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Targeting a gold medal

BY OLIVIA RICHMAN
NEWS STAFF WRITER

KILLINGLY — What was your New Year's resolution? For Crystal Gauvin, it was to continue working her way towards qualifying for the 2020 Olympics. She has her eyes set on Tokyo. And with her astounding aim, this archer is sure to hit that bulls-eye.

Growing up a swimmer, the Killingly resident always had the Olympics as a goal. But when Michael Phelps – who is a year younger than her – started getting his gold medals, she realized it was time to finally push herself.

“As a compound shooter traveling the world, shooting with Olympic athletes, I’ve always watched the Olympics, every sport,” she said. “I can’t get enough of it. But it was tough for me to watch Rio. It was my friends. It was my teammates. People I spent all year with. They got to be there. That was the final straw.”

Despite being the second best compound bow archer in the world – and number one in the US – she never made it to the Olympics since compound bows are not yet part of the events. So one year ago she switched to the recurve, a more traditional bow, in hopes of achieving her dreams. And she is well on her way: Gauvin is currently 13th in the country, despite being brand new to it.

“There was a trial for the indoor world championships in December, which is held every two years,” she said. “Only three people can make



Courtesy photo

Please Read **MEDAL**, page A7 Crystal Gauvin hopes to compete in the 2020 Olympics.

A different kind of school board

BY OLIVIA RICHMAN
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THOMPSON — Business students at the Tourtellotte Memorial High School are taking what they’ve learned in class and bringing it to the real world. To fund a trip to New York City, the students are soliciting advertisements from local businesses for a Monopoly board all about the Quiet Corner (also designed by the students).

“It uses skills where they have to interact with adults,” said business education teacher Trish Tupaj. “It shows them the importance of keeping clear business records. They each get to play a director or business marketing role. Someone will be designing the cover, and the board itself. It’s about networking. It can all be used in the real world, so making these connections is important.”

The idea to create a Quiet Corner Monopoly came to Tupaj when her students approached her with their goal: To take a class trip to New York City.

“It seems like a big goal,” said senior Justyna Gil. “We want to see businesses from the marketing aspect, and there’s so much of that in New York City. I think it will be satisfying to see that we met our goal. It’d be a nice way to sum up the whole year.”

The class started to brainstorm ways to get them there, and came across a Junior Achievement program called My Company.

The students learn how to begin a company, design a business plan, sell corporate stocks, develop and design a product, go to production and finally market the product. The class must now raise \$7,500 to go to production. The goal is to make \$2,000 in profits for the bus trip, meals and other travel expenses.

This sounds like a hefty goal. But it’s not at all daunting to the young entrepreneurs. In fact, some of the students have already made progress. Gil already sold a Monopoly space to Thompson House of Pizza.

“It went really well,” she said. “The manager seemed really interested and excited for us. He was excited to place an ad on the game board.”

On her way home, she

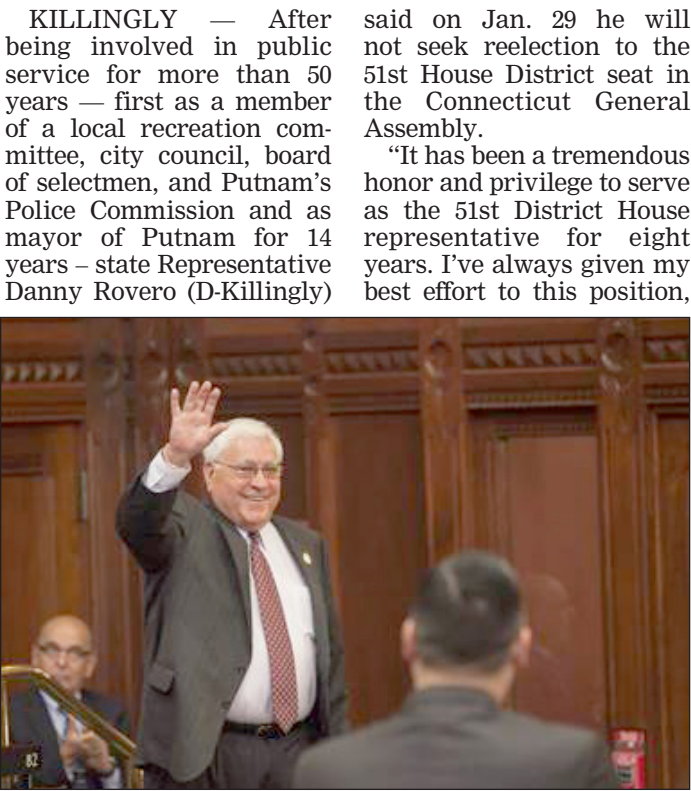


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Students in Trish Tupaj’s business class has started their own business fundraiser to fund a trip to New York City.

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Rovero to step down



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Danny Rovero will step down as state representative for Killingly.

said on Jan. 29 he will not seek reelection to the 51st House District seat in the Connecticut General Assembly.

“It has been a tremendous honor and privilege to serve as the 51st District House representative for eight years. I’ve always given my best effort to this position, and enjoyed many times being the first person to show up early at the Capitol on Monday morning ready and willing to work for the people of my district. But with Killingly more than 50 miles removed from Hartford, the travel and demands of this job have started to take its toll and I am afraid my health will no longer allow me to represent the district to the best of my ability. This was not the easiest decision to make. I will truly miss engaging with and helping the people in my district. While I have decided not to seek reelection, I will continue to be involved on a local level, close to the people, which is the best part of government,” Rovero said.

Rovero was first elected as state representative in November 2010. Since being elected, Rovero has worked with state legislators to create an eight-town

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Charlie Lentz photo

DANIELSON — Killingly High’s Derek Turner hoists Ellis Tech’s Gavin White in the 170-pound division wrestling match Saturday at Ellis Tech. Turner pinned White at three minutes and Killingly topped Ellis Tech to lift its dual meet record to 25-1. Story in today’s sports section.

AARP names Flexer its Capitol Caregiver

DANIELSON—State Senator Mae Flexer (D-Danielson) was recently presented with the 2017 Capitol Caregiver Award by the American Association of Retired Persons (AARP) as well as the 2017 Family Caregiver award by AARP Connecticut. The AARP cited Senator Flexer's consistent

record of championing legislative efforts to improve health-care and the quality of life for seniors in Connecticut. "After working their entire lives, Connecticut seniors have earned a secure and relaxing retirement. I have worked alongside the AARP to help smooth the transition

into retirement, to ensure our seniors have access to the healthcare and financial supports they need to enjoy their golden years, and to ensure that financial planners put the interests of seniors first," said Flexer. "The AARP has been a great partner and advocate in these legislative efforts, and I am honored to receive their recognition for the work we have done together. I look forward to continuing our work in the 2018 legislative session as we make Connecticut an even better place for our seniors." "AARP congratulates Senator Flexer for her continued advocacy to protect core senior services that help older adults access services at home like the CT Home Care Program for Elders and family respite. These programs not only help seniors and their family caregivers, but also save taxpayer money on costly nursing home care," said Nora Duncan, AARP Connecticut State Director.

In the 2017 legislative session, Senator Flexer led the charge on numerous initiatives affecting seniors, including: Making Retirement Security Available to Everyone: Senator Flexer worked with AARP Connecticut to continue the implementation of the Connecticut Retirement Security Program, which passed in 2016. Once fully implemented, this program will ensure that all Connecticut employees at businesses with five or more employees will have the opportunity to participate in a retirement savings program in order to build a strong financial foundation on which to begin their retirement. Fighting the Millstone Subsidy: Senator Flexer led the fight in the Senate against a subsidy for the Millstone Nuclear Power Plant. Senator Flexer and the AARP argued that this subsidy would cost Connecticut ratepayers an additional \$300 million a year for energy. Millstone claimed the subsidy was needed to continue operations, but declined to disclose their financial need and prove the subsidy was nec-



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State Senator Mae Flexer was awarded the Capitol Caregiver award in Hartford

essary. Ensuring Better Financial Planning for Seniors: Public Act 17-120 establishes advertising and disclosure requirements for financial planners who are not otherwise regulated by state or federal law. It prohibits financial planners who do not meet certain education requirements from expressing or implying that they have special training, education, or experience serving seniors. It also requires that these financial planners disclose, upon request, whether they have a fiduciary duty with regard to each recommendation they make. These changes will ensure that seniors know they can trust the advice of the financial planners they consult when planning their retirement. Helping Seniors Stay Close to Family: As Connecticut's population ages, creative ways to allow elderly people to stay close to home or to family members are being sought, and

temporary health care structures, also known as "Granny Pods," are a potential way to do that, according to the AARP. These structures would serve as a more affordable alternative to nursing homes, allowing seniors to receive the care they need while maintaining the independence of living in a home of their own. Senator Flexer supported the successful passage of Public Act 17-155, which will allow municipalities to approve the placement of granny pods on residential property.



DONATION FOR AMERICANISM PROGRAMS

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PUTNAM—Ronald P. Coderre, left, Commander of American Legion Post No. 13 of Putnam thanks Kevin Merchant, president and CEO of Jewett City Savings Bank, for a recent donation of \$500 the bank made to the post. Post 13 was presented a grant from the bank in support of Boys State and Americanism programs that are sponsored by the Post for local youth.

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Quiet Corner Shouts marches in Hartford



HARTFORD — The chant rose from a dedicated contingent representing Quiet Corner Shouts (QCS) at the second annual Women’s March at the Capitol in Hartford on Jan. 20 — “Tell me what democracy

looks like. This is what democracy looks like.” Lofting a large 5-foot by 7-foot banner emblazoned with the national logo for the Women’s March and the words, “Connecticut. Rise.

Resist,” and “Nevertheless We Persist,” the local delegation was asked by organizers to lead the march due to its highly visible sign.

Quiet Corner Shouts formed in the wake of the National March on Washington one year ago. What began as simple gathering of Windham County women post-march, rapidly became an official Women’s March Huddle with over 200 members and followers, many of whom live in Pomfret and surrounding towns. QCS is working for human rights, the environment, affordable health care, freedom of the press, social justice, equality for races and genders, a peaceful world, equitable education and other issues.

On Jan. 20 nearly a dozen members of the group joined the thousands of pink-hat wearing, sign-holding peaceful citizens wrapping the entire perimeter of the Capitol building. The crowd was marked

by the young and old, representing a diversity of racial/ethnic backgrounds and gender expressions. Marchers and speakers gave voice to many issues of concern displayed on colorful signs, including education, reproductive rights, sexual harassment and violence against women, voting rights, international peace/nuclear weapons, voters rights, and the environment.

Numerous marchers approached the QCS delegation after seeing its large banner, some to say they had heard of our organization. Many wanted their picture taken in front of our banner. Others who hailed from various parts of the state extolled their fondness for the Quiet Corner. All were unanimous in their hope that these protests will lead to increased political action and meaningful change at all levels of government.

One of the goals of QCS is to help candidates who share these values get elected. Quiet Corner Shouts welcomes others (of all backgrounds and genders) to work to forward these goals. Participation in this first anniversary post-inaugural



Courtesy photos

Quiet Corner Shouts marched in Hartford on Jan. 20

Women’s March illustrated the group’s unified and continuing criticism of the current administration. Its participation also illustrated the group’s collective refusal to remain silent.

QCS meets on the second Thursday of the month at 5:30 p.m. Individuals interested in membership in Quiet Corner Shouts! can find further information on Facebook and request membership to the group.

First Fridays seeks entries for poster contest

PUTNAM — With the 2018 season quickly approaching, the First Fridays committee is launching the annual First Fridays poster contest in search of a poster to represent the theme. Artists of all ages are encouraged to create a 16” x 20” full color poster (portrait orientation) to represent the Mill Town Mosaics. The winning entry will encompass the season’s theme with originality. The poster will be reproduced as the cover of the First Fridays Program, which will have thousands of copies printed and distributed throughout the region and at the events. The winning artist will be awarded a \$250 cash prize and will be featured in the program. Entries will be accepted at WINY radio station, located at 45 Pomfret Street, Putnam, until the deadline of March 23.

The theme for the downtown street festival this season is “Mill Town Mosaics: Cultural Heritage of the Quiet Corner”. The series runs on the first Friday night of each month from May through October.

The First Fridays monthly events will take a closer look at particular cultures while enjoying the overall mosaic that creates community connections and supportiveness. The monthly focuses will be: Polish-Americans on May 4, African-Americans on June 1, French Canadian-Americans on July 6, Greek-Americans on Aug. 3, Native-Americans on Sept. 7, and Scandinavian-Americans on Oct. 5. For more information on First Fridays, the upcoming season, and poster contest, visit <http://www.discoverputnam.com> and their Facebook page: www.facebook.com/firstfridaysputnam.

Suspect nabbed after chase from Brooklyn Walmart

BROOKLYN — On Monday, Jan. 30, at approximately 7:30 p.m, Connecticut State Police Troop D Troopers were dispatched to the Brooklyn Walmart located at 450 Providence Pike, for a suspicious vehicle in the parking lot. A Troop D QLTF Trooper recognized the license plate given out over the radio and knew that the owner of the vehicle, Joshua Robinson, 28, of 35 Chestnut Street, Danielson, had two active arrest warrants.

Troopers along with a State Police K9 Unit secured the area and began a search for the individual. Troopers determined that Robinson was hiding inside Walmart and began a systematic search for him. After a short time, Troopers spotted Robinson in the garden department and ordered him to surrender. Robinson, who had a significant lead on Troopers, burst through a fire exit and fled on foot across the side parking lot and into the woods. Troopers sprinted after Robinson and entered the woods and caught up with him. Troopers placed Robinson



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Joshua Robinson

on the ground and handcuffed him. Robinson was transported back to Troop D where he was processed and charged with Failure to Appear in the First Degree 53a-172, Failure to Appear in the Second Degree 53a-173 and Interfering with a Police Officer 53a-167A. Robinson was held on a combined bond of \$56,000 and appeared in Danielson Superior Court on Tuesday, Jan. 31for the above charges.

Members of the Connecticut State Police are committed to combating drug activity in the “Quiet Corner” and anyone with information regarding the illegal sale of narcotics are encouraged to call the Troop D QLTF anonymous Tips Hotline at (860) 779-4950 or message the QLTF Facebook page.

PUBLIC MEETINGS

BROOKLYN

Monday, Feb. 5

Ethics Commission, 7 p.m., Town Hall

Conservation Commission, 7:30 p.m., Clifford B. Green Memorial Center

Tuesday, Feb. 6

Economic Development Committee, 4 p.m., Town Hall

Wednesday, Feb. 7

PZC, 6:30 p.m., Clifford B. Green Memorial Center

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Durand is Day Kimball Employee of the Year

PUTNAM — Thompson resident Kim Durand, clinical manager at Day Kimball Healthcare at Home, has been named employee of the year for 2017 at Day Kimball Healthcare (DKH). Durand's selection was announced at a staff event celebrating all of DKH's 2017 Employees of the Month on Jan. 15, where DKH President and CEO Anne Diamond and DKH Chairman of the Board Joseph Adiletta presented her with the award and a commemorative engraved clock.

"Kim is so deserving of this award. Her long history of providing not only the best clinical care but also such caring and compassion to her Day Kimball HomeCare patients is a shining example of what we strive for each and every day across our organization," said Diamond.

Durand, a resident of Thompson who has been working at DKH for almost 30 years, manages the day-to-day coordination and utilization of all patient care resources and services of Day Kimball HomeCare, the medical home health care division of Day Kimball Healthcare at Home. She also provides support, mentorship, and education to the HomeCare nurses in the field.

"As a member of our Day Kimball Homecare team for nearly 27 years, Kim's level of professionalism and her dedication to our patients and staff is second to none," said Day



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From left, Joseph Adiletta, Kim Durand, Anne Diamond, with a commemorative clock and signboard honoring Durand as Day Kimball Healthcare's 2017 Employee of the Year.

Kimball Healthcare at Home Executive Director Renee Smith. "In her role as Clinical Manager, Kim consistently exceeds even the highest expectations for being a clinical expert, mentor and educator for nursing staff, advocate for patients and families, and role model for other leaders. Kim's level of dedication also extends

to her commitment to professional growth as a nurse and leader. Our entire team at Day Kimball Healthcare at Home couldn't be happier or more proud of Kim for receiving this well-deserved award."

"I am honored to be chosen for this award from a group of equally deserving colleagues," Durand said. "It is a pleasure

working in the community where I grew up and I appreciate the opportunity to give back to that community every day. I thank all who were involved in this decision."

Durand grew up Thompson where she currently resides with her husband, two of her three daughters and one of her three grandchildren.

She attended St. Vincent's Hospital School of Nursing and Assumption College, both in Worcester, Mass., to obtain her diploma of Nursing. Durand is currently enrolled in the Masters in Nursing Program Management through Western Governors University, online. She is also certified in Integrated Chronic Care Management through Sutter Center for Integrated Chronic Care.

The other 2017 employees of the month who were honored include: Deb Seney, housekeeper at Day Kimball Hospital; Lilybeth Ly, physical therapist at Day Kimball Healthcare Center in Danielson; Philip Axtel, RN, Emergency Department at Day Kimball Hospital; Laura Kroll, RN, BSN, community liaison nurse for Day Kimball HomeCare; Rebecca Rainville, CNA, medical assistant at Day Kimball Medical Group; Jessica Stailing, CNA, patient service representative at Day Kimball Medical Group; Christine Peer, CNA, pre-certification/registration clerk at DKH's physical medicine office in Plainfield; Judy Favreau, RN, case manager at Day Kimball Hospital; Stephanie Schapp, CMA, medical assistant at Day Kimball Medical Group; and Janet Yannotti, RN, ambulatory care unit at Day Kimball Hospital.

ACT open house for prospective students

WILLIMANTIC — EASTCONN's Arts at the Capitol Theater (ACT) arts magnet high school will hold an open house for prospective students and their families on Saturday, Feb. 10, from 10 a.m. to 12 p.m., at EASTCONN's Capitol Theater, 896 Main St., Willimantic. EASTCONN administers the ACT arts magnet high school for students who live in eastern and northeastern Connecticut.

The open house event will include school tours led by current ACT students; conversations with ACT's arts staff, who will discuss the school's acting, audio/video, creative writing, dance and theater production programs; and an opportunity to participate in a raffle. Light refreshments will be served.

ACT offers students in grades 9-12 a full-day high school program that focuses on rigorous core academics and a rich variety of arts disciplines. ACT teaching artists and certified teachers work collaboratively to provide students with personalized, arts-integrated educational experiences in northeastern Connecticut. Each grade is limited to approximately 35 students.

For more information about the open house, please contact the ACT main office at (860) 465-5636, ext. 1, or contact ACT Principal Sarah Mallory at smallory@eastconn.org. Visit www.eastconn.org/act to learn more or to download an application. EASTCONN is a public, non-profit, Regional Educational Service Center.

Fire and Ice Festival set for Feb. 10

PUTNAM — Downtown Putnam will once again host a single ice block competition – the eighth annual Fire & Ice Festival. On Saturday, February 10th from 12:00 to 10:00 p.m., the public is invited to visit this community event, boasting more than four dozen ice carvings, ice photo opportunities, glowing fire torches, fire dancing performances, rose sales, a wedding cake decorating contest, and more.

Ice carvings will decorate the streets of downtown Putnam with both pre-carved ice blocks and live demonstrations on display. Throughout the day, patrons can watch as 300-pound ice blocks are transformed into a variety of shapes and figures – all of which are sponsored by local businesses. From noon to 5 p.m., watch as professional, amateur and group carvers create their masterpieces, with an awards ceremony at Putnam Congregational Church at 6 p.m.

Despite the icy February weather, there will be plenty of ways to keep warm, with dinner and drink specials available at local restaurants. The festival also provides an opportunity for newcomers to discover the many shops

and galleries of Putnam. The Putnam Congregational Church will be a hot spot of activity throughout the event, featuring roaring fire pits and free hot chocolate.

From 1 p.m. to 5 p.m. the Putnam Congregational Church will also feature a special wedding cake contest, aptly titled, "Icing on the Cake." Professional and novice bakers from around the area will be showing off their culinary masterpieces. All entrants will be judged based on originality and best flavor. Submissions are still being accepted, with the application available on www.discoverputnam.com. In keeping with the romantic feel of the day, roses will also be available for purchase from 1 p.m. to 5 p.m. at the church.

As the sun goes down at the Fire & Ice Festival, fire torches will fill downtown Putnam with an ambient glow. Adding to the spectacle of the festival, visitors will be wowed by fire dancing performances from Sasha the Fire Gypsy. Performances will take place at 5 p.m. and 7 p.m. with Sasha combining choreography, theatrics, acrobatics, and dance with speed, difficulty, and excitement.



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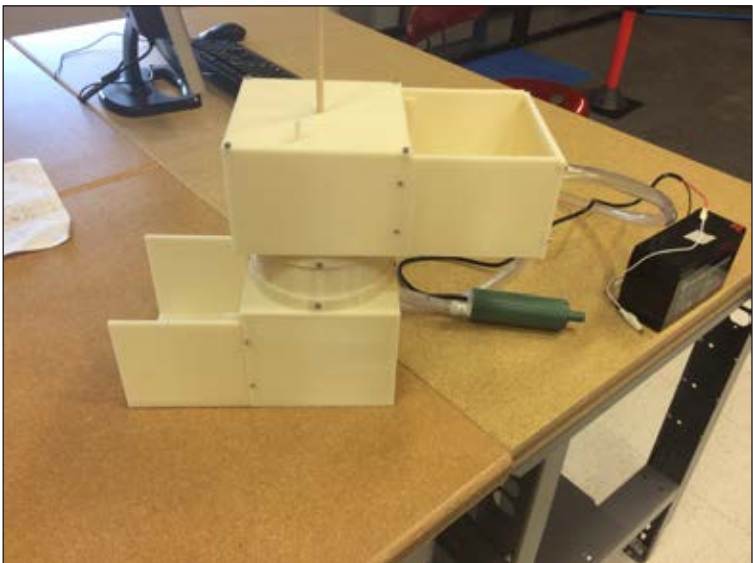
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Woodstock students use technology at Chamberlin Mill



The turbine parts and plans

Courtesy photos



The assembled turbine



The original turbine at the Chamberlin Mill.

WOODSTOCK — Woodstock Academy’s aerospace engineering recently partnered with Chamberlin Mill Inc. to create a model of the mill’s water turbine as a part of efforts to preserve the historic mill located on Old Turnpike Road in Woodstock.

“Recent research on the mill, in connection with a National Register nomination, has suggested that the current mill configuration dates to about 1900, though the site has been used for grist and sawmills since the 1700s,” said Jean McClellan, from Woodstock, who has led much of the preservation efforts.

Students in Peter Sumner’s class visited the mill and then studied the 1872 patent drawings of the original water turbine with the mill’s technology expert Andrew Quigley. The class then created a digital model and used a 3D printer in Woodstock’s Spirol STEAM Center to print parts to build a working model of the turbine. The small model is about a 10th of the size of the original and can be used as an educational tool to demonstrate the historic mill technology in classrooms or at the mill since the original turbine is not easily visible to visitors.

Students have used the 3D printer to make small parts and pieces before but, according to Sumner, this is the first “major outside project.”

Jeff Paul, co-owner of Whitcraft in Eastford and proponent of STEAM (Science, Technology, Engineering, Arts, and Math) education at Woodstock Academy, is a member of the mill’s board and

formed the connection between students and the mill restoration project.

“The primary goal for the Chamberlin Mill is education,” Paul said. “What’s really exciting is that the educational opportunities are accessible now and Peter’s class will provide insights that will be valuable during the ongoing restoration of the mill.”

This spring, architecture students aspire to recreate the entire mill with both digital and 3D printed models that Paul hopes can be used for classroom presentations and “to assist in creating architectural plans that could be used to support further mill development.”

“The mill provides many types of learning opportunities – archeology, science, history, engineering - for students of all ages,” said Paul.

While studying and creating the turbine students also learned about the history of mill technology in the region. Sumner said that his students were able to see “the progression of the industry”.

“Newer technologies were introduced at the mill starting with a water wheel, then a water turbine, and finally a Studebaker engine,” Paul said.

“A goal in all of our courses is real-world application, but it is even better and if our students can make those applications while partnering with members of our community like the Chamberlin Mill,” said Christopher Sandford, Woodstock’s Head of School.

DEAN’S LIST

The following local students were named to the Dean’s List or President’s List at their schools for the fall 2017 semester. The school is followed by the names of the local students who were honored.

Becker College: Casey Guli of Pomfret Center; Alexandra Lamontagne of North Grosvenordale; Shanna Steen of North Grosvenordale; Kaylin Shippee of Thompson.

Nichols College: Daniel Baker of North Grosvenordale; Kaitlyn Baron

of Woodstock; Amandalyn Brunelle of North Grosvenordale; Nicholas Dimopoulos of North Grosvenordale; Emily Faist of Woodstock; Julianne Faucher of North Grosvenordale; John Fox of Woodstock; Christian Mayotte of Woodstock; Rebecca Messier of Woodstock; Deon Poth of Woodstock; Joseph Santese of Danielson; Kyle Verrette of Danielson; Averi Walch of North Grosvenordale; Evan Ware of North Grosvenordale; Benjamin Carbone of Brooklyn; Alexis Gevry of Dayville; Devon Harris of Dayville; Alexis Lapointe; Cara Mayhew of

Brooklyn; Abigail Teczar of Rogers’ Hunter Angelo of Thompson; Alexander Hebert of Thompson

University of Hartford: Nicholas Foucault; Abigail Orn of Putnam; Hans Wanner of Putnam; Gregory Roto of Eastford; Crystelle Ranhoff of Pomfret Center; Judy Shea of Brooklyn.

Worcester State University: Mackenzie Corriveau, Brooklyn; Stephanie Duquette, N. Grosvenordale; Audrey Ratliff, N. Grosvenordale; Molly Ware, N. Grosvenordale;

Thomas Watson, N. Grosvenordale; Victoria Babcock, Thompson; Jamie Barrette, Thompson; Karista Brissette, Thompson; Ann Bastien, Woodstock; Violet Dussault, Woodstock; Dominique Gould, Woodstock.

Lasell College: Jessica Lindell from Thompson

University of New Hampshire: Jacob DeLashmutt of Brooklyn; Cassandra Sleboda of Danielson; Katherine Dalimonte of Pomfret Center; Caitlyn Bavosi of Pomfret Center;

Matthew Rich of Woodstock

Wentworth Institute of Technology: Olivia Hussey, from Putnam

Syracuse University: Abigail Trivella, from Brooklyn

Husson University: Kyle Derosier, from Danielson

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LEARNING

Dearys will perform at YMCA benefit

WOODSTOCK — Tim and Mackenzie Deary are heading back to the stage on April 7-8 for a reprisal of Andrea Bocelli and Celine Dion’s famous duet, “The Prayer” in Broadway Live’s upcoming show “The Connert” at the Center for The Arts at Woodstock Academy.

The Connert is a musical performance featuring over 30 regional vocalists, accompanied by a 16-piece orchestra, benefitting the Hale YMCA Youth and Family Center. With regard to the YMCA’s credo based on youth development, healthy living and social responsibility, the event is a musical production centered around performances arranged and performed by local families and individuals. The Connert performances will be

performed at the Center for The Arts at Woodstock Academy. For more details and ticket information can be found at www.theconnert.com.

The Dearys, brother and sister, are no strangers to the stage. Most recently Tim performed in “Broadway Live ... 2015” where he sang “Run Freedom Run” from the Broadway musical “Urinetown” among other hits. As a French Teacher at Pomfret School he continues to use the stage as an outlet to express his love of culture, life and music. Mackenzie Deary recently completed her Master’s degree in Public Policy at the University College London. She has been involved in musical theater since her debut as Tiny Tim in A Christmas Carol at the

young age of 5. She is delighted at the opportunity to be back performing with some of the area’s most talented performers.

“It is an honor to once again be performing “The Prayer” alongside my brother, Tim, because the song has such a deeply profound significance to our entire Deary family,” said Mackenzie. “It’s truly a beautiful song that gives me chills each time I hear it.”

“We are thrilled that Tim and Mackenzie are appearing in this benefit concert for the YMCA. They are both very talented and gifted performers; and the fact that they are bringing “The Prayer” back to the Broadway Live stage is a real treat,” said executive co-producer David T. Panteleakos.



Tim and Mackenzie Deary
Courtesy photo

Quinebaug fire department offers scholarship

THOMPSON — The Quinebaug Volunteer Fire Department is now accepting applications for the Lieutenant George W. Walker Memorial Scholarship and the Chief Joseph Donovan, Sr. Memorial Scholarship. Requirements for application are as follows: Be a Thompson resident graduating high school senior pursuing higher education. Scholarship applications will only be considered if complete. Non-compliance will void application. Students may apply for both scholarships. Each scholarship requires its own application. Applications are available at most area schools’ guidance offices, and on our QVFD website. Student deadline is March 23 to the student’s guidance office.

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the team in each division, and I qualified in the third spot, tied with a five-time Olympian. We had to have a shoot off match.”

Gauvin beat the Olympian six to nothing.

An indoor competition consists of shooting 600 arrows from a 20-yard range at a target that’s just over an inch in diameter. An outdoor competition for a recurve bow is just as challenging, 70 meters from a 10-ring target the size of a softball.

While Gauvin has only been with the recurve bow for a year, she’s been into archery for five years. And it all started as a bet. A challenge with her husband, Gauvin “kicked his butt” with an old hunting bow. Fueled from the win, the two went to a local range in Manchester and got informed about good equipment from a five-time Olympian who worked there.

“I definitely think I had some natural talent,” said Gauvin. “But I also grew up a swimmer and competed internationally. I had that mental side of how to train and work hard, how to perform under pressure. Archery, unlike a lot of sports, is way more mental than most people realize. It really comes down to can you repeat the same thing over and over again.”

And while archery may

sound like a very intense sport, one of Gauvin’s favorite things about it is that it’s accessible to everybody. There’s no age limits. There’s no preferred shape or size. In fact, at a national level tournament in Kentucky, Gauvin saw a 4-year-old shooting next to someone in their 80s. It was that sense of togetherness and supportiveness that first drew Gauvin to archery competitively.

While her husband and she loved to race mountain bikes, once he became naturally faster than her they ended up not ever riding next to each other. But with archery, no matter how much better she got, she was able to practice and compete right there with her husband.

The process to the Olympics will start in fall of 2019, she said, and the event will be open to everybody. But while it’s open to everybody, Gauvin has noticed a lack of competitive women in archery.

“There might actually be more women than men that are into archery in the recent years,” she said. “Due to Hunger Games generating interest. But the biggest thing that I see, payouts are so different between men and women.”

That staggering difference — with men earning up to six figures, and women barely breaking even — has caused many women to drop out of the sport. And with less women competing, there’s been no push for higher payouts. It’s a cycle that

has left competitive archery dominated by men.

“In a big Vegas tournament last year, it was opened up so a female could shoot in a men’s division,” said Gauvin. “Only one woman chose to do that.”

In the tournament, where everyone had to shoot perfectly to place, 13 men shot a perfect score. The woman only dropped two total. With the same equipment, same determination and same practice, there seems to be no real reason (besides arm length) that a woman can’t compete with men. And while kicking butt (of either gender) is kind of Gauvin’s thing when it comes to archery, right now she has her eyes on the prize: The Olympics.

She is practicing six days a week, two to four hours a day. She also does specific targeted exercises for her muscles, fitting in what she can during her full time job as an economist. With endless dedication and astonishing talent, Gauvin is perhaps well on her way to the 2020 Olympics. And the part-time archery coach is hoping it may inspire other local men, women and children to pick up archery themselves.

“Try new things,” she said. “You never know what you might have a hidden talent at. You just haven’t done it yet.”

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Danielson vets to honor Joslin

DANIELSON — State Representative Anne Dauphinais will be at the Danielson Veterans Coffeehouse on Feb. 6 to make a Bronze Star presentation to local U.S. Navy Veteran Alan Joslin. Alan earned the Bronze Star while serving in Viet Nam.

The scheduled guest speaker for Feb. 6 is Deborah Steignaier, a U.S. Army veteran and founder of Well-Being for Warriors. Well-Being for Warriors is a non-profit organization located in Bloomfield Connecticut. They offer free Holistic and Energy Medicine services to Veterans with PTSD and MTBI. They are committed to serving the Veteran and their immediate family focusing on Mind, Body, Spirit and Energy Re-balancing. Reconnecting the Veteran with himself or herself after their war experience through Holistic and Integrative Medicine techniques, modalities and educational workshops.

The Feb. 6 Evening Veterans Coffeehouse will feature musical entertainment by Richard Young and Seamus McCalium. Richard Young is the owner of Still River Guitars and a Master Guitar Maker. The Duo are well known locally and perform as Young and Seamus. For the Veterans entertainment the duo will perform on Guitars, Banjo, and Mandolin. It should be a wonderful evening.

The Danielson Veterans Coffeehouse is located at 185 Broad Street Danielson. The coffeehouse opens at 9 a.m. The Evening Coffeehouse is at St. John Lutheran Church, located at 190 Wauregan Road Danielson. The evening coffeehouse opens at 7 p.m. All veterans are welcome.

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Uncle Arthur's elixir

I didn't take communion at my church. I wiped the table, the menu and the arms of the chair with hand sanitizer at the restaurant. I listened for a few seconds before I chose a seat at the movie theatre to determine the relative health of those nearby. My precautions might not make any difference, but other than the flu shot, which I got several months ago, there isn't much else one can do. I don't want to get the flu. Neither should you.

In my family lore, there is a story about the pandemic of 1918. My Great Uncle Arthur sent a letter to his sister, my grandmother, that he was coming



NANCY WEISS

to visit from his home in Wales. He planned to stay for several months. He gave her all the details. When he arrived after a long journey, no one met him at the train station. His feelings were hurt. There was no livery service. He hoisted his trunk and a crate of scotch, so the story goes, and walked to my grandparent's house only to

find that they and my father, an 11-year-old, had the flu. Arthur nursed them back to health through the use of ample amounts of scotch. They were lucky. Many Americans and others worldwide were not.

I'm not sure we are facing a pandemic, but according to health statistics the flu season is worse than it has been since the swine flu of 2009.

When my daughters started school, they were taught that when they sneezed, they should sneeze into their elbows. Now the practice is very common and seems like a fine idea. When the person checking my groceries sneezes into her T-shirt sleeve, it feels healthier than sneezing toward the floor or toward me. I appreciate the nearly universal practice among younger people. Does it limit the spread of air born goo? I think it does.

On a trip to Japan we saw many people wearing surgical-type or "sickness" masks. Often white, they are the polite way to go about in public when not feeling well. Some are quite fashionable and are scented or contain moisturizing lotion. It is assumed that the wearer benefits from containing her own breath and doesn't spread disease to others. One thing for sure: on seeing people wearing masks, the whole concept of illness becomes more real. They are walking reminders of the itty-bitty viruses that are lurking everywhere.

There is a great deal of pressure to go to work when sick. Some act as if it is a badge of honor. They are so important or so stoic that nothing will keep them away from their desks. It can be awful for everyone else. Children are another matter. They can be fine one minute and sick as dogs the next. Nothing sends a chill down the spine of a mother working outside the home as dramatically as a call from the school saying that your child is ill and you must come immediately. In my experience the anxiety is always softened by the comforting presence of the school nurse, who has seen it all and just wants everyone to feel better.

As the movie theatre darkened and the previews began, I listened to the sounds of breathing all around me. I like to hear my husband's breath as he sleeps or the little short pants of my grandson when he is dreaming. My father had emphysema, so his breath made me anxious. A co-worker breathed loudly through his mouth and annoyed me. The people seated nearby were not coughing or sounding congested. They were quietly waiting. They seemed healthy. Perhaps they were listening to my breath as well. Wait . . . was that a cough?

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OPINION

Opinion and commentary from the Quiet Corner

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Putnam reader salutes Weiss

To the editor:

You truly have a gem in weekly columnist Nancy Weiss. Each edition of the Villager she produces well written, thoughtful columns, which demonstrate not only her creative writing skills but her ability to cut through topics in a fair fashion.

Her column of January 20, "Agree to Disagree" is a perfect example of her aforementioned skills. In view of the polarizing atmosphere in our country today, she was able to bring the ability to discuss issues in a civil manner to a level that was understandable to everyone. Her closing suggestion about listening and learning from others and being able to express ourselves and form cogent arguments is food for thought in our

everyday dealings with others.

She's definitely on target with the fact that we need debate clubs in schools and require training in Robert's Rules of Order.

Lou Holtz, the famous University of Notre Dame football coach once said, "God gave us two ears and one mouth, so we could listen twice as much as we talk." Good advice for all.

So Nancy, keep up the great job. Through your thoughtful writing let's hope that people can "agree to disagree and sometimes agree to agree."

RONALD P. CODERRE
PUTNAM

On Woodstock's budget

Well, here we are again, budget season. While we have yet to get final revenue numbers from the state for this year, ending Jun 30th 2018, we must begin planning for next year's budget which will come before the Board of Finance starting in early March and will go before the voters in May. Despite not having actual revenue numbers for this year, Woodstock will be fine as we have had significant surpluses year after year for several years now. In fact, during the Audit revenue in December, we learned that we had over one million dollars in surpluses for fiscal 2017 which ended June 30, 2017 — \$574,882 in excess revenue (read excess taxes), \$294.962 in expense surpluses from Town Government (surpluses we have seen for several years now – must be from cutting the lifeguard and swim program at the town beach), and an additional \$160,000 from the education budget (\$154,000 went to the "non-lapsing account" and \$6,000 more into the BOE health care account despite a gentleman's agreement to not put any more into this account as it is already some \$300,000 over funded!). What does all this mean? You paid roughly \$1,030,000 more in taxes than was necessary to support town government and the school system. Roughly 1.5 mils or 6% more than needed. Don't worry; it will go to a good cause. The state is broke and will be looking for where it can cut funding and we are on top of the list.

How does this happen? It's a lot easier than you think. Budgets are put forward that are meant to serve primarily those who are in town government or employed by the school system. Notice I didn't say the kids. Every year spending budgets go up and up while state revenues go down, down, down. These next few years are going to be a real test for property taxpayers. If you think Prop 46 is all you need to keep taxes in line, you're sadly mistaken. Prop 46 doesn't compensate for declining state revenue; in other words, as state revenue declines property taxes have to go up to offset the lost revenue especially when we spend to the limit as we have for the last several years.

Restructuring of both town government and education is going to happen but it will not come easily. The entrenched are going to fight it every step of the way. In town

government, restructuring has started. With a new first selectman, and having replaced another, there seems to be a realization of the need. On the education side, well they are requesting a legal opinion to allow them to make increases in tuition expense at Woodstock Academy an exception to the limits of Prop 46. In the 39-year history of Prop 46 this kind of expense has never been allowed and would, for all practical purposes, throw Prop 46 right out the window as if this can be considered an "emergency" expense there would be no limits to what else could be "declared" and emergency. Someone needs to tell them to turn the binoculars around. The problem isn't Prop 46 and more spending, it is a continuing loss of state revenue.

While there is no doubt that we can cover cuts in state funding this year – your tax dollars are stuffed into every crack and crevice that could be found – we cannot cover all likely state revenue cuts going forward. Restructuring is going to be required. We simply cannot continue the spending ways of the past. Others have done it. Massachusetts has done it and not only spends less per student but gets better results according to recently published articles. You read almost weekly about towns around us having to make cuts and changes in education budgets. Remember 80 percent of our spending is for education. We cannot only look at town government to cover the necessary reductions going forward. Woodstock voters/taxpayers need to get involved now. If you can't attend meetings, check out the videos of the Board of Finance meetings available through the town website – link in the center column near the bottom. See your town government in action; you may be surprised. If you don't have time for a full meeting watch the Jan. 9 meeting: start at 1 hour, two minutes and watch the next 10 to 12 minutes for a taste.

Opinions expressed are mine and may not reflect those of the Woodstock Board of Finance.

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Taking advantage of employer sponsored retirement plans

Employer-sponsored qualified retirement plans such as 401(k)s are some of the most powerful retirement savings tools available. If your employer offers such a plan and you're not participating in it, you should be. It may offer great benefits in your financial plan and assist you in Planning Well.

UNDERSTAND YOUR EMPLOYER-SPONSORED PLAN

Before you can take advantage of your employer's plan, you need to understand how these plans work. Read everything you can about the plan and talk to your employer's benefits officer. You can also talk to a financial planner, a tax advisor, and other professionals. Recognize the key features that many employer-sponsored plans share.

Your employer automatically deducts your contributions from your paycheck. You may never even miss the money-out of sight, out of mind. You decide what portion of your salary to contribute, up to the legal limit. And you can usually change your contribution amount on certain dates during the year.

With 401(k), 403(b), 457(b), SARSEPs, and SIMPLE plans, you contribute to the plan on a pretax basis. Your contributions come off the top of your salary before your employer withholds income taxes. Your 401(k), 403(b), or 457(b) plan may let you make after-tax Roth contributions--there's no up-front tax benefit but qualified distributions are entirely tax free.



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Your employer may match all or part of your contribution up to a certain level. You typically become vested in these employer dollars through years of service with the company. Your funds grow tax deferred in the plan and taxes are not paid you withdraw your money from the plan. You'll pay income taxes and possibly an early withdrawal penalty if you withdraw your money from the plan.

CONTRIBUTE AS MUCH AS POSSIBLE

The more you can save for retirement, the better your chances of retiring comfortably. If you can, max out your contribution up to the legal limit. If you need to free up money to do that, try cutting certain expenses.

Why put your retirement dollars in your employer's plan instead of somewhere else? One reason is that your pretax contributions to your employer's plan lower your taxable income for the year. This means you save money in taxes when you contribute to the plan--a big advantage if you're in a high tax bracket. For example, if you earn \$100,000 a year and contribute \$10,000 to a 401(k) plan, you'll pay income taxes on \$90,000 instead of \$100,000.

Another reason is the power of tax-deferred growth. Your investment earnings compound year after year and aren't taxable as long as they remain in the plan. Over the long term,

Community banks lead the way

Despite the partisanship that has taken hold from Washington to Connecticut, contributing to gridlock in the nation's capitol, there appears to be one issue that Republicans and Democrats can generally agree upon, and that is promoting local economic growth through our nation's community banks.

At a time of political polarization, it was encouraging to learn that the Senate Banking Committee last month accomplished something rare. The Committee passed a bill developed by Republicans and Democrats on a bipartisan basis, that is designed to tailor financial services regulations to ease the burden of red tape on locally-based community banks. Economic Growth,

Regulatory Relief and the Consumer Protection Act passed with support from senators from both parties, and will now head to the Senate floor for a vote.

This legislation represents the best opportunity for Congress to support local communities, by advancing meaningful reforms for the community banking sector. After seven years of congressional hearings, every provision in the multipronged bill has already passed a House or Senate committee by a bipartisan vote as standalone legislation.

Since the financial crisis, members of both political parties have lamented the decline in the number of community banks around the nation. Now is the time for them to stand up for their communities and support the institutions, like our community banks in eastern Connecticut, that make a meaningful impact every day. Members of Congress who truly believe in helping the community banking sector should support this legislation.

The bill has broad support for good reason. Regulatory burdens are plaguing locally-based community banks, which provide nearly half of the banking industry's small business loans, despite making up less than 20 percent of its assets. Despite their low financial risk and high economic reward, Main Street community banks suffer from an onslaught of regulations — exacerbated by Washington's response to the 2008 Wall Street financial crisis — that is limiting the nation's economic growth.

By reforming complex regulations on community bank mortgage lending and capital requirements, and while focusing oversight on the risky financial firms that caused the crisis, Congress can and should promote true community-based growth that extends beyond stock market gains and shareholder dividends. For instance, the bill would exempt many community banks from stringent new data-reporting requirements on mortgage loans, freeing lenders to focus on the borrower's needs instead of regulatory paperwork.

The only question is whether the bill can remain focused on community banks to maintain its broad backing. The bipartisan allies on the Senate Banking Committee wisely resisted any changes to the bill to keep it focused on community banks, and lawmakers will need to continue to counter attempts by the largest banks to extend the scope of relief to Wall Street. We cannot let the largest and riskiest megabanks jeopardize these policies. All U.S. Senators from both parties, including our own Senators, should sign on and fight for this vitally important legislation.

These recent events have shown there is broad support for common-sense financial reforms despite our acrimonious political environment. Now all members of Congress should seize on this common ground to achieve a rare bipartisan show of unity that will help local communities like those in eastern Connecticut.

Thomas A. Borner is president and CEO of Putnam Bank.

History of slavery in northeastern Connecticut

Recently I received an email from Trent Pappas, Jr. with a correction and clarification about the ownership of Michael’s Market. “Mike Pappas was my uncle. Trent Pappas, Sr., his brother, was never involved with the business. George and Carl were. Trent Sr. was a builder and co-owned Pappas and Pockowski Builders out of the N. E. Ct. area with Paul Pockowski of Dayville, CT until 1972 when Trent Sr. and his wife Pearl purchased Ross Hill Park Family Campground in Lisbon, CT” (1/26/18).

February is Black History Month so the remainder of this column will be related to our African-American residents and related topics. Now I’m imagining that you usually associate slavery with the Southern States. However, New Englanders did own slaves and there were some right here in Killingly and Northeastern Connecticut. Ellen Larned’s History of Windham County, Connecticut gives references for some slaves. However, census and probate records have been found to be one of the best resources for documenting the town’s very earliest slaveholders and learning the names of some of these non-white inhabitants. (Note: I use the outdated term Negro primarily because that is how the non-whites are referenced in the 18th century documents which have been used as resources).

James Danielson, probably early Killingly’s wealthiest individual, sent one of his much-trusted slaves to Boston with a load of produce from the farm (Larned, op. cit. Vo. I, p.166). This slave was not the only African American in Danielson’s household for at the time of his death in 1728 he had five “Negro servants”

valued at 725 pounds: Cesar, Ziproah, Dinah, Hannah, and Jethro. The Danielson family continued to have non-whites working for them throughout the 18th century. Since Col. William Danielson had an iron works in present-day Danielson by 1770, it is quite possible that his slave helped in the day-to-day workings of this establishment in addition to assisting with the farm work. It is also quite likely that that the non-whites helped construct some of the stone walls which are still visible today.

Sampson Howe, another wealthy Killingly individual, was one of the earliest inhabitants of the section of Killingly that eventually became Thompson. When he died in 1736, he left his slave Leah to son Sampson Howe and his man-servant Cesar to son Perley Howe, minister at Dudley, Massachusetts and by 1746 the minister on Killingly Hill/Putnam Heights (Larned, op. cit., p 324). Whether Perley Howe kept the slave is unclear.

In 1727, John Parks, who lived in the Stone Road section of Killingly, apprenticed his Negro servant Charles Dungen to Killingly trader Nell Elicksander (Alexander) for 21 years with the stipulation that Charles was not to frequent taverns nor ale houses. He was to be freed when his indenture was finished and was to be given five pounds (Killingly Land Records, Vo. 1, p. 111).

Josiah Dwight, minister in Thompson’s church society/ Killingly, left a “Negro woman and a Negro child” when hedied in 1749. (Plainfield Probate, Vo. 2, p. 43). “A very serious calamity befell his son, Captain John Dwight, February 18, 1750. His house was consumed by fire, the family escaping from their



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beds with only the clothes that covered them. One ‘negro’ servant perished in the fire” (Larned, op. cit., p. 533). (Most of the above was extracted from a 2008 Villager article).

In researching materials for Black History Month I began rereading my old copy of Black Yankees by William D. Piersen. He mentioned Phillis Wheatley, a young Boston female who became the first African-American female to publish poetry. I was quite intrigued since women were often considered uneducated in 18th century New England (not always rightly so). I wondered how a slave had been able to accomplish this feat. Since I’m becoming more comfortable with searching the internet, I found much of interest. The site www.biography.com/people had the following: “A pioneering African-American poet, Phillis Wheatley was born in Senegal/Gambia around 1753. (At the) early age of 8, she was kidnapped and brought to Boston on a slave ship. Upon her arrival, John Wheatley purchased the young girl, who was in fragile health, as a servant for his wife, Susanna. Under the family’s direction, Wheatley (who, as was the custom at the time, adopted her master’s last name) was taken under Susanna’s wing. Her quick intelligence was hard to miss, and as a result, Susanna and her two children taught

Wheatley to read and she was actively encouraged in her literary pursuits by the household. Wheatley received lessons in theology, English, Latin and Greek. Ancient history was soon folded into the teachings, as were lessons in mythology and literature. At a time when African Americans were discouraged and intimidated from learning how to read and write, Wheatley’s life was an anomaly.

“Wheatley wrote her first published poem at around age 13. The work, a story about two men who nearly drown at sea, was printed in the Newport Mercury. Other published poems followed, with several also being published, further increasing Wheatley’s fame. In 1773, Wheatley gained considerable stature when her first and only book of verse, Poems on Various Subjects, Religious and Moral, was published, with the writer having received patronage from Selina Hastings, the Countess of Huntingdon, in England. As proof of her authorship, the volume included a preface in which 17 Boston men, including John Hancock, asserted that she had indeed written the poems in it.

Poems on Various Subjects is a landmark achievement in U.S. history. In publishing it, Wheatley became the first African American and first U.S. slave to publish a book of poems, as well as the third American woman to do so.

“While ultimately freed from slavery, she was devastated by the deaths of several Wheatley family members, including Susanna (d. 1774) and John (d. 1778). In 1778, Wheatley married a free African American from Boston, John Peters, with whom she had three children,

all of whom died in infancy. Their marriage proved to be a struggle, with the couple battling constant poverty. Ultimately, Wheatley was forced to find work as a maid in a boarding house and lived in squalid, horrifying conditions.

“Wheatley did continue to write, but the growing tensions with the British and, ultimately, the Revolutionary War, weakened enthusiasm for her poems. While she contacted various publishers, she was unsuccessful in finding support for a second volume of poetry. Phillis Wheatley died in her early 30’s in Boston, Massachusetts, on December 5, 1784.”

Winter Weather Closings: In the case of inclement weather check to see if the Killingly Historical Center is closed.

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

Margaret M. Weaver Killingly Municipal Historian, January 2018. Special thanks to Trent Pappas, Jr. for his correction. For additional information email me at margaret-mweaver@gmail.com or visit the Killingly Historical Center Wed. or Sat. 10-4 or www.killinglyhistorical.org. or call (860) 779-7250. Like us at Facebook at www.facebook.com/killinglyhistoricalsociety. Mail for the Killingly Historical & Genealogical Society, Inc. or the Killingly Historical Center should be sent to PO Box 265, Danielson, Ct. 06329.

FINANCE

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this gives you the opportunity to build an impressive sum in your employer’s plan. You should end up with a much larger balance than somebody who invests the same amount in taxable investments at the same rate of return.

For example, you participate in your employer’s tax-deferred plan (Account A). You also have a taxable investment account (Account B). Each account earns 8 percent per year. You’re in the 28 percent tax bracket and contribute \$10,000 to each account at the end of every year. You pay the yearly

income taxes on Account B’s earnings using funds from that same account. At the end of 30 years, Account A is worth \$1,132,832, while Account B is worth only \$757,970. That’s a difference of over \$370,000. (Note: This example is for illustrative purposes only and does not represent a specific investment.)

CAPTURE THE FULL EMPLOYER MATCH

If you can’t max out your 401(k) or other plan, you should at least try to contribute up to the limit your employer will match. Employer contributions are basically free money once you’re vested in them (check with your employer to find out when vesting happens).

By capturing the full benefit of your employer’s match, you’ll be surprised how much faster your balance grows. If you don’t take advantage of your employer’s generosity, you could be passing up a significant return on your money.

For example, you earn \$30,000 a year and work for an employer that has a matching 401(k) plan. The match is 50 cents on the dollar up to 6 percent of your salary. Each year, you contribute 6 percent of your salary (\$1,800) to the plan and receive a matching contribution of \$900 from your employer.

Know your options when you leave your employer

When you leave your job, your vested balance

in your former employer’s retirement plan is yours to keep. You have several options at that point. You may consider taking a lump sum distribution. This may be a bad idea because you will pay income taxes and possible penalties on the amount withdrawn. Plus, you’re giving up continued tax deferred growth. You may leave your funds in the old plan, growing tax deferred if your plan permits. You might want to roll over your funds to an IRA or a new employer’s plan if it accepts rollovers. This is often a smart move because there will be no income taxes or penalties if you do the rollover properly. Plus, your funds will keep growing

tax deferred in the IRA or new plan.

Taking advantage of these plans may be an important step in Planning for financial goals.

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stopped in with her folder of information and asked to speak with the manager. She discussed the board game and told him about the class’ goal.

“It made me feel like we can actually achieve our goal and that it’s not that hard. If we all come together, it will happen,” said Gil.

Her classmate Sidney Ratliff is also inspired. She has already discussed ad space with several companies and is currently waiting for a final offer. She felt the uniqueness of the project really made people interested in the concept.

“All the skills I’ve learned throughout my classes here, especially the business classes, have come in handy,” said Ratliff.

The eagerness of the business students and their early-on accomplishments have really impressed Tupaj. Their drive has gone above and beyond expectations.

“It’s a huge project and I’m very proud that they’re willing to attempt it,” she said. “Hopefully we’re very successful with it.”

Local businesses throughout the Quiet Corner can apply for a spot until the deadline, March 1. Spaces range from \$150 to \$200, and banks are being asked to donate in exchange for their name on Monopoly money. For more information, contact Tupaj at ptupaj@thompsonpublicschools.org or call (860) 923-9303 ext. 222.

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ROVERO

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Enterprise Zone, an expanded regional industrial park generated new job opportunities; and helped established the Center for Healthy Aging which serves Pomfret, Putnam, Thompson and Woodstock.

During his eight-year tenure, Rovero has advocated for fiscal accountability, supported efforts to improve the state’s schools and backed legislation that addresses Connecticut’s opioid crisis.

“I’ve always done what I thought was right for my district and voted for legislation

that set Connecticut on the right fiscal path. More than anything else, when I first ran, I made the promise to my grandchildren that I would not mortgage their futures. I hope that during my time at the legislature, I have lived up to that promise and have made our state a better place to live, work and raise a family,” Rovero said.

Rovero currently serves as vice chairman of the Aging Committee, majority whip at-large, and is a member of the General Law and Public Safety and Security committees. Previously, Rovero was mayor of Putnam for 14 years, a member of the Killingly Charter Revision Commission, chairman of the Northeast Council

of Governments, and served on the Northeast Regional Committee on Aging.

“Rep. Rovero has been a great friend and dedicated public servant,” said Speaker of the House Joe Aresimowicz, D-Berlin. “Throughout his time as a legislator, Danny has worked tirelessly for his constituents in Killingly, Putnam and Thompson. They have been fortunate to have such a strong voice advocating on their behalf in Hartford. I, along with the rest of my colleagues in the General Assembly will certainly miss working with him at the Capitol, but after 50 years in public service, this time off is well deserved.”



Legally Speaking
by Alyson Aleman
Attorney at Law

Most Americans do not know, or refuse to accept, the facts surrounding their potential need for long-term care and the costs associated with it. According to the Genworth Cost of Care Survey of 2015, seventy percent of Americans over the age of sixty-five will eventually need some type of long-term care. In addition, by the year 2040, twenty-two percent of the population will be over the age of sixty-five, which is a ten percent increase from the year 2000. Yet, this survey showed an increasing number of people over the age of forty refusing to believe they will ever need long-term care.

PLANNING FOR LONG-TERM CARE

The truth is that Medicare does not pay for ongoing long-term care (although it will pay for intermittent stays at nursing facilities). Medicaid is the largest payer of long-term care services. Medicaid is a federally and state funded needs-based benefit that will provide for various types of long-term care depending on the state's regulations. In 2013, Medicaid paid for fifty-one percent of the national long-term care bill totaling \$310 billion. The actual costs for long-term care are staggering. The Genworth Survey reported that, nationwide, the average bill for a nursing home is approximately \$80,300 and for home health care, approximately \$44,616 with a variety of options among and in between these levels of care. Although not a popular topic among Americans over the age of forty, long-term care is an increasingly important one.

We are in the business of providing options for people in planning for their potential long-term care needs. If you, a loved one or a client needs help figuring out their options, please call **BORNER, SMITH, ALEMAN, HEZOG and CERRONE LLC at 155 Providence Street, Putnam** We can help and we are always happy to hear from you.

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Pierce Memorial Baptist homes promotes within

BROOKLYN — Following the promotion of Candace Chamberlain to the position of Director of Nursing Services, Pierce Memorial Baptist Home is pleased to announce the addition of Mary Lynne Catsam, long-time Pomfret resident, to their team of dedicated medical professionals. Catsam has taken over the role of MDS Coordinator, responsible for completing comprehensive documentation of all residents, as well as coordinating care plan meetings. Catsam contributes over 30 years of experience as a Registered Nurse, including such diverse settings as a VA hospital, family medical practice, trauma unit, and both private and public school systems. Most recently, she has also held multiple roles in skilled nursing facilities in the local area, including as a Charge Nurse and Relief Supervisor, Infection Control Nurse, and MDS Nurse.

Having previously divided her time between the MDS and Infection Control roles, Catsam is grateful to have Chamberlain as a teacher and mentor. With over 15 years of experience, she



did not hesitate to share her knowledge, continuing to delve into the intricacies of the position on a day-to-day basis. In fact, Catsam credits Chamberlain's positive attitude and approachable demeanor as the reason she decided to apply for a position within our compa-

ny. When asked to elaborate on the new experience of working for a non-profit facility, Catsam lists the diminished stress levels, greater interdepartmental communication and emphasis on spiritual well-being. "The priority truly is patient care," she adds, citing the gen-

erous staffing levels, family-like atmosphere, and the opportunity to really focus on the needs of the residents.

"We are very excited to have Mary Lynne as part of our administrative team at Pierce," said Chamberlain. "She brings years of nursing experience, extensive knowledge, and a genuine enthusiasm for patient-centered care."

Administrator Tom Sullivan agrees, saying that, "Mary Lynne has embraced the core values of our mission and proven herself to be a wonderful addition to our community".

Pierce Memorial Baptist Home is a non-profit 72-bed skilled nursing facility located at 44 Canterbury Road, Brooklyn. Part of the continuum of care, which includes Creamery Brook Retirement Village, PierceCare offers independent and assisted living, short-term rehab and respite care, long term and subacute care. It has an overall 5 Star Rating from the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services.

Weiss & Hale's Chen passes financial exams

POMFRET CENTER — Shandy Chen recently passed the Financial Industry Regulatory (FINRA) Series 7 and 66 exams making him a licensed staff member at Weiss & Hale Financial. Chen hails from Willington and leads client operations for Weiss & Hale Financial where he joined in June of last year after graduating with a B.A. in Economics from Hamilton College.

Both the Series 7 and 66 exams require extensive preparation and test an individual's knowledge on a wide range of financial topics including investment vehicles, laws, regulations, as well as economic indicators.

"Shandy's talent for problem solving and analysis have helped improve

our business tremendously. This achievement is just another example of Shandy's abilities and will further assist our clients in achieving their financial life goals," said Jim Zahansky, W&S managing partner.

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Shandy Chen

Danielson American Job Center workshops

DANIELSON — The Danielson American Job Center, located at 562 Westcott Road, is offering a variety of employment and training workshops in February to area residents. Advance registration is encouraged due to space limitations. For further information go to CTHires.com or call (860) 774-4077 to register.

The following workshops are scheduled for February.

Networking with LinkedIn – Learn how to create or update a LinkedIn profile, how to build your online network, and how to enhance your job search through online networking. Attendees will be encouraged to join relevant professional groups available through LinkedIn to expand their electronic network. Also includes how to use local labor market information to identify, research, and approach local employers. February 2 (9:30 a.m. – 12:30 p.m.)

Matrix Learning – Offers an orientation to online training through the Matrix Learning System. E-Training licenses

allow 90 days of 24/7 unlimited access to more than 5,000 courses (IT, desktop computer skills OR healthcare education). Learn new skills or upgrade existing skills to help find a new job or enhance your career. February 2 (1 – 3 p.m.) and February 12 (2 – 4 p.m.)

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

Computers Made Easy – Learn the basic aspects of how computers work, basic computer operations and terminology for Windows 7. Topics include basic file management, using Help and Support features, Internet searches and how to identify secure sites. Geared for individuals who have never used a computer or who need a refresher on computer use. February 6 (9 a.m. – 12 p.m.)

Get Back to Work – You can overcome job search stress: Stay connected, get involved, and know your next steps. Our staff is here to offer guidance, direction and opportunity. February 8 (10 a.m. – 12 p.m.) and February 20 (3:30 – 5:30 p.m.)

Interviewing Strategies and Techniques – Learn how to strategically prepare for critical job interview questions. Topics include company research, developing a candidate message, questions to ask the employer, closing the interview and following up. February 8 (9 a.m. – 12 p.m.)

Ticket to Work Orientation – This workshop is designed for Social Security beneficiaries wanting to return to work and become financially independent while keeping their Medicare or Medicaid benefits. February 14 (10 – 11 a.m.)

In-Demand Jobs in Eastern CT – Our On-the-Job Training (OJT) programs may provide the competitive edge to get hired. Explore in-demand jobs in advanced manufacturing,

technology or engineering, and the skills employers want. On-site screening will pre-qualify you for one or more OJT programs. February 14 (1 – 2:30 p.m.)

Health Careers Orientation – An overview of in-demand careers in healthcare, job skills and available certificate and degree programs. Also receive information about financial assistance. February 15 (10 – 11:30 a.m.)

CTHires: Résumé Builder – Learn to build and complete a résumé in the CTHires. online employment system. Opportunities provided to review and update your CTHires profile including job skills, and do a comprehensive résumé build in CTHires with the assistance of the workshop instructor. Also learn to download, print and email your résumé from CTHires. February 20 (1 – 4 p.m.)

Introduction to Microsoft Word – In this two-day workshop, learn how to create a document, save it to a disk, open and close it, make changes,

and print it. PREREQUISITE: Must possess basic knowledge of computers or have attended Computer Basics Workshop. February 20 and 21 (9 a.m. – 12 p.m.)

Email Skills for Jobseekers – In this is a six-hour workshop conducted over two days, learn how to compose and reply to emails and attach résumés to emails. Practice responding to a job posting via email while using a practice cover letter and résumé. Geared for job-seekers that will be emailing résumés to employers; instructor will help attendees obtain an email address if needed. February 27 and 28 (9 a.m. – 12 p.m.)

Applying Online: The Basics – Learn the basics of applying online, including use of job search engines, emailing employers, and attaching and inserting résumés to online applications and emails. February 28 (1 – 4 p.m.)

Holistic Chamber of Commerce welcomes Putnam chapter

PUTNAM — With a vision of healthy people on a healthy planet, the Holistic Chamber of Commerce (HCC) is weaving together an international movement promoting holistic, natural and sustainable products, services and solutions. To that end, the HCC recently announced that holistic leaders in Putnam have started a local chapter.

"Putnam is the perfect place for the

Holistic Chamber of Commerce. We have a large population here and a community that really values those products and services. It's time for us to come together and show the standard of integrity and professionalism we bring to the work we do. I see association with the international organization as a natural partnership for our vibrant and growing holistic business commu-

nity. We are in the service business, yet we are still hidden. That marketing aspect is where I really see a need for support. The HCC offers that," said the statement.

Along with energy healing experience and expertise, Pamela Thompson, President of the HCC in Putnam, brings a clear vision of her own to this local chapter. With her husband Brad, she is co-owner of WellnessWithin.

As a group associated with the international organization, the HCC – Putnam will promote and support local and regional holistic and sustainable professionals and business owners. Meetings will be held on the third Monday of the month. For details and more information, go to <http://www.HolisticChamberOfCommerce.com/Putnam>.

The HCC is an international organization which serves as a bridge bringing consumers together with holistic

and eco-friendly options. Now with almost 1,500 Professional Members throughout North America, consumers have easier access to high quality health, lifestyle and business products, services and solutions. All members of the Holistic Chamber of Commerce are reference-checked prior to being represented in the online Member Directory at www.HolisticChamberOfCommerce.com.

For more information on how the Holistic Chamber of Commerce can help consumers as well as holistic practitioners, professionals and businesses, visit www.HolisticChamberOfCommerce.com.

All potential professional and business members must submit references before being accepted for membership. For further information, contact Pamela Thompson, Putnam, Chapter President, at (860) 774-5048 or Putnam@HolisticChamberOfCommerce.com

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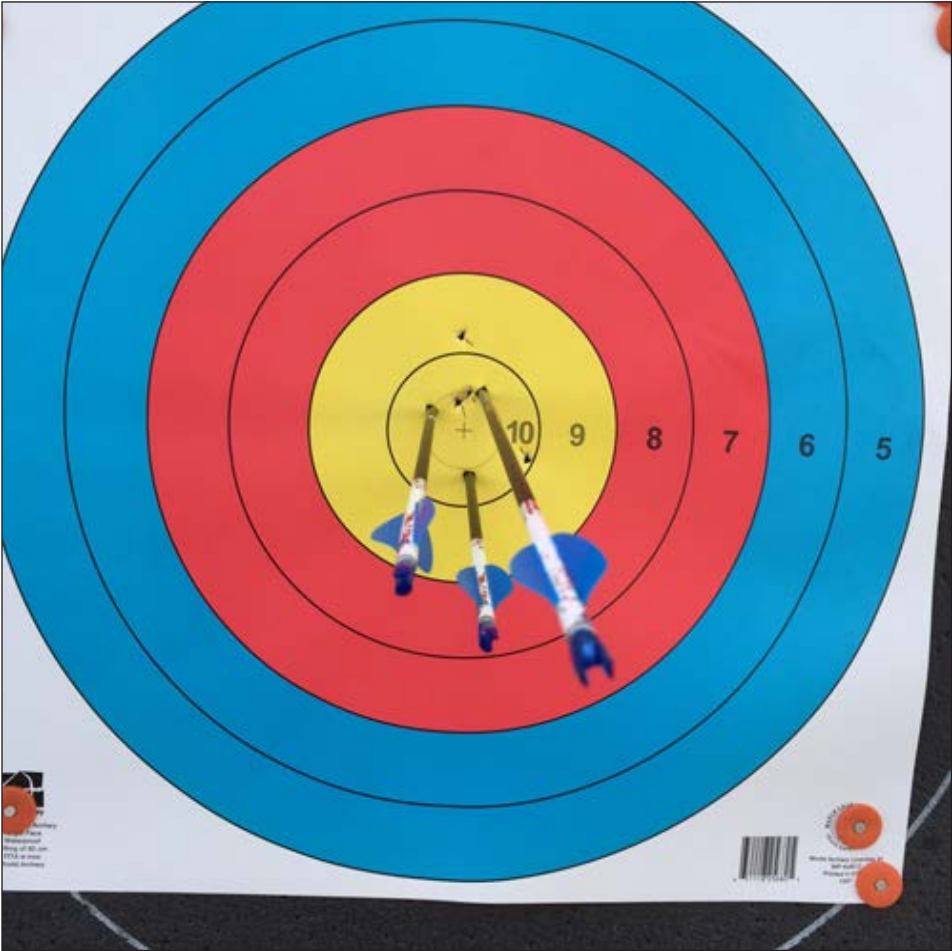
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Killingly archer targets 2020 Olympics

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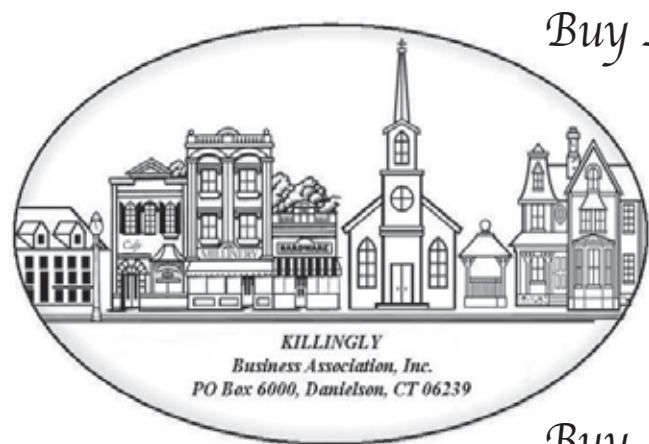
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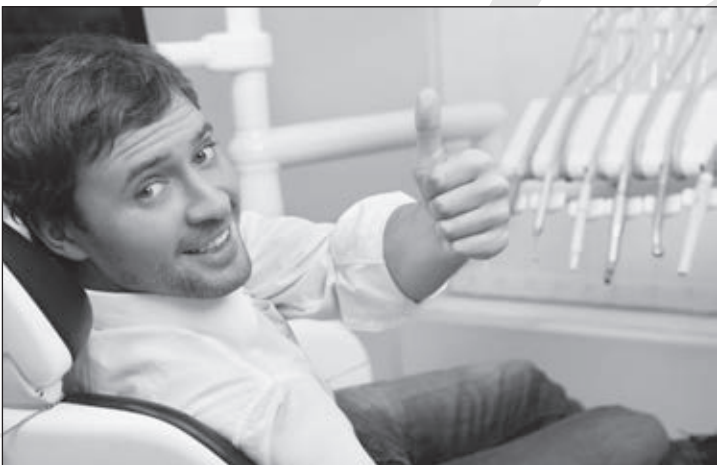
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A two dimensional piece of the Justice League.

Rich history at Thompson Historical Society



Passionate about Thompson’s rich history, Ron Tillen has written several books about the town’s unique buildings and organizations.

BY OLIVIA RICHMAN
NEWS STAFF WRITER

THOMPSON — Earlier this month, Thompson resident and Historical Society member Ron Tillen presented his book “Thompson Public Library” to library patrons, discussing the history of the town.

“I’d like to see the town’s history saved and preserved,” said Tillen. “If you lose your connection with the past, you forget the lessons of the past. As they say, ‘Those who don’t know their history are doomed to repeat it.’ This information relates to a lot of people that live around here. They need to have some appreciation for what it was people did to make such a nice place to live.”

Tillen wrote the book in 2002, which was exactly 100 years after the building was opened up on the hill.

“It seemed an appropriate thing to write about, and a chance to discuss some milestones along the way,” he said. “I think


it was a very worthwhile thing to do. And it was kind of fun to do as well.”

When the Historical Society took over ownership of the old library building last year they renamed it the Ellen Larned Museum. Larned was the inspiration, of course. Born in 1825 to a good family from around this region, she formed a little private book club in 1882. By 1898, said Tillen, she held a meeting asking if anyone had an interest in forming a public library. Over 50 people showed up. She already had enough books for a library. But now they needed funding.


The building was purchased by primarily four people. There was Lisah Converse and Joseph Gay. Then there was John Doan and Norma Rene, both “multi multi millionaire families who owned big houses up here on the hill.”

In 1902, the building was created with Spanish tile roof and stone walls. Tillen became interested in the library once he was retired.


1900: Thompson Library Inc. supporters




Elisha Converse



John W. Doane



Mrs. Norma Reame



Joseph Gay

Pictures in the Thompson Library collection

Photos courtesy of Ron Tillen

The four biggest financial supporters of the public library 100 years ago.

“My wife was concerned that I would be bored,” he joked. “Since I’d been working 60 hour weeks. The first thing I did was write the history of the fire engine company, because the town had minutes going way back.”

Formed in 1832, the fire engine company had an involvement in the creation of the library. So naturally, Tillen began researching the library’s history soon after.

Originally from England, Tillen viewed Thompson as a “small village left behind by time, by the modern world.” He felt it was a peaceful place that still

had the charm of a town common and old houses, and other historic buildings. It was apparent to a once outsider like Tillen that Thompson had a rich history.

“There’s something about this place that speaks to you,” he said. “You can understand that it’s just so historical. And it does go back to the early colonial times.”

One thing that surprised Tillen about the library’s history was how fast it had grown. What started as a small donation from the fire engine company, turned into a revered public library inspired by Larned’s love of books.

“There’s a quote from James Russel Lowell,” said Tillen. “ ‘The opening of a free public library is the most important event in the history of the town.’ It is interesting that even the very first settlers that came to this region, even as long ago as early 18th century, had a library club. There’s always been a thirst for knowledge — and entertainment.”

What drew Tillen to collecting all of this rich history is his personality, he confessed. “I’m afraid I’m obsessive,” he laughed, noting that his career spent in technology gave him a desire to always know more about

everything.

Currently, the old library building needs a new roof.

“It would be wonderful to have it redone with Spanish tiles, so it no longer leaks,” he said. “We need another roof that will last for another 100 years. Once upon a time in 1902, residents thought enough about the town and about the need for a library to put the money together to put that building up on the hill.”

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Putnam Head Start has monthly meeting

BY OLIVIA RICHMAN
NEWS STAFF WRITER

PUTNAM — Putnam Head Start held their monthly parent meeting/event on Wednesday, Jan. 24, which featured three speakers discussing finance and budgeting.

The monthly meetings are meant to not only educate families participating in Head Start, but provide a time to socialize with other parents in the program. The meetings range from various topics such as math and science, parenting, healthy eating, financial literacy and more. The topics are picked based on suggestions from families.

“Head Start believes in educating the families on everything,” said Family Services Coordinator for Head Start

& Early Head Start Ashlyn Ellsworth. “We provide child care and light refreshments. We want it to be a time for us to all get together and learn something new.”

January’s meeting was all about budgeting. The three speakers were not only local experts on the topic, but parents participating in the program.

Rachelle Alix from Putnam Bank spoke about monthly budgeting, and even gave out budget worksheets to help families stretch their money. Another Head Start parent, Kim Harris, talked all about couponing, “something she enjoys doing that helps her family save money,” said Family Advocate Michelle Giard. The third speaker is Christine Gaumond from Vita, a free income tax

preparation service for low income families in the area.

“We’re just hoping they can use this information to help with their monthly budgeting and expenses, and filing income taxes,” said Giard.

Families can participate in the income tax preparation program by signing up at the 211 information line.

“This information empowers them with resources they will need beyond the times that they’re with us,” said Early Head Start Home Visitor Louise Brodeur. “It gives them the tools.”

Added Ellsworth: “This is something that costs, but we’re giving them resources on where they can find it for free. Rather than spending their limited resources.”

The Head Start monthly meetings also allows families in the program to bond.

“It’s a good chance for parents to get together and meet one another and interact,” said Giard, “while their children play together.”

Ellsworth recalls families that ended up carpooling once they met each other at the meetings.

“It’s about socializing,” she concluded. “They bond with other families. They know that they’re not the only ones going through certain situations.”

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Friday, Jan. 25

Cle Undray Ceyphes, 48, of 210 Maple Street Apt. #B, Danielson, was charged with burglary, larceny, disorderly conduct

PUTNAM

Tuesday, Jan. 23

Geovonni Andres Hernandez, 19, of 50 Walnut Street, Putnam, was charged with simple trespass, interfering with an officer

Friday, Jan. 25

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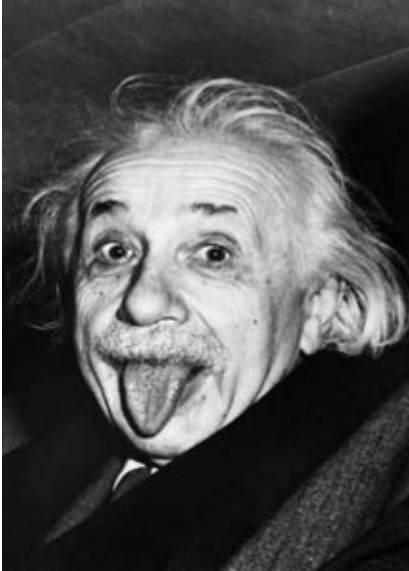
Saturday, Jan. 26

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Killingly grapplers seek Class M state crown

BY CHARLIE LENTZ
VILLAGER EDITOR

DANIELSON — Who better to ask than Rafael Calixto about Killingly High’s chances to win the Class M state wrestling crown this season? After all, coach Calixto’s Ellis Tech matmen captured the Class M state title last year — and Calixto got a first-hand look at Killingly in the final match of a quad meet at Ellis Tech last Saturday.

“They’re a solid team this year,” Calixto said. “We knew they were going to be tough this year. I think they’re one of the top teams for the Class M tournament, absolutely. They’re solid. They’re above average in just about every weight class. We wrestle a tough schedule. We see a lot of tough teams. They’re probably one of the better teams we’ve seen from 108 (pounds) all the way to heavyweight. They’ve got somebody decent at every weight class.”

Killingly defeated Ellis Tech 50-15 last Saturday to lift its record to 25-1. The Redmen are perhaps the favorites to add another championship plaque to their trophy case. Killingly won the Class S state championship in both 2008 and 2009 and took home the 2003 Class M state crown. Coach Rich Bowen, in his 32nd season, has another strong lineup. Part of the success springs from a strong wrestling ethos in town which starts with the Killingly Youth Wrestling program.

“The youth has helped. I don’t know if we have great depth but we good numbers,” Bowen said. “But our kids from the youth are all wrestling here



Charlie Lentz photo

Killingly High coach Rich Bowen, far left, watches Killingly’s Zack Burgess, top, wrestle Ellis Tech’s Sean Benson last Saturday at Ellis Tech in Danielson. Burgess pinned Benson at 4:53 in the 145-pound weight class.

varsity with me now so they all have good experience, which is nice.”

Coach Calixto lost many talented Ellis Tech wrestlers to graduation last June, including New England champion JoJo Gonzalez. He knew the match against Killingly on Jan. 27 would be a tough one. Ellis Tech’s dual meet record was 15-9 through last week-

end — and the Golden Eagles were one match away from 100 victories over the last four years after last Saturday’s competition. Calixto wrestled at Windham High School, followed by a career at American International College, and then he competed for the Puerto Rican National Team. His team won the state championship last season and he knows a

good program when he sees one.

“Killingly does a great job. Their kids are all well-coached and they’re good wrestlers,” Calixto said. “We’re young. Our guys didn’t just lay down for them. We’re battling. They’re just better than us at this point.

Bowen wasn’t quick to accept the status of favorite to

win the state title. The Class M state meet is scheduled for Feb. 16-17 at Guilford High School. Guilford, along with Lyman Memorial, attended last Saturday’s quad meet at Ellis Tech.

“It’s a tough tournament. So we’ll see when we get down

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Tigers playoff hopes precarious after loss to Bulldogs



Charlie Lentz photo

Tourtellotte's Jackson Padula fights for a rebound with Lyman Memorial's Mike Franchi last Friday at Canty Gymnasium in Thompson.

BY CHARLIE LENTZ
VILLAGER EDITOR

THOMPSON — This one might haunt Tourtellotte Memorial's nine seniors. Tourtellotte snatched defeat from the jaws of victory last Friday night against Lyman Memorial and coach Neil Bernier hopes the 62-56 overtime loss won't shut the Tigers out of the Division V state tournament.

"It's getting desperate now," Bernier said. "We're running out of time. We're running out of time for these mistakes to be cured. It's not going to be easy. We pretty much have no margin of error."

Tourtellotte led Lyman by five points with under two minutes left in regulation before falling to the Bulldogs on Jan. 26 at Canty Gymnasium.

"Tonight, we were there, we were up 47 to 42, and we decided to leave guys open," Bernier said.

Lyman Memorial senior guard David Lopez torched the Tigers for 25 points. The loss dropped Tourtellotte Memorial's record to 5-8. With eight victories needed to guarantee a berth in the state tournament, Tourtellotte needed three wins over its final seven games to qualify. Two of those final seven games are against St. Bernard (an 88-39 loss on Jan. 19) and Plainfield (a 69-22 loss on Jan. 24) and are likely foregone conclusions.

"We have seven games left but we St. Bernard and Plainfield at the end. Basically we have to win three of five," Bernier said.

Among the final seven

opponents are Ellis Tech and Wheeler. Tourtellotte defeated Ellis Tech 65-39 in their first meeting on Dec. 27 and the Tigers downed Wheeler 67-43 in their first meeting on Jan. 9. Tourtellotte again plays Ellis Tech on Feb. 8 and Wheeler on Feb. 2 — if the Tigers defeat those two teams they still must gain one more victory to earn a tourney berth.

"Wheeler and Ellis Tech are the teams that we have to beat," Bernier said.

The Tigers almost pulled out the victory over Lyman Memorial. After surrendering a 47-42 lead late in regulation, Tourtellotte senior forward Ben Leveille canned a three-pointer with :21 remaining in regulation to tie it at 50-50. But the Bulldogs outscored Tourtellotte 12-6 in overtime.

"Ben (Leveille) made a huge three to bail us out and put it in overtime," Bernier said. "And then, unfortunately, we missed too many free throws, too many layups at the rim, and those are killers. At the end of the day we left too many points on the board by missing nine out of 19 free throws. I get lost on how many point-blank shots we missed."

Bernier lamented several lost opportunities this season that could have mitigated a need for a feverish finish in the quest for a tourney berth. The Tigers fell to Griswold 61-47 on Jan. 11 and lost 45-37 to Windham on Jan. 12. Bernier said both games were winnable.

"We've let a few opportunities go by the way-



Charlie Lentz photo

Tourtellotte's Josh Dodd shoots over Lyman's Mike Franchi.

side — this one, Griswold, Windham. We've let three golden opportunities escape us. When they come up — if we miss one more — we're probably done," Bernier said.

Lopez led the Bulldogs with 25 points. Senior forward Mike Franchi added 13 points for Lyman. The win lifted Lyman Memorial's record to 5-6. Senior guard Simon Silvia led Tourtellotte with 19 points. Senior center Jackson Padula scored 14 points for the Tigers. Tourtellotte is next scheduled to play at

Wheeler on Friday, Feb. 2. Time is running out for nine seniors.

"We have our work cut out for us. We have a team loaded with seniors. It's good to sit here and say you want it more than the other team but you have to play smart too," Bernier said. "That's the pressure we've put ourselves in."

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Woodstock Academy girls keep on rolling

MONTVILLE — Mackenzie Eaton and Jamie Woods each scored nine points to help lift Woodstock Academy over Montville High 38-19 in girls basketball on Monday, Jan. 29. Woodstock broke to a 21-2 half-time lead en route to the victory. The win lifted the Centaurs record to 12-4. Woodstock is currently ranked No. 8 in the state in Class L.

Emily Meigs led Montville with seven points. The loss dropped Montville's record to 5-10. Woodstock Academy is next scheduled to travel to Waterford on Friday, Feb. 2.

Trafalco scored 12 points to lead Killingly High past Fitch 42-32 in girls basketball at Killingly High School on Jan. 29. Kylie Mazzarella added 11 points and Reagan Morin scored 10 points for the Redgals. Jazzlyn Henderson led Fitch with 14 points.

The loss dropped the Falcons record to 1-13. The win pushed Killingly's record 6-9. The Redgals are next scheduled to travel to Bacon Academy on Friday, Feb. 2.

WOODSTOCK 51,
LONGMEADOW 46

WOODSTOCK — Heather Converse tallied a game-high 16 points to help host Woodstock

Academy defeat Longmeadow in girls basketball last Saturday, Jan. 27, at Alumni Fieldhouse. Kali Dingui scored 15 points and Jamie Woods added 11 points for the Centaurs. Jordan Shubrick led Longmeadow with 10 points.

LYMAN 33,
TOURTELLOTTE 34

LEBANON — Hailey Tompkins scored 20 points to help host Lyman Memorial top Tourtellotte Memorial in girls basketball on Jan. 26. Lauren Ramos scored 12 points and grabbed 11 rebounds for Tourtellotte. Katey Kwasniewski had 11 points and four assists for the Tigers. The win lifted Lyman Memorial's record to 9-6. The loss dropped Tourtellotte Memorial's record to 8-9. The Tigers are next scheduled to play host to Wheeler on Friday, Feb. 2, with tipoff set for 6 p.m. at Canty Gymnasium.

WOODSTOCK 42,
LEDYARD 30

LEDYARD — Heather Converse tallied 17 points to lead the Centaurs past host Ledyard on Jan. 23. Jamie Woods scored nine points and Olivia Perry added eight points for Woodstock. Jade Langworthy led Ledyard with 13

points. Ledyard's record was 6-8 through 14 games.

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THOMPSON — Tourtellotte led 34-30 after three quarters but the Panthers outscored the host Tigers 20-7 in the fourth quarter and Plainfield's Sophie Mercer scored all 14 of her team-high points in the second



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Woodstock Academy's Mackenzie Eaton tallied nine points in a win over Montville High on Monday. The Centaurs record was 12-4 through 16 games.

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Woodstock icers finding their identity



Woodstock's Matt Odom, white sweater, splits SGWL defenders Nate Ratti, left, and Julian Cultrera, right. Odom scored two goals in a 3-2 win on Jan. 27 in Pomfret.



Woodstock's Ryan Black skates up ice against SGWL.

BY CHARLIE LENTZ
VILLAGER EDITOR

POMFRET — After the Zamboni spreads a layer of water it takes some time before the rink freezes — a young hockey takes a while to solidify as well. Woodstock Academy's identity is slowly crystalizing as the season nears the half-way mark and the Centaurs were solid in a 3-2 victory over Suffield/Granby/Windsor Locks last Saturday at Pomfret School's Jahn Rink.

"This proved right here that we can really play with anybody," said Woodstock coach Mike Starr. "It's a good confidence boost moving ahead."

Starr said SGWL could have melted a lesser team's composure.

"That was a solid 45 min-

utes of hockey," Starr said. "(SGWL) is a D-I school. It's well-coached. They're fast. The message going in was 'They're fast. They're going to be physical. So we need to match it.' And the kids did. They played fantastic."

Junior winger Matt Odom scored two goals to help the Centaurs defeat SGWL. Sophomore forward Jake Starr scored one goal for Woodstock. Jake Black, Guerin Favreau, and Ethan Thorpe each notched one assist for the Centaurs. Junior goaltender Dylan Shea made 20 saves for Woodstock. The win over the Wildcats lifted the Centaurs record to 4-6 — Odom has lifted his game as well.

"Odom is really starting to relax a little bit. I think at the

beginning of the year he was a little tense, trying to do a little bit too much," Starr said. "He's new to the team. I don't know if he was trying to prove himself but he's been relaxed the last three games. I think he's having fun with it now and it's good to see."

Odom tallied with 57 seconds left in the first period to give the Centaurs a 1-0 lead. The Wildcats answered early in the second period but Odom responded with his second goal with 34 seconds remaining in second frame to give Woodstock a 2-1 lead. Jake Starr pushed the lead to 3-1 with 12:31 left in the third period before the Wildcats tallied a late goal with 2:38 left in the match.

Coach Starr was pleased that the Centaurs never allowed SGWL to take the lead.

"We always ask the kids — whenever we're winning a game

— what's the score? And they always say zero-zero, because they know that's the way I want them to play," Starr said. "Play like we're tied zero to zero. Play like there's no score or play like we're losing the game. Play with a little more sense of urgency."

The Centaurs are coming together with a lineup filled with underclassmen.

"We only have one senior (Pat Delaney) right now that's playing a regular shift on forward. Mike Scott can fill in, he's another senior — so our forwards are basically a mix of juniors, sophomores and two freshmen," Starr said. "I really think the underclassmen — the sophomores and the freshmen — have really stepped up well this year. The juniors are acting like leaders on the ice and that's what we need. Even defensively, our defense is really starting to come around and play strong and smart. We're just trying to minimize our mistakes right now and we're doing a pretty good job."

Julian Cultrera and Tyler Gazdik each scored one goal for SGWL. Goalie Dan DeGagne made 21 saves for the Wildcats. The loss dropped SGWL's record to 5-7. Woodstock Academy is next scheduled to play at Watertown/Pomperaug on Saturday, Feb. 3. Woodstock Academy is scheduled to return home on Saturday, Feb. 10, when it will face the Redhawks, with the puck set to drop at 8:15 p.m. at Jahn Rink on the campus of Pomfret School. While the Zamboni keeps smoothing over the rink's rough edges — Starr hoped the Centaurs do the same.

"We've got some tough games coming up," Starr said. "If we play 45 minutes like we played tonight, if we can keep that up and we can pressure the other teams, I'll match our lines with anybody."

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Woodstock's Doug Newton skates past SGWL's Ryan Ziemnicki last Saturday.

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there. We had a couple teams here today that were tough that we were able to handle. We've got Foran next weekend, it's a real solid team down at the other end of the state," Bowen said. "Hopefully we're in the mix (for the state title), that's for sure. So we'll see what happens."

The Redmen will compete at the Foran Duals on Saturday, Feb. 3. Bowen doesn't duck tough competition.

"We just switched up to go down and see Foran, so that will be a nice battle for us," Bowen said. "They're right with us in the state. We've got to see them."

Killingly's 106-pounder, junior Danny Charron, was undefeated through last weekend. Senior Zach Caffrey, at 182 pounds, has only one loss this season.

"We've got a pretty solid squad throughout," Bowen said.

The State Open meet is scheduled for Feb. 23-24 at Floyd Little Athletic Center in New Haven, coming one week after the Class M state meet.

"The Opens are a whole different ball-

game. First you've got to push through the M's and see who you get through first — then the matchups (at the Opens), you've got to just battle and take one at a time up there," Bowen said. "Hopefully you have a good day. If you're on, you're going to be good. If you're off any little bit, it's a tough tournament."

Bowen wrestled at Killingly High School back in the day and he went on to compete at Rhode Island College. He's coached a lot of good wrestlers over his 32 years at Killingly so he doesn't take this year's team for granted. The veteran coach looked forward to the challenge of trying to pin down another state title.

"It's like you don't know when they're coming and you try to keep them together. It's a long season so you hope you don't get nicked up with injuries, and other things happen, you keep them up with grades," Bowen said. "So it's a long season. Hopefully we can keep it together here the next couple weeks and make a real run. That's our hope."

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Tourtellotte girls look forward to state tourney



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Tourtellotte's Mary Steglitz goes up for a layup with Plainfield's Chloe Lapierre trailing on Jan. 24 at Canty Gymnasium in Thompson.



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Tourtellotte's Becky Torres gets past Plainfield's Kayla Morey.

BY CHARLIE LENTZ
VILLAGER EDITOR

THOMPSON — After a two-year absence Tourtellotte Memorial has reached the Class S state tournament and the reward will last beyond the first round of the playoffs in late February. The tourney berth is also a motivating force for the underclassmen.

"It's been two years since we've been in the state tournament," said coach Carla Faucher, in her 20th season. "My seniors were in it as freshmen and we haven't been back since then and it's always been one of our goals to make the state tournament."

Faucher's seniors — Katey Kwasniewski, Skyla Wesoloski, and Becky Torres — were in the program the last time the Tigers earned a spot in the state tourney. Now Faucher's underclassmen can see the benefit of hard work.

"Don't pick up a basketball in November and think you're going to be successful right off the bat. We play in the summer league in Putnam. I encourage all of the kids to play in that. It gets them playing together. And I tell them that we're not there to assess you or what have you. This is a time where you can try things, experiment with certain moves, get comfortable with your shots. Get comfortable with playing inside or outside, depending upon your position," Faucher said. "And that gives them team building over the summer and understanding how each other plays."

Sometimes all the work in practice and the off-season doesn't pay off. That was the case the past two seasons, when the Tigers fell one victory shy of making the post-season two years ago and came up two wins short last season. After a slow

start this season Faucher wasn't so sure her team would reach its tourney goal. The Tigers' record was 2-4 over its first six games, senior guard Katey Kwasniewski missed the Clipper Classic with a sprained ankle and junior forward Lauren Ramos was on the shelf in the early part of the schedule while rehabbing a knee injury suffered during the soccer season last autumn.

"The season kind of looked bleak," Faucher said. "We had injuries but weren't playing up to our potential."

The turning point came on Jan. 16 when the Tigers played host to Putnam High. Tourtellotte entered the game with a 5-7 record but eked out a 35-33 victory. The Tigers followed that victory with wins over St. Bernard and Griswold to gain the required eight victories needed to earn a berth in the state tourney.

"All of a sudden from the Putnam game forward we started really gelling," Faucher said. "They're really beginning to believe in the themselves."

The tourney berth helped confirm Faucher's belief in her team and their belief in themselves.

"It gives them something to say 'Hey, we made the state tournament.' Their season extends further," Faucher said. "It's something they can say they've accomplished as a team."

And the accomplishment makes it easier for Faucher to help her team navigate a tough schedule in the Eastern Connecticut Conference.

"It shows that our program can be a strong program. We play in a difficult division in the ECC so we always have to work hard to get those eight wins," Faucher said. "Every win that we get you can see that they start believing in themselves and their abilities."

That belief helped the Tigers put together a four-game winning streak midway through the season with wins over Gilbert, Putnam, St. Bernard, and Griswold.

"All of sudden, once we got those wins, they played together as a team and they really came together," Faucher said.

Winning has a way of making practices more bearable.

"They understand we're not pushing them in practice. We're not pushing them in games. They understand the reason why. I think if you're constantly losing and you're constantly pushing them, they don't understand, it's not working," Faucher said. "When you win, now

they can believe in why we do what we do and reap the benefits."

Tourtellotte is next scheduled to play host to Wheeler on Friday, Feb. 2, with tipoff set for 6 p.m. at Canty Gymnasium. The Tigers conclude their regular season at home against Windham on Tuesday, Feb. 6. First-round games in the Class S state tournament are scheduled to begin on Feb. 27 — Tourtellotte

will be there.

"That's what we work for. Everything's getting towards the next goal, that's always been the state tournament," Faucher said. "Play together. Play hard. Play smart. And we'll win as a team."

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Woodstock Academy gymnasts atop ECC

RWICH — Woodstock Academy junior Ali Crescimanno scored 9.35 on the bars and 9.3 in the vault, winning both events, and finishing first in the all-around (35.6) for the Centaurs in their win over Norwich Free Academy in gymnastics at Thames Valley Gym on Jan. 25. Woodstock's point total was 137.35. NFA finished in second place with a score of 125.75. Killingly High finished third with 122.3 points.

Woodstock Academy's Maddie Grube finished second in the all-around with 34.35 points and Woodstock's Grace Gronski finished in third place in the all-around with 34.1 points. The win lifted Woodstock's record to 6-0 overall, 3-0 Eastern Connecticut Conference. Arianna Cohen finished second in the bars for NFA (5-2 overall, 1-1 ECC). Killingly's record was 2-4 overall, 0-3 ECC.

Woodstock Academy is next scheduled to play host to a tri-meet with Killingly High and Norwich Free Academy on Monday, Feb. 5, with events scheduled to begin at 6 p.m. at Deary's Gymnastics Center in Danielson.



File photo

Woodstock's Ali Crescimanno won the bars, vault, and the all-around at a meet on Jan. 25.



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Tourtellotte's Lauren Ramos chases a loose ball against Plainfield.

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Putnam boys still hunting for tournament berth



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Putnam High's Mitchel Barylski drives past Cheney Tech's Brian Mitchell on Monday at Putnam High School.

BY CHARLIE LENTZ
VILLAGER EDITOR

PUTNAM — Coach Shawn Deary likely expected his Putnam High team to have wrapped up a berth in the Division V state tournament by now. But the Clippers have stumbled in a few close games and senior guard Connor Holloman has been hobbled by some injuries this season, including a strained hamstring that kept him out of Putnam's 61-53 loss to Cheney Tech on Monday at Putnam High School — a nine-point deficit after one quarter didn't help.

"We started getting down on ourselves to the point where we weren't finishing," Deary said. "I'm hoping we can figure out what it was and get

through it."

The Clippers record stood at 6-6 after the loss to the Beavers on Jan. 29 and Deary is still seeking the eight victories needed to guarantee a berth in the state tournament.

"Eight's going to be the goal. I'm still shooting for 10 or 11 (wins)," Deary said. "So we're going to have to pick up one or two that weren't on my checklist."

The Clippers fell behind Cheney Tech 11-2 after one quarter and although they made several nice runs — getting within five points late in the fourth quarter — they could not hit enough buckets to pull out the comeback. Deary said they need to connect on those shots down the stretch in

order to make the playoffs.

"We definitely need to really focus on putting the ball in the hole a little bit better, rebounding a little bit better, with those two things done — we'll win games," Deary said.

The Clippers failed to clear the boards against Cheney Tech, allowing too many second-chance points.

"We have position. We have the habit of jumping up with them instead of boxing out, waiting for the ball to come down to us," Deary said. "We've been working on it, and working on it, but it's a tough one."

Putnam pulled within seven points, 33-26, on a three-pointer by freshman guard Colby Livingston with 5:10 left in the third quarter. And the Clippers cut their deficit to 55-50 on a putback by junior center Tyion Harris with 1:02 left in the game — but couldn't pull off the comeback.

"Coming down the stretch after missing, I don't even know how many easy shots, we were still in the game," Deary said. "We did things right but we just didn't finish around the rim."

Harris led Putnam with 19 points and has been a bright spot for the Clippers as the season has progressed, rapidly improving his game.

"They're definitely working on the things they need to work on," Deary said. "You pick a couple of things and you work on them. Being kids, they forget the things that they know — the little things they did well they all of a sudden don't do again. So it's continuously reminding them what they need to do."

Deary hoped Holloman's sore hamstring heals quickly.

"Connor being out hurts us a little bit so hopefully he'll be back," Deary said. "Hopefully by the end of the week he'll be back but we'll see."

Junior guard Sebastian Ramos added 12 points for Putnam. Jake Montas led Cheney Tech with 21 points. The win lifted the Division III Beavers record to 8-7.

Putnam is next scheduled to travel to Parish Hill on Friday, Feb. 2, with tipoff set for 7 p.m. The Pirates were 8-5 through 13 games. Coach Deary likely expected to have wrapped up a tourney berth with eight games left in the season — but better late than never.

"We've really got to focus," Deary said. "We're going to push on. Everybody's beatable."

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Putnam High's Sebastian Ramos goes up for layup past Cheney's Ben Smith.



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Putnam High's Colby Livingston is guarded by Cheney Tech's Ben Smith.

Akana named Tri-Town American Legion coach



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Jason Akana

PUTNAM — Jason Akana, a former Tri-Town American Legion baseball standout, was named recently to take over the coaching reins of the Tri-Town American Legion senior division baseball program. Tri-Town represents American Legion Post 13 in Putnam, Post 67 in Grosvenordale, and Post 111 in Woodstock.

"We feel we've been fortunate to find the right person to take over our program. Jason Akana is a quality person with great baseball knowledge and a love of the game. It's the committee's feeling that he is able to impart the values of American Legion baseball on and off the field to the young men in his charge," said Ronald P. Coderre, Tri-Town executive committee chairman.

Coderre said the 45-year-old Akana may be small in stature, scaling in at five foot eight inches, but when it comes to baseball knowledge he's a giant. As a player in high school and college, he's always had to battle for the right to prove himself. Despite his size Akana has succeeded and surpassed expectation at all levels.

Akana not only brings a solid playing resumes to his new position, he's also enjoyed success as a coach along the way. He's served as a coach for many years in the Thompson Little League and organized coaching clinics in Thompson. He's also served as the Tri-Town assistant coach for the past two seasons.

A 1991 graduate of Tourtellotte Memorial High School, he played three years of varsity baseball as a middle infielder for coach Tom Auclair. He also enjoyed three summers on the diamond as a player for Auclair with the Tri-Town American Legion program.

"Playing for coach Auclair provided me with the solid fundamentals of the game. Many of the techniques and basics of the game that I espouse and teach were gained during my high school and Legion years," said Akana. "My goal is to transfer the knowledge I have of the game to my players. I want to instill a winning attitude on and off the field in these young men. I'm hoping to improve on our wins and losses but most of all I want them to learn and master the nuances of the game."

As a baseball fundamentalist, Akana expects his players give 110 percent effort. A taskmaster for the little details that make the difference, his philosophy is work hard, practice hard and the wins will come. This is a philosophy he learned playing for his earliest coach, his dad, Michael Akana.

In addition to Coach Auclair, Akana played briefly at Eastern Connecticut State University for Coach Bill Holowaty and one year at Manchester Community College, where the team went to the National Junior College World Series before bowing out in the championship game.

Akana enjoyed his greatest success

on the collegiate level at Worcester State University where he played for Coach Dirk Baker. In three seasons with the Lancers he achieved significant success, eventually emerging as the leading Div. III hitter in the nation with a .514 batting average, which was also tops in the country on all NCAA levels. He also enjoyed a brief stint in professional baseball with the Meridian Brakemen in the Big South Independent League in Mississippi.

"In all my years in baseball I've learned you have to respect your opponent. In so doing you push yourself to do better in all aspect of the game. I hope to infuse this respect in the Tri-Town program," said Akana.

Akana inherits a good group of returning players from his predecessor John Foucault. The Towners are returning the majority of last season's team and a good crop of players ready to make the jump from the junior to the senior level.

Akana and his wife of 20 years, Christie, reside in Thompson. The couple have three children, Kobe, 17, a senior in high school, Brayden, 14, an 8th grader and 10 year old Grace. Akana's employed as a health and safety engineer in the bio-tech industry in Worcester, Mass.

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Ellis Tech hosts Killingly High grapplers

DANIELSON — Ellis Tech played host to a quad meet last Saturday, Jan. 27. Killingly High, Lyman Memorial, and Guilford High attended the meet. Killingly High defeated Ellis Tech 50-15 in its match. The win lifted Killingly's record to 25-1 in dual meets. Ellis Tech's dual meet record was 15-9 following last weekend's competition.



Killingly's Mike Charron, top, vs. Ellis Tech's Travis Connetti at 120 pounds. Charron pinned Connetti at :19.



Killingly's David Charron, top, vs. Ellis Tech's Gavin Rickaby at 113 pounds. Rickaby won a 6-2 decision



Ellis Tech's Sean Johnson pins Killingly's Trevor Johnson at 1:17 at 132 pounds.



Killingly's Greg Gosselin, top, vs. Ellis Tech's James Roberts at 160 pounds. Gosselin earned a 7-3 decision.



Killingly's Zack Burgess, top, vs. Ellis Tech's Sean Benson at 145 pounds. Burgess earned a pin at 4:53.



Ellis Tech's Hayden Minski, top, vs. Killingly's Willie Postell in the 285 pound match. Minski won a 4-0 decision.



Killingly's Danny Charron, top, vs. Ellis Tech's Jared Oenning at 106 pounds. Charron won a technical fall, 19-3.



Ellis Tech's Caleb Ferland, top, vs. Killingly's Cooper Morissette at 126 pounds. Ferland won a 5-0 decision.



Killingly's Sam Burdick, top, vs. Ellis Tech's Cameron Louis at 138 pounds. Burdick won a 13-7 decision.



Killingly's Rene Bernier, top, vs. Ellis Tech's Dominic Alvarez in the 220-pound match. Bernier earned a pin at 5:41.

Ellis Tech hosts Killingly High grapplers




Killingly's Zach Caffrey vs. Ellis Tech's Logan Mish at 182 pounds. Caffrey earned a technical fall, 23-8.



Killingly's Jon Cresswell, right, vs. Ellis Tech's Ryan Wesson at 152 pounds. Cresswell won a 15-7 decision



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OBITUARIES

Cecile “Sis” (Boucher) Kallio, 67



ATTAWAUGAN -- Cecile “Sis” (Boucher) Kallio, 67, passed away peacefully surrounded by her loving family on January 2, after a courageous battle with cancer. Sis was born in Putnam, on September 6, 1950. She was the daughter to the late Norman and Theresa (Blain) Boucher. She leaves behind her loving husband of 48 years, John Kallio Sr.

In her earlier years, Sis was a member of the 4H Club, adored horse back riding, and played the accordion. On September 20, 1969, Sis married her high school (Killingly High School class of '68) sweet heart and soul mate, John. They briefly lived in Hawaii while John, a US Navy veteran, was stationed in Pearl Harbor. Sis and John returned to the Kallio family farm in Connecticut and raised two sons and a daughter.

Sis was a hard-working seamstress with a strong work ethic. She retired from Symbol Mattress Company in Dayville in 2012. For over 30 years, she often could be found with her husband volunteering during the many Game Suppers and functions at the Thompson Rod and Gun Club. They enjoyed hosting family and holiday gatherings and picnics at their home and at their former summer cottage on Quaddick Lake.

In the quieter moments at home, Sis enjoyed a good book, word search

and crossword puzzles, and watching Wheel of Fortune and Jeopardy. She had an amazing green thumb and her variety of house plants thrived under her tender care. In the spring and summer, Sis and John planted vegetable, herb and flower gardens. In her retirement, she loved playing Bingo, Michigan Rummy and venturing out with her aunts. Warm days were spent outside, under the shade of a tree, with her husband and dogs, Willow and Sasha (Rocky and Pee Wee).

What Sis loved most of all was her family. Her love was immense and unconditional.

In return, her family adored her and loved her fiercely.

Sis is survived by her husband John Kallio Sr.; her son Johnny Kallio Jr., and his fiancée Christie Spetrini; daughter Lisa Bernier and husband David; son Eric Kallio and girlfriend Christina Brodeur; her grandchildren Brittany Lawrence and husband Scott, Maxwell and Jonah Kallio, and Jake Bernier. Sis also leaves behind her brother Kevin Boucher and significant other Lori Neirodzinski; sister Patty Kozlowski and husband David; nephews Matthew and Mark Kozlowski; aunts Jean Morris and Cecile Blain; sister-in-law Laila Paige, niece Audrey Murphy and husband Mickey; and many great-nieces and great-nephews, cousins and two foster great-granddaughters she considered her own.

A private Celebration of Life will be held to honor Sis's memory at a later date.

David M. Bernard, 48



WOODSTOCK -- David M. Bernard, 48, of Dugg Hill Rd., died Tuesday, January 23, at the Hospital for Special Care surrounded by his family. Born in Putnam, he was the beloved son of Jude and Nilda (Rivera) Bernard. David earned his Associates Degree in manufacturing and engineering from Thames Valley Community College. He worked for many years as a High Stakes Dealer at Foxwoods Resort and Casino.

David was a gentle soul, who loved his family and was always willing to extend a helping hand. David was the mixer in the family Doughboy business for many years, and was widely known at the fairs for making the best dough in the family. He also enjoyed gardening, games, and rooting for the Red Sox and Patriots. David loved

being with family and friends and cheering on his nephews and nieces, be it on the field or on the stage. David saw the good in all people; helping them wherever he could.

David is survived by his parents; two brothers, Jude A. Bernard, Jr. of Palm Springs, California and Stephen J. Bernard and his wife Agnes of Windham; two sisters, Virginia E. Sharpless of Chapel Hill, North Carolina and Lisa M. Hart and her husband Martin of Pomfret. He is also survived by many cherished nieces and nephews.

Relatives and friends visited with David's family on January 28, in the Gilman Funeral Home in Putnam. A Mass of Christian Burial was held on Monday, January 29, in St. Stephen Church in Quinebaug. Burial will be in the Spring in Elmvale Cemetery. For memorial guestbook visit www.GilmanAndValade.com.

Carol Ann Osborne, 77



PUTNAM - Carol Ann Osborne (Mimi), 77, of Putnam passed away suddenly on January 15, in Putnam. She was born on June 8, 1940 in Putnam, daughter of the late Charlie and Doris (Fontaine) Hamel.

Carol worked as a local hairdresser, then for National Chrome, Foxwoods, the Irish Club and at group homes in the State of Connecticut. She enjoyed yard sales, auctions and being with family and friends. She loved her summer trips camping with her lifelong friend Mary Ann Michon. She also enjoyed having daily lunches put on by the local churches. Carol cherished family gatherings while being surrounded with love, laughter and good times. “There’s no greater love than

the love you have for your mother but there’s no greater loss then when she leaves and goes to heaven.” We love you and will miss you forever. She leaves her children, Paul and wife Kim Osborne, Colleen Harvey-Michon and husband Kurt Michon, Sean M. Osborne, her grandchildren Lindsey Osborne Browning and husband Clayton, Ashley Osborne Padula and husband Anthony, Alyssa Harvey, Cameron Osborne and Gabby Osborne. She was predeceased by a son-in-law Barry P. Harvey and by a friend of 28 years, Paul Gregoire; they enjoyed being together, camping and going out dancing. In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to her family, C/O Colleen Harvey-Michon, 3021 David Ave, Danielson, CT 06239. A Mass of Christian Burial was held January 19, at St. James Church in Danielson. Share a memory at www.gagnonandcostellofh.com

Barbara D. Martin, 81



PUTNAM -- Barbara (Hebert) Martin, 81, of Sabin Street, died January 27, in Worcester, Massachusetts. She was the wife of the late Wilfred E. Martin. Born in Webster, Massachusetts, she was the daughter of the late Euclid and Stastia (Czechowski) Hebert.

Mrs. Martin worked as an LPN for Day Kimball Hospital for 30 years. She enjoyed walks on the beach, vacations in Maine, puzzles and playing with her grand-dogs. Her family was her “everything.”

Barbara is survived by her daugh-

ters, Brenda Senecal and her husband Glenn of Putnam, and Sharon Stasko and her husband Gerald of Webster, Massachusetts; her son, Kevin Martin and his wife Pamela of Killingly; her grandchildren, Derek Martin, Adam Przystas and his wife Heather, and Andrew Senecal; and her great granddaughter, Laurana Przystas.

A Mass of Christian Burial was held on February 1, in St. Joseph Church in N. Grosvenordale. Burial will follow in St. Joseph Cemetery. Memorial donations may be made in Barbara’s memory to East Coast Canine Rescue, P.O. Box 387, Pomfret, CT. For memorial guestbook visit www.GilmanAndValade.com.

Theresa (Robitaille) O’Connell, 87



THOMPSON / WEBSTER, MASSACHUSETTS - Theresa (Robitaille) O’Connell, 87, passed away peacefully on Friday, January 26, at Matulaitis Nursing and Rehabilitation in Putnam.

Her husband of 57 years, Charles J. O’Connell, Sr. died September 23, 2008.

She leaves behind a son, John J. O’Connell and his wife Donna of Fabyan, three daughters; Karen O’Connell Gaskell of Vass, North Carolina, Patricia A. Battista wife of Anthony J. Battista, Sr. of Dudley, Massachusetts and Maryann T. Hoenig wife of Donald R. “D.R.” Hoenig of Thompson, 8 grandchildren; Charles J. O’Connell, III and his wife Jill, Gianna M. Battista, Anthony J. Battista, Jr., Patrick Gaskell and his wife Kristina, Rachel Woodcock-Richards and her husband Sexton, Laura Woodcock, J. Riley O’Connell and Jack O’Connell, four great grandchildren; Chase, Connor and Reed Gaskell, and Shelby O’Connell, and a sister, Claire Bartolomei of Putnam. Theresa was born in Putnam, daughter of the late Armand and Albina (Cusson) Robitaille. She was also predeceased by a son, Charles J.

O’Connell, Jr., who died May 3, 1984 and a daughter, Margaret M. ‘Margie’ Dahl who died June 11, 2014.

Theresa worked for many years at the former Stevens Linen Associates in Dudley, Massachusetts. She enjoyed crossword puzzles, and was a veracious reader.

When the family lived at ‘The Lake’ in Webster, she enjoyed being there and being with her family, which she kept an eye on and was proud of all her family.

The family would like to ‘Thank’ the staff at Matulaitis for their caring and attention given to Theresa and the quality of life given to her to make her comfortable.

As per Theresa’s request, there will be no services. Theresa will always be in the hearts of her family and all that knew her. She has joined Charlie, Charlie, Jr. and Margie.

Kindly omit flowers, please consider a contribution in Theresa’s name to: Matulaitis Nursing Home, Activities Fund, 10 Thurber Rd., Putnam, CT. 06260, or the charity of one’s choice.

The ROBERT J. MILLER FUNERAL HOME and LAKE CHAPEL, 366 School St., Webster is Honored to be assisting Theresa’s family with arrangements.

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Antoinette S. (Bisson) Dee 92



SPENCER - Antoinette S. (Bisson) Dee 92, of Sunset Lane, died Sunday, Jan. 28 at Baystate Mary Lane Hospital in Ware.

She was the wife of Robert F. Dee, who died in 2006.

She leaves her son Robert J. Dee of Spencer, her daughters Karen L. Dee-Zupancic and her husband Frank of Spencer, and Linda M. Lafortune and her husband Larry of Putnam, CT, two grandchildren Franny Zupancic of Spencer and Stephanie Lafortune of Putnam, a great granddaughter Kelsey Parent of Putnam and many nieces and nephews. She is predeceased by brothers Henry Louis, Raymond, Roland, Gerard and Paul Bisson and her sister Orianna O'Brien. At one time she was a technician at the St. Vincent Hospital Blood Bank.

Born in Worcester, she was the daughter of Paul and Louise (Giroux) Bisson. She was a member of Mary, Queen of the Rosary Parish. She enjoyed reading, crossword puzzles, cross stitching, and knitting.

Her funeral will be held on Friday, Feb. 2 from the J.HENRI MORIN & SON FUNERAL HOME, 23 Maple Terr., Spencer with a Mass at 10 a.m. in Our Lady of the Rosary Church, 7 Church St., Spencer. Entombment in Worcester County Memorial Park Mausoleum will follow. Calling hours were Thursday, from 5 to 7 p.m. at the funeral home.

In lieu of flowers, contributions may be made to Quaboag on the Common Patient Activity Fund, 47 E.Main St., W. Brookfield, MA 01585 or Second Chance Animal Services Adoption Center, Po.O. Box 136,East Brookfield, MA 01515.

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Therese O. Ethier, 73



NORTH FORT MYERS, FLORIDA -- Therese O. Ethier, 73, of North Fort Myers, passed away Thursday, January 25. She was born February 25, 1944 in Southbridge, Massachusetts to Raymond and Estelle (Goulet) Chenette. She and her husband moved to Florida from Connecticut in 1987. She retired as a registered nurse and spent much of career as a traveling nurse.

Mrs. Ethier is survived by her hus-

band of 54 years, Richard Ethier; her sons: Brian Ethier of Fort Myers and David Ethier (Leslie) of Brooklyn; her grandchildren: Alec and Tyler, and her sister, Janice Bellezza (John) of Chandler, Arizona.

A memorial service was held on January 31, at Old Bridge Village Clubhouse in North Fort Myers, Florida.

Funeral arrangements are under the direction of Fort Myers Memorial Gardens Funeral Home, 1589 Colonial Blvd., Fort Myers, FL 33907, 239-936-0555. Online condolences may be made at: www.fortmyersmemorial.com.

Anne M. Panicci, 98



BROOKLYN -- Anne M. Panicci, 98, formerly of Wallingford, died Monday, January 22, at Touchpoints at Farmington. She was born March 8, 1919 in New York City. She was the wife of the late Elio W. Panicci who died in 1986. She is survived by her son Ronald J. Panicci and wife Loretta of Brooklyn

and daughter Dianne Kaseoru and husband Peter of Sheldon, Vermont; two grandchildren, Johanna and Anthony Kaseoru and many nieces and nephews. A Mass of Christian Burial was held on Saturday, January 27, at Our Lady of LaSalette Church, Brooklyn. There were no calling hours. In lieu of flowers, donations in her memory may be made to Touchpoints at Farmington Recreation Fund, 20 Scott Swamp Road, Farmington, CT 06032. tillinghastfh.com

Barbara “Bobbie” Schimpf Tiebout, 82

SHERMAN -- Barbara Mary Schimpf Tiebout, 82, Sherman, Connecticut, died peacefully of natural causes at her daughter’s home in Miami, Florida, on January 11.

Devotedly married for 46 years to her late husband, Allen Robert Tiebout, Sr., “Bobbie” was a highly accomplished seamstress, an expert in both garment and residential interiors. She was a master knitter with vast experience in Fisherman’s Knit and Fair Isle styles. Well known for her accomplishments in landscape and vegetable gardening, Bobbie lovingly tended her treasured garden, feeding her family, neighbors and friends. She loved baking, reading, and traveling with her husband, Al. She worked as the cook at The Sherman

School for many years and was treasurer of The Sherman Players.

Born in The Bronx, daughter of the late Edward B. and Barbara Schimpf of Crooked Furrows Farm, Sherman, Bobbie joins in heaven her sister Nancy Wetherbee, and brothers-in-law George Beatty, Kenneth Johnson and Donald Tiebout, Jr.

Bobbie is survived by her children, Edward R. Bennett (Cindy) and Terri A. Stephen (John); step-sons Allen Robert Tiebout, Jr. (Mary), Jeffrey C. Tiebout (Rachel Theo-Maurelli), and Craig L. Tiebout, Sr.; sisters Elizabeth Beatty and Martha Johnson; sister-in-law Sue Tiebout; grandchildren Anthony Ryan Tiebout (Angela), Robert Tiebout (Tara), Nicholas Tiebout (Dana), Jessica Taylor, Amara Tiebout, Logan Tiebout (Kelly), Marissa Tiebout, Benjamin Tiebout, Craig Tiebout, Jr., Adam Tiebout (Janelle), William Bennett, Elijah Stephen, Kamal Stephen, and Eva Kate Stephen; and 11 great grandchildren and one on the way.

A funeral service was held at St. Mark’s Episcopal Church in Bridgewater, on January 27. Burial followed in Coburn Cemetery, Sherman.

The family asks that, in lieu of flowers, you remember Bobbie by planting a flowering shrub in your own yard for all to enjoy.

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Laura G. Main, 88



MOOSUP – Laura G. Main, 88, of Moosup, died January 24, at Hartford Hospital. She was born in Oneco on February 22, 1929, daughter of the late Leslie G. and Ellen Mae (Parkhurst) Hyde. Laura was the wife of George A. Main. She worked for the State of Connecticut Department of Human Resources for 25 years. She was a member of the Moosup United Methodist Church. Laura loved camping, traveling and spending time with her family. Besides her husband she is survived by her children, Carl G.

Main and wife Tammy of Moosup and Judith E. Chmura and husband Stanley of Canterbury; grandchildren, Jason Chmura and wife Nina of New Jersey, Jonathan Chmura and wife Amy of Plainfield, Brittney Main and fiancé Mike of Danielson and great grandchildren, Michael and Dominic Chmura of New Jersey. She was predeceased by her brother Leslie G. Hyde. A graveside service will be held in the spring in Evergreen Cemetery, Central Village. In lieu of flowers, donations in her name may be made to Day Kimball Hospital Cardiac Rehab, P.O. Box 632, Putnam, CT 06260. Tillinghast Funeral Home, 25 Main St., Central Village is in charge of arrangements.

Francis T. Ruest, 75

DANIELSON – Francis T. Ruest, 75, of Danielson died January 26, at home. Francis was born in Putnam on September 19, 1942, son of the late Albert Joseph and Marie Antoinette (Wajtas) Ruest. He worked at the former Anchor Glass in Dayville for 25 years and had served in the Army National Guard. Francis is survived by his children, Susan Miller of Middletown, Michael Fontanella of Middletown and granddaughter Emma Fontanella.

A graveside service will be held at a later date at the State of Connecticut Veterans Cemetery in Middletown. There are no calling hours. Tillinghast Funeral Home, 433 Main Street, Danielson is in charge of arrangements.



Gary Ray Duclos, 58

THOMPSON – Gary Ray Duclos, 58, of Thompson died Tuesday, January 23, at home. He was born in Putnam on September 7, 1959, son of the late Raymond and Pauline (Weaver) Duclos. Gary served in the United States Marine Corps and had worked as a machinist. He loved music and playing his guitar. He was predeceased by his grandmother Albina Weaver who raised him and with whom he was very close. He is survived by his children, Kristin Shea of Baldwinsville,

New York, Kaycee Krummel of Colchester, Tyler Duclos of Killingly and Justin Duclos of Webster, Massachusetts. He is also survived by several grandchildren. Funeral services will be private. Tillinghast Funeral Home, 433 Main St., Danielson is in charge of arrangements.



Mildred I. Grous, 81



PLAINFIELD – Mildred I. (Kent) Grous, 81, formerly of Third St., died Wednesday, January 24 at Westview Healthcare. She was the loving wife of the late Raymond Grous. Born in South Brunswick, Maine, she was the daughter of the late Harold and Eleanor (Colburn) Kent.

Mildred was a veteran of the Post Korean War time serving with the United States Air Force from 1955 - 1959.

Mrs. Grous worked for many years in the housekeeping department at the University of Connecticut.

Mrs. Grous enjoyed collecting salt and pepper shakers, doing crossword puzzles, and playing cribbage. Mildred

was a devoted member of the Plainfield Congregation of Jehovah Witnesses. Mildred is survived by a son, Davis Grous of Moosup; two daughters, Cynthia Robb and her husband Steven Gencarelle of Moosup and Donna Athorne of Central Village; a brother, Lenny Kent and a sister, Beverly Hawkes; eleven grandchildren, eight great grandchildren, and numerous nieces and nephews. She was predeceased by five siblings. Funeral arrangements and cremation have been entrusted to the Gilman Funeral Home & Crematory, 104 Church St., Putnam, CT. For memorial guestbook visit www.GilmanAndValade.com.



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What To Do

If you have questions about a vaccine, talk to your doctors. They can explain the safety of vaccines and their importance to your health. There are three easy steps you can take to get protected:

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site, www.retiresafe.org, and click on the vaccine icon on the left side of the home page. It will take you to a Centers for Disease Control and Prevention site that will ask you questions about you and your life. It will then give you a list of vaccines you may need.

2. Discuss the vaccines on the list with your doctor or health care professional.

3. Get the recommended vaccinations.

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The Planning and Zoning Commission will hold a public hearing on Wednesday, February 7, 2018, at 6:30 p.m. at the Clifford B. Green Meeting Center, 69 South Main Street, Brooklyn, CT on the following: SP18-001 McDonald's USA, LLC, 554 Providence Road, Map 41, Lot 16-A, PC Zone; Proposed façade update, side by side drive-thru layout, ADA accessible parking spaces, walkway improvements, and pedestrian connection to the public right of way. A copy of the above application is on file and available for review in the Land Use Office located at 69 South Main Street, Suite 22, Brooklyn, CT. All interested parties may appear, be heard and written correspondence received. Dated this 25th day of January 2018

Michelle Sigfridson
Chairman
January 26, 2018
February 2, 2018

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

ESTATE OF Doris Germaine Laprade (18-00002)
The Hon. Leah P. Schad, Judge of the Court of Probate, District of Northeast Probate Court, by decree dated January 23, 2018, ordered that all claims must be presented to the fiduciary at the address below. Failure to promptly present any such claim may result in the loss of rights to recover on such claim.

Heather Crecco, Clerk

The fiduciary is:
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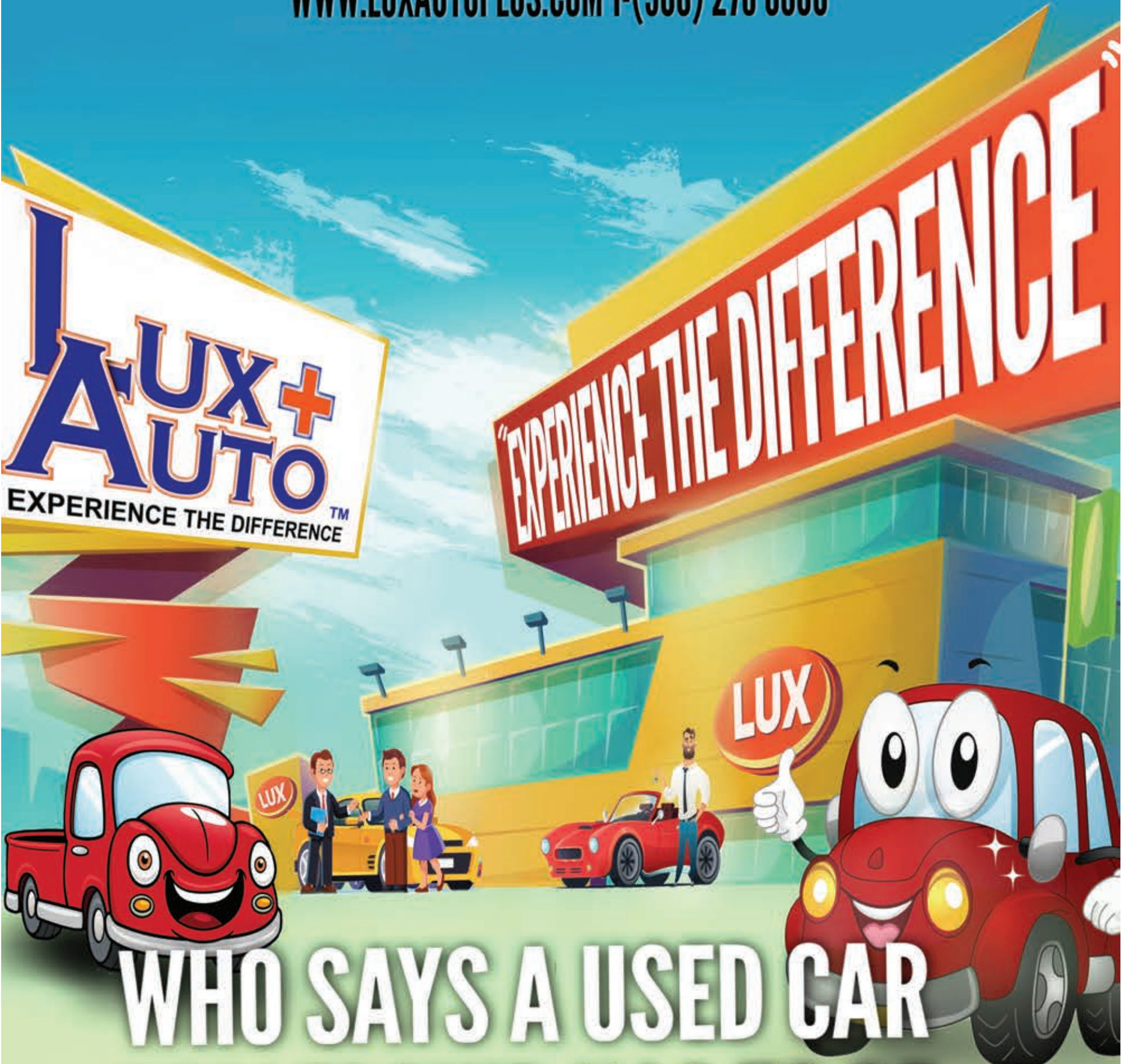
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