



Rick Hayes, left, and Anne Dauphinais, center, talk with Denise Tift, Director of Community Outreach at The Arc Eastern Connecticut during their visit to the Brooklyn Redemption Center.

Hayes and Dauphinais visit The Arc

WOODSTOCK — State Representatives Anne Dauphinais (R-44, Killingly) and Rick Hayes (R-51, Putnam, Thompson) were invited to the Arc's Bottle and Can Redemption Center in Woodstock last week to get an up-close view of what is being done at the facility and hear more about how it operates.

One of the topics discussed during the event was Connecticut's current bottle bill and previous legislative attempts to update its current language. Proponents who support the update seek to increase the redemption rates for the items currently being collected while also expanding the types of plastic containers deemed recyclable. Currently plastic nip and Gatorade bottles, among others, don't fall under the list of acceptable recyclables like beer cans and bottles do, and therefore discarded as regular waste.

"Last session, as a mem-

ber of the Environment Committee, I listened to many hours of testimony about the status and effectiveness of our state's current bottle bill. Despite no action taken being taken at that time, I do anticipate many more discussions on this subject as we prepare for the 2020 legislative session," Hayes said. "I would like to thank the Arc

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Woodstock Little League starts Challenger program

WOODSTOCK — Woodstock Little League recently announced it is offering the Little League Challenger Program for the 2020 season. The Little League Challenger program was founded in 1989 and is an adaptive baseball program for boys and girls with physical, intellectual or developmental challenges. There are no league boundaries for this program — all players ages 4 to 18 are welcome from any town in the area.

Any individual with a physical or intellectual challenge may participate. If an individual can participate in the traditional Little League baseball or softball program with reasonable accommodations they should do so. The Little League Challenger Division accommodates players ages 4 to 18; or up to age 22 if still enrolled in school. The fundamental goal of the Little League Challenger Division is to provide an environment where participants can learn and enjoy the game of baseball in an environment structured to their abilities. Buddies and/or parents are on the field to assist players in the areas of batting, fielding, and base running when necessary. Baseball can be a great adaptive sport for kids; however, baseball is just a piece of what the Challenger league provides. Not only is this an opportunity for children with physical or

mental limitations to participate on a team, but a way to build confidence, friendships and a sense of community while being paired with buddies who play Little League.

The Buddy program is not only successful at helping to teach adaptive baseball skills, but has also been a great way to integrate our kids into their communities. Our Buddies not only provide modeling and assistance on the baseball field, but they quite frequently recognize, acknowledge, support and encourage our special needs players when they encounter them in the community.

Our Challenger teams are not designed for competition, but as a welcoming and adaptive place for players of all abilities to develop at their own pace, in a safe and inviting environment. The games consist of two innings, with each player batting and playing in the field each inning. Some athletes hit off a tee, some hit a ball pitched by a coach. All games will be played in Woodstock at Roseland Park.

Parent involvement is also welcomed and encouraged. The league needs coaches and volunteers to make this work. For more information, contact randy@ctdistrict12.org or sign up today at woodstocklittleleague.org and come help us build a special community where our children can thrive.

Danielson Legion hosts oratorical contest

DANIELSON — Burdick /L'Homme American Legion Post 21 of Danielson will be holding an Oratorical Contest on Feb. 3. This Contest is open to any high school student from Killingly High School and Harvard H. Ellis Technical School.

The purpose of The American Legion High School Oratorical Scholarship Program "A Constitutional Speech Contest" is to develop a deeper knowledge and appreciation of the Constitution of the United States among high school students. Other objectives of the contest include the development of leadership qualities, the ability to think and speak clearly and intelligently, and the preparation for acceptance of the duties and responsibilities, rights, and privileges of American citizenship.

According to Charles Crowley, Commander of Danielson Post 21, the Oratorical Contest is held on local levels, with the winner from each local Post moving on to a District contest. Winners of the District contests com-

pete at the State level, with the winner moving on to the National Competition, held each year in Indianapolis. The winner of the National Contest receives a \$20,000 college scholarship; second place receives \$17,000; third place \$15,000. In addition to the scholarships awarded at the national competition, there are several hundred scholarships awarded at the discretion of intermediate organizations to participants at Post, district/county, and state levels.

Hosting the Oratorical Contest is one of the American Legions' tenets in promoting youth development, according to Crowley. The other pillars of the American Legion include service to Veterans and the community.

The local contest will be held at 6 p.m. on Feb. 3 at Ellis Tech in Danielson. The District 4 Contest will be held at 9 a.m. on Feb. 22 at the Loos Center for the Arts on Woodstock Academy's South Campus. Members of the public are invited to attend both of these events.



Charlie Lentz photo

WOODSTOCK — Woodstock Academy's Aidan Morin goes up for a shot surrounded by Killingly High's Yianna Baribeau, left, Riley Zadora, center, and Ethan Preston, right, at Alumni Fieldhouse on Monday, Jan. 20. High school sports coverage begins on page B-1 of The Villager sports section.



Future business moguls

DAYVILLE — Killingly High School Future Business Leaders of America (FBLA) sponsors an annual essay writing contest for seventh graders at the Intermediate School in recognition of American Enterprise Day. Students are asked to write about a business that they would like to see opened in the Killingly Commons. The FBLA members read over

100 entries and chose students to recognize for their creative business ideas. This collaboration between high school and middle school students started in 2009 and will hopefully continue for many years to come.

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Killingly Intermediate School Grade 7 American Enterprise Day Essay Contest winners and their teachers.

Women’s March in Pomfret

BY CAROL DAVIDGE
FOR THE VILLAGER

POMFRET — Women from throughout northeastern Connecticut gathered to on Jan. 18 in Pomfret to show solidarity with the Washington DC “Women’s March,” despite wind chill temperatures of close to zero degrees. Cris Cadiz

of Pomfret is a co-founder of “Quiet Corner Shouts!,” a grassroots organization that encourages civic engagement and organized the event. Cadiz and others from Pomfret had attended the first Women’s March in 2017, traveling on buses, and enduring day-long cold temperatures then. “It’s great that folks braved the cold to

show that we’re still here,” said Cadiz. “I want to give a positive message,” said Christine LaBrash, from Putnam, who was dressed in red white and blue and waved American flags. Passing cars honked, drivers waved, and some big rigs blew their air horns. “A very inspiring morning,” said Cheryl Kapelner-Champ of Pomfret,

who wore a Lady Liberty headband and prepared for the cold morning by wearing a yellow mittens, a big wool coat, flannel leggings printed with polar bears, wool socks, mittens and heavy shoes.



Carol Davidge photos

The Women’s March in Pomfret on Jan.18 was attended by Monica McKenna, from Thompson, and Cheryl Kapelner-Champ, from Pomfret.



Christine LaBrash of Putnam presented a patriotic message as she attended the Women’s March in Pomfret.



Cris Cadiz of Pomfret and Elizabeth Beman, both from Putnam.



Women from throughout northeastern Connecticut demonstrated at the Women’s March in Pomfret.

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of Eastern Connecticut for hosting this open discussion and offering their perspective as a redemption center. The dialog with the ARC staff and many of my legislative colleagues will be helpful as we move forward.” “I want to thank everyone involved for the opportunity to come here and better understand how the redemption center collects and processes recyclables,” Dauphinais said. «It was mentioned that there is approximately 30 million in unclaimed

deposits. Unfortunately, rather than this money being appropriated for the purpose of keeping Connecticut’s land and waterways clean, its placed into the abyss of the General Fund where it can be spent on any number of unrelated things. I believe this unclaimed money would be best suited for the purpose of keeping Connecticut clean and preserving its natural beauty not in the General Fund bucket where no one knows how its being spent.» Woodstock’s redemption center currently employs ten people with intellectual and developmental disabilities who help

processes over 50,000 items a week. In addition to the center, the northeast corner has eleven different collection sites scattered throughout the towns of Brooklyn, Dayville, Putnam, Thompson and Woodstock which also collect clean and redeemable recyclables. All cans and bottles donated via these bins or at the redemption center itself go to benefit the Arc and Arc related programs. The redemption center is located at 22 CT-171 in Woodstock. For more information, visit thearcct.org

POLICE LOGS

Editor’s note: The information contained in these police logs was obtained through either press releases or public documents kept by the Connecticut State Police Troop D and the Putnam Police Department and is considered the account of the police. All subjects are considered innocent until proven guilty in a court of law. If a case is

dismissed in court or the party is found to be innocent, The Villager, with proper documentation, will update the log at the request of the party.

Putnam Police Department

Jan. 13
Eric Whitley, 23, of 160 Farrows Street, #14 Putnam, was charged with Disorderly Conduct.
Jan. 18
Sanitago Morales Velasquez, 34, of 63 Pomfret Street, Putnam, was charged with Following to Closely, Operation of a motor vehicle without a license.

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QMC holds open house



Karen Butera photo
Principal of Quinebaug Middle College, Mary Kay Tshonas, M and Dean of Students Mike Dube

BY KAREN BUTERA
FOR THE VILLAGER

DANIELSON — Quinebaug Middle College, a magnet high school on the campus of Quinebaug Valley Community College, held an open house on Jan. 15.

“QMC prides itself on recognizing the unique personalities and individual strengths of our students,” said Mary Kay Tshonas, the school’s principal. “QMC students can obtain their high school diploma while also taking college courses for credit at no cost to them. They need to take a class their

first year to experience how to study and to learn time management.”
The open house enabled students and families that were interested in the school a chance to see what they had to offer before deciding if they would like to sign up. QMC offers a chance to complete high school and also earn college credits at the same time.
The school opened in the fall of 2008 with 34 students and has increased more in size every year since then. It now holds a maximum of 180 students. Schools from 22 towns participate in the program. The class size averages 15 students which gives them more individualized help than a regular high school.
“There is a full time counselor on hand to help handle the transition, and a school psychologist is also available,” said Tshonas.
Part of the Mission and Vision statement in the Program of Studies book is, “To provide a challenging, personalized, comprehensive learning environment that fosters the skills, knowledge, habits and individual discipline necessary for students from diverse backgrounds to realize their ambitions and contribute in a positive, meaningful way to their community and culture.”
Some students can end up with 40 or more college credits.
“It is a magnet school for early college access,” said Tshonas. “The open house is for perspective students and their families. We hold two per year. Our current application deadline is February 28. Accepted Student night is March 25.”
The school has been New England Association of Schools and Colleges-NEASC Accreditation since October 2017.

ACCURACY WATCH

The Villager Newspapers is committed to accuracy in all its news reports. Although numerous safeguards are in place to ensure accurate reporting, mistakes can occur. Confirmed fact errors will be corrected at the top right hand corner of page A3 in a timely manner.

If you find a mistake call (860) 928-1818 or e-mail charlie@villager-newspapers.com.

Potato fundraiser at St. Mary’s

PUTNAM — There will be a baked potato buffet in the downstairs hall of St. Mary’s Church, 218 Providence Street, Putnam, on Saturday, Feb. 8, from 5 p.m. to 7 p.m. Five dollars per person buys a whole baked potato, with seven toppings to choose from, plus dessert and coffee or tea. Eat in or take out. Proceeds benefit the Troop 21 Scouts BSA, Boy Scouts of America, summer camp fund. For information, call (860) 928-7241

Bogdanski presents anti-bullying program



Courtesy photos
Mike Bogdanski instructed Sterling Community School students about bullying.



STERLING — Mike Bogdanski, co-owner of Quest Martial Arts in Putnam, recently brought his anti-bullying program, called H.E.R.O.: Helping Everyone Respect Others, message to Sterling Community School students.

Bogdanski’s message combined non-violent martial arts philosophy with the traditional life skills coaching he learned through his background in psychology and school counseling. Bogdanski is an anti-bully activist.

Putnam student wins essay contest



Courtesy photo
Putnam High’s Ellie Morissette

PUTNAM — Putnam High School senior Ellie Morissette’s essay on her dream that women belong in the STEM field (science, technology, engineering, mathematics), won the Living Faith United Methodist Church’s Martin Luther King Jr. essay contest.
High school students were invited to write a 500-word essay explaining how Dr. King’s dream connects to their own and how his words have inspired them to fight for their dream. Morissette

wrote, the “low participation among women in the (STEM) field was genuinely concerning and frightening while planning my future, but I plan to add on to the number”.
She continued «Dr. King has given me hope for future equality; his dream has seen major improvement and I have faith that in time, mine will as well”.
Morissette presented her winning essay at the Living Faith United Methodist Church’s Martin Luther King

Jr. breakfast on Jan. 20. She provided attendees with a reminder that King’s dream continues to inspire Americans and that while many aspects of his dream have been achieved, the “spirit that Martin Luther King had during his fight for racial equality needs to be applied to the fight for gender equality to make progress for women”.
Morissette hopes to achieve her dream by attending UConn and pursuing a degree in mathematics.

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Kamara is Westview Employee of the Month

DAYVILLE — Liliya Kamara, registered nurse, is the Westview Health Care Center Employee of the Month for December. Since joining Westview in 2016, Kamara’s colleagues have seen her rise as an integral member of the second shift nursing corps in her role as a charge Nurse in the residential wings of the skilled nursing and rehabilitation center.

In addition to her strong base of medical knowledge, Kamara possesses a level of compassion for patients—as well as their respective families—that is rooted in her own strong familial bonds. Born in Russia, Kamara’s family moved to Kazakhstan when she was just two years old. In the year 2000 she moved to the United States of America and has been a Putnam resident ever since. She earned an Associates Degree as a Registered Nurse. She is fluent in both Russian and English—abilities that are especially impressive when considering all of the medical terminology she can recite in both languages. Of her many academic and life accomplishments, Kamara designates her 2007 achievement of American citizenship as one of her proudest moments.

Kamara is an active member of High

Pointe Church in Thompson and she is very active in the lives of her two girls. Kamara enjoys travelling to see new locations or familiar faces whenever possible. In between all of these moments she does her best to nourish and maintain her succulent plant collection.

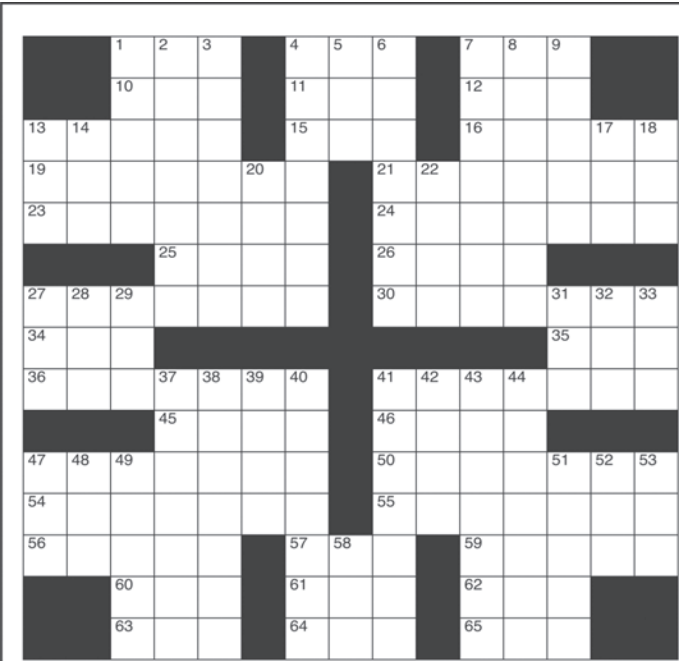
Her daughters Alina and Sofia are 10 and 4 years old, respectively, and they occupy a significant presence in her world.

“They make my heart smile and fill my life with happiness and laughter,” said Kamara. “It was a big surprise but I felt so honored and touched to be chosen as December Employee of the Month by my fellow staff members. Westview is an awesome place to work. Coming here every day feels like coming home to a large extended family. Here, we all truly care.”

David T. Panteleakos, Administrator of Westview Health Care Center stated, “Liliya is an excellent nurse and a wonderful addition to our amazing team of health care professionals. It is the outstanding work of Kamara and her co-workers that make Westview so special.”

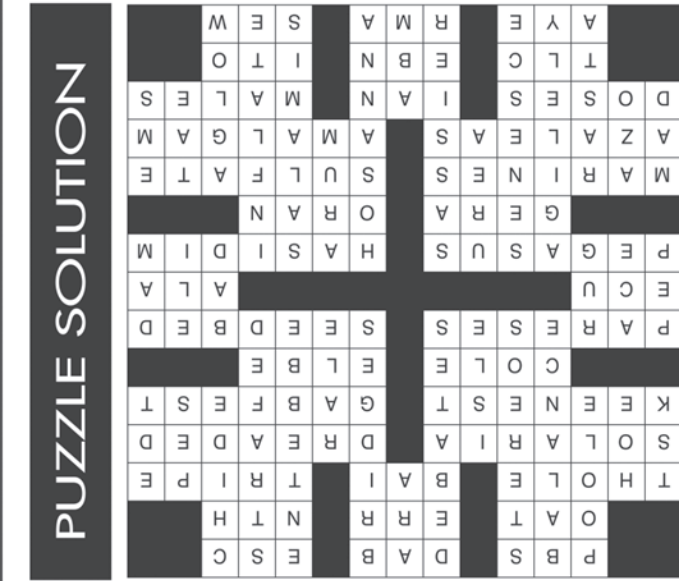


Liliya Kamara
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- CLUES ACROSS**
- 1. Public broadcaster
 - 4. Hit lightly
 - 7. Keyboard key
 - 10. Grain
 - 11. Make a mistake
 - 12. To the ___ degree
 - 13. Endure without complaint
 - 15. Chinese-American actress Ling
 - 16. Edible stomach lining
 - 19. Sunrooms
 - 21. Feared
 - 23. Most eager
 - 24. Excessive chatting session
 - 25. MLB ace
 - 26. Major Central European river
 - 27. Muscular weaknesses
 - 30. Where seedlings germinate
 - 34. Former monetary unit of the EU
 - 35. Personal ads abbreviation
 - 36. Mythical animal
 - 41. Members of Orthodox Jewish sect
 - 45. German city
 - 46. Algerian coastal city
 - 47. Military men
 - 50. Salt of sulfuric acid
 - 54. Rhododendrons
 - 55. Mixture
 - 56. Recommended quantities
 - 57. 007’s creator
 - 59. Men
 - 60. Kids need it
 - 61. Midway between east and east-northeast
 - 62. OJ trial judge
 - 63. Yes vote
 - 64. USDA branch that manages the FCIC
 - 65. Create with cloth

- CLUES DOWN**
- 1. English seaport
 - 2. What’s owed
 - 3. Sound systems
 - 4. Elections feature them
 - 5. Southern constellation
 - 6. London and Brooklyn are two
 - 7. One-time Ugandan capital
 - 8. Attacked with bombs
 - 9. Rebuke
 - 13. Expression of disappointment
 - 14. A way to work the soil
 - 17. The human foot
 - 18. Sun up in New York
 - 20. A small island
 - 22. Abnormal rattling sound
 - 27. Make lively
 - 28. A team’s best pitcher
 - 29. It goes on the floor
 - 31. Not good
 - 32. Peyton’s little brother
 - 33. Barrier that holds back water
 - 37. Move quickly
 - 38. Deteriorate with age
 - 39. Colorless crystalline compound
 - 40. Cheekier
 - 41. Expresses praise or joy
 - 42. Famed boxing promoter
 - 43. Cured sausages
 - 44. Fill with air or gas
 - 47. Angry
 - 48. Chemistry prefix
 - 49. Practitioner of Jamaican religion
 - 51. Softly bright or radiant
 - 52. Buffer solution used to separate nucleic acids
 - 53. First responder group
 - 58. Defensive nuclear weapon



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



George Wilhelm Friedrich Hegel

Tai Chi and Qigong Class offered

PUTNAM — Beginning on Sunday Feb. 2 Therapeutic Enterprises in Putnam will be hosting a Tai Chi and Qigong class that will be taught by Barry Jessurun, a 20-year practitioner who lives in the Quiet Corner. The 75-minute session will include warm up exercises, easy Qigong forms, and steps to learn a Yang Style Tai Chi form. Therapeutic Enterprises is located at 174 Providence Street in Putnam. The classes will be Sundays at 10 a.m. from February 2 to April 5. Cost is \$120. For more information e-mail qc.tai.chi@gmail.com

In a press release Jessurun said “Tai Chi is a low-impact, slow-motion exercise, you go without pausing through a series of motions named for animal actions, for example, “white crane spreads its wings” - or martial arts moves, such as “box both ears.” As you move,

you breathe deeply and naturally, focusing your attention, as in some kinds of meditation, on your bodily sensations. Tai Chi differs from other types of exercise in several respects. The movements are usually circular and never forced, the muscles are relaxed rather than tensed, the joints are not fully extended or bent, and connective tissues are not stretched.

Jessurun said the forms in Qigong are not nearly as intricate as those in Tai Chi; they need not be executed as precisely. Qigong forms are free in movement and can be merged with an individual’s moving manner. The same form may look slightly different depending on the practitioner’s style of movement, but it is still the same form, and importantly it provides the same healing benefits even if the movements are not done precisely.

Jessurun said Tai Chi is per-

haps the most effective way to develop balanced health for the body and the mind. Jessurun said it develops: Improved overall health; Calmness and focus of mind

Increased energy; Suppleness, strength, co-ordination, balance, and agility; Relaxation and freedom from stress; Strengthening of the internal functions of the body, such as the immune system, metabolic functions, and cardiovascular system; Understanding of the body’s processes and self-healing.

Jessurun said Tai Chi is an ancient, time-tested traditional Chinese method of self-development, and is a subtle blend of the most refined Medical, Meditative and Martial knowledge combining self-discipline, graceful movement and effortless power. For more information contact: qc.tai.chi@gmail.com.

Putnam Lions scholarships

PUTNAM — The Putnam Lions Memorial Scholarships applications are now available from the Putnam High School Guidance Department or from Lions Jim or Deb St. Jean at Chase Graphics Inc. (860) 928-3973. The \$1,000 non-renewable scholarships are available to any graduating senior or home-

school student who is a Putnam resident, regardless of high school attended. The student does not need to be affiliated with the Putnam Lions and/or the Leo Club.

Putnam Lions Memorial scholarships are awarded based on academic achievement, leadership, service and a student’s

statement. The fully completed applications are due in the Putnam High School Guidance Department or to the Lions Scholarship Committee by April 1. Late or incomplete applications will not be considered. Scholarships will be awarded in June.

PUBLIC MEETINGS

BROOKLYN	7 p.m.	6p.m.
Monday, Jan. 27 ZBA, 6:30, p.m., Clifford B. Green Memorial Center	Wednesday, Jan. 29 Solid Waste Sub Committee, 5:30 p.m., Town Hall, Room 204	THOMPSON Monday, Jan. 27 Board of Education Budget Workshops, 6 p.m., District Auditorium Planning and Zoning Commission, 7 p.m., Merrill Seney Community Room
Wednesday, Jan. 29 Budget Workshop, 6 p.m., Central Office Community Room Board of Education, 7 p.m., Central Office Community Room	Tuesday, Jan. 28 Pomfret Library Board of Trustees, 7 p.m., Pomfret Library	Wednesday, Jan. 29 Agricultural Commission, 7 p.m., Merrill Seney Community Room
KILLINGLY	PUTNAM	WOODSTOCK
Monday, Jan. 27 Board of Recreation, 6 p.m., Killingly Community Center Democratic Town Committee,	Monday, Jan. 27 Board of Finance, 7 p.m., Selectmen’s Chambers Thursday, Jan. 30 Building Committee, Special,	Monday, Jan. 27 Conservation, 7 p.m., Room A Historic Properties, 7 p.m., Room B Tuesday, Jan. 28 WPCA, 7 p.m., Room A



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Essentially just oil

BY KAREN BUTERA
FOR THE VILLAGER

THOMPSON — Thompson Ecumenical Empowerment Group sponsored a talk by mother and daughter team, Elaine Ferris and Michelle Rodriguez on essential oils on Jan. 13. They were invited as part of TEEG's Focus on Family Program.

"People in the community can use the programs to help enhance and improve their quality of life through the programs," Therese Horvath, Client Care Manager for TEEG.

"I found out how many chemicals are in many of our bath and body products and wanted to find more natural alternatives," said Rodriguez, as the scent of essential oils in a diffuser began to circulate the room. "I started five years ago to eliminate these chemicals."

"I fell in love with the product," said Ferris. "I am a little OCD when it comes to oils."

Mother and daughter started to work together. They also use their products for their own personal use and are happy to share their knowledge with others. Along with product brochures, they also handed out a safety chart at

the TEEG event.

No one knows for sure when essential oils and aromatherapy first originated, but it is believed that the Egyptians created the first machine that extracted oils from certain plants. Today they are known for many different uses. Lavender is known to calm while peppermint can be used for an upset stomach. There are oils for pain, respiratory health, sinus relief, GI tract health and to cleanse bacteria.

Essential oils can enter your body in a couple of different ways. You can apply them directly to the skin. The active chemicals can be absorbed through the skin like any other type of balm or pain cream. This can also be done by adding a few drops of the oil to what is called a carrier oil, such as sweet almond oil or even olive oil. It can then be massaged in. Another way would be to inhale it by putting the oil in a diffuser.

Essential oils need to be used with care. Some cannot be rubbed directly on the skin and some can increase blood pressure. Many cannot be used on children or pets or used on pregnant woman. It is known to be a great product when used correctly. It is the type of product that you need to do your homework on before using.



Elaine Ferris, left, and Michelle Rodriguez

Karen Butera photo

Hale YMCA Riptides excel



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The Hale YMCA Riptides: Top Row: Assistant Coach William Walsh, Assistant Coach Irma Allegretti, Amella Ditzel, Briana Botelho, Mercedes Aleksjuka, Ruby Fallon, Maggie McHugh, Zachary Beauregard, Delia Bousquet, Tyler Bousquet, AJ Williams, Will Colebourn, Head Coach Brian Reilly. Middle Row: Mary Battersby, Jocelyn Sirrine, Rowan Frazer, Aubrey Paquette, Sophie Godzik, Faith Muga, Gabby Cerasiello, Lillian Bertram, Nora Gosselin, Ryleigh Hitchcock. Bottom Row: Riley Stankiewicz, Lydia Gosselin, Olivia Barker, Carolina Ahearn, Charlotte Donovan, Ben LaChance, Drew DiCicco, James McHugh, Will Leonard, Ethan Sun, Olivia Rasmussen, Bella Congdon, Abby Biggs. Missing from picture: Mary Kate Barnwell, Amanda Cerrone, Roksana Chruslicka, Eli Evers, James Ferguson, Landen Kuchy, Neli Kuznecki, Rocco Rudnicki, Gabriel Rudnicki, Elezar Serandi, Valentina Sedykh-Gil, Vanessa Zeglan, and Assistant Coach Joanna Kokolski.

PUTNAM — The Hale YMCA Riptides made waves against the Old Colony YMCA, in a swim meet held at the Hale YMCA in Putnam on Jan. 11. Over 30 Riptides swimmers competed in the swim meet.

In the 15 & up age division: Ruby Fallon and AJ Williams led the way. Ruby finished 1st in the 50yd Free (31.48) and the 100yd Breaststroke (1:30.43). AJ Williams was victorious in the 50yd Free (25.90) and the 100yd freestyle (1:01.91).

In the 13&14 age division: Brianna Boethlo had three 3rd place finishes in the 100yd Backstroke, the 100yd Breaststroke, and 100yd Freestyle. Delia Bousquet won the 200yd Freestyle (2:43.70), and she also had two third place finishes in the 50yd Freestyle, and 500yd Freestyle.

In the 11/12 age group, the team of Nora Gosselin (Backstroke) Jocelyn Sirrine (Breaststroke), Lillian Bertram (Butterfly), and Gabby Cerasiello (Freestyle) picked up a silver medal in the 200 Medley Relay. Individual scorers included: Mercedes Alexjuka had two victories (50 Freestyle (30.16) and 100yd Freestyle (1:09.24). Lillian Bertram also placed 3rd in the 50 Backstroke. Gabby Cerasiello had impressive best times in the 50yd Freestyle and the 50yd Backstroke. Maggie McHugh had a win in the 200 Individual Medley (3:21.89), as well as a second place finish in the 50 Breaststroke and a third place finish in the 50 Freestyle. For the

11 & 12 boys, the team of Zackary Beauregard, Ethan Sun, William Colebourn and Tyler Bousquet won 200 Medley Relay (2:59.29). Drew DeCicco recorded best times in the 50 Freestyle and 50 Backstroke. Bousquet also won the 200yd free (2:43.70). William Colebourn had additional victories in the 200 IM (2:46.20) and the 50 Breaststroke (44.73).

In the 9/10 age group, the team of Sophie Godzik (Backstroke), Audrey Paquette (Breaststroke), Rowan Frazer (Butterfly), and Charlotte Donovan (Freestyle), took the gold in the 200 Medley Relay (3:44.08). Godzik, Paquette, Frazer, and Donovan would also go to post best times in their swims in 50 & 100 Freestyle, 50 Backstroke and 50 Breaststroke. Carolina Ahern and Mary Battersby had best times in their freestyle and backstroke events, and they teamed up with Charlotte Donovan, and Sophie Godzik in the 200 Freestyle Relay. Faith Muga won the 50yd Butterfly (53.39) and qualified for the Newport Pentathlon.

Rowan Frazer took the 50 Free (34.60), and her third place finish in the 100yd Free (1:17.09) bested the qualifying time for the New England YMCA Championships.

Mary Kate Barnwell won the 50 Backstroke and has qualified for the NE Championship meet in five events (50 and 100 Free, 50 Fly, 50 Back, and 100 IM). Barnwell also anchored the winning 200yd Freestyle Relay which included Faith

Muga, Ryleigh Hitchcock, and Amelia Dietzel.

For the boys in the 9/10 age group, Ben LaChance also qualified for the New England YMCA Championships in the (50 Fly, 50 Breaststroke, and 50 free). LaChance also won the 100 Individual medley in 1:30. James McHugh and Ethan Sun also had best times in the freestyle and Breaststroke events, and Ethan Sun also landed a third place finish in the 50 Backstroke.

In the 8 & under age group, Will Leonard scored big, with two third place finishes in the 25yd Freestyle and the 25yd Backstroke. For the girls, Olivia Barker (Backstroke), Riley Stankiewicz (Breaststroke), Olivia Rasmussen (Butterfly), and Abby Biggs (Freestyle) all competed well in the 100 Medley Relay. Isabella Congdon, Olivia Rasmussen, Olivia Barker, and Abby Biggs all had best times in the 25yd

Free. Rasmussen took and placed third in the 100yd Individual Medley Butterfly. Riley Stankiewicz won the 25yd Butterfly (26.57)



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Students encouraged to apply for CHET scholarships

PUTNAM — State Treasurer Shawn T. Wooden, Trustee of the Connecticut Higher Education Trust (CHET), launched the annual CHET Advance Scholarship on Jan. 21 with several new features. Since the launch of the Scholarship in 2013, \$3 million has been given away to students ranging from sixth grade to seniors in high school. This year, the program will focus exclusively on high school freshmen. Windham County high school freshmen are encouraged to participate!

“CHET is dedicated to helping Connecticut families find ways to afford college,” said Wooden. “By offering a scholarship program to our youngest high schoolers in Windham County and across the state, we’re allowing account contributions more time to grow so by the time students start to draw on these accounts, compounding interest has had a chance to do its job.”

CHET Advance Scholarship was created to help Connecticut families save and pay for the rising cost of a college education. According to US News & World Report, the average cost for the 2019-2020 year for a public, in-state school is \$10,116, for a four-year public out-of-state college is \$22,577, and a private four-year college is \$36,801. This is an average increase of about 4% for both public college options and

a 3% increase for private colleges. This year, 160 students will be eligible for up to a \$2,023 (Class of 2023) initial account contribution with a match of \$500 if they save an additional \$500 in a CHET account by December of their senior year. To receive the scholarship, students are required to interview a community, civic or government leader and complete a series of questions as part of their application.

“I’m excited to announce the addition of a civic engagement component to this year’s scholarship. Studies have shown that civic engagement is good for young people,” said Wooden. “It helps build important learning skills and problem-solving techniques yet also creates connections and forms self-esteem; all of which are essential abilities needed to succeed in today’s world.”

There will also be a non-merit category that students may choose to enter. Recipients will receive an initial account contribution of up to \$1,250 with a match of \$500 if they save an additional \$500 in a CHET account by December of their senior year.

For the first time in the Scholarship’s history, there will be a category specifically for those students attending the Connecticut Technical Education and Career System (CTECS).

“Trade schools are an extremely valuable and

essential part of any economy. In Connecticut, we have a shortage of qualified workers to fill quality manufacturing jobs,” said Wooden. “Our focus should be on connecting skilled workers with the training and education to grow a new generation of workers for the many manufacturers within our state. What many people don’t realize is that CHET funds can also be used for accredited trade and vocational schools as well.”

CHET funds can be applied to tuition, fees, books, supplies and equipment required for courses at accredited, nonprofit post-secondary educational institutions, including vocational and technical schools.

Additionally, the application period for CHET Advance Scholarship also changed this year, moving from the fall to the winter/spring. The application deadline is 11:59 p.m. on Thursday, March 12. For additional information, official rules and an application, visit the CHET Advance Scholarship website, www.chetadvance.com.

CHET Advance Scholarship is funded by TIAA Tuition Financing, Inc. and The Hartford, plan managers for CHET Direct-Sold and CHET Advisor-Sold programs respectively; no state funds or CHET account participant fees are used for awards. International Scholarship and

Tuition Services, which has more than 25 years of scholarship administration experience, manages the application process with oversight from TIAA and the Office of the State Treasurer.

The Connecticut Higher Education Trust (CHET) direct-sold college savings plan was established in 1997 and as of December 2019 has grown to more than \$3.5 billion in assets and 132,000 accounts. Nearly \$2.1 billion has been withdrawn from CHET accounts to help more than 57,000 students pay for college expenses. Funds deposited into a CHET account have tax advantages and can be used at accredited colleges and universities across the country, including vocational and technical schools, and some colleges abroad.

Connecticut residents are allowed to deduct 529 contributions from their state income taxes – up to \$5,000 for an individual or up to \$10,000 for a married couple filing jointly. Investment earnings are exempt from state and federal taxes if used for qualified educational expenses.

The CHET direct-sold plan is managed by TIAA Tuition Financing, Inc. For more information about CHET, visit www.aboutchet.com or call the customer service center at (866) 314-3939. Find us on Facebook (facebook.com/CHETcollegesavings) or follow us on Twitter (@CHET529)

Community defines a Thompson graduate

Thompson Public Schools with technical support from the Connecticut Center for School Change and Connecticut Association of Public School Superintendents (CAPSS) have completed a year-long study to engage the community to determine essential skills all graduates should possess upon graduation. The process began with a core group of school leaders who attended several training sessions sponsored and funded by the aforementioned organizations. This professional learning guided the process which resulted in a final outcome of Thompson Public School’s Portrait of a Graduate.

A Thompson graduate is independent, knowledgeable and community connected: The district organized sessions and met with a variety of stakeholder groups in the commu-

nity that included members of the Board of Education, parents, students, school personnel, and town leaders. In addition, the district reached out to a variety of committees including the Strategic Branding, Fire Advisory, Tourtellotte Memorial High School Alumni, clergy and senior groups. In total, the school department received feedback from over five hundred people. The data collected narrowed down a set of skills the Thompson Community agrees are necessary for students to achieve and master in order to be successful in life after graduating high school.

Independent: An overwhelming response from all stakeholder groups is that students must learn to become independent and take care of themselves regardless of their chosen path upon graduation. Establishing con-



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fidence, good work ethic, time management and by becoming proficient in financial literacy, daily living, oral/written communication, social and interpersonal skills are important to residents.

Knowledgeable: Academic proficiency in all content areas and the arts are at the forefront of the work of schools and it is an obvious focus of the community as an outcome for

all graduates. Equally as important, Thompson students must develop as critical thinkers, problem solvers, understand cultural differences, and the duties and responsibilities of citizenship.

Community connected: Being kind, respectful, empathetic and honest are qualities noted by the community that are important to cultivate among students. People remarked that they would like to see more students participate in community service activities and foster an appreciation of the Town’s rich history. Growing up and learning in a small town offers students a special way to be connected to the community.

The process to define a Thompson “Portrait of a Graduate” allowed many townspeople to give advice and input into the district’s curriculum revision

and overall improvement. The feedback that was received focused on real concerns and areas that the school department must address. Thank you to all for coming together and contributing to creating the vision of future graduates.

Moving forward, the district will align the strategic plan to reflect the goals of the community. The curriculum preschool through graduation will embody the feedback gathered over the last several months. The final outcome of this study will enhance the educational experience for all students and ensure that a Thompson graduate is independent, knowledgeable and community connected.

Melinda Smith is Superintendent of Thompson Public Schools.

It changed everything



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You can have it if you can afford it: A beautiful five-bedroom, stone home that is advertised to “easily accommodate fourteen family members.” Located in Danbury this 4,000 square foot home with oversized windows and a floor-to-ceiling stone fireplace is definitely appealing. But, even with all that, you may wonder why it is on the market for \$2.7 million. The answer: it is located on Candlewood lake.

At 5,420 square acres, Candlewood Lake is the largest manmade lake in Connecticut. With over 60 miles of shoreline, this lake has been a recreation magnet and created some of the most expensive real estate in the area. But it wasn’t created for the real estate value, it was created to be a source for electricity.

The lake was constructed between 1926 and 1928. Six thousand acres of land in five towns had to be purchased from farm owners. One thousand, four hundred men were hired to clear out the valley of four thousand, five hundred acres of trees. Six cemeteries worth of coffins had to be dug up and thirty-five families needed to be relocated. After the hydroelectric dam was built, 7.5 billion gallons of water were pumped up from the Housatonic river to create this major water feature. It changed everything. Average land became prime real estate.

When Connecticut Power and Light launched the project, it was largest of its kind and quite different from the typical reservoir:

Similar to a giant battery, its main purpose is to store water during periods of low electrical demand for power generation when demand is high. Excess electricity from the valley’s hydro-system is used to pump water up a hillside into the lake from the nearby Housatonic River during spring, and overnight hours in summer. The water is then allowed to flow back down into the river when extra electricity is needed in the grid, often during the region’s mid-to-late summer heat waves.

Man has gone to great lengths to create dams and reservoirs, like Candlewood Lake, all over the world. Driven by the need for electricity and massive quantities of water, mankind has built some of the biggest man-made structures on the planet. The survival of a populated

earth demands these great water sources. Now water gates all over the world regulate the flow of water and electricity to the people they serve.

In much the same way, mankind’s spiritual survival is dependent on another source for survival: God’s love and power. Our God is an inexhaustible reservoir. He has ordained gates and channels by which he can flood our lives. He flows through His Word. He flows through people who love and serve Him by ministering to others. He flows through churches who let people know about this tremendous life source. He is the source of salvation joy, peace, healing and wholeness. When God flows into someone’s life, it changes everything.

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POMFRET — The Windham-Tolland 4-H Camp held their Winter Teen Weekend from Jan. 17 through through Jan. 19. Kids from ages 13 through 17 were welcome to participate. Friday evening started off with kids breaking out into small groups to play games followed by dinner.

Karen Butera photos



From left, Julie Provost, Hannah Hart and Julia Harrison



Heather Logee of Killingly 4-H Camp Director talks to the group about expectations for the weekend



From left, Madison Johanson, Abigail Aggarwala, Kourtney Anderson and Rachel Zaretsky



From left, Joe Cadieux, Keegan Rybacki, Jacob Slavsky and Noah Proctor



From left, Jude Caffrey, Logan Bertram, Harrison Bauer, Ross Hill and Elijah Davis



From left, Felicia Famularo, Bella Schayster, Ella Magnus and Ava Kristoff



Front, Ava Buglise and Emily Fulton, back, Clara Girouard and Kayla Pottinger



From left, Max Boulay, Barry McKoner, Anna Moore and Katie Cobe



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Hugging among the canned tomatoes

The robot that roams the aisles at my super market makes me jump and makes me laugh. It has a name and googly eyes. It must be programmed to move away from shoppers before it gets too close, but I don't like it. My laughter is motivated by a touch of anxiety and the fact that a place to see and chat with other people is undergoing a major change. Too bad. At a time when more than ever we need to connect with each other, the places where we bump up into each other are changing.

I'm at a point life where I don't require as many groceries or as many minutes saved. I remember clearly when I needed everything. I would have been near the front of the line to drive up and have my groceries waiting to pop in the

back of the car. Anything that took time or moved slowly was frustrating. I greeted change enthusiastically.



NANCY WEISS

Now I worry more about the people who work as cashiers and baggers. I stand in line rather go to self-checkout as I like to interact with a person. Sometimes they are young people for whom this is the first job. In

many cases in our area, they are seasoned professionals. I read their names on their tags, but I feel I know them a bit from chatting with them over many years. They are invariably patient, polite and often quite witty. It must be part of the personality profile that got them hired in the first place.

The recent requirement that shoppers bring their own bags has given me an increased sense of the skill it takes to bag groceries properly. My efforts often result in a bag that is too heavy or one where I mix the bleach with the butter.

Recently I spent twice as long at the super market as I normally do. I was happy I did. In the course of a busy, pre-snow storm Saturday, the store was bustling. I ran into an acquaintance, whom I see occasionally. Between the lamb chops and the short ribs, we had a conversation of substance about freedom, aging and travel.

Next, I saw a woman, whom I know from my daily walks. I don't know her name, but she and I had an intimate conversation about sickness and health, the random aspect of fate and how to go on when life suddenly presents a catastrophe. We hugged among the canned tomatoes. I felt connected and closer because of our conversation. I hope she did too.

Next I ran into an old friend, whom I never see as often as I would like. He is a hard-working professional, who commutes out of the area, and has a busy social schedule. Although we know each other well enough that we can speak in the short hand of friendship, we enjoyed a long conversation about careers, health, Florida and possums. We were both glad to have met up.

On the drive home, I thought about the conversations I had. They all happened by chance. Perhaps there were shoppers who were annoyed that I blocked portions of the aisles in several places in the store, but it didn't seem to be a problem. The robot, named Wally, went beeping by several times, but no one was talking to him. I hope he never gets programmed to nudge shoppers along. I value whatever places serve as our town squares, our local common, or just the locations where we can bump into each other and have meaningful conversations. That doesn't change.

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OPINION

Opinion and commentary from the Quiet Corner

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

On political correctness

I am just amazed at the hypocrisy generated by some people. Hoween Flexer used a term in an inappropriate context and promptly drew the ire of letter writers who feel she should not be on the BOE. I donot defend Ms. Flexer. Shemade a mistake. However I'm willing to bet that those critical of her are the same people that back a person with white supremacist ties being on the BOE. I've read that we should get to know him, he's a nice guy Well I know Ms. Flexer and she's a nice woman, and she's not tied to racist organizations. They may be the same people who say nothing when Donald Trump mocks the disabled. Or when he uses inappropriate nicknames for anyone he disagrees with. They probably celebrate that he says what he thinks and doesn't bow to political correctness. These may be the same people who were up in arms when Hilary spoke the words, 'basket of deplorables'. Yet they would call the non conservatives 'snowflakes' because

More on Killingly Redmen

Now that national media have printed articles about the Killingly mascot reinstatement, I think it is important to correct misinformation promoted by some Killingly Republicans. The first fact to note is that Republicans did not recently "take over" a majority on the Killingly Board of Education. They were in the majority by a five-to-four margin prior to the November elections. They increased this margin to six-to-three on election day.

There are three foundational lies that are being repeated in the media about the actions in June that resulted in the retirement of the Redmen mascot.

One of the lies is that a Democrat majority voted to remove the mascot. In June, the Board of Education (BOE) was composed of five Republicans and four Democrats. The vote on the key motion was bipartisan: 6-2 supporting the motion, with one Republican abstention. This was not a partisan issue, rather a response to a presentation at the previous BOE meeting by the two KHS student representatives who had done research about the possibility of changing the mascot.

The second lie is that in June, KHS students "voted" decisively to keep the Redmen mascot. Student representatives received

National debt must be lowered

The real crisis in America is the one that no politician dares to discuss. The United States national debt is currently \$23.2 trillion (and counting). The federal deficit for FY 2020 will be \$1.1 trillion. Unfortunately, unless the President and the United States Congress take meaningful action, both of these numbers will continue to increase. For many years, Democrats and Republicans have refused to address this growing crisis, and their inaction has had a detrimental effect on economic growth. According to a World Bank study, if a country has a debt-to-GDP ratio that exceeds 77% for prolonged periods, than that country will experience significant slowdowns in economic growth. Since the 2008 financial crisis, the United States debt-to-GDP ratio has consistently exceeded this threshold, with the ratio rising to an all-time high of 105% in 2019. As a result, the United States has not experienced a year of 3% or more GDP growth since 2005.

Unfortunately, neither President Trump nor any of the Democratic presidential candidates have proposed actions that will close the budget deficit and subsequently lower the national debt. In 2017, President Trump signed into law the Tax Cuts and Jobs Act, which Republicans claimed would boost economic growth for years to come. Unfortunately, the benefits from the tax cuts were short-lived, and the Congressional Budget Office predicts that this law will add \$2 trillion to the deficit over the next ten years. In hindsight, this tax law should never have been passed because the negative effects far outweigh the positives. Instead of passing a tax cut, President Trump and Congress should have passed a budget with modest tax increases (1-3% per bracket) coupled with significantly reduced government spending. While this would not have been politically advantageous, it would have been a much better option in the long-run than the Tax Cuts and Jobs Act.

On the other hand, many of the Democratic presidential candidates, most notably Elizabeth Warren and Bernie Sanders, are seeking to raise taxes significantly. The problem with this is that they also want to dramatically increase spending, which will in turn

the left is supposedly so sensitive. Does anyone see the hypocrisy? If a Democrat uses an inappropriate term, if a Democrat, especially someone from Hollywood uses a curse word about the right, the conservatives scream for an apology and claim the liberals are 'libtards' (notice the similarity to the word uttered by Ms Flexer). But if a Democrat utters the word Hoween used, or the President uses hateful and racist language and curses in public speeches, the right supports him and cheers. The right doesn't believe in apology, it's a sign of weakness they say, yet they're always demanding those on the left apologize for saying things that aren't close to the things those on the right say, especially the President. Even Senator McSally last week with her 'liberal hack'. If you want to condemn the Democrats you darn well better condemn the Republicans as well. Let's get back to being a civil nation.

BRIAN LOFFREDO
THOMPSON

permission to set up a table with the survey questions for one day during three lunch periods in the KHS cafeteria. The result of that survey was that 439 students chose to participate and of the 439, slightly more than 59% chose to keep the Redmen mascot. However, the KHS student population numbered over 800 students. Since so many students did not participate in the survey, it is untrue to state that the majority of the student body supported keeping the Redmen mascot. Many of the students may not even have known the survey was taking place,

The third lie is that the June 23rd BOE meeting brought overwhelming opposition during public comments. In truth, there were 21 speakers in favor of keeping the Redmen and 20 speakers who spoke in favor of change.

This was not a political issue. It was politicized by the Killingly Republican Town Committee, whose candidates used high emotion to gain public office.

They won. But students, athletes and KHS staff are paying a high price for that victory.

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negate the additional revenue generated by the tax hikes. Along with this, both Warren and Sanders plan to enact Medicare for All, a healthcare system that is similar to the universal health care system used in Canada. This plan would cost an estimated \$30-40 trillion over the next decade, which they intend to pay for by making the wealthy and corporations "pay their fair share." Unfortunately, advocates for Medicare for All fail to realize that excessively taxing the people who invest and create jobs will stifle economic growth. Additionally, Medicare for All would not only be an ineffective and disastrous plan, but it would also massively increase both the yearly federal deficit and the national debt.

Ultimately, Democrats and Republicans need to come together and recognize that the current spending level is out of control and must be greatly reduced. The current debt-to-GDP ratio (105%) is stifling economic growth and will continue to do so until the government reins in spending. In order to do this, members of both parties must make some decisions that may damage them politically. Republican voters are typically wary of any tax increases, but Republicans in Congress would likely back them if these increases coincide with a significant reduction in government spending. Unfortunately, convincing Democrats to support a plan like this would be extraordinarily more difficult. Democrats want to enact massive tax increases on the wealthy and corporations, coupled with an explosion of government spending. At this point, neither of those options are economically viable since the yearly deficit and national debt are at record highs. Until Democrats realize that these options will not work in the long-run, the United States will continue to run trillion-dollar deficits and experience low GDP growth. Ultimately, the American public must wake up and demand more fiscal responsibility from their elected leaders. Congress must act now in order to prevent America from falling into perpetual economic decline.

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Value vs. growth: what's the difference?



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This month, while we continue to focus on financial life goals and resolutions, it's important to consider the basics of investing as you develop your unique strategy with your financial advisor. With the wide variety of investment options available, it may be difficult to recognize which is right for you. Many investors feel it's useful to have a system for finding stocks that might be worth buying, deciding what price to pay, and identifying when a stock should be sold. Bull markets — periods in which prices as a group tend to rise — and bear markets — periods of declining prices — can lead investors to make irrational choices. Having objective criteria for buying and selling can help you avoid emotional decision-making.

Even if you don't want to select stocks yourself — and many people would much prefer to have a professional do the work of researching specific investments — it can be helpful to understand the concepts that professionals use in evaluating and buying stocks.

There are generally two schools of thought about how to choose stocks that may be worth investing in. Value investors generally buy stocks that appear to be bargains relative to the company's intrinsic worth. Growth investors prefer companies that are growing quickly, and are less concerned with undervalued companies than with finding companies and industries that have the greatest potential for appreciation in share price. Either approach can help you better understand just what you're buying — and why — when you choose a stock for your portfolio.

Value investing: Value investors look for stocks with share prices that don't fully reflect the value of the companies, and that are effectively trading at a discount to their true worth. A stock can have a low valuation for many reasons. The company may be struggling with business challenges such as legal problems, management difficulties, or tough competition. It might be in an industry that is currently out of favor with investors. It may be having difficulty expanding. It may have fallen on hard times. Or it could simply have been overlooked by other investors.

A value investor believes that eventually the share price will rise to reflect what he or she perceives as the stock's fair value. Value investing takes into account a company's prospects, but is equally focused on whether it's a good buy. A stock's price-earnings (P/E) ratio — its share price divided by its earnings per share — is of particular interest to a value investor, as are the price-to-sales ratio, the dividend yield, the price-to-book ratio, and the rate of sales growth.

Contrarians: marching to a different drummer: A contrarian investor is one example of a value investor. Contrarians believe that the best way to invest is to buy when no one else wants to, or to focus on stocks or industries that are temporarily out of favor with the market.

The challenge for any value investor, of course, is figuring out how to tell the difference between a company that is undervalued and one whose stock price is low for good reason. Value investors who do their own stock research typically comb the company's financial reports, looking for clues about the company's management, operations, products, and services.

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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

On Killingly Redmen

Redmen is not a mascot. A mascot is a caricature, a cartoonish representation of an object, animal or symbol. Examples of a mascot would be an eagle or other animal costume, or perhaps a native American warrior, animated and performing on the athletic field. In the past, even live animals have been used for the purpose. Killingly has no mascot and never has to the best of my knowledge, and certainly never in recent years. It is yet another blatant lie used by the opposition to the name and often repeated by an uninformed media. In any case, the declarations by the new Killingly Board of Education, who were empowered and directed by a

large turnout and a complete rout of the opposition to the name, has declared all such uses as being disrespectful and not allowed. Simply put, there is no mascot. Killingly has, and has always had, a name, a symbol, an honored and respected name that describes a position in the Native American tribes, held by both natives and whites, that the people of Killingly have aspired to emulate for 80 to 100 years.

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Flexer treated unfairly

I feel compelled to write this letter after reading the letters of last week's publication (Letters to the editor, Jan. 17) regarding the recent action by the Killingly Board of Education to reinstate the former team name. Some were promoting historical inaccuracies and others were disparaging Ms. Flexer for her statements at the January 8 Board of Education meeting.

The representations of Ms. Flexer's statements and actions are unfair. I have re-watched the video of the meeting. She did not "blurt out a disgusting, vulgar insult to disabled people" and she did not "storm out" of the meeting. Ms. Flexer used the R word mentioned to illustrate the point that words once commonly used are now considered offensive, much like the other R word our BOE has chosen to reinstate. She said, in effect, that we would not use the first as a mascot, or any other name deemed offensive by a group of people, why would we use the second? She did not address anyone using the word and did not use it to refer to anyone as implied in the published letter. The letter also took issue with the fact that Ms. Flexer rose at the conclusion of the vote when many were rising to leave during a break in the action. She did not interrupt the meeting or walk out on discussion and she certainly did not do as the author stated and "storm out to cry and whine". It is quite possible that she was thanking citizens for coming or answering questions from the press, but that is perfectly appropriate.

These personal attacks have got to stop! This is supposed to be a reasonable discussion of issues. As adults we should be able to disagree and have meaningful discourse without attacking someone's character. Ms. Flexer has served this community with honesty and dedication for many years. She is engaged in the issues, she is always prepared and asks appropriate questions. No matter your political party, you should respect her dedication to the

Town of Killingly.

In other letters the 'Redmen' name was inaccurately validated by using the promotional propaganda put forth by those justifying the name of an NFL team and references to an historical group called the Improved Order of Redmen. According to scholars of the topic, Indians of the Northeast have never called themselves red and were not called red by others. 'Redmen' has been a derogatory term, made so by whites by the 19th century who continually used it for their own purposes creating a dehumanizing racial epithet.

The Improved Order was a white male only fraternal organization that appropriated Native dress, language and customs for their ceremonies. Neither justifies restoring the name.

I am troubled by the tone and tenor brought out by this issue. I am disturbed by the increasingly toxic atmosphere in print, online and in our community. As someone born and bred in Killingly I am appalled to find our formerly friendly town mired in disrespect, bullying and uncompromising partisan behavior. I am embarrassed and shamed by the negative image of Killingly being presented in local and national press.

My feeling is that once we were told that any students with validated reason, were uncomfortable with the 'Redmen' name and image and we were asked by area tribes to remove it, the only respectful thing to do was to retire the offensive name and move on. The fact that hundreds of schools, universities, colleges, towns, churches, sports organizations, and human rights organizations have called for this action makes that decision much easier. To me it is no big deal, doesn't change my high school memories, does not mean anyone ever meant to be insulting, it is just good manners.

LAUREN LAW
DANIELSON

No to another power plant in Killingly

Residents of northeastern Connecticut should know that NTE Energy of St Augustine Florida is planning to build the second fracked gas fueled electricity generating plant in the town of Killingly. Importantly, this is in addition to the existing Lake Road gas fueled electricity generating plant you currently see at exit 43 off Route 395. If this happens, we will have two power plants in our small, rural town. There are many global reasons not to build this plant. But I would like to focus on the local reasons.

On January 7, I attended a meeting of the Killingly Town Council at which NTE presented a summary of their proposal. Despite my initial opposition upon hearing about this project, I forced myself to listen with an open mind. While it raises many concerns, the fact that it would use up to 400,000 gallons per day of our water and emit 2.2 million tons of carbon dioxide annually into our air are two figures that particularly caught my attention. Despite NTE's assertions, this is not a clean energy plant. After considering both sides of this, I believe the costs to our community far outweigh the benefits. If all goes exactly as planned, the NTE investors will make some money, the New England power grid will gain some unneeded increased generation capacity, we might gain a few semi-permanent jobs, our landscape will have another smoke stack, Connecticut will continue to lag behind every other state in the Northeast in transitioning to clean renewable energy, and the air we breathe and the water we drink will be more polluted than it was before.

But, we do not live in a perfect world and all will not go exactly as planned. Gas pipelines inevitably leak, unplanned air and water pollution goes undetected and unregulated, far distant financial interests ignore the interests and rights of local people, trees and wildlife are killed, nearby farm lands are polluted, gas explosions occur. Look

it up. This stuff happens all the time nationally and communities are left holding the bag. I believe NTE is in the business of making money from energy projects and they are unlikely to make our best interests a priority. For example, when asked if they would pay to monitor our air for pollutants, they declined. It is up to us to protect ourselves.

If you live in this area, I urge you to find out more about this proposal. You can get more information most Saturdays from 11 a.m. to noon at Killingly Commons. If like me you decide it is not good for the residents of Northeastern Connecticut, please take action now. What can you do? Make phone calls to your town council members, to your state representatives, and to Governor Lamont. They need to hear that you oppose this unnecessary plant. Ask your friends to do the same. Write your local newspapers. There is also a hard working group of people fighting for you by actively opposing this proposal, who need your support. There will be a meeting February 3 at 7 p.m. at the Killingly Public Library. Come see how you can help.

While I am grateful to my state representative, Anne Dauphinais, for much of her work and advocacy on behalf of veterans, seniors, and individuals with disabilities, I do wish she was taking more of a leadership role in opposing this plant. To her credit, she has expressed a willingness to learn more about why it is not a good idea for eastern Connecticut and not just accept the one sided information presented by NTE. I hope she prioritizes learning more about this (maybe she can come to that meeting?) and acts accordingly in Hartford. We are doing our part by hosting one power plant. A second one is simply asking too much.

BOB LOFQUIST
DANIELSON

Get involved with town government

Enjoyed being a guest at the Brooklyn Republican Town Committee meeting on Monday night with a dozen elected, volunteer and/or concerned citizens of our beautiful, little town of Brooklyn. Friendly and welcoming, it was a casual, but professional meeting of the minds and I found several ways to contribute and felt comfortable sharing. We had an interesting, interactive discussion which hit current issues and topics, one of the most timely being that we need more concerned citizens to serve on our town committees and to share their experience and knowledge to move Brooklyn forward. All committees are looking for innovators, so shout out to all of my Brooklyn friends out there who have been wanting to get involved or know someone who could and would. Now is a very good time to work together and re-establish who we are and where we are going. The com-

mittee only meets once a month and we were finished within an hour. Pleasant and efficient.

Truth be told — and I am not the only one who feels this way, if the Independent Party was organized, that would be my party affiliation. Unfortunately, our party system is broken, with more Independents than Democrats and Republicans (combined) in Connecticut alone, yet Independents cannot vote in the primary in our state. So, our broken system keeps hobbling along. Plain and simple, I am registered a Republican so I can vote in our primary. I am conservative-minded and want to advance fiscal responsibility, accountability and future planning for the great resources of our state. Thanks Villager for publishing our opinions!

TAMI JO WYKES
BROOKLYN

Putnam suffragette jailed for picketing White House in 1917

If you have been watching the national news lately, one of the frequently discussed topics is the upcoming Iowa Caucus. I'm sure you've noticed that two women are among those seeking the Democratic nomination for president. Such would not have been the case 100 years ago when most females were not even allowed to vote in a presidential election. Suffragettes were still working valiantly to try to gain the ratification of the XIX Amendment, which gave women across the nation the right to vote. A prominent Putnam woman was among those who were working tirelessly, with great personal sacrifice, for that end.

"MRS. W. J. BARTLETT WILL SERVE 60 DAYS..." read a headline in the Friday, September 7, 1917 issue of the Putnam Patriot. It continued, "Was Arrested in Washington for Picketing. Could Avert Jail Sentence By Paying Fine But Won't She Says. 'If That's What We Must Do For Liberty in America Then I Guess I'll be There.' Husband Says She Was Doing What She Believed to Be Right to Help the Cause. President Anna C. Levitt, Putnam Equal Franchise League Says She Personally Favors Picketing. Other Local Suffrage Officials Do Not Care to Express Views.

"I am here to work for the passage of the Susan B. Anthony amendment. I will do nothing against the law. If I am sent to jail for that which is our legal right, America must be made safe for democracy." The above telegram was sent out by

Mrs W. J. Bartlett of Putnam, a leader among suffragists of the state, after her arrest in Washington, D. C. Tuesday, before she was arraigned in court. Mrs. Bartlett was arrested with twelve other suffragists for carrying banners from suffrage headquarters to the gates of the White House late Tuesday afternoon and taken to the police station where she was allowed to go after furnishing a bond of twenty-five dollars for appearance Wednesday morning. Wednesday morning Mrs. Bartlett and eleven others were sentenced to pay fines of \$25 each or to serve 60 days in jail. The women have declared that they will not pay their fines but will serve the sentence."

Adjacent to that article in the Patriot is a letter to the editor of that paper from Anna C. Levitt, president of Putnam's Equal Franchise League. "I have been asked recently to what value picketing the at White House is toward the enfranchisement of women of this country during war time, and may I herewith express my views. Whether the policy of the National Women's Party to picket the White House holding banners which tell only the truth, and quote the president's own words from his pre-election speeches and his book the 'New Freedom,' is a winning policy only time will tell. The fact remains however, that since the creation of the Women's Party, presidential suffrage has been granted in a number of Eastern states and full suffrage in a number of states in the West. We also know that



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the president, himself, who has clung to the ancient myth of states rights on the suffrage question, though not on prohibition, has certainly repudiated the ideas of states rights during the last four months. So this picketing policy was adopted..." (Woodrow Wilson was the president).

Dorothy Bartlett did serve the 60-day sentence in the Occoquan Workhouse and the district jail. Allen B. Lincoln in A Modern History of Windham County Connecticut stated, "According to the decision of the Court of Appeals of the District of Columbia, handed down October 4, 1917, by Judge Van Orsdel, every White House picket who was arrested, was arrested illegally, illegally convicted and illegally imprisoned. The judge ordered the dismissal of all cases pending against the suffrage pickets, stating that no charge had been filed against them which would justify their arrest and trial" (p. 810).

Upon her release in early November, 1917 the following appeared on page 19 of the November 7, 1917 Hartford Courant. "Food is Wormy and the Jail infested with Rats and Bedbugs." Mrs. Bartlett, accom-

panied by her husband W. J. Bartlett, arrived at 10:18 o'clock yesterday morning. Mrs. Bartlett carried the banner of the National Women's Party and waved it as she stepped into an automobile at the railroad station. Her two daughters, Dorcas and Ruth, pupils in the Putnam High School, were at the station to greet her. Mrs. Bartlett said she was feeling fine although she lost thirteen and a half pounds during her incarceration." (article from newspapers.com).

Dorothy Bartlett had promised to speak of her experiences in the workhouse and jail and wasted no time in fulfilling this promise. "Mrs. Dorothy J. Bartlett will tell in public for the first time next Friday evening of her experiences during the 60 days that she was confined to the workhouse at Occoquan, Virginia and at the district jail. Mrs. Bartlett has accepted an invitation of Manager Smith to speak at the Bradley theatre after next Friday evening's entertainment...She is to tell in detail of the price in punishment the pickets had to pay for 'obstructing traffic' in Washington streets and she has promised that some of the story will make many Americans ashamed that women can be so treated in this country." (Norwich Bulletin 11/16/1917, p. 9 from newspapers.com).

"As a result of Mrs. Bartlett's experience in Washington, a branch of the National Woman's Party was formed in Putnam, November 1917, with Miss Katherine Byrne as chairman" (Lincoln, op. cit, p. 810).

Among Dorothy's endeavors in favor of equal enfranchisement had been speaking at Granges. Allen B. Lincoln had the following to say, "Not the least important work done in the county for the advancement of equal suffrage was the educational campaign in the Granges. Mrs. W. J. Bartlett, lecturer of the Putnam Grange, did this work not only in Windham County but throughout the state, speaking at 149 Grange meetings. The result of this work was the passing of the resolution at the State Grange meeting in Norwich in January 1917, endorsing equal suffrage by Federal amendment without a vote recorded against it. (A Modern History of Windham County, Connecticut, Chapter XXVIII p. 810).

Following her activities in the "Votes for Women" campaign and the passage of the XIX Amendment, according to her obituary in the Putnam Patriot, "Mrs. Bartlett went on and served Putnam and the State in many capacities. She had the distinction of being the first woman in Windham County to be elected to the General Assembly and went on and served for six terms. She was an organizer and the first president of the Democratic Federation of Women's Clubs in the county. She took an active interest in Salvation Army work, was a local probation officers, member of the Board of Education for 12 years, master of Putnam Grange and president of Putnam Chapter

Strap on your armor

Thank you all for your prayers and notes of encouragement. As most of you know, I had major surgery to remove thirty inches of my colon last week and I'm recovering and feeling great.

My 7 days in the hospital were restful and interesting. I kept hearing from doctors, nurses and caregivers that they were surprised by my positive outlook and optimism. I must confess that their surprise, surprised me. I was able to have a few conversations with my nurses about their average patient facing tough surgeries with various outcomes. They kept telling me how different I was than most of their patients and how upbeat and positive I was responding.

Why expect the worse? There is an old saying that says, "Your attitude, not your aptitude, effects your altitude." In other words, the optimism you bring to the fight is more powerful than your education or IQ. If you believe you can beat cancer, your chances are improved dramatically. If you believe in a positive outcome, you will fight. If you believe there is no hope, why would you bother? The impact of optimism on the mind and body is powerful.

Of course, there are times that a positive attitude may not overcome a medical reality. A positive attitude alone will not heal you, but healing is enhanced with a positive outlook.

Sound simple? Yes, but it's not easy. When we are faced with a life-threatening crisis, our minds go into to hyperdrive, churning out all the things that can go wrong. When we are dealing with cancer or a variety of other frightening events, it's easier to believe the worst. It takes no effort. Just close your eyes and let the negative demons move out of the depth of your mind and tell you why you are dying. It's easy. Just let it happen.

Or you can dig in and fight. Make the decision to fight it out. Research the successful stories on the internet that detail the successes others have enjoyed. Speak only positive outcomes into your universe and be an inspiration to those around you. Tell yourself, "I'm a fighter! I'll beat this!"

Your positive attitude will not only help you but provide a more positive



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support system. Giving up has an equally negative impact on those who love you. To see you give up, curl into a ball and await whatever may come, saddens everyone. Be brave. Be strong. Fight for your life.

Albina and Tim Dugan are two of the most remarkable people I know. Over fifteen years ago, Albina was given 5 years to live. She was diagnosed with a rare form of liver cancer and was told there was no hope. Her doctor told her to go home and get her life in order.

Instead, Tim began searching the world via the internet for options and Albina strapped on her armor, mounted her horse and rode into battle. Her 5 years to live has now passed three times and she's working on twenty years. She still has the cancer. No one totally understands why, but Albina has successfully fought and continues to hold her cancer at bay. How? Partly because of her positive attitude. At the time of her diagnosis, she had four young

children at home. She proclaimed she wasn't going anywhere until they were grown, married and she met her grandchildren. Tim never gave up in his relentless search for medical options and people all over the world were lifting them up in prayer. Never underestimate the power of prayer.

Albina and Tim have been an ongoing source of inspiration for people all over the world and they continue to fight.

I keep telling everyone, "I'll die of something someday, but not this. I truly believe that cancer is already sorry it chose me. It just picked the wrong guy. I won't stop fighting until cancer is sent in defeat, squealing away from my body." I'll remind everyone of this column every 5 years or so. I'll be here.

Every person reading this column has, is or will face something in their life that requires a positive attitude and a fight. Never give up. Never give in. Be like Albina. Strap on your armor, mount your horse and ride enthusiastically into the fight ...to win.

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Growth investing: A growth-oriented investor looks for companies that are expanding rapidly. Stocks of newer companies in emerging industries are often especially attractive to growth investors because of their greater potential for expansion and price appreciation despite the higher risks involved. A growth investor would give more weight to increases in a stock's sales per share or earnings per share (EPS) than to its P/E ratio, which may be irrelevant for a company that has yet to produce any meaningful profits. However, some growth investors are more sensitive to a stock's valuation and look for what's called "Growth At a Reasonable Price" (GARP). A growth investor's challenge is to avoid overpaying for a stock in anticipation of earnings that eventually prove disappointing.

Momentum investing: growth to the max: A momentum investor generally looks not just for growth but for accelerating growth that is attracting a lot of investors and causing the share price to rise. Momentum investors believe you should buy a stock only when earnings growth is accelerating and the price is moving up. They often buy even when a stock is richly valued, assuming that the stock's price

will go even higher. If a stock falls, momentum theory suggests that you sell it quickly to prevent further losses, then buy more of what's working.

Some momentum investors may hold a stock for only a few minutes or hours then sell before the market closes that day. Therefore, momentum investing requires frequent monitoring of the fluctuations in each of your stock holdings. A momentum strategy is best suited to investors who are prepared to invest the time necessary to be aware of those price changes. The risk of loss from this type of trading strategy can be substantial. You should therefore consider whether such a strategy is suitable for you based on your individual circumstances and financial resources.

Why understand investing styles? Growth stocks and value stocks often alternate in popularity. One style may be favored for a while but then give way to the other. Also, a company can be a growth stock at one point and later become a value stock. Some investors buy both types, so their portfolio has the potential to benefit regardless of which is doing better at any given time. Investing based on data rather than stock tips or guesswork can not only assist you as you evaluate a possible purchase; it also can help you decide when to sell because your reasons for buying

are no longer valid.

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WCTU. She also had time to take part in many local projects for the welfare of the people of Putnam."

"She was born in South Trenton, N.J. (June 12, 1870) * and came to live in Putnam in 1895 when she was married to Walter Bartlett, long prominent as a merchant in Putnam." (According to Putnam Town Historian Bill Pearsall, Bartlett's store/home was where the Main Street Putnam parking lot is now between the Putnam Congregational Church and the Post Office). Dorothy (Jones) Bartlett died July 21, 1956* at the Hawkins Convalescent Home in West Haven following a long illness. Her husband Walter J. predeceased her, dying in 1927. Following a service at the Putnam Congregational Church, she was interred in the Grove Street Cemetery. Mrs. Bartlett was survived by two daughters, Mrs. Edward L. Beebe of West Haven and Mrs. Iver S. Nelson of Niantic, a sister Miss Gertrude Jones of Niantic, and four grandchildren. (Putnam Patriot 7/28/1956; birth & death from Find-A-Grave on Ancestry.com).

My research on women's suffrage will be ongoing throughout the year so periodically I will write about other local woman who were active suffragists. If you have a relative who participated in the Votes for Women campaign 100 years ago or belonged to a local women's suffrage organization, please contact me. I probably will only find the officers listed in newspaper articles. Any pictures or memorabilia would be most helpful in planning exhibits.

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St. Joseph School expands activities

NORTH GROSVENORDALE — Over the last two years, St. Joseph School in North Grosvenordale has increased its offerings to students in interscholastic athletics and extra-curricular activities. The expansion of these activities stemmed from a summer meeting back in late July of 2018 when a group of parents brainstormed ways in which to improve the student experience at SJS.

“After my introduction as the new Principal in early July of 2018, the very first official meeting that I hosted for parents later that month was in responding to the need to improve upon what students could do beyond the school day,” said David Sizemore, Principal of SJS. “That particular meeting was extremely productive as it generated great ideas on how to proceed forward.”

The SJS athletic program, led by Athletic Director and parent-volunteer Lindsay Lehmann, consists of multiple sports in which our student-athletes participate in throughout the school year. The current interscholastic offerings are in soccer (fall season) and basketball (winter season). Both sports are co-ed with boys and girls playing together on all teams at all age levels. Additionally, SJS offers a running club in the fall as well as a golf club in the spring, which is taught by professionals at the Woodstock Golf Club in the spring.

“At SJS, our athletic programs are crucial to the development of the whole student,” said Lehmann. “Together, our male and female athletes work cooperatively as they train toward the same goal; to represent their school the best they can. Win or lose, our SJS Falcons have the biggest hearts and play every game until the final buzzer or whistle.”

Parents have approved of the new activities.

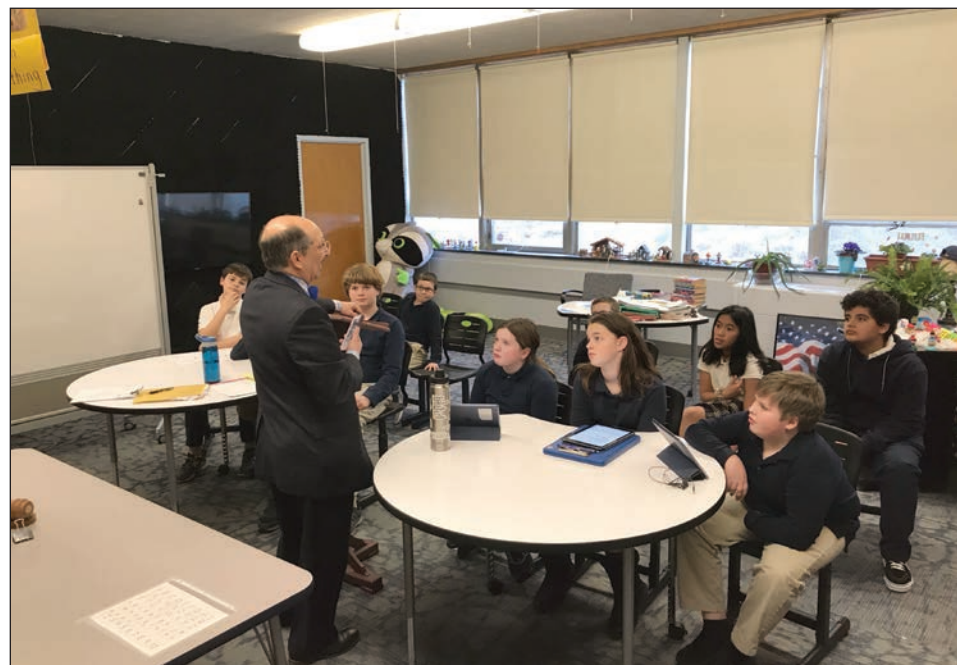
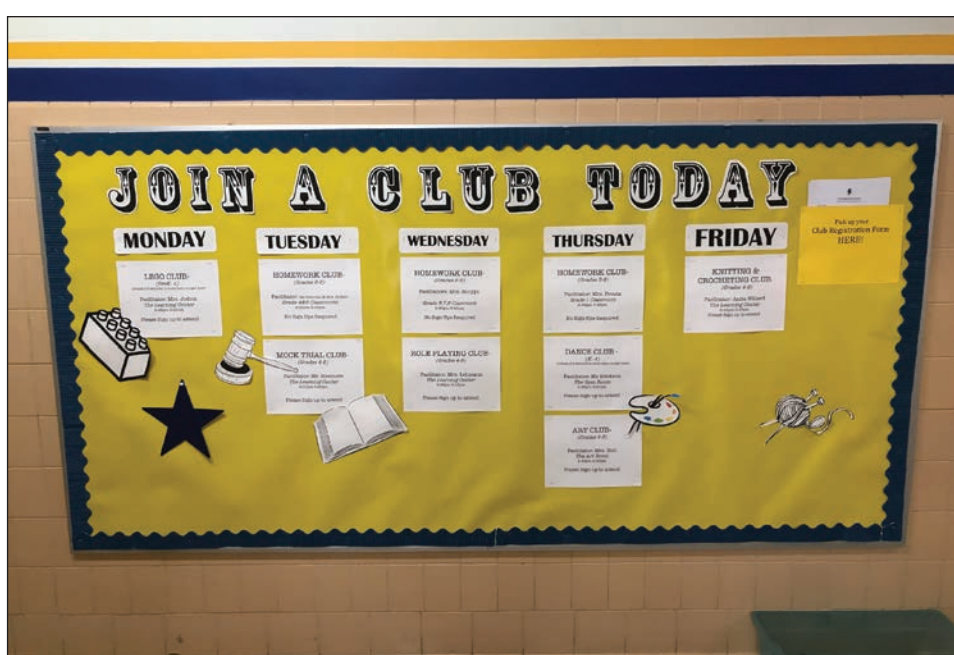
“Coaching at SJS brings me the greatest joy,” said Sarah Healey, a par-

ent-volunteer who coaches soccer, basketball, as well as running club. “The kids at every level are amazing and so appreciative of the work you do with them. They are eager to learn and grow as athletes and just want to do their best for the team and for their coaches. The spirit and passion they possess gives me the drive to make them better every time I step onto the court or field!”

In regards to extra-curricular activities that are offered beyond the school day, SJS has increased its number of after school clubs to seven, five more than only two years ago, with an eighth club, a new Chinese Club, to begin in early February.

“There are a number of parents as well as faculty/staff members who volunteer their time after school to enhance the student experience at SJS,” said Sizemore. “Whether it is having 25 youngsters play with Legos on Monday afternoons or a handful of students making scarfs for those in need on Friday afternoons in knitting club, there is a club for everybody at SJS. We even have a competitive mock trial club that will be going to competition for the very first time in the annual Connecticut Middle School Mock Trial Competition, Wallingford Regional, on Tuesday, January 28th.”

SJS is hosting an Open House on Sunday morning, Feb. 2 from 8:30 a.m. to 11:30 a.m. Families considering SJS can receive guided tours of the school as well as information to either register their student(s) for the remainder of the current school year or for the 2020-21 academic year. Our Open House will be paired with a Sunday breakfast that will run simultaneously where prospective families will enjoy a complimentary meal. In advance of this event, you can contact the school for more information at (860) 923-2090 or you may reach out directly to Sizemore at dsizemore@sjschoolng.com.



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St. Joseph School has expanded its activities to include sports and a Chinese club, a mock trial club, and a knitting club.



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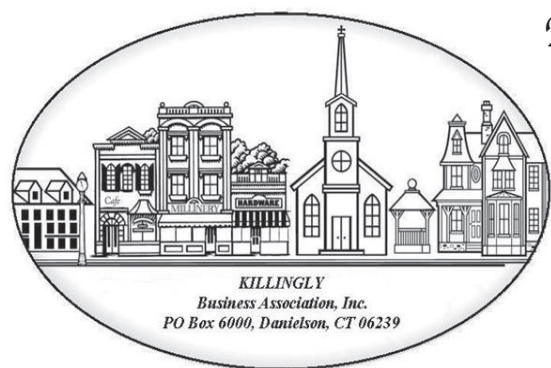


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Killingly boys on track for tourney berth



Charlie Lentz photo

Killingly High’s Shayne Bigelow splits Woodstock Academy defenders Aidan Morin, center, and Nick Bedard, right, in Woodstock on Monday, Jan. 20.

BY CHARLIE LENTZ
VILLAGER EDITOR

WOODSTOCK — It took six minutes and 22 seconds for coach Jim Crabtree’s Killingly High hoopsters to score their first bucket against Woodstock Academy on Monday afternoon — and they trudged to the locker room at halftime after posting just nine points on the Alumni Fieldhouse scoreboard. Perhaps it was understood that Killingly’s legendarily volatile Crabtree would bust his proverbial gasket when he addressed his point-challenged players during the intermission. A funny thing happened on the way to the coach’s expected locker-room

explosion — he kept his engine on idle.

“It was a little shocking, took the pressure off us a little bit,” said Killingly senior guard Shayne Bigelow. “We were only down seven points so I think that’s why he wasn’t too mad.” Crabtree said his players had heard him vent so often that he decided to use a different tactic during his halftime speech.

“Believe it or not it was one of my calmer half-times for a team scoring nine points,” said Crabtree, in his eighth season. “I didn’t think we were in a position to go crazy with this group. They’ve seen that act before and I really didn’t want to use it then. The

bad thing was we only had nine points. The good thing was Woodstock only had 16. I kept it calm and said we’ve got to execute a few things.”

The coach’s solution was simply a matter of implementing his game plan in the second half.

“We came out and we executed a few things and it happened,” Crabtree said. “We really just focused in on getting to the seams of Woodstock’s zone (defense) and penetrating. And Jay Grzysiewicz made it a lot easier for everybody in the second half.”

Crabtree’s halftime message hit home — and Killingly started hitting its shots in the second half en route to a 46-34 victory on Jan. 20. Sophomore

guard Jason Grzysiewicz facilitated many of those second-half buckets, finishing with eight assists and six rebounds.

“Jay (Grzysiewicz) took over the second half,” Crabtree said. “He made some great decisions, when to go, when not to go — when to pull it out. He penetrated the zone in the second half and got the offense going.”

Trailing 16-9 at the half, Bigelow scored 12 of Killingly’s 14 third-quarter points and Killingly pulled to within one point, 24-23, after three quarters. With Killingly leading 29-28 with just over five minutes remaining in the fourth

quarter, Crabtree called a timeout to set up a play for Bigelow.

“Instead of having the bigs screen we switched to a guard screen. We pinned down the zone and threw a skip pass and (Bigelow) made me look good,” Crabtree said.

Following that timeout and Crabtree’s diagram — Bigelow canned a three-pointer from the right wing with 4:50 left to give Killingly some breathing room with a 32-28 lead.

“I was wide open,” said Bigelow of his clutch three-pointer. “I had to deliver.”

Bigelow finished with a game-high 23 points. “(Bigelow’s) three was

the turn of the tide right there,” Crabtree said.

Bigelow’s trey with 4:50 remaining kicked off a 17-6 run to close out the game. Freshman forward Yianna Baribeau also sparked Killingly in the second half. He finished with 11 points including a three-pointer, and grabbed seven rebounds.

“Baribeau gets a lot of big rebounds. His arms are long. He gets a lot of tips. He’s that typical freshmen, he doesn’t even know how much pressure there is. He just loves to play basketball and it comes easy to him,” Crabtree said. “He’s athletic. He makes

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Killingly High’s Jason Grzysiewicz tries to get past Woodstock Academy’s Liam Blanchflower on Monday.

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Killingly seek goal of hosting state game



Charlie Lentz photo
Killingly High's Ella Lach drives to the hoop defended by Ledyard's Monet Augmon, left, and Kiera Kirvan, right, on Saturday, Jan. 18, in Dayville.

BY CHARLIE LENTZ
VILLAGER EDITOR

DAYVILLE — Trinity Angel is the lone senior on Killingly High's girls basketball team and she's never played a state tournament game at home — she's been on the varsity since her freshman year. As the season nears its midpoint it looks like Angel might get her wish and stay home for the first round of states.

"That would be amazing considering from the past years," Angel said. "That would be incredible because we're undefeated at home so far. It would be great to have a lot of support from the community."

Killingly defeated Ledyard 45-36 last Saturday, followed by a 49-35 win over Windham on Tuesday, Jan. 21, to lift its record to 8-2. With eight victories posted, Killingly has qualified for states — now they want to keep winning so they can be ranked among the top 16 teams in Class MM, which would ensure them a home tourney game. Coach Gina Derosier said they're working

hard toward they're goal.

"I'm so proud of them. I think the girls are up for the challenge. They're eager for it. They're just as hungry for that as I am," Derosier said.

Angel scored a game-high 17 points in the win over Ledyard on Jan. 18 at Killingly High School. She's complemented by a youthful contingent of freshmen and sophomores that give the Redgals a nice blend of experience and youth.

"We have a lot of fresh legs. They're young but they know what they're doing," Angel said. "They're really confident with the ball and they show a lot of effort when they get varsity time."

Freshman forward Ella Lach is among the talented newcomers. She scored 10 points in the win over Ledyard. Lack gives the Redgals another option in the low post. Her teammates have nicknamed Lach "Trinella" — a mashup of Trinity and Ella — because of her ability to score inside just like Angel.

"In practice we call her



Charlie Lentz photo
Killingly High's Trinity Angel draws a crowd of Ledyard defenders last Saturday, Jan. 18.

"Trinella", we combined our names," said Angel of Lach. "It's like Trinity No. 2. She's great. She can score underneath. She can shoot. She drives. She can do it all."

Lach doesn't lack for confidence despite being a freshman. She expected to contribute this season and considers her "Trinella" nickname an extreme compliment.

"I think I mesh well with the team. I've playing for a while against big kids. Trinity's like a role model for me. I think it's a good thing because they see me as someone they can look up to," Lach said.

Coach Derosier said Lach has been a nice addition to the roster.

"Ella has moments of greatness. Ella has so much potential and she's barely tapped it,"

Derosier said. "I am so pleased with what she's given us so far and I expect a monstrous second half of the season from her."

Sophomore guard Emma Carpenter tallied 12 points in the win over Ledyard and gives Killingly a viable scorer from the perimeter.

"(Carpenter) provides and inside-outside game for us. When she's on it's a beautiful thing and it lightens the load for Trinity," Derosier said. "Whenever she knocks one down from the outside you can see the girls lifted up a little bit too. Her outside shooting is only going to get better."

Ledyard's Tallie Williams and Sam Money each scored seven points and Brooke Beckwith added six points in the loss for the Colonels (1-9).

Killingly is next scheduled to play host to St. Bernard on Saturday, Jan. 25, with tipoff set for 4:30 p.m. at Killingly High School. Derosier would like nothing better than to see Angel get her wish of a state tourney game at home.

"If we keep working hard and we keep doing the right things — we can't take any moments off," Derosier said. "I'll tell you what, it would be nice for the girls. It would be nice for the school. And it would be very nice for the town to get a home state game."

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Tourtellotte girls look to build confidence

BY CHARLIE LENTZ
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DANIELSON — The Tourtellotte girls basketball team has been in need of wins in a season where they've been hard to come by. Tigers senior guard and leading scorer Ashley Morin complicated things by missing a couple of games due to injury. But Morin was back against Ellis Tech and her presence cured a lot of ills in a 54-24 win against the Golden Eagles last Friday night.

"Ashley just brings a sense of calm on the floor," said Tourtellotte coach Carla Faucher. "There was a point in the second quarter where the score was 11-9 and she just took over. She was like 'Alright, I'm going to do this.' And all of a sudden you see everyone else relax when Ashley takes care of the ball."

With Tourtellotte leading 11-9 with 6:03 left in the second quarter, Morin hit a layup off the fastbreak and then sank another layup off her own steal with 5:50 remaining. Morin's layups kicked off a 20-4 run to close out the first half and the Tigers led 31-13 at the intermission. Morin finished with a game-high 19 points and made three steals.



Charlie Lentz photo
Tourtellotte's Leci Snow drives to the hoop at Ellis Tech on Friday, Jan. 17

So with the first half of the season in the books coach Faucher looked forward to a healthy roster and better second half. The Tigers got off on the right foot with the victory over host Ellis Tech on Jan. 17, lifting their record to 2-9.

"We needed this game to relax, get some confidence back. We work on certain things to make sure — OK, we've got to look inside, we've got to limit the offensive rebounds because there've been so many the other nights that really hurt us," Faucher said. "I think they got some confidence back. Ashley got her shot back."

Tourtellotte's Hailey Johnson finished with 10 points, grabbed eight rebounds and blocked three shots. Zeynep Acun finished with eight points and eight rebounds. Johnson, a freshman forward, and Zeynep, a sophomore forward, were both aggressive in the paint.

"We've been trying to get (Johnson and Acun) to do those things — especially 'Z' (Zeynep) — she's such a big girl, she's strong. It's almost like she doesn't want to hurt anyone with her size. We keep telling them 'Nobody's going to look at you and say I'm going to go easy on you.' We've got to really work hard. They finally were getting on bodies, boxing out before they were going for the ball, the hands were up, that was really good to see," Faucher said.

Senior guard Emily Angelo finished with five points and five assists against Ellis Tech. Sophomore guard Alivia Dalpe finished with five points and five assists. Dalpe has been a nice addition off the bench.

"I can see (Dalpe) is very relaxed on her shot. She's kind of like Ashley (Morin), when she has the room she has that nice outside shot and nice form to go with it," Faucher said.

Tourtellotte is next scheduled to play at Griswold on Saturday, Jan. 25, with tipoff set for 3:30 p.m. Coach Faucher doesn't expect the second half of the season to be any easier than the first but the Tigers got some momentum with the win against Ellis Tech.

"It's back to reality and tough basketball but I think after tonight, the way they played, I think we have things to build on but the confidence is back

and should carry us through," Faucher said. "We started out really tough. Now it's going to be tough going but I have positive thoughts for them. And as long as they can stay together and healthy

that's going to be a big help."

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Charlie Lentz photo
Tourtellotte's Zeynep Acun goes up for a shot with Ellis Tech's Breeanna Bentley, center, and Lexus Lyons, right, defending at Ellis Tech on Friday, Jan. 17

Tourtellotte boys break through to win column



Charlie Lentz photo

Tourtellotte's Devin Dalpe grabs a rebound against Ellis Tech on Friday, Jan. 17, at Canty Gymnasium in Thompson.



Charlie Lentz photo

Tourtellotte's Ryan Barbour drives to the hoop defended by Ellis Tech's Ben Williams, left, and Ryan Thorstenson, center, on Jan. 17.

BY CHARLIE LENTZ
VILLAGER EDITOR

THOMPSON— Victory has a way of changing one's outlook. After going winless through the first half of the season it looked like Tourtellotte forward Devin Dalpe might finish out his senior season without a 'W'. But after a 61-39 victory over Ellis Tech last Friday night Dalpe is seeing things differently — even keeping his hopes alive for gaining enough wins to qualify for the state tournament.

“Winning this game is very important to us to try to make that stretch

(for states),” said Dalpe, after finishing with 12 points against Ellis Tech. “Improvement, heart — even though we were 0-10 we weren't giving up. We didn't want an o'fer season. It's a very big win for us.”

The victory over Ellis Tech on Jan. 17 at Canty Gymnasium lifted Ellis Tech's record to 1-10. With nine games remaining in the regular season Dalpe had a glimmer of hope that the Tigers would earn the required eight victories necessary to guarantee a berth in the state tournament.

Regardless of how Tourtellotte performs

in the second half of the season, the win over Ellis Tech perhaps does wonders for the Tigers morale. Coach Neil Bernier said the victory showed his players that doing things the right way pays off.

“It's nice when things are executed. When you execute and you do the right things, minus some plays here or there — my God it works. When you make the right reads and you make the right cut and you make the right pass things are going to go your way,” Bernier said. “Missed a few layups out of it, couple of bad passes — but much

better compared to what I've been seeing early in the year.”

Bernier said perhaps his players were tired of going winless.

“You get to the point where you get sick of getting your tail kicked in every game. It's time to do the right time and time to focus and bring your game when you feel you can compete with someone,” Bernier said.

In the first meeting between the teams back on Dec. 30 Tourtellotte lost at Ellis Tech 51-26. Bernier said they got back to basics in the rematch on Jan. 17 at Canty Gymnasium.

“Guys did the simple

stuff tonight as opposed to the last time we played them when it was like the walking dead out there. Guys were zombies. Tonight they wanted to rectify that error,” Bernier said.

Mac Monahan led Tourtellotte with 16 points against Ellis Tech (1-8). Ryan Barbour added eight points for the Tigers. Tourtellotte is next scheduled to play at Putnam High on Friday, Jan. 24, with tipoff scheduled for 7 p.m. Coach Bernier hoped his Tigers keep their focus in the second half of the season.

“It's just like a proof-is-in-the-pudding type thing. When you work

and you do the right things and you do what you're being told — these are the results you might be able to have,” Bernier said. “We tell them every day, the young guys — use every game to get better because you have a long way to go. The seniors, this is the last chance you're going to have to wear a uniform. Try to make the most of it. You're going to miss it when it's gone.”

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HIGH SCHOOL ROUNDUP

**KILLINGLY 49,
WINDHAM 35**

WILLIMANTIC — Killingly High qualified for the Class MM girls basketball state tournament with its eighth win of the season, topping the host Whippets on Tuesday, Jan. 21. Sophia Moore scored a team-high 14 points for Killingly. Ella Lach scored 12 points, Trinity Angel added 10 points and Emma Carpenter tallied eight points for Killingly. Nicole Peralta scored 19 points for Windham (6-7). The win lifted Killingly's record to 8-2.

**EAST LYME 54,
WOODSTOCK 38**

WOODSTOCK — Kayla Gaudreau scored 15 points and Katie Papp added 12 in the girls basketball loss for the Centaurs (2-10, 0-4 Eastern Connecticut Conference Div. I) on Jan. 21.

Sophie Dubreuil scored 27 points for the Vikings (4-7, 2-2)

**PUTNAM 45, ST.
BERNARD 22**

UNCASVILLE — Abby St. Martin scored 16 points and Kayleigh Lyons added 10 points in Putnam High's win over the Saints in girls basketball on Jan. 16. With the win at St. Bernard the Clippers qualified for the Class S state tournament, lifting their record to 8-2 overall, 6-0 in Division IV of the Eastern Connecticut Conference. Jillian Gray added eight points for Putnam. Sophia Boras led the Saints with 15 points. St. Bernard's record is 6-4 through 10 games. Putnam is next scheduled to play at Montville on Friday, Jan. 24.

**WOODSTOCK 3,
HOUSATONIC 1**

FALLS VILLAGE — Guerin Favreau scored two goals and Doug Newton added one goal in Woodstock's win over Housatonic/Northwestern/Wamogo co-op in boys hockey on Jan. 20. H/N/W's record fell to 2-6. Woodstock (6-3) is next scheduled to play host to Branford on Saturday, Jan. 25, with the puck set to drop at 6 p.m. at Pomfret School's Jahn Rink.

**PORTLAND 62,
TOURTELLOTTE 37**

THOMPSON— Tourtellotte's Ashley Morin scored 15 points and grabbed 10 rebounds in the loss to Portland in girls basketball on Jan. 20. For Tourtellotte: Hailey Johnson had 11 points seven rebounds; Leci Snow notched four points and seven rebounds; Emily Angelo dished six assists, had four rebounds, and scored three points. With the Tigers trailing by eight points going into the fourth quarter, Portland grabbed 15 offensive rebounds in the final frame and outscored Tourtellotte 22-5 in the fourth quarter. Portland lifted its record to 4-6. The loss dropped Tourtellotte's record to 2-10.

**LEDYARD 60,
WOODSTOCK 44**

LEDYARD — Woodstock's Logan Talbot scored 21 points and Aidan Morin added 10 points in the loss to host Ledyard in boys basketball on Jan. 17. Ledyard lifted its record to 5-4 overall, 2-2 Eastern Connecticut Conference Division II. Woodstock's record is 4-6 overall through 10 games, 1-4 ECC. Woodstock is next scheduled to play host to Fitch at 7 p.m. on Friday, Jan. 24, at Alumni Fieldhouse.

**KILLINGLY 64,
WINDHAM 54**

KILLINGLY — Killingly's Shayne Bigelow led all scorers

with 23 points in the win over the Whippets in boys basketball on Jan 17. Ethan Preston notched a double-double with 13 points and 13 rebounds for Killingly (5-5 through 10 games). Jovan Alamodovar scored 16 points for Windham (0-9). Killingly is next scheduled to travel to Griswold on Friday, Jan. 24. Killingly returns home to play host to Tourtellotte on Tuesday, Jan. 28, with tipoff scheduled for 7 p.m.

**WOODSTOCK 54,
BRISTOL CENTRAL 40**

BRISTOL — Kaitlin Birlin scored 22 points and Kayla Gaudreau added 17 points to lead the Centaurs past the host Rams in girls basketball on Jan. 18. Bristol Central's record fell to 3-7. Woodstock lifted its record to 2-9. The Centaurs are next scheduled to play on Jan. 30 at Bacon Academy.

FITCH 46, KILLINGLY 27

GROTON — Alyssa Virtue scored 14 points and Nyseanah Ishmael added 10 points to lead the host Falcons past Killingly in girls basketball on Jan. 16. Trinity Angel scored eight points and Sophia Moore added seven points for Killingly. Killingly is next scheduled to play host to St. Bernard on Saturday, Jan. 25, with tipoff set for 4:30 p.m. at Killingly High School.

**SMITHFIELD 4,
WOODSTOCK 2**

POMFRET — Ava Pomposelli scored four goals to lift Smithfield, R.I., past the Centaurs in girls hockey on Jan. 20 at Pomfret School's Jahn Rink. Julianna Buoniconti and Sydney Haskins each scored one goal for Woodstock Academy (3-4-2).



File photo

Putnam High's Abby St. Martin scored 16 points in a win over St. Bernard on Jan. 16.

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shots. You look at his facial expression, it never changes. The guy just wants to play basketball.”

Killingly is next scheduled to travel to Griswold on Friday, Jan. 24. Killingly returns home to play host to Tourtellotte on Tuesday, Jan. 28, with tipoff set for 7 p.m. The victory over Woodstock lifted Killingly's record to 5-5 at the halfway point of the regular season.

“Now we can get into the winning bracket and hopefully keep it going,” Bigelow said.

Killingly is on track to qualify for the state tournament, something it failed to do last season. Eight wins are required to guarantee a berth in the state tourney. A loss to Woodstock would have put Killingly two games under .500 at 4-6 and made the road bumpier en route to a tourney berth.

“Four and six would have been another hurdle we'd have to go chase. We've been there before. We had our three-game losing streak earlier in the year. At five and five we can make things happen. We're back on pace to where we want to be,” Crabtree said. “Now we've got to get back to work tomorrow and go get number six.”

Perhaps wins will come more easily if Killingly plays like it did in the second half against the Centaurs — at the very least there'll be one less high school coach likely to bust his gasket.

“I think our goal now is to just make sure we play every game like we did in the second half,” Crabtree said.

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Ellis Tech girls look to regroup for 2nd half



Charlie Lentz photo

Ellis Tech's Vivianna St. Jean drives to the hoop against Tourtellotte on Friday, Jan. 17, in Danielson.

BY CHARLIE LENTZ
VILLAGER EDITOR

DANIELSON — Ellis Tech's state-tourney aspirations hit a bump in the road in a 54-24 loss to Tourtellotte Memorial last Friday but coach John Murdock has already put that loss in the rear-view mirror. Sometimes selective amnesia is the best remedy.

"I just told the girls they've got to have short-term memory and next time we're going to come out and battle. Tonight was a little tough but we're

going to battle through it and we'll come back," Murdock said. "This one kind of hurt because the way the score looked is not how the story should be, never expected that these games are going to happen."

The loss dropped Ellis Tech's record to 3-7 at the halfway point of the season.

"Obviously no one's real happy about where we stand in our record right now but we look to improve," Murdock said.

Eight wins are required to

guarantee a berth in the state tournament and Murdock said it's a reachable victory total.

"That's been our goal all year. These girls are hard workers. We're going to come out strong every game we play," Murdock said.

The Golden Eagles ran into foul trouble against Tourtellotte on Jan. 17 and that didn't help. Ellis Tech's leading scorer, junior forward Vivianna St. Jean, fouled out in the third quarter and finished with just six points

"(St. Jean) fouled out and



Charlie Lentz photo

Ellis Tech's Kalista Lovely lofts a shot over Tourtellotte's Maddy Podgorni, left, and Sarah Duquette, center, on Jan. 17.

then my point guard (Breeanna Bentley) almost fouled out. There were some tough calls out there but the girls have to realize that's going to happen. We've got to overcome that and tonight we just weren't able to," Murdock said.

Senior forward Kalista Lovely was shut down as well and finished with six points. Murdock said Lovely's mobility is not at 100 percent.

"(Lovely) has some knee injuries right now but she's fighting through it. She's a warrior. I give her a lot of credit. She's a senior and she's going out strong," Murdock said.

Junior forward Amber Cutler led the Golden Eagles with eight points.

Ellis Tech is next sched-

uled to travel to Vinal Tech on Friday, Jan. 24, — by then the memory of the loss to Tourtellotte should be wiped clean.

"It does help that when a tech school sees another tech school on the schedule we're a little bit more amped up and competitive because we're drawing from so many towns," Murdock said.

The Golden Eagles return home on Tuesday, Jan. 28, to play host to Goodwin Tech, with tipoff set for 5:30 p.m. at Ellis Tech's gymnasium.

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Ellis Tech boys look to get healthy



Charlie Lentz photo

Ellis Tech's Ben Williams shoots against Tourtellotte last Friday in Thompson.

BY CHARLIE LENTZ
VILLAGER EDITOR

THOMPSON — The flu bug hit Ellis Tech's boys basketball team last week. Then the Golden Eagles got hit by a Tourtellotte team hungry for revenge. The Tigers played host to Ellis Tech last Friday night looking to avenge a 51-26 road loss that Tourtellotte endured in Danielson back on Dec. 30. Ellis Tech assistant coach Tim Milton — subbing for head coach Dan Piccione — was well aware that Tourtellotte probably would not be an accommodating host in the rematch at Cnty Gymnasium on Jan. 17.

"We played Tourtellotte a couple of weeks ago and we took it to them," Milton

said. "We knew they were going to be angry and come after us and they did. We just couldn't match their intensity. The flu has been running through our whole team this week. It's been a long week, probably three or four guys out every day. We haven't had a full practice in about a week and half."

To complicate matters, the team was without starting sophomore guard Sam Rebello and sophomore guard Lee Schiavetti, the Golden Eagles first man off the bench. Both Rebello and Schiavetti were recovering.

"We're down a couple of bodies today. We've had sickness going around so our kids have been

playing a lot of minutes and everybody's fighting it," said coach Milton. "That's not an excuse."

Ellis Tech senior guard Ryan Thorstenson scored a team-high 17 points in the loss to Tourtellotte on Jan. 17 at Cnty Gymnasium. Coach Milton couldn't fault the effort of his undermanned squad.

"Our intensity was there early and I think as the game wore on their pressure kind of got to us. We just wore down and we got tired," Milton said.

The loss dropped Ellis Tech's record to 1-8. Nearing the halfway point of the season, Milton said the Golden Eagles are still aiming to finish strongly and get the required eight wins needed to guarantee a berth in the state tournament.

"States, we've got to work hard, there's always that chance. We're not going to quit on that," Milton said. "We just want to get our kids working together again, communicating — and maybe getting our full team back and having a practice so we can look forward to the second half of the year."

The Golden Eagles are next scheduled to play at Goodwin Tech on Tuesday, Jan. 28. Milton hoped the flu bug had run its course by then.

"We've got a few days off here. We're going to rest up. Get ready to go," Milton.

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Woodstock boys hit second half looking for wins

BY CHARLIE LENTZ
VILLAGER EDITOR

WOODSTOCK — With Woodstock Academy's leading scorer sitting on the bench with a sprained left ankle the Centaurs fell to Killingly High 46-34. Junior guard Logan Talbot's scoring touch was sorely missed on Monday afternoon at Alumni Fieldhouse.

"We're hoping (Talbot) will be back. We're hoping for the best. He turned his ankle," said Woodstock coach Marty Hart. "We'll leave that to the trainers and the doctor to see when he's ready. We'll welcome him back when he's ready."

Talbot's perimeter game opens up the inside game for the Centaurs.

"We need for balance because it really opens up the inside game for (Aidan) Morin and (Ethan) Davis," Hart said. "It just helps better flow to our offense."

That flow was missing in the second half against Killingly.

"We need to be on balance. I really appreciate the other guys stepping up, especially in the first half. I thought we were on balance," Hart said.

Woodstock scored only 16 points in the first half but still led Killingly 16-9 at halftime. While Killingly was able to crank up its offense in the second half — tallying 37 points over the final 16 minutes — the Centaurs faded in fourth quarter. Woodstock managed just 10 points in the final frame.

"When we go away from our strengths things just don't go as well," Hart said.

Junior forward Liam Blanchflower led the Centaurs with 10 points. The loss to Killingly

dropped Woodstock's record to 4-6 at the half-way mark of the season. Coach Hart said the Centaurs still have their goals intact — making a run for a berth in the state tournament. Eight wins are required to guarantee a berth in the state tournament.

"We're working hard. We're going to have to really come together and keep putting together two sets of halves. We're coming out real strong in the first half and we just need to maintain that composure and intensity into the second half," Hart said. "We're halfway there. We've got to keep learning and building every day. Turn the page on this one. It's painful to lose a rivalry game here at home. But we're going to have to turn the page."

The game against Killingly on Jan. 20 was Woodstock's fifth game in 10 days. Woodstock is next scheduled to play host to Fitch on Friday, Jan. 24, with tipoff scheduled for 7 p.m. at Alumni Fieldhouse.

"We're taking a day off because we've had so many games back to back to back to back," Hart said. "The way the schedule worked out we had a game a week for a while and then once we got back to school (after the holiday break) and it was three games a week. We've just got to come ready play."

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Woodstock Academy's Liam Blanchflower goes up for a shot against Killingly High on Monday, Jan. 20.



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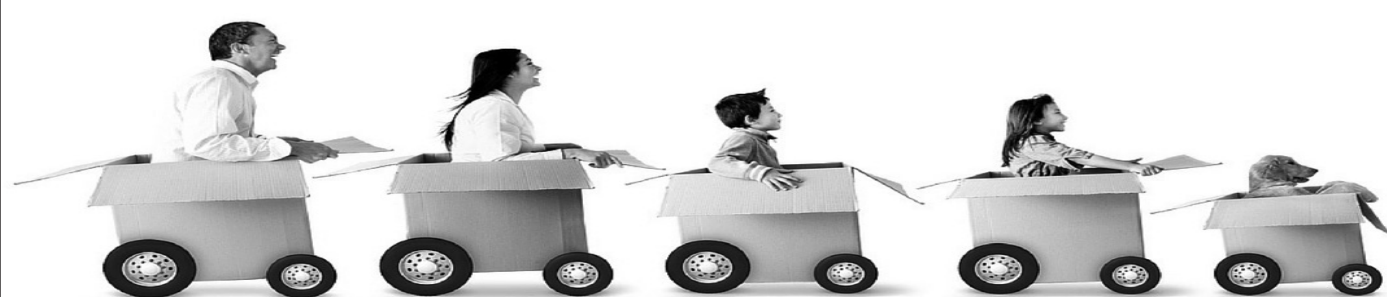
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OBITUARIES

Andrew A Morton



Andrew A Morton of 24 plaza street Brooklyn Connecticut died on December 20, 2019 at Day Kimball Hospital. Andrew was born on October 5, 1937 in Merrill Maine. He was the son of the late Alden D Morton and Madeline Beck “ Scott “. As a young man Andrew resided in both the state of Maine and the state of Connecticut where he worked for the family business. Andrew also served in the U.S Marine Cor for a short period of time.

Andrew was predeceased by his loving wife of 49 years of marriage Winnie A Morton “ Penney “ who died on April 25, 2014. Andrew and Winnie was married on December 18, 1964 in Knox Maine in 1969 he and his wife moved to Connecticut to make their home were Andrew worked for many years in the textile industry as a working Forman.

Andrew liked to go fishing in his spare time even though he never had a taste for the fish he caught he enjoyed giving it away to family and friends to enjoy. Andrew and his wife took great pride in their gardens that produced beautiful flowers and vegetables. Time spent with family also ment alot to Andrew although he missed Winnie dearly he looked forward to getting together with family and friends and cooking his famous turkey dinners the turkey was always moist and tender.

Andrew for many years would light up his yard with hundreds of christmas lights for all his grandchildren and great-grandchildren to enjoy. Andrew was also predeceased by his grandson Mark Anthony Lajoie “ Jay “ of Brooklyn Connecticut who died on September 13, 2004 who also

had a great fondness for his grandfather. Andrew was also predeased by his step mother Minnie Morton “ Morello “ of hartford conneticut.

Andrew was also a loving father and leaves behind his son Anthony A Morton and his wife Jennifer Morton “ LeClair “ of Freedom Maine, and his daughter Teresa D Ross “ Morton “ and her husband Robert Ross of Brooklyn Connecticut. Andrew was also a loving grandfather of eight grandchildren and four great-grandchildren who will miss his hugs and kisses and a endless supply of Kit-Kat candy bars.

Andrew also leaves behind his brother Frank Morton and his wife Judy Morton “ Boynton “ of Manchester Connecticut this past year Andrew would look forward to calling Frank every night to reminisce about the good old days. Andrew also leaves behind his brother Sebastian J Morton and his wife Carol Morton “ Perkins “ of Old Saybrook Connecticut, and Joseph Morton “ pandozzi “ and his wife Effie of Maryland. Andrew always spoke of his brothers even though alot of time passed between visits Andrew always had a kind word to stay about them.

Andrew also leaves behind many nieces and nephews.

The family would like to thank all of family and friends for their prayers and thoughts services will be held at a later date.

2 Thessalonians 2:16-17

May our Lord Jesus Christ himself and God our father, who loved us and by his grace gave us eternal encouragement and good hope, encourage your hearts and strengthen you in every good deed and word.



WOODSTOCK VALLEY - Norman Joseph Beaupre Jr., after 70 blessed years, reached the end of his Earthly journey and was called home to be with Our Lord on Sunday, January 12, 2020.

Norman was born on July 18, 1949, in Hartford to Norman and Lorraine (LaBonte) Beaupre. Norman then began a life or love for God, family and country. He served our great nation in the special forces and after 15 years was honorably discharged from the United States Army. His first wife of ten years was Kathy Duke and together they have two daughters, Tracy Koonce of Brookford NC and Lorraine McCready of Stafford VA. Norman remarried in 1981 to his soulmate Jahala Jean and have two children, Danielle Beaupre-Boncek of Pomfret CT and Norman “Beau” Beaupre III of Woodstock Valley CT. They recently celebrated 38 wonderful years of marital adventures.

Active in the community, Norman was a member of American Legion Post 13, New England Western Dance Association, and served as Commander of VFW Post 1523 for eight years – the longest running commander in the Post’s history. While he enjoyed play-

ing cards and pool; singing and dancing with his beautiful wife and acting as sound engineer for his wife’s band, when asked what his greatest achievement is, he would answer, “my family”.



Norman’s living legacy is celebrated by his wife, children, three brothers, and two sisters, as well as twelve grandchildren, nine great grandchildren and many other family and friends who carry his memory in their hearts. He is reunited in Eternal Life with his mother, father, and first wife along with his brother in arms, Joe.

Norman wished to live in our cherished memories and chose not to have a viewing. Family and close friends gathered on Saturday to celebrate his bountiful journey. Join our celebration and visit the memorial webpage at norman-j-beauprejr.forevermissed.com to share memories of his amazing life. Funeral arrangements were entrusted to the Gilman Funeral Home & Crematory, 104 Church St., Putnam, CT 06260. In lieu of flowers memorial donations in Norman’s memory may be made to Putnam VFW Albert J. Breault Post 1523, 207 Providence St., Putnam, CT 06260.

Beverly Bolduc, 76



NORTH OXFORD–Beverly (Dufault) Bolduc, 76, passed away peacefully on Thursday January 16, 2020 at the Life Care Center of Auburn while surrounded by her loving family.

Beverly is survived by her husband of fifty-eight years, Peter A. Bolduc; a son Michael T. Bolduc and his wife Jennifer of Sterling; a daughter Lisa M. Lehoux and her husband Gary R. of Brooklyn, CT; a brother Gary Dufault of Leicester; two sisters: Patricia Catalani of Stoneham and Dale Hartnett of Leicester; six grandchildren; six great-grandchildren, as well as many extended relatives and dear friends; she was predeceased by

her son David P. Bolduc.

Beverly was born in Worcester, MA on May 19, 1943, daughter of the late Raoul and Florence (Tarberner) Dufault; she was a loving and caring wife, mother, and grandmother who greatly enjoyed reading and gardening. Beverly will truly be missed by all who were blessed to know her.

A graveside service will be held on Saturday January 25, 2020 at 10:00 am at North Cemetery in Oxford, MA.

The Shaw-Majercik Funeral Home, 48 School Street Webster, MA is honored to have been entrusted with Beverly’s funeral arrangements.

A guest book is available at www.shaw-majercik.com where you may post a message of comfort or light a candle in remembrance of Beverly.

Elaine Ruth Auclair, 77



Elaine Ruth (Fisher) Auclair, 77, of Zellwood, FL, formerly of Putnam, CT, passed peacefully on Friday, January 10, 2020 with her daughter by her side. Elaine was born May 4, 1942 in Worcester, MA, the daughter of Sidney and Jean (Sclar) Fisher. Elaine was a well-loved, long-term substitute teacher at Putnam Elementary School and a talented artist. She is survived by her daughter, Laura Fisher Andersen (Eric “Gus”) of Stockbridge, GA and four grandchildren: Chance, Gunnar, Sydne, and Cole. She is also survived by her two sisters, Myrna B. Pumerantz and Joyce M. Pearson, and her brother, Jeffrey H. Fisher (Ellen);

her nephew, Marc A. Pumerantz and his children, Caitlin, Chase and Bailey; and niece Lynn Pumerantz Jaworski (Steven) and their children, Emily and Tucker. Other survivors include her five step-children: Kim Auclair (Marna); Joy Auclair (Jon Wallace); Carl Auclair; Carey Auclair; Michael Auclair; several step-grandchildren; several sisters and brothers-in-law; and several cousins. She will be greatly missed by her YaYa Sisters of Zellwood. She was predeceased by her parents, her brother-in-law Gilbert Pumerantz and her husband, Nicholas Auclair.

There are no calling hours. Burial is private and will be at the convenience of the family. In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to Health Choice CT, PO Box 603, Suffield, CT 06078.

Patricia Sadowsky, 77



DUDLEY – Ms. Patricia A. Sadowsky, 77, of Mason Rd. passed away on Wednesday, January 15, 2020 at UMass Hospital, University Campus. She was born on Sunday, August 9, 1942 in Mechanicsville, CT to the late Clarence and Claire (Demers) Pottie. Patricia is survived by her son, James Aaron Sadowsky; daughter-in-law, Wendy Sadowsky and her grandson, James Nicholas Sadowsky all of North Oxford, MA. Patricia resided with her cousin Gloria Dubeau in Thompson, CT for many years.

Pat attended St. Joseph’s grammar and high school in North Grosvenordale, CT. She was a graduate of the class of 1960. After graduation she attended Elizabeth Ollis Beauty Academy in Worcester, MA. She then worked for her friend Barbara

Cournoyer at Barb’s House of Styling in Webster, MA. She was also involved in her ex-husband’s family business at Indian Ranch and Pineview farms for many years. Other places of employment were as the bake shop manager for the Public House in Sturbridge, MA, Gentex Optics, Dudley, MA, and O.F.S. (Lucent Technologies) in Sturbridge, MA.

Pat enjoyed computer games and spending time with her many friends from all over the U.S. and abroad. She also enjoyed the ocean, Red Sox baseball and card games with her friends and family. She would like to thank all of her wonderful friends and family for making her life comfortable and fun right to the end. “Love you all.”

Memorial donations may be made in Pat’s name to the Second Chance Animal Shelter, Inc. P.O. Box 136, E. Brookfield, MA 01515 or to the SPCA of CT, a no kill shelter in Monroe, CT.

Relatives and friends are invited to visit with Patricia’s family at 9:00

am on Saturday January 25, 2019 in the Valade Funeral Home & Crematory, 23 Main Street, N. Grosvenordale, CT followed by a Mass of Christian Burial at 10:30 a.m. at St. Joseph Church, 18 Main St. N. Grosvenordale, CT. Burial will follow in St. Joseph Cemetery. For memorial guest-book visit www.GilmanAndValade.com.

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January 25, Sat., 5-7pm

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January 25, Sat., 10am

Kimberly Newton Fusco, author of *Tending to Grace*, will speak at the Killingly Public Library. The public is cordially invited to hear Ms. Fusco and enjoy light refreshments. Sponsored by Friends of the Library.

January 25, Sat., 5:30 & 7:00

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Concert and sing-a-long by Dulcimea, a local dulcimer group, at the Danielson United Methodist Church, 9 Spring St. Sponsored by the Killingly-Brooklyn Interfaith Council. Free will offering to benefit KBIC's homeless fund. Snow date is February 9.

January 26, Sun., 2:00pm

BROOKLYN - A Christian Healing Service, formerly held at St. Philip's Church in Putnam at Trinity Episcopal Church. Prayer teams will be available to pray with individuals for physical, emotional and spiritual healing. The service will include praise and worship music at a celebration of the Eucharist. Trinity Church is located at 7 Providence Road. Healing services are held every fourth Sunday of the month. For information call 860-774-9352, visit www.trinitychurchbrookly.org or look for the church on Facebook. All are welcome.

January 29 Wed., 5:30-6:30pm

Choosing Kind Book Club. Killingly Public Library. CT Humanities Council Book Voyager Program. The characters in these books face challenges that set them apart from their classmates. How others treat them as well as how they view themselves impacts their success and they find that kindness is the key! We will meet the last Wednesday of the

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February 3, Mon., 6:45pm

The Quiet Corner Garden Club presents "Using Native Shrubs for Pollinators" presented by Dr. Jessica Lubell, Professor of Horticulture at UConn Dr. Lubell will review pollinator-friendly native cultivars that home gardeners can use to protect, encourage and increase the effects of the diminished pollinator populations that threaten our vital ecosystems. South Woodstock Baptist Church's Fellowship Hall, 23 Roseland Park Road, South Woodstock, CT. Following the program, attendees can enjoy refreshments, meet the speakers, and ask follow-up questions. Open to the public (A \$5 donation is requested of non-members)

February 7, Fri., 8-11am

Coffee and Card Games. All are welcome Senexet Grange. 628 Route 169, Woodstock, CT 06281. Come spend time with other Senior Citizens in our community while enjoying free coffee and snacks every 1st Friday of the month. The Grange will be open for a time of fellowship and provide decks of cards for multiple games so invite all your friends! Choose which game you would like to play and enjoy the morning. For more information contact: Amy @ 860-455-8844, grange40ct@gmail.com

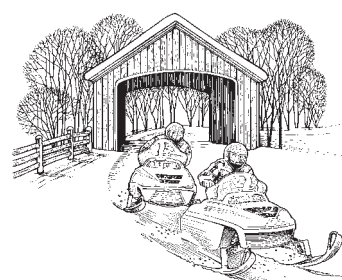
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February 14, Fri., 14, 9:30-11:30am

Stonecroft Women's Connection Brunch at The Inn at Woodstock Hill, 94 Plaine Hill Rd. "Lyme Awareness and Support" with Monique Picard, BSN, RN. Inspirational Speaker Sandra Lombardo's Dramatic Presentation of "Rahab of Jericho". Reservations for Brunch \$13 are required, cancellations essential. Call 860-774-5092, 860-455-7671 or email: wccwc81@hotmail.com by Mon., Feb. 9. Bring a Friend and join the party!

February 19, Wed., 2-4:30pm

Senior social Afternoon Tea. All are welcome Senexet Grange. 628 Route 169, Woodstock, CT 06281. The Grange is offering a time of Senior Fellowship for our Quiet Corner community. Enjoy free tea or coffee and snacks every 3rd Wednesday of the month. Please join us as we are looking to offer optional programs of your interest during this time as well. Hope to see you soon with your program suggestions and friends! For more information contact: Amy @ 860-455-8844, grange40ct@gmail.com or friend Senexet Grange on Facebook.



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SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 8

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SUNDAY FEBRUARY 9

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SATURDAY, MARCH 14

OPEN HOUSE
at Hodgkins Building (Museum/RR/Art Guild/ Boy Scouts)
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TUESDAY, MARCH 24

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Senior Center, Pleasant Street. 6:30pm FREE

SATURDAY, APRIL 4,

ROARIN' TWENTIES DANCE
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SATURDAY, APRIL 11,

OPEN HOUSE
at Hodgkins Building (Museum/ RR)
108 School Street, East Brookfield 1:00-3:00. FREE

SATURDAY, APRIL 18,

HISTORICAL TALK - Ed Londergan -
The First and Second Settlements
East Brookfield Town Hall 9:30 FREE

SATURDAY, APRIL 25

TOWN WIDE CLEAN-UP DAY
Meet at East Brookfield Town Hall 9:00

SATURDAY, MAY 2,

EAST BROOKFIELD NATURE WALKS
at Pelletier Woods
Howe Street, East Brookfield 2:00. FREE

SATURDAY, MAY 9,

OPEN HOUSE
at Hodgkins Building (Museum/ RR).
108 School Street, East Brookfield. 1:200 FREE

SATURDAY, MAY 16,

7K RUN AND FUN WALK
Timberyard Brewery, East Brookfield
10:0am. \$30.00 adults, \$15.00 kids

SATURDAY, MAY 30

HISTORICAL TALK -
Ed Londergan - Murder in the Brookfields
(Spooners / Newton Murders)
East Brookfield Town Hall, 9:30. FREE

SATURDAY, JUNE 6

HISTORY & DESSERT
at Podunk Chapel, East Brookfield
2:00 & 3:30 seatings. \$5.00 pp

FRIDAY, JUNE 12

COAST GUARD BAND
East Brookfield Elementary School, 7:00 FREE

SATURDAY, JUNE 13

OPEN HOUSE
at Hodgkins Building (Museum/ RR)
108 School Street, East Brookfield 1:00-3:00. FREE

SATURDAY, JUNE 20,

OPEN HOUSE
at Camp Frank A. Day (archery, boating, basketball, mini golf, lunch) Rain Date: June 21. 125 South Pond Road, East Brookfield. 11:00-3:00. FREE

MONDAY, JULY 6

SUMMER READING KICK OFF -
EB Library - continues for five weeks.
East Brookfield Town Hall. FREE

SATURDAY JULY 25

HISTORICAL TALK - Heather Gablaski -
East Brookfield: 100 Years a Town
East Brookfield Town Hall, 9:30. FREE

SATURDAY, JULY 11

INDEPENDENCE DAY CELEBRATION
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SATURDAY, AUGUST 8

OPEN HOUSE
at Hodgkins Building (Museum/ RR)
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SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 12

PARADE AND FAMILY FUN EVENT!
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9:30 -7:00. FREE. Rain date Sept 13

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 10

OPEN HOUSE
at Hodgkins Building (Museum/ RR)
108 School Street, East Brookfield, 1:00-3:00. FREE

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 24, 3:30

BUS AND CEMETERY TOUR,
ending in dinner at Podunk Chapel.
Meet at East Brookfield Town Hall.
\$15-\$20.00 pp

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 7

HISTORICAL TALK - Guy Morin- Central

Massachusetts during the Revolution
East Brookfield Town Hall, 9:30 FREE

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 14

OPEN HOUSE
at Hodgkins Building (Museum/ RR)
108 School Street, East Brookfield, 1:00-3:00. FREE

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 12

HISTORICAL TALK -
Ken and Tina Ethier - "Trolley Talk"
East Brookfield Town Hall, 9:30. FREE

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 12

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Highest bidder will be notified by telephone the following business day.
January 24, 2020
January 31, 2020

State of Connecticut COURT OF PROBATE Northeast Regional Children's Probate Court DISTRICT NO. PD59 NOTICE OF HEARING TERMINATION OF PARENTAL RIGHTS NOTICE TO

Megan Ellen Johnson f/k/a Megan E Klingensmith

Pursuant to an order of Hon. Carolanne Rowe, Judge, a hearing will be held at Northeast Regional Children's Probate Court, 508 Pomfret Street, P.O. Box 471, Putnam, CT 06260 on February 13, 2020 at 11:00 AM, on a petition for Termination of Parental Rights concerning a minor children born to **Megan Ellen Johnson f/k/a Megan E Klingensmith** on September 8, 2010, **Django K.** born on February 19, 2013 and **Faith K.** born on September, 2004. The court's decision will affect your interest, if any, as in the petition on file more fully appears.

RIGHT TO COUNSEL: If the above named person wishes to have an attorney, but is unable to pay for one, the Court will provide an attorney upon proof of inability to pay. Any such request should be made immediately by contacting the court office where the hearing is to be held.
By Order of the Court
Mona Fournier,
Clerk
January 24, 2020

Legal Notice Town of Thompson

Notice is hereby given that the contract between the Thompson Board of Education and the Superintendent of Schools and the Finance Director for the period of July 1, 2019 through June 30, 2022, are on file in the office of the Town Clerk, Town Hall, 815 Riverside Drive, North Grosvenordale, Ct.
Dated at Thompson Ct.
January 15, 2020
Renee Waldron
Town Clerk
January 24, 2020

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

ESTATE OF Kathryn Tulloch Sargent (19-00486)
The Hon. Leah P. Schad, Judge of the Court of Probate, District of Northeast probate Court, by decree dated, ordered that all claims must be pretested to the fiduciary at the address below. Failure to promptly present any such claim may result in the loss of rights to recover on such claim.

Alysia Casiano, Clerk
The fiduciary is:
Peter T. Sargent
c/o WILLIAM H ST ONGE, (attor-

ney for Peter T. Sargent), ST ONGE & BROUILLARD, 50 ROUTE 171, WOODSTOCK, CT 06281
January 24, 2020

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

ESTATE OF Robert R Blain (20-00013)
The Hon. Leah P. Schad, Judge of the Court of Probate, District of Northeast probate Court, by decree dated January 9, 2020, ordered that all claims must be pretested to the fiduciary at the address below. Failure to promptly present any such claim may result in the loss of rights to recover on such claim.

Brenda Duquette, Clerk
The fiduciary is:
Patricia J Blain, Trustee
c/o FRANK GERARD HERZOG, BORNER SMITH ALEMAN HERZOG & CERRONE, LLC, 155 PROVIDENCE STREET, PO BOX 166, PUTNAM, CT 06260
January 24, 2020

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

ESTATE OF Keith A Carpenter, Sr., AKA Keith Alan Carpenter, Sr. (19-00451)
The Hon. Leah P. Schad, Judge of the Court of Probate, District of Northeast probate Court, by decree dated January 13, 2020, ordered that all claims must be pretested to the fiduciary at the address below. Failure to promptly present any such claim may result in the loss of rights to recover on such claim.

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PUBLIC NOTICE TOWN OF BROOKLYN

On January 14, 2020, the duly authorized agent of the Brooklyn Inland Wetlands and Watercourses Commission approved 011420A John P. and Stephanie Rimoczy, 190 Wolf Den Rd, Map 17, Lot 29-1, RA Zone; Proposed construction of single-family residence with septic system, well and driveway within the upland review area.
January 24, 2020

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

ESTATE OF Carol E. Spinney (19-00485)
The Hon. Leah P. Schad, Judge of the Court of Probate, District of Northeast probate Court, by decree dated, ordered that all claims must be pretested to the fiduciary at the address below. Failure to promptly present any such claim may result in the loss of rights to recover on such claim.

Alysia Casiano, Clerk
The fiduciary is:
Debra J. Spinney
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January 24, 2020

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

ESTATE OF Victor John Strama (19-00474)
The Hon. Leah P. Schad, Judge of the Court of Probate, District of Northeast probate Court, by decree dated December 13, 2019, ordered that all claims must be pretested to the fiduciary at the address below. Failure to promptly present any such claim may result in the loss of rights to recover on such claim.

Alysia Casiano, Clerk
The fiduciary is:
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January 24, 2020

LEGAL NOTICE TOWN OF WOODSTOCK TAX COLLECTOR'S NOTICE

The second installment of real estate and personal property taxes, sewer use bills, and motor vehicle supplemental taxes listed on the October 1, 2018 Grand List becomes due and payable to the Town of Woodstock on **January 1, 2020**. Payment must be postmarked or brought into the office by **February 3, 2020** to avoid an interest charge. Interest will be charged on **February 4, 2020** on all delinquent payments at the rate of one and one-half percent per month, or a minimum charge of \$2.00 on each bill. Motor Vehicle Supplemental taxes not paid by **February 3, 2020** will be reported as delinquent to the Motor Vehicle Department. If you have any questions, please contact the Tax Collector's Office at 860-928-9469 ext. 318 or the Assessor's office at 860-928-6929 ext. 326. The Tax Collector's office hours are Monday, Tuesday, and Thursday 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.; Wednesday 8:30 a.m. to 6:00 p.m. The town hall will be closed on Fridays. The office will be closed at noon on Tuesday, December 31, 2019 and will be closed on Wednesday, January 1, 2020 for the New Year's Day Holiday and on Monday, January 20, 2020 in observance of Martin Luther King Jr. Day.
Linda Bernardi, CCMC
Woodstock Tax Collector
415 Route 169
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December 27, 2019
January 10, 2020
January 24, 2020

Legal Notice Town of Thompson

A certified list of 20 Republican Party-endorsed candidates for the Town of Thompson for election as Members of the Town Committee at large is on file in my office at 815 Riverside Drive North Grosvenordale, CT and copies are available for public distribution. The number of Town Committee members to be elected, under party rules is twenty (20).
A primary will be held March 3, 2020 if five (5) candidacies (which is at least 25% of the number of Town Committee members to be elected by such party in the municipality) are filed in accordance with 9-382 to 9-450, inclusive, of the General Statutes, by persons other than party-endorsed candidates, not later than 4:00 PM of January 31, 2020, provided the number of such candidacies plus the number of endorsed candidates, exceeds the number of Town Committee members to be elected. (If the number of opposing candidacies filed is reduced to less than 25%, no primary will be held.)
Petition forms, instructions and information concerning the procedure for filing opposing candidacies, may be obtained from Francis J. McGarry, Republican Registrar of voters, 225 Chase Road, Thompson, Connecticut. Renee Waldron
Town Clerk of Thompson
January 24, 2020

WITCHES WOOD TAX DISTRICT NOTICE TO PAY TAXES

The second installment of taxes due to the Witches Woods Tax District on the Town of Woodstock Grand List of October 1, 2018 are due and payable on January 1, 2020. Payment must be postmarked or delivered by February 3, 2020. Interest will be charged on February 4, 2020 on all delinquent payments at the rate of one and a half percent per month or a minimum charge of \$2.00 per tax bill, in accordance with Section 12-146 of the Connecticut General Statutes. Failure to receive a tax bill does not invalidate the tax or the interest. (Section 12-130 C.G.S.) If you do not receive a tax bill, please contact the Tax Collector immediately.
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Mail must be postmarked no later than February 3, 2020
Frederick M Chmura
Tax Collector
January 10, 2019
January 24, 2019

Legal Notice Town of Thompson

A certified list of 25 Democratic Party-endorsed candidates for the Town of Thompson for election as Members of the Town Committee at large is on file in my office at 815 Riverside Drive North Grosvenordale, CT and copies are available for public distribution. The number of Town Committee members to be elected, under party rules is twenty (25).
A primary will be held March 3, 2020 if seven (7) candidacies (which is at least 25% of the number of Town Committee members to be elected by such party in the municipality) are filed in accordance with 9-382 to 9-450, inclusive, of the General Statutes, by persons other than party-endorsed candidates, not later than 4:00 PM of January 31, 2018, provided the number of such candidacies plus the number of endorsed candidates, exceeds the number of Town Committee members to be elected. (If the number of opposing candidacies filed is reduced to less than 25%, no primary will be held.)
Petition forms, instructions and information concerning the procedure for filing opposing candidacies, may be obtained from A. Aileen Witkowski, Democratic Registrar of Voters, 334 West Thompson Road, North Grosvenordale.
Renee Waldron
Town Clerk of Thompson
January 24, 2020

TOWN OF BROOKLYN INLAND WETLANDS AND WATERCOURSES COMMISSION NOTICE OF ACTION

Pursuant to Section 22a-42e of the Connecticut State Statute, the Inland Wetlands and Watercourses Commission took the following action at its meeting on January 14, 2020:
102219A Strategic Commercial Realty, Inc, d/b/a Rawson Materials, 200 acres +/- on the south side of Rukstela Road (Map 21, Lot 7 and Map 30, Lot 16) in the RA Zone; Excavation of approximately 1.9 million cubic yards of sand and gravel. All excavated material will be transported off site to a processing facility in Canterbury-APPROVED WITH CONDITIONS
Any appeals are to be filed with Superior Court 15 days from the date of the legal notice appearing in the paper. Dated this 15th day of January 2020
Demian Sorrentino
Vice Chairman
January 24, 2020

TOWN OF BROOKLYN PLANNING AND ZONING COMMISSION NOTICE OF ACTION

At the regular meeting of the Planning and Zoning Commission on Wednesday, January 8, 2020, the following action was taken:
GBR19-001-Gravel Bank Renewal, Sansoucy Quarries (Paul Sansoucy), 45 acres on east side of Pomfret Road (Map 26, Lot 19A), renewal of 2014 Gravel Special Permit-APPROVED. Any appeals are to be filed with the Superior Court 15 days from the date of the legal notice appearing in the paper. Dated this 14th day of January 2020
Michelle Sigfridson
Chairman
Please publish in the legal section of the Villager Newspaper Friday 1/24/20. If you have questions, please call Audrey at 860-779-3411 Ext 12.
January 24, 2020

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5 simple ways to go green at home and save money

(MS) — Thinking green throughout the year can offer some significant benefits. Here are some easy ways you can go green in your own home and lower your energy bills:

Invest in a programmable thermostat. It will automatically adjust the temperature in your house, saving you energy while you're out for the day, away on vacation or sleeping.

Switch all of your lightbulbs to CFLs (compact fluorescent light) or LED bulbs. They last longer and use up to 75 percent less energy than standard incandescent bulbs, saving you money on your electric bills.

Insulate well. Use insulation with a high R-value, such as Roxul Comfortbatt, to top up insulation in your attic. Aim for an R-value of 50 or a depth

of 16 inches. For whole home efficiency, ensure other areas of your home are well insulated, such as crawl spaces, basement headers, walls and ceilings. It will keep your house cool in the warm weather and take the stress off your air conditioning unit.

Stop air leaks around your home by sealing existing gaps and cracks. Use caulking or weather stripping around doors and windows. Installing a door sweep is also a good idea.

Replace old appliances with energy-efficient models. Only do laundry or run the dishwasher when you have full loads.

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