Eastford’s Duck Day predicts more winter

BY CAROL DAVAGE FOR THE VILLAGER
 EASTFORD—Scramble the Duck, Eastford’s version of Punxsutawney Phil, predicted last that the first warm day of spring, or the end of winter at Duck Day, was March 4. However, the wintry weather and the Duck Day event this Saturday, February 8th, has convinced Scramble to predict a warmer winter. She told Eastford’s Interim President, Joseph Whiston, that if the Duck does not see his shadow this year, the winter season will last only until March 4.

“I have decided not to see my shadow this year and that means warmer weather is on the way. I am very excited about the warmer weather to come.” The Duck said.

Interim President Whiston said, “We are very excited about the Duck Day event this Saturday. It is a popular event and brings so much excitement to the community. We are looking forward to a warm winter.”

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Jason Nolan, 43, of 50 Fortun Drive, Brooklyn, was charged with criminal trespass in the 3rd degree and violation of a standing criminal protection order.

DANIELSON

Jan. 25
Ray Mora, 31, of 115 Shippee St. N of U S 1, Danielson, was charged with disorderly conduct.

KILLINGLY

Jan. 29
Anna Maria D'Amico, 31, of 139 Cranberry Bog Road, Apt M, Killingly, was charged with larceny in the 6th degree, disorderly conduct and assault in the 3rd degree.

NORTH GROSVENORDALE

Jan. 30
Cody Bricault, 25, of 124 Buckley Hill Road, North Grosvenordale, was charged with disorderly conduct.

POLICE LOGS

PUTNAM — On Jan. 29 at approximately 4:04 p.m., a Connecticut State Police Trooper assigned to the Troop D Quality of Life Task Force stopped a vehicle on South Street in Putnam, committing several motor vehicle violations. As the Trooper pulled over to stop the vehicle it sped down May Street. The Trooper caught up to the speeding vehicle and activated his emergency police lights and the vehicle came to a stop. The Trooper observed the driver of the vehicle, who the Trooper recognized as Daniel Bowling, 25, of 33 Drake Road, Woodstock, from a previous narcotics arrest, depart the vehicle and lock the car. The Trooper informed Bowling that he was a subject of a traffic stop and needed to get back into his car. Bowling was asked numerous times to return to his vehicle so that the traffic stop could conclude in a safe manner, but Bowling became hostile toward the Trooper and refused to return to his car.

The Trooper then approached Bowling and was eventually able to place him under arrest for interfering with a police officer. Two Putnam Police Officers arrived on scene to assist the Trooper and provide back-up. During a subsequent investigation, the Trooper observed several indicators of criminal activity that led him to believe that narcotics may be present in the vehicle. K-9 Abbie, a narcotics detecting and alerting dog, alerted to the presence of narcotics in the vehicle.

K-9 Abbie then sniffed the interior of the car ultimately locating approximately 40 grams of an illegal controlled substance. Also located within the car was narcotic packaging materials and $79. Members of the Connecticut State Police are committed to combating drug activity in the “Quiet Corner” and anyone with information regarding the illegal sale of narcotics and/or synthetic marijuana are encouraged to call the Trooper.

Bowling was transported to Troop D where he was processed and charged, with interfering with a police officer, Receiving Stolen Property, Possession of a Controlled Substance with Intent to Sell, and Possession of Drug Paraphernalia — along with several motor vehicle charges. Bowling was released on a $1,000 bond and will appear in Danielson Superior Court on Feb. 27.

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Steven Randolph, 31, of Harrison Street, Putnam, was charged with Operating a motor vehicle while under the influence of alcohol.

Jan. 24
Norah Almendral, 30, of 64 Smith Street, Providence, was charged with Breach of Peace in the 2nd degree, Criminal Violation of a Protective Order.

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

Jan. 31
Nathan Swan, 28, of 121 Clearview Drive Brooks, was charged with Breach of Peace, Violation of a Protective Order.

Feb. 1
David Ballamain, 28, of 4 Lynn Street, Putnam, was charged with Danielsburg Road, Protecting of Controlled Substance, Possession of one ounce of marihuana.

Morgan Lapish-McMillan, 22, of 28 Round Road, North Grosvenordale, was charged with operating a motor vehicle under the influence of alcohol.

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

George Wilhelm Friedhelm Hegel
Eighth graders with Mr. Rick Lepore

Northfield parent Linda Rahn, a level 4 teacher at SJS, saw the positive side in a line of students who had provided $30,000 in order to refurbish a classroom. This grant for the purchase of iPads for students in Grade 3 was awarded SJS an additional grant of $30,000 in order to refurbish a classroom. It is great preparation for them in their future education.

“The Bishop Hines Learning Center has been a blessing to the development of technology. It is great preparation for them in their future education.” - Rick Sizemore, Principal of St. Joseph School.

To find out more information for the 2021-22 school year, please contact Ms. Nancy Beeman, our School Secretary at (860) 928-4217 or email to bhssecretary@sjschool.org.

The next Open House that SJS will host for families will be Sunday, March 28 from 1 to 4 p.m. at 330 Washington St. The Open House will be paired with a Sunday Breakfast that will run simultaneously from 9 a.m. to 11 a.m. The Open House will be paired with a Sunday Breakfast that will run simultaneously from 9 a.m. to 11 a.m. The next Open House that SJS will host for families will be Sunday, March 28 from 1 to 4 p.m. at 330 Washington St. The Open House will be paired with a Sunday Breakfast that will run simultaneously from 9 a.m. to 11 a.m.

The next Open House will be March 28 for special photo opportunities.

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The new season, ordering, planning and much of their day is doing research for farm maintenance. During the winter months they manage to enjoy family time by going out for dinner or playing a movie. They also like spending time at home together.

The property was purchased ten years ago. They started slowly with two years ago. They started out slowly with turkeys and corn. Now they have rabbits and chickens. They currently raising goats and are looking forward to the day when they can use them to make milk and cheese, and possibly soap in the future. They feel that right now the market is saturated possibly soap in the future. They feel that right now the market is saturated and they have egg on hand and they do not have much demand on it. Currently they are raising cucumbers and tomatoes and red tomatoes set up in Ball jars on her table. They had eggs on hand and they plan to raise them to preserve them. They also pickle cherries, blueberries and raspberries, “said Sylvia, from Moosup. “We can pickle cucumbers.”

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“We raise rabbits and chickens. We will sell the eggs and the meat in the future. They make great fertilizer,” Sylvia said.

“In the beginning we took time to learning about caring for animals, even the kids have spent time at UConn with goat’s milk soap. This year mother and daughter have spent time at UConn learning about caring for animals, another of their downtime projects."

When it comes to soap, Block has her own book. And that means getting you every credit and deduction you deserve.

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TEEG, Putnam Diaper Bank receive grants

THOMPSON — Thompson Ecumenical Empowerment Group, Interfaith Human Services of Putnam’s Diaper Bank, and Northeastern Connecticut Services of Woodstock were among the organizations recently awarded grants by the Jewett City Savings Bank Foundation. The Foundation awarded $21,200 in grants to support 18 organizations dedicated to healthcare and social services. The grants were announced by Kevin Merchant, president and CEO of Jewett City Savings Bank.

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

The Foundation also awarded $1,500 in grants for annual appeals, including $1,000 to Day Rambold Hospital in Putnam and $500 to the Center for Interfaith Human Services of Woodstock. The annual appeal donations were grants to those health-care organizations totaling $6,500. Receiving a $5,000 grant was Norwich-based United Community & Family Services. The donation marks the third year in grants for two annual appeals, including $1,000 to Thompson Ecumenical Empowerment Group (TEEG) to provide camperships for its All-Star Adventure Program. In addition, a $300 grant was made to The Art East Art Center to purchase weighted blankets and swing chairs for individuals with Autism at their Shamrock location living with autism.

During this most recent round of funding, the Jewett City Savings Bank Foundation awarded 66 grants totaling $77,000 to 56 local organizations. With those most recent donations, the Foundation has donated more than $777,000 in grants since it was established in 2013. Janus, Jewett City Savings Bank offices are branches in Brooklyn and Dayville.

The Foundation also awarded to A Reason to Ride, Inc., of Jewett City to assist with rent, utilities, and medical expenses, and the Town of Plainfield Recreation Department for the Veterans Coliseum and other emergency needs funding. Grants to support senior care included $3,000 to the Griswold Senior Center to provide Tai-Chi classes, and $1,000 to Quinebaug Valley Senior Citizens Center to help seniors with limited resources participate in fitness and training classes.

Additional grants included $1,000 to Northeast Placement Services in Woodstock to help fund the construction of a new barn workspace, as well as $1,000 to Thompson Ecumenical Empowerment Group (TEEG) to provide camperships for its All-Star Adventure Program. In addition, a $300 grant was made to The Art East Art Center to purchase weighted blankets and swing chairs for individuals with Autism at their Shamrock location living with autism.

PHRED (Partnership to Reduce the Influence of Drugs for Everyone) received $2,000 to help fund its medical collection program as well as a mobile collection event to prevent the abuse and misuse of unused prescription drugs. The Foundation awarded a $1,500 grant to Interfaith Human Services of Putnam for its Diaper Bank and other programs. Pawcatuck Neighborhood Center also received a grant of $1,500 to help prevent homelessness through mortgage assistance, rental assistance, and funding for security deposits. Other grants to support low-income individuals and families included a $1,200 grant to the Thames Valley Coalition for Community Action (TVCCA) of Jewett City to provide winter boots to children, a $1,000 grant to the First Congregational Church of Griswold to provide free Saturday breakfasts, and a $1,000 grant to Tommy Tor Foud of Norwich to provide Christmas toys for children in Eastern Connecticut.

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

“Their surprise, the next February, in 2015. Scramble scrambled out of his egg,” said Isaac. During their homeschool lessons, the boys studied Groundhog Day. To their surprise, the next February, in 2015. Scramble scrambled out of his egg,” said Isaac. During their homeschool lessons, the boys studied Groundhog Day. To

[Image: Scramble flaps his wings]
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The beauty found in their Trail Wood Sanctuary in February 28: Each year the free programs are scheduled at of Putnam; Nathan Deluca of Technology: Corey Edward Barry at Wentworth Institute of Kira Horan of Putnam; Joshua Underhill of North Grosvenordale. to the Champlain College Dean's Kalafus of Pomfret Center. F Foucault of Putnam; Kathleen Archambault of Killingly; Nicholas White of Dayville; Katherine Vongvirath, from Putnam; Emma from Pomfret Center; Jordyn Staveski from Woodstock; Chelsey Couture of Woodstock; Zachary Palmerino; Woodstock Valley; Hope McKinney of Woodstock; Rhone I. O'Hara, of Woodstock; Amanda Bogoslofski of Thompson. Amanda Bogoslofski of Thompson.

POMFRET — The following students earned scholarship honors or graduated in the full semester at their respective colleges and universities:

WORCESTER, Mass. Worcester Polytechnic Institute Dean's List: Luke Sullivan, from North Grosvenordale; Thomas Heitmiller, from North Grosvenordale; John Prouty of Thompson; Benjamin Lapointe of Brooklyn; Daniel Simpson of Danielson; Julianne Harris of Danielson; Corey McMerriman of Brooklyn; Abigail Teczar of Rogers; Adam Palmerino; Woodstock Valley; John Fig of Woodstock; Emily Farr of Woodstock; Courtenay of Woodstock; Zachary Staveski from Woodstock; Margaret McMerriman of Thompson, for the presen- of black suffragists occurred not only within the larg- er movement, but was also institutionalized by the 19th Amendment, which allowed black men to the ballot for the first time after the Civil War, the women's suffrage movement. The theme speaks to the ongoing struggle on the part of both black men and black women for the right to vote. Through voting rights campaigns and legal challenges, as well as through the turn of the twentieth cen- tury to the mid-thirties, Americans made their voices heard relentlessly in the struggle for the right to vote. The contribution of black suffragists, however, was not only within the larg- er movement, but has had an important role in advancing voting rights movement.

COLLEGE SCHOLARSHIPS Foundation offers scholarships

BOSTON — Margaret

It is an niversary of the 15th public.

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The majority of scholar- ship opportunities are available for QVCC students grad- uating this spring or in the fall of 2020. The foundation is offering three scholarship awards, every student with a minimum grade point average of 3.0, but several scholarships are avail- able for QVCC students gra- duating this spring or in the fall of 2020.

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

Karen Budrewicz photos

From left, Mary Pedderink, Larry Sour and Sharon Crocker

From left, Doug Crone hands out hot sauce samples to Tim Paddleford and wife Dolores

From left, Barbara Labbe, Brigitte Cassell and Jody Lussier

From left, Allyson Chaputpter with daughters Katelyn and Adiyn

From left, Alice Hall, Chuckie Stalions and son Steven.

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Even though we are forced into this world, we are quick to make decisions. We quickly set our own paths. Even though we are locked into a direction we are, there are always choices. We are there as we are at this very moment. Not by choice, but because of the choices we made. It is that determination of the quality of the life we lead and our impact on those around us.

In this light, the act of determining, and in my opinion, the act of determining the quality of our lives, is important. We must be responsible for the decisions we make. We must be responsible for the choices we make. We must be responsible for the impact we have on the world.

Where some people see adversity, others see opportunity. When some see no way out, others optimistically create their own opportunities. Some see no way out, others see opportunities to exceed. The greatest difference between these two is the perspective they embrace. The greatest difference between these two is the perspective they embrace. The greatest difference between these two is the perspective they embrace. The greatest difference between these two is the perspective they embrace. The greatest difference between these two is the perspective they embrace. The greatest difference between these two is the perspective they embrace.

The world is a beautiful place abundant with opportunities. We can choose whether we dwell upon others or dwell upon our path and obstacles.
Snowbound in Dayville in February of 1920

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DANIELSON — Killingly Library celebrated the ninth annual Take Your Child To The Library Day on Feb. 1 with a theme all of the kids loved called Character Con. The theme celebrated two popular movies, Frozen and Toy Story. The children’s department was filled with things to do such as a Frozen Scavenger Hunt, crafts, games and photo ops. There was also a special visit by Elsa and a story teller singer.

Karen Butera photos

A group watches singer-story teller Mary Jo Maichack.

Monica Gogan and son Wesley
Elizabeth Baker and sons Anthony and Vincent
Kristen Wood with daughter’s Cassidy and Elizabeth

Mary Jo Maichack story teller and singer
Jo Maichack story teller and singer

Brittany Carlson of the library circulation desk with daughter Dael
From left, Laurie Tradeworley, Clover Cooper and Sarah Cooper
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BY CHARLIE LENTZ

PUTNAM — The Putnam High girls basketball team is “checking the boxes” this season — Clippers terminology for taking care of business.

Putnam defeated Lyman Memorial 69-31 for its ninth win in a row and ninth ECC-Division IV regular-season win in a row on Monday, Feb. 3.

Senior center Kayleigh Lyons is “checking the boxes” this season — Clippers terminology for taking care of business.

Lyons doesn’t want to look too far ahead but she knows the ECC Tournament lies on the horizon. The ECC Tournament is really two separate tournaments — the Division II tournament will be composed of Division III and Division IV teams, the Division I tournament will be composed of Division I and Division II teams. Putnam will play in the ECC Division II tournament and at this point it looks like its main competition will be Killington High, the Division II defending state champion.

Lyons can’t deny the ECC Tournament is one of boxes the Clippers would like to check off.

“Get it going as we’re going to be playing four games in a week. We’ve got one more (division) game so the next thing is try and beat Wheeler and go undefeated,” Hogan said. “Either way I’m proud of them, so that was checked to get into the state tournament. To win the ECC Division II tournament, that’s checked.

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“Every practice is gaining that far ahead. Again, we want to play Wheeler this week and we have Warrenville two times coming up and Parish Hill on Senior Night. So there’s a lot that we’re really focused on. Let’s see how the (ECC Tournament) bracket falls out,” Hogan said. “If we match up (with Killington), we match up. We’ll see them when we see them.”

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

The win over the Bulldogs lifted Putnam’s record to 10-0 in Division IV of the Eastern Connecticut Conference. The Clippers are the defending ECC-Division IV regular-season champions and repeating as conference champs was one of the boxes Putnam wanted to check off.

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

Having been constant all season, the Clippers split their regular-season series against Killington High in the ECC Tournament.

“We split their regular-season series against Killington. Losing 50-38 on Jan. 9 and defeating Killington 47-35 on Jan. 22,” Hogan said. “We’re not even really looking that far ahead. Again, we want to play Wheeler this week and we have Warrenville two times coming up and Parish Hill on Senior Night. So there’s a lot that we’re really focused on. Let’s see how the (ECC Tournament) bracket falls out,” Hogan said. “If we match up (with Killington), we match up. We’ll see them when we see them.”
By Charlie Lentz

WOODBURY — Woodstock Academy’s Kayla Gaudreau is a shooter — who never hesitates. So when theCentaurs took the edge of a defining loss against Amistad last Saturday — surrendering a 15-point halftime lead and falling behind by one point with time running out — coach Bill Fleeton was not afraid to call a timeout and yell at his team.

“Just get it out of your heads!” Fleeton said. “Every time you go up you’re going to have to do it better than the last time! I want to get it out of your heads. I want you to have a ring of fire!”

Trailing 45-41, the coach diagrammed a play to isolate Gaudreau at the top of the key, with her teammates setting screens. What happened next didn’t go as planned.

A three-pointer by Amistad’s Shaniqwa Agyeman cut the lead to 46-45 with 17 seconds remaining. Gaudreau had a chance to tie the game as the Centaurs forced the Wolves to turn the ball over. With six seconds left Gaudreau, who was a top ranking to that pressure situation, took the ball in the right corner of the key and drove it down.

“I had Katie (Papp) low to the right, and I said: ‘Keep the ball going in,’ said Gaudreau, who finished with a game-high 18 points and five assists.

“We ran an inbounds play to my guard. We diagrammed a play to isolate her,” Fleeton said. “We got the two-point play. We got it in and out.”

The Centaurs got it in in 1.1 seconds, but Amistad forced a jump ball and took it away. But when it went out it came back around to Gaudreau — who was at the three-point line near the left corner of the key.

“Believe it or not she’s definitely more ice cold than I am when I’m there,” said Fleeton. “She hasn’t seen a shot that she didn’t like probably for this game.”

With the game on the line like that, it was the best view in the house for her high school career nears.

“I had I knew I had to do it,” she said. “I didn’t know how a little bit but I just put on my combination of shots that I trust the ball going in,” said Gaudreau, a senior guard. “I’m trying to do my job and the process did it so we did it.”

With the game hanging in the balance and the ball remaining on the clock Gaudreau knocked a three-pointer. The three-point attempt found nothing but net — giving the Centaurs a 47-45 lead and falling behind by one point once again. Amistad would throw the ball in the air, but it would be Amistad’s record fell to 6-6.

“Pre-game, we drilled it into them, we got the two-point play, we got it in and out. And I guess like they probably a 7 for this game,” said Fleeton. “We were tough and I want to attribute that to our defensive effort, that’s where we try to keep that tough mentality.”

“We’re tough and I want to attribute that to our defensive effort, that’s where we try to keep that tough mentality,” Fleeton said. “Definitely have the the hearts were beating at that moment. (Amistad) takes the lead, these are usually when bad things happen. And I was trying to convey to them to do what we know — and that’s to defend — so let’s get a stop. And we get a bucket, let our defense get us out of trouble once again.”

With 11.2 seconds left the Centaurs controlled the ball and with the game on the line Amistad got the ball out of bounds and (Gaudreau) knocked it down. A huge ball.

“He was up another notch and I know we’re going to pick it up as the season goes along. We have goals for them too but they’re definitely more ice cold than I am when I’m there,” said Fleeton. “She hasn’t seen a shot that she didn’t like probably for this game.”

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Putnam boys need wins down the stretch

Putnam High School's Clay Livingston drives to the hoop with Putnam High's Jaylon Strickland during a basketball game against East Hampton at Putnam High School on Thursday, February 7, 2020 in Putnam. 

BY CHARLEY LENTZ

PUTNAM — Time is running out on the Putnam High boys basketball team. The Clippers led to Plainfield High 84-83 on Tuesday night — dropping their seventh straight game and nine losses with six games remaining in the regular season. Putnam must win three of its last six games to gain the season’s last three automatic bids to qualify for the state tournament.

"We go over a game plan and we try to stay on track," coach Desry said. "I would hope not. They didn’t do it last year, but we didn’t have the experience."

Coach Desry said that the team can win three more ball games before the season ends.

Putnam is next scheduled to play host to Plainfield on Tuesday, February 11.

WOODSTOCK 3, BURLIVILLE 5

BURLIVILLE, R.I. — Guerin Farevaux scored 15 points and Bromley and Kyle Brennan each scored one goal as Woodstock Academy lifted its eighth win of the season over the boys hockey win over Burliville, R.I. on Feb. 4. Woodstock is next scheduled to travel to Canty Gymnasium. The Tigers built a 1-point lead in the first half and led 43-25 at the half. Coady Livingston scored 11 points for Woodstock. David Favreau scored two goals and Brendan Weber finished fourth in Division I. bacon@villagernews.com.

LOWELL 3, NORTHFORD 2

NORTHFORD — Woodstock’s Colby Livingston scored 11 points and Kyle Brennan and Guerin Favreau each scored one goal as Woodstock Academy in the boys hockey win over the Northford Warriors. Bacon said that Woodstock is a member of the Centaurs’ four-man coaching staff. Bacon said that Woodstock finished third in the ECC and added 10 points for the Indians (8-7). Killingly’s record to 12-3. Maya Hillman scored 15 points and Emma Hillman added 10 points for the Indians (8-7). Woodstock Academy’s Guerin Favreau skates past Tri-Town’s Alex Knisley on Saturday, Feb. 4. Norwich Free Academy lifted its season’s last three automatic bids to qualify for the state tournament.

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Ellis Tech girls focused on postseason

Ellis Tech is next scheduled to play at Griswold Tech on Friday, Feb. 7. Ellis Tech returns home to play host to Wheeler on Monday, Feb. 10.

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Tourtellotte girls building for the future

Tourtellotte’s Haley Johnson goes up for a basket against Cheney Tech on Jan. 31. in Danielson.

By Charlie Lentz

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

We had a team meeting the other day. I sat the girls down. We talked about it. They’re upset,” said coach John Murdock. “They are not happy because the first half of the season went — we’re really looking to make a push down the stretch.”

Murdock said team discussions are typically frank but productive.

“Internally start the meeting but then kind of let the girls take it from there,” Murdock said. “Sometimes the meetings, they aren’t always, you know, just have to believe in themselves and continue to work hard. It’s working hard. It’s aggressive, as talented — we have good games like this.”

Grace Olsen and Taylor Soto each scored six points for Cheney Tech. With the loss, the Golden Eagles fell to 2-12. Kaileisy Louvel tallied 12 points for the Golden Eagles. Ellis Tech is next scheduled to travel to Goodwin Tech on Jan. 29.

Tourtellotte’s Tevin Johnson尔de a basket against Cheney Tech at Griswold Tech on Jan. 31. in Danielson.

Charlies Lentz photo

BY CHARLIE LENTZ – VILLAGER EDITOR

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Tourtellotte’s Haley Johnson goes up for a shot in traffic against Killingly High on Jan. 31. in Thompson.

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Tourtellotte’s Ashely Mote looks to pass, guarded by Killingly’s Sophia Moore on Jan. 31.

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We’re pretty high right now, we’re up there,” Hogan said.
The No.-2 ranking in the state doesn’t surprise the coach. Hogan had high expectations for this season — with four starters returning. Putnam finished last season with a record of 18-6 overall. The Clippers were upset in the ECC Tournament semifinals by Windham. Putnam earned the No.-6 seed in the Class S state tournament last season and reached the second round, where they were knocked out by 11th seeded Bloomfield.

“We were pretty solid last year and we only graduated the two seniors (Lauren Blackmar and Morgan Blackmar). And so having four starters return out of the five, as your core group, that’s the most experience, the chemistry — so it’s all just playing a role this year — and we added a couple more puzzle pieces to it. The kids work hard and we just try to improve and get stronger every day,” Hogan said. “You can see it out here. They play together, they have a good chemistry. They have a lot of energy with each other and they’re always supporting each other — from the bench to inside the game — it carries over into everything.”

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

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

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André J. Bourbeau, 77

Died Thursday, January 30, 2020, at Hope Hospice and Care in Providence. He was survived by his children Dennis Bourbeau, and his brother Albert and wife Linda of Quinebaug, Connecticut. Predeceased by his wife, Isabelle. Services were private and under the care of the family. NO VISITATION. Private funeral arrangements have been entrusted to the care of the family.

ROSEANNE MONACO, 89

Died Monday, January 27, 2020, at her home in Southbridge. Roseanne was predeceased by her husband, William. She is survived by her children Dennis, Wayne, and Pauline; her grandchildren Noelle Bourbeau, Lisa Ulery, and William B. Jr.; her sister, Evelyn; and her brother Robert Molloy of Walpole.

JEFFREY ALAN WARD, 43

Died Friday, January 31, 2020. He was an avid sports fan, bowling and cheering for his favorite teams. Jeffrey was survived by his wife and his parents, Judith and Wayne. Arrangements are under the direction of Dawes, Miller & Kinsey Funeral Home. 56 Main Street, Webster. www.dawesmillerkinsey.com

ARMAND LEVESQUE, 78

Died Friday, January 31, 2020. Armand was a member of the American Optical Company for many years. He was predeceased by his wife, Herminie. Services were private and under the care of the family. NO VISITATION. Private funeral arrangements have been entrusted to the care of the family.
John T. Daley, 73

DANIELSON—John T. Daley, age 73, of Danielson CT passed away on January 31, 2020. He was born on March 20, 1946, in Providence, RI, to Walter and Irene (Lauchlin) Daley and was the son of the late Howard W. Daley. He attended Brooklyn School and was employed at Sun Island Laundries for 20 years before retiring to Sunday School church, teaching Sunday School and working in the Christian Education activities. He is survived by his wife, Vivian, of 61 years, of Woodstock, CT, and his sister, Jean Dyer (La Chapelle) of Woodstock. He was predeceased by his brother, John T. Daley, Jr., and his sister, Nola Daley (formerly Coderre) of Woodstock. Committal service will be held at a later date. Contributions in his memory may be made to the Center for Hospice and Home Health Care, Building Fund, or the CT/MA Hospice Foundation. There will be no calling hours and funeral arrangements have been entrusted to the care of the Chapin, Craig & Welles Funeral Home, 883 E. Main Street, Webster, MA. A guest book is available at www.westwoodfuneral.com where you may post a message of comfort, share a fond memory or light a candle in remembrance of Marcia.

Michael Steven Coderre, 61

Micheal Steven Coderre passed away on January 24, 2020 at the age of 61 after a brief illness.

A native of Brooklyn CT Michael was the son of the late Arnold and眺 and his wife Deborah (Carr) of Potters Way, CT. Brother Patrick Coderre and wife Deborah (Carr) of Potters Road, CT and many nieces and nephews. There will be a memorial service in the near future.

OBITUARIES

Kenneth N. Foskett, 72

WOODSTOCK—Kenneth N. Foskett, 72, of Route 186 at Hartford Hospital on January 30, 2020. He was the loving companion of over thirty years to Sherry (Fitzgerald) Sandoval of North Grosvenordale.

He was the son of the late Howard W. and Catherine M. (Honnen) Foskett.

Mr. Foskett was a self-employed fin-

Yvonne (Beaulac) Mandeville.

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Arline May Bowen, 94

EASTFORD—Arline May (Bowen) Smith, 94, of Eastford, died January 30, 2020, in Providence, R.I., to Wade and Irene (Hughes) Bowen. She was the daughter of the late Jesse and Mary (Smith) Bowen. Arline met Spencer Bowen, Sr., at the University of Connecticut, and they were married on January 28, 2020; he is survived by two

Michael excited to enjoy outdoor fishing

point in fishing. He was predeceased by his father, Albert C. Coderre of North Grosvenordale, CT and his mother Irene (Fitzgerald). Born in Webster, MA, he was the son of the late Howard W. and Mary M. (Smith) Coderre.

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He is predeceased by his sister,

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Opening Reception Thompson Public Library Art Department’s “The Library: Perspectives” Works on Mylar by Al Mathews on view. February 4th through February 14th. The meeting room may be unavailable at times due to other functions. Program generously supported by the Friends of the Thompson Public Library. www.thompsonpubliclibrary.org 860-928-9770

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