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Reading into it



THE MINOR DETAILS

ADAM MINOR

As someone who reads and writes for a living, and considers it a lifelong passion, you can imagine the pride I feel in my heart when I see my 5-year-old son learning to read.

I sat down with him before bedtime last week, and he read me a book. It was a simple book. I'm not talking Shakespeare here (although that would be quite impressive). It was called, "I Am Here," filled with short words designed to stimulate early readers, with pictures to help if they get stuck. It was like a book with training wheels. I'm sure at this point he has probably memorized the book he has read it so much, but his eyes light up when he can successfully recognize the words he is trying to read.

It's an awesome thing to see him on the beginning of the path of learning such an important skill. I can see the gears churning as he thinks about the sounds that correspond to different words, his "thinking face" complete with furrowed brow and scrunched lip, as he concentrates on the page in front of him.

Of course, it's not always on the page that I'll catch him reading. As I came out of my bedroom one night last week, I came upon my son playing. He gave my midsection a curious look, and slowly and simply said: "Old Navy."

Puzzled, I looked down, and realized that I was wearing my 2016 American flag Old Navy T-shirt. He had read my shirt. To further test his skills, I asked him as I pointed to the words underneath the American flag, "What does this say?"

"L...an...D...of...the...f...r...ee." Following my fingers, he sounded it out at a faster pace. "Land of the free."

When I was his age, I was reading and writing at a furious pace. I couldn't stop. Anything that had words on it, I was trying to sound out loud. My mother will tell you that it got out of hand sometimes. When I was 3, I was scolded for taking the graphite bottom of a light bulb and using it as a pencil to write words on my wall. My mother was simultaneously angry and impressed, so much so that she left those doodles on my wall years. My son never did that, but he has tackled any and every word he can, even if he doesn't know how to spell it. It's almost become like a secret language we try to decode, as he writes his messages phonetically, oftentimes accompanying his notes with pictures and doodles (sometimes, I wish I could accompany this column with doodles...).

It makes me happy to see him (and my daughter, as she tries to keep up!) enjoy learning to read. Now granted, there are times he gets into his moods and wants to just be left alone and be left to his Legos, dinosaurs and knick-knacks. But more often than not, he is more than happy to be in a book, either trying to figure out the words, or having one of us help him along.

I can only hope that he learns to love the written word as much as his old man as he grows up — but even if he doesn't, at least he can read this in some archive somewhere, sometime in the future, and be embarrassed!

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Former PHS student arrested for 'threatening comments'

CONCERNED OFFICIALS 'ERR ON THE SIDE OF CAUTION'

ARNA EXCH VILAN

Photo courtesy Putnam Police Department

Former Putnam student Kyle Dexter was arrested on Jan. 13, after school officials reported concerns about posts Dexter made concerning Putnam High School on social media a day earlier.

BY JASON BLEAU NEWS STAFF WRITER

PUTNAM — A former Putnam student has been arrested for making concerning posts on social media that Putnam Police said contained "threatening comments" in their report of the investigation and arrest.

Putnam Police named 19-yearold Kyle Dexter as the suspect taken into custody as a result of reports of concern from administrators in the Putnam School District. A former Putnam student, Dexter still resides in the town and was charged with 2nd degree breach of peace after comments he posted on Facebook were determined to be aimed at Putnam High School. Police confirmed the arrest on Friday, Jan. 13, and maintained heavy police presence

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Charlie Lentz photos

POMFRET — Woodstock Academy's boys hockey team played host to its second annual Military Appreciation Night last Saturday, Jan. 14, at Pomfret School's Jahn Rink, and fans were out in full force. Pictured, from left, Eliza Dutson and Marie Gravier. For more photos, turn to page A15!



File photo

Team Tickled Pink poses for a quick photo at this past year's Relay for Life.

New look, new location

NECT RELAY FOR LIFE MOVING TO BROOKLYN IN 2017

BY JASON BLEAU NEWS STAFF WRITER

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The 21st edition of the Northeastern Connecticut Relay for Life will be the dawn of a new era for the long running fundraising event, which every year raises money to help the American Cancer Society (ACS) find a cure for the many cancer illnesses that plague Americans every day.

After 20 years at the Woodstock Fairgrounds, the event will move to the Brooklyn Fairgrounds in 2017, as the local Relay merges with the Plainfield Relay for Life to create one big, unified event for northeastern Connecticut.

Event Lead Tammy

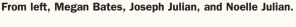
Wakefield said that the merger and resulting venue change was part of a larger plan by the ACS to cut costs and bring smaller Relays together into bigger events.

"The ACS, for the last few years, has been looking at trying to cut costs. They looked at all their Relays and decided which ones were close enough and could work together. The Plainfield Relay being a little bit smaller, they decided to merge us with them," Wakefield said. "Our borders for the northeast Relay now go basically from Griswold's town line to Ashford, up to Thompson, and of course, down reaching

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ELKS BREAKFAST HONORS MLK







Dr. Matthew Hughey and Menaka Kannan.

Charlie Lentz photos

PUTNAM —A Martin Luther King Jr. Breakfast was held on Monday, Jan. 16, at Putnam Elks Lodge 574. For more photos, turn to page A4!

Town prepared to move forward with mill development

BY JASON BLEAU NEWS STAFF WRITER

THOMPSON — As attention turns to the future of Riverside Mill in Thompson later this month, the town is also getting close to closure in regards to the future of the Belding-Corticelli Mill site that remains vacant following the tearing down of most of the aged structure in 2006.

More than 10 years later, the town is preparing to present the final findings of an examination of the property and open up the land to developers in the coming months. Town Planning & Development Director Mary Ann Chinatti told The Villager that Brownfield work on the property in nearly complete.

"We're waiting on final reports from CME," Chinatti said referring to CME Associates, the engineering firm hiring by the town to put together the report. "The final public informational meeting for that project will be at the Board of Selectmen's Feb. 21 meeting. That's pretty much wrapping up. Once we get the results from the test-

ing and public informational meetings done then we will work on trying to market the property."

First Selectman Ken Beausoleil said that he feels the time is right to move forward with bringing new life to that property. With Thompson seeing new businesses and some economic

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Making news in 1917

Luckily for me, Marilyn Labbe has been extracting items from 100 years ago from the Windham County Transcript. I thought you might enjoy reading about what was making news in January 1917.

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The following are from the Jan. 4 paper.

"Fisherman's Luck. Sometimes fisherman's luck can be proved, and such was the case in the window display at A.W. Williams pharmacy Tuesday.

Fifteen fine pickerel were on exhibition, the united weight of which was 24 pounds. The lucky fishermen were Williams, Pop Cunneen, Herbert Barber, Howard Burdick, Ralph C. Young, Franklin C.E. and William M. Franklin. Just where they were caught is under rigid censorship. It was a fine beginning of the

new year."
Perhaps one of

the mentioned individuals was one of your relatives. It's always fun to discover what they were doing in their leisure time.

December 2016 must have been quite

"There is nine inch ice at Chaubaumaug (Old Killingly Pond), clear as crystal and King George is sharpening his ice tools and getting ready to fill the ice house at the Mason Homestead."

"There has been a big supply of fine holiday skating."

The mention of skating made Killlingly Historical Society vice-president Bernie Mitchell and I reminisce about what seemed like cold winters when we were growing up. He lived in Attawaugan and said that the red brick house, on the easterly side of Route 12, past Golden Greek heading south, was built by John Navarro. Against the garage there was hardtop where Bernie and a few guys would play basketball. In the winter this would be flooded, so they could then play ice hockey there (conversation 1/11/17).

I'm sure some of you recall when you could skate near Killingly Memorial School. What other places to ice skate do you recall in the various villages of Killingly? Please contact me by sending an email or calling the Killingly Historical Center.

"Several large flocks of pine grosbeaks have made their appearance in South Killingly. This is taken as an indication of severe weather and snow-covered ground farther north."

Because the trains no longer run, most of us probably don't think about how they impacted the businesses and individuals of this region.

"The Goodyear Cotton Mills, Inc., have been very seriously handicapped by the congestion of freight at Dayville and by the lack of transportation facilities. Two weeks ago we had twenty-five cars of coal, eight cars of cotton and four cars of yarn all spread out on the rails of the New Haven Railroad between Plainfield and Dayville. The transportation problem is one of our most serious issues and unless the New Haven Railroad can extend their accommodations at Dayville we shall be forced to curtail our plans for the development of the Goodyear Cotton Mills, Inc."

The war provided a "boom" economy for the mills of the region, and this was apparently reflected in the benefits to the workers and their families. "The Ballouville Social Club house... was opened for the first time on Monday evening. With the exception of the ground floor, the interior is fully furnished. The ground floor at present contains three rooms. One is occupied at present by the steam heater. The other two rooms are 14 x 40 feet and 15 x 20 feet. These rooms are not yet entirely finished, but the larger of the two will probably be fitted up for a gymnasium in the near future. The other room will probably be used for general purposes. The second floor, which is the club proper, contains three rooms and a bath and lavatory.

The main clubroom which extends the entire length of the building is 40 x 14 feet, and is a handsome room on the front and has two doors which open onto a fine veranda which is 40 x 8 feet. This room contains a handsome rub-



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MARGARET WEAVER

ble fireplace, which extends from the floor to the ceiling and is very attractive. Opening out of this room in the rear of the building is the poolroom, which is 20 by 14 feet. This is also a fine room and contains three large windows, which make it very light and sunny these winter days. Opening out of the main clubroom also is the reading room, which is very pleasant and is 14 by 10 feet. The bath and lavatory also open out of the main clubroom and are fitted up with all the modern conveniences. The rooms are all finished with hard pine floors and a fourfoot wainscoting of selected Southern hard pine, finished in natural wood.

The side walls are painted and tinted with a beautiful shade of green and have curtains to match; the ceilings are paneled and tinted a buff color, which blends very nicely with the sidewalls. All the rooms are lighted by electricity with modern fixtures. If space would permit we would go into detail about our new club house, but we have given you a general idea of what comfortable quarters we have. We feel very much indebted to the Attawaugan Co., in erecting this fine building for the benefit of the mill operatives and others of our village. The contracting parties for the building were C.M. Williams of Norwich, builder; E.H. Keach and Co. of Danielson, steam heating and plumbing and L.A. Bradford of Danielson, electrical work. The club has already opened with fifty members with prospects of several more. At the club meeting on Monday evening, the following officers were elected: President, Hector McConnell; 1st Vice President, Etchen Fararault; 2nd Vice President, Hubert Caron; Recording Secretary, J.L. Pray; Financial collectors, Frank L. Bennett, Alex Labelle; Treasurer, Frank L. Bennett." Perhaps you can name more of the original members of this Ballouville Social Club. Does anyone know how long the club was in existence? If so please contact me. The information will add another dimension to our knowledge about life in the mill villages.

Note: In case of inclement weather, the Center may be closed. Please listen to WINY for closings.

Margaret M. Weaver is the Killingly Municipal Historian. Special thanks to Bernie Mitchell for memories used in this column and to Marilyn Labbe for the Transcript extracts. For additional information visit the Killingly Historical Center Wednesday or Saturday, 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. (or by appointment) or www.killinglyhistorical.org. or call 860-779-7250. Mail for the Killingly Historical & Genealogical Society, Inc. or the Killingly Historical Center should be sent to P.O. Box 265, Danielson, Connecticut 06329. Margaret Weaver may be reached at margaretmweaver@gmail.com.



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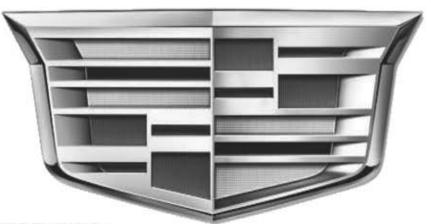
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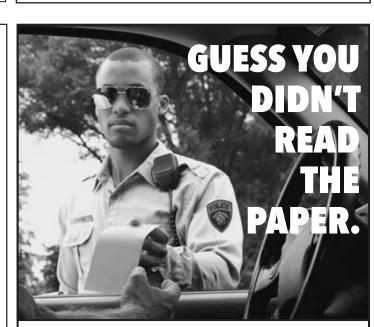
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Bonding items sent to Town Meeting in Killingly

Town to consider \$11.5M for three improvement projects

BY JASON BLEAU

KILLINGLY — The Killingly Town Council has approved sending several financial items to a Town Meeting with an appropriation total of over \$11.5 million in bond authorizations on the table.

Several projects make up this total, with the Town Council voting 8-1 to pass two of the items and voting unanimously to approve a third one on Jan. 10. The first of the three items, according to Killingly Town Manager Sean Hendricks, involves improvements for town schools totaling over \$6.5 million.

'That's the school roof and window projects that the Permanent Building Commission has been dealing with for months now," Hendricks told The Villager. "It's roof replacements at Killingly Memorial School, Killingly Central School, and a partial replacement at Goodyear and the windows at KMS as well. The Town Council approved those last year sometime early in the year. The Permanent Building Commission hired an architect and they finally got plans so they selected the materials and that kind of stuff so now we have an idea of what the cost is going to be. Because it's a large financial amount and we're going to go out to borrow it we need to have town meeting approval for that.

Hendricks said that project could see a 70-percent reimbursement from the

state, which would lower the bonding amount considerably. That same principal does not apply to the second project, a \$3.2 million initiative that will see renovations to the Killingly Community Center and HVAC upgrades at the Town Hall

"That will include new windows, as well as upgrades inside to the locker rooms and the bathrooms. There's no reimbursement for that," Hendricks

The third bond authorization discussed saw unanimous Town Council support and will see an investment of around \$1.8 million for the replacement of the culver on Bear Hill Road and the Valley Road bridges over the Mashentuck and Whetstone Brooks. That project could see a reimbursement of 50 percent from the state.

Despite the fact that two of the three projects could see significant reimbursements, Hendricks said the town has to plan for bonding the entire amount. These reimbursements are not guaranteed although Hendricks showed optimism that the town could very well see those reimbursements come to light.

"The way the law goes we have to have authorization to borrow all of the money in case, for whatever reason, we don't get reimbursement, but if everything goes well the total authorization is \$11.5 million." Hendricks said. "We hope to only bond about \$7.5 million of that once we get done with reimbursements and everything."

With the public hearings now in the books or these bond items, the next step is a Town Meeting in the Killingly Town Hall on Feb. 14. From there the items will go to a referendum, which will be held at one location, the Killingly Public Library, on Feb. 21. Hendricks said with or without reimbursements, the bonding authorizations pose little increase to the tax rate.

"Worst case scenario — the town has to pay for all \$11.5 million. Typically when we borrow money we borrow it over the course of 20 years. The interest rates are typically pretty low, in the 2-3 percent range, depending on what the market is like when we actually go to bond. Because they're spaced out over twenty years there's a relatively small impact to the taxpayer," Hendricks said. "If we had to borrow all \$11.5 million the worst case scenario you'd see is a half mil increase to the mil rate and that's assuming we couldn't find room in the budget elsewhere. That'd be in the neighborhood of \$300,000 to \$500,000

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Law office welcomes new partners

PUTNAM — Borner, Aleman and Davis LLC is pleased to announce the addition of two new partners to the firm, Paul M. Smith and Frank G. Herzog.

The principal partners are Thomas A. Borner, Paul M. Smith, Alyson Aleman, Frank G. Herzog, and Jamie C. Davis. The firm name will be Borner, Smith, Aleman, Herzog and Davis, LLC. The firm will have two offices with one in Putnam at 155 Providence Street and the other in Killingly on Route 12 in Jolly Commons.

The two new members, Paul M. Smith and Frank G. Herzog bring with them extensive legal experience and will broaden the firms' practice in the area of real estate closings, business representation, elder care, wills, and estate planning and probate.

'Our new attorneys have an excellent and established reputation in these areas of practice," said Borner. "They will allow us to expand our practice in these areas as both are seasoned attorneys very familiar with demonstrated abilities to provide excellent service to our

The firm will continue its full line of practice: wills and trusts, Title XIX (Medicaid), divorce, personal injury, real estate, civil litigation and corporate law. The firm is an outgrowth of that originally established by the late Arthur S. Kaminsky and has been in continuous practice in eastern Connecticut since 1946.

Paul M. Smith is a graduate of the University of Connecticut, with a law degree from George Mason University of Law. He has practiced in Windham County since admitted to both the Connecticut and at the Federal Bars in 1984 and is a member of the Windham County Bar Association. He is a lifelong resident of Windham County with extensive involvement in local government and civic organizations and currently is a member o the Plainfield Rotary Club.

Frank G. Herzog is a graduate of St. Thomas Aquinas

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Massachusetts School of Law. he is a member of the National Academy of Elder Law Attorneys (NAELA), Windham County Bar Association, Connecticut Bar Association and Elder Law Committee of the Connecticut Bar Association. Prior to becoming an attorney, he held executive positions in Risk Insurance Management for several multinational corporations.

Attorney Herzog has practiced law in Danielson, for 10 years. He has worked with clients and their families in a wide-range of long-term care issues, including Estate Planning, Elder Law, Probate and Estate Administration, Conservatorships Guardianship matters, Special Needs Trusts, Real Estate matters and Title XIX (Medicaid). He is very active in civic events and is a frequent guest lecturer at elder law events, healthcare facilities, and senior centers discussing the significant estate planning can have on families.

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Union Society Building Committee, 8 a.m., Town Office Building

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Wednesday, Jan. 25

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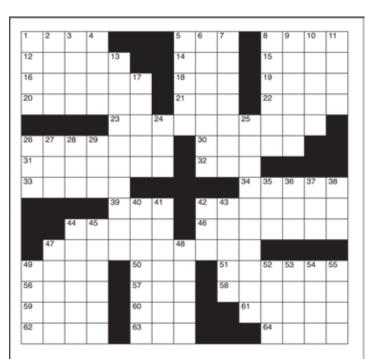
Putnam Elks host Martin Luther King Jr. breakfast

Charlie Lentz photos

PUTNAM —A Martin Luther King Jr. Breakfast was held on Monday, Jan. 16, at Putnam Elks Lodge 574. The keynote speaker was Dr. Matthew Hughey, professor of sociology at the University of Connecticut, whose topic was "Dr. King, Racism, Black Lives, and How it All Matters: Toward a Sociology and Theology of Justice." Rev. Bob Jon, Pastor of Living Faith Methodist Church, offered the welcoming words. Rev. Dr. Susan Foster, pastor of East Woodstock Congregational Church, gave the invocation. Cheryl Camp gave the Presentation of Poem, "Striving to be Better for Martin's Dream". Rev. Thomas Meyer, pastor of Congregational Church of Putnam, gave the Words of Blessing. Music was performed by Tourtellotte Memorial High School's Modern Music Ensemble.



From left, Shirley Houle, Christina Castonguay, and Eileen Witkowski



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From left, Cody Jacques, Christian Renaud, and Jacob Robidoux



From left, Simon Silvia, Emily Vincent, and Amanda Silvia



Mercedes Robbins, left, and Terry Dalpe





Kathryn King and Bill Senecal



From left, Olivia Cunha, Halliday Glode, and **Madison Hopkins**



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Knights hold Christmas events for community, widows, children

PUTNAM — Cargill Council 64 makes a point of supporting widows, children, the local needy and each other. Putnam's Knights of Columbus did just that in December, holding events for people all along the spectrum.

That's what I'm most proud of," said Cargill Council 64 Grand Knight David G. Lamontagne Sr., the council's elected leader. "We help a wide range of people in the community. That's why we're

It all started with Cargill Council's 32nd Annual Joe Bousquet Christmas Giving Appeal, when a total of almost 100 council members and others donated over \$4,500 to help local, needy people at Christmas time. Final accounting for the effort was just completed. Named for one of the program's founders, the late Brother Knight Joe Bousquet, Knights gave out grocery cards to 72 needy families, plus giving another \$700 to local food pantries and \$200 to an area family with a child being treated for cancer.

The council also made a special gift from its general fund of \$375 to a local family in particular need at Christmas.

Meanwhile, the council's 24 local widows received a red poinsettia, as part of a personal home visit from the Knights. The other four, who live out of state, received Christmas cards. The widows of the council's deceased members range in age from 57 to 98.

This was the culmination of Cargill Council's program to visit and assist the council's 28 widows. Year-round, the council maintains a dedicated fund to help its widows when requested. Begun in 1995, it's one of the best K of C programs of its type in the state. For the last two years running, this effort to support the council's widows has won the Connecticut Knights of Columbus State Council's Annual Family Service

Cargill Council Past Grand Knight Herman F. Bishop founded the widow's program when he was grand knight in the mid-1990's.

"Helping the widows of deceased members was one of the main reasons the Knights of Columbus was founded over a hundred years ago," Bishop said, from his current home in Melbourne, Fla. "We wanted to do something tangible for our widows that was in that spirit. The poinsettias are important, but it's the visit to each widow that really matters. We wanted our widows to know that we remember them and their husbands and that we care about them as people," he said.

At the other end of the age range Cargill Council 64 hosted its annual Christmas party for the young children and grandchildren of its knights. The event included a Christmas tree, pizza, cookies and candy, songs, games, a new toy for every child and a visit from Santa Claus.

Not forgetting themselves, the council held its annual "Tom & Jerry" Christmas party for members. Named for the traditional Christmas eggnog cocktail, Past Grand Knight Robert E. Desrosiers said they've held the "Tom & Jerry" party every year since Council 64 moved into its current home, at the former Putnam Polish Club building on Providence Street, in 1976.

"The funny thing is," Desrosiers said, "nobody drank a 'Tom & Jerry' at the

Although December was particularly busy, Cargill Council always has something fun and productive going on. Cargill's knights raised and donated over \$16,000 in the last fraternal year, as part of conducting literally dozens of positive, local programs and events. In addition to its Christmas programs, the council co-sponsored the annual "Thanksgiving Day Turkey Dip" at Quaddick Pond in Thompson to raise funds for muscular dystrophy research and treatment and for Camp Quinebaug in Killingly, which helps local people with disabilities, held food drives for the local poor, provided free, new winter coats for needy local children, held annual Easter egg hunts for children at its two parishes, as well as holding an annual council golf tournament and continuing work to end abortion and assisted suicide and to otherwise support the "Culture of Life."

Led by Grand Knight Lamontagne, he and the council's other elected officers run Cargill Council. The organization does its own fund-raising, using the net proceeds to pay for its programs.

Founded in Putnam on July 26, 1892, only a decade after the international Knights of Columbus organization was begun, Cargill Council 64, Knights of Columbus, is made up of over 200 local Roman Catholic and Ukrainian Catholic men and their families. The council covers parts of Windham County, in the areas served by St. Mary Church of the Visitation Parish in Putnam and Most Holy Trinity Parish in Pomfret. Council 64 is one of only 47 local councils in existence today to have been in operation since at least 1892.

The Knights of Columbus is the world's largest Catholic lay organization, a fraternal benefit society made up of Catholic men and their families. It was founded in New Haven, Connecticut, on March 29, 1882, by a parish priest, Father Michael J. McGivney. Looking at the problems being suffered by immigrant Catholics in and around New Haven in the last quarter of the Nineteenth Century, he founded the

society so that members could help to support each other religiously, morally, socially and financially.

Since then, the organization has grown to more than 1.9 million members and their families in over 15,000 active, local councils in thirteen countries worldwide, including North America, Central America, the Caribbean, Asia and Europe. In 2005, the Knights of Columbus opened the first councils in Poland. In 2008, after a half-century of persecution, Knights began operating again in Communist Cuba. In 2013, the Knights continued their expansion, moving into Ukraine and Lithuania. In 2014, the first councils began operating in South Korea.

Council 64 and the world's other K of C councils provide members and their families with volunteer opportunities in service to the Catholic Church, their communities, families and young people. Worldwide, annually the Knights of Columbus donates more than \$170 million and 70 million hours of service to charitable causes. Please visit www. kofc.org for more information.

Father McGivney, a Waterbury, Connecticut, native who died in 1890, is an official candidate for sainthood in the Roman Catholic Church. If he is canonized, McGivney would become Connecticut's first Catholic saint and the first American parish priest to be so honored.



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Cargill Council 64, Knights of Columbus, widow Lucile K. Duhamel holds the poinsettia that was just presented to her by Cargill Council Brother Knight Casey M. Dundon during a visit to Matulitis Nursing Home in Putnam. Duhamel is one of the 28 widows of Cargill Council 64 knights who are visited or contacted every Christmas season as part of the council's year-round widow's program.



Photo courtesy John D. Ryan

Cargill Council 64, Knights of Columbus, widow Claire R. Bartolomei holds the poinsettia that was just presented to her by Cargill Council Brother Knight Casey M. Dundon during a visit to Matulitis Nursing Home in Putnam. Bartolomei is one of the 28 widows of Cargill Council 64 knights who are visited or contacted every Christmas season as part of the council's year-round widow's



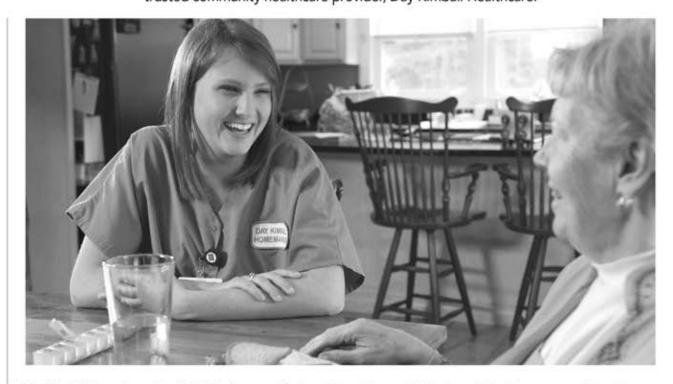


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Santa Claus reads a story at the Cargill Council 64, Knights of Columbus, annual children's Christmas party, held for the young children and grandchildren of Cargill's Knights at the council's home on Providence Street in Putnam.

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EDUCATION NOTEBOOK

ASSUMPTION COLLEGE

WORCESTER, Mass. — Assumption College has announced that David Gazzola, a member of the Class of 2017 from Putnam, is one of 486 students named to the College's prestigious undergraduate Dean's List for the fall 2016 semester. To earn a spot on the Dean's List, Assumption students must achieve a grade point average of 3.5 or higher for a five-class, 15-credit semester. The Dean's List is announced twice per academic year, once at the completion of the fall semester, and again at the completion of the spring semester.

WORCESTER, Mass. — Assumption College has announced that Mackenzie Papuga, a member of the Class of 2017 from Brooklyn, is one of 486 students named to the College's prestigious undergraduate Dean's List for the fall 2016 semester. To earn a spot on the Dean's List, Assumption students must achieve a grade point average of 3.5 or higher for a five-class, 15-credit semester. The Dean's List is announced twice per academic year, once at the completion of the fall semester, and again at the completion of the spring semester.

EMMANUEL COLLEGE

BOSTON, Mass. — In honor of their

outstanding academic achievement, Emmanuel College has named more than 700 students to the Dean's List for the Fall 2016 semester. To earn a spot on the Dean's List, Emmanuel students must achieve a grade point average of 3.5 or higher for a 16-credit semester. Local students on the Dean's List include:

Madison Brennan, of Putnam Emily Langlois, of Quinebaug Caroline Lussier, of Woodstock

UNIVERSITY OF VERMONT

BURLINGTON, Vt. — Christopher Niemczyk has been named to the dean's list for the fall 2016 semester at the University of Vermont. Niemczyk, from Putnam, is majoring in Business Administration in the Grossman School of Business.

To be named to the dean's list, students must have a grade-point average of 3.0 or better and rank in the top 20 percent of their class in their respective college or school.

BURLINGTON, Vt. — The following students have been named to the dean's list at the University of Vermont.

To be named to the dean's list, students must have a grade-point average of 3.0 or better and rank in the top 20 percent of their class in their respective

college or school.
Joel Cheney, of Woodstock
Brody Childs, of Eastford
Alexandra Wilcon, of Pomfret Center

PUTNAM LIONS MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIPS AVAILABLE

PUTNAM — The Putnam Lions Memorial Scholarships applications are now available from the Putnam High School Guidance Department or from Lion Al Cormier. Lion Cormier can be reached at putnamleoclub@gmail.com or by calling 860-234-7098.

The \$1,000 non-renewable scholar-ships 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.

CASTLETON UNIVERSITY

CASTLETON, Vt. — The following students were named to the Castleton University Dean's List for the fall semester of the 2016-17 academic year. To qualify for this academic honor, the student must maintain full-time status and a semester grade point average of 3.5.

Kaetlyn Collins, of Danielson Francesca Iacobucci, of Woodstock

POMFRET SCHOOL

POMFRET — Evan Cunningham of Pomfret, from the Class of 2017, was named to the Fall 2016 High Honors list at Pomfret School. To achieve this level of distinction, Evan earned a grade point average of at least 3.670 and received no grade lower than a B.

COLLEGE OF THE HOLY CROSS

WORCESTER, Mass. — William Oliver LaFiandra, a first-year student at the College of the Holy Cross, has been named to the Dean's List for the first semester of the 2016-17 academic year. He is the son of Craig and Debra LaFiandra, of Woodstock. He majors in economics.

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WOODSTOCK ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

Monday, Jan. 23: Hot dog/ bun, baked beans, fruit, milk

Tuesday, Jan. 24: Waffle sticks, hash browns, sausage, fruit/milk

Wednesday, Jan. 25: Popcorn chicken, mashed potato, beets, fruit, milk

Thursday, Jan. 26: Pasta and meatballs, steamed carrots, wheat roll, fruit, milk

Friday, Jan. 27: Pizza, spinach salad, fruit, milk

WOODSTOCK MIDDLE SCHOOL

Monday, Jan. 23: Hot dog/bun, baked beans, fruit, milk

Tuesday, Jan. 24: Waffle sticks, hash browns, sausage, fruit/milk

Wednesday, Jan. 25: Popcorn chicken, mashed potato, beets, fruit, milk

Thursday, Jan. 26: Pasta and meatballs, steamed carrots, wheat roll, fruit, milk

Friday, Jan. 27: Pizza, spinach salad, fruit, milk

POMFRET COMMUNITY SCHOOL

Monday, Jan. 23: Mac and cheese, baked beans, whole grain roll, veggie cups, raisins or fruit cups, 1 percent or fat free milk, cookie

Tuesday, Jan. 24: Sliced roasted turkey breast, mashed potatoes, gravy, steamed carrots, roll, cranberry sauce, fresh fruit or fruit cups, 1 percent or fat free milk

Wednesday, Jan. 25: Hamburger or cheeseburger, French fries, veggie cups, Baked Doritos or chips, fresh fruit or fruit cups, 1 percent or fat free milk

Thursday, Jan. 26: Personal round pizza, steamed broccoli, veggie cups, fresh fruit or fruit cups, 1 percent or fat free milk

Friday, Jan. 27: Crispy chicken nuggets, corn, whole grain roll, veggie cups/dip, fresh fruit or fruit cups, 1 percent or fat free milk

TOURTELLOTTE MEMORIAL HIGH SCHOOL

Monday, Jan. 23: Hamburger or cheeseburger, lettuce, tomato, onion, pickle, French fries, cole slaw, Alt. Main item: Pizza (plain or pepperoni)

Tuesday, Jan. 24: Enchilada stack, sour cream, fiesta rice, baked beans, Alt. Main: Chicken quesadilla (salsa)

Wednesday, Jan. 25: Roast turkey and gravy, mashed potato, carrots, garlic breadstick, banana bread, Alt. Main: BBQ rib/bun

Thursday, Jan. 26: Meatloaf grinder (spaghetti sauce, peppers, onions, cheese), chicken noodle soup, Brussels sprouts, Alt. Main: Stuffed crust pizza

Friday, Jan. 27: Popcorn chicken, oven-fried rice, broccoli, Alt. Main: Two egg rolls

THOMPSON MIDDLE SCHOOL

Monday, Jan. 23: Hamburger or cheeseburger, lettuce, tomato, onion, pickle, French fries, cole slaw, Alt. Main item: Pizza (plain or perpenant)

(plain or pepperoni)
Tuesday, Jan. 24: Enchilada
stack, sour cream, fiesta
rice, baked beans, Alt. Main:
Chicken quesadilla (salsa)

Wednesday, Jan. 25: Roast turkey and gravy, mashed

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CATHOLIC SCHOOLS

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potato, carrots, garlic breadstick, banana bread, Alt. Main: BBQ rib/bun

Thursday, Jan. 26: Meatloaf grinder (spaghetti sauce, peppers, onions, cheese), chicken noodle soup, Brussels sprouts, Alt. Main: Stuffed crust pizza

Friday, Jan. 27: Popcorn chicken, oven-fried rice, broccoli, Alt. Main: Two egg rolls

MARY R. FISHER ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

Monday, Jan. 23: Shepherd's pie, garden salad, Italian dressing, apple breadstick, 100 percent fruit juice, milk choice

Tuesday, Jan. 24: Chicken quesadilla, fiesta rice, broccoli, baked beans, applesauce, milk choice

Wednesday, Jan. 25: Pizza (plain or pepperoni), garden salad, Italian dressing, devil's food cake, banana, milk choice

Thursday, Jan. 26: Six mozzarella sticks, dipping sauce, mashed potato, orange wedges, milk choice

Friday, Jan. 27: Lucky Charms cereal, yogurt, cheese stick, grahams, fresh carrot and celery sticks, 100 percent fruit juice, milk choice

PUTNAM HIGH SCHOOL

Monday, Jan. 23: Crispy chicken chipotle ranch flatbread sandwich (chicken, bacon, roasted red peppers, topped with a chipotle ranch sauce, nestled inside a flatbread), baby carrots with hummus dip

Tuesday, Jan. 24: General Tso's chicken (breaded chicken tossed with tangy sweet and mild chili sauce over vegetable fried rice), steamed broccoli

Wednesday, Jan. 25: Nachos grande (seasoned beef, cheese, salsa, Spanish rice with black beans, lettuce, tomato, guacamole, whole grain tortilla chips), Mexicali corn

Thursday, Jan. 26: Whole grain mozzarella sticks with a zesty marinara sauce, penne

pasta, roasted butternut squash Friday, Jan. 27: Stuffed crust pizza (ensures melted cheese in

pizza (ensures melted cheese in every bite), garden salad with fresh tomatoes and cucumbers

PUTNAM MIDDLE SCHOOL

Monday, Jan. 23: Mini chicken sliders (whole grain mini chicken tender sandwiches with side of crisp lettuce and tomato and topping bar), seasoned broccoli trees

Tuesday, Jan. 24: Whole grain pasta with meat sauce (savory blend of ground beef and marinara sauce over whole grain elbow noodles), roasted vegetables, whole grain dinner roll

Wednesday, Jan. 25: Toasted cheese sandwich and zesty tomato soup, cheddar Goldfish crackers, veggie sticks with hummus

Thursday, Jan. 26: Country chicken drummies (whole grain breaded boneless chicken served with gravy, whipped potato, seasoned corn and a whole wheat roll)

Friday, Jan. 27: Putnam Special Pizza (assorted fresh toppings on homemade wholewheat pizza dough), fresh garden salad with cherry tomatoes and cucumbers

PUTNAM ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

Monday, Jan. 23: Mini chicken sliders (whole grain mini chicken tender sandwiches with side of crisp lettuce and tomato, plain, BBQ or ranch), seasoned broccoli trees

Tuesday, Jan. 24: Whole grain pasta with meat sauce (savory blend of ground beef and marinara sauce over whole grain elbow noodles), roasted vegetables, whole grain dinner roll

Wednesday, Jan. 25: Toasted cheese sandwich and zesty tomato soup, cheddar Goldfish crackers, veggie sticks with hummus

Thursday, Jan. 26: Country chick-

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(whole grain breaded boneless chicken served with gravy, whipped potato, seasoned corn and a whole wheat roll) Friday, Jan. 27: Putnam

Special Pizza (assorted fresh toppings on homemade whole-wheat pizza dough), fresh garden salad with cherry tomatoes and cucumbers

BROOKLYN ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

Monday, Jan. 23: Meatless Monday: Pizza crunchers, marinara sauce, steamed broccoli, blueberry parfait, milk.

Tuesday, Jan. 24: Chicken nuggets w/mac & cheese, assorted dipping sauces, corn niblets, blushing pear, milk.

Wednesday, Jan. 25: Sausage egg and cheese on an English muffin, home fries, 100 percent juice, milk.

Thursday, Jan. 26: Soft chicken wrap, seasoned chicken strips, shredded cheddar cheese, shredded lettuce, ranch dressing, corn niblets, Doritos, cinnamon apple sauce, milk.

Friday, Jan. 27: Fresh baked pizza w/assorted toppings, garden salad w/low fat dressing, roasted chickpeas, fresh fruit, milk.

BROOKLYN MIDDLE SCHOOL

Monday, Jan. 23: Meatless Monday: Loaded baked potato shredded cheddar cheese, sour cream, sliced jalapenos, steamed broccoli, blueberry parfait, milk.

Tuesday, Jan. 24: Crispy chicken patty on a bun, onion rings w/boom boom sauce, baked beans, blush pear, milk. Wednesday, Jan. 25: Sausage,

egg & cheese on an English muffin, home fries, 100 percent juice, milk.

Thursday, Jan. 26: Soft chicken wrap, seasoned chicken strips, shredded cheddar cheese, shredded lettuce, corn niblets, Doritos, apple sauce, milk.

Friday, Jan. 27: Fresh baked pizza w/assorted toppings, garden salad w/low fat dressing, fresh fruit, milk.



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MPS students honored at CT Regional Scholastic Art Awards

Courtesy photos

THOMPSON — Three students at Marianapolis Preparatory School were recently honored by the Connecticut Art Education Association at the annual Connecticut Regional Scholastic Art Awards.

All three Marianapolis students received an Honorable Mention for their artwork: Senior Jiarui "Cherry" Zhang of Beijing, China for her untitled illustration, Pin-Jung "Elisa" Chen '17 of Taipei City, Taiwan for her artwork entitled "Fabric Illustration," and Erin Miller '17 of Webster, MA for her photograph "Legs."

The Scholastic Art Awards is the largest juried student art competition in the state. Student artwork is juried by professional artists and university art faculty and is selected on merit for inclusion in a statewide art exhibition held at the Hartford Art School.

All accepted work from Marianapolis, along with thousands of other pieces

from throughout the state, will be displayed in the regional gallery show at the Silpe Gallery on the University of Hartford campus. The show runs until Feb. 3, and is open for public viewing Monday - Friday 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. and weekends 12 noon to 4 p.m.









POMFRET SCHOOL PRESENTS

ALEC ROSS A LECTURE ON THE INDUSTRIES OF THE FUTURE

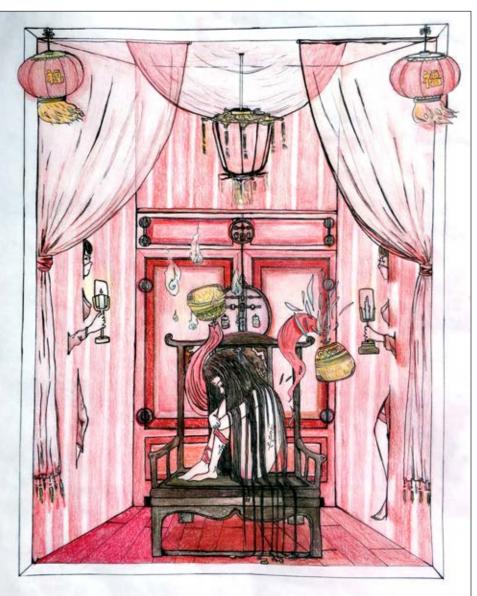
r. Ross served as a senior advisor for innovation to the Secretary of State and is currently a distinguished visiting fellow at Johns Hopkins University. Ross is the author of the book, *The Industries of the Future*, which explores the technological and economic trends and developments that will shape the next ten years.

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Better breakfast

The yellow egg yolk stood at attention in the midst of creamy white in the hot frying pan. The smell of toast wafted through the kitchen. Coffee was poured. I was ready to enjoy another breakfast that centered on eggs purchased from my neighbor, bread I make myself and dark, strong coffee.

As our Maine Coon cat brushed against my pajamas, meowing for his own breakfast, I thought about personal food traditions and ways of eating.

Eggs are perfect little nutritious ovals. The proliferation of backyard poultry flocks makes it is easy to get farm-raised eggs. Friends and neighbors keep chickens and several wan-

der over to my house to root around in dry leaves for tasty morsels.

Whatever they devour is transformed into the brown-shelled eggs I love to eat. If the rest of us were as efficient at being human as chickens are at what they do, the world would be a better

place. The point of the chicken is the egg and the point of the egg is eating it. Left on my own, I tend to eat the same thing, the same quantity, using the same manner of preparation. I am not alone in this practice, especially in our region, where most of us drift into steady habits, whether we want to or

NANCY WEISS

I like to make sure that the last piece of toast is precisely what is needed to wipe up the last drop of golden egg yolk. If I happen to overcook the egg or, worse still, break the volk while flipping it over, I eat it anyway, but the little ritual of breakfast is diminished. I'd bet most of us have some deeply engrained quirks associated with what, how and when we eat certain foods or drinks.

I read that if you want to influence a person with whom you are dining in a thing as they do. Once as a luncheon guest at an all-men's club in Hartford, I ordered a chef's salad. I wanted something that took time to eat. The old gent, who was my dining companion, protested that he was sick of women who only ate salads and insisted that I order a steak. I did. He became a donor to a program I supported. Next time I

asked him to order the salad. My grandson is 3 and he doesn't like the items on his plate touch each other. I find it maddening. He finds it reasonable. I suppose someday he may make a big pile of his meal, mush it together and pour gravy over it all. For years his mother ate only white food. She grew up to be a fine cook and adventuresome eater. Perhaps we come to food preferences by our own, winding

Thich Nhat Hanh, a Zen master, wrote a book, "How to Eat." He advocates mindful eating, which means focusing on what one is eating rather than thinking about everything else. He says that every morsel of food includes the earth, the sky, rain, the work of the people who grew it and more. I'm taking his advice and considering the marvelous chickens, that with a little food, water and sunshine create the miracle of a fresh, brown egg for my breakfast and yours.

Opinion and commentary from the Quiet Corner



PUTNAM — Navy veteran Chas Mackenzie, left, and Marine Corps veteran Elizabeth Buzalski were sworn in as members of the Mayotte-Viens American Legion Post #13 of Putnam by Post Commander Ronald P. Coderre in a ceremony conducted on Monday, Jan. 16.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

The people have spoken

To the Editor:

Majority rule? "Most of us take majority rule to be fundamental to our democracy.'

That statement is true for...hold on... Russia, China and a few other third world countries that are correctly known as 'democracies' – small 'd'. The United States is a Republic with a democratic 'majority

and a promulgated rule of law (hopefully). The presidential and vice presidential elections in 1796 and 1800 were not well received. It was not until the 12th Amendment to our Constitution that in 1804 using the new 'Electoral College' that we see today (with adjustments in the 19th century).

The question is why the Electoral College for the election of our President? We are a nation of 50 states where the ascendant States (should) have equal footing with the federal government. We had a disparity in population in our early beginnings and still do. Why should New England to Maryland including the west coast of California with a majority popular vote be the only votes that elect a president?

I have not seen nor have I read where the National Democrat Party displaying a discombobulated, incoherent mindset about the recent presidential election. Now, I do realize that the 21 Century Democrat is not the mindset of Andrew Jackson nor John F. Kennedy. But after President Johnson's welfare-state mindset to President Obama the Democrat Party's hysteria on view today reminds me of the 19th century Democrat reaction of Lincoln's destruction/removal of slavery. The people have spoken by their vote for 'Electors' in their home state. God Bless America and its Republic ("if the people can keep it" – Benjamin Franklin).

> ALVAN R. HILL THOMPSON

States need to see the light

To the Editor:

There are many states in the United States, including Connecticut, that are now facing difficult financial times of their own making in that over the years, they have made political promises and debt that could not be fulfilled, maintained or sustained.

For that, some would call them incompe-

I do not maintain that states such as Connecticut are incompetent. They made political promises to get elected even though their promises were unreasonable. I will say these states are mathematically challenged. In their revenue and spending budgets they haven't allowed for "What If." What if we don't have the revenue? Where will we stop the spending? Rather than admit their mistake, they put the state further in debt.

All the political promises made cannot make up for the fact they have taxed businesses and people to the point that leaving the state was the only economic alternative

My point being that because of the present adverse economic conditions in Connecticut and these other states, they may not benefit from the changing positive business conditions being put forth by the next administration that will allow businesses to expand

Let's hope these states see the light and make positive adjustments.

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We need to prevent fracking waste

Recently I became aware that the moratorium for accepting fracking waste in Connecticut will expire in July 2017.

Many towns are passing their own ordinances to prevent fracking waste from being put in their landfills, open spaces and dry wells in their towns. Fracking waste is a hazard to our aquifer, our drinking water and to our soil. It is full of salt and radioactive materials. There is, like nuclear waste, no safe way to dispose of fracking waste and the contaminated water that is the result of

In our town, Thompson, we need to pass an ordinance to prevent fracking waste from being dumped here as we are a town with lots of land and a low population. Many towns such as Windsor, Middletown, Branford, Windham, Ashford, Andover, Coventry, Washington and Portland have already passed such ordinances. Other towns are in the planning stages.

We must protect our property values, our drinking water and aquifer for our children and grandchildren by opposing the acceptance of fracking waste. Pennsylvania is the nearest biggest site for fracking, efforts to dispose of the waste and contaminated water have not worked, the leakage into the water supply contaminates the drinking water and in the soil contaminates crops and vegetation.

Please support a ban on accepting fracking waste.

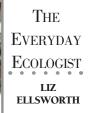
> ANN C. ROSEBROOKS THOMPSON

We must speak for the bumblebees

Bees are a welcome sign of spring – one I like to think about on these cold, winter days.

These insects are amazing, giving us sweet flowers, and making our crops grow so that we can have delicious foods. Currently, there's a lot of news buzz about bum-

Bumblebees are very social animals, living in colonies of 500 or more, led by a queen bee. Bumblebees eat nectar and pollen, finding their harvesting sites with the guidance of floral color and plant shape (Wikipedia). Bumblebees generally build their nests underground, and often the bees make use of deserted homes originally created by rodents (NWF). Bumblebees



beat their wings close to 200 times per second! These insects are rather large, and appear mostly black and yellow in color. The queen bee and the worker bees do sting, but generally only when provoked or in defense of their homes (Wikipedia). Bumblebees are important pollinators.

If you need to know why pollinators are important, The Xerces Society notes, the "ecological service they [pollinators] provide is necessary for the reproduction of over 85 percent of the world's flowering plants, including more than two-thirds of the world's crop species. The United States alone grows more than 100 crops that either need or benefit from pollinators, and the economic value of these

native pollinators is estimated at \$3 billion per year in the U.S. Beyond agriculture, pollinators are keystone species in most terrestrial ecosystems. Fruits and seeds derived from insect pollination are a major part of the diet of approximately 25 percent of all birds, and of mammals ranging from red-backed voles to grizzly bears. In many places, the essential service of pollination is at risk from habitat loss, pesticide use, and introduced diseases." Some of the important crops pollinated by bumblebees include: apples, onions, cranberries, plums, and alfalfa (Wikipedia).

Distressingly, last week (Jan. 10, 2017) one bumble bee species was added to the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service's list of endangered species: the rusty patched bumble bee (Bombus affinis) (The Xerces

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BEYOND THE PEWS JOHN HANSON

I am persuaded

I am persuaded mountain lakes can be cold because I tried washing my head in a Montana lake one spring and nearly passed out. I am persuaded New England winters can be brutal because I have lived through them for several decades; I have chipped ice off roofs, shoveled tons of snow and shivered in the cold while trying to frame walls in January. I am persuaded cows are strong because, as a teen, I wrestled the calves to the ground for branding and I saw spooked cows snap off 8"x8" fence posts as if they were twigs. I am persuaded nail guns are dangerous because I've been injured by deflected nails more than once. I am persuaded sunsets are beautiful because recently I've taken the time to stop and enjoy them.

Life experiences have convinced me of many things. If I were to read a book that declared that all lakes were warm, I would not change my mind. If the Supreme Court were to rule that New England winters were not wet or cold, I would laugh at their ruling. If a dozen Hollywood stars were to tell their fans that cows are weak, I would just consider the source. If I were to find out Ivy League schools taught that nail guns were not dangerous, my opinion would remain. If all the U.S. news outlets put out a bulletin saying sunsets were ugly, I would simply feel sorry for them.

I don't think most readers would react the same way in my situation. Most of us would not be so intimidated by the aforementioned sources that we would believe them over what we had proven in our own

So why are we expected to cave in to popular or politically correct fads opinions on even more important subjects? Why is it that good people with time-proven morals and values are pressured to sit quietly and adopt opinions that violently conflict with the things that have been proven true on many occasions? Why do the bullies of the world who make a lot of noise about their opinions feel so free to berate others who have been convinced and convicted about truths and values by living through the school of hard knocks?

I wonder if anyone else is a little tired of being labeled backward or prudish because they agree with powerful and time-proven principles such as those found in Scripture? Life and over thirty years of helping people deal with life's greatest challenges have convinced me that:

 God is good · Marriage can be the

most powerful asset a person can have • Telling the truth is not

hateful or bigoted · Dishonesty is wrong

and hurtful even when society tolerates it • Obeying the Ten Commandments could

solve most of mankind's problems The Bible is the greatest

book ever written I am persuaded. If you are

persuaded, there is no good reason for you to adopt the views of people who have not discovered these things for themselves. Maybe it is time to ignore all the noise from supposed experts and test these things for yourself. Then, don't be ashamed to kindly let the world know that you are persuaded.

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What's the difference between a direct and indirect rollover?

If you're eligible to receive a taxable distribution from an employer-sponsored retirement plan [like a 401(k)], you can avoid current taxation by instructing your employer to roll the distribution directly over to another employer plan or IRA. With a direct rollover, you never actually receive the funds.

You can also avoid current taxation by actually receiving the distribution from the plan and then rolling it over to another employer plan or IRA within 60 days following receipt. This is called a "60-day" or "indirect" rollover.

But if you choose to receive the funds rather than making a direct rollover, your plan is required to withhold 20 percent of the taxable portion of your distribution (you'll get credit for the amount withheld when you file your federal tax return). This is true even if you intend to make a 60-day rollover. You can still roll over the entire amount of your distribution, but you'll need to make up the 20 percent that was withheld using other assets.

For example, if your taxable distribution from the plan is \$10,000, the plan will withhold \$2,000 and you'll receive a check for \$8,000. You can still roll \$10,000 over to an IRA or another employer plan, but you'll need to come up with that \$2,000 from your other funds.

Similarly, if you're eligible to receive a taxable distribution from an IRA, you can avoid current taxation by either transferring the funds directly to another IRA or to an employer plan that accepts rollovers (sometimes called a "trustee-to-trustee transfer"), or by taking the distribution and making a 60-day indirect rollover (20 percent withholding doesn't apply to IRA distributions).

Under recently revised IRS rules, you can make only one tax-free, 60-day, rollover from any IRA you own (traditional or Roth) to any other IRA you own in any 12-month period. However, this limit does not apply to direct rollovers or trustee-to-trustee transfers.

Because of the 20 percent withholding rule, the one-rolloverper-year rule, and the possibility of missing the 60-day deadline, in almost all cases you're better off making a direct rollover to move your retirement plan funds from one account to another.

CAN THE IRS WAIVE THE **60-DAY IRA ROLLOVER DEADLINE?**

If you take a distribution from



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your IRA intending to make a 60-day rollover, but for some reason the funds don't get to the new IRA trustee in time, the tax impact can be significant. In general, the rollover is invalid, the distribution becomes a taxable event, and you're treated as having made a regular, instead of a rollover, contribution to the new IRA. But all may not be lost. The 60-day requirement is automatically waived if all of the following apply:

· A financial institution actually receives the funds within the 60-day rollover period.

 You followed the financial institution's procedures for depositing funds into an IRA within the 60-day period.

 The funds are not deposited in an IRA within the 60-day rollover period solely because of an error on the part of the financial institution.

 The funds are deposited within one year from the beginning of the 60-day rollover period.

The rollover would have been valid if the financial institution had deposited the funds as instructed.

If you don't qualify for this limited automatic waiver, the IRS can waive the 60-day requirement "where failure to do so would be against equity or good conscience," such as a casualty, disaster, or other event beyond your reasonable control. However, you'll need to request a private letter ruling from the IRS, an expensive proposition the filing fee alone is currently

Thankfully, the IRS has just introduced a third way to seek a waiver of the 60-day requirement: self-certification. Under the new procedure, if you've missed the 60-day rollover deadline, you can simply send a letter to the plan administrator or IRA trustee/custodian certifying that you missed the 60-day deadline due to one of 11 specified reasons. To qualify, you must generally make your rollover contribution to the employer plan or IRA within 30 days after you're no longer prevented from doing so. Also, there is no IRS fee.

The downside of self-certification is that if you're subsequently audited, the IRS can still review whether your contribution met the requirements for a waiver. For this reason, some taxpayers may still prefer the certainty of a private letter ruling from the IRS.

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Short coin series, Part 3: Liberty V Nickels, 1883-1912 Courtesy photo

My quess is:

Name

Address

A 1912-S Liberty V nickel.

Believe it or not, we come across one or more of these coins in about half of the collections we encounter. Most often they are simply loose coins or stacked in old orange pill canisters. The vast majority are from 1900 to

However, there's the occasional 1883 both with and without the words "FIVE CENTS" at the bottom of the reverse. And therein lies the story of gold-plated "bootlegger els." We have relatcolumns so we'll simoly note here that the coins without the denomination noted were gold plated and passed off as bogus \$5 gold pieces to folks

and merchants who

had no idea what a

real \$5 gold piece looked like. You may recall that the only person charged with passing a fake \$5 gold bootleg nickel was here in Mass. However he was acquitted because he was a deaf mute and, therefore never claimed

it was a gold coin. Over 16 million Liberty V nickels were minted in 1883 in both "without cents" and "with cents" varieties. Production exceeded 10 million each year through the last regular year of production in 1912. The only years that fell below that mark were (in decreasing order of numbers made) were: 1895 (9.9 million), 1896 (8.8 million, 1894 (5.4 million), 1886 (3.2 million), and 1885 (1.5 million). The coins were only made in Philadelphia until 1912 when 8.4 million were made in/Denver and just 238,000 were minted in San

Of special note...none were legally made in 1913, which was also the first year that Buffalo nickels were produced at all three mints. However, five were clandestinely made and supposedly given to a collector. All of them have sold for well over \$1 million each in the past several years.

WHAT IS IT?

CONTEST ENTRY FORM Friday, Jan. 20, 2017

Deadline: Tuesday, Jan. 24, 2017

Last week's answer:

A birdhouse at the Audubon Center at Pomfret

Who wants **\$25** cash in their pocket? Anyone?

The Villager has it to give.

Enter 'What is It?' now for your chance to win!

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attn: Editor, or drop off to the office at Faire Place at 283 Route 169/171 in Woodstock, in fron

of the Woodstock Fairgrounds. You may also fax your entry to (860) 928-5946. All photos are

of sights seen in and around Brooklyn, Killingly, Putnam, Thompson, Woodstock,

Pomfret and Eastford. Responses must identify the subject and where it can be seen. Answers will be given the following week in the Putnam Villager, Thompson Villager and Woodstock Villager. At the end of each month, all entry forms with the correct answer will be included in a ran-

dom drawing. One lucky winner will receive \$25! One entry per person, please. Good luck

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We seldom find coins in collections in grades above VF 20. Most normal year coins generally sell for \$1 in G-4 condition, \$3 in F-12, and \$7 in VF-20. But let's take a look at the lower mintage years. Here are the values in G-4 condition for those years: 1895 (5.50), 1896 (\$6.75), 1894 (\$13), 1886 (\$160), and the rarest date, 1885 (\$290). In G-4 con-

dition, none of the letters in "Liberty" on the headband are visible.

In Fine-12, the values are: 1895 (\$18), 1896 (\$30), 1894 (\$75), 1886 (\$300), and 1885 (\$660). In order to be graded F-12 all seven letters in "Liberty" on the headband must be clearly visible.

While we rarely see these coins in EF-40 condition, we do occasionally see them. In order to be EF, there must be considerable original mint luster on

both sides of the coin. These values are: 1895 (\$52), 1896 (\$95), 1894 (\$195), 1886 (\$520), and 1885 (\$1,050).

For the only year of production in Denver and San Francisco, here are the values...note that the mint mark is located near the rim at the bottom on the reverse...12D: G-4 is \$2; F-12 is \$8; VF-20 is \$28; and EF-40 is \$75. For the rarer 12-S: G-4 is \$110; F-12 is \$160; VF 20 is \$375; and EF-40 is \$750.

To assist you in identifying a Liberty V nickel we've pictured both the obverse and reverse of a 1912-S coin. In our next column we'll take a look at what the gold and silver coin market looks like, along with some values for investment coins.

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Society). This insect differs from other bumblebees because worker bees and male bees have rusty-reddish- orange patches on the center of their abdomens. The rusty patched bumble bee was found in 31 states and Canadian provinces before the mid- to late-1990's. Since 2000, sightings of this bumblebee were accounted for in only 13 states and Ontario, Canada, which equates to an 88 percent decline in the number of populations (NPR). This is the first bumblebee added to the list in the continental U.S. In 2016, 7 species of the yellow-faced bees, native to Hawaii, were placed on the endangered list (Wikipedia). Interestingly, in 2012 Canada designated the rusty-patched bumble bee species as endangered (NPR).

Bumblebees as a whole have been on a rapid decline. There are several factors: habitat loss, the use of pesticides, pathogens, and machine-focused agriculture (Wikipedia). In addition, many plants they feast on are being replaced by non-na-

Don't worry, there are things we can do to help bumblebees thrive! Be a citizen scientist and participate in the Bumble Bee Watch project: www. bumblebeewatch.org. Encourage bumblebees in your yard by limiting the use of pesticides. Grow an assortment of native, nectar- and pollen-producing flowers, like milkweed, indigo, redbud, thistle, and clover. The Lady Bird Johnson Wildlife Center at the University of Texas Austin has a wonderful database, highlighting many of these needed plants: www.wildflower.org/collections/collection.php?collection=xerces_bumble.

Too, these insects live in abandoned critter holes, so offer other locations that will be good nesting spots, like empty bird nests/houses, old logs, grassy mounds, compost heaps, or even under rocks (NWF). In addition, when the law to protect the rusty patched bumblebee goes into effect on February 10, 2017, there will be some federal funding offered to locations where the rusty patched bumblebees thrive (NPR). This means community members can consider the federal government's bumble bee recovery plan, and institute these requirements into their natural

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There are some excellent educational resources for bees. Two books I recommend are Insects of New England and New York by Tom Murray and Bumble Bees of North America by Paul Williams, Robbin Thorp, Leif Richardson, and Shelia Colla. If you're looking to take your interest of bees in general to the making of honey, go with H. Bishop's Robbing the Bees: A Biography of Honey (do note that honey bees are different from bumblebees). As an aside, some smartphones have apps for counting bees and other bee-focused activities.

Do your best for the bumblebees – your food, your flowers, your favorite wild animals, and your country is counting on you. Get buzzin' (spread the word) and be a busy (protecting) bee!

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The faces on the bus

As we travel through life, sometimes we do not readily see the truth GUEST in the faces of those who surround us. Sometimes, we must step away and then the truth is revealed. I have seen the faces of children for CONCETTA FALCONE-

over 35 years as an elementary and high school teacher, and now as an instructional assistant. Yet, it took only a short drive down Broad Street in Danielson

for me to truly understand the faces of the children riding the bus. To any passing soul, the incident may have appeared insignificant, commonplace, nothing out of the ordinary. This was far from the truth. This warm October day would prove to be one of life's epiphanies, when the world stands still and waits for us to learn what it has to teach us.

I was alone except for a Bernese mountain dog

named Luna hanging her head out the back window, and a cocker spaniel named Ace occupying the passenger seat. The three of us were busy living in the moment, when an orange school bus approached opening a stop sign a little too late. When I stopped, I found my car to be directly parallel to a row of small children sitting on the bus. I did not notice them at first. James Taylor was singing on the radio and the sun was warming

my body and soul. It was not until I sensed movement did I look out my window.

Up above me excited children were gathering and pointing at Luna's large, fluffy head. The cherub faces glowed brightly illuminating innocence and wonder. Luna looked at them wagging her tail. Both understood that language is not needed to recognize a kindred spirit, as kindred spirits speak from the heart. I

remember one little girl in particular tilting her head to one side looking longingly at Luna. Her mouth seemed to whisper, "I wish you were mine." My experience with the faces on the bus lasted no more than two minutes. In that short time period more was revealed about children than what I had learned in a lifetime. At one point the children appeared separated by a great chasm protecting their innocence and beauty. The children gathered inside the bus like tender, fragrant violets filling a beautiful meadow; so close, yet so far from the world below.

I realized I had seen the faces on the bus many times, too many to recollect, but today I was seeing them for the first time. I reminisced on the hundreds of children I had taught and known, and continue to help as an instructional assistant. I recalled seeing children on the first day of school — each steadfast

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PHS alumnus arrested after allegedly threatening PHS

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at the school throughout all of Putnam's schools throughout that day as a security measure.

Speaking Superintendent Bill The Villager learned that the posts on social media did not contain direct threats against Putnam High School, but were rather threatening or concerning in nature rather than context.

What we did was, we became aware of a situation on Thursday evening. We decided to call the police because we just didn't like the way some things were going on this post," Hull said. "What we saw on Facebook made us sit up and notice. It

was inappropriate but there was no threat against Putnam schools, so airing on the side of caution, we notified Putnam Police and high school parents."

Hull said there was some delay in getting the word out to all the parents as a computer program they use to call each parent failed to work properly. Adjustments were made, and by Friday morning, parents had received calls updating them on the situation.

Hull said there is a stark difference between an actual threat and the concerning posts that led to Dexter's arrest, assuring parents that there was never an actual threat made on the lives or wellbeing of any staff members or students at Putnam High School.

"A threat would be somebody posting or calling or making a threat towards the school or staff or a student — a direct threat. When you take everything in aggregate and look at it this was something we were just concerned about. We take anything serious and when it just doesn't settle with us we'd rather always err on the side of caution and we have a great working relationship with the Putnam Police Department and they are experts in this more than we are so we collaborated with them. After they looked at additional posts they had concerns also," Hull

The superintendent confirmed that Dexter had visited the school

earlier in the week, and even posted a more positive post on Facebook about the new Putnam High School facility. However Thursday's incident, which Hull said was composed of two separate posts, sparked enough concern for Hull and his staff to take precaution. With that in mind however, Hull said the district is not against free speech. The district has policies in place for staff and students to follow, but they try to allow for reasonable leeway on social media. That being said, officials thought Dexter's posts went a little too far when referring to Putnam High School even though he is no longer a students of the district.

"There are thousands - literally thousands -

of posts that we don't see and we don't know, but when certain things are brought to our attention we need to ensure that our students and staff are in a safe environment," Hull explained. "Even if there's a small indication or question we owe it to the community, staff, and students and their families to take anything serious. We were unsure at the time when we saw the two posts and we didn't like some of what was said so we referred it to experts. We can't limit 1st Amendment rights — nor do we want to. The district does have policies on employees and what they post and what they don't and also for students, but that's not as specific as 'if you say x then y happens.'

There are rights people

have."

The Villager could not track down the specific posts that caused the concern on Facebook, nor would Hull elaborate on what exactly was said as the investigation is still ongoing to some extent as of this report. Dexter was to appear in Danielson Superior Court to face his charges on Jan. 17, after this newspaper's press time. Putnam Police assured the public in their report that "any threatening or inappropriate comments made on social media will be investigated and may result in an arrest.

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Random tips to save time and money

Making life a little easier is what this column is all about, and this week, it will focus on saving time and money — two things many people wished they had more of! From recycling free samples to cutting down on cleaning, these simple and effective tips give you one less thing to worry about!

Scented Samples: The next time you find yourself with too many perfume sample papers from magazines and store sale catalogs, gather them up and stow them in the glove compartment of your car. When your car needs refreshing, (or if you want to try out a new scent without commitment) stick an end of the fragrant paper into the air vent slot and enjoy the aroma!

Got it Covered: Futon covers are pricey, but did you know a full or queen fitted sheet will do the trick just as well and save you a bundle? The sheet fits nice and snug and best of all, it can be easily washed. Plus you can afford to change colors or patterns with the seasons.

Another futon cover alternative is to shop for sales on duvet cheaper than futon covers, but essentially do the same job.

Crystal Clear: Washing large windows, like sliders to a deck can be grueling chore. If you'd like to play hooky from the job for a week (or two), treat the glass with Rain X, a water repellent sold in auto supply stores. Dirt, as well as water, won't be attracted to the glass!

Shower Power: Daily shower cleaner sprays have all but alleviated hard scouring, but the popular commercial products are expensive to use. No worries. You can whip up your own just-as-effective version for a lot less money. Here's how: Combine together in an empty spray bottle: one cup of white vinegar; one half teaspoon liquid dishwashing soap, and one quarter cup of dishwasher rinse agent (such as Jet Dry). To use, just spray down shower and tub walls after each use.

Slick Trick: Keep a bottle of cooking oil spray in the garage to spritz on the shovel this winter It will keep snow from sticking. This trick also works ow blowers and lawn



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mowers, just spray it on the blades to keep them clean and clog free.

Fire & Water: There is still plenty of winter left this season and nothing warms up a room better than a candle's glow. You can cut down on cleaning your votive holders by adding little water to the bottom of the glass before lighting the candle. This way, wax won't stick and cleanup is a snap!

Rub a Dub: Rubbing alcohol does double duty as both a time and money saver. It's an inexpensive cleaner and disinfectant you can use all around the house. Did you know you can pour straight alcohol in a spray bottle to quickly clean windows, streak free? It's also an effective disinfectant for counter tops, telephones and other surfaces you want to be germ-free. Alcohol also shines up chrome sink fixtures with just a quick rub. A spray of alcohol works well in winter to clean car windows, as it does not freeze. If you buy the pine scented rubbing alcohol it will leave a pleasant, clean smell behind.

Smart or Not?: Did you ever wonder what your IQ is? Just log onto www.iqtest.com for a fun, free evaluation of your brainpower. The test takes 13 minutes or less, and results will be sent immediately to your email address. The results of the test are free, and at the end of the test the sponsor offers an optional complete intelligence profile for a fee.

Car Wash Clone: Run out of car wash? Don't run to the store. A great car washing solution that rivals the name brand one can be made by adding one quarter cup of vegetable oil based liquid soap, such as Murphy's oil soap to a pail of warm water.

Win Dinner for Two at the Publick House — Your tips can win you a fabulous dinner for two at the historic Publick House Historic Inn in Sturbridge! Simply send in a hint to be entered into a random drawing. Hints are entered into a drawing for a three-course dinner for two at the historic Publick House Inn! One winner per month will win a fabulous three-course dinner for two at the renowned restaurant, located on Route 131 across the town common in historic Sturbridge. Because I'm in the business of dispensing tips, not inventing them (although I can take credit for some), I'm counting on you readers out thee to share your best helpful hints!

Do you have a helpful hint or handy tip that has worked for you? Do you have a question regarding household or garden matters? If so, why not share them with readers of Stonebridge Press publications? Send questions and/or hint to: Take the Hint!, c/o Stonebridge Press, P.O. Box 90, Southbridge, MA 01550. Or e-mail kdrr@aol. com.

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and confident they would succeed in school. I thought back to my years as an elementary teacher and knew by the time children reach fifth grade they learn the truth...not every child succeeds in school.

I had the privilege of teaching elementary school and then transferring to high school where I saw many of my former students. During my elementary years in the 1980's, many of the

children I taught were Learning Disabled and serviced in a self-contained classroom where they could hone the skills they sorely lacked. By the time these same children reached high school, laws how children should be educated were changing. Every child would now be given the chance to be mainstreamed into regular education classrooms and provided with extra support if needed. This change provided a new sense of worth and freedom for many students. However, over a handful

of children I previously taught within a self-contained environment, quietly dropped out of school as soon as they turned legal age.

Once out of school, some worked in local industry while attaining a GED (Equivalency to a high school diploma) at the same time. Some did not fare so well. A few went to prison, while others completely disappeared. Thanks to Facebook, many of my old students still keep in touch. I recently recommended one of my

former students, now 30 years old, for a job. I believe public school is a far better place for children than decades ago. Far more avenues and programs exist for those who do not fit the mold. Overall, the dropout rate for public schools in general has improved across the nation. The faces on the bus provided me with a rare glimpse into the silent, vulnerable world of a child. From experience, I know that some faces on the bus will not grow up with the same privilege and opportuni-

ty as many of their peers. I also know that some circumstances happen to a child that not even a public school can fix.

What did I do after I left the faces on the bus? I said a silent prayer for the entire bus of children. I prayed that every child would grow up strong and encounter good teachers and staff that would lead them to success. For, what is a prayer anyway, but our hopes and wishes placed on the wing of a holy dove sailing to Heaven. I realized an eternal truth the

day I saw the faces on the bus. Our destinies can be altered by the effort and good work of kind, caring people. So, next time you see the faces on the bus, say a silent prayer and know your words hold the power to change

"The Faces on the Bus" is an excerpt from a short story written by Concetta Falcone-Codding, Copyright 2016. Falcone-Codding comes from Killingly and is also the author of "The Lonely

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NECT Relay for Life to roll out new look, location

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into Plainfield. We cover a lot of area, so I think it was just a matter of them trying to shrink down administrative costs that come from putting on a Relay."

Wakefield said anticipation is high for the 2017 event, as teams that had previously committed to one Relay or the other in the local region will now come together in a united cause. As the event approaches in May teams and organizers from both Relays are sharing ideas and preparing to bring out the best from both events in one two-day celebration

"We've already had a lot of positive responses from some of the teams that were in Plainfield and a lot of their people who were involved in that relay are pretty excited about joining in and helping us. They're bringing in some of their ideas and I'm excited to see that. Of course, we're in a brand new location that's centrally located for everybody. Everyone knows the Brooklyn Fairgrounds

so it shouldn't be too difficult for people to find us," said Wakefield. "People will see a lot of the same things they expect from a relay. We'll have our entertainment and the luminaries and the survivor celebration. UNFI will be there, as always, with their product sale. One of Plainfield's fundraisers is a basket drawing, which we will still have. There's going to be some new stuff that we didn't have up in Woodstock and the other thing too is I'm working to set up a partnership between the relay and the Northeast

Opportunities For Wellness (NOW) to come in and work on our kids area. We've always had an emphasis on the healthy living for the adults and now we will try to add that concept to our kids area."

Wakefield said the American Cancer Society decided to stick with 2016's "Paint The World Purple" theme, but the Northeastern Connecticut Relay For Life has decided to take that concept to a whole new level, challenging teams to show their support in the fight against specific illnesses in their camp decorating and color schemes through an initiative called "Colors of Hope."

"Every team is encouraged to pick one of the many different colored ribbons for cancer. If there is someone on a team that has survived a specific cancer the teams are encouraged to decorate their shirts and campsites in honor of those people and their specific illness," Wakefield said. "I think it's going to be colorful and unique. Every campsite will be its own dedication and I think that will make it that

much more special for the teams."

Northeastern The Connecticut Relay For Life will retain its May 20 and 21 running date where the event will celebrate entering its third decade with a new look, new location, and a new, united sense of purpose to continue a mission that is nothing short of a Quiet Corner tradition.

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Development process continues on mill property

DEVELOPMENT

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growth over the last year, he sees the mill site as a great location for more new projects in town.

The timing is right. The rough estimate is 10 acres that can be developed over there out of the 38 acres. There are a lot of wetlands with that. It's in a prime location in the heart of town. Even from a town standpoint we're looking at upgrading some of our sidewalks and we will be applying for

grants to do some of that work as well. That's all going to intertwine with the redevelopment there," Beausoleil said. "That final report will be able to tell the developers what they are up against and what the cost would be and then they can plan what is best feasible for that.

Chinatti added that the property is mixed use and considered a neighborhood commercial zone. She said she feels mixed use would be appropriate and that there are many possibilities for the property.

Currently a few structures still remain, including a tower and smoke

stack. Regardless of the properties future, Chinatti said she hopes to see the tower remain.

Between myself and Department of Economic and Community Development we don't want to see that come down and it's perfectly possible that it can be incorporated into a design for the property," Chinatti said. "My hope is the tower will remain."

Beausoleil said that the guard shack on site could easily be repurposed as well and that he has an idea he would like to see explored by any developer who eventually decides to utilize the property.

"A welcome center would be perfect," Beausoleil said. "That building is just the right size with a little bit of historical significance for a welcome center. It can be a great asset to the

No discussions concerning the Belding-Corticelli Mill site are expected to take place until the Feb. 21 meeting of the Board of Selectmen.

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Eastford resident Selected to Perform at Carnegie Hall

Eastford resident Melanie Phaneuf has been selected for the

Young Adult Honors Performance Series at Carnegie Hall.



EASTFORD — Melanie Phaneuf, of Eastford, has been selected for the Young Adult Honors Performance Series at Carnegie Hall.

She is currently studying Theatre Studies at the University of Connecticut in the School of Fine Arts. Melanie will perform as an Alto 2 in February with the Honors Choir. Participation in one of the Honors Performance Series is limited to the highest-rated young adult performers from across the world.

Earlier this year, Melanie Phaneuf auditioned for the Honors Performance Series accepted after a review by the Honors Selection Board. Acceptance to the elite group is a direct result of the talent, dedication, and achievements demonstrated in her application and audition recording. Melanie will join other performers from 34 US states and two provinces of Canada for a special performance at world-famous Carnegie Hall, a venue that marks the pinnacle of musical achievement.

According to Program Director Regyna Curtis: "Being selected to the Honors Performance is something Series each Finalist should be extremely proud

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of accomplishing. We process thousands of nominations annually, selecting only the most talented performers. Working with these conductors and performing at Carnegie Hall is a oncein-a-lifetime experience that these musicians never forget."

In response to her selection as a finalist, Melanie said, "I can't believe I get to perform in this amazing venue for a second time, it will be challenging but I am excited and ready to practice."

Finalists will come together in New York City for five days in February. They will have the opportunity to learn from a world-renowned conductor, work get a taste of New York City. The Honors Choral

Performance will take place Sunday, Feb. 5, at 8:30 p.m. and is open to the public. Tickets can be purchased beginning 60 days prior to the performance through the Carnegie Hall box office.

The Honors Performance Series was created to showcase accomplished individual young performers on an international level by allowing them to study under master conductors and perform in the celebrated venue, Carnegie Hall. The Performance Honors Series is proudly presented by WorldStrides, the nation's leading educational travel organization. Learn more by visiting www.honorsperwith other Finalists, and formance.org and www. worldstrides.com.

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DAY KIMBALL HEALTHCARE: BIRTH ANNOUNCEMENTS

Dec. 15

A daughter was born to Joshua Deloge and wife Nicole Marie Bluin Deloge, of Sterling.

Dec. 24

A son was born to Martin Merrill Jr. and Jamie Lee Kennawi, of Dayville Dec. 27

A daughter was born to Mark Masopust and wife Irina Kratik, of Brooklyn

Dec. 28

A son was born to Kerri Joy Palmer, of Pomfret Center

A son was born to Nicholas Barks and wife Breannah Gage-Neilson Barks of Putnam

Dec. 29 A daughter was born to Shawna O'Sullivan, of Danielson

A daughter was born to Robyn Stone, of Danielson

Jan. 10 A daughter was born to Kyle Provencher and Jenelle Christy Alston Provencher, of Dayville

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4-H volunteers honored for exemplary service



Courtesy photos From left, Mary Seguine, Jane Rider, Deb Halbach

From left, Sandra Ahola, Patty Daly, John Dinsdale, Carol Hagen, Jane Rider

POMFRET — At the 63rd annual meeting of the Windham County 4-H Foundation, held on Jan. 15 at the lodge, two board members received the prestigious Founder's Spirit Award for their volunteer service. This award was established in 2014 to honor exemplary Foundation volunteers who have gone "above and beyond" in their support of the Foundation's mission.

Seguine has Mary served on the board for

40 years, an amazing feat in itself. She is currently chair of the maintenance and rental committees, was responsible and for bringing in a record number of rentals during the off-season last year, which is key to keeping the Foundation fiscally healthy. Mary has donated an incredible number of hours each and every year helping to keep the grounds and buildings in shape. "Mary's Kitchen" is a major feature of our annual fundraising auction. She deserves this award on the basis of her apple pie alone!

Deb Halbach was recognized for her work in helping to create and maintain the perennial gardens that surround our newly renovated lodge for the past two vears. Deb took that same professional ascetic to her leadership role as the tag sale chairperson last year, which she has agreed to do again in 2017. Deb is always doing just "one more thing" to

improve the look outside and inside the lodge. Deb has served on the board for just three years. The fact that she received this award speaks to how much of a contribution she has made to the Foundation in such a short period of time. Stay tuned to see what next year's tag sale will bring under her capable leadership.

A slide show presentation by youth program director, Heather Logee, featured the happy faces

of what was a record number of campers attending the camp program last summer. Camp opens this year on June 25 and runs through Aug. 18. A two day Family camp Aug. 18 and 19 will cap off the season where whole families can enjoy the camp experience together. whether they have ever attended camp or not. For more information about camp and special early bird sign up savings, please visit the website at www.4hcampct.org.

Officers elected for the upcoming year will be President: Jane Rider, Vice-President: John Dinsdale, Recording Secretary: Carol Hagen, Corresponding Secretary: Patty Daly, Treasurer: Sandra Ahola. Officers and board members are already hard at work planning for the annual fundraising auction and tag sale scheduled for May 5 and 6 this

Students 'ring' in big donations

PUTNAM — Even the snow. Even the ice. Nothing could keep a determined group of young people from ringing the bells to raise money for the local Salvation Army office. And when all the bell ringing was done for the season, volunteers had raised \$7,593.74.

With a stack of empty hot beverage cups at their feet, Emily Ross and Evan Wood, both freshmen at The Woodstock Academy, ning, ringing the bells at the Putnam Walmart entrance.

"It's been fun — a little cold though," said Ross. Wood said both he and Ross are members of the Sparrow Club at the academy. The community service coordinator at the academy, Amanda Rice, emailed members of service clubs at the academy and asked them to help the Putnam Regional Interact Club with its fundraising mission.

Co-Chairman of the Putnam Interact Club, Roberta Rocchetti, said the students members of the club, with their classmates and friends, have been ringing the bell for the Salvation Army since



Courtesy photo

Emily Ross and Evan Wood of Woodstock Academy ring the bells at Walmart on Dec. 17.

She said they have raised more than \$180,000

over the years. "We are the only source of revenue for the local Salvation Army office," she said. Co-Chairman Monique Mailloux said that there

were 102 students taking part this year. Adults that helped

included Mike Rocchetti plus Rotarians Jonathan Trembly, Deb Hoft, Marc Archambault (club president), Mailloux and Rocchetti.

Rocchetti said students came from Marianapolis, The Woodstock Academy and Woodstock public schools, Putnam High School, Putnam Science Academy and Killingly High School. Adults from Ashford school and the Putnam Rotary Cub took part.

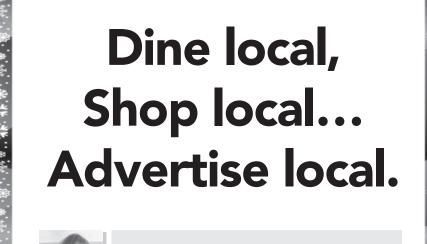
It is truly a commu nity project," Rocchetti

She added that the bell ringing starts the Friday following Thanksgiving and is conducted each Saturday thereafter including the morning of Christmas Eve, totaling five weekends.

Ross estimated that every other person walking by the famous red kettle donated.

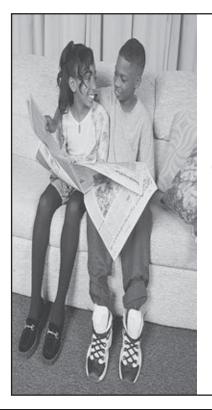
She said she especially enjoyed watching the children donate. The funniest donation attempt was a little girl who tried to put a dollar bill, kept flat, into the small slot in the top of the kettle.

'I had to show her how to fold it so it would fit," Ross added.





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STATE POLICE TROOP D LOGS

DAYVILLE

Wednesday, Jan. 4

Blain Kollbeck, 32, of 8 Mills St., Dayville, was charged with being a fugitive from justice.

Tuesday, Jan. 10

Theodore Cyr-Patridge, 22, of 27 Sayles Ave. Apt. B, Dayville, was charged with violation of probation/ conditional discharge.

POMFRET

Saturday, Jan. 7

Jon Benjamin Dio, 38, of 147 Covell Road, Pomfret, was charged with failure to carry certificate of registration/ insurance ID; reckless driving above 85 miles per hour; driving under the influence of drugs/alcohol.

DANIELSON

Saturday, Jan. 7

Mitchell Audet, 21, of 60 Furnace St. Apt. A, Danielson, was charged with

failure to comply with fingerprints requirement; breach of peace: threatening; first degree threatening/hazardous substance use.

WOODSTOCK

Sunday, Jan. 8

Jacob William Murdock, 28, of 20 Crooked Trail, Woodstock, was charged with disorderly conduct/fight capable of causing minor injuries; third degree strangulation.

BROOKLYN

Wednesday, Jan. 11

Jose Rivera-Heredia, 52, of 133 South Main St., Brooklyn, was charged with disorderly conduct: fight capable of causing minor injuries; third degree assault; third degree strangulation; first degree unlawful restraint.

PUTNAM POLICE DEPARTMENT LOGS

Saturday, Jan. 7

Rodolfo Cebollos, 42, of no certain address, was charged with sixth-degree larceny, failure to respond, second-degree failure to respond

Sunday, Jan. 8

Roarke Hess, 28, of 406 Fabyan Rd., Thompson, was charged with sixth-degree larceny

Monday, Jan. 9

Todd Chambers, 41, of 25 Davis St., Putnam, was charged with four counts of second-degree failure to appear, first-degree failure to appear



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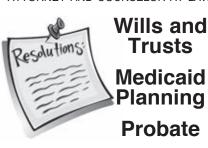
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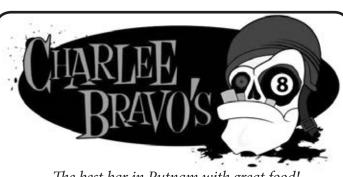
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WA hockey hosts Military Appreciation Night

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POMFRET — Woodstock Academy's boys hockey team played host to its second annual Military Appreciation Night last Saturday, Jan. 14, at Pomfret School's Jahn Rink. A National Guard color guard presented the flag for the Star Spangled Banner and Woodstock wore camouflaged sweaters in a 10-1 win over the Eastern Connecticut Eagles. Chris and Lisa Dyer arranged for the Color Guard and the addition of military service patches on Woodstock's sweaters.





Members of the color guard from the Connecticut National Guard 192nd Engineer Battalion Company 248: from left, From left, Rob and Robert Mahew Kyle Dipietro, Chad Engle, Jacob Avery, and Phillip Riley



From left, Dan Butkevici, Jon-Luc Cournoyer, Peter Calabrese, Jordan Lamott, Ryan Whitehouse; kneeling, Nick



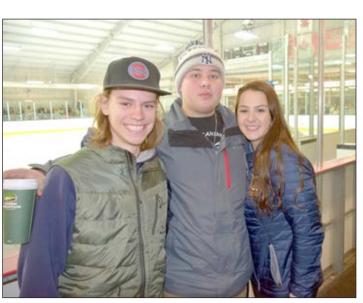
From left, Mikayla Macclain, Jacqueline Low, Jonathan Tomlinson, and Connor Bavosi



From left, Jim Delsanto, Shawn Wojciechowski, and Armand Boisvert



Alyson Calabrese, left, ad Angi Desjardins



From left, Ethan Holcombe, Brett Gagne, and Cassidy Thorpe



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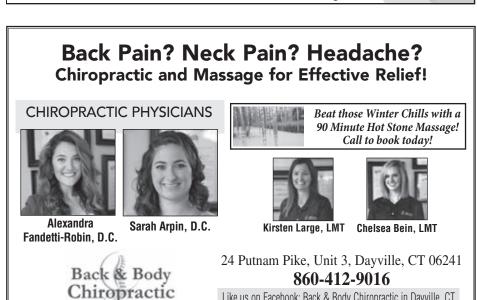


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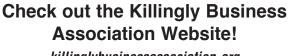






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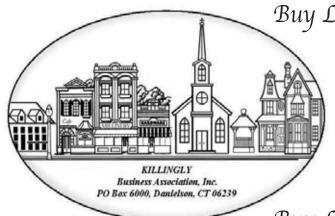
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Bluegrass concert to benefit Community Kitchens

WOODSTOCK — The Bluegrass Gospel Project will be performing a benefit concert at the First Congregational Church of Woodstock on Saturday, Feb. 25, at 7:30 p.m.

This is a return engagement for "BGP," a repeat of last April's sell-out performance at the Hill Church, which raised more than \$4,000 for Community Kitchens of Northeastern Connecticut.

The benefit concert is especially poignant for BGP fans because the group is disbanding. According to the band's website, female vocalist Colby Crehan is moving to Wyoming with her family. After sixteen years of performing at

bluegrass festivals and churches and other venues throughout New England, members of the band decided it had been "a good long run" and was time to "fold up our tent." After their Woodstock concert, BGP is scheduled to perform only once more in early March in their home state of Vermont.

"This will be a gala event," said Bob Kirk, a Woodstock Community Kitchen site coordinator. "BGP made a lot of new fans here at last year's benefit concert. We're delighted to have them back, but it's bittersweet, this being a farewell concert of sorts."

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"Their close harmonies, their fin-

ger-picking — the whole experience of a BGP performance is joyful and uplifting," commented Bruce Lyman, also a

Woodstock site coordinator.

Tickets are \$15 in advance and \$20 at the door, and may be purchased from the First Congregational Church of Woodstock (860-928-7405). A sell-out is expected well in advance of the concert date so folks are encouraged to pur-

chase their tickets early.

Proceeds from ticket sales and sponsorships and a free will offering during the concert will go to Community Kitchens of Northeastern Connecticut, a nonprofit formed in the early 1980s to

address food insecurity in our region. Free noon-time meals are served at sites in Woodstock, Putnam, Danielson, and Moosup. Everyone is welcome. For more information, call 860-779-2645 or email communitykitchensnect@gmail.com.

Individuals, businesses, and service organizations interested in helping sponsor this benefit concert should contact the First Congregational Church of Woodstock or Bob Kirk (860-974-2463) or Bruce Lyman (860-928-9187). Sponsors who make a donation of \$100 or more will be listed in the program and receive two complimentary tickets.

Westview announces new medical director



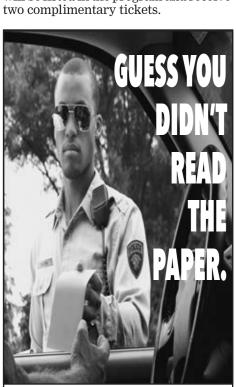
Joseph J. Botta

DAYVILLE — Westview Health Care Center located in Dayville, Connecticut has announced the appointment of Joseph J. Botta, MD, as medical director to the facility as of Jan. 1.

Dr. Botta takes over the medical director reins with the retirement of Dr. Jeffrey Howe, Westview's previous medical director for the past 13 years. Joseph J. Botta, MD, joined Westview's medical staff in 2002 and established his current practice, Joseph J. Botta M.D. and Associates, LLC, now located on South Main Street in Putnam, at the Westview facility in January 2009. Dr. Botta is a Board Certified Geriatric Specialist whose professional memberships include: American Geriatrics Society, American College of Physicians and the American Medical Association. Dr. Botta holds a Bachelor of Arts degree in Psychobiology from Hamilton College, Clinton, New York, and a Doctor of Allopathic Medicine Degree from Sackler School of Medicine, Ramar Aviv, Israel. His professional training includes a Fellowship of Geriatric Medicine, a Residency, and Chief Residency of Internal Medicine at the Albert Einstein College of Medicine in Bronx, N.Y.

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"We would like to thank Dr. Howe for his many years of dutiful service to Westview and wish him all the best in his well-deserved retirement," said Administrator David T. Panteleakos. "We are also very excited to welcome Dr. Botta as our new medical director here at Westview. His rich educational background, experience and professional interests including chronic disease, memory disorders and medication management will undoubtedly be an enormous benefit to our patients, residents and staff."



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Flexer announces committee appointments

HARTFORD State Sen. Mae Flexer (D-Danielson) has been re-appointed as the Democratic Senate Chair of the Aging and Veterans' Affairs committees for the 2017-18 legislative session, has been named Deputy President Pro Tempore, and will take on new responsibilities as Senate Vice-Chair of the Environment Committee and as the legislature's federal relations liaison, which helps represent the legislature's interests and views on matters of federal policy with its Congressional delegation.

Sen. Flexer will continue to serve as Senate Vice-Chair of the Higher Education and Employment A d v a n c e m e n t Committee, and as a member of the Appropriations and Judiciary committees

Flexer's appointments were recently announced by State Senate President Pro Tempore Martin M. Looney (D-New Haven).

"I am honored and excited to be able to continue my work making valuable and effective public policy for the 200,000 military veterans now living in Connecticut and the 565,000 people over age 65 who call Connecticut their home. My dad is both a Marine Corps veteran and he's 70

years old - I think about people like him every time I debate and pass new legislation," Flexer said. "I'm also proud to take on a leadership position on the Environment Committee, which does so much great work to ensure that Connecticut's quality of life - and the quality of life for people in eastern Connecticut - remains one of the best qualities of life in the nation. I have a perfect 100 lifetime score as a senator from the Connecticut League of Conservation Voters, so I look forward to putting to good use my commitment and advocacy on the environmental policy-making body of the General Assembly.'

"I am also honored to be tasked with working with Connecticut's Congressional delegation in Washington, D.C. on matters of state and national importance,' Sen. Flexer added. "I have been to the White House several times in the past two years to talk about issues such as childhood education, college affordability, paid family medical leave and other issues affecting middle-class working families.'

Flexer served in the state House from 2008 to 2014, and she was sworn in to the state Senate in January 2015.

Flexer has been one



Courtesy photo

State Sen. Mae Flexer and her family at the State Capitol last week.

of Connecticut's strongest proponents regarding family and domestic violence law, has fought for legislation providing economic aid to

save Connecticut's last remaining dairy farms, and led the state legislature in approving a new law ensuring that the driver's licenses of

military members never expire while they are on active duty.

Flexer has lived in Killingly for almost her entire life; she is an alumnus of Killingly High School and earned a bachelor's degree in political science from the University of Connecticut.



JOSLIN HONORED WITH QUILT OF VALOR

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KILLINGLY — Vietnam Veteran Alan Joslin, of Putnam, is wrapped in his new Quilt of Valor at the RSVP Veterans Coffeehouse in Killingly last month. Joslin was awarded the quilt at the Coffeehouse's annual holiday celebration. The quilt was presented by Nora Gibbs representing the group Pomfret's in Stitches. The mission of the Quilts of Valor Foundation is to cover service members and veterans touched by war with comforting and healing Quilts of Valor. It says to the veteran, "Thank you for your service, sacrifice and valor" in serving our nation in combat.



LEGION HOLDS SUCCESSFUL GIVING PROGRAM

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PUTNAM — The American Legion Post #13 of Putnam conducted its Christmas giving program again this season, presenting gifts of toys and clothing to the families of two area veterans and to the Homeless Veterans Home in Jewett City. Victor Kratz (left) Post #13 Sergeant-at-Arms and Commander Ronald P. Coderre are pictured with 3-year-old Rylee at her home in front of her Christmas tree. Thanks to Post #13 members Rylee and others enjoyed a Merry Christmas.



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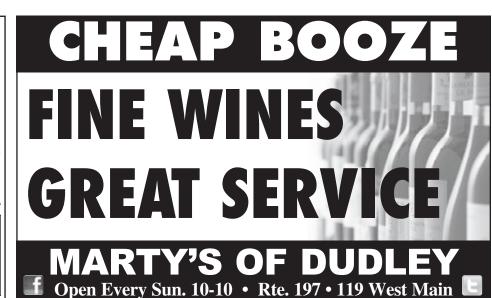


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Killingly boys shooting for consistency

BY CHARLIE LENTZ VILLAGER SPORTS EDITOR

DAYVILLE — Killingly coach Jim Crabtree can use the blackboard to instruct his Redmen on X's and O's but he had no useful diagram to get his team ready for East Lyme sophomore guard Dev Ostrowski and the 19-0 game-opening run the Vikings used to paralyze Killingly last Friday.

"My biggest gripe was — and the two quick timeouts, when I said to them, and they came to the bench — it was like we were playing Isaiah Thomas and the Celtics," Crabtree said. "They were like 'Wow, they're good. Wow, they're fast.' I think we went in for the 'awe' factor a little too much. It stumbled us. It was like we weren't playing another high school basketball team.'

Ostrowski finished with a game-high 23 points and used his superior quickness and handling skills to pace the Vikings as they jumped to a 19-0 lead in the first quarter en route to a 57-45 victory at Killingly High on Jan. 13.

"Once (Ostrowski) gets it going and he got his confidence, and he knew that he was the best player on the court, he just fed the fuel and he went to work," Crabtree said.

Killingly turned the ball over three times over the first two minutes.

'They turned up the heat defensively. We got a little soft on our end. We weren't protective. It was more like we tried to just turn our back on the hoop and not turn it over — which caused us to turn it over," Crabtree said.

Ostrowski ignited the game-opening run with a 14-foot jumper with 7:22 left in the first quarter. He scored eight points in first quarter and knocked down a three-pointer with :00 left on the clock in the first frame to stretch East Lyme's lead to 22-4. Ostrowski tallied 16 points in the first half and the Vikings led 37-17 at the intermission.

Coach Crabtree said East Lyme coach Jeff Bernardi and his team were likely motivated by the last meeting between the two teams at East Lyme on Feb. 16 of



Charlie Lentz photo

Killingly's Sean Johndrow rises for a shot against East Lyme last Friday at Killingly High School.

last year — Killingly edged the Vikings 50-49.

"I think they remembered last year when we went down there and caught them off guard," Crabtree said. "We were the underdog at their place and (Bernardi) made sure that wasn't going to happen again."

Crabtree said the Redmen made it tough on themselves by abandoning some of the basics.

"If you just play simple basketball, we can't match their speed but we needed to set the tone with good screens, catch the ball, get a triple threat and be simple and make them work," Crabtree said.

Sophomore guard Luke Desaulnier

led Killingly with 18 points. The win lifted East Lyme's record to 6-2. The loss dropped Killingly's record to 3-5. The Redmen are next scheduled to travel to Griswold High on Saturday, Jan. 21, with tipoff scheduled for 7 p.m.

Killingly got off to a 3-1 record to start the season including a 41-39 win over Woodstock Academy on Dec. 20 followed by wins over Tourtellotte Memorial and Putnam High to claim the championship of the Clipper Classic on Dec. 27. The loss to East Lyme was Killingly's fourth-straight defeat. Coach Crabtree said the Redmen have plenty of season left to resolve their troubles but the answer can't be diagrammed any blackboard.

"We're still looking for a two or three dirt dogs, guys that are going to get rebounds, scrap it up, set screens,' Crabtree said. "We've got to get back to basics. You catch the ball on the wing. You're in the triple threat. Good hard recuts. See the cutters. We miss out on when the post is open, when the cuts are open because when we catch the ball we put it to the floor too quick. We think basketball is catch and dribble, catch and dribble — that's going to get you nowhere."

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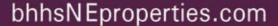
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Tourtellotte renews rivalry with Putnam



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Tourtellotte's Emily Vincent goes up for a shot against Putnam High on Jan. 11 at Canty Gymnasium.

BY CHARLIE LENTZ

THOMPSON — As she stood near midcourt Emily Vincent grew wistful after Tourtellotte played host to Putnam High for the last time in Vincent's highschool basketball career. Over the last four years Vincent has fought many battles against backyard rival Putnam — not only on the basketball court, but also the soccer pitch, and on the softball field. So Vincent could be forgiven for double-dribbling a few tears down her cheeks after her final game against the Clippers on the hardwood.

'Every season — to play them in soccer, basketball, softball — it's always a big rivalry," Vincent said. "We always want to beat them."

Vincent is the lone senior on Tourtellotte's roster and she had no intention of losing her last game against Putnam. So it came as no surprise that she

sparked Tourtellotte's 52-44 non-league victory over the Clippers on Jan. 11 at Canty Gymnasium. Vincent scored 17 points, grabbed nine rebounds and tallied eight points to pace a critical third-quarter surge that helped the Tigers seize control. Tourtellotte coach Carla Faucher knew Vincent was highly motivated in her

last game against Putnam.

'We write team goals down, individually and as a coach, I think every year that I've coached Putnam's our rival, even though they're not in our league anymore," said Faucher, in her 19th season. "We usually try to play them at least once during the season. It's so nice to have that townto-town rivalry where the kids really get pumped up for it."

The friendly foes also schedule each other in soccer and softball — and many of the girls are multi-sport athletes so they battle several times during the

school year.

"They see the same kids playing in soccer, in softball, in basketball," Faucher said. "It's a great rivalry and I hope we can continue with it.'

The Tigers made the most of the latest incarnation of the feud. With Tourtellotte leading 24-20 at halftime, Vincent jumpstarted a 17-6 run with a bucket from close range with 7:45 left in the third quarter. Vincent added three more baskets during the surge — all on power moves to the basket and capped the flurry with a layup with :25 left in the quarter to push the Tigers lead to 41-26. Vincent was determined to drive to the hoop and force the action.

"It's a confidence thing, you do it, you go. It's like once you get in the flow and get going it helps me a lot," Vincent said. "Baseline is kind of my go-to whenever I see the opportunity that's kind of what I do.'

Coach Faucher said Vincent set the tone in the third quarter and her teammates took note.

She really took the ball and led them like a true leader," Faucher said. "She knew that she had the flow — they knew that she had it — and that they could count on her."

The win lifted Tourtellotte's record to 4-6 and coach Faucher hoped they could keep moving forward. Putnam entered the game with a record of 6-3.

"This is something I can use that they can believe in themselves. We came in as the underdog and everyone was saying 'Wow, Putnam's a really strong team this year. They have great players.' I was little nervous coming in, I didn't know what to expect," Faucher said. "This is a builder where I told them if you work hard all 32 minutes then you're going to win this game. Now we can show them — hey you did it we worked hard for 32 minutes and everybody contributed something and it ended up in

The Tigers won the rebounding war with sophomore forward Lauren Ramos grabbing



Charlie Lentz photo

Tourtellotte's Lauren Ramos tries to get by Putnam's Julia Loomis on Jan. 11.

15 rebounds and Vincent hauling down nine. Faucher said Tourtellotte's schedule against fellow Eastern Connecticut Conference teams steeled them for the battle under the boards. Putnam plays in the Constitution State Conference.

"We've been harping on that all season long. Probably Putnam was the first team where we were equally matched height-wise, against the other teams we play in the ECC they've got big girls and we've got to work so hard to get those rebounds," Faucher said.
"I think from playing those aggressive teams in the ECC that set us up to more aggressive tonight. I totally saw that confidence build tonight and I hope they can continue to build upon that as the season

Ramos added 14 points and junior point guard Katey Kwasniewski scored six points with four assists. Kwasniewski said the Tigers hoped to gain

momentum from the victory. The Tigers are next scheduled to play host to Griswold High on Friday, Jan. 20, with tipoff scheduled for 7 p.m. at Canty Gymnasium.

"Beating Putnam is a good feeling because they're always our rivals," Kwasniewski said. "And we have to just keep pushing forward from this game — and just use it to the next game."

For Vincent there will be "no next" game against Putnam High — so she made the most of her final 32 minutes against a backyard rival.

"It feels really great to win this last basketball against Putnam," Vincent said. "My last home game against them — and I'm really proud of all the girls."

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Tourtellotte boys in the hunt for playoff berth



Charlie Lentz photo

Tourtellotte's Evan Ware tries to get a shot off over Plainfield's Chris Peasley Tuesday at Canty Gymnasium.

BY CHARLIE LENTZ

THOMPSON Tourtellotte senior forward Evan Ware is nearing the end of his high school career — still without having played in a state tournament basketball game. Ware suffered through a winless season as a sophomore and in his junior year the Tigers notched just five victories. But there's finally hope in the three-

postseason game. "We have a good chance this year. I mean we can do it," Ware said. "We definitely have that chance. We've got to play strong. I would love to see a States game, I've seen

year starter's quest for a

them during soccer season, I've been to a track State, but nothing for basketball. So I would love to see one my senior year."

The Tigers went 4-6 through their first 10 games this season, falling to Plainfield 48-34 Tuesday at Canty Gymnasium. While that sub-.500 record doesn't sound very impressive, if the Tigers can gain four more wins over their final 10 games they'll earn the required eight victories needed to qualify for a berth in the Class S State Tournament.

"We're here. We're at 4-6, we only need four more, that's it, and we can get it," said Ware after scoring a teamhigh 15 points against Plainfield. Ware and Mike Falco

are the only seniors on the roster. Coach Neil Bernier believes they can reach their goal. Bernier is obviously rooting for Ware, who he's been coaching since middle school.

"(Ware) has played for me since he was in middle school for a few years. And then when he came to high school I had him playing (varsity) since he was a sophomore," said Bernier, in his third season coaching the varsity. "And I had him playing as a sophomore for these moments — and these big games we have coming up."

Bernier has made some defensive adjustments and the results have been positive. Parish Hill defeated Tourtellotte 66-42 in the season opener on Dec. 20. In the rematch the Tigers held Parish Hill to under 30 points in a 42-27 victory on Jan. 11.

"We've definitely improved defensively since the beginning of the year. We've had to switch things. We were playing a man-to-man but we were just giving up way too many blow-byes, giving up way too many easy baskets," Bernier said. "We switched to a couple different zone defenses, one-three-one mostly, it's been productive."

Plainfield presented a



Tourtellotte's Josh Dodd drives to the hoop against Plainfield.

difficult barrier Tuesday, with the Panthers employing a much deeper and taller rotation. But Bernier said the Tigers have several winnable games over the second

half of the season. "Plainfield is a class level above us, the hardest team we'll probably play all year, along with Windham. There are about four or five games out there that are left that I've targeted, at least in my mind, that are games that we can potentially win if we play right and play well. Those are the games we need to focus on," Bernier said. "Our goal at the beginning of the year was to get to eight wins. There are opportunities still out there for that."

Markeith Conyers led Plainfield with 15 points in the victory over Tourtellotte Tuesday. The win lifted the Panthers record to 8-1. Tourtellotte

is next scheduled to travel to Griswold High on Friday, Jan. 20, with the game scheduled to begin at 7 p.m. The Tigers are hunting for four more regular-season wins and one very meaningful game in the Class S Tournament.

"The last few years have been rough," Bernier said. "Now I think (the tournament) is something that I think is within their reach. It's something that we've targeted since the beginning of the year. We've got to get to the number eight. That's been the focus of everything we've been really doing here. These guys, that's what they want — that's what they really want."

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Woodstock icers heat up against Eastern



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Woodstock's Doug Newton shoots on Eastern Eagles goalie Troy Moeller last Saturday in Pomfret.

BY CHARLIE LENTZ VILLAGER SPORTS EDITOR

POMFRET — Will Liscomb doesn't often get a chance to skate on the same line with Ryan Black and Nathan DeLuca but when he does the ice is in danger of a meltdown — Woodstock Academy's scoring machine heats up quick-

"They're insane. There's no other words to put it. They are just so good. They can make stuff happen when there's nothing there," said Liscombe of Black and DeLuca. "They just score, score, score, score."

Liscomb isn't prone to exaggeration. No matter how coach Mike Starr arranged his Centaurs, the Eastern Connecticut Eagles couldn't cool them off in Woodstock's 10-1 victory at Pomfret School's Jahn Rink on Jan. 14 — an endless succession of high fives after each goal.

"Every time we score it's a party on the bench," Liscomb said. "It's so much celebrating."

Much to celebrate early this season — Woodstock was undefeated and untied through seven games and ranked No. 1 in the state in Division

To open last Saturday's game Liscomb took a shift on the Centaurs top line with Black and DeLuca before Liscomb settled back with Woodstock's second line. Coach Starr enjoyed the early combination.

"It's fun. We only did that for the faceoff we had in mind and actually the faceoff didn't work the way that we had designed it. But you look at the three of them on the ice together and it's quite enjoyable," Starr said. "All three of them are really creative."

After the opening shift Liscomb returned to Woodstock's second line, along with sophomore Avery Riva and freshman Doug Newton. Liscomb scored a goal and notched three assists in the win over the Eagles.

"(Liscomb) brings that level of experience to that second line," Starr said.

Black led Woodstock with three goals and one assist in the win over Eastern. Newton scored two goals and added two assists. Also scoring one goal each for Woodstock were Ryan Wojciehowski, Gunner Moore, Riva and Ethan Thorpe. It's almost an embarrassment of riches on the ice.

"I think there are sometimes where we try to do a little too much, try to get a little too fancy. But it's nice to watch," Starr said. "We've got some really good kids on this team. Kids who can stickSean McCusker, Moore, and Jake Starr each added one assist for Woodstock. Cal Wilcox and Carson Hadley split time in goal for Woodstock, combining for 11 saves. Woodstock outshot the Eagles 31-12.

two assists. Liam Dyer,

Eastern is a co-op team comprised of players from Fitch, East Lyme, Waterford, Ledyard, Wheeler, and Hale Ray schools. Ryan Huta scored Eastern's lone goal and goaltender Troy Moeller made 21 saves for the Eagles (2-6).

Starr liked the offensive fireworks but said producing double-digit goal totals can be counterproductive.

We've got a lot of tough games coming up. Sometimes you can win a game like this and then come out the next game very flat," Starr said.

Black, DeLuca, and Wilcox are senior co-captains and their job is to guard against overconfidence. Liscomb is a senior as well and he's savoring his final season on the ice for Woodstock Academy.

"It's my last year prob-

ably, not going to be playing after this so it's extremely important just to play my heart out, just to play as hard as I can for the remainder of the time that I have here," Liscomb said. "Just have some fun while I'm at it."

Woodstock Academy is next scheduled to play against E.O. Smith/ Tolland at Freitas Ice Forum on the campus of UConn in Storrs, with the puck set to drop at 3:20 p.m. on Saturday, Jan. 21. Liscomb likely won't be surprised if the Centaurs scoring machine heats up again this weekend – another meltdown on UConn's ice.

"We're starting to pick it up, you can see with our play," Liscomb said. "We're starting to beat teams a little bit more than at the beginning of the season. I'm definitely thinking that we're picking up from where we were last year and we're getting really moving now."

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Woodstock's Ryan Black skates up ice against the Eastern Eagles last Saturday in Pomfret.

Putnam High hopes to regroup for stretch drive



Charlie Lentz photo

Putnam High's Maria Fredette tallied a game-high 21 points against Tourtellotte on Jan. 11.

BY CHARLIE LENTZ VILLAGER SPORTS EDITOR

THOMPSON Putnam High coach Mandi Hogan shook her head as she looked at the stat sheet following the Clippers 52-44 non-league loss to Tourtellotte Memorial on Jan. 11 at Canty Gymnasium. Putnam shot poorly from the field, could not keep Tourtellotte from winning the rebounding war, and the Clippers went flat during the third quarter when the game was decided.

Hogan was particularly disappointed with her team's effort under the backboards.

"I told them that we had to box out coming into this game and they didn't do it," Hogan said. "So we don't deserve a

With Putnam trailing 24-20 at halftime, the Clippers were outscored by Tourtellotte 17-8 in the third quarter. The Clippers could not stop Tourtellotte senior forward Emily Vincent during the third frame, Vincent scored eight of her 17 points in the quarter by driving the baseline to the bucket.

"(Vincent) was driving baseline and we were giving it to her, eight points in a row," Hogan said. "I told them at halftime they have to stop giving up the baseline and (Vincent) came out and she made eight points from the baseline. That's something they have to keep working on."

Putnam went cold from the field and shot under 20 percent from the field for the game. Putnam senior forward Maria Fredette scored a gamehigh 21 points against Tourtellotte but no other Clipper tallied more than six points.

'That's what we've been doing lately. I don't have answers for that. We shoot tons of shots during practice and if you do my averages all season that's about normal," Hogan said.

The loss dropped Putnam's record to 6-4 and Hogan hoped the Clippers could learn a lesson from their travails against the Tigers. Hogan said Tourtellotte typically faces a tough team every game its brutal Eastern Connecticut Conference schedule while Putnam plays in the lesser-competitive Constitution State Conference. Putnam is next scheduled to travel to Windham Tech for a CSC game on Friday, Jan. 20, with tipoff scheduled for 5:30 p.m.

"We've got to come out and play everybody hard," Hogan said. "Unfortunately we go from hard to easy — a lot of easy and then maybe a hard game. So we don't have like the ECC those 20 hard games we're just up-and-down constantly but this is a good game now going into, we have Grasso (Tech) tomorrow and then pushes us for Parish Hill, Windham Tech the following week. We needed this game."

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Putnam High's Kayleigh Lyons moves upcourt against Tourtellotte.

Killingly Youth Wrestling

Jennifer O'Leary Cathell photo

LOWELL, Mass. — Killingly Youth Wrestling's Brady Zadora, pictured, placed fourth at the Big Red Wrestling Tournament at the Tsongas Arena at UMass Lowell last weekend. Nine-year-old Zadora, who wrestled in the Elementary 60-pound weight class, fought his way through a 13-man bracket. Zadora is the younger brother of Killingly Wrestling's Zack Burgess who won first place in the 138-pound class at the Griswold Invitational last Saturday. Burgess's record was 19-0.

"I've been watching my brother wrestle since I was little," said Zadora. "He makes me want to be a better wrestler. I'm proud of him, and I know he is proud of me too."



Ellis Tech grapplers knock off defending state champs

DANIELSON — Ellis Tech's wrestlers came from behind to win the final five matches to defeat defending state champion Foran 37-31 at the Ellis Tech Duals last Saturday at Ellis Tech. The three wins at the duals lifted the Golden

Eagles record to 15-5. In the victory over Foran, at 120 pounds: Jordan Lang (F) pinned Robert Gatzke (ET):53; 126: Anthony Devanney (ET) dec. Elijah Moretti (F) 5-0; 132: Baltazar Gonzalez (ET) pinned Will Mauro (F):55; 138: Gino Esposito (F) dec. Cole Blair (ET) 12-6; 145: Ryan Luth (F) pinned Camron Louis (ET) 1:11; 152: Mike Ross (F) won FORFEIT; Jared Rufo (ET) dec. Colby Stuart (F) 6-2; 170: Umer Khan (F) tech fall Adam Vear (ET) 20-5; 182: Qasim Khan (F) pinned Jacob Rondeau (ET) :25; 195: Josh Wojick (ET) pinned Nick Zavaglia (F) :52; 220: Gavin Thuotte (ET) dec. Andre Vella (F) 7-4; 285: Collin DelSanto (ET) pinned Teddy Deboise (F) :18; 106: Gavin Rickaby (ET) major dec. Michael Giordano (F) 13-2; 113: Sean Johnson (ET) FORFEIT.

Ellis Tech defeated Branford 50-24, at Rickaby 113 pounds: (ET) pinned Brendan Shamas (B) 1:10; 120: Johnson (ET) dec. Noah Pantani (B) 5-0; 126: Devanney (ET) tech fall Stella Kelly(B) 25-9; 132: Gonzalez (ET) pinned Ayman Nasry (B) 2:20; 138: Blair (ET) FORFEIT; 145: Jaden Whittingham (B) dec. Camron Louis (ET) 6-5; 152: Zach Cash (B) pinned James Roberts (ET) 1:50; 160: GianCarlo Giannini(B) dec. Rufo Vear (ET) 5-2; 170: (ET) pinned Camden Mascaro (B) 3:16: 182:

pinned Brandon Perez (B) 2:44; 195: Jack Seward (B) pinned Jacob Rondeau (ET) :34; 220: Kyle Zalewski (B) pinned Tyler Willard (ET) 3:10; 285: Delsanto (ET) FORFEIT; 106: Tyler Brown (ET) FORFEIT.

Ellis Tech defeated Waterford 69-11, at 126 pounds: Devaney (ET) pinned Jeremy Hynek (W) 2:30; 132: Gonzalez (ET) pinned Josh Rouisse (W) 2:58; 138: Blair (ET) pinned DJ Lima (W) :16; 145: Louis (ET) FORFEIT; 152: Roberts (ET) dec. Josiah Callendar (W) 5-2; 160: Rufo (ET) pinned Jake Gionotti (W) :53; 170: Vear (ET) pinned pinned Logan Gerovitz (W) 3:22; 182: Wojick (ET) pinned Dante Piccione (W):15; 195: Rondeau (ET) FORFEIT; 220: Thuotte (ET) FORFEIT; 285: DelSanto (ET) pinned Dylan Zito (W) 1:18; 106: Logan Smith (W) tech fall Rickaby (ET) 16-0; 113: Johnson (ET) pinned Eric Zane (W)1:44; 120: Tyler Radack (W) pinned Jared Oenning (ET)1:22

PLAINFIELD 50, **TOURTELLOTE 30**

PLAINFIELD Tourtellotte's Emily Vincent scored 14 points and grabbed three rebounds in the loss to the Panthers in girls basketball at Plainfield High Tuesday. For Tourtellotte: Ashley Morin had eight points, five rebounds, three assists, and one steal; Skyla Wesolowski had four points and four rebounds; Becky Torres had five rebounds, three assists, and two points; Amanda Bogoslofski had six rebounds, three

assists, and two points. The win lifted



File photo

Putnam's Lucas Basilio scored 24 points in a loss to Grasso Tech on Jan. 13.

Plainfield's record to 3-8. The loss dropped Tourtellotte's record to 4-8. The Tigers are next scheduled to play host to Griswold on Friday, Jan. 20, with tipoff set for 7 p.m. at Canty Gymnasium.

WOODSTOCK 7, HOUSATONIC 0

LAKEVILLE — Ryan Black scored four goals and notched one assist to help the Centaurs top Housatonic/ Northwestern in boys hockey Monday at Hotchkiss School. Nathan DeLuca, Doug Newton, and Zack Gagnon each added one goal for Woodstock. Gunner Moore notched two assists. Avery Riva, Newton, Patrick Delaney, Tyler Huhtanen, and Will Liscomb each notched assist for one

Centaurs. Cal Wilcox stoppled 12 shots to earn the shutout. Woodstock Academy Houstonic/ outshot Northwestern 31-12. The win lifted Woodstock's record 7-0. Housatonic/ Northwestern's record fell to 7-3.

LYMAN 42, TOURTELLOTTE

THOMPSON Abby Bundy scored 14 points to help Lyman Memorial get past the Tigers in girls basketball on Jan. 13 at Canty Gymnasium. Tourtellotte trailing 19-18 at halftime, Lyman built a lead by outscoring the Tigers 15-7 in the third quarter and hung on despite a late surge by the Tigers. Emily Vincent led Tourtellotte with 20 points and tal-

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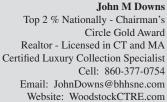




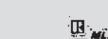
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Hope C. LaPlante, 87



WEBSTER, Mass. Hope C. (Hansen) LaPlante, 87, passed away on Saturday, Jan. 7, with her family at her side after an illness.

She leaves her husband beloved of 62 years, Arthur "Archie" LaPlante; daughthree Annabelle ters, Moninskl of Harmony, Maine, Linda A. Charron of Eastford, Conn., and Gail H. LaPlante of Brimfield; eight

grandchildren, Jessica Moninski of Westbrook, ME, Charles Moninski, Jr. of Naples, Maine, Beth Moninski of Harmony, Maine, Tamara Charron of Brooklyn, Conn., Wayne Charron of Hagerstown, Md., and Will Charron of Warren, Vt., Rachel Partington and Leah Soriano, both of Southbridge; a great-granddaughter, Naomi Soriano of Southbridge; and a close family friend, Vito J. Lomuscio.

She was predeceased by a sister, Doris Christianson.

She was born in Webster Nov. 27, 1929, a daughter of immigrants Hildus Otto and Christiana Maria (Byfelt) Hansen and lived here all her life. She graduated from Bartlett High School in 1947 and then from Becker Junior College in Worcester in 1948 with a stenography/secretarial certification.

Hope worked as a secretary at the H. Craigin Bartlett Insurance Company for about 12 years. She then held the position of Secretary and Treasurer of LaPlante Bros., Inc., her husband's business, until the present day.

Hope was an avid walker in her younger year. She loved her family, her church where she worked with the young missionette girls, animals, trips to Cape Cod, keeping up with the news and visits with the Mills Brothers and Kris Kristofferson. She spent many years helping elderly family friends, relatives and fellow parishioners who spent the holidays with our family. Although she had been faced with challenges communicating over the last few years, she always had a warm and welcoming smile. Her faith was very important in her life and she was prepared to join her Lord and Savior Jesus. She had been an active member of the Faith Assembly of God Church and now the Life Church in Webster.

The family would like to extend their sincere thanks to the staff at the Step Down Unit at UMass Memorial Healthcare, University Campus, and the staff at the Brookside Rehabilitation and Healthcare Center for the care and compassion extended to Hope and her family, especially her husband during this very difficult time.

Visitation was held Wednesday, Jan. 11, as well as Thursday, Jan. 12, in the Sitkowski & Malboeuf Funeral Home, 340 School Street. A funeral service followed Thursday in Life Church, 1 Nelson Street. Burial was in Mount Zion Cemetery.

Donations in her name may be made to Life Church, 1 Nelson St., Webster,

Visit www.sitkowskimalboeuf.com.

Dennis Henry McShane, 77



WOODSTOCK Dennis Henry McShane, 77, of Woodstock died Woodstock January 8, at West Side Care Center, Manchester, after a lengthy illness. husband Beloved of Sheila Maureen

(Cassidy) McShane they were married October 6, 1962 in Chelsea, Massachusetts. He was born January 8, 1940 in Sterling, son of the late Henry and Gertrude (Bourque) McShane.

He was a graduate of Killingly High School, Class of 1958. He had a long career in retail management, including 26 years with Caldor, Inc. He was last employed at Rotman's Furniture in Worcester, Masssachusetts. Dennis loved the Red Sox, the New England Patriots, golf, getting mad at golf, and reading, especially about the Civil War and the universe. He was a longime member of the Putnam Lodge of Elks, a lifelong John Wayne fan, and a devoted husband, father, grandfather and friend. His quick wit and unforgettable laugh will live on in our memories.

He leaves his wife of 54 years,

Sheila Maureen McShane, daughters Kimberly Ann McShane "Kim" of Norwich, CT, Kathleen Theresa Cleveland "Kate" and her husband Scott Michael Thigpen of Birmingham, Alabama, grandchildren Joshua Ryan Lupien of Norwich, Jeremy Marc Lupien of Norwich, Hannah Kate McShane of Norwich, Hayley Sage McShane of Norwich, Aidan James McShane of Norwich, Clara Jayne McShane of Norwich; Ethan Henry Cleveland of Birmingham, Alabama, Emma Ruth Cleveland of Birmingham,

The Funeral was on January 14, at Gagnon and Costello Funeral Home, which was followed by a Mass of Christian at St. James Church. Calling Hours were on Friday, January 13, at the Funeral Home. In lieu of flowers. donations may be made in his memory to the Alzheimer's Association Connecticut Chapter, 200 Executive Blvd., Suite 4B, Southington, CT 06489 or a charity of your choice. The family wishes to express our heartfelt gratitude to all for their support and love. Share a memory at www.smithandwalkerfh.com

Alabama and many nieces, nephews,

cousins and friends.

Perry A. Fournier, 56



BROOKLYN CONNOR and TOWNSHIP MAINE - Perry A. Fournier, 56, passed away January 14 in Hartford following a period of declining health. He was born

in Caribou, Maine on June 19, 1960, the son of Rock and Lena (Lajoie) Fournier. Perry was a 1978 graduate of Caribou High School and was a member of the Sacred Heart Catholic Church. He was employed as an iron worker in Connecticut for over 28 years and was a member of the Iron Workers Local 15. Surviving

in addition to his mother, Lena of Connor Township, are his sister and brother-in-law, Holly and Michael Gagnon of Connor Township, two special nephews, Brookes Gagnon of Chelsea, Maine, and Chase Gagnon of Lisbon Falls, Maine. A special aunt and uncle, Nelson and Rita Lajoie of Brooklyn. Along with many aunts, uncles, cousins. Mr. Fournier was predeceased by his father. A memorial Mass will be celebrated at the Sacred Heart Catholic Church at a date and time to be announced by the Mockler Funeral Home, 24 Reservoir Street, Caribou, Maine. Online condolences may be expressed at www.mocklerfu-

Louis Anthony Charles Tella, 50

PUTNAM — Louis "Louie" Anthony Charles Tella, 50, of Putnam, passed away Thursday, Jan. 5, at Day Kimball Hospital due to health conditions.

He is survived by his wife of 26 years Kellee (Marschall) Tella, of Putnam, his only son Anthony Tella of Putnam, two daughters Brittney Tella of Putnam and Lauren Fierro of Lowell, his seven grandchildren Caleb, Savannah, Tabian, Aubree, Anthony Jr., Layla, and Cayden, his only brother Joseph Tella of Southbridge, five sisters Theresa Chupps of Delaware, Tina Doyle of Putnam, Anna Tella of Delaware, Jennifer Parmelee of Southbridge, and Jessica Foss of Maine, he also leaves behind many

aunts, uncles, nieces, nephews, cousins, and friends.

Louie was born May 27, 1966, in

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Putnam. He's son of Betty (Walls) Edwards of Southbridge and the late Anthony "Tony" Tella.

Louie accomplished many things in

his 50 years of life. Most know he was a truck driver at AJ Letourneau for many years but before he drove a truck he was an EMT. Firefighter. and mechanic. He was a master of all trades. Louie enjoyed going fishing, riding his Harley, and being with his wife and grandchildren. He was a family man. He is loved by many and is going to be missed deeply. There will be no calling hours per his request.

Richard W. Baril, 76



BROOKLYN -Richard W. Baril, 76, of Windham Road died January 13 at home with his loving wife by his side. He was born,

February 21, 1940 in Putnam to the late Adrian and Viola

(Guertin) Baril.

He was the husband of Arlene (Benson) Baril with whom he shared 55 years of marriage.

He lived most of his youth in the village of Wauregan. Then moving to Brooklyn in 1961 when he married Arlene and has lived there since. Richard attended Sacred Heart School in Wauregan, Plainfield High School graduating in 1958 and then took classes at UCONN, Eastern and QVCC. He worked at Kaman Aircraft in Moosup from 1960-1964. He traveled extensively for Kaman doing Tech Support Modification at Air Force bases to upgrade military helicopters. then worked for Doring Label from 1964-1981, where he started as a press operator and then elevated himself to Vice-President. In May 1981 he took some great advice and a lot of help from family and friends, and started his own printing company, AD Label and continued to work there until his "retirement" in 2010. He took pride in the fact that he was able to succeed as a business owner.

Richard was a pivotal member of the local community volunteering for many organizations over the years. He and his wife Arlene were just honored in 2016 by the Northeast Chamber of Commerce, receiving the Civic Achievement Award. In his early 20's, he started volunteering as a Boy Scout leader for Troop 44 in Brooklyn. He spent many hours volunteering his time with the boy scouts over the next 15 years. He would take them on canoe trips, camping trips and ski trips.

In the late 1970's he started volunteering for the Northeast Cancer Crusaders for the yearly dinner dance that raised money for The American Cancer Society and then in most recent years The Oncology Department at Day Kimball Hospital. He and Arlene have represented this committee as the Chairpersons since the late 1970's. He always felt that it was important for the money raised by this committee to go directly to the Oncology Department, and would in most recent years be a patient in this department.

Dick always enjoyed outdoor activities such as camping and skiing. He was a member of the National Ski Patrol in Connecticut and Vermont.

He was a member and president of the Danielson Rotary Club where he was awarded the Paul Harris Fellow.

Dick has always had a passion for cars. It started in the 1960's when he purchased his first car, a 1959 Austin Healey Sprite. He and his wife Arlene would participate in local road rallies and never came in less than 2nd place. He later would acquire many other antique cars. He became a member of the Yankee Yesteryear Car Club. He shared his passion with his grandsons who have worked alongside of him on the restoration and care for his cars. He loved to drive around town in his cars and took pride in them. He and his grandsons would yearly attend the Stowe Antique Car Show and drive in the car parade. He was able to attend two wonderful milestones with his cars, the 100th Anniversary of the Maxwell and then

Travel was always an important part of his life. It started as a child, when he would travel alone from Wauregan to Lewiston, Maine to visit his Aunt Skip. He, Arlene and extended family and friends were his travel companions over the years both within the U.S. and to Europe. He shared his travel experiences with anyone who would listen. His famous lines, "Have passport, will travel," or, "I'll see you on the beach."

the 100th Anniversary of the Model T,

both in Indiana.

Dick had a passion for flight as well. He would have endless conversations with his Uncle Norman about flight and radio communication. He became a HAM Radio Operator at an early age. He decided later in life that he would get his pilot's license. He succeeded and then bought two planes and enjoyed flying all over the northeast.

He enjoyed sailing and boating. He enjoyed racing sailboats with his friend Don. He helped his father-inlaw build a sailboat and spent many hours sailing on the ocean. He later would buy his own boat and would enjoy fishing trips with his grandsons.

In addition to his wife, he is survived by his two daughters, Karen CrescimannoandherhusbandMichael, Heidi Hare and her husband Jim, three grandsons, Zachary Hare, Matthew Hare and Joseph Crescimanno, a sister Kathy Schimmelpfennig and her husband Joseph, a brother-in-law Robert Benson and his wife Marilyn, nieces, nephews, numerous cousins and Many dear friends.

A Celebration of His Life will held at 11:00am on Sunday January, 22, at Lord Thompson Manor, 286 Thompson Hill Road, Thompson.

In lieu of flowers, Dick requested that memorial donations be made to

one of the following: Northeast Cancer Crusaders, 37

Tunk City Road, Danielson, CT 06239 DKH Hospice & Palliative Care of NECT, 320 Pomfret Street, Putnam, CT 06260. We can not express enough how thankful we are for the wonderful care Dick received from Hospice.

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Leo J. Courtemanche, 81

DUDLEY, Mass. Courtemanche, 81, of Dudley, died Saturday, Jan. 14, at Southbridge Rehabilitation Healthcare Center.

He leaves his wife of 58 years, Gloria J. (Regimbal) Courtemanche, of Dudley; five sons, Randy Courtemanche of Webster, Robert Courtemanche of Webster, Steven Courtemanche of Webster, Gary Courtemanche of Webster and Michael Courtemanche of Dudley; a daughter, Sherry Courtemanche of Webster; four sisters, Jean Adamuska of Thompson, Juliette Bertrand and her husband Wilfred, whom Leo was very close with, of Brimfield, Pauline Courtemanche of Southbridge and Sister Rose-Marie Courtemanche of the Sisters of the Holy Ghost; 15 grandchildren and 18 great-grandchildren; many nieces and nephews. He was predeceased by his brothers, Robert, Roger and Louis, and his sisters Rita, Emma and Yvette (Helen).

Leo was born in Southbridge, son of the late Flavien and Emilia (Duclos) Courtemanche and lived in Oxford before moving to Dudley. He was a retired steel mill worker and textile worker. He enjoyed fishing, salt water fishing and hunting.

There are no calling hours. Funeral services are private.

In lieu of flowers, donations can be made to the charity of the donor's choice.

Shaw-Majerick Funeral Home, 48 School St., Webster, is directing arrangements.

A guest book is available at www. shaw-majercik.com, where you may light a candle or post a condolence message.

Marion M. Langlois, 93

DANIELSON - Marion M. Langlois, 93, of Danielson died, Sunday January 15 in Danielson. Marion was born in Putnam. She was the loving wife of the late Theodore I. Langlois and was the daughter of the late Robert and Hazel (Marlow) King.

Marion Langlois was a lifelong office clerk for Bugbee's Department Store in Putnam. Prior to retirement, she had also worked for Gil's Shoe Barn in Danielson.

Marion is survived by her daughter-in-law Susan Rich; grand-

daughter, Tammy Hollingworth; three great-granddaughters, Katie Hollingworth, Kelly Hollingworth, Rachel Hollingworth; four nieces, Margaret Purdon, Joanne Joslin, Heidi Gregory, Judy White. She was predeceased by her son Wayne Rich.

A funeral for Marion will be held later this spring. Gilman Funeral Home & Crematory has been entrusted with her arrangements. memorial guestbook visit www. GilmanAndValade.com.

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OBITUARIES

Helena M. Wiley, 94



WOODSTOCK Helena (Nickerson) Wiley, 94, Underwood Road, died January 8 at Davis Place. She was the loving wife of the late Frank L. Wiley. Born in Broome Center, New York,

she was the daughter of the late Floyd and Grace (Barringer) Nickerson.

Mrs. Wiley worked as a secretary for Victor Central Schools in Victor, New York, and assisted her husband on their dairy farm. She was a member of the Order of the Eastern Star. She enjoyed sewing, gardening, 4H Club, square dancing and especially spending time with her children, grandchildren and great grandchildren.

Helena is survived by her daugh-

ters Janice M. Ross (James) of Goleta, California; Barbara W. Smith (Richard) of Bozeman, Montana; Deborah W. Rose of Victor, New York; Mary Lynn Jackson of Stanley, New York; and Kate W. Brien (Andy) of Woodstock; her son Peter J. Wiley (Linda Manning) of Falls Church, Virginia; her sister Golda Jones of Leeds, New York; fifteen grandchildren; and fifteen great grandchildren. She was predeceased by many brothers and sisters.

Local arrangements are private and have been entrusted to the Gilman Funeral Home and Crematory, 104 Church St., Putnam, CT 06260. Memorial donations may be made to Alzheimer's Association, 200 Executive Blvd., Southington, CT 06489. For memorial guestbook visit www.GilmanAndValade.com.

John B. Murphy, 74

BROOKLYN -- John B. Murphy died January 8, at Day Kimball Hospital. He was surrounded by his wife Marsha (Veilleux) Murphy and family. John was born February 21, 1942 in Putnam. He resided in Brooklyn. He also loved his home on Alexanders Lake.

John was a graduate of Killingly High School in 1960. He then attended two years at Ellis Tech. He also attended Monmouth College in Illinois. John was also in the Army National Guard. He was an engineer at Electric Boat in Groton for 43 years. John had a great passion for the game of golf. He played every chance he got with friends and family. Sailing was also something John loved to do. He would take his 110 sailboat out on Alexanders Lake. John also loved dancing.

John leaves his wife Marsha

Murphy, his son Darren Murphy of Plymouth; his sister Kathleen Newton and her husband Richard of Cromwell; stepchildren his Melanie and Robert Mesa, Gregg of Arizona, Christopher



and Nancy Derosier of Brooklyn, Julie and Michael Stone of S. Killingly and Jonathan and Cheryl Derosier also of S. Killingly. John also leaves nine grandchildren and five great grandchildren and John's best friend David Allen. At his request no service will be held. Tillinghast Funeral Home, 433 Main Street, Danielson is in charge of

arrangements.

Lorraine L. VanHooton, 83



WORCESTER, **MASSACHUSETTS** Lorraine (Belisle) VanHooton, 83, of Worcester, formerly of Putnam and Douglas, Massachusetts passed away on

January 7 at St. Mary Health Care Center. Lorraine was predeceased by her husband, Walter VanHooton.

Lorraine leaves a sister Phyllis and her husband Gerald Carlson of Webster; four children: Linda Stiller and her husband Jay of Worcester, Glenn Janssen of California, Brett Wigby of Florida, and Jon Wigby of Texas; her grandchildren: Ethan, Jessica, Julia, Rafael, Sam, and Zachary; and her great-granddaughter

Lorraine was the daughter of the late Walter and Bernadette (Morin) Belisle of East Douglas. Lorraine graduated in

1951 from Dominican Academy in Fall River. She was a Licensed Practical Nurse and had been employed at various nursing homes in Connecticut and Massachusetts prior to retirement. She had also worked in the Maternity and Mental Health Units at Milford Whitinsville Regional Hospital.

Lorraine was optimistic, creative, and fiercely determined in accomplishing anything she set out to do. She enjoyed several close friendships and treasured time with her family. Prior to her husband Walter's passing, she especially enjoyed taking trips with him to visit the White Mountain region of New Hampshire.

Services will be private. In lieu of flowers, please consider making donations in her name to St. Mary Health Care Center, attention to: Michelle Flamand. Arrangements by Smith and Walker Funeral Home, 148 Grove Street, Putnam. www.smithandwalkerfh.com

Sr. Marie Gabrielle Demars, 95



PUTNAM - Sr. Gabrielle Marie Demars, 95, a member of the Daughters of the Holy Spirit, died January 14 at St. Joseph Living Center in Windham, where she had been a resident since June,

Born Dora Gladys Demars on October 10, 1921 in Tupper Lake, New York, the daughter of the late Thomas and Mary (LePage) Demars, Sr. Marie Gabrielle entered religious life in 1938 and made her religious profession at the Holy Spirit Provincial House in Putnam, on July 1, 1943.

She earned a B.A. from Diocesan Sisters' College in Putnam, followed by an M.A. from Boston College and a Ph.D. from Fordham University in New York. She had a long and varied teaching career beginning at St. Joseph School in Waterbury, in 1943 followed by All Hallows School in Moosup in 1952. In 1955 she returned to Waterbury and taught at St. Anne School there. Her next assignment was at Annhurst College where she taught until 1978. In 1981 she was assigned to All Saints School in Anniston, Alabama where she served as Principal. In 1990 she went to Nigeria and served as school principal in one of our schools in Ogbomosho until her return to the USA in 1995. At that point she resided at Bethany Community in Hartford, and volunteered her services at Trust House there. She retired at the Holy Spirit Provincial House in November of 2004.

Survivors include several nieces and nephews, grand nieces and grandnephews.

Calling hours at the Provincial House were on January 17, which was followed by a Prayer Service. A Mass of Christian Burial was held on January 18, at 11:00 a.m. followed by burial at St. Mary Cemetery in Putnam.

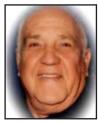
In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to the D.H.S. Retirement Fund, 72 Church St., Putnam, CT, 06260. The Gilman Funeral Home and Crematory, 104 Church St., Putnam, CT has been entrusted with arrangements. For memorial guestbook, please visit www.GilmanandValade.com.

*Made her religious profession in Putnam on July 1, 1943

*Former principal of schools in Alabama and Nigeria

*Member of the Daughters of the Holy Spirit

Edward "Taxi" Morin, 90



N O R T H GROSVENORDALE Edward "Taxi" Morin, 90, of Murolo Rd., died January at Westview Healthcare. He was the loving husband of the late Georgette L. (Houle) Morin who

died on March 23, 1989 and the late Margaret E. (DiCarli) Morin who died on August 6, 2015. Born in Thompson, he was the son of the late Arthur and Dorilla (Jodion) Morin, Sr. and attended the St. Joseph School.

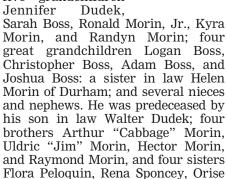
Mr. Morin was a veteran of World War II serving with the United States

Prior to his retirement, Edward along with his wife Georgette ran the Morin's Bottled Gas Company of North Grosvenordale.

Taxi was a member of the Community Volunteer Fire Department and Ambulance Company for over fifty-three years; a fourth-degree member of the Knights of Columbus St. Bernard Council; the American Legion Post 67, and communicant of St. Joseph Church in N. Grosvenordale. He enjoyed woodworking, going to LB's restaurant, and was an avid Boston Red Sox, New England Patriot, and UCONN Girls Basketball team fan. Edward was an all-around family man and as a true Morin was born with a

deck of playing cards in his hand.

Taxi is survived by his daughter Diane Dudek of N. Grosvenordale and a son Ronald Morin of Grosvenordale; five grandchildren Jennifer



Giacobbi, and Dorothy LaRose. Relatives and friends were invited to visit with Taxi's family on January 19, which was followed by a Mass of Christian. In lieu of flowers memorial donations in Taxi's memory may be made to the Community Vol. Fire Dept., P.O. Box 874, N. Grosvenordale, CT 06255. Funeral arrangements have been entrusted to the Gilman and Valade Funeral Homes and Crematory, 104 Church St., Putnam, CT. For memorial guestbook visit www.GilmanAndValade.com.

Michael Jay Gilbert, 51



DAYVILLE Michael Jay Gilbert, 51, a resident of Primrose Crossing in Dayville, passed away suddenly in his home on January 9. He was born

February 7, 1965, in Okinawa, Japan, and

was the son of Betty Hopkins Morrison and the late Paul E. Gilbert, Sr.

Michael graduated from Killingly High School in the class of 1983 and was an active member of the Killingly VOAG Program. After graduating, Michael was employed by various local businesses until a motor vehicle accident in 1990 left him disabled with a traumatic brain injury. Michael's interests included animals, flowers and plants, crocheting and spending time with his great-nephew, Emmett

Michael is survived by his mother and step-father, Betty and Alfred

Morrison, Sr., of Dayville, brothers, David P. Gilbert Sr. of South Killingly, Paul E. Gilbert, Jr. of Baxter, Tennessee, and Ernie Gilbert of Sterling, and a sister, Lisa Morrison. of Dayville. He also leaves behind step siblings, Alfred Morrison Jr. of Livingston, Tennessee, Jean Goldberg, of Woodstock, Paul Morrison of Whitinsville, Massachusetts, and Jane Lucas, of Plainfield, as well as several nieces, nephews and great nieces and nephews. Michael will also be sadly missed by his cat and faithful companion. Sterling.

Michael was preceded in death by his father Paul E Gilbert, Sr., maternal grandparents, Dana and Emily Hopkins, and paternal grandparents, Ernest and Celina Gilbert.

Services will be privately held by the family. Tillinghast Funeral Home, 433 Main St., Danielson is in charge of arrangements.

Jeanne M. Dexter, 71



D O Y L E CALIFORNIA Jeanne M. Dexter, 71, died in Doyle, California November 24, in the wide open land of sand and sagebrush she loved. Born in Providence, Rhode

Island on December 20, 1944, she was the daughter of Claire C. Fortin-Dexter and Stephen A. Dexter Jr., who both pre-deceased her.

She loved the west and lived in Los Angeles, California and then to Reno, Nevada and into western California. She worked many years as a bookkeeper at Junior Steel Co. in Los Angeles, and at a casino-hotel, The Peppermill in Reno, and for the State of Nevada.

She was pre-deceased by sister Linda Egan and brother Donald also his wife Sandra Gagne and another sister-inlaw Sandra Albro Dexter, and step-sister Michele Dexter.

She is survived by her sister Lucille and husband Barrett Benson of New Hampshire, brother Raymond Dexter and family of Arizona, brother James and wife Kathy and family of Danielson, brother Leonard and wife Rita Dexter and family of Danielson, and step-sister Marie Merrill of Rhode Island.

She had a hearty laugh, she loved scrabble and poker. She will be sorely missed by family and friends in the East and close friends in the west. Please make memorial donations in her name to the Humane Society or ASPCA.

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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 the regular meeting January 10,

12136A KCTT Properties, LLC, 520 Providence Road, Map 41, Lot 15, PC Zone; Construction of Drive Thru Lane within 125 feet of wetlands-AP-

PROVED WITH CONDITIONS. Any appeals are to be filed with the Superior Court 15 days from the date of the legal notice appearing in the Dated this 11th day of January 2017 Jeffrey Arends Vice Chairman January 20, 2017

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

the address below. Failure to prompt-

ly present any such claim may result

ESTATE OF JOHN MARTINS (16-00227)

The Hon. Leah P. Schad, Judge of the Court of Probate, District of Northeast Probate Court, by decree dated January 11, 2017, ordered that all claims must be presented to the fiduciaries at in the loss of rights to recover on such claim.

Janis E. Beltis, Clerk

The fiduciaries are: Robert A. Peretti, Alison M. Martins, Olivia Martins & Jamie Turmel c/o. Leon C. Boghossian, III, Esq. Hinckley, Allen & Snyder, LLP, 100 Westminster Street, Ste. 1500, Providence, RI 02903 January 20, 2017

NOTICE TO CREDITORS ESTATE OF TODD VASILEFF, AKA

Todd G. Vasileff (17-00007) The Hon. Leah P. Schad, Judge of the Court of Probate, District of Northeast Probate Court, by decree dated January 10, 2017, ordered that all claims must be presented to the fiduciary at the address below. Failure to promptly present any such claim may result in the loss of rights to recover on such

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The fiduciary is: **Gregory Vasileff** c/o William H. St. Onge, Esq., St. Onge & Brouillard, PO Box 550, Putnam, CT 06260 January 20, 2017

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How Much Do You Really Know About Schizophrenia?

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Schizophrenia is a chronic, debilitating mental illness affecting approximately 1.1 percent of American adults and more than 21 million people worldwide.1,2 One of the most significant aspects of the disease is that it is not easily or efficiently diagnosed, and the illness may go undiagnosed—and therefore untreated—after the onset of the first symptoms.3 There is a palpable, sometimes debilitating prejudice associated with schizophrenia, which sometimes interferes with people's willingness to talk about and get treatment for the disorder.4 Having a better understanding of the disease—both what it is and what it isn't—could help to address misconceptions.

How much do you really know about schizophrenia? Read further to find out.
True or false? Doctors,

patients and families historically viewed schizophrenia, one of the most devastating mental illnesses, as the result of bad parenting.

TRUE. Believe it or not, historically, this was the thinking.5 Today, we know that this is not the case, and we know that there are many factors involved with a person's risk for developing schizophrenia. Although there is still much to learn, researchers have identified a number of genes that may contribute an increased risk of schizophrenia and are closer than ever to understanding how they may impact brain development and function in the disease.5,6 Additionally, there are a number of environmental factors that can be involved, including the interaction between genes and aspects of an individual's environment, exposure to viruses or malnutrition before birth and other, not yet known, psychosocial factors.6

True or false? Men and women tend to develop schizophrenia at the same age.

FALSE. In most cases, the first psychotic episode tends to occur between the late teens and the mid-30s. However, men tend to develop schizophrenia slightly earlier, in their earlyto mid-20s, while most females including antipsychotic meddevelop symptoms in their late

True or false? The signs and symptoms of schizophrenia vary from person to person.

TRUE. Although symptoms differ in type and severity among individuals, schizo-phrenia typically interferes with a person's ability to think clearly, manage emotions, make decisions and relate to others.8

Initial signs may include isolating oneself, sleep prob-lems and irritability.9 Some individuals with schizophrenia experience hallucinations, the most common of which are "voices" that may influence their actions or seeing people or objects that are not there. However, a person with schizophrenia can experience a combination of symptoms-sometimes severe, other times hardly noticeable—that typically fall into three broad categories: positive symptoms (psychotic symptoms such as hallucinations and delusions), negative symptoms (disruptions in normal emotions and lack of motivation) and cognitive symptoms (changes in memory or other aspects of thinking). 7

True or false? People with schizophrenia always exhibit violent behavior.

FALSE. Most individuals with schizophrenia are not violent. The sad reality is that people with schizophrenia are much more likely to harm themselves than others, as suicidal thoughts and behaviors are very common among people with schizophrenia. Comorbidities, such as substance abuse, may also increase the chance a person will become violent. Both risk of violence to others and to the individuals with schizophrenia is greatest when the condition goes untreated and has been seen to decrease when treatment is in place.4

True or false? Because the causes of schizophrenia are still unknown, treatments focus on improving the symptoms of the disease.

TRUE. There is no cure for schizophrenia, but it can be managed in several ways,

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ications, which are available in pill or liquid form taken daily or as an injection that provides patients with medication that remains in the body for an extended period of time. Additional forms of treatment include psychotherapy, such as cognitive behavioral therapy and supportive therapy, as well as self-management strategies and education.10

True or false? Many people with schizophrenia experience improved symptoms with a combination of medication and psychosocial support.

TRUE. Through a combination of the effective treatment options currently available, continued research and understanding in genetics, neuroscience and behavioral sciences, the outlook for individuals with schizophrenia continues to improve. For example, initiatives such as the NIMH Recovery After an Initial Schizophrenia Episode (RAISE) research project, which seeks to fundamentally change the prognosis of schizophrenia through coordinated treatment in the earliest stages of the disorder, also promise to further improve the prognosis for people diagnosed with the disease.4

Although navigating the course of diagnosis and treatment for schizophrenia can be challenging, knowing the early warning signs increases the chances of diagnosis and coordinated specialty care treatment in the earliest stages of the condition. Individuals with schizophrenia can lead productive, independent lives. For more information regarding schizophrenia and the treatment options available, visit www.mentalhealthamerica. net/medication.

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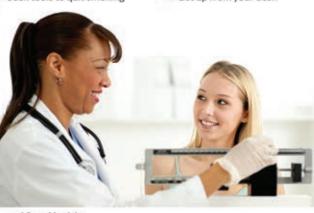
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HILL 27

CHAPLIN — Simon Silvia scored 15 points including three three-pointers and grabbed eight rebounds to lead the Tigers past the host Pirates in boys basketball on Jan. 11. Evan Ware scored 10 points and made five steals and Jackson Padula added 10 points for Tourtellotte.

With Tourtellotte trailing 12-5 after one quarter, the Tigers held Parish Hill to 15 points the rest of the game. The win avenged a 66-42 loss to Parish Hill on Dec.. 20. Tourtellotte coach Neil Bernier said his unsung heroes were Ben Leveille, Spencer Fulone, and Michael Falco, who provided excellent defense, effort, and hustle. Parish Hill's record

was 5-4 through nine games.

WHEELER 72, PUTNAM 66

PUTNAM — Mike Anderson scored 23 points in Wheeler's win at Putnam High on Jan. 11. Lucas Basilio scored 28 points, Zack Cutler tallied 16 points, and Scott Davagian added 10 points for Putnam. Wheeler's record was 1-7 through eight games.

TOURTELLOTTE 63, GRASSO 51

GROTON — Simon Silvia scored 22 points with three three-pointers and had seven rebounds to help the Tigers win at Grasso Tech in boys basketball on Jan. 9. Evan Ware scored 13 points with five assists and three rebounds Jackson Padula had eight points and six rebounds, and Spencer Fulone scored 12 points on four three-pointers for Tourtellotte.

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lied 10 points in the fourth quarter as the Tigers tied the game with two minutes left but could not pull out the win. Tourtellotte sophomore forward Lauren Ramos left the game in the first quarter with an injury and did not return. Katey Kwasniewski scored six points, grabbed eight rebounds, dished for assists, and made three steals for Tourtellotte. Ashley

Morin added nine points for the Tigers. The win lifted Lyman Memorial's record to 9-1.

GRASSO 66, PUTNAM 53

PUTNAM — Kovshoth Wiggins tallied 19 points to help Grasso Tech top the Clippers in boys basketball on Jan. 13 at Putnam High School. Lucas Basilio

added 16 points for Putnam. The win lifted Grasso Tech's record to 1-6. The loss dropped Putnam's record to 5-4. The Clippers are next scheduled to play host to Norwich Tech on Friday, Jan. 20, with the game set to begin at 7 p.m. at Putnam High School.

14 points and Ari Koivisto tallied 13 points including a pair of three-pointers to help lift the Centaurs over host Fitch in girls basketball on Jan. 13. Jamie Woods and Heather Converse each scored seven points for Woodstock.

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January 26, Thurs., 2pm

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January 26, Thurs., 7pm

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January 28, Sat., 5-7pm

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Killingly boys shooting for consistency

BY CHARLIE LENTZ VILLAGER SPORTS EDITOR

DAYVILLE — Killingly coach Jim Crabtree can use the blackboard to instruct his Redmen on X's and O's but he had no useful diagram to get his team ready for East Lyme sophomore guard Dev Ostrowski and the 19-0 game-opening run the Vikings used to paralyze Killingly last Friday.

"My biggest gripe was — and the two quick timeouts, when I said to them, and they came to the bench — it was like we were playing Isaiah Thomas and the Celtics," Crabtree said. "They were like 'Wow, they're good. Wow, they're fast.' I think we went in for the 'awe' factor a little too much. It stumbled us. It was like we weren't playing another high school basketball team.'

Ostrowski finished with a game-high 23 points and used his superior quickness and handling skills to pace the Vikings as they jumped to a 19-0 lead in the first quarter en route to a 57-45 victory at Killingly High on Jan. 13.

"Once (Ostrowski) gets it going and he got his confidence, and he knew that he was the best player on the court, he just fed the fuel and he went to work," Crabtree said.

Killingly turned the ball over three times over the first two minutes.

'They turned up the heat defensively. We got a little soft on our end. We weren't protective. It was more like we tried to just turn our back on the hoop and not turn it over — which caused us to turn it over," Crabtree said.

Ostrowski ignited the game-opening run with a 14-foot jumper with 7:22 left in the first quarter. He scored eight points in first quarter and knocked down a three-pointer with :00 left on the clock in the first frame to stretch East Lyme's lead to 22-4. Ostrowski tallied 16 points in the first half and the Vikings led 37-17 at the intermission.

Coach Crabtree said East Lyme coach Jeff Bernardi and his team were likely motivated by the last meeting between the two teams at East Lyme on Feb. 16 of



Charlie Lentz photo

Killingly's Sean Johndrow rises for a shot against East Lyme last Friday at Killingly High School.

last year — Killingly edged the Vikings 50-49.

"I think they remembered last year when we went down there and caught them off guard," Crabtree said. "We were the underdog at their place and (Bernardi) made sure that wasn't going to happen again."

Crabtree said the Redmen made it tough on themselves by abandoning some of the basics.

"If you just play simple basketball, we can't match their speed but we needed to set the tone with good screens, catch the ball, get a triple threat and be simple and make them work," Crabtree said.

Sophomore guard Luke Desaulnier

led Killingly with 18 points. The win lifted East Lyme's record to 6-2. The loss dropped Killingly's record to 3-5. The Redmen are next scheduled to travel to Griswold High on Saturday, Jan. 21, with tipoff scheduled for 7 p.m.

Killingly got off to a 3-1 record to start the season including a 41-39 win over Woodstock Academy on Dec. 20 followed by wins over Tourtellotte Memorial and Putnam High to claim the championship of the Clipper Classic on Dec. 27. The loss to East Lyme was Killingly's fourth-straight defeat. Coach Crabtree said the Redmen have plenty of season left to resolve their troubles but the answer can't be diagrammed any blackboard.

"We're still looking for a two or three dirt dogs, guys that are going to get rebounds, scrap it up, set screens,' Crabtree said. "We've got to get back to basics. You catch the ball on the wing. You're in the triple threat. Good hard recuts. See the cutters. We miss out on when the post is open, when the cuts are open because when we catch the ball we put it to the floor too quick. We think basketball is catch and dribble, catch and dribble — that's going to get you nowhere."

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Tourtellotte renews rivalry with Putnam



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Tourtellotte's Emily Vincent goes up for a shot against Putnam High on Jan. 11 at Canty Gymnasium.

BY CHARLIE LENTZ

THOMPSON — As she stood near midcourt Emily Vincent grew wistful after Tourtellotte played host to Putnam High for the last time in Vincent's highschool basketball career. Over the last four years Vincent has fought many battles against backyard rival Putnam — not only on the basketball court, but also the soccer pitch, and on the softball field. So Vincent could be forgiven for double-dribbling a few tears down her cheeks after her final game against the Clippers on the hardwood.

"Every season — to play them in soccer, basketball, softball — it's always a big rivalry," Vincent said. "We always want to beat them."

Vincent is the lone senior on Tourtellotte's roster and she had no intention of losing her last game against Putnam. So it came as no surprise that she sparked Tourtellotte's 52-44 non-league victory over the Clippers on Jan. 11 at Canty Gymnasium. Vincent scored 17 points, grabbed nine rebounds and tallied eight points to pace a critical third-quarter surge that helped the Tigers seize control. Tourtellotte coach Carla Faucher knew Vincent was highly motivated in her last game against Putnam.

"We write team goals down, individually and as a coach, I think every year that I've coached Putnam's our rival, even though they're not in our league anymore," said Faucher, in her 19th season. "We usually try to play them at least once during the season. It's so nice to have that town-to-town rivalry where the kids really get pumped up for it."

The friendly foes also schedule each other in soccer and softball—and many of the girls are multi-sport athletes so they battle several times during the

school year.

"They see the same kids playing in soccer, in softball, in basketball," Faucher said. "It's a great rivalry and I hope we can continue with it."

The Tigers made the most of the latest incarnation of the feud. With Tourtellotte leading 24-20 at halftime, Vincent jumpstarted a 17-6 run with a bucket from close range with 7:45 left in the third quarter. Vincent added three more baskets during the surge — all on power moves to the basket and capped the flurry with a layup with :25 left in the quarter to push the Tigers lead to 41-26. Vincent was determined to drive to the hoop and force the action.

"It's a confidence thing, you do it, you go. It's like once you get in the flow and get going it helps me a lot," Vincent said. "Baseline is kind of my go-to—whenever I see the opportunity that's kind of what I do."

Coach Faucher said Vincent set the tone in the third quarter and her teammates took note.

"She really took the ball and led them like a true leader," Faucher said. "She knew that she had the flow — they knew that she had it — and that they could count on her."

The win lifted Tourtellotte's record to 4-6 and coach Faucher hoped they could keep moving forward. Putnam entered the game with a record of 6-3.

"This is something I can use that they can believe in themselves. We came in as the underdog and everyone was saying 'Wow, Putnam's a really strong team this year. They have great players.' I was little nervous coming in, I didn't know what to expect," Faucher said. "This is a builder where I told them if you work hard all 32 minutes then you're going to win this game. Now we can show them — hey you did it we worked hard for 32 minutes and everybody contributed something and it ended up in

The Tigers won the rebounding war with sophomore forward Lauren Ramos grabbing



Charlie Lentz photo

Tourtellotte's Lauren Ramos tries to get by Putnam's Julia Loomis on Jan. 11.

15 rebounds and Vincent hauling down nine. Faucher said Tourtellotte's schedule against fellow Eastern Connecticut Conference teams steeled them for the battle under the boards. Putnam plays in the Constitution State Conference.

"We've been harping on that all season long. Probably Putnam was the first team where we were equally matched height-wise, against the other teams we play in the ECC they've got big girls and we've got to work so hard to get those rebounds," Faucher said. "I think from playing those aggressive teams in the ECC that set us up to more aggressive tonight. I totally saw that confidence build tonight and I hope they can continue to build upon that as the season goes on."

Ramos added 14 points and junior point guard Katey Kwasniewski scored six points with four assists. Kwasniewski said the Tigers hoped to gain momentum from the victory. The Tigers are next scheduled to play host to Griswold High on Friday, Jan. 20, with tipoff scheduled for 7 p.m. at Canty Gymnasium.

"Beating Putnam is a good feeling because they're always our rivals," Kwasniewski said. "And we have to just keep pushing forward from this game — and just use it to the next game."

For Vincent there will be "no next" game against Putnam High — so she made the most of her final 32 minutes against a backyard rival.

"It feels really great to win this last basketball against Putnam," Vincent said. "My last home game against them — and I'm really proud of all the girls."

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Tourtellotte boys in the hunt for playoff berth



Charlie Lentz photo

Tourtellotte's Evan Ware tries to get a shot off over Plainfield's Chris Peasley Tuesday at Canty Gymnasium.

BY CHARLIE LENTZ /ILLAGER SPORTS EDITOR

THOMPSON —
Tourtellotte senior forward Evan Ware is nearing the end of his high school career — still without having played in a state tournament basketball game. Ware suffered through a winless season as a sophomore and in his junior year the Tigers notched just five victories. But there's finally hope in the three-

postseason game.

"We have a good chance this year. I mean we can do it," Ware said.

"We definitely have that chance. We've got to play strong. I would love to see a States game, I've seen

year starter's quest for a

them during soccer season, I've been to a track State, but nothing for basketball. So I would love to see one my senior year."

The Tigers went 4-6 through their first 10 games this season, falling to Plainfield 48-34 Tuesday at Canty Gymnasium. While that sub-.500 record doesn't sound very impressive, if the Tigers can gain four more wins over their final 10 games they'll earn the required eight victories needed to qualify for a berth in the Class S State Tournament.

"We're here. We're at 4-6, we only need four more, that's it, and we can get it," said Ware after scoring a teamhigh 15 points against Plainfield. Ware and Mike Falco

Ware and Mike Falco are the only seniors on the roster. Coach Neil Bernier believes they can reach their goal. Bernier is obviously rooting for Ware, who he's been coaching since middle school.

"(Ware) has played for me since he was in middle school for a few years. And then when he came to high school I had him playing (varsity) since he was a sophomore," said Bernier, in his third season coaching the varsity. "And I had him playing as a sophomore for these moments — and these big games we have coming un."

Bernier has made some defensive adjustments and the results have been positive. Parish Hill defeated Tourtellotte 66-42 in the season opener on Dec. 20. In the rematch the Tigers held Parish Hill to under 30 points in a 42-27 victory on Jan. 11.

"We've definitely improved defensively since the beginning of the year. We've had to switch things. We were playing a man-to-man but we were just giving up way too many blow-byes, giving up way too many easy baskets," Bernier said. "We switched to a couple different zone defenses, one-three-one mostly, it's been productive."

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Charlie Lei

Tourtellotte's Josh Dodd drives to the hoop against Plainfield.

difficult barrier Tuesday, with the Panthers employing a much deeper and taller rotation. But Bernier said the Tigers have several winnable games over the second half of the season.

"Plainfield is a class level above us, the hardest team we'll probably play all year, along with Windham. There are about four or five games out there that are left that I've targeted, at least in my mind, that are games that we can potentially win if we play right and play well. Those are the games we need to focus on," Bernier said. "Our goal at the beginning of the year was to get to eight wins. There are opportunities still out there for that."

Markeith Conyers led Plainfield with 15 points in the victory over Tourtellotte Tuesday. The win lifted the Panthers record to 8-1. Tourtellotte is next scheduled to travel to Griswold High on Friday, Jan. 20, with the game scheduled to begin at 7 p.m. The Tigers are hunting for four more regular-season wins — and one very meaningful game in the Class S Tournament.

"The last few years have been rough," Bernier said. "Now I think (the tournament) is something that I think is within their reach. It's something that we've targeted since the beginning of the year. We've got to get to the number eight. That's been the focus of everything we've been really doing here. These guys, that's what they want — that's what they really want."

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Woodstock icers heat up against Eastern



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Woodstock's Doug Newton shoots on Eastern Eagles goalie Troy Moeller last Saturday in Pomfret.

BY CHARLIE LENTZ VILLAGER SPORTS EDITOR

POMFRET — Will Liscomb doesn't often get a chance to skate on the same line with Ryan Black and Nathan DeLuca but when he does the ice is in danger of a meltdown — Woodstock Academy's scoring machine heats up quick-

"They're insane. There's no other words to put it. They are just so good. They can make stuff happen when there's nothing there," said Liscombe of Black and DeLuca. "They just score, score, score, score."

Liscomb isn't prone to exaggeration. No matter how coach Mike Starr arranged his Centaurs, the Eastern Connecticut Eagles couldn't cool them off in Woodstock's 10-1 victory at Pomfret School's Jahn Rink on Jan. 14 — an endless succession of high fives after each goal.

"Every time we score it's a party on the bench," Liscomb said. "It's so much celebrating."

Much to celebrate early this season — Woodstock was undefeated and untied through seven games and ranked No. 1 in the state in Division

To open last Saturday's game Liscomb took a shift on the Centaurs top line with Black and DeLuca before Liscomb settled back with Woodstock's second line. Coach Starr enjoyed the early combination.

"It's fun. We only did that for the faceoff we had in mind and actually the faceoff didn't work the way that we had designed it. But you look at the three of them on the ice together and it's quite enjoyable," Starr said. "All three of them are really creative."

After the opening shift Liscomb returned to Woodstock's second line, along with sophomore Avery Riva and freshman Doug Newton. Liscomb scored a goal and notched three assists in the win

"(Liscomb) brings that level of experience to that second line," Starr said.

over the Eagles.

Black led Woodstock with three goals and one assist in the win over Eastern. Newton scored two goals and added two assists. Also scoring one goal each for Woodstock were Ryan Wojciehowski, Gunner Moore, Riva and Ethan Thorpe. It's almost an embarrassment of riches on the ice.

"I think there are sometimes where we try to do a little too much, try to get a little too fancy. But it's nice to watch," Starr said. "We've got some really good kids on this team. Kids who can stickSean McCusker, Moore, and Jake Starr each added one assist for Woodstock. Cal Wilcox and Carson Hadley split time in goal for Woodstock, combining for 11 saves. Woodstock outshot the Eagles 31-12. Eastern is a co-op team

two assists. Liam Dyer,

comprised of players from Fitch, East Lyme, Waterford, Ledyard, Wheeler, and Hale Ray schools. Ryan Huta scored Eastern's lone goal and goaltender Troy Moeller made 21 saves for the Eagles (2-6).

Starr liked the offensive fireworks but said producing double-digit goal totals can be counterproductive.

We've got a lot of tough games coming up. Sometimes you can win a game like this and then come out the next game very flat," Starr said.

Black, DeLuca, and Wilcox are senior co-captains and their job is to guard against overconfidence. Liscomb is a senior as well and he's savoring his final season on the ice for Woodstock Academy.

"It's my last year prob-

ably, not going to be playing after this so it's extremely important just to play my heart out, just to play as hard as I can for the remainder of the time that I have here," Liscomb said. "Just have some fun while I'm at it."

Woodstock Academy is next scheduled to play against E.O. Smith/ Tolland at Freitas Ice Forum on the campus of UConn in Storrs, with the puck set to drop at 3:20 p.m. on Saturday, Jan. 21. Liscomb likely won't be surprised if the Centaurs scoring machine heats up again this weekend – another meltdown on UConn's ice.

"We're starting to pick it up, you can see with our play," Liscomb said. "We're starting to beat teams a little bit more than at the beginning of the season. I'm definitely thinking that we're picking up from where we were last year and we're getting really moving now."

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Woodstock's Ryan Black skates up ice against the Eastern Eagles last Saturday in Pomfret.

Putnam High hopes to regroup for stretch drive



Charlie Lentz photo

Putnam High's Maria Fredette tallied a game-high 21 points against Tourtellotte on Jan. 11.

BY CHARLIE LENTZ VILLAGER SPORTS EDITOR

THOMPSON Putnam High coach Mandi Hogan shook her head as she looked at the stat sheet following the Clippers 52-44 non-league loss to Tourtellotte Memorial on Jan. 11 at Canty Gymnasium. Putnam shot poorly from the field, could not keep Tourtellotte from winning the rebounding war, and the Clippers went flat during the third quarter when the game was decided.

Hogan was particularly disappointed with her team's effort under the backboards.

"I told them that we had to box out coming into this game and they didn't do it," Hogan said. "So we don't deserve a

With Putnam trailing 24-20 at halftime, the Clippers were outscored by Tourtellotte 17-8 in the third quarter. The Clippers could not stop Tourtellotte senior forward Emily Vincent during the third frame, Vincent scored eight of her 17 points in the quarter by driving the base-

line to the bucket. "(Vincent) was driving baseline and we were giving it to her, eight points in a row," Hogan said. "I told them at halftime they have to stop giving up the baseline and (Vincent) came out and she made eight points from the baseline. That's something they have to keep working on."

Putnam went cold from the field and shot under 20 percent from the field for the game. Putnam senior forward Maria Fredette scored a gamehigh 21 points against Tourtellotte but no other Clipper tallied more than six points.

'That's what we've been doing lately. I don't have answers for that. We shoot tons of shots during practice and if you do my averages all season that's about normal," Hogan said.

The loss dropped Putnam's record to 6-4 and Hogan hoped the Clippers could learn a lesson from their travails against the Tigers. Hogan said Tourtellotte typically faces a tough team every game its brutal Eastern Connecticut Conference schedule while Putnam plays in the lesser-competitive Constitution State Conference. Putnam is next scheduled to travel to Windham Tech for a CSC game on Friday, Jan. 20, with tipoff scheduled for 5:30 p.m.

"We've got to come out and play everybody hard," Hogan said. "Unfortunately we go from hard to easy — a lot of easy and then maybe a hard game. So we don't have like the ECC those 20 hard games we're just up-and-down constantly but this is a good game now going into, we have Grasso (Tech) tomorrow and then pushes us for Parish Hill, Windham Tech the following week. We needed this game."

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Putnam High's Kayleigh Lyons moves upcourt against Tourtellotte.

Killingly Youth Wrestling

Jennifer O'Leary Cathell photo

LOWELL, Mass. — Killingly Youth Wrestling's Brady Zadora, pictured, placed fourth at the Big Red Wrestling Tournament at the Tsongas Arena at UMass Lowell last weekend. Nine-year-old Zadora, who wrestled in the Elementary 60-pound weight class, fought his way through a 13-man bracket. Zadora is the younger brother of Killingly Wrestling's Zack Burgess who won first place in the 138-pound class at the Griswold Invitational last Saturday. Burgess's record was 19-0.

"I've been watching my brother wrestle since I was little," said Zadora. "He makes me want to be a better wrestler. I'm proud of him, and I know he is proud of me too."



Ellis Tech grapplers knock off defending state champs

DANIELSON — Ellis Tech's wrestlers came from behind to win the final five matches to defeat defending state champion Foran 37-31 at the Ellis Tech Duals last Saturday at Ellis Tech. The three wins at the duals lifted the Golden

Eagles record to 15-5. In the victory over Foran, at 120 pounds: Jordan Lang (F) pinned Robert Gatzke (ET):53; 126: Anthony Devanney (ET) dec. Elijah Moretti (F) 5-0; 132: Baltazar Gonzalez (ET) pinned Will Mauro (F):55; 138: Gino Esposito (F) dec. Cole Blair (ET) 12-6; 145: Ryan Luth (F) pinned Camron Louis (ET) 1:11; 152: Mike Ross (F) won FORFEIT; Jared Rufo (ET) dec. Colby Stuart (F) 6-2; 170: Umer Khan (F) tech fall Adam Vear (ET) 20-5; 182: Qasim Khan (F) pinned Jacob Rondeau (ET) :25; 195: Josh Wojick (ET) pinned Nick Zavaglia (F) :52; 220: Gavin Thuotte (ET) dec. Andre Vella (F) 7-4; 285: Collin DelSanto (ET) pinned Teddy Deboise (F) :18; 106: Gavin Rickaby (ET) major dec. Michael Giordano (F) 13-2; 113: Sean Johnson (ET) FORFEIT.

Ellis Tech defeated Branford 50-24, at Rickaby 113 pounds: (ET) pinned Brendan Shamas (B) 1:10; 120: Johnson (ET) dec. Noah Pantani (B) 5-0; 126: Devanney (ET) tech fall Stella Kelly(B) 25-9; 132: Gonzalez (ET) pinned Ayman Nasry (B) 2:20; 138: Blair (ET) FORFEIT; 145: Jaden Whittingham (B) dec. Camron Louis (ET) 6-5; 152: Zach Cash (B) pinned James Roberts (ET) 1:50; 160: GianCarlo Giannini(B) dec. Rufo Vear (ET) 5-2; 170: (ET) pinned Camden Mascaro (B) 3:16: 182:

pinned Brandon Perez (B) 2:44; 195: Jack Seward (B) pinned Jacob Rondeau (ET) :34; 220: Kyle Zalewski (B) pinned Tyler Willard (ET) 3:10; 285: Delsanto (ET) FORFEIT; 106: Tyler Brown (ET) FORFEIT.

Ellis Tech defeated Waterford 69-11, at 126 pounds: Devaney (ET) pinned Jeremy Hynek (W) 2:30; 132: Gonzalez (ET) pinned Josh Rouisse (W) 2:58; 138: Blair (ET) pinned DJ Lima (W) :16; 145: Louis (ET) FORFEIT; 152: Roberts (ET) dec. Josiah Callendar (W) 5-2; 160: Rufo (ET) pinned Jake Gionotti (W) :53; 170: Vear (ET) pinned pinned Logan Gerovitz (W) 3:22; 182: Wojick (ET) pinned Dante Piccione (W):15; 195: Rondeau (ET) FORFEIT; 220: Thuotte (ET) FORFEIT; 285: DelSanto (ET) pinned Dylan Zito (W) 1:18; 106: Logan Smith (W) tech fall Rickaby (ET) 16-0; 113: Johnson (ET) pinned Eric Zane (W)1:44; 120: Tyler Radack (W) pinned Jared Oenning (ET)1:22

PLAINFIELD 50, **TOURTELLOTE 30**

PLAINFIELD Tourtellotte's Emily Vincent scored 14 points and grabbed three rebounds in the loss to the Panthers in girls basketball at Plainfield High Tuesday. For Tourtellotte: Ashley Morin had eight points, five rebounds, three assists, and one steal; Skyla Wesolowski had four points and four rebounds; Becky Torres had five rebounds, three assists, and two points; Amanda Bogoslofski had six rebounds, three

assists, and two points. The win lifted



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Putnam's Lucas Basilio scored 24 points in a loss to Grasso Tech on Jan. 13.

Plainfield's record to 3-8. The loss dropped Tourtellotte's record to 4-8. The Tigers are next scheduled to play host to Griswold on Friday, Jan. 20, with tipoff set for 7 p.m. at Canty Gymnasium.

WOODSTOCK 7, HOUSATONIC 0

LAKEVILLE — Ryan Black scored four goals and notched one assist to help the Centaurs top Housatonic/ Northwestern in boys hockey Monday at Hotchkiss School. Nathan DeLuca, Doug Newton, and Zack Gagnon each added one goal for Woodstock. Gunner Moore notched two assists. Avery Riva, Newton, Patrick Delaney, Tyler Huhtanen, and Will Liscomb each notched assist for one

Woodstock's record 7-0. Housatonic/ Northwestern's record fell to 7-3. LYMAN 42, TOURTELLOTTE

Centaurs. Cal Wilcox

stoppled 12 shots to

Woodstock Academy

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31-12. The win lifted

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THOMPSON Abby Bundy scored 14 points to help Lyman Memorial get past the Tigers in girls basketball on Jan. 13 at Canty Gymnasium. Tourtellotte trailing 19-18 at halftime, Lyman built a lead by outscoring the Tigers 15-7 in the third quarter and hung on despite a late surge by the Tigers. Emily Vincent led Tourtellotte

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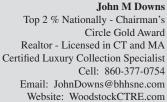




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Hope C. LaPlante, 87



WEBSTER, Mass. Hope C. (Hansen) LaPlante, 87, passed away on Saturday, Jan. 7, with her family at her side after an illness.

She leaves her husband beloved of 62 years, Arthur "Archie" LaPlante; daughthree Annabelle ters, Moninskl of Harmony, Maine, Linda A. Charron of Eastford, Conn., and Gail H. LaPlante of Brimfield; eight

grandchildren, Jessica Moninski of Westbrook, ME, Charles Moninski, Jr. of Naples, Maine, Beth Moninski of Harmony, Maine, Tamara Charron of Brooklyn, Conn., Wayne Charron of Hagerstown, Md., and Will Charron of Warren, Vt., Rachel Partington and Leah Soriano, both of Southbridge; a great-granddaughter, Naomi Soriano of Southbridge; and a close family friend, Vito J. Lomuscio.

She was predeceased by a sister, Doris Christianson.

She was born in Webster Nov. 27, 1929, a daughter of immigrants Hildus Otto and Christiana Maria (Byfelt) Hansen and lived here all her life. She graduated from Bartlett High School in 1947 and then from Becker Junior College in Worcester in 1948 with a stenography/secretarial certification.

Hope worked as a secretary at the H. Craigin Bartlett Insurance Company for about 12 years. She then held the position of Secretary and Treasurer of LaPlante Bros., Inc., her husband's business, until the present day.

Hope was an avid walker in her younger year. She loved her family, her church where she worked with the young missionette girls, animals, trips to Cape Cod, keeping up with the news and visits with the Mills Brothers and Kris Kristofferson. She spent many years helping elderly family friends, relatives and fellow parishioners who spent the holidays with our family. Although she had been faced with challenges communicating over the last few years, she always had a warm and welcoming smile. Her faith was very important in her life and she was prepared to join her Lord and Savior Jesus. She had been an active member of the Faith Assembly of God Church and now the Life Church in Webster.

The family would like to extend their sincere thanks to the staff at the Step Down Unit at UMass Memorial Healthcare, University Campus, and the staff at the Brookside Rehabilitation and Healthcare Center for the care and compassion extended to Hope and her family, especially her husband during this very difficult time.

Visitation was held Wednesday, Jan. 11, as well as Thursday, Jan. 12, in the Sitkowski & Malboeuf Funeral Home, 340 School Street. A funeral service followed Thursday in Life Church, 1 Nelson Street. Burial was in Mount Zion Cemetery.

Donations in her name may be made to Life Church, 1 Nelson St., Webster,

Visit www.sitkowskimalboeuf.com.

Dennis Henry McShane, 77



WOODSTOCK Dennis Henry McShane, 77, of Woodstock died Woodstock January 8, at West Side Care Center, Manchester, after a lengthy illness. husband Beloved of Sheila Maureen

(Cassidy) McShane they were married October 6, 1962 in Chelsea, Massachusetts. He was born January 8, 1940 in Sterling, son of the late Henry and Gertrude (Bourque) McShane.

He was a graduate of Killingly High School, Class of 1958. He had a long career in retail management, including 26 years with Caldor, Inc. He was last employed at Rotman's Furniture in Worcester, Masssachusetts. Dennis loved the Red Sox, the New England Patriots, golf, getting mad at golf, and reading, especially about the Civil War and the universe. He was a longime member of the Putnam Lodge of Elks, a lifelong John Wayne fan, and a devoted husband, father, grandfather and friend. His quick wit and unforgettable laugh will live on in our memories.

He leaves his wife of 54 years,

Sheila Maureen McShane, daughters Kimberly Ann McShane "Kim" of Norwich, CT, Kathleen Theresa Cleveland "Kate" and her husband Scott Michael Thigpen of Birmingham, Alabama, grandchildren Joshua Ryan Lupien of Norwich, Jeremy Marc Lupien of Norwich, Hannah Kate McShane of Norwich, Hayley Sage McShane of Norwich, Aidan James McShane of Norwich, Clara Jayne McShane of Norwich; Ethan Henry Cleveland of Birmingham, Alabama, Emma Ruth Cleveland of Birmingham,

cousins and friends. The Funeral was on January 14, at Gagnon and Costello Funeral Home, which was followed by a Mass of Christian at St. James Church. Calling Hours were on Friday, January 13, at the Funeral Home. In lieu of flowers. donations may be made in his memory to the Alzheimer's Association Connecticut Chapter, 200 Executive Blvd., Suite 4B, Southington, CT 06489 or a charity of your choice. The family wishes to express our heartfelt gratitude to all for their support and love. Share a memory at www.smithandwalkerfh.com

Alabama and many nieces, nephews,

Perry A. Fournier, 56



BROOKLYN CONNOR and TOWNSHIP MAINE - Perry A. Fournier, 56, passed away January 14 in Hartford following a period of declining health. He was born in Caribou, Maine

on June 19, 1960, the son of Rock and Lena (Lajoie) Fournier. Perry was a 1978 graduate of Caribou High School and was a member of the Sacred Heart Catholic Church. He was employed as an iron worker in Connecticut for over 28 years and was a member of the Iron Workers Local 15. Surviving

in addition to his mother, Lena of Connor Township, are his sister and brother-in-law, Holly and Michael Gagnon of Connor Township, two special nephews, Brookes Gagnon of Chelsea, Maine, and Chase Gagnon of Lisbon Falls, Maine. A special aunt and uncle, Nelson and Rita Lajoie of Brooklyn. Along with many aunts, uncles, cousins. Mr. Fournier was predeceased by his father. A memorial Mass will be celebrated at the Sacred Heart Catholic Church at a date and time to be announced by the Mockler Funeral Home, 24 Reservoir Street, Caribou, Maine. Online condolences may be expressed at www.mocklerfu-

Louis Anthony Charles Tella, 50

PUTNAM — Louis "Louie" Anthony Charles Tella, 50, of Putnam, passed away Thursday, Jan. 5, at Day Kimball Hospital due to health conditions.

He is survived by his wife of 26 years Kellee (Marschall) Tella, of Putnam, his only son Anthony Tella of Putnam, two daughters Brittney Tella of Putnam and Lauren Fierro of Lowell, his seven grandchildren Caleb, Savannah, Tabian, Aubree, Anthony Jr., Layla, and Cayden, his only brother Joseph Tella of Southbridge, five sisters Theresa Chupps of Delaware, Tina Doyle of Putnam, Anna Tella of Delaware, Jennifer Parmelee of Southbridge, and Jessica Foss of Maine, he also leaves behind many

aunts, uncles, nieces, nephews, cousins, and friends.

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Putnam. He's son of Betty (Walls) Edwards of Southbridge and the late Anthony "Tony" Tella.

Louie accomplished many things in

his 50 years of life. Most know he was a truck driver at AJ Letourneau for many years but before he drove a truck he was an EMT. Firefighter. and mechanic. He was a master of all trades. Louie enjoyed going fishing, riding his Harley, and being with his wife and grandchildren. He was a family man. He is loved by many and is going to be missed deeply. There will be no calling hours per his request.

Louie was born May 27, 1966, in

(Marlow) King. Marion Langlois was a lifelong office

Marion is survived by her daugh-

Richard W. Baril, 76



BROOKLYN -Richard W. Baril, 76, of Windham Road died January 13 at home with his loving wife by his side. He was born,

February 21, 1940 in Putnam to the late Adrian and Viola

(Guertin) Baril.

He was the husband of Arlene (Benson) Baril with whom he shared 55 years of marriage.

He lived most of his youth in the village of Wauregan. Then moving to Brooklyn in 1961 when he married Arlene and has lived there since. Richard attended Sacred Heart School in Wauregan, Plainfield High School graduating in 1958 and then took classes at UCONN, Eastern and QVCC. He worked at Kaman Aircraft in Moosup from 1960-1964. He traveled extensively for Kaman doing Tech Support Modification at Air Force bases to upgrade military helicopters. then worked for Doring Label from 1964-1981, where he started as a press operator and then elevated himself to Vice-President. In May 1981 he took some great advice and a lot of help from family and friends, and started his own printing company, AD Label and continued to work there until his "retirement" in 2010. He took pride in the fact that he was able to succeed as a business owner.

Richard was a pivotal member of the local community volunteering for many organizations over the years. He and his wife Arlene were just honored in 2016 by the Northeast Chamber of Commerce, receiving the Civic Achievement Award. In his early 20's, he started volunteering as a Boy Scout leader for Troop 44 in Brooklyn. He spent many hours volunteering his time with the boy scouts over the next 15 years. He would take them on canoe trips, camping trips and ski trips.

In the late 1970's he started volunteering for the Northeast Cancer Crusaders for the yearly dinner dance that raised money for The American Cancer Society and then in most recent years The Oncology Department at Day Kimball Hospital. He and Arlene have represented this committee as the Chairpersons since the late 1970's. He always felt that it was important for the money raised by this committee to go directly to the Oncology Department, and would in most recent years be a patient in this department.

Dick always enjoyed outdoor activities such as camping and skiing. He was a member of the National Ski Patrol in Connecticut and Vermont.

He was a member and president of the Danielson Rotary Club where he was awarded the Paul Harris Fellow.

Dick has always had a passion for cars. It started in the 1960's when he

Healey Sprite. He and his wife Arlene would participate in local road rallies and never came in less than 2nd place. He later would acquire many other antique cars. He became a member of the Yankee Yesteryear Car Club. He shared his passion with his grandsons who have worked alongside of him on the restoration and care for his cars. He loved to drive around town in his cars and took pride in them. He and his grandsons would yearly attend the Stowe Antique Car Show and drive in the car parade.

He was able to attend two wonderful

milestones with his cars, the 100th

Anniversary of the Maxwell and then

the 100th Anniversary of the Model T,

purchased his first car, a 1959 Austin

both in Indiana. Travel was always an important part of his life. It started as a child, when he would travel alone from Wauregan to Lewiston, Maine to visit his Aunt Skip. He, Arlene and extended family and friends were his travel companions over the years both within the U.S. and to Europe. He shared his travel experiences with anyone who would listen.

His famous lines, "Have passport, will

travel," or, "I'll see you on the beach." Dick had a passion for flight as well. He would have endless conversations with his Uncle Norman about flight and radio communication. He became a HAM Radio Operator at an early age. He decided later in life that he would get his pilot's license. He succeeded and then bought two planes and enjoyed flying all over the northeast.

He enjoyed sailing and boating. He enjoyed racing sailboats with his friend Don. He helped his father-inlaw build a sailboat and spent many hours sailing on the ocean. He later would buy his own boat and would enjoy fishing trips with his grandsons.

In addition to his wife, he is survived by his two daughters, Karen CrescimannoandherhusbandMichael, Heidi Hare and her husband Jim, three grandsons, Zachary Hare, Matthew Hare and Joseph Crescimanno, a sister Kathy Schimmelpfennig and her husband Joseph, a brother-in-law Robert Benson and his wife Marilyn, nieces, nephews, numerous cousins and Many dear friends.

A Celebration of His Life will held at 11:00am on Sunday January, 22, at Lord Thompson Manor, 286 Thompson Hill Road, Thompson.

In lieu of flowers, Dick requested that memorial donations be made to one of the following:

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Tunk City Road, Danielson, CT 06239 DKH Hospice & Palliative Care of NECT, 320 Pomfret Street, Putnam, CT 06260. We can not express enough how thankful we are for the wonderful care Dick received from Hospice.

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Leo J. Courtemanche, 81

DUDLEY, Mass. Courtemanche, 81, of Dudley, died Saturday, Jan. 14, at Southbridge Rehabilitation Healthcare Center.

He leaves his wife of 58 years, Gloria J. (Regimbal) Courtemanche, of Dudley; five sons, Randy Courtemanche of Webster, Robert Courtemanche of Webster, Steven Courtemanche of Webster, Gary Courtemanche of Webster and Michael Courtemanche of Dudley; a daughter, Sherry Courtemanche of Webster; four sisters, Jean Adamuska of Thompson, Juliette Bertrand and her husband Wilfred, whom Leo was very close with, of Brimfield, Pauline Courtemanche of Southbridge and Sister Rose-Marie Courtemanche of the Sisters of the Holy Ghost; 15 grandchildren and 18 great-grandchildren; many nieces and nephews. He was predeceased by his brothers, Robert, Roger and Louis, and his sisters Rita, Emma and Yvette (Helen).

Leo was born in Southbridge, son of the late Flavien and Emilia (Duclos) Courtemanche and lived in Oxford before moving to Dudley. He was a retired steel mill worker and textile worker. He enjoyed fishing, salt water fishing and hunting.

There are no calling hours. Funeral services are private.

In lieu of flowers, donations can be made to the charity of the donor's choice.

Shaw-Majerick Funeral Home, 48 School St., Webster, is directing arrangements.

A guest book is available at www. shaw-majercik.com, where you may light a candle or post a condolence message.

Marion M. Langlois, 93

DANIELSON - Marion M. Langlois, 93, of Danielson died, Sunday January 15 in Danielson. Marion was born in Putnam. She was the loving wife of the late Theodore I. Langlois and was the daughter of the late Robert and Hazel

clerk for Bugbee's Department Store in Putnam. Prior to retirement, she had also worked for Gil's Shoe Barn in Danielson.

ter-in-law Susan Rich; grand-

daughter, Tammy Hollingworth; three great-granddaughters, Katie Hollingworth, Kelly Hollingworth, Rachel Hollingworth; four nieces, Margaret Purdon, Joanne Joslin, Heidi Gregory, Judy White. She was predeceased by her son Wayne Rich.

A funeral for Marion will be held later this spring. Gilman Funeral Home & Crematory has been entrusted with her arrangements. memorial guestbook visit www. GilmanAndValade.com.

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OBITUARIES

Helena M. Wiley, 94



WOODSTOCK Helena (Nickerson) Wiley, 94, Underwood Road, died January 8 at Davis Place. She was the loving wife of the late Frank L. Wiley. Born in Broome Center, New York,

she was the daughter of the late Floyd and Grace (Barringer) Nickerson.

Mrs. Wiley worked as a secretary for Victor Central Schools in Victor, New York, and assisted her husband on their dairy farm. She was a member of the Order of the Eastern Star. She enjoyed sewing, gardening, 4H Club, square dancing and especially spending time with her children, grandchildren and great grandchildren.

Helena is survived by her daugh-

ters Janice M. Ross (James) of Goleta, California; Barbara W. Smith (Richard) of Bozeman, Montana; Deborah W. Rose of Victor, New York; Mary Lynn Jackson of Stanley, New York; and Kate W. Brien (Andy) of Woodstock; her son Peter J. Wiley (Linda Manning) of Falls Church, Virginia; her sister Golda Jones of Leeds, New York; fifteen grandchildren; and fifteen great grandchildren. She was predeceased by many brothers and sisters.

Local arrangements are private and have been entrusted to the Gilman Funeral Home and Crematory, 104 Church St., Putnam, CT 06260. Memorial donations may be made to Alzheimer's Association, 200 Executive Blvd., Southington, CT 06489. For memorial guestbook visit www.GilmanAndValade.com.

John B. Murphy, 74

BROOKLYN -- John B. Murphy died January 8, at Day Kimball Hospital. He was surrounded by his wife Marsha (Veilleux) Murphy and family. John was born February 21, 1942 in Putnam. He resided in Brooklyn. He also loved his home on Alexanders Lake.

John was a graduate of Killingly High School in 1960. He then attended two years at Ellis Tech. He also attended Monmouth College in Illinois. John was also in the Army National Guard. He was an engineer at Electric Boat in Groton for 43 years. John had a great passion for the game of golf. He played every chance he got with friends and family. Sailing was also something John loved to do. He would take his 110 sailboat out on Alexanders Lake. John also loved dancing.

John leaves his wife Marsha

Murphy, his son Darren Murphy of Plymouth; his sister Kathleen Newton and her husband Richard of Cromwell; stepchildren his Melanie and Robert Mesa, Gregg of Arizona, Christopher



and Nancy Derosier of Brooklyn, Julie and Michael Stone of S. Killingly and Jonathan and Cheryl Derosier also of S. Killingly. John also leaves nine grandchildren and five great grandchildren and John's best friend David Allen. At his request no service will be held. Tillinghast Funeral Home, 433 Main Street, Danielson is in charge of

arrangements.

Lorraine L. VanHooton, 83



WORCESTER, **MASSACHUSETTS** Lorraine (Belisle) VanHooton, 83, of Worcester, formerly of Putnam and Douglas, Massachusetts passed away on January 7 at St. Mary

Health Care Center. Lorraine was predeceased by her husband, Walter VanHooton.

Lorraine leaves a sister Phyllis and her husband Gerald Carlson of Webster; four children: Linda Stiller and her husband Jay of Worcester, Glenn Janssen of California, Brett Wigby of Florida, and Jon Wigby of Texas; her grandchildren: Ethan, Jessica, Julia, Rafael, Sam, and Zachary; and her great-granddaughter

Lorraine was the daughter of the late Walter and Bernadette (Morin) Belisle of East Douglas. Lorraine graduated in

1951 from Dominican Academy in Fall River. She was a Licensed Practical Nurse and had been employed at various nursing homes in Connecticut and Massachusetts prior to retirement. She had also worked in the Maternity and Mental Health Units at Milford Whitinsville Regional Hospital.

Lorraine was optimistic, creative, and fiercely determined in accomplishing anything she set out to do. She enjoyed several close friendships and treasured time with her family. Prior to her husband Walter's passing, she especially enjoyed taking trips with him to visit the White Mountain region of New Hampshire.

Services will be private. In lieu of flowers, please consider making donations in her name to St. Mary Health Care Center, attention to: Michelle Flamand. Arrangements by Smith and Walker Funeral Home, 148 Grove Street, Putnam. www.smithandwalkerfh.com

Sr. Marie Gabrielle Demars, 95



PUTNAM - Sr. Gabrielle Marie Demars, 95, a member of the Daughters of the Holy Spirit, died January 14 at St. Joseph Living Center in Windham, where she had been a resident since June,

Born Dora Gladys Demars on October 10, 1921 in Tupper Lake, New York, the daughter of the late Thomas and Mary (LePage) Demars, Sr. Marie Gabrielle entered religious life in 1938 and made her religious profession at the Holy Spirit Provincial House in Putnam, on July 1, 1943.

She earned a B.A. from Diocesan Sisters' College in Putnam, followed by an M.A. from Boston College and a Ph.D. from Fordham University in New York. She had a long and varied teaching career beginning at St. Joseph School in Waterbury, in 1943 followed by All Hallows School in Moosup in 1952. In 1955 she returned to Waterbury and taught at St. Anne School there. Her next assignment was at Annhurst College where she taught until 1978. In 1981 she was assigned to All Saints School in Anniston, Alabama where she served as Principal. In 1990 she went to Nigeria and served as school principal in one of our schools in Ogbomosho until her return to the USA in 1995. At that point she resided at Bethany Community in Hartford, and volunteered her services at Trust House there. She retired at the Holy Spirit Provincial House in November of 2004.

Survivors include several nieces and nephews, grand nieces and grandnephews.

Calling hours at the Provincial House were on January 17, which was followed by a Prayer Service. A Mass of Christian Burial was held on January 18, at 11:00 a.m. followed by burial at St. Mary Cemetery in Putnam.

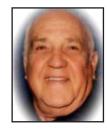
In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to the D.H.S. Retirement Fund, 72 Church St., Putnam, CT, 06260. The Gilman Funeral Home and Crematory, 104 Church St., Putnam, CT has been entrusted with arrangements. For memorial guestbook, please visit www.GilmanandValade.com.

*Made her religious profession in Putnam on July 1, 1943

*Former principal of schools in Alabama and Nigeria

*Member of the Daughters of the Holy Spirit

Edward "Taxi" Morin, 90



N O R T H GROSVENORDALE Edward "Taxi" Morin, 90, of Murolo Rd., died January at Westview Healthcare. He was the loving husband of the late Georgette L. (Houle) Morin who

died on March 23, 1989 and the late Margaret E. (DiCarli) Morin who died on August 6, 2015. Born in Thompson, he was the son of the late Arthur and Dorilla (Jodion) Morin, Sr. and attended the St. Joseph School.

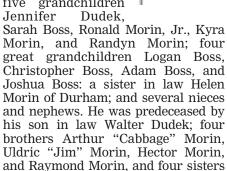
Mr. Morin was a veteran of World War II serving with the United States

Prior to his retirement, Edward along with his wife Georgette ran the Morin's Bottled Gas Company of North Grosvenordale.

Taxi was a member of the Community Volunteer Fire Department and Ambulance Company for over fifty-three years; a fourth-degree member of the Knights of Columbus St. Bernard Council; the American Legion Post 67, and communicant of St. Joseph Church in N. Grosvenordale. He enjoyed woodworking, going to LB's restaurant, and was an avid Boston Red Sox, New England Patriot, and UCONN Girls Basketball team fan. Edward was an all-around family man and as a true Morin was born with a

deck of playing cards in his hand.

Taxi is survived by his daughter Diane Dudek of N. Grosvenordale and a son Ronald Morin of Grosvenordale; five grandchildren Jennifer



Flora Peloquin, Rena Sponcey, Orise

Giacobbi, and Dorothy LaRose. Relatives and friends were invited to visit with Taxi's family on January 19, which was followed by a Mass of Christian. In lieu of flowers memorial donations in Taxi's memory may be made to the Community Vol. Fire Dept., P.O. Box 874, N. Grosvenordale, CT 06255. Funeral arrangements have been entrusted to the Gilman and Valade Funeral Homes and Crematory, 104 Church St., Putnam, CT. For memorial guestbook visit www.GilmanAndValade.com.

Michael Jay Gilbert, 51



DAYVILLE Michael Jay Gilbert, 51, a resident of Primrose Crossing in Dayville, passed away suddenly in his home on January 9. He was born

February 7, 1965, in Okinawa, Japan, and

was the son of Betty Hopkins Morrison and the late Paul E. Gilbert, Sr.

Michael graduated from Killingly High School in the class of 1983 and was an active member of the Killingly VOAG Program. After graduating, Michael was employed by various local businesses until a motor vehicle accident in 1990 left him disabled with a traumatic brain injury. Michael's interests included animals, flowers and plants, crocheting and spending time with his great-nephew, Emmett

Michael is survived by his mother and step-father, Betty and Alfred

Morrison, Sr., of Dayville, brothers, David P. Gilbert Sr. of South Killingly, Paul E. Gilbert, Jr. of Baxter, Tennessee, and Ernie Gilbert of Sterling, and a sister, Lisa Morrison. of Dayville. He also leaves behind step siblings, Alfred Morrison Jr. of Livingston, Tennessee, Jean Goldberg, of Woodstock, Paul Morrison of Whitinsville, Massachusetts, and Jane Lucas, of Plainfield, as well as several nieces, nephews and great nieces and nephews. Michael will also be sadly missed by his cat and faithful companion. Sterling.

Michael was preceded in death by his father Paul E Gilbert, Sr., maternal grandparents, Dana and Emily Hopkins, and paternal grandparents, Ernest and Celina Gilbert.

Services will be privately held by the family. Tillinghast Funeral Home, 433 Main St., Danielson is in charge of arrangements.

Jeanne M. Dexter, 71



D O Y L E CALIFORNIA Jeanne M. Dexter, 71, died in Doyle, California November 24, in the wide open land of sand and sagebrush she loved. Born in Providence, Rhode

Island on December 20, 1944, she was the daughter of Claire C. Fortin-Dexter and Stephen A. Dexter Jr., who both pre-deceased her.

She loved the west and lived in Los Angeles, California and then to Reno, Nevada and into western California. She worked many years as a bookkeeper at Junior Steel Co. in Los Angeles, and at a casino-hotel, The Peppermill in Reno, and for the State of Nevada.

She was pre-deceased by sister Linda Egan and brother Donald also his wife Sandra Gagne and another sister-inlaw Sandra Albro Dexter, and step-sister Michele Dexter.

She is survived by her sister Lucille and husband Barrett Benson of New Hampshire, brother Raymond Dexter and family of Arizona, brother James and wife Kathy and family of Danielson, brother Leonard and wife Rita Dexter and family of Danielson, and step-sister Marie Merrill of Rhode Island.

She had a hearty laugh, she loved scrabble and poker. She will be sorely missed by family and friends in the East and close friends in the west. Please make memorial donations in her name to the Humane Society or ASPCA.

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LEGALS

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 the regular meeting January 10,

12136A KCTT Properties, LLC, 520 Providence Road, Map 41, Lot 15, PC Zone; Construction of Drive Thru Lane within 125 feet of wetlands-AP-

PROVED WITH CONDITIONS. Any appeals are to be filed with the Superior Court 15 days from the date of the legal notice appearing in the Dated this 11th day of January 2017 Jeffrey Arends Vice Chairman January 20, 2017

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

ESTATE OF JOHN MARTINS (16-00227)

The Hon. Leah P. Schad, Judge of the Court of Probate, District of Northeast Probate Court, by decree dated January 11, 2017, ordered that all claims must be presented to the fiduciaries at the address below. Failure to promptly present any such claim may result in the loss of rights to recover on such claim.

Janis E. Beltis, Clerk The fiduciaries are: Robert A. Peretti, Alison M. Martins, Olivia Martins & Jamie Turmel c/o. Leon C. Boghossian, III, Esq. Hinckley, Allen & Snyder, LLP, 100 Westminster Street, Ste. 1500, Providence, RI 02903 January 20, 2017

NOTICE TO CREDITORS ESTATE OF TODD VASILEFF, AKA

Todd G. Vasileff (17-00007) The Hon. Leah P. Schad, Judge of the Court of Probate, District of Northeast Probate Court, by decree dated January 10, 2017, ordered that all claims must be presented to the fiduciary at the address below. Failure to promptly present any such claim may result in the loss of rights to recover on such

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The fiduciary is: **Gregory Vasileff** c/o William H. St. Onge, Esq., St. Onge & Brouillard, PO Box 550, Putnam, CT 06260 January 20, 2017

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How Much Do You Really Know About Schizophrenia?

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Schizophrenia is a chronic, debilitating mental illness affecting approximately 1.1 percent of American adults and more than 21 million people worldwide.1,2 One of the most significant aspects of the disease is that it is not easily or efficiently diagnosed, and the illness may go undiagnosed—and therefore untreated—after the onset of the first symptoms.3 There is a palpable, sometimes debilitating prejudice associated with schizophrenia, which sometimes interferes with people's willingness to talk about and get treatment for the disorder.4 Having a better understanding of the disease—both what it is and what it isn't—could help to address misconceptions.

How much do you really know about schizophrenia? Read further to find out.
True or false? Doctors,

patients and families historically viewed schizophrenia, one of the most devastating mental illnesses, as the result of bad parenting.

TRUE. Believe it or not, historically, this was the thinking.5 Today, we know that this is not the case, and we know that there are many factors involved with a person's risk for developing schizophrenia. Although there is still much to learn, researchers have identified a number of genes that may contribute an increased risk of schizophrenia and are closer than ever to understanding how they may impact brain development and function in the disease.5,6 Additionally, there are a number of environmental factors that can be involved, including the interaction between genes and aspects of an individual's environment, exposure to viruses or malnutrition before birth and other, not yet known, psychosocial factors.6

True or false? Men and women tend to develop schizophrenia at the same age.

FALSE. In most cases, the first psychotic episode tends to occur between the late teens and the mid-30s. However, men tend to develop schizophrenia slightly earlier, in their earlyto mid-20s, while most females including antipsychotic meddevelop symptoms in their late

True or false? The signs and symptoms of schizophrenia vary from person to person.

TRUE. Although symptoms differ in type and severity among individuals, schizo-phrenia typically interferes with a person's ability to think clearly, manage emotions, make decisions and relate to others.8

Initial signs may include isolating oneself, sleep prob-lems and irritability.9 Some individuals with schizophrenia experience hallucinations, the most common of which are "voices" that may influence their actions or seeing people or objects that are not there. However, a person with schizophrenia can experience a combination of symptoms-sometimes severe, other times hardly noticeable—that typically fall into three broad categories: positive symptoms (psychotic symptoms such as hallucinations and delusions), negative symptoms (disruptions in normal emotions and lack of motivation) and cognitive symptoms (changes in memory or other aspects of thinking). 7

True or false? People with schizophrenia always exhibit violent behavior.

FALSE. Most individuals with schizophrenia are not violent. The sad reality is that people with schizophrenia are much more likely to harm themselves than others, as suicidal thoughts and behaviors are very common among people with schizophrenia. Comorbidities, such as substance abuse, may also increase the chance a person will become violent. Both risk of violence to others and to the individuals with schizophrenia is greatest when the condition goes untreated and has been seen to decrease when treatment is in place.4

True or false? Because the causes of schizophrenia are still unknown, treatments focus on improving the symptoms of the disease.

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True or false? Many people with schizophrenia experience improved symptoms with a combination of medication and psychosocial support.

TRUE. Through a combination of the effective treatment options currently available, continued research and understanding in genetics, neuroscience and behavioral sciences, the outlook for individuals with schizophrenia continues to improve. For example, initiatives such as the NIMH Recovery After an Initial Schizophrenia Episode (RAISE) research project, which seeks to fundamentally change the prognosis of schizophrenia through coordinated treatment in the earliest stages of the disorder, also promise to further improve the prognosis for people diagnosed with the disease.4

Although navigating the course of diagnosis and treatment for schizophrenia can be challenging, knowing the early warning signs increases the chances of diagnosis and coordinated specialty care treatment in the earliest stages of the condition. Individuals with schizophrenia can lead productive, independent lives. For more information regarding schizophrenia and the treatment options available, visit www.mentalhealthamerica. net/medication.

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lied 10 points in the fourth quarter as the Tigers tied the game with two minutes left but could not pull out the win. Tourtellotte sophomore forward Lauren Ramos left the game in the first quarter with an injury and did not return. Katey Kwasniewski scored six points, grabbed eight rebounds, dished for assists, and made three steals for Tourtellotte. Ashley Morin added nine points for the Tigers.

The win lifted Lyman Memorial's record to 9-1.

GRASSO 66, PUTNAM 53

PUTNAM — Kovshoth Wiggins tallied 19 points to help Grasso Tech top the Clippers in boys basketball on Jan. 13 at Putnam High School. Lucas Basilio

scored 24 points and Sebastian Ramos added 16 points for Putnam. The win lifted Grasso Tech's record to 1-6. The loss dropped Putnam's record to 5-4. The Clippers are next scheduled to play host to Norwich Tech on Friday, Jan. 20, with the game set to begin at 7 p.m. at Putnam High School.

WOODSTOCK 55, FITCH 28

GROTON — Madison Brennan scored 14 points and Ari Koivisto tallied 13 points including a pair of three-pointers to help lift the Centaurs over host Fitch in girls basketball on Jan. 13. Jamie Woods and Heather Converse each scored seven points for Woodstock.

Jazzlyn Henderson scored nine points for Fitch (0-10). The win lifted the Centaurs record to 7-3. Woodstock is next scheduled to play host to East Lyme on

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HILL 27

CHAPLIN — Simon Silvia scored 15 points including three three-pointers and grabbed eight rebounds to lead the Tigers past the host Pirates in boys basketball on Jan. 11. Evan Ware scored 10 points and made five steals and Jackson Padula added 10 points for Tourtellotte.

With Tourtellotte trailing 12-5 after one quarter, the Tigers held Parish Hill to 15 points the rest of the game. The win avenged a 66-42 loss to Parish Hill on Dec.. 20. Tourtellotte coach Neil Bernier said his unsung heroes were Ben Leveille, Spencer Fulone, and Michael Falco, who provided excellent defense, effort, and hustle. Parish Hill's record

was 5-4 through nine games.

WHEELER 72, PUTNAM 66

PUTNAM — Mike Anderson scored 23 points in Wheeler's win at Putnam High on Jan. 11. Lucas Basilio scored 28 points, Zack Cutler tallied 16 points, and Scott Davagian added 10 points for Putnam. Wheeler's record was 1-7 through eight games.

TOURTELLOTTE 63, GRASSO 51

GROTON — Simon Silvia scored 22 points with three three-pointers and had seven rebounds to help the Tigers win at Grasso Tech in boys basketball on Jan. 9. Evan Ware scored 13 points with five assists and three rebounds Jackson Padula had eight points and six rebounds, and Spencer Fulone scored 12 points on four three-pointers for Tourtellotte.

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Fundraising concert and dance being hosted by The Real Wives of Windham County to benefit the Veterans Coffeehouse, at Thompson Speedway's Raceway Restaurant, off Rt. 193 in Thompson; cocktail hour 6 pm, bands start 7:30. Featuring: Great Garage Band Reunion, Johnny Press Mess Band, and Billy Pilgrim Band - 3 of eastern CT's top bands.

January 25, Wed., 6:30pm

Town of Thompson, Mill Sites Redevelopment Advisory Committee, Public Informational Meeting, Potential Future of the Town's historic River Mill - Demolition? Redevelopment? Louis P. Faucher Community Center (at Thompson Public Library) We value your input!

January 26, 5:30-9pm

The Killingly-Brooklyn Rotary Club's 3rd Annual Celebrity Bartender Night (Snow Date February 2) at Hank's Restaurant, 416 Providence Road, Brooklyn. Come and support your team (Killingly-Brooklyn Teachers, QV Rotaract Club, Killingly Business Association, Brooklyn Business Association, Danielson Elks, Mortlake Fire Dept. and Killingly-Brooklyn Rotary Club).

January 26, Thurs., 2pm

Putnam Seniors Club meets second and fourth Thursday at VFW, 207 Providence Street, Putnam. Dues are \$6 per year. Penny social/bingo after the meeting. Monthly luncheons and shopping at

different locations.

January 26, Thurs., 7pm

The Putnam Lions will be bringing back the popular trivia night that Willie Bousquet started with the Putnam Parks & Recreation Department, at the Crossings Restaurant and Brew Pub, the Putnam Lions will host trivia night. It's free to play. Like Willie did, we will accept donations for various charities. This month's charity is the Putnam EMS.

January 27, Fri., noon-8pm

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

January 27, Fri., 7pm

Pomfret School presents Alec Ross, a lecture on the Industries of the Future, at Parson Lodge at Pomfret School. Free and open to the public. Mr. Ross served as a senior advisor for innovation to the Secretary of State and is currently a distinguished visiting fellow at Johns Hopkins University.

January 28, Sat, 5-7pm

East Woodstock Congregational Church will host a Ham & Bean supper in Fellowship Hall. Tickets are \$10 per adult, children 10 and under are FREE. Join us for ham, baked beans, coleslaw, assorted breads, pickles, cake and ice cream. Take out is available! Tickets are available at the church office (860-928-07449), or Rick (860-928-2731) or by email at rplace@putnam-ford.com.

January 28, Sat., 5:30pm

Killingly Grange Bluegrass; we will be serving beef soup with veggies and noodles, salad, bread, dessert with coffee or tea, \$8. Nick Anderson and Shady Creek will be joined by Dick Bowden's Flying Circus, for a bluegrass treat, at 7pm,\$12. Corner of Dog Hill and Rte. 101, in Dayville.

January 28, Sat., 5-7pm

Baked potato buffet at St. Mary's Church in Putnam (downstairs hall) 218 Providence Street. Five dollars per person buys a whole baked potato, with seven toppings to choose from, plus dessert and coffee or tea. Proceeds benefit Boy Scout

This page is designed to shine a light on upcoming local nonprofit, educational and community events. Submissions are limited to 50 words or less and are FREE to qualifying organizations, schools, churches and town offices. To submit your event contact:

Teri Stohlberg at 860-928-1818 ext. 105, or teri@villagernewspapers.com. Deadline for submission is Friday at Noon







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BREAST FEEDING SUPPORT GROUP at Strong Body/Strong Mind Yoga Studio 112 Main St., Putnam, CT Third Friday of each month at 6:00 p.m. 860-634-0099

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