or more OJT programs. March 14 (1 – 2:30 p.m.)

Introduction to Microsoft Word – In this two-day workshop, learn how to create a document, save it to a disk, open and close it, make changes, and print it. PREREQUISITE: You must possess basic knowledge of computers or have attended Computer Basics Workshop. March 15 and 16 (9 a.m. – 12

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Fundamentals of Résumé Writing – Learn how to write a focused résumé needed to secure job interviews and employment offers. Topics include thinking like an employer, developing essential parts of the résumé, keywords, relevant vs. irrelevant information, formatting and cover letters. March 15 (9 a.m. – 12 p.m.)

E-mail Skills for Jobseekers – In this is a six-hour workshop conducted over two days, learn how to compose and reply to emails and attach résumés to emails. Practice responding to a job posting via email while using a practice cover letter and résumé. Geared for jobseekers that will be emailing résumés to employers; instructor will help attendees obtain an email address if needed. March 20 and 21 (9 a.m. – 12 p.m.)

Creating A Job Search "Elevator

Pitch" - In this three-hour workshop, learn how to create the perfect 30- or 60-second "elevator pitch" to introduce yourself to potential employers. Explore how to identify or create a networking opportunity and effectively engage during a networking opportunity. Useful for all job seekers that are unfamiliar or out of practice with networking, and those that are using LinkedIn. March 20 (12:30 – 3:30 p.m.)

CTHires: Résumé Builder – Learn to build and complete a résumé in the CTHires online employment system. Opportunities are provided to review and update your CTHires profile including job skills, and do a comprehensive résumé build in CTHires with the assistance of the workshop instructor. Also learn to download, print and email your résumé from CTHires. March 21 (12:30 – 3:30 p.m.)



INVITATION TO BID

The Town of Eastford is accepting sealed bids for General Construction Contract for removal of existing flat roof and replacement with EPDM for the Eastford Elementary School Gymnasium.

Bids will be received via US Mail or Hand Delivery, at the office of the Superintendent of Schools, Town of Eastford, P.O. Box 158, 12 Westford Road, Eastford, CT 06242 until 10:00 AM. on March 21, 2018. Bids will be publicly opened and read aloud at 10:00 AM on March 21, 2018 at the Eastford Town Hall, 16 Westford Road, Eastford, CT. The Office phone number of the Superintendent of Schools is 860.974.1130. Faxed bids shall not be accepted. Bids received after this time will not be considered.

A non-mandatory pre-bid walk through of the site is scheduled for 12:00 noon on March 9, 2018 at the Eastford Elementary School, 12 Westford Road, Eastford, CT at which time bidders will have the opportunity to familiarize themselves with the building and site.

All bids must be submitted on forms identical to those provided in the Project Manual. Bidders must provide bid surety with their bids in the form of a bid bond, or certified check in the amount of 5% of their base bid. Performance and Labor and Material Payment Bonds in the amount of 100% of the contract amount will be required of the successful bidder. Each bid must be accompanied by a letter from a surety acceptable to the Owner stating that the Bidder, if awarded the Contract, will be able to obtain the Performance Bond and Payment Bond. No bid may be withdrawn for a period of sixty (60) days after the opening of the bids without the written consent of the Town of Eastford.

The Bidding Documents may be obtained at the Eastford Elementary School front office (weekdays 8:00 AM to 3:00 PM). Electronic distribution of documents can be arranged: TLB Architecture, LLC, TLBA Project No. 2017.022. Documents will be available after 8:00 AM. on March 5, 2018.

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Killingly High band performs at national jazz competition

in conjunction with the 50th annual Berklee High School Jazz Festival on Feb. 10. The festival included high school ensembles from 13 states (including all of New England), the District of Columbia, and Puerto Rico. Throughout the day, all ensembles were adjudicated by a panel of Berklee's top faculty and received a written critique of their performances. Top-ranked ensembles were awarded partial scholarships to Berklee's Five Week Summer Performance Program, and individual students are invited to audition for tuition scholarships towards the full-time program or the Five Week Summer Performance Program. Berklee College of Music will present-

ed the 50th annual Berklee High School Jazz Festival, the country's largest high school jazz competition, on Feb. 10 at Hynes Convention Center. Over 3,000 high school students who comprise over 215 bands and vocal ensembles competed for \$175,000 in scholarships to various Berklee summer programs. The event featured performances or workshops by National Endowment for the Arts (dNEA) Jazz Masters Ellis



Killingly High performed at the 50th Berklee High School Jazz competition.

Marsalis and Delfeayo Marsalis B.M. '89 in addition to workshops by jazz groups 7th Degree and House of Waters, a performance by the Berklee Concert Jazz Orchestra, and an awards presentation honoring high school ensembles, singers, composers, musicians, and educators.

As part of the festival's 50th anniversary celebration, Ellis Marsalis received an honorary Doctorate of Music degree from Berklee at the awards ceremony.

"It's amazing to see that Berklee has been leading jazz education with our annual High School Jazz Festival for five decades," said Darla Hanley, Dean of Professional Education at Berklee. "In addition to celebrating fifty years of the festival, we are also very pleased to honor Ellis Marsalis, one of America's fathers of New Orleans Jazz, with a Berklee honorary doctoral degree after a day of watching the future of jazz in our high school ensembles."

KILLINGLY HIGH SCHOOL HONOR ROLL

DAYVILLE — The following Killingly High School students earned honor roll recognition in the second quarter.

Seniors High Honors: Alexandria Sean Johndrow, Conde, Corrine Khamphoukeo, and Zachary Schena.

First Honors: Nicholas Ahnberg, Sarah Azizi, Alexis Costa, Ashley Depointe, Panisnan Diskul, Talia Gould, Megan Graham, Grace Higgins, Rachel Hultzman, Emily Keeling, Jenna McCauley, Reagan Morin, Abigail Newman, Jared Olson, Carlos Poch, Dayana Rodriguez-Mendez, Justin St. Onge, Brandon Steen, Julia Trafaconda, Ashley Veillette, Stephen Wetherell, and Larda Yottivong.

Second Honors: Krystyna Johnathan Andrews, Cacciapuoti, Ethan Canova, Michael Capuano, Amanda Cicchetti, Ryan Comtois, Silvia Cote, Aliyah Dean, Brett Dexter, Emma Esposito, Nicolas Evangelisti, Katrina Fortes, Mikayla Garnier, Jacob Gauthier, Angelina Greene, Courtney Greene, Felicia Horne, Sarah Horvath, Autumn Jefferson, Spencer Lockwood, Britney Mares, Kayla Picciarelli, Vasileios Politis, Douglas Ryan, Anastasia Salisbury, Alexis Smith, Alyssa Tracy, Gavin Turner, Dylan VanLiew, Jacob Zadora, and Camella Zermeno. Juniors

High Honors: Jasmine Alvord, Jennifer Burdick, Tate Credit, Tiffany Hicks, Jasmine Hunt, Taylor Jax, Allison Levesque, Lauren Mayotte, Kaitlyn Peckham, and Joseph Raheb.

First Honors: Samuel Antonelli, Jacob Brower, Kaylee Chviek, Nazmia Dionis, Andrea Filbert, Danielle Laurito, Noah Marcoux, Dylan Petersen, Jamie Shay, and Blake Wolanin.

Second Honors: Kelsey Allen, Katherine Archambault. Camille Benoit, Bryce Bentinck, Alyssa Blade, Colin Bragdon, Taylor Charron, Mackenzie Chatelle, Alexandra Chitwood, Lauryn Durand, Rylee Faucher, Jean Foraker, Jailyn Gancarz, Tres-Belle Gaudette, Ezra George, Quinlan Gervasio, Hailey Jimenez, Colby Johndrow, Trevor Johnson, Mary Jordan, Cecilia LeBlanc, Sophia Leonetti, Samantha Lynch, Emma Marceau, Nolan Marcoux, Kylee Mazzarella, Kaitlyn McCrory, Dylan McMerriman, Michael O'Connor, Cody Prachi Patel, Ogozalek, Dale Pendergast, Sophia Provencher, Emily Robinson, David Rull, Jamison Santese, Morgan Savoie, Camryn Soler, Morgan Tamburri, James Toczko-Klingensmith, Arianna Toth, Derek Turner, and Emily Watling.

Sophomores

High Honors: Faith Boateng-Afranie, Isabella Deep, Thomas Desjardin, Rebecca Afranie, DiBenedetto, Jordan Dreibholz, Cassidy Lefevre, Jonathan Lepire, Kaileigh Martineau, Christopher Pawul, Alexandra Purcell, Amirah Samuel, and

Isabel Tang. First Stephanie Bellows, Brianna Caffrey, Keeley Cerbo, Erin DeRouin, Russell Farnsworth, Christiana Filbert, Lauren Kirkconnell, Alexis Manfredo, Morriah Owen, Nadia Ponciano, Ashley Ray, Benjamin Theroux, Aaron Thorstenson, and Emma Turner.

Second Honors: Julia Beausoleil, Shayne Bigelow, Lexie Brunet, Connor Chahanovich, Haylee Chester, Kameron Crowe, Mariah Deschamps, Courtney Ennis, Edward Esposito, Caroline Gagnon, Alyssa Gaudreau, Alyssa Hansen, Brianna Hogan, Lauren Hyatt, Mackenzie Jackson, Caleb Johnson, Christopher Lackner, Jaimie Lohman, Dravyn Lowe, Jordyn Marshall, Benjamin Morin, Heather Morse, Samantha Murd, Leah Murdock, Jacob Nurse, Colby O'Donnell, Aidan Parsons, Bryce Pratt, Sierra Rocha, Karly Seiffert, Dylan Shaw, Soudalath Souvanhnaphan, Abbygail Surrell, Benjamin Torre, Mackenzie Weaver, and Jasmine Wilson.

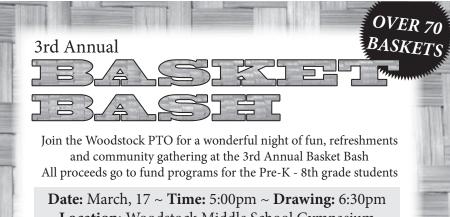
Freshmen High Honors: Abraham Antonelli, Savannah Buisson, Abby Card, Janelle Charron, Colton Douglas, Laney Dunn, Mackenzie Farquhar, Nikki Flynn, Annie Griffin, Sophie Griffin, Madson Hopkins, Cole Lavigne, Patricia Lillibridge-Reek, Charles McCollom, Julia Purcell, Daniel Raheb, Sydney

Rosen, Jordan

Hannah Siegmund, Kaleb Watson, and Meghan Wrobel.

First Honors: Evelyn Allen, Cal Barber, Dedrick Baublitz, Madison Briere, Abigail Burgess, Zoe Conklin, Kailey Harrington, Kaleigh Hopkins, Olivia Lamoureux, Andrew LaRochelle, Amelia MacPhail, Charlotte Morrissette, Grace Nichols, Viren Patel, Shannon Picariello, Kevin Rice, Sarah Roberts, Dakota Sanchez, Lillian Stockford, and Madelyn Sumner.

Second Honors: Skyler Allen, Lorelai Bessenaire, Chace Bowns, Grace Cerbo, Kelley Chanaphay, Kamila Correa, Brooke Cusson-Malone, Leilani Dean, Evan DeRonsle, Evan Despathy, Joshua Dumas, Michelle Dumphy, Virgil Fensley, Tess Gevry, Grace Gilman, Ryan Golenski, Lance Groh, Ann-Marie Hebert, Kyle Keene, Megan Lafleur, Tate Larrow, Chase LeClerc, Emilee Lehtinen, Hunter Leite, Nevaeh Lyon, Jordyn Machamer-Burgess, Aidan McKenna, Cooper Morissette, Hannah Morrison, David Nduati, Abigail Norgren, Dana Normandie, Madyson Peaslee, Bailey Pepin, Emma Prindle, Stephen Reding, Hannah Reid, Grace Socha, Jaleen Trajanowski, Matthew Weiss. Avery Zanauskas, and Ryan Zavistoski.



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Quinebaug Valley Community College bosts open bouse

DANIELSON — Quinebaug Valley Community College is hosting two open houses for prospective students during the month of March. The "What's Your Game Plan?" Open House on Tuesday, March 6, at 6 pm, will offer the opportunity for students to become familiar with the college, its programs, faculty, and students.

The following students have been named to the Dean's List at their college or university. The school is followed by the honoree.

Syracuse University: Cameron Chahanovich, from East Killingly

Dean College: Michael Merrill from North Grosvenordale

Purchase College SUNY: Spencer Wainacht from Dayville.

"It is the best way to discover why QVCC should be your choice for starting, continuing, or finishing your college education," said Sarah Hendrick, associate director of admissions. Attendees will hear from current and past students, meet student services staff, learn about degree, certificate, and noncredit programs, tour the college with student ambassadors, and browse the Spirol Art Gallery. Students may apply that night and the application fee will be waived.

On Thursday, March 22, the college's Advanced Manufacturing Technology Center will hold an open house for students interested in pursuing a career in manufacturing. An information session

will be held in the college auditorium at 6 p.m. followed by guided tours of the 10,000 square foot training facility. There will be overviews of the Advanced Manufacturing Technology and the Mechatronics Automation Technician certificate programs. Attendees may also apply for free on the spot for the fall semester. More information is available at www. QVCC.edu.



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Woodstock Middle School public speaking competition

WOODSTOCK — Talented orators were on display at the recent Woodstock Middle School Public Speaking competition. Advised by volunteers Mrs. Dena Cocozza O'Hara, Public Speaking Coordinator, and Mrs. Michelle Couture, Public Speaking Associate Coordinator, over 70 students prepared pieces in one of six categories: impromptu, storytelling, poetry, persuasive, expository, and dramatic and humorous. Utilizing proper technique while allowing for creativity, students had two to four minutes to present their essays or poems to a panel of judges comprised of students from Woodstock Academy. Storytelling receives up to five minutes and must be memorized.

The Public Speaking program is an opportunity for students to foster confidence, poise, and intellect while publicly speaking on a chosen topic.

We are so impressed with the students who are balancing their homework, playing sports, seeking extra help and engaging in other afterschool activities, while still maintaining their efforts in public speaking. We are especially thankful for the partnership with Mrs. Sara Dziedzic and her students at Woodstock Academy who donate their time and support as judges; without their help students would not have had a full program experience," said Cocozza

The Woodstock Middle School public speaking program is made possible by a grant from the Woodstock Education Foundation (WEF). Since 2005, the WEF has awarded more than \$310,000 in grants for activities designed to enrich the learning experience for children in Woodstock Public Schools. Awards were presented to the top performers in each category:

Persuasive: Maggie Hart (1st), Madison Whitehouse



Woodstock Middle School recently held a public speaking competition.

(2nd), Emma Millex (3rd), Ava Hovestadt (4th), Eva Monahan (5th).

Dramatic & Humorous: John Armstrong, Nick Dahl, Robert Saraidarian, Vincent Tocci (1st), Isabella Miller & Olivia Grant (2nd), Tegan Perry & Natalie Eichner (3rd), Allison Griswold & Mason Turner (4th), Emma Brody & Olivia Dahl (5th), Lennon Favreau & Tessa Brown, Wyatt Thienel (6th).

Impromptu: Ainsley Morse (1st), Cammie McNally (2nd), Zach Arsenault (3rd), Scarlett Pierce

(4th), Dominic Tocci (5th), Claire Beck, Amelia Haynes (6th).

Storytelling: Evan Rhault (1st), Peyton Bentley (2nd), Sophia Petrella (3rd), Sophie Gronski (4th), Penelope Esposito (5th), Ansley Holmes (6th).

Poetry: Samantha Keller & Hayley Whitehouse Isabella Selmecki & Avery Thienel (2nd), Abdullah Zameer (3rd), Emily Smock & Ben Cross (4th), Olivia Saraidarian (5th), Abigail Morse & Kyleigh Quercia, Gaby Couture & Carly Adase, Lana Syriac & Beatrix Donovan, Anthony Listro & Reed Magnon (6th).

Expository: Thomas Musumeci (1st), Dylan Chamberlain (2nd), Jaqueline Dearborn & Madison Matthews (3rd), Ava Simoes & Sydney Lundt (4th), Liliana Bottone & Madison Jezerski (5th), Aidan Kane, Austin Dilko (6th).

MIDDLE SCHOOL HONOR ROLL

PUTNAM — The second quarter marking period honor roll for Putnam Middle School is as follows.

Principal's List

Grade 8: Autumn Allard, Trinity Bonet Shepard, Amayah Chavez, Celenia Lopez, Ewa Sekula, Connor

Grade 7: Emily Benoit, Lauren Brule, Enrico Gabriel Ong, Angelina Porter, Emily St. Martin, Connor Taylor, Alisha Thompson, Guinevere Weiker

Grade 6: Skyler Adams, Melodie Anderson, Giana Cinque, Brady Devlin, Atiana Estes, Travis Fredette, Lily Goyette, Savannah Loiselle, Adam Sekula, Josephine Spalding, Isabel Vergoni

First Honors

Grade 8: Makenna Barnett, Karson Bates, Zachary Belleville, Reagan Boledovic, Ayvril Brytowski, Rodrigo Alejandro Candelario Jimenez, Aidan Danburg, Samantha Eddy, Tyler Fullerton, Aliya Green, Olivia Hassett-Mellen, Kaylynn

Christian LaFlash, James Lazarou, Brooke Lindell, Kayla Morrison, Avery Pedersen, Jack Rindge, Dominic Sheldon, Destiney Simas, Adam Nicholas Vagnini, Hunter Tomkins, Vanasse

Grade 7: Aidan Babbitt, Grace Benoit, Jacob Benzie, Jenny Boriboun, Elysse Britt, Brigid Hannon,

Sullivan MacDonald, McArthur, Carter Morissette, Abigail Owens, Daniel Pratt, Tegan Saucier, Ella Schoppe

Grade 6: Michael Armstrong, Trenton Brytowski, Lucian Canova, Lucas Carita, Aysaiah Chavez, Grace Collins, Ariel Danburg, Kaylee Dashnaw, CoraRose Desrosiers, Robert Dion, Kaleigh Fry, Ashley Jordan, Nathaniel Lazarou,

Keegan Lyons, Kathryn McArthur, Chloe Merigold, Caitlin Oleszewski, Jonathan Racine, Ramaya Talabert,

Autumn Taylor, Autumn Wisnieski, Johnny Yater

Second Honors

Grade 8: Saige Albino, Johnathen Brouillette, Allison Callahan, Arabella Elisha Clinkscale, David Canova, DePari,

Devin Dupre, Cade Fulton, Mariah Grimshaw, Amelia Labbe-Fahy, Olivia Labbe-Fahy, Everett LeBlanc,

Patrick Martineau, Kyndal Murawski, Benjamin Northup, Ileaha Pulliam, Amber Rape, Halie Reidy, Michael

Kylee Salvas, Emily Sargent, Isabella Toni-Campion, Zachary Truppa

Grade 7: Samantha Bennett, Sadie Bergeron, Shea Bernier, Eileen Breton, Kailye Cape, Trinity Cogean, Dahlia Coomey, Elijah Davis, Tori Desautels, Michael Ellis, Abigail Fitts, Jack Garcia, Vincent Gauvin, Alonzo Henries,

Kyliana Hernandez, Rylee Houle, Rylee

Laperle, Michael Lefevre, Cooper Livingston, Cameron Lowell, Jacob Mailloux,

Kyla Merigold, Anthony Mitchell, Spencer Northup, Emerald Perry, DeAnn Pringle, Mackenzie Reidy, Dylan Remillard, Amber Rogall, Kyleigh Ryan, Aidan Soderman, Sierra Tamalavic, Joevany Torres, Bailey Touchette, Jacob Tremblay, Mariah Vargas, Ruby Vargas, Amy Vongvirath, Jayden Walker, Vincent Young, Hiba Zaidi

Grade 6: Mikaela Andreas, Iesha Benoit, Emmaline Bowers, Hunter Breyette, Patrick Deery, Kylie Howe-Barnett, Sophia Ionkin, Gabriel Jackel, Lily Jakubowski, Owen Lefebvre, Colin Martin, Tristen McCabe, Pedro Tyler Parmentier, Raymond, Ethan Robert, Noah Rudman, Hunter Salvas, Ryan Schwartz, Jack Seiffert, Megan Strom, Jalicia Torres, Christopher Vagnini

Thompson Little League offers scholarships

THOMPSON — The Thompson Little League is offering scholarships to be awarded to high school seniors this coming spring. To qualify, the high school senior must be a Thompson resident pursuing higher education. He or she must have spent a minimum of six seasons in the Little League system. Application requests should be sent to: Thompson Little League Scholarship, P.O. Box 832, North Grosvenordale, Ct., 06255. Deadline to receive completed applications is April 15. Only applications that are fully completed will be considered for scholarships.

Valley Springs scholarship offered

THOMPSON — Valley Springs Sportman's Club, Inc. is offering the Dane M. Picard Memorial Scholarship this spring to any high school senior who is a resident of Thompson. The field of study for the recipient must be one of the following; either wildlife/ environmental management or music. Application requests should be sent to: Dane M. Picard Scholarship, P.O. Box 832, North Grosvenordale, Ct. 06255. Deadline to receive completed applications is April 15, 2018. Only applications that are fully completed will be considered for this scholarship.



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Woodstock Little League looks for umpires

WOODSTOCK — Woodstock Little League's Junior Umpire Program provides young men and women, ages 13 and up, the opportunity to umpire Minor League and Major League baseball and softball games. This is a great opportunity for these individuals to continue their involvement in the great game of baseball or softball, while developing important life skills such as leadership, decision making, communication and accountability, all while earning a few extra dollars.

Junior Umpires (ages 13-18) will earn \$20-25 per game or receive community service hours with free training and WLL junior umpire shirt. Adult umpires (ages 18 and up) earn \$25 per game with free training and WLL umpire shirt. To obtain more information on the program, or to find answers to specific questions, please contact WLL Umpire-In-Chief Randy Esposito at respo3@charter.net.

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I wish I'd thanked them more

There are people I wish I had thanked more than I did. Every spring I think of Barney, a man who knew our antique farm like the back of his hand. He kept an inventory in his head of every decent piece of oak planking and knew the number of cedar fence posts we could replace without buying more. He could patch a hole in the roof of a shed because he knew where we kept the ladder and the wood shingles.

He was supremely independent as he came and went by his own plan, but whenever there was an emergency, there he was, ready to fix the prob-



NANCY WEISS

for decades, but knew little about his personal life. He had a younger wife and two daughters. He liked to work alone. Once in a while he would present a bill for his work. It was a slip of paper with an amount on it. It always seemed more than fair. I never questioned it and when I handed him the check, he never looked at

it, but shoved it in to a battered wallet. I must have had his telephone number as one Christmas morning the pump froze in the well. I spent several hours outside with Barney, handing him tools, as that was better than listening to my in-law's fret about the lack of water. Barney didn't celebrate Christmas, so he refused to to act inconvenienced. He would chuckle quietly at my questions and observations, his eyes bright blue under a thatch of white hair.

One spring, he didn't turn up. I thought at first that perhaps I had just missed him. Time passed and somehow I learned that he had died. There was no obituary, no public service. I didn't really know his address. When I called the phone number, it had been discon-

I never sent anything to his family. I regret that I didn't honor his loyalty to us and all the work he did to make our lives better. So every spring, I take a moment on my morning walk to think about Barney. I talk to him in my mind. tell him I appreciate all he did. I tell him that I hope his daughters did OK without him. I thank him for being the best all-around handy man I've ever known. After that, I feel better.

Mr. Ellsworth also comes to mind in springtime. He was retired when we got to know him from a job that had taken him overseas, or down range as he called it. He returned to his hometown and operated a used appliance business. When something broke down, he tried to fix it, often using odd pieces of metal and wire from his panel truck. When the refrigerator stopped, he helped me empty out its contents, making wry comments about my cooking.

He worked alone, dragging appliances in and out of tight doorways and up steep stairs. When he stuck his head under the sink, our old Corgi liked to lick any exposed skin that might be within reach. Mr. Ellsworth just laughed.

Once all the food in our fridge spoiled. He brought us another one. When I asked the price, he assured me that I had already paid enough by what we

Eventually we bought new appliances instead of refurbished ones. Mr. Ellsworth stopped doing business and I didn't see him. He is gone, too, but his lively personality and open-hearted way of doing business lives on in my

I read a piece recently in the New York Times about teaching children gratitude. The article made me think about the people who have been part of my life. I wish I'd thanked them more for helping us at a time in our lives when we needed it. I wish I'd told them how special they were.



Opinion and commentary from the Quiet Corner

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Boyd offers open ear to all

To the editor:

During the last few weeks, I held community conversations over coffee in all five of the towns I represent in the Connecticut General Assembly. I wanted to take a moment and reach out to say thank you to everyone who took the time to participate in these conversations. Your feedback on the serious issues facing our state is invaluable to me as a legislator. With the new session beginning, I intend to take your thoughts with me to Hartford so

that I can better serve our district. I hope you know that these conversations are not just limited to coffee hours.

Over the next few months, as bills are debated and issues arise, I look forward to hearing from all of you about how legislation will affect you and your families. Please reach out and contact me directly. My email is pat.boyd@cga.ct.gov or (860) 240-1372.

STATE REP. PAT BOYD

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Woodstock readers wants tuition discount

To the editor:

As town officials grapple with the prospect of a \$537,000 increase in our tuition payment to Woodstock Academy in next year's budget, an increase due mainly to an enrollment growth of 32 additional students plus a hike in the tuition rate levied by Woodstock Academy, I offer the following:

First, I firmly believe that Woodstock Academy offers our students a fabulous college prep high school experience and we should be proud to partner with the Academy as our designated high school. We also should accept that it does cost more to educate high school students than K-8 students.

However, I believe Woodstock deserves a big discount in the tuition rate charged by Woodstock Academy for reasons detailed below. This concept is not without precedent. From the Norwich Free Academy website: "Norwich Public Schools receives a \$200/per student discount from NFA for municipal services (approximately \$300,000 in 2016-17).'

Please consider: Woodstock's annual town budget includes funding for fire protection, EMS and ambulance services, public health (NDDH), and public safety (town constables). All of these municipal services are paid for by Woodstock taxpayers, and the services protect every student at WA whether they are from Woodstock or other area towns or other countries. Yet the tuition rate charged to our neighboring towns in northeast Connecticut is exactly the same as that charged to Woodstock. So, Woodstock taxpayers are paying (in our town budget) to protect and serve all WA students while neighboring towns apparently do not pay Woodstock for those services that protect their students. At the same time, those other towns combine to send more students to WA

than Woodstock does. How is that fair?

Further, as a non-profit institution, WA's property and facilities are not taxable. This brings to mind the state's PILOT program candy hairs on your head (Payment In Lieu of Taxes) which reimburses towns for taxes not generated by state property and facilities. For example, Mansfield, Windham and Killingly all receive annual PILOT payments from the state since the campuses of UConn, Eastern and QVCC, respectively, don't generate property taxes for those towns. Woodstock does receive PILOT funds for the state D.O.T. salt shed on Rt. 171.

How does this relate to Woodstock being honest is what every-Academy? The Academy is now a large regional and international high school drawing students from a number of area towns and other countries. Woodstock Public Schools and the Town of Woodstock should receive a tuition discount to compensate for the land and facilities on the WA campuses that benefit students from the other towns and countries yet cannot generate property taxes to Woodstock. These facilities now serve more students from outside Woodstock than students from Woodstock. A tuition discount (at a rate similar to the state's PILOT: program) would be fair to the taxpayers of Woodstock.

The Board of Finance and Board of Education should determine acceptable terms the work is perfect, not to for such a discount which will reduce our tuition bill and overall education spending. I would then hope the Board of Selectmen will ber loving when we had negotiate acceptance of a significant tuition discount with Woodstock Academy.

Greg Kline Woodstock

Reader disagrees with Houle

To the editor:

In his guest column of February 23rd, entitled "FBI, Dems and media bias," Jerry Houle unwittingly illustrates the precise case I was making in my column of February 9th, "Vichy France comes to America." In the face of Russia's aggressive covert campaign to subvert our elections, Mr. Houle, President Trump, and the Republican Congress continue to turn up the volume on a litany of complaints about the usual bogeymen (Hillary Clinton, Christopher Steele, James Comey, Andrew McCabe (where in the world is Huma Abedin?)) while completely ignoring this grievous threat to our democracy. While Russia persists in its campaign to subvert our democracy to this day, the White House and its' Republican apologists do absolutely nothing save reprise, ever louder, choruses of Lock her up!

So far in the Russia investigation, the two top figures in the Trump campaign and the President's former National Security Adviser have pleaded guilty to felonies, and are thus far more likely to be "locked up" than any of the aforementioned.

Despite nine blanket denials by the President and his Administration of any Trump campaign/transition contacts with Russians, 12 Trump associates had 19 face-

to-face interactions and 51 communications with Russians or people closely associated with the Russian government. (If it's a witch became desperate. The dog hunt, why all the lying?) Regarding the Steele had bangs for God's sakes, dossier, I refer Mr. Houle to the Democratic rebuttal to the Nunes memo, just released this weekend, in which virtually all of his I announced to the family, concerns are addressed. (Among other points, "T've been a stylist for years, Carter Page had been on the FBI's radar since how hard can it be to give a 2013 as a possible Russian agent, begging the dog a haircut?" I'm sure any question as to just how he came to be on the groomer reading this right Trump campaign in the first place.)

Immigrants becoming citizens are required to state that they will "support and defend the Constitution and laws of the United States of America against all enemies foreign and domestic..." It is well to remember that the same is expected of our President, our Congress, and our citizens, which is why the inexplicable passivity on the President's part and on the part of many Republicans in the to a stairway banister, so he face of the Russian attempt (attack?) to skew couldn't jump down. It was our election in favor of Mr. Trump and to a battle from the first secsow discord is so troubling. Mr. Houle, Mr. ond I turned on the clippers! Trump, and Republican apologists for the Apparently, he would rath-President are in danger of missing the forest er hang himself then get a for the trees.

John A. Day, Jr. Woodstock Valley

WMS playground fundraiser thanks community

To the editor:

The Woodstock Middle School Playground Committee would like to thank the Woodstock Villager newspaper for their excellent coverage of our upcoming Walk Across Woodstock fundraising event. We appreciate the opportunity to share playground news and progress with our community. We would like to clarify that we have raised approximately \$70,000 for the new playground, double the amount listed in last weeks' paper. We are grateful to the families, businesses, and organizations who have helped us towards reaching our goal; this would not have been possible without their support.

We have a variety of upcoming fundraisers that will engage both the students in our schools and the residents of our community,

starting in March with our Walk Across Woodstock. In April our elementary school students will hold a Penny Wars contest. We are also looking forward to a Dine for a Cause at The Muse Bar & Kitchen in Worcester on April 28th. A Whiffleball Tournament, Wonder groomed him. Even Chrysler's Cars4Classrooms event, a Bloom on Woodstock Hill class, and a Kiss the Goat fundraiser are just some of the events we are: working on. To learn more or make a donation, please visit https://wmsplayground. wordpress.com

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The Skills I Don't Have

Ellis Tech in Danielson is my high school alma mater. I graduated with my hairdressing license in hand and went out into the wide world to make my millions. Okay, so the millions didn't happen, but I loved hairstyling enough to stay in it for 31 years. I don't work in a salon anymore though I still have customers from 20 years ago that I still tend to...and



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and you want to look like a Kardashian). I always told my customers, "You tell me what you want and I'll tell you if you can have it". I could never let anyone run around looking ridiculous in a hairstyle they can't keep up, or a "do" that does absolutely nothing for them. But one appreciated all these

I recently had the privilege of visiting with the new hairdressing department head at Ellis. His name is Domenick Zipoli and you can tell he loves what he does. I had forgotten that customers can go to the "Elle" salon at Ellis, as it's called, and get their hair done. Cuts, colors, highlights, any thing you want! Even skin care and nails! The students are supervised by the teachers to make sure mention way cheaper than a regular salon. I rememcustomers because it gave us a glimpse of what we would encounter when we graduated. The experience we gleaned was invaluable. That being said, I realized last week where my styling talents end...

My dog Jack (short for Captain Jack Spaniel) was a mess. I let him grow out over the winter, then I found out the groomer that used to cut him sold the business. I and dreadlocks were forming on bottom of his ears. now is cringing. I went out and bought some dog clippers, watched a YouTube video on grooming Springer Spaniels, and I was ready to recreate an award-winning cut. I set up a folding table with a non-skid rug and hooked Jack's leash up haircut, and tried to leap off the table the entire time. He turned into a contortionist and I could only reach one out of four paws, one ear and half of his neck. I yelled for Sean and he tried to hold the dog still while feeding him cookies to keep him occupied so I could try to finish. When we finished 45 minutes later, the entire room was covered in fur, including ourselves. The dog looks like Stevie the cats are mocking him. Bald in patches with crooked ears and looking nothing like I saw in the video. All my hairdressing skills were of zero use when trying to cut the dog. Now I know CRYSTAL ADAMS why going to the dog groom-WOODSTOCK ers can be more expensive PLAYGROUND COMMITTEE CHAIR than human groomers. My human customers never bit or scratched me, nor did they poop on the floor. For the most part they never tried jumping out of the chair the entire time either.

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I recently received several emails from Victor K. Lehtinen in regards to articles that had appeared in the Killingly at 300 column. In response to my request for more information about V.A. M. Construction (Vilho Majonen), in the February 16th column, Victor commented, "I worked for Vilho a couple of times. He was a Finnish home builder and carpenter.'

He also provided additional information and a correction to an article that I had written last summer. "Also I would like to make a correction in your article of July 28, 2017. In the article it states that the fire at Leisure Valley Estates left five occupants homeless. But only four names are listed. I was the fifth person. My wife at the time was Vicki Lehtinen. The spelling with the second letter as an A is wrong. It is an E." (I went back in my files and added the correction).

"BTW the building that burned was on my grandfather's former 48-acre chicken farm. Lehtinen's Poultry Farm. The brown building, which now is the Printing studio, used to be my father's baby chick hatchery. Way back this was the old Sayles farm which you mentioned in one of your articles. As you know the Sayles brothers owned what later became Prym's mill. Also on the property is now United Social Services and the storage facility. My grandfather, who came from Finland in 1912, couldn't sell the 48 acres as a whole in 1963 [or so] and he divided it up into 3 parcels.

The farm had frontage on Rte from Boudreaus Welding all the way to Colt's factory. The land went all way the back to the

Five Mile River. This parcel was the extent of the old Sayles farm." (emails 2/17/18).

The section of Killingly that Victor Lehtinen spoke of once had its own identity as the little village of Elmville. If you can't quite place where this might be, think of Rock Avenue, Route 12, the intersection of Dog Hill Road (near the present Dayville Post Office). In fact, this was one of the earliest parts of Town to be settled and "industrialized." Nicholas Cady, who was born in Watertown, Massachusetts and moved to what is now Putnam Heights in the very early 1700's, in 1709 purchased land on Whetstone Brook and Five Mile River and soon erected a mill or mills on the purchase. He sold the site to Daniel Waters in 1716/7 and moved to Preston, Connecticut, where he continued as a miller (Killingly Land Records, Vo. 1, p. 62, 110; 2, p. 111a).

The available waterpower continued to make the area attractive as a mill site throughout the nineteenth century. By the 1850's Sabin and Harris Sayles, formerly of Pascoag, RI were operating a

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Chase took over the mill in 1886 and manufactured "fancy cassimeres."

Many of you remember the three-story wooden mill that was situated near the Elmville Mill (in what is now Cat Hollow Park). In His Mills Along the Whetstone Brook Richard Adams noted, "This property was purchased from Jonathan Dexter by Phebe Sayles and Sarah Potter in 1866 and became known as the Sayles and Potter Woolen Mill... The present dam was probably built in the 1870's when it became necessary to store larger quantities of water." By the late 1880's Timothy Hopkins was producing fancy cassimrere in the mill. "By 1915, it was known a the Killingly Worsted Co. and was run by William K. Litch. In 1953 the property was sold to Morris Fisher and Sons and then leased to the Hale Manufacturing Co. a year later." In a future column I'll mention the trolleys and trolley station that were once in the area. If you have any memories of this area, please share them by contacting me or by calling the Killingly Historical Center.

March is Women's History Month so I want to make sure that I give recognition to a few women from this area who have notable achievements. I imagine most of you have heard that South Killingly's Mary (Dixon) (Pike) Kies was the first woman in the United States to receive a patent in her own right. In 1809 she wove straw with silk to produce a "fabric" that was quite suitable for the hats of the era. Unfortunately, with Dolley Madison as First Lady fashions soon changed and the venture lost money.

There are several 19th century local artists who were well known in their time. One was Ellen Carpenter, who was born in Killingly in 1830, the daughter of Oliver Carpenter, Jr. and his wife Amy Smith. "She studied art with Thomas Edwards, an English artist, and at the Lowell Institute in Boston.' She visited Europe several times and studied with Robert Fleury in Paris. She was most known for her landscapes that were executed in both watercolors and oils. Ellen also taught art in Boston. "She was known to have painted in the White Mountains of New Hampshire as well as the South, Pacific Coast, California, including Yosemite in the 1870's...Among many commissions of hers were more than 100 watercolor depictions of old homesteads of Marlboro, Massachusetts, and they were used to illustrate a book 'Historical Reminiscences of Marlborough', by Ella (From Edited Bigelow." Appleton's Encyclopedia c. 2001

Virtualology and www.askart). Perhaps nearby Killingly artist Francis Alexander, who was older than Ellen, and had moved to Italy was an inspiration to Ellen...a reminder that someone from this rural community could go on to the wider world and succeed. If you wish to see some of her paintings, put Ellen Carpenter's name in your favorite computer search engine. The Killingly Historical Center has one of her paintings.

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

Margaret M. Weaver Killingly Municipal Historian, February 2018. Special thanks to Victor Lehtinen, Sr. for information used in this column. For additional information email me at margaretmweaver@gmail.com or visit the Killingly Historical Center Wed. or Sat. 10-4 or www.killinglyhistorical.org. or call (860) 779-7250. Like us at Facebook at www.facebook. com/killinglyhistoricalsociety. Mail for the Killingly Historical & Genealogical Society, Inc. or the Killingly Historical Center should be sent to PO Box 265, Danielson, Connecticut 06329.

Life insurance: how much, what kind, how long

Life insurance can become confusing when you consider all the types offered: term, whole life, variable life, universal life. But you can simplify the issue by keeping in mind the primary purpose of life insurance: ensuring your family has backup funds in case you aren't around to support them. Life Insurance is one of the key factors in Planning Well for you and your family.

Term life vs. non-term life For example, you have \$150

to spend each month on life insurance. Should you spend the full \$150 per month to buy whole life insurance or should you buy a less expensive term life plan for a set period, say 20 years, and invest the difference? Let's take a look.

Term life insurance is straight forward. You pay a certain amount for a guaranteed payment should you die within a defined period of years, or term - 10 years, 20 years, 30

years, etc. Just as mortgages are fixed rate or adjustable rate, there are two different ways of paying term life insurance. One way is annual renewable term where the policy is renewed each year, but the rate you pay may vary. Similar to an adjustable rate mortgage, the premium for this type of term insurance may start low and increase with his age.

Another way is level premium, this type of insurance is basic insurance, where a set amount will be paid each year. Determining which one is better is a matter of your specific situation. For example, if you are just starting out in your career and money is tight, the annual renewable option may be more of a fit. On the other hand, if you want a predictable cost each year, the level premium could be best.

Non-term insurance products are also known as whole life, meaning that these products are intended to last a whole entire life, not just a fixed number of years. Several insurance product types fall under the umbrella of nonterm insurance.

One type is universal life, in this type you pay a premium that is distributed partially to insurance, and another portion that is safely and modestly put towards a growing investment.

Variable life is when most of the premium goes toward the investment. The risk here is that if the investment returns aren't adequate, you may have less than full insurance cov-

Variable universal life insurance is a mix of the two above. with you having some control over the investment. (Please note that both variable life insurance products and variable universal life insurance products are considered securities products, not solely insurance products.)

Making the best choice

Whether your dependents are young children, adult children with special needs, or



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aging parents, life insurance is there to protect those left behind and assure a certain standard of living if you are no longer around to provide for them. This means you need to look at your unique situation and choose the policy that makes the most sense for you.

For example, if you have children, you might pick a term that covers your family until they are out of college (or just out of the house). However, there may be special circumstances — such as a special needs child or a spouse or partner who is unable to work which make a longer-term life insurance necessary. If this is your situation, one of the whole life policies might make more sense.

Calculating "peace of mind" Many people have some savings in the form of retirement accounts or Social Security, but that may not be enough to cover the loss of a primary financial provider, especially if they have young children. Life insurance can help ensure that families have adequate resources in such a situation.

So how much money would those depending on you finan-

cially need each year without your support and how long they will need it? Well, that depends. Consider consulting with a financial advisor before locking into any plan. But here are a few key questions to get you thinking in the right direction: Should you die prematurely, what are the immediate obligations for your family and/or dependents (e.g. private school tuition, home health aide for ailing parents)? Next ask, "How long will they need my support?"

Several websites, such as www.lifehappens.org, provide life insurance calculators to help you figure out what amount of life insurance you may need. As a rule of thumb, consider erring on the high side. You may be able to provide your family or dependents significantly more peace of mind with a minimal increase in your term payment.

But ultimately, there is no one right answer, just the answer that is right for you and your family. And with something as important as life insurance, consulting a financial professional, who can help you evaluate the options within the context of your personal goals and financial situation, is often useful.

Whichever circumstance, there is a plan that fits your financial needs and goals.

Choosing the right insurance for your situation is one of the steps in Planning for your future.

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Jack to see Phillip Schafmayer at his new place, Dogs By Design, in Danielson. I saw his award winning work and it's amazing. I am now in awe of groomers for being able to turn our fur-balls into the beautiful creatures we know and love. Fur-well till next time!

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Legally Speaking

by Alyson Aleman

One of the greatest concerns for the elderly we serve and their families is that of long term care. There are four basic levels of care avail-

able to elders as they age.

The first level of care is adult day care. Adult day care is a supportive group environment for seniors with cognitive and/or functional impairments. The second level of care is home care. Home care consists of either a home health aide or a companion/homemaker. This type of assistance allows the senior to "age in place" as an outside service comes into the home to help. The third level of care is an assisted living facility (ALF). Depending upon the chosen level of care, an ALF may provide services ranging from care management, assistance with every day activities, housekeeping, medication management, security, transportation, meals and social and recreational activities. Finally, the fourth level of care is a nursing home. Nursing homes typically provide a secure environment and services to meet the physical, medical and social needs of their residents, such as: room and board; nursing care; medication management; personal care; and social and recreational

Determining the appropriate level and type of care is one of many challenges facing seniors and their loved ones. Other challenges include figuring out how to pay for the care, knowing what rights the senior has, understanding what Medicare will and won't pay, and making sure that the right legal documents are in place to carry out the seniors' wishes. We have helped numerous families overcome these challenges through proper legal planning. If you would like more information or if we can be of assistance to you or a family you are working with, please

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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

CIAC should take a look at alignments

To the editor:

Thank you Coach Bernier. In the Feb. 23 issue of the Villager, Tourtellotte High boys basketball coach Neil Bernier had the courage to address the disparity featured in the CIAC class system of sports ranking.

Ironically, while he spoke of Sacred Heart of Waterbury, my issue has been with Holy Cross of Waterbury.

I graduated from Holy Cross in 1974. I moved to Thompson in 2014. Holy Cross was always one of the state powers. While not a large school in terms of enrollment, they are still considerably larger than Tourtellotte Memorial High School. Plus they are a private school. TMHS can draw from a population of about 10,000. HCHS is located in a city of almost 100,000 plus the ability to get students from surrounding towns.

Yet the last two years our TMHS girls' softball teams drew Holy Cross on their home field for the state tournament. Much to their credit, we almost upset them in 2016, losing 4-2. However 2017 was a mercy win for Holy Cross. Then in 2017 our girls had a terrific soccer season and were honored by drawing Holy Cross again in states and we suffered a one sided loss.

I applaud the five division arrangement in the boys state basketball tournament, however the CIAC should have looked at regional and private schools in a different manner than just enrollment long ago. Also, as my daughter will enter her senior year, and participates in three varsity sports (softball, soccer, and basketball), the girls' teams are not yet included in the five division alignment. My daughter may never know the thrill of winning a state tournament game. While Holy Cross is a Class M school for basketball, we could still run into Sacred Heart this year (a possibility as our won loss record was skewed by injuries early in the season and in the last couple

My daughter may never get this chance but hopefully the CIAC will see the error of their ways and the other current and future athletes of real Class S or Division 5 schools will get a fair opportunity to compete on a more even playing field.

> Brian Loffredo NORTH GROSVENORDALE

On gun control

Gun control once again is in the news as once again a heinous slaughter spree was once again carried out by a deplorable lunatic who once again had legal access to a gun which once again turns out to be an AK-15 semi-assault weapon. And in yet another stab at common sense and decency President Trump would have us believe that two wrongs really do make a right in proposing that we arm teachers and other school employees to combat gun violence. He blatantly ignores the root cause of a problem and in this case would have us transform our schools into an old Western movie. This time though gun advocates may have met their match. Hell hath no fury as an angry teen as many a parent has learned.

Mr. Trump argues

that in declaring a school a gun free zone we invite guns. Astounding. proposing In to expand gun he demonstrates that rather than representing the American

majority, he sits squarely in the gun lobby's pocket. He also has tried to highjack the dialogue and make this about himself in accusing our national police department of allowing the massacre to occur solely because they were spending too much time investigating his administration's Russia connection. The FBI has over 33 thousand employees. They are capable of multitasking.

The NRA's dogma is that the best defense of a bad guy with a gun is a good guy with a gun and refuse to accept what

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But trary Trump's strategy) fact don't

lie. America by far has the most gun violence in the civilized world which mirrors its fascination with fire arms. As a result, our gun death rate is eight times higher than our neighbor Canada, 55 times higher than our closest ally Great Britain and 64 times higher than our greatest global competitor China. Japan is a country of more than 127 million yet rarely sees more than 10 gun deaths a year.

Of more concern is that the rate of mass shootings, which includes school massacres, is rapidly increasing. America has seen 42 mass shootings in the last 100 odd years, the first in 1949. The number has grown by 33 in just the last 11 years.

And rather addressing this public emergency we incredibly have spent more demonizing the victims. In what began with Sandy Hook parents accused of being fabricators, personal threats of violence and abuse have continued to include the Las Vegas shooting prey and responders and now the Parkland population. Hoax nuts, including Red Sox great Curt Schilling, are accusing high school targets turned activists of being paid actors. Contrast this with Australia, who after a mass shooting in 1996 enacted stricter gun control measures and has not had a mass shoot since. Most importantly they did not eliminate the right of an Australian to own a gun. They merely restricted semi-automatic and automatic weapons and created a national registry of firearm owners. This led to a 96 percent reduction in murder

Even more damning would be the fact that an armed security guard at Stoneman Douglas High School did nothing to stop the shooter. Scott Peterson was a trained sheriff's deputy. He had been taught to deal with these situations. He froze. Could we really trust a civilian, as Mr. Trump claims, to confront the assailant and to "have shot the hell out of him before he knew what happened."

March 14th will mark a day of mass protest as students throughout the country stage a 17-minute class walkout, both in honor of their fellow students in Florida, and more importantly to demonstrate solidarity against the current state of gun violence in America. Firearms killed more 15 to 19 year-olds than cancer, heart disease and diabetes combined. Some schools have threatened detention. This is disappointing as it is un-American. I have encouraged my children to join and try to kindle the legitimate change that has eluded adults. Their parents' repetitive and intangible "thoughts and prayers" are not the bona fide action that the

The answer to this test is less guns.

country so desperately

Lee Wesler lives in Woodstock

In defense of the NRA

After every mass shooting in America, gun control proponents predictably and inevitably blame two things -- guns and the NRA - while ignoring the root causes of these incidents. Last week's Villager included a letter to the editor from a "Reader against the NRA." As a NRA member myself, I'd like to take a moment to argue for a little common sense.

In response to last week's letter, the writer states that we shouldn't use the phrase "guns don't kill people, people kill people," but rather "people with guns kill people." Sure. And people with knives kill people; people with pressure cookers kill people; people with trucks kill people; and people with [fill in the blank] kill people. What's the common denominator? People. People who are mentally ill, people who are nihilistic, or angry, or vengeful, or jealous, or people who are simply evil. It's not the gun that is the problem, it is the person behind the gun (or weapon of choice).

The writer also states that last year the NRA "forced the passage of gun legislation that makes it even easier for the mentally ill to get guns." This is wrong on so many counts, it's hard to know where to start. The Congressional Review Act (CRA) review in question had absolutely nothing to do with the violent mentally ill, and keeping the regulation in place citizen guaranteed by such

would have had absolutely zero effect on any of the recent tragic shootings, including the one in Parkland, Florida.

Instead, the "mentally ill" in question involved elderly social security recipients who required assistance in managing their own finances (their social security benefits) due to mental impairment. It was a regulation pushed through by the Obama administration's Social Security Administration, not a law passed by Congress. The concept of reporting elderly citizens as "mental defectives" to the National Instant Criminal Background Check System (NICS) was such a stupid idea that it was opposed not only by the NRA, but also by the ACLU, the American Association of People with Disabilities, and numerous other groups across the political (and non-political) spectrum. But you wouldn't know that just by reading the headlines by the media organizations trying to make gun rights proponents look like hypocrites.

As for the NRA itself, let's discuss a few facts. First, the purpose of the National Rifle Association, according to its

bylaws, is as follow: To protect and defend the Constitution of the United States, especially with reference to the inalienable right of the individual American

acquire, possess, collect, exhibit, transport, carry, transfer ownership of, and enjoy the right to use arms, To promote public safety, law and order, and the national defense;

To train members of law enforcement agencies, the armed forces, the militia, and people of good repute in marksmanship and in the safe handling and efficient use of

To foster and promote the shooting sports, including the advancement of amateur competitions in marksmanship at the local, state, regional, national, and international levels;

To promote hunter safety, and to promote and defend hunting as a shooting sport and as a viable and necessary method of fostering the propagation, growth and conservation, and wise use of our renewable wild-

life resources. Except for those who don't believe the 2nd Amendment to the U.S. Constitution is worth defending, are any of these items really so controversial? Even for those who don't believe in the 2nd Amendment, are the other four purposes so evil? Are they so bad, that the NRA as an organization should be vilified after every mass

shooting in America?

ly so opposed to public safety, law and order, and the national defense? Do critics of the NRA want law enforcement and the armed forces to be incompetent with their weapons? Would

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NRA haters prefer for hunters to be unsafe and be more of an accidental danger to themselves and others in the vicinity?

The NRA is the single largest and most effective gun safety training organization in the U.S. Probably the world, for that matter. Their Eddie Eagle GunSafe program regularly teaches kids what to do if they find a gun: "Stop. Don't touch. Run away. Tell a grown-up." How is this remotely controversial?

If the NRA is so terrible, why does the State of Connecticut (now one of the least gun-friendly states in the country) require anyone seeking a permit to carry a handgun to first successfully complete a firearms safety course taught by a NRA-certified instructor? (CT General Statutes, Chapter 529, Section 29-28).

The reality is that the NRA stands for the exact opposite of what gun-wielding murderers do. The NRA condemns gun violence, and promotes safe and responsible gun use. Are critics of the NRA real- When anti-gun activists argue for more "common sense gun restrictions," the NRA (and many others) simply point out that it is not the guns that are murdering people, but the people behind the guns. Take away guns, and evil people will find some other way to attack their victims while simultaneously leaving the rest of us without a

On that point, one last note. Anti-gun activists hate it when gun rights defenders point out that that too often the only thing that will stop a bad guy with a gun is a good guy with a gun. But it's true. The media almost never covers it, but virtually every day there are stories (if you look for them) of responsible armed citizens preventing bad guys from armed robbery or murder. Remember the Texas church shooting? It was stopped by an NRA member who is also a former NRA-certified firearms instructor (using an AR-15, by the way). Imagine that -- a responsible, safe, well-trained gun owner (the exact type of person for which the NRA exists to promote and defend) stopped a mass murderer from killing even more people in that

So, I'm thankful that the NRA exists, and I'm proud to be a member, along with over five million of my fellow Americans.

Beniamin Newell lives in

A world changing discovery

It was first proposed in the 3rd century BC by Aristarchus of Samos, but it took another 1,300 years for another astronomer, by the name of Nicolaus Copernicus, to make it popular. Its scientific name is Heliocentrism, and it is the belief that the earth revolves around the sun. Until the 16th

century most humans held to the geocentric model which taught that the earth was center of the universe. When the Heliocentric arose, even the church resisted it. It would be another century before map maker Joan Blaeu would incorporate this revolutionary heliocentric theory into a map of the world.

That was world-changing discovery that changed everything. It changed our understanding of the planets and stars, and It made all the difference in how we would eventually travel beyond earth's atmosphere. Today it is a universally accepted truth. So, why did it take so long to embrace? Because, from man's limited perspective it looks like the sun is circling the earth, and because it is natural to think that the world is all about us. But human arrogance distorts everything.

There is another, more important, world-changing discovery that can change the world of anyone who has the courage and faith to embrace it. It is a paradigm shift much like the geocentric to heliocentric shift. It



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is the discovery that the universe does not revolve around man. Life is not man-centered, it is Godcentered. The difference between those two views cannot be overstated. It is like the difference between being the horse or the rider, or between being the pot or the pot-

When a person defines everything in relation to themselves they are more susceptible to things like depression, fear, worry, performance anxiety. They are more likely to stoop to manipulation, abuse, adultery, murder, theft, and cheating. But a clear view of God changes everything.

St. John saw a vision of heaven in which he heard its inhabitants sharing their perspective. They said, "Thou art worthy, O Lord, to receive glory and honour and power: for thou hast created all things, and for thy pleasure they are and were created." (Revelation 4:11) Those in heaven recognized it was all about

When someone discovers the God-centered paradigm it changes everything, including how they think, operate, and pray. For example, have you every prayed, "Lord don't

let it rain."? I have. But, honestly, do we think God's primary role is to frantically move clouds around to accommodate our agendas? Grant it, he can intervene if the situation warrants, but everything is not about us. God invented a water system designed to

take care of His world. One person occupies 3 square feet of this planet. There are anoth-1,597,675,921,460,000 square feet of dry land that He needs to tend. Each day God's irrigation system needs to drop 400 trillion gallons of water on the earth. If He were to move the rain away from one person, He would need to make it fall on someone else. So, if we pray for rain or shine, we should consider that God is dealing with a much bigger picture.

Here are some life changes that come to those who make this discovery:

They will care as much for others as they do themselves.

When praying, they will not give God direction, they will ask Him for direction.

When hurt or abused, they will not see the perpetrators as all-powerful, but as misguided souls who will one day be held accountable.

They will worship God to show Him honor rather than to flatter Him.

When rains on their day or when they fail to get a raise, they will still enjoy life, because everything is not about them.

Instead of worrying about things they cannot change, they will release everything to the One who can change any-

thing. When God leads them up steep hills, they will embrace the challenge knowing that He is the Good Shepherd and is doing what is best for His sheep.

Discovering that the universe is God-centered will change everything! It is an incontrovertible truth waiting to be discovered by those humble enough to let their eyes be opened so they can honestly embrace a wonderful universe that has meaning and purpose.

Bishop John W. Hanson oversees Acts II Ministries of Thompson. For more information or to watch sermons, please visit www. ActsII.org.

On mass shootings

The furor over the latest mass shooting might result in meaningful gun laws. Some of us can only hope so.

But one thing that is probably misguided is thinking the solution is to keep weapons out of the hands of mentally ill people. Oh, it sounds good. It's a simple and easily grasped idea.

Surely, someone must be crazy to do these things. All we need to do is to have better background checks to identify

This is misguided because it is nearly impossible to do so. Which mental illnesses and to what severity predicts the likelihood of a rampage? Are we to impose a full psychiatric evaluation on everyone applying for a gun permit? And how do you identify someone who, say, develops violent mental illness years after obtaining a permit? You can't.

I could propose an equally simple idea why men do these things that has the same lack of study and proof. They harbor anger that grows over time to where they become so angry that all they want to do is just get even at the world. This idea has appeal but has the same problem as insanity. How do you detect it

and take steps to prevent shootings? The current system of national background checks is woefully inadequate. Sunday's Hartford Courant had an article on this subject. It stated that "Florida and federal law list two specific criteria for entering people in no-buy federal databases used for background

checks:You must have been involuntarily committed to GUEST a mental health facility. You COLUMN must be under a court order, which could include having been found not guilty due to STEVEN insanity." In other words, a ETZEL legal proceeding determined that you were mentally defec-

> These are not all encompassing by any means. And another problem is that it is entirely voluntary whether states provide mental health information to the federal databank. Current law does not force them to do so.

> That's it. You could be crazy as a bedbug, be under psychiatric care or have been in an institution you voluntarily entered and still be able to get a permit. So just how could such loopholes be closed? I don't know, especially since privacy laws would get in the way.

> Oh yes, Nikolas Cruz was getting outpatient mental health care and state officials classified him as a "vulnerable adult due to mental illness". But they also said he posed low risk because he lived with his mother, went to school and was receiving treatment. But you see, none of these things got him into the no-buy database.

> So what could be a viable solution? We could classify and outlaw semi-automatic weapons and accessories that can make any weapon automatic as weapons of mass destruction. We went to war over WMD's, so why not at home?

Stephen Etzel lives in Putnam

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Temple B'nai Shalom celebrates Purim



PUTNAM — Temple B'nai Shalom celebrated Purim with traditional foods, fun games and creative crafts on Sunday, Feb. 25. It was a chance for the congregation - and the surrounding community - to not only learn more about the Book of Esther, but socialize and have a good time together.

Olivia Richman photos

At left: Lisa and David Bird dressed up in costume for Purim, a tradition on the holiday.



Sue Stern and Paula Schimmel with some party snacks, which include hamentashen made by Stern and some of the Sunday School children.



Lisa Bird shows off a Star of David craft, one of many activities at the party.



Cheryl Kalpner-Champ and visiting Rabbi Eliana Falk had fun dressing up at the selfie



Jill and Jordan Rousey strike a pose at the Purim party.



Jordan and Sue Stern showed off their Purim spirit with costumes from the Book of Esther and hamentashen glasses.



Queen Esther, enjoyed the many games avail- helping kids with their colorful creations. able to play.



Maya Rousey, dressed as a ninja version of Alan Falk was in charge of the spin art table,



Mike Lemberger and Ben Gordon had a blast making slime.



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Free concerts at Eastern Connecticut State

WILLIMANTIC — The music program at Eastern Connecticut State University will host a variety of free performances in March. From jazz to opera, audiences will be treated to performances representing a diverse range of genres and style periods. All concerts and recitals will be performed in the Fine Arts Instructional Center (FAIC) Concert Hall. Admission is free; no tick-

On March 2 at 7:30 p.m., Eastern faculty members Emily Jo Riggs, soprano, and David Ballena, piano, will present a recital of art songs, arias and familiar

songs from American Music Theater. Riggs and Ballena will be joined by their colleague, Chris Howard, clarinet. This program is presented as part of the Music Program's "Faculty Recital Series." The series was established to raise scholarship funds for current and incoming Music Program students. Each year, Eastern's Music faculty/ artists present a series of recitals to generate funds to support annual awards that recognize student achievement at all stages of the degree program. All Faculty Recital Series events are free and donations are accepted at the door.

On March 7 at 7:30 p.m., the Eastern Wind Ensemble will present a concert featuring the music of Michael Daugherty, Percy Grainger, Frank Ticheli, and Kevin Puts. Also featured on the program is Eastern's World Percussion Ensemble led by Professor Matt Bronson. The Eastern Wind Ensemble is the newest instrumental ensemble on campus and is designed to provide students with a unique, student-centric instrumental playing experience. Led by Professor Kelly Watkins, the Wind Ensemble performs standard repertoire from the wind band/chamber winds realm, as well as more contemporary works.

On March 19 at 7:30 p.m., the Music Program will host guest artists José A. Zayas Caban, saxophone, Joel Gordon, saxophone, and Casey D. Rafn, piano. The trio will present a diverse program of classical music for saxophone and piano and conclude with a special tribute to Puerto Rico.

On March 26 at 7:30 p.m., The Straight-Up Jazz Trio will perform as part of the Music Program's "Faculty Recital Series." Expect the unexpected as the trio gives their interpretation of jazz standards, Broadway hits and recent pop tunes. The group will be joined by guest vocalist Emily Riggs. The Faculty Recital Series was established to raise scholarship funds for current and incoming Music Program students. Each year, Eastern's Music faculty/ artists present a series of recitals to generate funds to support annual awards that recognize student achievement at all stages of the degree program. All Faculty Recital Series events are free and donations are accepted at the door.

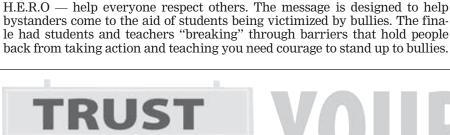
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BOY **SCOUTS EARN AWARD**

PUTNAM Troop 21 Boy Scouts Nathanyal Delgado, and Jared Jordan each recently received a Boy Scout Recruiter Award from Connecticut Rivers Council Nipmuck District Executive Charlie Copeland. The Scouts each recruited another boy to join Troop





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Wedding expo hosts those with plans for marriage



Megan Fontaine, who's getting married on The Raceway Golf Club was packed with cou-Sept. 29, brought her friend Beth Frink to ples and vendors. check out the Wedding Expo.







Johanna Kolat and Amanda Morrison are both engaged





"We tasted some good foods!" said Alysha Dickson and Angela Ziemski.



Brittney Main and Mike Lussier are to be married Sept. 1.



Brooke Renaud and Joshlyn Nash had a great time tasting cupcakes.



"Our granddaughter is getting married," said Cheryl Larose, pictured with husband Bob.





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Pets On





Rocky gets to sit on the furniture at the Silva household in Danielson!

Sandie is waiting patiently for her dinner! She is loved by Tammy Silva of Danielson.

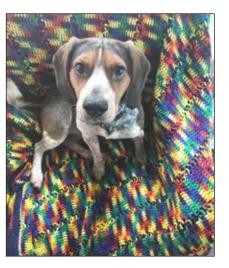




These two adorable couch potatoes Jake and Tessie reside in Thompson with their best friend Marie Miller of Thompson.



Twelve week old Gunnar Titchen, peeking over the sofa is adored by Trudi Titchen of Putnam.



This is Beau. Beau is allowed on the furniture because his owner Glenn Veronesi from Putnam loves him too much to say no.



Chloe striking the most innocent pose ever! She is loved by Glenn Veronesi of Putnam



Little Tito looking very serious is loved by Mark Kaylor of Putnam



Little Kaimana is apparently of Hawaiian descent and is adored by Mark Kaylor of Putnam.



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Flexer for change to family violence arrest law

Mae Flexer (D- Danielson), recently joined Connecticut Coalition Against Domestic Violence (CCADV) to call for a change to Connecticut's family violence arrest law. The proposal, raised as concept in the Judiciary Committee, would add a dominant aggressor provision to the law in an effort to reduce Connecticut's intimate partner violence dual arrest rate, which currently stands at nearly three times the national average.

"For far too long, Connecticut law has made it harder for domestic violence victims to seek assistance. Current law results in victims being arrested unnecessarily. No abuse victim should have to fear that they will be walked out in handcuffs because they sought help," said Flexer. "This simple change will ensure that justice is done and that domestic abuse victims will not be arrested for attempting to escape their dangerous situation. It will also empower law enforcement to use their best judgement at the scenes of these incidents, which are some of the most volatile calls that they respond to. I thank CCADV for their continued leadership on this issue and look forward to working alongside them to get it passed

"Connecticut's dual arrest rate is unacceptable and it's time for the state to make this common sense change that's been adopted by twenty-seven other states," said Karen Jarmoc, chief executive officer,



Courtesy photo

Mae Flexer advocates for a change to the family violence arrest law.

CCADV. "Dominant aggressor laws have been endorsed by a number of national criminal justice stakeholders and have proven effective in reducing dual arrest rates. This change is critical to address Connecticut's 30 year struggle with dual arrest.'

The proposal calls for changing Connecticut's family violence arrest law to clarify that, when receiving complaints from two or more opposing parties, law enforcement must determine which party is the dominant aggressor. Such laws exist in 27 other states and guide law enforcement in determining which party is the most significant aggressor or poses the most serious ongoing threat. The proposed requirement to arrest only that individual will address liability concerns currently held by law enforcement that, based on the existing structure of Connecticut's family violence mandatory arrest law, they must arrest both people based on probable cause.

A dual arrest occurs when law enforcement arrests both parties at an intimate partner violence incident (note: intimate partner refers to spouses, former spouses, individuals who are dating, or individuals who have a child in common). Connecticut's intimate partner violence dual arrest rate stands at approximately 20 percent while the national average is 7 percent. A seven-month study recently completed by CCADV revealed that multiple criminal justice stakeholders, both nationally and in Connecticut, point to the current structure of Connecticut's family violence mandatory arrest law as the largest contributing factor to the state's high dual arrest rate.

"Arresting victims who are acting in response to abuse perpetrated against them is not sound public policy. The practice of dual arrest has a chilling effect on a victim's willingness to call police for help again in the future. This greatly diminishes the victim's safety moving forward," said Jarmoc.

There are a number of reasons why so many other states have clarified the need to focus on the dominant aggressor. A dual arrest has both short- and long-term impacts on victims, their families, and the criminal justice system. Most significantly is the distrust that victims ultimately have for the criminal justice system following a dual arrest. Children who witness both parents being arrested also form this same distrust. The dual arrest creates financial burdens for the victim and may result in immigration issues. Connecticut's criminal justice system also

experiences a negative impact with limited resources being directed to handle thousands of dual arrests annually, the majority of which are low to moderate risk to reoffend and are ultimately dismissed or nolled. Victims who are also defendants in a dual arrest case have little reason to cooperate with prosecutors because of their own vulnerability to

To learn more about dominant aggressor and why Connecticut needs to adopt this change, visit wwwctcadv.org.

Several national criminal justice stakeholders call for the identification of the dominant aggressor and discourage dual arrests in their policy and training guidelines including: International Association of Chiefs of Police; Battered Women's Justice Project; Clearinghouse National for the Defense of Battered Women; National District Attorneys Association, Women Prosecutors Section; National Council of Juvenile & Family Court Judges.

The 27 states with dominant aggressor laws include: Alabama, Alaska, Arkansas. California, Florida, Georgia, Iowa, Louisiana, Maryland, Mississippi, Missouri, Montana, Nebraska, Nevada, New Hampshire, New Mexico, New York, North Dakota, Ohio, Rhode Island, South Carolina, South Dakota, Tennessee, Utah, Virginia, Washington, and Wisconsin.

Safety forum scheduled at Woodstock

WOODSTOCK school safety forum is scheduled at Woodstock Academy on Tuesday, March 6, at 7:00 p.m. in Memorial Bates on North Auditorium Campus for those who would like to learn more about existing and future safety training efforts at Woodstock Academy. This forum will provide an overview of the approach to school security and will include a time for questions and answers. Parents and guardians of current and future stu

dents are invited to attend. A press release from the school on Feb. 26 stated that one of the school's aims was to provide a safe learning environment for all students, a duty included in the mission statement of the school. To meet this mission the press release said the school has made significant investments in school security. especially in recent years. The press release said these investments include training, personnel, communication, and equipment, as well listening to and building relationships with students.

"The safety of our students and staff is parsaid Head amount," of School Christopher Sandford. "Which is why the Academy has dedicated so many resources to creating a safe environment where students can focus on learning.'

The press release said drills and educational sessions are already a part of the training students and staff participate

in but also continuously adapting and expanding training as necessary.
The release continued "In recent years there has been a significant increase in the number of security cameras and the creation of a way for anyone in the community, but especially students, to report suspicious activity through the school website or mobile

The press release said in 2016 armed security was added to an already robust campus safety team: "One of the deciding factors in adding armed security was the possible response time for law enforcement in the event of an emergency."

"Research shows that any school shooting is over between three to seven minutes after it starts. Due to our location, it is possible that the response time for help to arrive could be as much as 15-20 minutes. The campus is in good hands,' said Sandford in a 2016 community letter about the decision to add armed security. "The members of the campus security team have years of law enforcement or correctional experience.'

The press release said these campus safety officers are on campus every day and get to know students well. Over the summer Woodstock Academy prepared to become a two campus school. The administration and School Safety Committee adapted the school's comprehensive safety plan to account for the new campus. A sizable security grant was recently acquired to improve security infrastructure on South Campus to overcome the unique challenges of the campus.

The press release said "that while equipment and training are all useful

in keeping students safe it is also essential that relationships built between and trusted students adults within the school community are essential for school security. Two full-time social workers and a full-time school psychologist play a valuable role in the student support team."

"Having two school social workers available to our student body means that more students are getting the support that they need right at school," said Sandford.

The press release said monthly advisory sessions provide students the opportunity to discuss current issues with a small group of their peers and an advisor. This advisor serves "this small group of students throughout their four years, giving students another opportunity to form relationships with an adult at the school. Classroom teachers are additionally able to develop rapport during the designated relationship-building time that was incorporated into the daily school schedule for the 2017-2018 school year.

The press release said that outside of classes and advisory sessions teachers. counselors. coaches. staff, and administrators "regularly developing relationships with students through clubs, music ensembles, residence life activities, athletics, and more. These relationships make up a broad network of multi-layered support for students, who are then empowered to fulfill another component of the school's mission, to foster a sense of respect continued from page A1 for self and others.'

ly safe at school according to a 2017 Woodstock Academy student survey.



MARY FISHER ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

Monday, March 5 - Hamburger/bun, Danimals yogurt-muffin, cheese sticks, tater tots, baked beans, garden salad, 100% fruit juice

Tuesday, March 6 – Chicken nuggets w/ mashed potatoes, bread slice, ham/ cheese sandwich, broccoli crowns, garden salad

Wednesday, March 7 – EARLY RELEASE – Ham/cheese sandwich baby carrots, mayo, potato chips, 100%

Thursday, March 8 – EARLY RELEASE – Turkey/cheese sandwich, baby carrots, mayo, potato chips, 100%

Friday, March 9 – Cheese pizza, freshaked "cookie," Danimals Yogurtbaked muffin-cheese stick, cucumber wheels, garden salad.

POMFRET COMMUNITY SCHOOL

Monday, March 5 - Cheesy pizza dippers, served with a side of marinara sauce, baby carrots and cucumber wheels

Tuesday, March 6 - beef and cheese nachos, served with tortilla chips, roasted corn salsa and a side of refried beans Wednesday, March 7 – Crispy chicken

tenders, served with seasoned brown rice and steamed broccoli Thursday, March 8 - Sweet and sour chicken, served over seasoned brown

rice with an Asian vegetable medley and a fortune cookie Friday, March 9 – Lasagna roll ups, served with a marinara sauce, garden salad and a dinner roll

PUTNAM ELEMENTARY SCHOOL & PUTNAM MIDDLE SCHOOL

Monday, March 5 – Crispy chicken

tenders, WG breaded chicken tenders served w/gravy, whipped potato, seasoned broccoli, and whole wheat roll

Tuesday, March 6 - Hot dog with topping bar on WG roll, baked beans, sweet potato tater tots

Wednesday, March 7 – Fiesta taco bowel, seasoned ground beef, lettuce, tomato, cheddar cheese, and salsa in a WG tostado bowl, Spanish rice, seasoned corn

Thursday, March 8 – Putnam special pizza, assorted fresh toppings on homemade whole wheat pizza dough, fresh garden salad w/cherry tomatoes and

Friday, March 9 - no school, PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT THOMPSON MIDDLE SCHOOL

& TOURTELLOTTE (GRADES 5-12) Monday, March 5 – Hot dog w/bun, chili sauce, onions, oven baked potatoes, baked beans, alt. main cheese crust

Tuesday, March 6 - Parmesan chicken patty/bun or plain chicken patty, mashed potatoes, dill carrots, alt. main hamburger or cheeseburger (lettuce, tomato, onion)

Wednesday, March 7 - Taco salad w/ chips, lettuce, tomato, cheese, salsa, sour cream, fiesta rice, sweet corn, alt. main, stuffed crust pizza.

Thursday, March 8 – Toasted cheese sandwich or toasted ham/cheese sandwich, tomato soup, seasoned green beans, alt. main hamburger or cheeseburger (lettuce, tomato, onion)

Friday, March 9 - Popcorn chicken, zesty or plain, Asian rice, roasted seasoned broccoli, fish patty on a bun.

WOODSTOCK PUBLIC SCHOOLS

Monday, March 5 - Baked potato, cheese/broccoli, wheat roll, fruit/milk Tuesday, March 6 - Wheat pancakes, sausage, hash brown potato, fruit/milk Wednesday, March 7 - Chicken ten-

ders, brown rice, carrots, fruit/milk Thursday, March 8 – ½ DAY: grilled cheese sandwich, celery stix, fruit/milk Friday, March 9 - 1/2 DAY: pizza, sea-

soned black beans, fruit/milk

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"It makes them feel good," he said. "It helps them have better self esteem. And they enjoy having the students visit. They enjoy the conversations.'

And visiting with clients also benefits the students.

It gives them the experience of working with actual clients, explained Zipoli. They get out of the classroom and are exposed to working with a large variety of people, including the elderly.

"It's a chance to show off what we can do," said Carignan.

And they've learned a lot, she says. From haircuts and hairstyles, to highlights and lowlights, Carignan feels she has learned a lot about hairdressing from her instructors and courses.

"I love hair color," she said. "I love transforming someone. If someone has long hair and you cut it really short, it totally transforms them. I love seeing the faces or people's reactions when they get their hair done. Or they get a nice haircut."

The department is always looking for more ways to get out into the community. Any organization interested in a partnership may reach out to Zipoli at (860) 412-7580. And anyone interested in getting their hair cut is invited to the salon itself, right at Ellis Tech. The students do hair cut as low as \$8, and hair styling from \$12 and up. There are many other services available as well, including hair coloring



"I want to go into special effects makeup," said Randy Ferrigno, pictured curling hair with a flat iron. "I decided I should also learn about the beauty aspect of it."

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Putnam PRIDE joins forces

PUTNAM — In order to expand their reach and resources, Putnam PRIDE joined forces with Griswold PRIDE and United Services to implement a new substance abuse prevention campaign in the region. The three organizations each received a community mini grant from Northeastern Communities Against Substance Abuse, administered in conjunction with the Connecticut Department of Mental Health and Addiction Services. The State Targeted Response to the Opioid Crisis Community mini-grant provides communities with funding to build their capacity to develop and enhance local opioid addiction and overdose prevention and response

Putnam PRIDE continues to address the current opioid crisis and has worked extensively with the NECASA sponsored Opioid Action Group over the past two years to provide a comprehensive fact sheet that describes the various treatment resources in the area.

Since 2006 Putnam PRIDE has been Substance Abuse Prevention Organization within the Town, making Putnam a "Safe, Friendly and Healthy Community.

PRIDE works with leaders in the community to identify and address local youth substance use problems and create sustainable community-level change through the use of the Seven Strategies for Community Level Change. Community coalitions connect multiple sectors of the community, including businesses, parents, media, law enforcement, schools, faith organizations, health providers, social service agencies, and the government. By acting in concert through the coalition, all of the partners gain a more complete understanding of the community's problems. Together, the partners organize and develop plans and programs to coordinate their anti-drug efforts. The result is a comprehensive, community-wide approach to substance abuse and its related problems.

Empty Bowls fundraiser at Pomfret School

BY OLIVIA RICHMAN

POMFRET — For over 10 years, Pomfret School has participated in the national Empty Bowls Supper fundraiser. Using bowls created by Pomfret School students during an after-school program, guests attend a dinner of endless soups cooked by the school's staff, and all the money raised goes toward local food pantries. It's all made possible because of the generosity of the Pomfret School's teachers, staff and students.

"The school has so much," said sculpture and ceramics instructor Kathi Yokum. "We're thought of as being privileged and elite. And we probably are. We give the kids a great education. So it's always good to be reminded that there are a lot of people in the world less fortunate than ourselves. The kids will appreciate this lesson, especially later in life."

And the community plays a big role as well.

'It's amazing how this brings our community together," Yokum said. "People even come from outside the community to not only get soup - an affordable and wonderful night out but help out the local food banks."

During the dinner, they sold 120 handmade bowls.

The handmade bowls were all made by nine students, who volunteered time to the program in the afternoon.

"I really love making the bowls," said student Illya Levin. "I took ceramics class two years ago. I took another one last semester. It makes me very calm and focused. At the end of a busy day, it's nice to focus on making the bowls."

Fellow student Kevin Li said it was a great alternative to

That kind of got old to me," he said. "I did sports every year. I like to have a different activity. And I liked that everyone had fun together."

And while creating the bowls was a source of enjoyment and relaxation for the nine students, it was also exciting to know their bowls were going towards a good cause.

'I think it's very nice to help people who are in need. People who don't have the same resources we do on campus," said Levin. "It's being proactive."

And then there were the soups, donated by faculty and friends of Pomfret School. And there were a lot of soups. From beef chili to fish chowder to vegan carrot ginger soup, there was a soup for every soul.

"I'm always amazed at how generous my faculty colleagues are," said Levin. "When you teach at a boarding school, vou're on 24/7, either working in the dorm or on the playing fields or teaching. The fact that they help by making soup is very meaningful to me."





Olivia Richman photos

Students Illya Levin and Kevin Li helped make over 120 handmade bowls for the Empty Bowls Supper fundraiser.



The soups were made by Pomfret School faculty and friends, who donated a lot of time and money for the cause.



Rick Barbour's favorite soup was the clam chowder, and his wife Janet's favorite was the carrot coconut soup. That Joe Gajewski, Georgeanne Gajewski, Carol Barrette, was also Virginia Keith's favorite. And her husband Wavne loved the chili.



Last year the Empty Bowls Supper made around \$1,500 for three local food banks



Jean Pappas has been coming to Empty Bowls Supper for years, and this was Peg Desaulnier's (left) first time. "What they do for the needy makes me feel good," said



Bill Gajewski and Phil Gibbs enjoyed tasting so many different soups.

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Saturday, Feb. 24

Auger, 66, of 40 Westfield Vlg, Danielson, was charged with failure to comply fingerprint requests (warrant)

WOODSTOCK Monday, Feb. 19

Steven C. Wilson, 58, of 41 Tripp Road, Woodstock, was charged with operating under the influence of drugs/alcohol and failure to drive in proper

PUTNAM POLICE DEPARTMENT

Thursday, Feb. 22 Nicole Whalen, 37, of 29 Lhomme St. Danielson, was charged with Disorderly Conduct, Criminal Mischief 2nd

Friday, Feb. 23

Naomi Hyrzan 39, of 1 Battey St., Putnam, was charged with Disorderly Conduct

Saturday, Feb. 24

Amanda Catlin, 40, of 220 S. Main St. Putnam, was charged with Operating Under the Influence, Traveling Too Fast

Sunday, Feb. 25

Kyle Pasqverella, 25, of 194 Cherry Hill Rd. Pomfret Center, was charged with Operating an Unregistered motor vehicle

Robert Kellner, 35, 38 Green St. Putnam, was charged with Failure to have Rear Registration Illuminated

Richard Calderone, 42, of 58 Woodstock Ave. Putnam, was charged with Disorderly Conduct, Threatening 2nd

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Tuesday, March 6

Commission on Aging, 6 p.m., Ella Grasso Gardens

Wednesday, March 7

Special Board of Selectmen, 7 p.m., Town Hall

Thursday, March 8 Water Pollution Control Authority, 6:30 p.m., Town Hall

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Monday, March 5 Quinebaug Fire Department, 7 p.m.,

Quinebaug Fire Station Thompson Independent Fire Association #1 Inc, 7 p.m., West

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Thompson Fire Engine Co., Inc., 8 p.m., Thompson Fire Department

Tuesday, March 6

Board Selectmen, 7 p.m., Town Hall

Friday, March

Sites Redevelopment Advisory Committee, 9 a.m., Town Hall

EASTFORD

Monday, March 5

S c h o o 1Readiness Council, 6 p.m., Town Hall

Board of Selectmen, 7 p.m., Town Hall

Tuesday, March 6 Conservation Commission, 7 p.m., Town Hall

Democratic Town Committee, 7 p.m., Town Hall

Wednesday, March 7 Special Board of Selectmen, 9 a.m., Town Hall

Crystal Pond Park Commission, 6 p.m., Town Hall

Thursday, March 8 Board of Education, 7 p.m., Town Hall

WOODSTOCK

Monday, March 5 BOAA, 6 p.m., Town Hall

Woodstock Business Association, 6 p.m., Town Hall

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

IWWA, 7 p.m., Town Hall

Tuesday, March 6 BOAA, 6 p.m., Town Hall

Board of Finance, 7 p.m., Town Hall

Wednesday, March 7 Senior Program - Fall Prevention, 10:30 a.m., Town Hall

Crystal Pond Park Commission, 6 p.m., Town Hall

WDTC, 7:30 p.m., Town Hall

Thursday, March 8

Board of Selectmen, 8:30 a.m., Town

Arboretum, 7 p.m., Town Hall

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

Open Space, 7 p.m., Town Hall

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Woodstock and Killingly battle in state opener



Tuesday, Feb. 27.

BY CHARLIE LENTZ VILLAGER EDITOR

WOODSTOCK What were the odds? Three months ago at season's start Woodstock Academy had a roughly three percent chance of facing backyard rival Killingly High in the opening round of the state Class L girls basketball tournament. That longshot one-in-31 chance arrived Tuesday night when the sixth-seeded Centaurs played host to the No.-27 seeded Redgals in the playoff opener at Alumni Fieldhouse.

"It's a backyard brawl and that's all great, but there's plusses and minuses. In the beginning typically you play someone from far, far away — so you can't scout, you can't pre-pare," said Woodstock coach Will Fleeton. "This way, this is a team that you know inside and out. A coach that I know, so that's rare for the first round of the playoffs."

The odds were long that the rivals would meet in the first round of states. Unfortunately for the Redgals perhaps the odds were even longer that they would win - having lost twice to the Centaurs in the regular season by scores of 56-22 and 56-35.

"The girls left it all out on the floor tonight and that's all I asked. Yesterday at practice at the end I said to them that my expectation is that they bring it from the tipoff until the horn blows at the end," said Killingly coach Gina Derosier. "I'm not disappointed in them. They played really, really hard. I'm very proud of

them."

There would be no upset on Tuesday night at Alumni Fieldhouse with Woodstock defeating Killingly 54-31 on Feb. 27. It was a bittersweet win for Fleeton over an Eastern Connecticut

Conference rival. "It's good but I think it carries its bad too. Playoff time, I root for the other ECC teams. I'm sure they root for us," Fleeton said. "So to end their season and send them home, that's the negative because I would like to see all our local teams go out and do

well." The win advanced Woodstock to the second round of the tourney where they will play host to Bacon Academy this Friday night. The loss ended Killingly's season with a record of 7-15. Sophomore guard Trinity Angel led Killingly with 17 points. It was the final game for Killingly seniors Reagan Morin and Julia Trafaconda.

"I'm so happy, senior year, finally made the tournament," Morin said. "It's nice to be here even though it didn't go the way we wanted it to. I have so much respect for all the Woodstock girls. I've played with a lot of them in the off-season. It was a good matchup. We tried as hard as we could. They played a great game. It just didn't fall our way.'

Coach Derosier said playing in a state tourney game was the best possible way for her seniors to end their careers.

"I want nothing but the best for these girls and I'm so happy they were able to play their last game in the state tournament," Derosier said.

And with only two seniors on Killingly's roster Derosier was already looking forward to next season.

"I'm very excited about our future," Derosier said. "I started a freshman, a sophomore, and a junior this year. And Abbie (Burgess) playing the point guard as a freshman, you know she's a 14-year-old girl running the point against these big varsity girls. She has impressed me so much,

she's a coach's dream." Woodstock took control early and led 27-14 at halftime. Kavla Gaudreau led Woodstock with 11 points and Mackenzie Cayer added 10 points for the Centaurs. Derosier and Fleeton served as assistant coaches together under former Woodstock Academy coach Willie Bosquet — so there were no hard feelings on either side.

"It's funny the way things work out but Will's a great guy. I love Will and I wish him all the best in the state tournament," Derosier said.

The win advanced Woodstock Academy to a second-round Class L tourney game this Friday, March 2, against No. 11 seed Bacon Academy — a 41-32 winner over No. 22 seed Masuk in opening-round play. The Centaurs (16-6) will tip off at 7 p.m. versus the Bobcats (16-7) and the game promises an intriguing matchup the fourth time the teams will meet this season. If the odds were long that Woodstock would face Killingly in the opening round of the tourney, they are even longer that the Centaurs would face



Woodstock Academy's Katherin Papp shoots with Killingly High's Trinity Angel defending on Tuesday, Feb. 27.

the same team four times in one season.

"Probably a one percent chance," Fleeton

Woodstock and Bacon split the regular-season series — with the Bobcats winning 42-40 on Jan. 19 and the Centaurs coming away victorious, 44-26, on Feb. 6. Woodstock and Bacon met for a third time in the first round of the Eastern Connecticut Conference Division 1 Tournament on Feb. 15 — with the Bacon escaping with a 34-33 win after hitting two free throws with 1.7 seconds left. Woodstock senior forward Jamie Woods is looking forward to a showdown with the

Bobcats. "We're really happy to have another chance and to get the 'W'. We want our revenge. This is our chance and now we're going to give it to them," Woods said. "We're ready to go in. I think we're sharp. We're playoff-ready as Coach would say. Coach prepares us really well. We watch film. We're familiar with their 'D', what their offense is. I think we have what it takes and we have the knowledge that it takes to give it to them. It's a lot of pressure and it's going to be a good night. We definitely have to deliver."

It's been a season of longshots for Woodstock Academy. The Centaurs had roughly a three-percent chance of meeting Killingly in states — and now Bacon is on tap for the fourth meeting after narrowly defeating the Centaurs in a heart-stopping game in the ECC Tournament just over two weeks ago.

"Obviously that was tough to lose such a close game, particularly after

beating them the week before. I think they're more than happy to see Bacon Academy again. Obviously that night (after the ECC tourney loss) my seniors thought they would never have another chance to see them again," Fleeton said. "Luckily, we were down to this one percent chance, but it happened."

What are the chances the Centaurs are stoked for some revenge this Friday night at Alumni Fieldhouse?

"So here it is. I think the kids will be more than ready to play," Fleeton said. "It comes down to the kids, that's why we're here. Let's do it."

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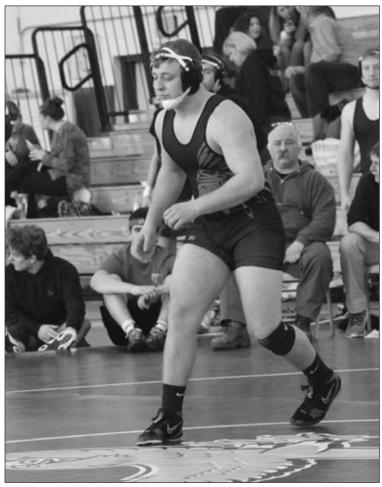


PUTNAM CLIPPERS ADVANCE

Charlie Lentz photo

PUTNAM — Putnam High's Ashley Burke fires a shot against Windsor Locks in the first round of the Class S state tournament on Tuesday, Feb. 27, at Putnam High School. The Clippers defeated Windsor Locks 41-25 to advance and will play host to Lyman Memorial on Friday, March 2.

Killingly wrestlers take 2nd at State Open meet



Killingly High's Zach Caffrey won a silver medal and the Redmen finished in second place at the State Open Wrestling Championhips last Saturday in New Haven.

NEW HAVEN — Killingly High had two silver medalists and finished tied for second place at the State Open Wrestling Championships at Floyd Little Athletic Center on Saturday, Feb. 24. Danbury

High defended its State Open team title, taking first place while totaling 149.5 points.

Killingly notched two second-place finishes, one thirdplace, one fourth-place, and one sixth-place finish for a

team score of 95. Also finishing with 95 was Bristol Eastern and Fairfield Warde. The top five wrestlers from each weight class advanced to this weekend's New England championships in Providence.

Killingly High's Burgess took home the silver medal at 145 pounds. Burgess was pinned by Danbury's A.J. Kovacs at 3:52 in the championship match. At 182 pounds, Killingly's Zach Caffrey was the silver medalist. Platt's Ben Stratton pinned Caffrey at 1:55 in the championship bout. Ellis Tech's Sean Johnson won silver at 126 pounds. Johnson lost a 3-2 decision to New Milford High's Melquisedec Ortiz in the final. The place winners from each weight class are as follows.

106 pounds: 1st Travis Longo (Wilton) DEC Thomas Finn (Simsbury), 4-1; 3rd Dan Charron (Killingly) DEC Naje Powell-Keyton (New London), 5-0; 5th Elijah Cyr (Middletown) DEC Tyler Johnson (Danbury),

1st Jarod Kosman DEC Alejandro (Fitch) Garcia (Windham), 7-3; 3rd Jordon Champagne (Bristol Eastern) DEC Parker Sutton (Glastonbury), 4-2 SV; 5th Louis Bradley (Morgan) DEC Ben Leblanc (Danbury), 8-5.

120: 1st Ryan Jack (Danbury) DEC William chase Parrot (Westhill), 6-2; 3rd Brandon Leonard (New Milford) MD Angelo Folino (Northwestern), 11-3; 5th Christopher Trelli (Bristol Central) F Charron (Killingly), 1:24.

126: 1st Melquisedec Ortiz (New Milford) DEC Sean Johnson (Ellis Tech), 3-2; 3rd Justin Mastroianni (New Canaan) MD Jacob Cardozo (Southington), 14-5; 5th Thomas Mazur (Westhill) MD Keldon Larose (Guilford), 12-1.

132: 1st Noah Caskey (Montville) DEC Demetre Carnot (Maloney), 7-2; 3rd Alex Steele (Fairfield Warde) DEC Kyle Fields (Danbury), 6-2; 5th James Lunt (Xavier) MD Mark Hartmann (Daniel Hand), 14-3.

138: 1st Ryan Angers (Tolland) DEC Tyler Sung (New Canaan), 7-2: 3rd Shamar Schand (Manchester) DEC Shaun Wagner (Southington), 10-3; 5th Matthew Ryan (Trumbull) DEC Tyler Schultz (New Milford),

145: 1st A.J. Kovacs (Danbury) F Zack Burgess (Killingly), 3:52; 3rd Timothy Roberts (East Hartford) DEC Everett Minevich (East Lyme), 7-3; 5th Austin Robertson (Fitch) FOR Hunter Adams (Suffield).

152: 1st Ryan Luth (Foran) DEC Cooper Fleming (Granby Memorial), 13-8; 3rd Matthew Rothman (Amity) FOR Tagan Welch (Southington); 5th John Nieroda (Suffield) F Justin Marshall (Bristol Eastern), 1:46.

160: 1st Izaake Zuckerman (Fairfield Warde) DEC Michael Angers (Tolland), 4-3; 3rd Jeffrey Suschana (Somers) DEC Simon Preston (Ridgefield), 5-0; 5th Michael Barrett (Bristol Eastern) DEC Joshua Schwartz (Northwestern), 2-0.

170: 1st Ryan Devivo (Xavier) DEC Paul Calo (Southington), 6-4; 3rd Gino Baratta (Danbury) DEC Derek Turner (Killingly), 5-1; 5th Carson Licastri (Joel Barlow) FOR Mason Laflam (Lym Mem/Wind Tch).

182: 1st Ben Stratton (Platt) F Zach Caffrey (Killingly), 1:55; 3rd Isaiah Rivera (E.O. Smith) DEC Benjamin Kibby (Granby Memorial), 5-4; 5th Dylan Sousa (Xavier) MD Jackson King (Simsbury), 11-3.

195: 1st Joe Gjinaj (Fairfield Warde) DEC Trinidad Gonzalez (Bristol Eastern), 4-1 TB2; 3rd Jacob Commander (New London) DEC Ray Weiner (Shelton), 3-1; 5th Brett Nutter (Trumbull) DEC Brocksom (Jonathan Law), 5-3.

220: 1st Dakota Grover (Fitch) F Isaiah Jiminian (East Hartford), 3:14; 3rd Nick Tibbetts (Montville) F Qasim Khan (Foran), 2:53; 5th Nicholas Cote (Bethel) DEC Kyle Zalewski (Branford), 7-5.

285 LBS: 1st Michael Burchell (Daniel Hand) F Sergio Ferreira (Stratford), 4:00; 3rd Richard Mullaney (Ledyard) DEC George Harrington (Staples), 4-2 TB2; 5th Joe Zeller (Newtown) DEC Austin Daley (Morgan), 3-1

Top 24 team scores: 1. Danbury 149.5; 2. Killingly 95; 2. Bristol Eastern 95; 2. Fairfield Warde 95; 5. Southington 94.5; 6. Xavier 90.5; 7. Fitch 75; 8. Foran 71.5; 9. New Milford 70; 10. New Canaan 59.5; 11. Daniel Hand 53.5; 12. East Hartford 51.5; 13. Tolland 51; 14. Montville 44; 14. New London; 44; 16. Granby Memorial 43; 17. Trumbull 42.5; 18. Simsbury 42; 19.; Westhill 41; 20. Platt 38; 21. Ridgefield 37; 22. Wilton 36.5; 23. Ellis Tech 36; 24. Northwestern 35; 24. Branford

Woodstock wins Class S state gymnastics title

BY CHARLIE LENTZ VILLAGER EDITOR

SOUTHBURY Woodstock Academy's Abigail Vaida finished first in the floor exercise to lead the Centaurs to a first-place finish at the state Class S Gymnastics Championships Pomperaug High School last Saturday, Feb. 24. It was Woodstock's eighth consecutive state Class championship.

'The team had a great meet. We had a rocky start on vault but they came back really awesome on the next three events to put up a good score. So that was really exciting, all the team members coming togethsaid Woodstock coach Kasey Tocchio.

Centaurs The notched a team score of 139.175. Mercy High of Middletown finished in second place with a score of 132.8, followed by Oxford High with 130.5. Woodstock's Vaida, a junior, scored 9.175 to capture first place in the floor exer-

"Abby is a one of a kind gymnast. She is

just such a hard worker," said Tocchio of Vaida. "She's been really great for us on the floor this year. She's really improved her skills this year and she's someone we really can count on and count on for a big score, which is really awesome."

Next up for Woodstock Academy is the State Open Championships scheduled for this Saturday, March 3, at Pomperaug High. Woodstock has won six straight State Open titles but keeping that streak alive will be a daunting task. The Centaurs will have some tough competition this Saturday at Pomperaug. Greenwich High and Trumbull High — both Class L schools — will be competing at this Saturday's State Open meet. Both Greenwich and Trumbull scored higher than Woodstock Academy's total of 139.175 at last weekend's state Class meet. Greenwich posted a score of 145.4 and Trumbull tallied 140.9 at the Class meet. Tocchio

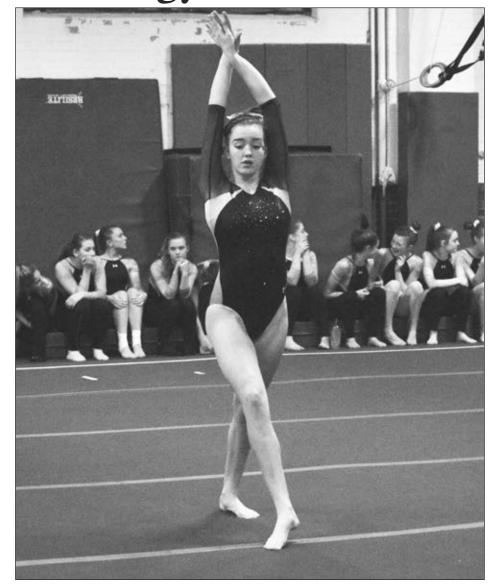
knows the Centaurs have their work cut out for them.

"The State Open is definitely going to be tough. It's something they're going to have to push for. But knowing that we're so close to Trumbull's score, it's kind of motivating and exciting for the girls to know that we can get ahead of that. So our goal is just to go in there and literally do our best meet that we've done all season, really care about the little details and then that's all we can ask for," Tocchio said. "There's no defense in gymnastics so we're going to try to do our best and then be happy with what the outcome

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File photo

Woodstock's Abigail Vaida won first place in the floor exercise at the state Class S **Gymnastics Championships.**



Centaurs head into states with momentum



Woodstock's Chase Anderson goes up for a shot with Plainfield's Connor Davis defend-

BY CHARLIE LENTZ

WOODSTOCK — Woodstock Academy first-year coach Marty Hart has been getting to know his players game by game. Early this season Hart's scorebook registered seven losses over Woodstock's first eight games but the Centaurs have been cementing their relationship shot by shot down the homestretch.

Woodstock reached the championship game of the Eastern Connecticut Conference Division 2 Tournament with three straight tourney wins — capped by a 65-61 win over third-seeded Griswold in the tourney semifinals on Saturday, Feb. 24. The seventh-seeded Centaurs faced top-seeded St. Bernard in the D-2 title game at Waterford High on Wednesday, Feb. 28. The Centaurs defeated Wheeler in the play-in round and then Woodstock defeated second-seeded Plainfield 68-57 at Plainfield High in the quarterfinals of the Eastern Connecticut Conference Division 2 Tournament on Feb. 22 coach Hart said the secret of the late-season surge is perhaps all about sharing.

"We've grown together as a team and learned our different roles," said Hart after the win over Plainfield. "We're really sharing the ball. It's going inside and then coming out. We're always looking to make that one more pass. We don't care who scores as long as they put it on our side of the scoreboard."

The win came on second-seeded Plainfield's hardwood and showed coach Hart that the seventh-seeded Centaurs have been buying in to what he's selling.

"Beating a very, very strong Plainfield team on their home court is something our guys can tip our hats to," Hart said. "That's a good matchup, a hometown rivalry, we just got a few more bounces than they got.'

The victory over Griswold in the ECC semifinals followed the Plainfield win and capped a late-season stretch of six wins over eight games and lifted Woodstock's record to 11-12 overall. Against Plainfield the Centaurs played well in both the half-court and transition game.

"The guys have worked hard and learned a lot of different sets and plays. We can be a chameleon because we have several guys who are about 6-foot-2. It's difficult, if you get a guard on you, we can post that guy up. If you put on a big on him and he's not quick enough we can drive by," Hart said. "So we're able to really use all the tools in our chest and just see which one's hot that night."

Junior forward Cole Hackett scored 18 points in the win over Plainfield and said the win was a morale booster.

"Gives us a lot of confidence," Hackett said. "We had a mentality that it was going to be hard game to win and it was a good game to win."

 $Junior\,guard\,Chase\,Anderson\,added\,17$ points and junior guard Aaron Johnson scored 13 points for the Centaurs against Plainfield. Hackett said there wasn't enough sharing during their early-season travails.

"At the beginning of the season we really we're playing individual basketball," Hackett said. "As the season progressed we're beginning to play more as a team."

Plainfield senior forward Chris Peasley scored a team-high 18 points in the loss to Woodstock. The loss to Woodstock dropped Plainfield's record to 15-6. Next up for Woodstock Academy is the Division III state tournament. Hackett said the Centaurs' play has improved overall and they will be ready.

"We're looking more inside which I think is really good," Hackett said. "And we're hitting an occasional outside shot

which helps us a lot. Our defense has really improved and we're playing more

as a team on defense especially. Qualifying rounds of the state tourney begin on Saturday, March 3, with first-round games scheduled to start on Monday, March 5. Hart said his players have spread the ball around and don't care who scores. Perhaps the Centaurs first-year coach and his players can take the momentum from their late-season surge and channel it into the state tourney — remembering that sharing is car-

"We've developed chemistry. They've been working hard. They've been playing smart and playing together," Hart said. "And now that we're learning our roles and executing instead of running plays — things are really starting to look good for us."

WOODSTOCK 65, GRISWOLD 61

WATERFORD — Chase Anderson scored a team-high 14 points to lead the Centaurs past third-seeded Griswold on Saturday Feb. 24, in the ECC tournament semifinals at Waterford High School. Aaron Johnson scored 13 points and Cole Hackett, Luke Matthewson and Aidan Morin each added 12 points for Woodstock. Paroah Curtis scored 13 points for Griswold.

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One year removed from a state crown for Woodstock

BY CHARLIE LENTZ VILLAGER EDITOR

POMFRET — What a difference a year makes. Last season Ryan Wojciechowski was on the ice for a key penalty kill in the third period against Hall-Southington in the Division III state championship game — helping to shut down the Warriors' power play and allowing Woodstock Academy's Nathan DeLuca to score the shorthanded goal that broke a 3-3 tie and helped the Centaurs win the state title. On Monday night Wojiechowski was on the ice for Woodstock's final regular-season game — a 3-1 loss to E.O. Smith/Tolland that dropped Woodstock's record to eight wins and 11 losses.

Nine seniors graduated after last year's championship season. From top of the heap to middle of the pack through it all Wojiechowski has held up his end of the bargain as one of Woodstock's senior captains.

"I think my role this year is a huge one because I really solidified the defense and the goalies in that sense," Wojciechowski said. "Hopefully I did a pretty good job and trained them for the future — one, to try to own up to their mistakes and try to play the best hockey they can every second they touch the

Coach Mike Starr said Wojciechowski has lived up to his role — along with senior captains Aidan Boisvert and Pat Delanev.

"It's a tall task to be a captain, especially after coming off a state championship. But he's a leader. He works hard in the games. He works hard in practice. He doesn't take any shifts off. If he does make a mistake I think he's probably harder on himself than we are on him," Starr said. "Part of that comes from the fact he doesn't want to make mistakes because he does want to be an influence on the younger kids. Going into this year we told him that we really need the captains — all three of them really — to lead this team, not just on the ice but off the ice and make them realize what's involved.'

Wojciechowski said the effort was there this year but perhaps not the veteran savvy.

"I think we worked just as hard this year as we did last year. We had a lot more veteran guys last year," said Wojciechowski, a senior defenseman. "So the senior leadership is not really there. That was a big factor this year.'

In addition to losing nine seniors to graduation from last season's championship team, the Centaurs were also elevated from Division III to Division II this season. Through it all coach Starr said his players knew matching last season's accomplishments might have been the ultimate shorthanded comeback.

"I think the kids know we're a young team. They know we're inexperienced. Even the returning kids from last year's varsity, as far as forwards go, there weren't too many that were that experienced," Starr said. "We are a young team. There's one senior playing forward. The rest are juniors, a handful of sophomores, and a couple of freshmen. When I look at the teams that we're playing — that are loaded with seniors – Ĭ think we're doing fine. We're not

losing games by eight, nine goals. All the games have been tight this year. I'm really happy with how they played this

Freshman Guerin Favreau scored the lone goal for Woodstock in the loss to E.O. Smith on Feb. 26 at Pomfret School's Jahn Rink, with an assist from junior Avery Riva. E.O. Smith led 32-30 in shots but Woodstock outshot the Bucks 12-4 in the third period. Ross Lennon scored two goals for E.O. Smith and Owen Stacey tallied one goal. Lennon's final goal came on an empty-netter with :02 left. The loss to E.O. Smith dropped Woodstock's record to 8-11. The win lifted E.O. Smith's record to 9-10-1. The first round of the Division II state tournament is scheduled to begin on Tuesday, March 6. Woodstock is projected to be the 15th seed for the state tourney and will likely face a No. 2 seed in the opening round of the Division II state tourney.

"It's going to be tough. Being a 16, 15, 14 seed — you're definitely playing the top talent in D-II. This year the top talent in D-II has really kind of taken over. Farmington Valley (with a 17-2-1 record) has lost one game this year. Guilford (17-3) is in second place, if we match up with them that's going to be a tough game, they have the top two scorers in the state. But it's going to be a challenge that I'm kind of looking forward to. I want to see how these kids respond to it," Starr said. "We have a lot



Charlie Lentz photo

Woodstock goalie Dylan Shea readies to make a save against E.O. Smith/Tolland on Monday night at Pomfret School's Jahn Rink.

of kids that have never played in a state playoff game. It's going to be a little eye-opening to them. So I'm hoping that Ryan (Wojciechowski), Pat (Delaney) and Aidan (Boisvert) can kind of bring them together in the locker room and let them know it is a different level of hockey. No matter how good a team is during the regular season everybody elevates their game for playoffs and we need to do the same."

The Centaurs and Wojciechowski will get a new start in the state tournament the playoffs are a fresh beginning in a season of firsts for the veteran defender.

'This season was a blast actually. It started off a little rocky — new team, new everything really. We had a new goalie, we had new forwards, we had new everything," Wojciechowski said. "We really came together as a team a fourth of the way through the season. It's kind of kicked up from there.'

What a difference a year makes. Wojciechowski will be moving on from high school hockey after his final game this season. He's upheld the bargain

that goes along with a captaincy. And the underclassmen will get their chance to be veterans next year — when they'll try to make a difference.

"I think it really strengthens the younger leaders to step up and realize they have to play a bigger role than they did last year," Wojciechowski said. "We just need to grow as a team and hopefully they get it next year.'

TRI-TOWN 9, WOODSTOCK 4

The Centaurs fell to Tri-Town in the semifinals of the Nutmeg Conference tournament on Tuesday, Feb. 27. Avery Riva scored two goals and Matt Odom and Jake Starr each scored one goal for Woodstock. Assist were notched by Riva, Doug Newton, Jake Black, and Guerin Favreau. The loss dropped Woodstock's record to 8-12.

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Putnam girls advance in state tourney



Tourtellotte senior Katey Kwasniewski led the Tigers with 10 points in her final high school game against Coginchaug on Tuesday, Feb. 27. The Tigers fell 66-30 in the opening round of the Class S state tourney.

PUTNAM — Third-seeded Putnam High defeated No.-30 seed Windsor Locks 41-25 in the opening round of the state Class S girls basketball tournament on Tuesday night, Feb. 27, at

Putnam High School. After a cold-shooting first half that ended in a 10-10 tie, Putnam scored eight straight points to start the second half, played tough defense, and never relinquished the lead. Putnam was led by Ashley Burke with 14 points, Molly McKeon scored eight points, and Alex Hutchins added five points with nine rebounds. Kayleigh Lyons and Julia Loomis each scored four points and played great defense for the Clippers. Victoria Dias came off the bench in the fourth quarter and scored six points to help secure the win.

The loss ended Windsor Lock's season with a record of 8-13. The win lifted the Clippers record to 17-4. Putnam advanced to the second round of the tourney where the Clippers will play host to No. 14 seed Lyman Memorial (13-8), a 53-22 winner over No. 19 Whitney Tech (9-9) in opening-round play. Putnam is scheduled to host Lyman in second-round action at 7 p.m. on Friday, March 2, at Putnam High School's gym-

COGINCHAUG 66,

TOURTELLOTTE 30

DURHAM—Ninth-seededCoginchaug defeated No. 24 seed Tourtellotte 66-30 in the opening round of the state Class S girls basketball tournament. The win lifted host Coginchaug's record to 15-6. The loss ended the Tigers season with a record of 9-12 overall.

Senior guard Katey Kwasniewski had 10 points, three assists, and three steals for the Tigers. Senior forward Skyla Wesolowski finished with six points. It was the final game for Kwasniewski and Wesolowski. Tourtellotte senior Becky Torres missed the game due to injury. Tourtellotte junior forward Lauren Ramos finished with four points, seven rebounds and six steals. Emily Angelo and Mary Steglitz both finished with four points and Harley Dimock added two points for the Tigers. Jessica King led Coginchaug with 17 points.

SACRED HEART 70, ELLIS TECH 31

WATERBURY — Sixth-seeded Sacred Heart defeated No. 27 seed Ellis Tech in the first round of the state Class S girls basketball tournament. The win lifted host Sacred Heart's record to 16-5. The loss ended the Golden Eagles season with a record of 9-12.



SPOTLIGHT

"Shining a light on community events

March 3 - March 28

Thompson Public Library Art @ the Library - Ireland Through My Irish Eyes: Photography by Alison www.thompsonpubliclibrary.org 860-923-9779 Program generously supported by the Friends of the Thompson Public Library. The meeting room may be unavailable at times due to other functions

Mon., 7 pm: Prudence Crandall "Voice of Conviction - at Pomfret Historical Society's Old Towne House, 11 Town House Dr., Pomfret. Presented by Donna Dufresne. Includes documentary film showing, Q & A session. and Donna's new Prudence Crandall Museum curriculum. Sponsored by Pomfret Library Friends.

March 6 Tues., 7pm: Bingo every Tuesday at the VFW, 1523 Providence Street, Put-

March 7 - May 9

10-10:40 Wednesdays: Preschool Story Time for Ages 3-5 at The Killingly Library, Westcott Road, Danielson. Registration is required; go to www.

killinglypl.org March 8 - May 10

Thursdays 10-10:30am: Wonderful Ones and Twos Story Time for Tots 1-2 years old at The Killingly Library, Westcott Road, Danielson. Registration is required; go to www.killinglypl.org

March 8

Thurs., 2pm: Putnam Senior Citizens meeting, the second Thursday of the month at Putnam VFW, 1523 Providence Street, Putnam.

March 8- May 10

Thursdays 11-11:30: Babies, Books and Bounces Babies 6-12 months, at The Killingly Library, Westcott Road, Danielson. Registration is required; go to www.killinglypl.org

March 9

Fri., 9:30am: Medicare Questions Answered by Dave Cafro, Cafro Insurance, at Stonecroft Women's Connection Brunch at The Inn at Woodstock Hill, 94 Plaine Hill Rd. "A Success Story about doubt and anger" from Lovedy Alexander, Reservations for Brunch \$13 required by Monday March 5, cancellations essential. Call 860-774-5092, 860-455-7671 or email: wccwc81@hotmail.com.

Fri., 3pm: Qi Gong for Health and Peace - Fridays 3pm @ Pomfret Library. Free! Practice and learn the ancient Chinese energy art of Qi Gong. Can be done sitting or standing, and is all inclusive. Little physical ability required, and suitable for all. Please wear comfortable clothing.

March 9

Fri., noon-8pm: Knights of Columbus Council 2087 will hold a Lenten fish fry, in the Knights Hall, 1017 Riverside Drive, North Grosvenordale. Fish and chips (\$10); baked haddock (\$11); fried clams (\$14); baked or fried scallops (\$11-15); seafood platters (\$17), and more. 860-923-2967, council2087@att.net.

March 10

Sat., 5:30 to 7pm: There will be a pasta dinner on at the Cargill Council 64 Knights of Columbus Hall, 64 Providence Street, Putnam. Tickets are \$10 per person and are available at the Council Hall, Joseph's Jewelers in Putnam and Danielson, or by calling (860) 928-4525.

Sat., 1:30pm: Finnish American Heritage Society presents their annual Culinary Delights, A Food Demonstration and Tasting Event at The Finnish Hall, 76 North Canterbury Rd (rt 169) Canterbury. This year's theme; Superfoods with a Finnish Flair; free and open to the public; for more info call 860 546-6671 or www. fahs-ct.org

Sat., 9:30am: Cookbook Club, The Maple Syrup Cookbook, Bracken Memorial Library, 57 Academy Road, Woodstock.

March 10 & 11

Sat. & Sun., 10am-3pm: Craft/Artisan Fair, at Grill 37, 37 Putnam Road, Pomfret. Features original art, vendors, artisans. There will also be face painting, and photos with the Easter Bunny! To benefit Neurobromatosis Northeast.

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Alice LaFramboise Raymond, 87



CANTERBURY -Alice LaFramboise Raymond, 87, of 92 Colburn Road, beloved wife of the late Edward Dean died Raymond Saturday, February 24, at her home.

She was born February 22, 1931 in Canterbury, a daughter of the late Adelard and Angelina Penelle La Framboise and had been a lifelong resident of Canterbury. Alice worked alongside Dean on their dairy farms during most of their lives, she also worked as a school bus driver in Windham and later in Canterbury where she retired after 33 years at age 75. She loved gardening, drawing and painting and feeding the many song birds in her back yard. She mostly enjoyed sitting on her back porch sharing the view of her beautiful flow-er gardens with family and friends. Alice is survived by her two sons and daughters-in-law, James and Christie Raymond of Canterbury, Dennis and Cynthia of North Franklin, and three daughters, Suzanne and Kenneth Buell of Eastford, Eileen and William Harmon of Kennebunk, Maine, and Lisa Owen of Boaz, Kentucky, also nine grandchildren, twenty great-grandchildren and two great-great-grandchildren. In addition, several sister-in-laws, a brother-in-law, and many nieces and nephews. She was predeceased by her husband, Edward Dean Raymond, sisters Helen E. Busher, Cecil Dapsis; brothers Louis LaFramboise, Francis LaFramboise, Albert LaFramboise, Leo LaFramboise, Charles LaFramboise Edward LaFramboise. Visitation will be held Sunday, March 4, from 2 -5pm at Dougherty Bros. Funeral Home, 595 Norwich Rd. (Rt. 12), Plainfield. A Mass of Christian Burial will be Monday, March 5 at 10:00AM in St. Augustine's Church, 144 Westminster Rd. (Rt. 14), Canterbury. Burial will follow in Hanover Cemetery, Potash Hill Rd., Hanover. Memorial contributions may be made to the Canterbury Volunteer Fire Dept. Rt.14, Canterbury, CT 06331.

Nellie Marie LaBonte, 93



PUTNAM - Nellie M. (Zaklukiewicz) LaBonte, 93, of Kennedy Dr. died peacefully, surrounded by her family, on February 25. Nellie was born in Putnam, and was the daughter of the late Jon and

Zofia (Ukleja) Zaklukiewicz. She was the loving wife of 73 years to her husband, the late Eugene LaBonte, Sr.

Nellie was employed as a secretary and worked for the Rectory School of Pomfret. She enjoyed flower gardening, traveling and fashion, but her true joy was spending time with her beloved husband Eugene.

Nellie is survived by her two sons Eugene LaBonte, Jr. of Rochester, Massachusetts and Daniel LaBonte and his wife Michelle of Cape Coral, Florida; five grandchildren Brandon,

Sarah, Garrett, Maura and Joshua; and three great grandchildren, Emma, Alexander and Maxwell.

Nellie was predeceased by her five sisters Pauline Witkowski, Cecelia Zaklukiewicz, Helen Pempek, Catherina Zaklukiewicz and Victoria St. Jean.

Calling hours were held on March 1, at the Gilman Funeral Home and Crematory in Putnam. A gathering will begin in the funeral home at 9:00 am on March 2, followed by a Mass of Christian Burial at 10:00 am in St. Mary Church of the Visitation, 218 Providence St. Putnam. Burial will follow in St. Mary Cemetery. Memorial donations may be made to St. Jude's Children's Research Hospital P. O. Box 1000 Department 142, Memphis, TN 38101. For Memorial guestbook visit www.GilmanandValade.com

Barbara M. Hebert, 83

Judith Ann Couture, 78



ENFIELD Barbara (LaBonte) Hebert, 83, of Enfield Street, formerly of Woodstock, died Monday, February 19, at home. She was the loving wife of John D. Hebert of Enfield and the late

Russell Marcy who passed away in 1989. Born in Webster, Massachusetts, she was the daughter of the late Freeman and Catherine (Jarosz) LaBonte.

Mrs. Hebert worked at Webster Shoe and Linemaster Switch. She was a communicant of Most Holy Trinity Church and worked in the rectory in her retirement.

In addition to her husband John,

THOMPSON – Judith Ann Couture,

78, of Thornfield Hall, Thompson died

Sunday, February 18, at Day Kimball Hospital in Putnam. She was born in

Manchester on October 18, 1939, daugh-

ter of the late James W. and Edith

(Elliott) Couture. Judy enjoyed a fam-

ily enriched home life at Thornfield

Barbara is survived by her brothers, Donald LaBonte and his wife Maria of Navarre, Florida, Francis LaBonte of Webster, Massachusetts, and David LaBonte and his wife Susan of Thompson; several nieces, nephews, grandnieces and grandnephews.

Relatives and friends were invited to visit with Barbara's family on February 23, in the Gilman Funeral Home & Crematory in Putnam, which was followed by a Mass of Christian Burial in Most Holy Trinity Church in Pomfret. Burial will follow in St. Joseph Cemetery in Webster, Massachusetts. Memorial donations may be made to Most Holy Trinity Church. For memorial guestbook please visit www.GilmanAndValade.

Thelma R. Barker, 82



THOMPSON Thelma R. Barker, 82, of Thompson, died Friday, February 23, at Vibra Hospital in Leicester, Massachusetts, after a period of declining health due to a stroke she suffered in

mid-December. Thelma was born in Branford. She is the daughter of the late George E. and the late Adeline (Tefft) Barker.

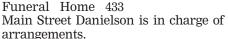
She is survived by one son: John Barker of Springfield, Illinois; one sister: Gay Choiniere of Thompson, and one brother: Richard Barker of Thompson; and several nieces, nephews and cousins. Thelma was a dedicated educator for over 30 years at the Rectory School in Pomfret, retiring in 2008.

She was active at her parish, St. Andrew Bobola Church, and was a teacher with the CCD program. Thelma enjoyed reading and was an avid bird watcher. A Mass of Christian burial will be held at 10:00 am on Friday, March 2 at St. Andrew Bobola Church, 54 West Main St., Dudley, Massachusetts. Burial will follow in St. Joseph Garden Of Peace Cemetery, Webster. Calling hours were held Thursday, March 1 at Bartel Funeral Home & Chapel in Dudley, Massachusetts. www.bartelfuneralhome.com

Harry R. Hammond, 94

WALLINGFORD -- Harry R. Hammond, 94, formerly of East Killingly died Monday February 19, at the Masonic Home in Wallingford. He was born in East Killingly on December 13, 1923, the son of the late Harold and Lucina (Smith) Hammond. Harry was the husband of the late Lorraine White Hammond. He served in the Army during WWII, and worked as an engineer with AT&T for 38 years. Harry was an avid golfer. He is survived by his brother Roy Hammond of Browns

Mills, New Jersey and many nieces and nephews. A graveside service was held on February 23, at Westfield Cemetery, Danielson. There were no calling hours. Tillinghast Funeral Home 433





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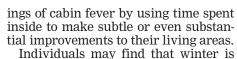
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staff. She is survived by many relatives from Connecticut, New York and Florida. A calling hour was held on February 23. Which was followed by a funeral service in Tillinghast Funeral Home, Danielson. Burial will be held in the spring in Bartlett Cemetery, East Killingly.

Beat cabin fever with winter renovations



a great time to tackle delayed or unfinished projects or to put plans for major renovations in motion. Homeowners may find that they have some extra time on their hands when weather and early evening darkness reduces how much time they can spend outdoors. The following projects can help homeowners make the most of their time indoors.

· Start painting. One of the easiest ways to transform the look of a room is with a fresh coat of paint. Painting a room or rooms is an inexpensive project that can be completed over the course of a single weekend. Painting in lighter colors can help illuminate dark spaces and make a home feel more vivid and inviting, especially during the winter. And painting need not be reserved for walls only. Homeowners may want to sand and paint furniture to give items a trendy arts-and-crafts feel.

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· Address drafts and other inefficiencies. Colder temperatures alert homeowners to drafts, leaks and even insect or rodent infiltration. Homeowners can scout out rooms and remedy situations.

 Organize the home. Rainy or snowy days are great moments to address organizational issues, such as messy mudrooms or cluttered kitchen cabinets. Get a jump-start on spring cleaning before the warm weather arrives.

Time spent indoors can be put to good use by engaging in renovation projects.

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LEGALS

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ESTATE OF Lucille Evelyn Andert, AKA Evelyn L. Andert (18-00021) The Hon. Leah P. Schad, Judge of the Court of Probate, District of Northeast Probate Court, by decree dated February 22, 2018, ordered that all claims must be presented to the fiduciary at the address below. Failure to promptly present any such claim may result

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The fiduciary is: Joseph Andert, C/O Michele Ann Palulis, Esq., 158 Main Street, Ste. #2, PO Box 616, Putnam, CT 06260, (860)928-9928 March 2, 2018

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TOWN OF WOODSTOCK

The Planning & Zoning Commission has scheduled a Public Hearing for Thursday, March 15, 2018 at the Woodstock Town Hall, 415 Route 169 at 7:30 p.m., lower level, for the following: Public Act No. 17-155 concerning Temporary Healthcare structures Consideration of opting out.

Chairman Jeffrey Gordon, M.D. March 2, 2018

March 9, 2018

TOWN OF THOMPSON

On February 23, 2018 the following wetlands agent approval was issued: Application # WAA18003 approved with conditions, David Coman, 0 Hagstrom Rd. (Assessor's Map 19, Block 85, Lot 6A) - Regulated activities associated with a three-phase gravel mining operation with access road modifications for Phase 3, portions of which are located in the upland review area.

Marla Butts, Wetlands Agent March 2, 2018

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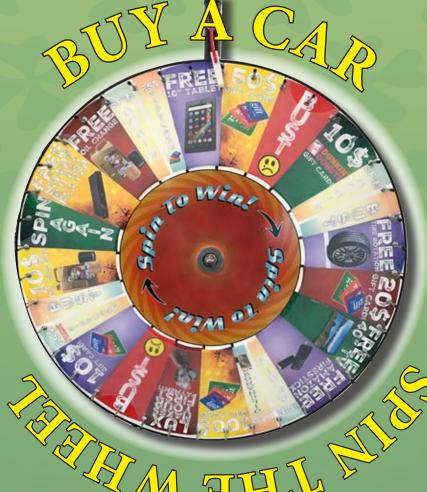
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