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BY OLIVIA RICHMAN
NEWS STAFF WRITER

POMFRET — The Northeastern Connecticut Art Guild attracts a lot of artists throughout New England. Offering art exhibits and open studios throughout the Quiet Corner, NECTAG is a community of supportive artists who are always looking for active members.

One of those members is Elaine Theriault of Chepachet, R.I., who was excited to show her stained glass work off at a recent open studio in December. The show in Pomfret also had many other local artists showcasing their work, and doing live demonstrations.

Theriault spoke about her passion for local art, and about her involvement in the Quiet Corner's art scene.

How did you get started doing stained glass work?

I've been doing stained glass for over 40 years. I started doing it when my husband was in the service back in Kansas. I've done it off and on since then. But when I retired I started doing it more. I do boxes, sun catchers, lamps, big window installations...

What drew you to stained glass?

I was looking for a creative outlet when my kids were little. I had the opportunity in the military to take different classes. I ended up taking stained glass. And I loved it.

What did you enjoy about it?



Olivia Richman photos

Elaine Theriault loves being a part of the Northeastern Connecticut Art Guild because of the support and inspiration it provides.

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FLYING HIGH

Charlie Lentz photo

WOODSTOCK — Killingly High's Josh Montpelier goes up for shot between Woodstock's Luke Mathewson, right, and Aidan Morin, left, in Woodstock last Saturday. High school sports coverage begins on page B-1 of The Villager sports section.

Pouring out her soul

BY OLIVIA RICHMAN
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THOMPSON — "Pourtuitous," Sarah Zabka's art exhibit at Thompson Public Library, is a collection of pieces created by paint pouring. This is a technique that Zabka loves practicing and teaching.

Paint pouring is a medium where acrylic paint is layered using various techniques, like dripping and dumping. Each layer is then rolled around the canvas, using various techniques to get different effects.

One of Zabka's very first paintings is an experimental piece, using paint pouring over a painting of a cow. While the crackling on the piece was a result of not getting the mixtures just right yet, said Zabka, it seems to have added to the painting's effect.

It all started when Zabka saw a video on YouTube and thought it'd be fun to give it a try.

"The first couple came out awful," she said. "But I was



Olivia Richman photo

Sarah Zabka loves teaching paint pouring.

persistent to get something nice. I practiced and practiced until I started getting nice images."

What kept Zabka going was how relaxing it was. The stirring, especially, was very soothing to her. It became like therapy to her.

Zabka has always been into creating. She's been painting her whole life, taking some art classes in college. Still, Zabka is hesitant to call herself a great painter.

"But that's why I love the pouring technique," she said. "You don't need that much skill. Anybody can create any of this artwork. That's the best part about it. Anybody can do it. That's why a lot of people that come to my parties have so much fun. They're excited they can make something so neat the first time, without having a lot of painting experience."

In fact, Zabka was asked to teach a class to tweens and teens at Thompson Library in February.

According to Zabka, kids

love paint pouring. It's easy and they can make something really awesome, too. Her 4-year-old son loves it.

"When they go to draw something, may not have hand coordination to make something really pretty, like grown ups can make. But with pouring, they're empowered. They can make the same thing as grown-ups," she said.

Zabka loves teaching, and loves seeing people happy.

And seeing her work at Thompson Public Library has been making her happy. According to the artist, it's one of her first times showcasing her work, which usually is just hung up around her house.

When she's not painting, Zabka loves reading, especially about science. She also loves hiking and being outdoors, and being with her pets.

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NEW YEAR'S FIRST BABY

Courtesy photo

PUTNAM — Anastasia Rose Schacht was born at 1:11 a.m. on Jan. 1 at Day Kimball Hospital to Ashley Baryliski and Roger Schacht of Dayville. The healthy baby girl weighed in at 7 pounds, 13 ounces and measured 19.5 inches long. She was the first baby born at the hospital and in Eastern Connecticut in 2019.

Tree of Life raises over \$28,000

PUTNAM — Families and friends gathered together on village greens in 11 communities across Northeast Connecticut for Day Kimball Healthcare's 29th annual Tree of Life Ceremony on Dec. 2. This year's community celebration of Christmas carols, hope and healing, and magical lighting of the "Hospice Tree of Life" has raised more than \$28,000 to support hospice and palliative care services in the region.

"This event has become a beloved tradition in Northeast Connecticut. The Tree of Life is one of the most significant fundraising opportunities for the community to support hospice and palliative care services for individuals and families who are in need today," said Day Kimball Healthcare's Development Director Kristen Willis. "It's a time to come together to celebrate and reflect on the lives of those you love, as well as the hospice staff and volunteers who have accompanied us on our journey."

The purchase of memorial lights on each community's Tree of Life benefits the work done by Hospice and Palliative Care of Northeastern Connecticut, a service of Day Kimball Healthcare at Home, to enhance the lives of seriously and terminally ill patients and their families. Skilled and experienced pro-

fessionals and trained volunteers provide care through an individualized plan that meets the physical, psychosocial, spiritual, and emotional needs of each patient and their families throughout end-of-life and bereavement care. In 2017, the hospice team cared for 148 patients and families.

"I do this in memory of my mother, Florence Mayhew who passed away from cancer," said this year's Tree of Life Chairperson Holly Gilbert. Gilbert is a cancer survivor and 29-year hospice volunteer. "I know how important hospice is for both the patient and their family. Knowing someone is there for you, that you are cared for and loved is so important. Many times there are no words that need to be offered, only your presence. The lights on the trees are a symbol of hope and healing and a way to keep this compassionate care going."

With the help of local clergy, civic organizations, community members, and Hospice staff and volunteers, ceremonies were held in the towns of Brooklyn, Canterbury, Danielson, Eastford, Griswold, Plainfield, Pomfret, Putnam, Sterling, Thompson and Woodstock. All locations had a tree decorated with colored lights, each bulb representing donation's collected in memory of loved ones or honoring caregivers throughout the community.

Activities at each location included holiday-themed musical entertainment by local chorus groups and the sharing of personal stories about the impact of hospice and palliative care on the lives of those served, culminating with the lighting of the ceremonial Tree of Life.

The funds raised through this event are used to support hospice and palliative patient care and services provided to the community not covered by insurance. More information about the event can be found at www.daykimball.org/TreeOfLife.



Families and friends sing carols in honor and memory of all hospice patients and their families at the Eastford Congregational Church for the Tree of Life ceremony.



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Students lead attendees in Christmas songs at the lighting of the Tree of Life at the Creamery Brook Retirement Village in Brooklyn.

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WOODSTOCK

Monday, Jan. 14

AG Commission, 1 p.m., Town Hall

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At CT Audubon

Bird sightings at the Connecticut Audubon Society Center at Pomfret and Wyndham Land Trust properties for the week of December 31, 2018:

Fox Sparrow, American Kestrel, Snow Goose, Golden-crowned Kinglet, Red-tailed Hawk, Great-horned Owl, American Tree Sparrow, Red-winged Blackbird, Brown-headed Cowbird, Flicker, Robin, Mockingbird. Visit ctaudubon.org/pomfret-home

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Duck Day event set in Eastford



Courtesy photos

Last year Scramble the Duck flapped his wings while, from left, Micah, Eastford First Selectman Jacqueline Dubois, Benjamin and Isaac look on. Scramble has predicted the coming six weeks of weather accurately for five years.



Scramble the Duck appears on WFSB's television show "Better Connecticut" with co-hosts Scot Haney and Kara Sundlun

EASTFORD — On Saturday, Feb. 2, 2019 at 7:30 a.m., The Duck Day alternative to Groundhog Day" will take place at the Ivy Glenn Memorial in the center of Eastford at 179 Eastford Road. All are welcome.

At 7:30 a.m, Scramble the Duck will predict the next six weeks of weather. Assisting Scramble will be three

Torcellini brothers: Micah (age 15 - 11th grade), Isaac (age 13 - ninth grade), and Benjamin (age 9 - fourth grade).

To predict the weather, Scramble emerges from a model of the Ivy Glenn building and proceeds down a red carpet where he will tell us whether the next six weeks will bring more cold or more warmth. Scramble has 100 per-

cent correctly predicted the weather on Groundhog Days for the past five years in 2015, 2016, 2017 and 2018 (superior to Punxsutawney Phil's 39 percent). To find out what the next six weeks of weather will be, come see Scramble's prognostication. The event is free of charge. Scramble has become a rock star, appearing on WFSB's television show "Better Connecticut" with Scot Haney and Kara Sundlun. For more information visit Scramble the Duck's website: scrambletheduck.org.

Scramble's story began in 2014 on a farm in Eastford, when three young Torcellini brothers raised a duck.

"We named him Scramble because he scrambled out of his egg," said Isaac. Born in June 2014, he was the only duckling that hatched so he decided we were his mother, and he got to be very friendly," Isaac said.

During their homeschool lessons, the boys studied Groundhog Day. To

their surprise, the next Feb. 2 in 2015, Scramble accurately predicted six more weeks of winter. Then in 2016 he predicted early spring, in 2017, six more weeks of winter, and on Feb. 2, 2018, Scramble again saw his shadow and predicted six more weeks of winter, again an accurate prediction.

Fun for all and all are welcome. You can learn all about it at Scramble's new website which includes news accounts online including the "Better Connecticut" interview.



Eastford's Duck Day Alternative to Groundhog Day is at 7:30 a.m. on Saturday, Feb. 2. At last year's ceremony, State Representative Pat Boyd (right) presented a citation from the Connecticut General Assembly to Scramble and the boys who raised him (from left, Micah, Benjamin and Isaac).

Putnam Bancorp announces earnings

PUTNAM — Thomas A. Borner, President and CEO of PB Bancorp, Inc., has announced that the company's board of directors has declared a quarterly cash dividend on the Company's common stock of \$0.07 per share. The dividend will be payable to all stockholders of record as of Jan. 16 and is scheduled to be paid on Jan. 30.

"We are pleased to announce this quarterly dividend payment for the Holding Company" said Borner. "We believe that providing a reasonable return to our stockholders is an important part of being a community bank. We will continue

to work towards achieving sustained success in building on our brand of community banking. We remain confident that in serving our mission of enhancing the quality of life in the communities we serve is good for all of us".

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TROOP D LOG

PUTNAM

Sunday, Dec. 31

Peter R Jordan, 51, of 859 Five Mile River Road, Putnam, was charged with violation of a standing criminal protective order

Monday, Jan. 1

Isaiah Dominique Snell, 24, of 68 Walnut Street, Putnam, was charged with a warrant



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Taylor is Day Kimball employee of the month

PUTNAM — Leslie Taylor, phlebotomist for Day Kimball Healthcare's Laboratory and Blood Draw Services department, was named employee of the month for December by Day Kimball Healthcare.

Taylor, began her career at Day Kimball Hospital as an intern in April 2014. In her current role as phlebotomist, Taylor is responsible for performing both outpatient and inpatient blood draws at Day Kimball Healthcare's blood draw locations as well as in nursing homes and private residences for homebound individuals. As a highly qualified and caring professional, Taylor supports the mission of the Laboratory to provide quality diagnostic testing for the community. In recognition of her dedication and commitment to high-quality patient care, Taylor received the Champion of the Human Spirit award from Day Kimball Hospital.

"Over the past four years I have had the privilege of working with and watching Leslie emerge from a quiet phlebotomy graduate to a confident spokesperson and advocate for our patients. Her energetic, positive attitude towards life resonates in everything she does. Leslie always puts

patients' safety and quality of care first. Our DKH Phlebotomy team is a better unit because of Leslie," said Taylor's supervisor, Director of Laboratory Services and Diagnostic Imaging, Patti Bernier.

"I am honored to be named employee of the month and proud to be a part of the DKH family." When asked what she likes most about her job, Taylor said, "I love everything about my job. Giving patients a safe, positive, and comfortable experience makes me feel like I've done a good job," Taylor said.

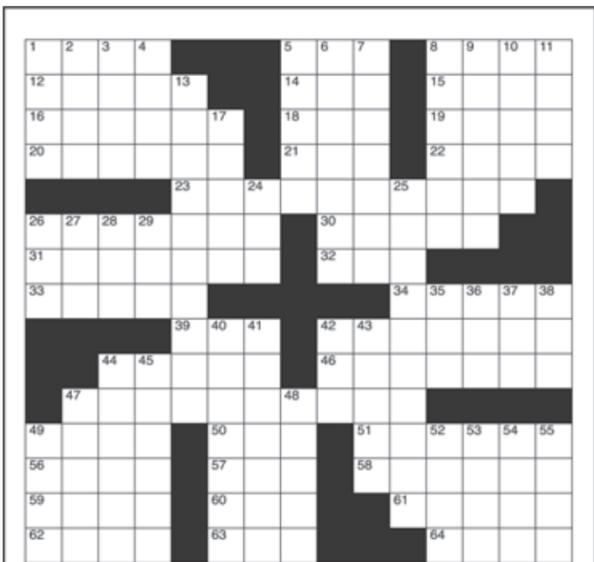
Taylor was born in Cherry Point, N.C. As part of a Marine Corps family, Taylor has lived in many places before settling down in Northeast Connecticut, where she currently resides with her son, Robert.

Taylor earned her certification in phlebotomy and is pursuing her associate's degree at Quinebaug Valley Community College in Danielson, where she is a member of the Phi Theta Kappa Honor Society. When not at work, Taylor enjoys exercising and outdoor sports, especially white water rafting.



From left, Joseph Adiletta, Patti Bernier, Leslie Taylor, and Anne Diamond.

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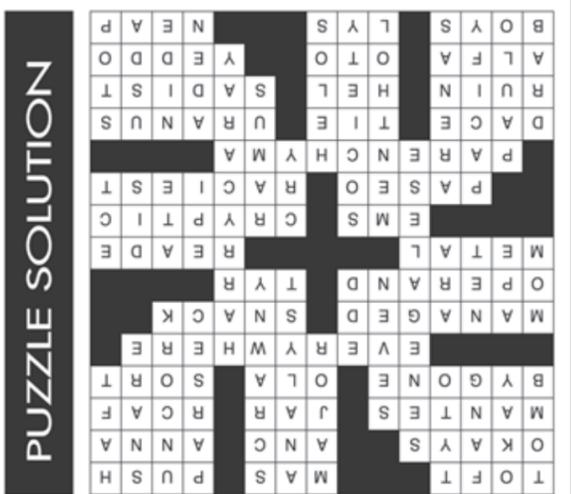


CLUES ACROSS

- 1. Homestead
- 5. More (Spanish)
- 8. Type of notification
- 12. Approves
- 14. Mandela's party
- 15. "Mom" actress Faris
- 16. Predatory insects
- 18. Where honey goes
- 19. Canadian flyers
- 20. Of an earlier time
- 21. Indigenous people of Australia
- 22. Organize
- 23. All over
- 26. Made it through
- 30. Between-meals food
- 31. A quantity upon which an operation is performed
- 32. German mythological god
- 33. "Heavy" type of rock music
- 34. Pharmacy chain Duane
- 39. First responders
- 42. Mysterious
- 44. Leisurely stroll
- 46. Most naughty
- 47. Plant tissue
- 49. Small fish
- 50. Men's fashion accessory
- 51. Distant planet
- 56. Destroy
- 57. Location in Norse mythology
- 58. One who is deliberately cruel
- 59. ___ Romeo, car
- 60. Of the ear
- 61. Former name of Tokyo
- 62. Male children
- 63. French/Belgian river
- 64. Tide

CLUES DOWN

- 1. Grave
- 2. Alright
- 3. Sharp tooth
- 4. Bird genus
- 5. Important
- 6. One who studies carefully
- 7. Not very big
- 8. Astronomy unit
- 9. A way to open up
- 10. Trap
- 11. Handle of a knife
- 13. Indicates one from a part of W. Africa
- 17. Lucky number
- 24. Doctor of Education
- 25. Legendary Cubs broadcaster
- 26. Female parent
- 27. Mimic
- 28. Connects to the rim
- 29. Small constellation
- 35. Indicates near
- 36. Consumed
- 37. Criticize
- 38. Shock therapy
- 40. Type of cigarette
- 41. The fashionable elite
- 42. Shed tears
- 43. Arm or branch of a bone
- 44. Quell anger
- 45. Where rock and rollers play
- 47. "The Alchemist" author Coelho
- 48. Choppers
- 49. Lacks brightness
- 52. Port in Yemen
- 53. Brood of pheasant
- 54. Approves food
- 55. A type of sign



Veterans coffeehouse at QVCC

DANIELSON — The Danielson Veterans Coffeehouse will do something a little different on Tuesday, Jan. 15. The coffeehouse is offering an event open to the general public. That morning's presentation will be held at the Quinebaug Valley Community College Campus.

The coffeehouse will feature a collaboration with the Northeast District Department of Health and the Danielson Veterans Coffeehouse. The Danielson Veterans Coffeehouse will have Derek May and Linda Colangelo who will give a presentation on "Until Help Arrives" at the QVCC Campus.

If someone is injured, the first few minutes are critical in helping the chances of surviving serious or life-threaten-

ing injuries. The "Until Help Arrives" program teaches basic skills to help keep people alive and safe until professional help arrives. Life-threatening injuries can occur at any time, caused by vehicle accidents, accidents in the home or workplace, severe weather, or acts of violence or terrorism. The first care someone gets requires no special skills and can potentially be the difference between life and death. Participants will learn how to: effectively call 911, protect the injured from further harm, stop life-threatening bleeding, position the injured so they can breathe, and provide comfort. Ninety-eight percent of the people who have taken the training said they are more likely to help as a result of what

they learned. This FEMA program is being delivered by the Northeast District Department of Health (NDDH) and the Northeast CT Medical Reserve Corps (MRC). More information about emergency and disaster preparedness can be found at www.ready.gov.

This Coffeehouse will be open to the public and will be held at QVCC, room100 at 9 a.m. and beverages and food will be available for purchase in the QVCC cafeteria.

For any questions on either this presentation or the Danielson Veterans Coffeehouse see our website dvcoffeehouse.com, our facebook page at Danielson Veterans Coffeehouse or email fruhlemann@yahoo.com

In the line(s) of fire



Courtesy photo

Allyson Colburn

BY OLIVIA RICHMAN
NEWS STAFF WRITER

WOODSTOCK — “Day in the Life,” is a poem written by Allyson Colburn based on her life as a firefighter for the Muddy Brook Fire Department.

“A lot of times people don’t understand what we do, or why we do it. I don’t expect anybody to understand why we are so willing to do what we do,” said Colburn. “But if people could try to understand it a little bit more, just by reading this... It’s a poem about our worst day imaginable. But it’s something that could happen. The poem has done its purpose if people gain an appreciation for what we do.”

According to Colburn, she wrote the poem in her sophomore year of high school, back in Dec. 2016. While she admits to not being a super passionate student at the time, poetry was one way she could express herself and her talents.

And express her love of firefighting. Following in her father’s footsteps, Colburn was excited to get involved with Muddy Brook. Her father’s been a firefighter for 32 years, her mother has been involved for 27 years. And her uncle was also a firefighter. It seemed to be her calling.

“I always joke that I was born in the department,” she said with a laugh. But she legally was hired at the department at 14. In April, she’ll have been a firefighter and EMT for six years.

“It’s like a second family,” Colburn said. “You’re not just accepted into the department. You’re accepted into the family. And it’s not just that department, that town, that state... It’s a worldwide family.”

Serving North and East Woodstock, Colburn is also passionate about Muddy Brook because of her ability to

help people in need. In fact, “that’s the best part about it.”

With Woodstock being one of the largest towns in Connecticut by area, having multiple departments is necessary. Sometimes it can take them up to 20 minutes to respond to a call, between dropping what they’re doing, racing to the station, and then driving to the house.

When you’re rushing to help someone like that your “entire body focuses on that.” It’s an emergency – someone’s worst day – and you just stop everything you’re doing and rush to their aid.

That rush is what Colburn’s poem is all about.

“It puts into words one of the scariest days in the first responding family (dispatch, police, EMS...),” she explained. “We often wonder, ‘Is everyone going to get home after this?’ Putting that into words really brings the reality of that to life.”

According to Colburn, this poem hits even closer to home recently after Worcester firefighter Christopher Roy was killed while fighting a fire on the second floor back in December.

Roy had devoted his entire life to his daughter, and his fire department family, yet he still risked everything, Colburn said, to save another family and their home.

“It’s part of the job. It’s the risk we’re willing to take, putting other’s lives before our own,” she said. And that’s what the poem is all about.

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Day in the Life

BY ALLYSON COLBURN

A normal day.
On duty.
The day has been silent,
No pleas for help.
Cleaning the station,
Washing the apparatus,
Checking,
And double checking our equipment.

In an instant,
The day is silent no more.
A resounding tone blares.
We are needed,
Someone is trapped.
A house is on fire.

My brothers and I,
So quickly throw ourselves
Into our gear.
We are on our trucks,
In a flash.
We are out the door,
Sirens screaming,
And lights flashing.
Just looking up,
There’s a plume of smoke.
And we,
Are headed straight towards it.

Before long,
We roll on scene.
On scene,
Of peoples’ lives,
Being changed.

Right away,
We grab our tools,
And turn towards the burning home.
A screaming mother,
And a consoling father,
Report their child trapped,
On the second floor.

Before their lives can be ruined
for eternity,
We are throwing ladders,
Masking up,
And climbing in the window.
Sounding the floor,
I and my two brothers
Drop to the floor.
The smoke.
Oh, the smoke.
So thick,
We can go no higher,
Than a crawl.
Left hand on the wall,
Right hand with a death grip,
On our tools.

Sweeping the floor,
We make our way
Out of the room,
Down the hallway.

The parents said,
Last room on the left.
We three humble people,
All make it to the child’s door.
The door is forced open,
And there he is.
A sweet,
Innocent child.
So thankfully,
Untouched by the fire.
We call for a ladder,
And send the child out the window.
But alas,
This window is too small,
Fit only for a child.
We will have to go back,
The same way we came in.
That,
Is our egress.

Back to the door,

Where my brother is crouched
and waiting.
The Chief is calling,
“Everyone out!”
“All crews, evac the building!”
And three,
Long,
Hollow,
And barely audible horn blasts
ring out.
They are our sign,
To get out fast.

We make double time,
And crawl down the hallway.
I am in front,
Leading my brothers.
If danger comes,
I will be the first to know.

Halfway down the hall.
Almost there.
Almost back to safety,
Almost back,
To seeing my family again.

We’re making good time,
We’re the last crew to evacuate.
There’s the stairs.
Burning.
Burning like a pit of death.
Almost to the room,
To the window,
To safety.

In an instant,
I stop dead in my tracks.
Something is amiss.
Something is happening.
Something bad.

I call out to my brothers.
They are both okay,
But questioning why we’ve
stopped.

There are yelling at me,
“Why are we stopped?!”
“We need to get out!”
I call back to them,
“Back up.”
“Back up!”

“Back down the hallway!”
“Something is wrong.”
I hear them scramble backwards,
And immediately know why
I have stopped.
It’s moving.
The floor is moving.
I am screaming,
Screaming at my brothers,
To get to safety.

Above me, fire.
I am trying to go back.
Back to safety.
Flashover.
There is a wall,
A wall of doom.
Right in front of me,
So quickly attacking me,
Straight from the stairwell.
Everything has changed,
So quickly.

I am turning back,
But I am falling.
My feet are in the mouth of the
dragon,
Whose fire awaits me below.

My brothers I see,
Are scared and yelling.
Trying to get to me,
But alas,
There is no time.
I am falling,
Falling into the dragon’s mouth.

Farewell brothers,
Until another time.
They will mourn me,
But they are safe.
I saved them,
Even though I paid the price.

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Arc Quinebaug Valley and The Arc New London County to merge

DANIELSON — The boards of directors of The Arc Quinebaug Valley and The Arc New London County, including family members on both boards, recently announced that they will be establishing The Arc Eastern Connecticut, merging operations to augment and strengthen service provision for people with intellectual and developmental disabilities.

The Arc NLC and The Arc QV are independent, affiliated chapters of The Arc of the United States and The Arc Connecticut, actively championing full community inclusion. Both agencies are licensed, contracted service

providers of the Connecticut Department of Developmental Services and provide residential, daytime, employment and social supports to people with intellectual and developmental disabilities (IDD) and their families. In forming The Arc ECT, The Arc QV, based in Danielson, and The Arc NLC, based in Norwich, will serve over 900 people with IDD and their families in 40 cities and towns. The Arc ECT's 2019 budget will be approximately \$20 million; the agency will employ over 440 people from the surrounding area. Both Boards of Directors believe that combining forces from a position of strength will further improve

inclusion for people with IDD in Connecticut.

Established in 1952 as a grass-roots movement by families seeking greater opportunity for loved ones, The Arcs QV and NLC anticipate increased efficiencies via expanded implementation of dedicated technologies, joint employee training and quality oversight, expanded staff recruiting, and targeted, more effective regional fundraising. The Arc NLC's previous merger with Seacorp in 2010 led to improvements in workplace safety, greatly enhanced quality-service scores, and investments in adaptive technologies that led to greater independence for

many people with IDD in the region. The establishment of The Arc Eastern Connecticut will both duplicate prior successes and create stronger and more efficient service delivery for families squeezed by ongoing state budget crises. The Arc ECT will be the largest affiliated chapter of The Arc in the state.

"The Arc Quinebaug Valley and The Arc New London County share a common heritage, mission, and passion to advocate for families and people with IDD," said The Arc NLC's CEO Kathleen Stauffer, tapped by both boards to lead The Arc ECT as Chief Executive Officer.

The Arc QV's Executive Director, Susan Desrosiers, had been slated to retire, and the merger results from both agencies' strategic and succession planning efforts.

"Both agencies were born from the dreams of parents who fought to see their loved ones with IDD fully included in their communities," Stauffer said. "In creating The Arc Eastern Connecticut, combined talents, personalities and gifts can only strengthen the supports that our families have come to expect."

POMFRET SCHOOL ACADEMIC HONORS

POMFRET CENTER — Pomfret School recently announced academic honors.

The high honor roll is as follows for the fall semester. Students named to this list earned a grade point average of 3.670 and received no grade lower than a B for the Fall 2018 term.

Chelsey Castle of Pomfret Center, (Class of 2019); Won Cho of Woodstock, (2019); Yves Geyer of Pomfret, (2019); Gillian Horst of Pomfret, (2019); John Mooney of Pomfret Center, (2019); Peter Sheehan of Pomfret, (2019); Teagan O'Hara of Woodstock, (2020); Cooper Ames of Pomfret, (2022); Tatum Fisher of Pomfret, (2022); Garrett Geyer of Pomfret, (2022); Bridget Horst of Pomfret, (2022); Kellen Horst of Pomfret, (2022); Ian Wolanin of Pomfret Center, (2022); Brooke Zahansky of Pomfret Center, (2022); Hannah Dean, Brooklyn, (2020); Alexander Chon-Kang, Thompson (2019).

The honors list is as follows: Students named to

this list earned a grade point average of 3.330 and received no grade lower than a B- for the Fall 2018 term

Jacob DiIorio of Pomfret Center, (2019), Madison Fisher of Pomfret, (2019), Brandon Griffin of Pomfret Center, (2019), Caroline Labbe of Pomfret Center, (2020), Christina Mark of Woodstock, (2021), Blake Zahansky of Pomfret Center, (2021), Brennan Holmes of Killingly, (2021).

The head of school scholar honors list: Students named to this list earned a grade point average of 4.00 and received no grade lower than an A- for the Fall 2018 Term.

David Marshall of Woodstock, (2019); Grace Bullied of Pomfret Center, (2022); Isabella Canavan of Pomfret Center, (2022); Jessica Farrell of Woodstock, (2020); Rose-Michaela Nsubuga of Danielson, (2021); Vivien Mark of Woodstock, ; Anna Mendenhall of Dayville, (2019)

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I love working with my hands, with the glass. It's very intricate cuts and a lot of steps. I do my own designs.

What inspires your designs?

I get inspired by a lot of things. Magazines, drawings, artwork... I did a big panel for my grandkids. They play lacrosse so I did a big lacrosse player. It has swoops like sun rays, and it goes out multi-colored, as if they're getting ready to hit the ball and it's taking off. It turned out really well. They love it. That's one of my favorite pieces I think.

That sounds amazing and so vibrant.

When I first started I did a stained glass airplane. It looks like it's flying into the sun. That one hangs at my house. My husband, Ray, was a pilot.

It seems as though a lot of your work is inspired by the people around you.

An idea is whenever you're inspired. I'll draw it out. I'll look at it and try to figure out where I can make cuts. Stained glass has to have cuts, junction, to have some stability. That takes

another day or so. I just like all of it. I like being able to sit down and come up with something different.

How did you get involved with NECTAG?

I was invited to join by friends who lived in CT I'd worked with in RI. It's just a nice group. It's inspiring to see the different things that they do, and the different ideas they come up with.

What do you love about being a part of NECTAG?

The inspiration. The sharing of ideas. Sometimes it's just the companionship of other artists.

How do you like showing your work in the Quiet Corner?

It's just a nice place to visit. It's a nice part of Connecticut. It's so close for me to get to. I don't have any outlet like that in Rhode Island. There are no artists guilds that I know of right now. When you're part of a guild or association, you have a commitment. You have to produce work in order to display it with everyone.

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HARRIET TO PLAY FOR BRYANT

DAYVILLE — Killingly High's Nsaiah Harriet, center, is flanked by his coaches and family at Killingly High School on Dec. 21 after signing a National Letter of Intent to attend and play football on full scholarship at Bryant University in Smithfield, R.I., next fall.

Courtesy photo

COLLEGE NEWS

The following local students received academic recognition for the fall 2018 semester at their respective colleges or universities.

KINGSTON, R.I. — The University of Rhode Island: Dean's List: Sabreina Brunelle of Brooklyn; Nickie Deary of Danielson; Ryan Humphreys of Brooklyn.

ROCESTER, N.Y. — Nazareth College: Dean's List: Mackayla Thompson of Woodstock.

NASHVILLE, Tenn. — Belmont University: Coleen Solitro, for Woodstock.

CONWAY, S.C. — Coastal Carolina University: Dean's List: Meghan Corey, an Art Studio major of Woodstock; Jack Gelhaus, a Management Pre-Major major of Woodstock; Kylie Kusnarowis, a Biology major of Woodstock, CT.



Elaine Theriault's stained glass work is often inspired by the people and things around her.



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Real wives of Windham County host concert

BY OLIVIA RICHMAN
NEWS STAFF WRITER

THOMPSON —The Real Wives of Windham County will be hosting their third annual Benefit Concert on Saturday, Jan. 19. All money raised goes toward the Killingly Veterans Coffee House. The Great Garage Band Reunion, Ed Peabody and the Big Blue Thang, and The Billy Pilgrim Band — along with multi-Grammy nominee Doug James — will be donating their time and performing for free at the Benefit Concert.

“These are three huge local

bands,” said President & Founder Wendy Warren. “It’s just amazing. It’s just how this community is. Someone always steps up.”

And step up the community does.

Last year, the concert raised \$2,000 towards the Killingly Veterans Coffee House’s fund, set up specifically for local veterans in need. Whether it’s a winter coat or a new engine for their vehicle, the fund is all about local veterans’ needs. And that’s why The Real Wives have chosen to support them once again.

The Real Wives of Windham County supports a variety of local programs and organizations throughout the year, including a prom dress and tuxedo drive, filling a DCF social worker’s car with totes and suitcases for foster children, and a pajama and book drive for local children in need. They’ve also helped local families who need assistance.

The Real Wives formed in 2012 when a “bunch of moms” started wondering how they could do some local charity work with their children. Right now there are 14 moms

involved.

“This is the community we love. We have to take care of our own. I love being a part of it,” said Warren. “I want to give back, and also teach my children and raise them in a way to always want to give back as well.”

When asked if her children also enjoy the fundraisers, Warren recalled the DCF suitcase drive specifically.

Her adopted children were pre-teens at the time. They went on a local radio station to discuss the fundraiser, and Warren could hear the emotion

in their voice.

“My three kids came to us with trash bags,” she said. “It just made them feel awful. She was saying, ‘Imagine how you feel when all your stuff is in trash bags.’ It felt good to give back to something so personal and meaningful.”

The event begins at 6 p.m. at Thompson Raceway. For more information, call (860) 753-0053 or email wendywar2@snet.net.

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Danielson job center offers workshops

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

The following courses are being offered.

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. January 22 (1 – 3 p.m.)

Money Matters – Get Smart with Your Money – Learn how to budget your money; find out how to tell the difference between “wants” and “needs.” Learn tips to evaluate your spending, set goals and priorities, and stick to a budget. January 15 (9 – 11 a.m.)

E-mail Made Easy – Designed for the

beginner; learn how to use email in a fun, stress-free, friendly environment. Create a job search email address; practice composing and replying to emails. Explore the features of G-mail. In this three-hour, hands-on workshop, no computer experience is necessary. January 16 (9 a.m. – 12 p.m.)

Creating A Job Search “Elevator Pitch” – Learn how to create the perfect 30- or 60-second “elevator pitch” to introduce yourself to potential employers. Explore how to identify or create a networking opportunity and effectively engage during a networking opportunity. Useful for all jobseekers unfamiliar or out of practice with networking, and those that are using LinkedIn. January 16 (1 – 4 p.m.)

Advanced E-mail – Learn how to effectively email employers. Create an effective subject line, learn how to attach résumés in the correct format and practice writing/emailing persuasive cover

letters. Attendees should bring their email address and password. January 23 (9 a.m. – 12 p.m.)

CTHires – Résumé Builder – Focuses on building and completing a résumé in the CTHires online employment system. Provides opportunities to review and update a CTHires profile, including job skills, and do a comprehensive résumé build with the assistance of the workshop instructor. Also learn to download, print, and email your résumé from CTHires. January 23 (1 – 4 p.m.)

Job Corps Orientation (ages 17 to 24) – Provides an overview of Job Corps, trades offered, where they are located, and expectations for Job Corps students. Also receive information about eligibility and the process to enroll in the program. This is the starting point for any prospective Job Corps student. January 25 (9 a.m. – 12 p.m.)

Networking with LinkedIn – Geared to help jobseekers create or update a

LinkedIn profile. Learn how to build an 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. Course content includes how to use Local Labor Market Information to identify, research, and approach local employers. January 25 (9 a.m. – 12 p.m.)

Health Careers Orientation – An overview of in-demand careers in health-care, job skills and available certificate and degree programs. Also receive information about financial assistance. January 29 (4 – 5:30 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. January 30 (9 a.m. – 12 p.m.)

Big Y phasing out plastic bags in 2020

DANIELSON — Big Y Foods, Inc. announced on Jan. 8 its plan to eliminate single use plastic bags at the checkouts from its 70 supermarkets and specialty stores along with its Big Y Express Gas and Convenience locations in 2020.

The company, which has a store located on Wauregan Road in Danielson, has been complying with single use plastic bag bans in six of its local communities in Massachusetts (Adams, Amherst, Great Barrington, Lee, Northampton, South Hadley) since 2014. Customers in those communities are delighted with the ban, are supportive of environmentally responsible business practices and have been strong proponents of using reusable bags as an alternative to plastic and paper. Big Y’s experience within these 6 markets prompted officials to evaluate the pos-

sibility of a chain-wide ban.

Single use plastic bags create an inordinate amount of waste. According to the EPA, more than 380 billion plastic bags are used in the United States each year. If not disposed of properly, this plastic can end up in waterways and forests where it can harm fish, marine animals, birds and other wildlife.

Big Y recognizes its responsibility to cut down on unnecessary plastic waste that contributes to litter, harms the environment and can endanger wildlife. Currently Big Y uses 100 million plastic bags and 3.5 million paper bags at their checkouts each year. The company also recognizes that paper is not the answer to this waste problem as the paper production process is harmful to the environment causing increased greenhouse gas emissions and deforestation.

A sustainable option for customers is the use of reusable bags that should be washed regularly with soap and water or wiped clean with a disinfectant wipe. Big Y’s goal is to shift completely to reusable bags in 2020.

In order to ease the transition, Big Y will be offering special discounted pricing and promotions on their reusable bags throughout 2019.

According to Richard D. Bossie, Big Y vice president of store operations, “single use plastic

bags can no longer be viewed as a long term solution for our stores. Our customers and the communities we serve have made it quite clear that they prefer more environmentally friendly alternatives. We look forward to implementing this

new program in all of our retail locations.”

Currently, Big Y collects single use plastic bags from customers at each store and sends them to recycling plants for use in decking.

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Small is the new big

Right around Thanksgiving, we asked (and answered) the question “why shop local?” To continue that theme into 2019, we want to give small businesses a shout-out, because small businesses are essential to a community and they need and deserve our support.

Small businesses are as varied and unique as the products they offer. They range from historic, beloved country stores to e-commerce start-ups. Some small businesses share retail space with other vendors in a co-op; others are seasonal, appearing only at markets in certain seasons; still others are fully-operational, 9-to-5 businesses that are a small, local alternative to national chains. And many are websites, with all business conducted online.

By now, the holiday shopping rush has passed and our spending habits have probably reverted to more normal levels. Ordinary needs will arise — whether it’s a computer repair, an extra shovel or boots for the kids. Consumers can thoughtfully choose where to shop for these day-to-day purchases. A Walmart or Amazon can be counted on to make our shopping “one-stop” — though perhaps in doing so, we are sacrificing quality for convenience. A local small business will very often carry the same item needed, in larger variety, and of higher quality. When they do, it’s worth a look. Go in the store, meet the owner, price check and compare. You won’t know until you ask.

A small business is about forming relationships. Whether it’s a brick-and-mortar shop or a pop-up market stall or tent, the customer receives a level of attention that is not possible for large-scale operations.

A small business can be flexible: customizing orders, seeking out different vendors, getting to really know the customers and generally making the shopping experience more personal.

Small businesses support the communities they inhabit; large-scale stores don’t give back in the same capacity. Small local business owners are the neighbors, families and community members you know. Help them, encourage them and talk them up in town, or even on social media. Consumers love to read reviews for almost anything, and a positive review will boost enthusiasm and sales.

In 2019, if you’re presented with a choice between making your purchase at a big-box or online mass merchandiser and patronizing a local merchant, think “small” and make a big impact.

FROM THE PUBLISHER

She takes the cake

Sometimes a business becomes an institution. When it does, chalk it up to ownership. That is certainly the case with Phyllis’s Bakery, a special operation tucked behind a graceful Victorian house on a side street in Putnam. The reason for its importance is Phyllis Ploughman, a sturdy, no nonsense, bright-eyed woman, who for 31 years has produced extraordinary food for thousands of customers. A notice in a local publication announcing the closing of the business at the end of 2018 marks the end of an era.

Phyllis’s Bakery has its own atmosphere. It reflects the tastes of the community as well as trends in catering and presentation. It may not have the romance of a French patisserie, but it doesn’t need it or aspire to it. It is the real thing, without pretention or imitation. In the same location since its beginnings, Phyllis, whose first name will suffice in any number of settings, is one of the hardest working people one could ever meet.

Phyllis says that her drive to work hard is bred in the bone. She grew up on Maple Vale Farm in Woodstock, where she enjoyed school activities and being a member of the 4-H program. At the Brooklyn and Woodstock Fairs, she competed in baking and canning competitions, while working alongside her grandmother, Lilian Andrews, who ran a food stand at the fair. Years later, Phyllis’s mother, well into her nineties, peeled vegetables, and made perfect apple slices during the intense days in the bakery that heralded so many holiday seasons.

For decades she worked at area restaurants, some now mere memories

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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Woodstock man answers Trump supporter

Tom Pandolfi wrote last week (letters to the editor, Jan. 4 Villager), finding the Trump-bashing letters on these pages amusing and laughable brainwashing.

I am so jealous of your viewpoint, Tom. I want to live in your world. I want the rose back in my glasses, or maybe a pair of those dark welding goggles would help.

In my world we don’t have The Donald’s promise of fiscal responsibility. In fact, with the Tax Bill that someone other than the Republican-controlled legislature must have sneaked through, our deficit is ballooning. The Federal deficit ballooned to \$779 billion in fiscal ’18, even though we’re well into the Obama Recovery and not in a major war. We will need to borrow more than a trillion dollars this year, mostly from the Chinese, in part to make up for the GOP tax cuts, which are temporary for the middle class but permanent for the One Percent.

It’s true there are Americans laughing with you, Tom, all the way to their banks, but no one I know gets invited to their parties in the Hamptons. If Republicans accomplish their plan to pay for their deficits by cutting Social Security, Medicare and Medicaid, even a sincere smile may be hard to find.

He promised to get troops out of Afghanistan and Syria and I know that the Taliban and Putin are getting a good laugh over that promise kept.

Illegal immigrants? Border crossings have

Dayville reader addresses minimum wage

Although I have never worked in any part of the restaurant trade, I know people who now, or have in the past, owned a restaurant. For anyone who owns any type of business, the overhead which also includes the laborers employed, must not exceed the profit gained from goods or services rendered or else it would make sense that the business would not succeed for very long.

It also makes sense that potential employers like those in the restaurant business would provide jobs for those who have just graduated high school or are in need of employment while pursuing higher education.

When I graduated high school, I obtained a job that only paid minimum wage. The only time my wage went up at the company was when the minimum wage was increased. After obtaining employment at a local supermarket that had a Union (UFCW) the job paid a little better than other markets and more than minimum wage. Since it was a part-time job, the company allowed me the freedom to pursue many other avenues of employment regardless of whether they were temporary or not, and eventually I attended an accelerated college program. I stayed with that company for 22 years.

I was hired full-time and am still working

fallen steadily since 2000 and in 2012 Obama deported over 400,000 — almost twice what Trump deported last year. Trump did separate and lose more children, but why ruin the festive mood?

In my world, even though those hate-filled Obamas Tom refers to are gone, we have a marked increase in hate crimes. This in spite of Donald’s kind words about people of all persuasions, even Nazis. Is “Jews will not replace us” funny too? Help me get the joke, Tom. With a 60 percent increase in anti-semitic hate crimes, I need a few laughs.

In my world the universal, less-expensive health care and lower drug prices he promised are further away than even under those darned Obamas. I’ve run out of my expensive happy pills, Tom, could you share?

Tom would get a big chuckle out of seeing Hillary in jail. That was a constant chant during the campaign, but Trump abandoned that promise. Perhaps something has changed his mind about encouraging legal proceedings against politicians.

I sympathize with Tom’s simplistic thumbs-up for Trump’s first two years. With over 76,000 false or misleading Trump statements since his inauguration, any real attention to truth would take all the humor out of these opinion letters.

G. LESLIE SWEETNAM
WOODSTOCK

for a sales and marketing company that ensures product distribution for a local supermarket chain. I manage many contracts in three stores but have yet to make a wage greater than \$13 per hour, and it took me eight out of the fourteen years that I have worked with the company to get there.

Retail employment hire at well below \$15/hour and increases only come when the employee has had to stay in that employment for years to obtain a significant salary. What constitutes a “living wage?” Do you suppose there is such a place, Toto? Our monthly or annual insurance/taxes/expenses go up but our wages stay the same.

I have interviewed with several companies hiring in related trades, but the wages offered started at below my current hourly rate. I want to go up in my hourly wage, not down.

I cannot disagree that the proposed minimum wage increase to \$15/hr. would probably narrow the profit margin of the small business or restaurant. But for those of us who already are employed below that margin would welcome the increase.

DONIA FROELICH
DAYVILLE

Putnam woman no fan of Trump

My letter is in response to Tom Pandolfi’s (letter to the editor, Jan. 2 Villager). Mr. Trump has violated the U.S. Constitution many times. On his inauguration day, he vowed before God on a Bible to obey, protect and defend the constitution of the United States. Do you know what is known as the emoluments clause in the constitution? It specifically forbids the President to have any financial interest outside of the presidency. President Obama had no such financial interests. Neither did he do anything that’s forbidden by the constitution. He also didn’t have help by a foreign country to get elected. Yes- that is true and able to be proven in a court of law. There was never even a hint that he had any extra-marital affairs. He was well versed in constitutional law. He is an attorney, as is his wife.

Our president is racist, even according

to the dictionary. He is a ‘self-proclaimed’ nationalist. You should check the definition of this word too. He is an outright traitor, believing the word of a foreign leader over that of the United States intelligence community. He is a bully as well. Whether the economy is better or worse is not the issue. He has no respect for the rule of law of this fine and mighty nation. I love my country which is the United States of America and it infuriates me to see these horrendous abuses of power.

It doesn’t matter who I voted for in 2008 or 2012. It doesn’t even matter who I voted for in 2016. Please don’t defend the president by dumping on our previous president or even Trump’s opponents in 2016.

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Planning in times of market volatility



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Isn’t be human if you didn’t fear loss. Nobel Prize-winning psychologist Daniel Kahneman demonstrated this with his loss-aversion theory, showing that people feel the pain of losing money more than they enjoy gains. As such, investors’ natural instinct is to flee the market when it starts to plummet, just as greed prompts us to jump back in when stocks are skyrocketing. Both can have negative impacts.

But smart investing can overcome the power of emotion by focusing on relevant research, solid data and

proven strategies. Here are seven principles that can help fight the urge to make emotional decisions in times of market turmoil.

1. Market declines are part of investing: Stocks have risen steadily for nearly a decade. But history tells us that stock market declines are an inevitable part of investing. The good news is that corrections (defined as a 10% or more decline), bear markets (an extended 20% or more decline) and other challenging patches haven’t lasted forever.

The Dow Jones Industrial Average has typically dipped at least 10% about once a year, and 20% or more about every 3.75 years, according to data from 1900 to 2017. While past results are not predictive of future results, each downturn has been followed by a recovery and a new market high.

2. Time in the market matters, not market timing: No one can accurately predict short-term market moves, and investors who sit on the sidelines risk losing out on periods of meaningful price appreciation that follow market downturns.

Every Standard & Poor’s 500 Index decline of 15% or more, from 1929 through 2017, has been followed by a recovery. The average return in the first year after each of these market declines was nearly 55%.

3. Emotional investing can be hazardous: Daniel Kahneman won his Nobel Prize in 2002 for his work in behavioral economics, a field that investigates how individuals make financial decisions. A key finding of behavioral economists is that people often act irrationally

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2019 Is Going Well So Far...



RED’S WORD

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2019 is going well so far! I haven’t gotten a traffic ticket, fired, or maimed in any way. Granted, as I write this, we are only two days into the New Year-but I can celebrate if I want. I don’t typically make New Year’s resolutions because I know they won’t stick anyway. Maybe I should make a resolution to break all my resolutions... then technically I won’t be breaking anything right? Mike Bogdanski’s Midtown Fitness sees lots of new faces after the first of the year. Folks vowing to get fit and healthy head to his Putnam gym to weight train, take a class, or learn martial arts. Good for them I say! Even better if you stick with it!

Ever wonder why and when resolutions began? According to the History Channel, the ancient Babylonians are said to have been the first people to make New Year’s resolutions, some 4,000 years ago. They were also the first to hold recorded celebrations in honor of the New Year! During a massive 12-day religious festival known as Akitu, the Babylonians crowned a new king or reaffirmed their loyalty to the reigning king. They also made promises to the gods to pay their debts and return any objects they had borrowed. These promises could be considered the forerunners of our New Year’s resolutions (History Channel). Resolutions today have become secular in nature rather than religious and some that I have seen recently are just downright funny:

“New Year’s resolution #1 Become as fat as I was when I first thought I was fat”
 #2 “My New Year’s resolution is to become more assertive if that’s ok with everyone”
 #3 “I resolve never to take a laxative and a sleeping pill on the same night again”
 #4 “I resolve to eat more bacon and drink more whiskey”
 I have like nine New Year’s resolutions and I’ve already mentally given up on about six of them. I think as a collective, we like a fresh, new start. Remember on the first day of school, wearing our brand-new outfits and writing in a perfectly untouched notebook? Vowing to not mar the cover and to write as neatly as we possibly can. One month in and it’s beat up and looks like I took notes with my foot but I always gave it my best in the beginning. Which poses the question: why do we not stick to our New Year’s goals? Well, most new goals are motivated by health and fitness and they usually are about replacing bad habits with good ones. “I’m going to exercise more” is pretty vague. Psychology Today says to pick a small action. “Get more exercise” is not small. “Eat healthier” is not small. This is the primary reason why New Year’s resolutions don’t work. If it’s a habit and you want a new one it needs to be definitive and less vague. For example, instead of saying you’ll just exercise more, instead say that you’ll take the stairs each morning to get to my office, not the elevator, or “I’ll park further away from stores”. If you add new action to an already established habit you’re more likely to stick with it...and they don’t mean adding another half bag of chips to the bag you already eat every night. Happy New Year!

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Photographers developed craft in Quiet Corner

This week I'll continue the list of Killingly photographers that I started in last week's column. Again, most information has been extracted from the Killingly Business Encyclopedia 1708-2008 by Natalie Coolidge; photographers are in alphabetical order.

George Ernest Darmer, 1906. At his death he resided in New York City. Samuel P. Davis traveled around New England with his photography equipment for 14 years before situating in town in 1864. In 1868 he completed what is now one of Danielson's oldest business buildings. Situated near the railroad tracks, across from New York Pizza, the March 5, 1868 Windham County Transcript gave this description of the unusual studio. "A large and beautiful Photography Building, keystone-shaped, has just been completed and fitted up in the best and neatest city style, with a large ground Pyramid Skylight, which style of light is the best in the world. This Gallery is the largest and best in the New England States. It is 91 feet long, two stories high, with two gold cameras on the front...(Davis) has a large stock of new styles of goods constantly on hand...Large photographs colored in Oil, Water or India Ink. "A photo of the S. P. Davis studio can be found in Images of America, Killingly, p. 20.

C. H. Dewing, Crayon artist, pictures and life-size photographs (Windham County Transcript, June 10, 1868). A. Dowe and A. Howard, Photograph Salon, WCT July 18, 1867. Harriet A. Dowe, Ambrotypes. Lately occupied by Mr. Barker, WCT June 5, 1862. Wm. T. Dyer, "Mr. Dyer of Putnam now has a studio for glass pictures here in Danielsonville, Windham County Telegraph Sept. 9, 1858. Paul A. Gareau, partner in the Cooley-Gareau Studio.

E. F. Geer, photographs and tints (WCT 1893). I didn't mention tints last week so I'm including a little information about them. "This inexpensive photo process was similar to the Ambrotype, but instead of using a glass plate, the tintype image was processed on a thin sheet of blackened iron - not tin. The name might come from the fact that tin shears were used to cut the iron plate.

Time period: Introduced in 1856 and

popular until about 1867. But tintype photo studios were still around into the early 1900s as a novelty.

Identifying characteristics: Tintypes will attract a small magnet, but this method of identification isn't foolproof as some ambrotypes have a metal backing behind the glass plate. The tintype is usually cut out quite roughly and is thinner than an ambrotype. Early tintypes were put under glass, but later were placed in cardboard sleeves. Most common size is 2½ x 3½ inches." <https://www.aarp.org/relationships/genealogy/info-11-2011/dating-old-photos.html>. Notice that this information was found on an aarp site, which was a pleasant surprise. There is a short article on dating old photos by Tracee Hamilton on the site.

Gillmore, Putnam, late 1800's from a photo album at the Killingly Historical and Genealogical Center. Herbert Grube, Grube Camera Shop, (Nunzio Picchione, Mgr.), 1955 earliest entry. A. Howard, Pictures taken of deceased people at their residence (WCT 5/30/1867). In September 1867 Mr. N. G. Burgess worked with A. Howard. William A. Johnson, photographs and ambrotypes, (WCT 5/18/1865). Thomas Mahon, American Wedding Photographers, 1973.

Henry Allen McEwen. Although McEwen was a jeweler, he also devoted a significant amount of time to photography. "He took glass plate photographs of a mine in New Brunswick, Canada in December, 1901 "at the request of a group of possible investors. They are part of a collection of glass plate negatives that are housed at the Historical Center." He passed away in 1953.

Artist A. D. McIntyre of Putnam leased the photographic studio of S. P. Davis in 1889 then the following year leased the rooms to A. H. Calderwood. The Business Encyclopedia includes a reference to McIntyre in the July 18, 1898 Windham County Transcript.



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I'm sure many of you have had photos that were taken by Henry Misiaszek whose photography studio on Maple Street appeared as early as the 1954 Danielson Business Directory. My older children had their Killingly High School senior yearbook photos taken there. Do you recall another more recent photographer from the late 1980's Michael Paschen, Sr. who was the proprietor of New England Free Lance Photography located first on Breakneck Hill Road and then on Robert Avenue?

The Pappajon name was long associated with photography. Alexander D. Pappajon was associated with his brother George D. Pappajon in 1926 & 1927. They advertised photography, enlarging, copying, portraits and home portraits, framing, and watercolors. Perhaps you have something from the studio.

Do you recall in the 1980's when the Photo Shack (Douglas Farrow) was located in the parking lot on Route 101? The Killingly Business Encyclopedia gives dates of 1984 and 1985. Photo Stop (no location given) had a date of June 16, 1980. Others in the Directory included Photography by Virge Lorents and Photos by Carita. Henry W. Pray, Ballouville, had references for his photography as early as 1888. T. Joseph Puza was located over Grant's in Danielson as early as 1947. Reunion Enterprises, incorporated January, 1986, with Walter Zadora and David Gannon, "takes over all the details of planning a function...(including) a photographer and videotaping."

Ross' Excelsior Saloon, Ambrotypes and Photographs, near the Depot, 1862; Edward B. Slater, 1872 and 1873; William B. Smith, East Killingly, Photographer, 1902. Smith & Warren, Putnam, Photographers, Photo Album. Snack Shack, Janet Truppa, (In Barker's parking lot), photographic equipment, 1972; 1994 in Danielson. Frank A. Spaulding," born in Plainfield; operated studios in Woodstock and Providence for about 15 years...In 1885

he came to Danielson where he established a teaming business." Henry Francis Wade, East Killingly, was also a blacksmith (at least 1870's and 1880's). Weddingtowne Photographers, Dayville, located with Emblem and Badge, 1978. Alton E. Withington, photographer, 1870's through at least 1913. E. Withington, photographer, 1887. ---Woodward, Photographer, late 1880's, album at Historical Center. ---Wright, Photographer, Putnam, late 1800's, album at Killingly Historical Center. George A. Yakis (Pappajon Brothers and Company), 1920's.

Although not included in the copy of the Business Encyclopedia that I checked, a current studio, Charleen's Portrait Studio, must certainly be included in the list of photographers. According to her website, Charleen Larkin's love of photography began in her sophomore year at Killingly High School. A graduate of the Rhode Island School of Photography, she open her original studio in Danielson in 2001 then moved to her "custom-built" studio in the Dayville section of town in 2005.

I'm hoping that these photographers bring back some memories and help some of you date old photographs. Family photos are wonderful treasures.

Are you working on your family genealogy? The Killingly Public Library will host a free genealogy club from 10-11 a.m. on January 19, February 16, March 16, and April 2. "Come and discover your roots!" No registration is necessary. Feel free to bring along your laptop computer, but it is not necessary. Beginners are welcome.

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Colorful country language



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I often catch myself coming out with some words that cause a brief puzzling look on people's faces. As that look turns to a smile of amusement, I find myself remembering when I used to have similar reactions and going back to a time of my youth when there used to be some real Swamp Yankees around. I'm talking about the last of the folks that were our ancestors, people that lived in a simpler time and a time that were so much different than ours today.

The language of our ancestors was more colorful, perhaps because life went a slower pace and there was time for more words to be spoken. There was time to create a sentence in a conversation that was meant to create a picture in the mind through the use of analogy and anecdotes to go along with the meaning of the words. The roots of this language were likely old English carried on for centuries from before the time of Chaucer and Shakespeare. Since our forefathers arrived in this country, there has been a progression of ethnic blending, dramatic

educational influences and an increased pace of living that have polished and formalized what is now our American-English language. That is not to say that colorful language does not continue to exist and evolve around us, however, our ancestors rudimentary and colorful language has been greatly altered and much of it has slipped away. Most would likely say good riddance to much of this verbal color.

Long ago I created a list of country words and sayings spoken by those before me that have fallen out of use. I feared that this part of my country lineage would be lost if I did not capture it somehow. I still smile and reflect on the memories, moments in time and events during which I have heard them spoken. I thought I would dust off and toss out some colorful country language that has slipped away. These words and sayings are not meant to offend in any way and may not be spelled quite right.

Now weather had an impact to almost every part of life. A Swamp Yankee's daily activities were planned around what God offered for weather. Most colorful language pertaining to weather had to do with the predominant trouble with it. It might be "hot as hell's kitchen", "so hot you can't live", "so hot you could fry an egg" of it might be "cold enough to freeze two dry rags together" or per-

haps "dry as dust"

As life progressed, new inventions became parts of people's lives. A "blower" was a telephone, a "time piece or a stem-winder" was a watch, an "ice box" was a refrigerator. General objects had colorful names like "smoke pole", a shotgun, "speed wrench" a hammer, "hens fruit" were eggs, "spyder" a frying pan, "hay burner" a horse, "privy" the bathroom

Swamp Yankees had little tolerance for speed. "Slow and steady is the tortoise" was the measure of the day. With the invent of the automobile came sayings like "going like the hammers of hell", "like a bat out of hell", "going to beat the band". Now the result of this speed could result in you "going head over tea kettle" or "ass over band-box" and this caution would be added.

Expressions "like water off a duck's back" meant who cares?, "I'd rather whittle a beak and peck meal with the chickens than do that" meant I'd rather not, "if you get tired of walking...run a while" meant keep on going, "running around like a chicken with its head cut off" meant get your act together, "you better get to whittlin and don't dilly-dally" meant hurry up, "come in and rest your hands and face" meant sit down and converse, "hoodlum, urchin, rag-a-muffin or bandit" meant child "scarce as hen's teeth" meant rare, "like a cat

on a hot tin roof" meant calm down, "stop that cater-wall-ing, hoopla, frakus, ruckus or fussin" meant quiet down, "jalopy" meant car, "ugly as a mud fence" meant ugly, "limber as a cat" meant agile, "for a spell" meant a while, "slippery as goose grease" meant slippery, "a hitch" was a measure of distance, "a jag" meant a big load, "snug as a bug in a rug" meant cozy, "hit with a blivvit" meant surprised, "in a pickle, in a knot, all shook up and in a twist" meant agitated, "dumb as a box of rocks", "sharp as a tack", "slippery as an eel" all had obvious meanings. "Some kind of Hoodini" meant clever, "humped up" meant detained or stuck (in the mud), "lock stock and barrel and whole kit-n-kaboodle" meant all of it, "shakin like a dog shitt bones" meant shivering, "knee high to a grasshopper" meant young. Heaven forbid you be referred to as a "moss-backed, seven-sided, penny pinchin, crooked, lower than a snake, cheap-skate" which meant disreputable. If someone posed the question "what are you, a cobbler or a carpenter?" meant get going or quit messing around. Of course, this was back when the pace of life would allow you to "conjer, congitate, ruminate or ponder" which meant carefully think about or consider something. No self-respecting Swamp Yankee would make a snap decision. Take the word ruminate. One of my favorites.

Truly, when is the last time you really ruminated? I do it as often as I can.

I mean if you just toss out something like "by gum, this jar lid is on as tight as a bull's ass in a snow storm"...now there is a colorful statement. Forget about the jar...I envision an old black bull, shaggy back painted white with snow, icicles hanging from his horns, shoulders high and muscles clenched, facing and leaning into the snowy wind, he's cold, he's determined, and he'd gore every snowflake if he could. Yeah, that jar lid is probably on there pretty tight.

In getting these thoughts on paper I have concluded that if I am not a Swamp Yankee, then I am at least part Swamp Yankee, as I think my wife will attest to. Not many folks can cogitate better than me and my collection of bread bags, bread bad twisty ties, and coffee cans would likely confirm that I am so tight I squeak.

Well, as I have concluded this writing early, the kids will be scritch for some cackleberries and griddle cakes shortly, so I must light my pipe and go, lest the cobbler's kids go bare-foot, or I get sewn into my long underwear.

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when making such choices.

Emotional reactions to market events are perfectly normal. Investors should expect to feel nervous when markets decline. But it's the actions taken during such periods that can mean the difference between investment success and shortfall.

One way to encourage rational investment decision-making is to understand the fundamentals of behavioral economics. Understanding behaviors like anchoring, confirmation bias and availability bias may help investors identify potential mistakes before they make them.

4. Stick to the plan: Creating and adhering to a thoughtfully constructed investment plan is another way to avoid making short-sighted investment decisions — particularly when markets move lower. The plan should take into account a number of factors, including risk tolerance and short- and long-term goals.

One way to avoid futile attempts to time the market is with dollar cost averaging, where a fixed amount of money is invested at regular intervals, regardless

of market ups and downs. This approach creates a strategy in which more shares are purchased at lower prices and fewer shares are purchased at higher prices. Over time investors pay less, on average, per share. Regular investing does not ensure a profit or protect against loss. Investors should consider their willingness to keep investing when share prices are declining.

Retirement plans, to which investors make automatic contributions with every paycheck are a prime example of dollar cost averaging.

5. Diversify: A diversified portfolio doesn't guarantee profits or provide assurances that investments won't decline in value, but it does lower risk. By spreading investments across a variety of asset classes, investors lower the probability of volatility in their portfolios. Overall returns won't reach the highest highs of any single investment — but they won't hit the lowest lows either.

For investors who want to avoid some of the stress of down markets, diversification can help lower volatility.

6. Fixed income can help bring balance: Stocks are important building blocks of a diversified portfolio, but bonds can provide an essential counterbalance. That's because bonds typically have low correlation to the stock mar-

ket, meaning that they have tended to zig when the stock market zags.

What's more, bonds with a low equity correlation can offer protection from losses even when the broader market is in turmoil. Funds providing this diversification can help create durable portfolios, and investors should seek bond funds with strong track records of positive returns through a variety of markets.

Though bonds may not be able to match stocks' growth potential, they have often shown resilience in past equity market declines. For example, in four recent equity market corrections, U.S. core bonds were flat or notched gains as the S&P 500 declined.

7. Think long-term: Is it reasonable to expect 30% returns every year? Of course not. And if stocks have moved lower in recent weeks, you shouldn't expect that to be the start of a long-term trend, either. Behavioral economics tells us recent events carry an outsized influence on our perceptions and decisions.

When stocks are falling, it's important to maintain a long-term perspective. Although stocks rise and fall in the short term, they've tended to reward investors over longer periods of time. Even including downturns, the S&P

500's mean return over all 10-year periods from 1937 to 2014 was 10.43%.

It's natural for emotions to bubble up during periods of market volatility. Those investors who can tune out the news are better positioned to plot out a wise investment strategy.

Invest Well: When downturns happen, it is important to remember that these events are anticipated. Declines are a natural part of investing and sticking to the plan despite emotions is best to help achieve your goals. For more detailed informational pieces on markets and topics regarding your financial goals, visit www.whzwealth.com/resources to sign up for the newsletter.

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Cupcake wars at Killingly High School



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KILLINGLY — Back in December, Killingly High School and the Woodstock Academy's culinary students competed in a cupcake competition. While the KHS took first place, both schools gained a unique and educational experience like no other before it.

According to KHS's Family & Consumer Science Teacher Janet McDonald, this was a collaborative activity the schools had been planning since September.

"It was something exciting to look forward to," she said. "It shows pride, to bring others into your school, and show off what you've learned throughout the semester."

Woodstock Academy's Pastry, Baking, Health and PE Teacher Emily Nester agreed.

"It was a tremendous experience for the students. It's something that both classes are going to remember for the

rest of their lives. Even though we lost, we came away with a great deal, and we're definitely going to do this every semester," said Nester.

According to Nester, having a competition to look forward to brings out the students' best work, "and Janet and I both saw that our kids pushed themselves."

The winning group from McDonald's class had designed Grinch-themed cupcakes for the holiday season. Other creations included a castle, snowmen, a rainbow, basketball players, and animals. This amount of creativity is a major part of both teacher's culinary classes.

"I really like to see the kids use their own creativity. They always get to make what they want, and come up with their own recipes. It's a really fun class, and adding competition made it even better," said Nester.

To practice for the competition, Nester's students used the skills they learned throughout the semester, doing a lot of catering events in and outside

of school. They had been baking a lot, "hundreds of items," and were definitely ready.

On KHS's side, McDonald had focused a bit on piping and decorating. Introducing various techniques to her students, McDonald had designed many cupcakes of her own and had a mini competition in advance to test her students' skills beforehand.

"This was just a fun way to show off our skills and camaraderie," said McDonald. "Oftentimes, the culinary arts and performing arts aren't showcased as often. But there are a lot of passionate students at our school and we want to give them a platform for showing off their skills."

For McDonald, being a Family & Consumer Science Teacher has been about working together and discovering new things in the labs. The students problem solve and try different tech-

niques first-hand in the cooking lab. "I've had students come into the lab and tell me, 'I can't wait until I'm taking this next semester,'" McDonald said.

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like the Stateline and The Pantry. For more than 15 years she was employed in the kitchen at Day Kimball Hospital, arriving at 2 a.m. to begin preparing food for the patients and the staff. Once she opened her own shop, she began catering for Crabtree & Evelyn, Rogers Corporation and Frito Lay and many more. When she took on catering weddings at Wrights Tree Farm in Canterbury, I saw her often as we had a B&B. I never claimed to make the breakfasts, but I knew I could pass them off as homemade because they came from Phyllis.

The weddings and the catering would have buried a lesser woman in a mound of buttercream, but Phyllis was up to it. She dove in to the Martha Stewart way of preparing vegetables and even did clambakes and elaborate lobster dinners. It was hot, exhausting work, but she loved it.

As Phyllis took on more challenges, she hired young people to help. In a telephone interview she reminisced about students from Johnson & Wales as well as local high school and college kids who worked with her in the summers and after school. She enjoyed working with them and it's safe to say they learned plenty about personal integrity and real business management when

trying to keep up with Phyllis.

Think of the mountains of chicken salad, egg salad and ham salad she has made for baby showers and funeral receptions. Imagine tier after tier of elegant wedding cakes, customized by each bride and delivered by Phyllis. From the three-bean salad and the chicken almond crunch pie so beloved by my late sister-in-law to the tasty pork tourtiere pies that are fundamental to French Canadian culture, Phyllis found the right recipes, the proper bread or crust and turned out quality food for her customers.

When asked how she managed to do so much for so long, she said "I don't mind working. My secret is probably

that I have a lot of faith. Every morning I thank God for that."

Phyllis wanted to make one thing clear. Advancing age and declining health made her decide that she can't keep her bakery open all the time, but that doesn't mean she is planning to relax on a sunny beach. Not Phyllis, who plans to continue her catering, wholesale business and happily making items by request. Just call, she says cheerfully.

"I really love people. I like to do for them. I like to care for them," she said.

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Courtney says Farm Bill supports local agriculture

WOODSTOCK — Congressman Joe Courtney (Ct.-Democrat, Second District) voted in support of the Agriculture Improvements Act of 2018 on Dec. 13, a five-year authorization of agriculture commodity and nutrition programs. The act also supports local dairy farmers. The House passed the measure by a vote of 369-47. The Farm Bill headed to the President's desk for signature.

"The passage of this bill is welcome news throughout eastern Connecticut. This farm bill agreement includes many important provisions aimed at providing support and a level playing field for established crops and farm commodities in our region, while breaking down barriers to developing others," Courtney said. "One of the most existing areas of opportunity in this measure is the expansion of industrial hemp production, which I have long seen as a tremendous opportunity to grow our agricultural sector in Connecticut. As important, this bill maintains the status quo for nutrition assistance programs that faced deep cuts in the initial House version, prioritizes substance abuse recovery programs within the Rural Development title, and expands land conservation programs. Together, this is a good package for eastern Connecticut."

As a former member of the House Agriculture Committee, Courtney is keenly aware of the needs of farmers and the food insecure across eastern Connecticut. Notably, the 2018 Farm Bill legalizes industrial hemp production in the United States, which will kickstart a new wave of agriculture production in Connecticut. The Farm Bill also accounts for regional disparities in dairy production costs by supporting smaller producers and covering larger

margins. Further, this legislation left out harmful stringent work requirement proposals that sought to block nutrition assistance from the neediest Americans.

Improvements for Dairy Farmers: The 2018 Farm Bill builds on the structure of the Margin Protection Program, renaming it the Dairy Margin Coverage (DMC) program. Through the DMC program, producers may purchase up to \$9.50 margin coverage, which should benefit northeast farmers when looking at regional disparities in feed and operating expenses. Further, the producer premiums associated with the new DMC program are much lower on the first five million pounds of production than both the House and Senate draft bills—a nod to the traditional smaller farms across New England.

Eastern Connecticut dairy producers tend to operate on much slimmer margins, and increasing the national margin for coverage will provide much-needed additional support.

James Smith of Cushman Farms in Franklin said: "This is great news for northeast dairy farmers. We know that the farm bill has leveled the playing field for us."

In an effort to address milk prices in a flooded market, this Farm Bill will allow producers to be paid for donating extra milk to food banks through the Commodity Credit Corporation.

The Farm Bill also requires a feed price survey that will examine if regional feed costs are representative of the national average used for dairy assistance calculations. Anecdotally, Connecticut farmers pay a much higher feed cost than the national average, and Courtney has been pushing back against current calculations for years. Protecting Nutrition Assistance

Programs: The 2018 Farm Bill rejects draft proposals that would impose harmful work requirements on recipients of the Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP). The nutrition title of the Farm Bill represents one of the biggest compromises of this legislation, and protecting the fundamental structure of funding of SNAP was critical for passage.

"We are thankful for the bipartisan passage of the 2018 Farm Bill. As advocates for individuals and families, we are grateful to see the elimination of any work mandate on SNAP benefit eligibility. Many of those who utilize SNAP are currently working, but not making enough to make ends meet-SNAP benefits help fill that gap. For those recipients who are not working, many times it is because they cannot, due to age or disability. SNAP benefits become a lifeline to insure quality nutrition for themselves and their families," said Deborah Monahan, Executive Director, Thames Valley Council for Community Action. "Our staff have seen SNAP benefits assist individuals and families struggling through difficult circumstances. A work mandate could have been detrimental to the utilization of the SNAP program. Now many families can count on SNAP to put food on their table and that reduces hunger in our communities."

"Food insecurity in Vernon and surrounding communities is widespread," said David O'Rourke, CEO of Hockanum Valley Community Council. "SNAP benefits provide an integral safety net those who are elderly and disabled, along with those who underemployed. Limiting access through something like a work mandate would only further harm those that the program aims to help."

Legalizing Industrial Hemp for Agriculture Production: One of the most exciting provisions in the 2018 Farm Bill is the legalization of industrial hemp nationwide. Building on a pilot program authorized through the 2014 Farm Bill with Courtney's strong support, this legislation will help spur growth in Connecticut's economy through the collaboration of agriculture and entrepreneurial stakeholders. Courtney has long been a supporter of expanding industrial hemp farming, and is a cosponsor of the bipartisan Hemp Farming Act of 2018 to legalize hemp farming and production.

Industrial hemp is an incredibly versatile crop. These are over 25,000 different uses for industrial hemp, which brings in an estimated \$580 million in annual sales in the U.S. Hemp farming is widely seen in Connecticut as an existing opportunity to expand our agricultural markets.

Jeff Wentzel, founding member of the CT Hemp Association, said: "The CT Hemp Industry Association is happy to see the legalization of hemp cultivation as part of the 2018 Farm Bill. The prior Farm Bill created a legal pathway to hemp farming through State research pilot programs and 40 states created hemp programs to allow their farmers to grow industrial hemp. The 2018 Farm Bill goes further in removing industrial hemp from any Controlled Substance schedule – but also includes things like farm insurance and USDA research grants. We look forward to working with the Connecticut Department of Agriculture to create fair, common sense regulations appropriate for Connecticut so farmers in our state can take advantage of this new cash crop."

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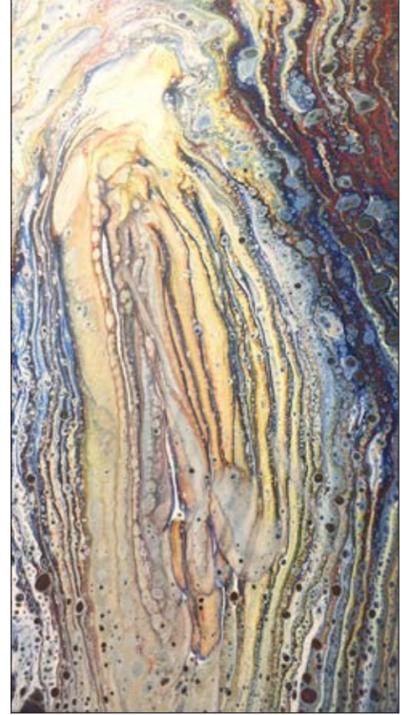
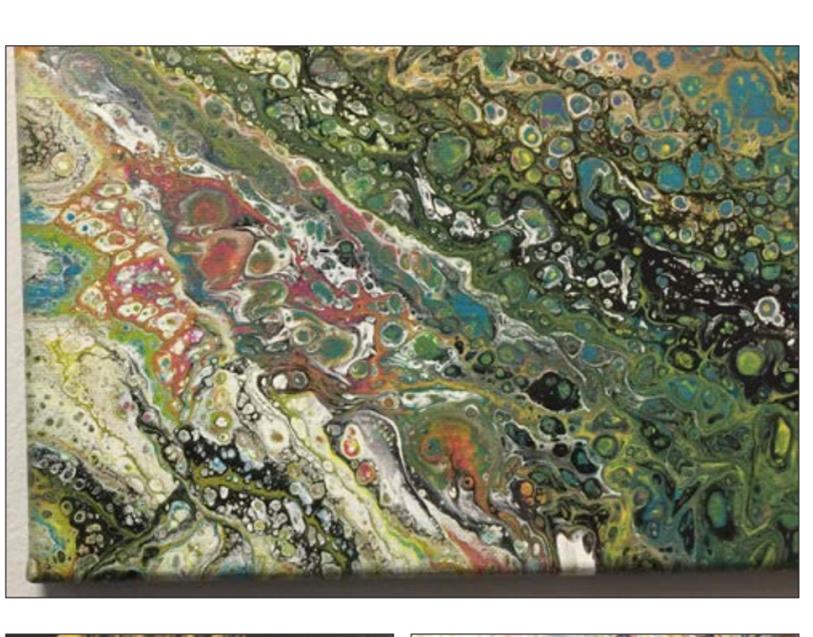
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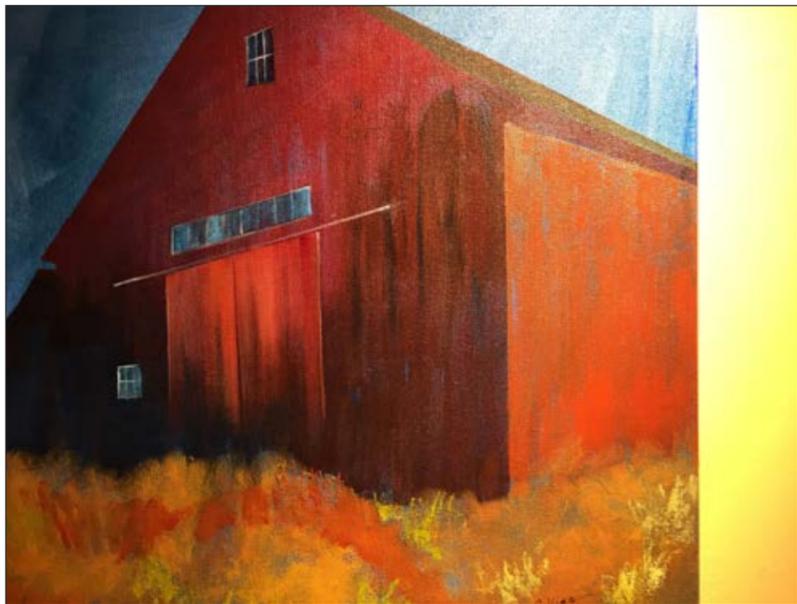
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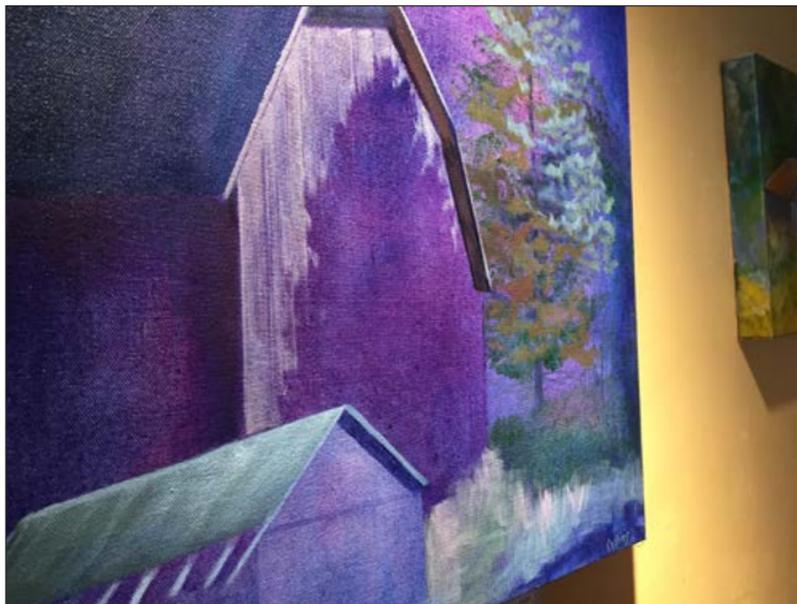
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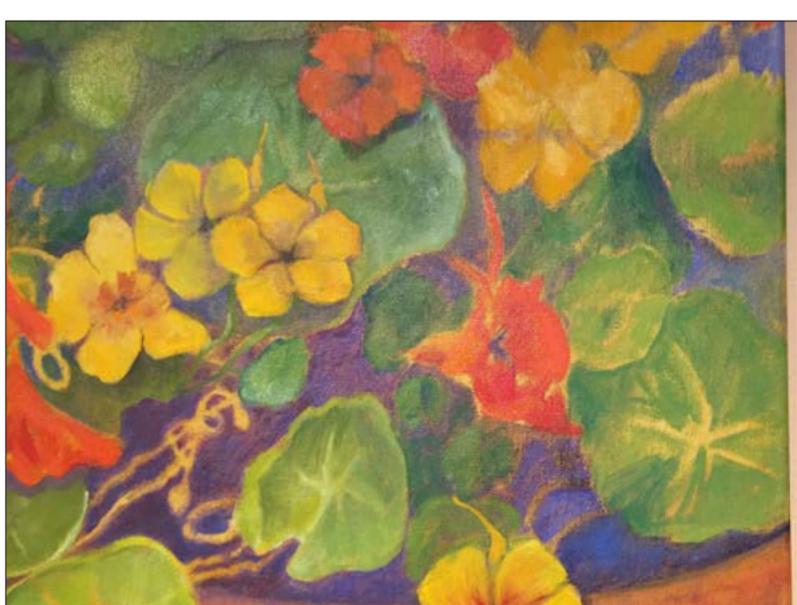
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Good and bad things come in threes for Killingly

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WOODSTOCK — Killingly coach Jim Crabtree knows nothing comes easy for the Redmen this season — and it didn't in a 47-40 loss to Woodstock Academy last Saturday night at Alumni Fieldhouse. Killingly competes in Division 2 of the Eastern Connecticut Conference — along with Woodstock, Fitch, Waterford, and Bacon Academy — throw in a slate of ECC Division 1 schools and against those teams the Redmen can't afford to falter down the stretch.

"Every day it's a challenge — trying to get better," said Crabtree, in his seventh season. "It doesn't get any easier. It's New London, Waterford, NFA next week — Tuesday, Thursday, Saturday. I can't argue with the effort. They're battling."

The battles will be fatal if the Redmen can't deliver the knockout blow. They were able to stay close with Woodstock most of the game thanks to some timely shooting from the perimeter but that outside touch ultimately deserted them.

Junior guard Shayne Bigelow (10 points) sank a pair of three-pointers in the first quarter and the Redmen trailed 11-9 after the first frame. Senior guard Luke Desaulnier (16 points) connected on a pair of treys in the second

quarter, the last coming with three seconds before halftime to pull Killingly within one point — 24-23 — at the intermission.

Desaulnier, senior guard Ryan Axtell, and senior guard Andrea Gottardi each buried three-pointers in the third quarter — with Desaulnier's trey tying it at 34-34 with 1:04 left in the quarter, followed by a 15-footer from Gottardi that put the Redmen up 36-34 going into the final frame.

"We had some big shots in the second half by Ryan Axtell and Andrea (Gottardi) hit a shot. They weren't easy shots, which might have been a little bit of Fool's Gold, but they put them in," Crabtree said.

But Killingly canned just two field goals in the fourth quarter and the Centaurs (4-1) outscored them 13-4 over the final eight minutes to claim the victory. Woodstock Academy senior guard Chase Anderson led the Centaurs with 19 points. Crabtree said the Redmen needed to drive to the hoop down the stretch.

"We had to go to the rim at end of the game. You've got to make the whistle in your favor. They outthusted us on the backboard and we didn't get any calls there, but in the end you've got to go attack the basket and get to the foul line," Crabtree said. "The dif-

ference was probably offensive rebounds. They kicked our butt on the backboard and had too many possessions. And we probably had maybe three or four extra possessions."

The Redmen sank seven three-pointers over the first three quarters but were shut out from beyond the arc in the fourth frame. Crabtree said his team plays to its strengths. But its hot hand cooled off down the stretch — although not for lack of attempts.

"We are what we are basically. We're a smaller team. They were the big. They were basically sagging and putting a lot of help into guarding Luke (Desaulnier). We had guys wide open. And if you're a 17-year-old kid and you're standing at the three-point line in 2019 and you're wide open — kids shoot it nowadays," Crabtree said. "But I can't argue with the effort and the battle we had."

Last season the Redmen finished 9-13 overall. They were seeded 18th in the Division 3 state tournament and were defeated by 15th-seeded Farmington 71-55 in the first round of the tourney. The loss to Woodstock on Jan. 5 dropped Killingly's record to 2-3. Killingly is next scheduled to travel to NFA on Saturday, Jan. 12, with tipoff scheduled for 7 p.m. Crabtree



Charlie Lentz photo

Killingly High's Shayne Bigelow splits Woodstock defenders Jake Marsalisi, left, and John Rogers, right, in Woodstock last Saturday.

knows it will be a task to gain the required eight wins needed to guarantee a berth in this season's state tournament. Nothing comes easy.

"I'll take my guys any day of the week and go to battle. It's going to be

tough (to get eight wins) but they're out there. The big names on the schedule, some of them are beatable this year, but we've just got execute on the little things a little bit better," Crabtree said. "But you've to make

shots in the game of basketball. And tonight we didn't make them down the stretch."

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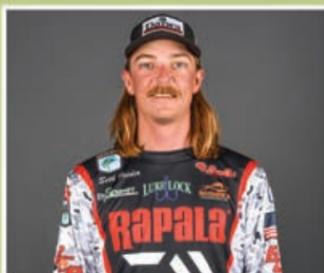
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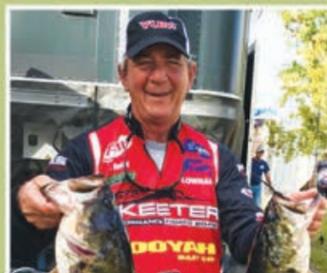


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Tourtellotte girls turning the corner



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Tourtellotte's Brianna Loffredo tries to get past Wheeler's Addie Hauptmann in Thompson last Friday.

BY CHARLIE LENTZ
VILLAGER EDITOR

THOMPSON — Tourtellotte Memorial's revamped roster was tossed into the deep end this season — playing its first five games over nine days — the Tigers barely had a chance to come up for air while enduring five losses with an untested lineup.

"We were struggling to find chemistry because we had three new starters," said Tigers senior forward Lauren Ramos.

But coach Carla Faucher's crew caught its breath with the help of some Christmas-break scrimmages against Avon High, where her son coaches. The Tigers are breathing easier these days after winning three in a row after the slow start, capped by a 37-26 victory over Wheeler High last Friday at Cauty Gymnasium.

"This was a must win. The girls really have been gelling," said coach Faucher, in her 23rd season. "They know their roles. They're really believing in each other and counting on their teammates to help them out in tough situations."

The early stretch tested the Tigers' character.

"A quarter of our season was over after the first two weeks of games. They were still learning

each other in game situations. You can do so much in practices but the games really tell you — who can they count on when the game comes down to the line," Faucher said. "Because of our youth, they weren't ready to be aggressive."

The win over Wheeler lifted Tourtellotte's record to 3-5 and Ramos said it was badly needed.

"I think we really came into our own in this game," Ramos said. "I think it's going to be a good sign for the season. We needed to come in with a lot of heart and I think we did that tonight. A lot of our younger players got in tonight and there was equal scoring all around so hopefully this will help us gain some confidence for the rest of the season."

The turnaround has been aided by scrimmaging against Class L Avon High over the Christmas break. Coach Faucher's son, Andrew Faucher, is the junior varsity coach at Avon High and he was able to help facilitate the workouts over the holiday break.

"They came down over Christmas break and we practiced together," Faucher said. "I was surprised. I mean Avon is an L school. My girls, I thought they were going to

be intimidated by them. They really pushed themselves to try and stay even with Avon. My girls really worked hard and I told them that that's the way we have to work for the rest of the season. If we do that then we're going to be a better team."

Ramos (eight points, 13 rebounds, four steals, three assists versus Wheeler) and junior guard Ashley Morin (10 points, five rebounds, five steals) are the scoring leaders for the Tigers this season but they got some help from senior guard Brianna Loffredo, who tallied 10 points with five rebounds and three steals in the win over the Lions on Jan. 4.

Coach Faucher said Loffredo's contributions were critical.

"(Loffredo) is more of a defensive player. We ask her to do a hard defense. Any buckets she makes are going to be icing on the cake," Faucher said. "She just stroked it beautifully tonight and she wasn't thinking. And that's the big thing, the kids can't think. They've just got to go out and do it. They really really stepped it up."

The Tigers also got four points from sophomore forward Leci Snow against the Lions. Freshman guard Alivia Dalpe and freshman forward Zeynep Acu also contributed valuable minutes against Wheeler. Senior Mary Steglitz holds down the middle. And junior point guard Emily Angelo is getting used to running the show — sharing those duties with Morin. Coach Faucher has been working to integrate all those moving parts.

"I told the team Lauren (Ramos) and Ashley (Morin) are basically going to be the ones that teams are going to try and shut down," Faucher said. "And that opens up whoever else is on the floor. They have to now step up and try to score. (Snow) really played well again, contributed a couple buckets and it takes some of the pressure off. She's one of my first ones off the bench. I've got a sophomore and three freshmen coming off the bench. We've got a lot of youth but we tell them, just give (the starters) a minute of relief and play



Charlie Lentz photo

Tourtellotte's Ashley Morin shoots in traffic against Wheeler last Friday.

hard."

The loss dropped Wheelers record to 4-4. Sam Caster led the Lions with 10 points. The Tigers finished 9-12 overall last season. Last year ninth-seeded Coginchaug defeated No. 24 seed Tourtellotte in the opening round of the state Class S girls basketball tournament. The Tigers play in Division IV of the Eastern Connecticut Conference and eight wins are required to guarantee a berth in the state tourney. Tourtellotte is next scheduled to play host to Ellis Tech on Wednesday, Jan. 16, with tipoff set for 7 p.m. at Cauty Gymnasium.

"Now we're going into the meat of the schedule," Faucher said. "It's not going to come easy. Anything can happen on any given night. Hopefully we stay healthy. It's definitely possible (to make states) but you've got to go game by game."

The three-game winning streak was much needed but the Tourtellotte will likely have to scratch and claw to get those eight wins.

"I think we can pull it off," Ramos said. "If we can keep playing like we did tonight I think we can do it."

**GRISWOLD 36,
TOURTELLOTTE 34**

THOMPSON — Bella Rubino scored 10 points to help the Wolverines (8-2) down the Tigers on Jan. 8 at Cauty Gymnasium. For Tourtellotte: Ashley Morin scored 13 points, Lauren Ramos scored eight points, Mary Steglitz added six points and Leci Snow tallied five points.

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No margin for error for Tourtellotte boys



Charlie Lentz photo

Tourtellotte's Tony Ferraro drives to the bucket against Ellis Tech.

BY CHARLIE LENTZ
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THOMPSON — There are no gimmees on the boys basketball schedule for Tourtellotte Memorial this season. Every game will likely be a battle. There is little margin for error if the Tigers want to return to the state tournament.

"We have a lot of games on the schedule that are going to be more than tough," said coach Neil Bernier, in his fifth season. "There's not one night we can show up and just think that 'Tonight's a 'W', let's just go out there and do what we need to do.'"

Tourtellotte lost eight seniors to graduation after finishing with a record of 8-14 overall last season and was edged by Shepaug Valley 59-57 in the first round of the Division V state tournament. Bernier knows it won't be easy getting back to the state tourney. Eight wins are needed to qualify for states.

"Every game's going to be tough. Every game is going to have its struggles within the game," Bernier said. "We have to weather those storms. There are just so many out there. We have to be realistic about where our opportunities lie and we can't waste them."

Two returning starters come back from last season — senior forward Josh Dodd and senior guard Spencer Fulone — and they will likely carry the scoring load for the Tigers. Fulone scored 19 points and Dodd added 16 points in a 67-40 win over Ellis Tech in a non-league game on Jan. 2 at Cauty Gymnasium. Bernier said the duo will have to continue that kind of production as the season progresses.

"They need to play with the proper emotion, not letting their emotions control them," said Bernier of Dodd and Fulone. "They need to realize that this is their team. There's nobody else to defer to at this point. It has to be them. They have to do it themselves. You have to take that role and run with it."

Dodd also knows every win counts. Tourtellotte's record was 3-3 through six games. The win over Ellis Tech was important.

"It was a huge game for us. It's always a big rivalry. It was important for us to get back on our game," Dodd said. "It's going to take a lot of work but we can really mend together as a team. It's early in the season. Spencer and I really need to lead this team in the right

direction and I think we can get it going soon."

Against Ellis Tech the Tigers turned a 21-20 halftime deficit into a 36-31 lead after three quarters with the help of a 14-5 run to start the third period. Dodd said they'll have to replicate their third-quarter effort over the long haul in the Eastern Connecticut Conference this season if they want to reach the Division V state tournament.

"That's probably the way we should be playing all season, fast tempo, scoring hard. Our defense was pretty good in the third quarter. If we can capitalize on those things I think we should be good for the season," Dodd said.

Junior center Devin Dalpe tallied 16 points in the win over Ellis Tech including 10 points during the Tigers third-quarter surge. Bernier said Dalpe will be counted on to provide some inside scoring.

"We just don't have the arsenal of offensive weapons even that we had last year let's say," Bernier said. "We were fortunate tonight that Dalpe stepped up, especially in the third and fourth quarter, played probably the best that I've seen him play in a while."

Senior forward Tony Ferraro scored eight points in the win over Ellis Tech including a pair of three pointers. Bernier said Ferraro's ability to connect from the perimeter will also help open up the offense.

"Devin (Dalpe) and Tony (Ferraro) have to put the ball in the basket," Bernier said. "Tony needs to shoot, make shots, which he made a few at the end. Dalpe needs to score inside. The load, as much as we put it on Spencer (Fulone) and Josh (Dodd), can't only be on those two guys to be successful. The guys that have to fill certain roles filled certain roles tonight and that's really what got us the win."

Tourtellotte is next scheduled to play host to Norwich Tech on Tuesday, Jan. 15, with tipoff scheduled for 7 p.m. at Cauty Gymnasium. Bernier will be looking for another win and each one is critical. There are on gimmees.

"Those games don't exist," Bernier said.

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Career nights for Putnam's McKeon and St. Martin



Charlie Lentz photo

Putnam High's Molly McKeon shoots against Cheney Tech on Jan. 3. McKeon scored a career-high 25 points against Cheney Tech.



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Putnam High's Abby St. Martin, white jersey, battles Cheney Tech's Alexah Potter for a rebound. Martin scored a career-high 20 points against Cheney Tech.

BY CHARLIE LENTZ
VILLAGER EDITOR

PUTNAM — Putnam High coach Mandi Hogan has asked junior guard Molly McKeon and sophomore center Abby St. Martin to take some of the scoring load off junior guard Kayleigh Lyons this season. Lyons leads the Clippers in point production and typically draws the attention of opposing defenses. McKeon and St. Martin took Hogan's request

very seriously against Cheney Tech on Jan. 3 — both tallied career-highs to lead the Clippers past the Beavers 70-22 at Putnam High's gymnasium.

McKeon tallied 18 points in the second quarter alone en route to a career-high 25 points including four three-pointers. She was in the zone and knew it.

"It's an amazing feeling knowing that a shot just keeps going in and the team's there to just

be happy for you too. It's a great feeling," said McKeon, who canned seven field goals including four three-pointers and sank one free throw during her second-quarter outburst.

Hogan said McKeon was due for a breakout performance.

"It's a couple games coming so I'm really happy for her," Hogan said. "Today was her night. She found her rhythm tonight. It's great when you have every-

body pulling together. I'm really happy Molly turned it around today. She's had a couple games that could have gone better for her. Today was her night."

St. Martin finished with a career-high 20 points.

"Abby was great. We've been really pushing her to be more aggressive," Hogan said. "She's a sophomore. She has put the work in and is really trying every day in practice and in the games. Just so see her have a game like this tonight just makes me proud."

McKeon knows if she can contribute offensively it will take some of the pressure of Lyons, Putnam's leading scoring this season, who finished with 11 points against Cheney Tech.

"You can definitely tell teams are putting the pressure on Kayleigh. It's hard for her to get a shot off," McKeon said. "Just being there to back her up is all we really need to do. Kayleigh just works the ball well and creates the space and gets it out to us and we just execute for her."

McKeon said the Clippers have been spreading the wealth around with their shot selection.

"It's just the team chemistry — we all work so well together. We always have each other's back," McKeon said. "If someone's having an off game we're there to pick it up for them."

Hogan said McKeon and St. Martin need to keep contributing to keep the focus off Lyons.

"It's great. We say if we can have at least three to four kids in double digits it just takes a lot of pressure off a lot of people, especially Kayleigh — she's got a lot to do out here. She's a great leader. She was able to set up a lot of her teammates tonight," Hogan said. "It was great to see."

Alexa Potter scored a team-high 14 points for Cheney Tech (4-2).

Putnam's record was 8-2 through nine games.

Putnam's uptempo game has proved hard to stop over the first third of the season. The Clippers are next scheduled to play host to Ellis Tech on Monday, Jan. 14, with tipoff set for 7 p.m. at Putnam High's gymnasium.

"We're a fast team so we like to run the ball a lot. Now we have interior players that are athletic and big. We're kind of balancing out the games. We have a guard game. We have a big game now. We have both," Hogan said. "So far we're working hard and having a great season. There's a lot to do. There's a lot more improvement ahead."

PUTNAM 68,
LYMAN 25

PUTNAM — Putnam

earned its eighth win of the season and qualified for the Class S state tournament with the win over the Bulldogs on Jan. 8. For the Clippers: Kayleigh Lyons scored 20 points, Molly McKeon scored 15, Abby St. Martin tallied 13 and Lauren Blackmar scored eight points.

MONTVILLE 40,
PUTNAM 21

MONTVILLE — Lyons scored 10 points and Blackmar added six points in the loss to Montville on Jan. 4. Maya Hillman led Montville (6-2) with nine points.

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Ellis Tech boys look to end playoff drought



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Ellis Tech's Alex Shaw shoots with Tourtellotte's Tony Ferraro defending on Jan. 2 at Tourtellotte Memorial High.

BY CHARLIE LENTZ
VILLAGER EDITOR

DANIELSON — It has been six years since the Ellis Tech boys basketball team qualified for the state tournament. The Golden Eagles last made the tourney in the 2012-2013 season — when this year's current crop of seniors was in sixth grade. Ellis Tech will have to rely on those upperclassmen if they want to snap their playoff drought.

"We have all seniors pretty much, playing a lot of minutes," said coach Dan Piccione, in his 10th season. "We're expecting big things from them."

Ellis Tech finished with a record of 5-15 last year and was off to a 1-6 start this season. The Golden Eagles will have to play a full 32 minutes every game to turn things around and achieve the eight wins necessary to guarantee a berth in the Division V state tournament. The Eagles led Tourtellotte Memorial 21-20 at halftime on Jan. 2, but were outscored 14-5 over the first four minutes of the third quarter en route to a 67-49 loss.

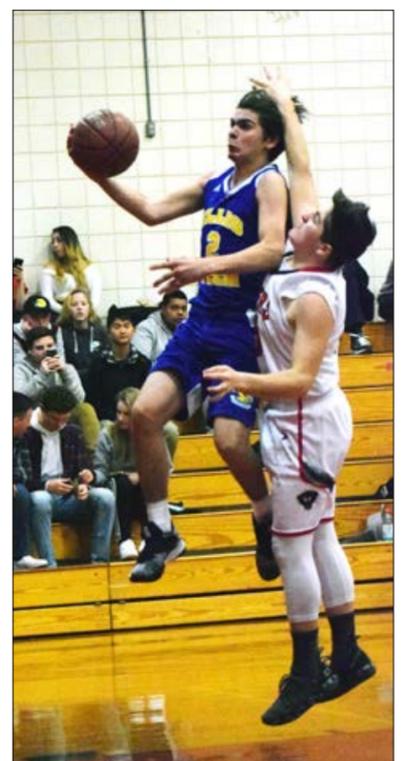
"Just poor execution on our part," Piccione said. "We got into a little bit of foul trouble. Kind of hurt us. It's our own fault. We're jumping when we should stay on our feet."

Ellis Tech's backcourt includes senior guards Joe Long and Logan LeBlanc. Coach Piccione said they'll have to do their part to get the Eagles over the playoff hump. Long scored 13 points and LeBlanc added 12 points in the loss at Tourtellotte Memorial on Jan. 2. With an athletic roster Piccione said the Eagles will try to play an uptempo game.

"We're trying to push the ball, trying to get quick shots. It works in stretches but you could see in that third quarter (against Tourtellotte) when we slow down and play a half-court game it's really not our game," Piccione said.

The starting five includes senior forwards Jamie Talbot and Conor Gagnon. Senior forward Alex Shaw came off the bench to score nine points in the loss to Tourtellotte. Senior center Codi Beshaw will be relied on to clear the boards.

"Codi Beshaw and Conor Gagnon, are both an inside presence, only the real big guys we have," Piccione said. "They've been doing a pretty good job up to this point."



Charlie Lentz photo

Ellis Tech's Joe Long drives the lane with Tourtellotte's Dylan Vincent defending on Jan. 2.

The Golden Eagles are next scheduled to play host to Grasso Tech on Friday, Jan. 11, with tipoff set for 6:30 p.m. at Ellis Tech's gymnasium in Danielson. Piccione said if they can string together a few wins they have the ability to snap their playoff drought.

"My feeling is we've just got to get a taste of victory. And I think once we get that positivity in the right direction — I think we can run off three or four games in a row," Piccione said. "Our schedule is a little bit tough at the beginning. We just need some breaks, shoot a little bit better. They're a good bunch of kids. I really want them to win."

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Veteran Woodstock crew off to fast start

BY CHARLIE LENTZ
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WOODSTOCK — Nothing beats experience and patience is a virtue — Woodstock Academy's veteran crew turned those clichés into buckets in a 47-40 victory over Killingly High last Saturday at Alumni Fieldhouse.

"For us I think it's great to have the maturity and the composure and to understand our roles and work towards agreed upon goals," said Woodstock coach Marty Hart. "The guys are working hard. We're well-conditioned. We found balance in our offense and then we're also doing a great job sharing the load defensively."

Ten of 11 players on Woodstock's roster are seniors. Those upperclassmen did not allow Killingly to score over the final three minutes.

"We talked about being patient and getting a good shot in rhythm and being confident in what we're doing," Hart said.

Patience was Hart's marching order when the Centaurs held a 43-40 lead and possession with three minutes left. The Centaurs spread the floor and held the basketball rather than look for a shot. The strategy worked.

"I was very happy with their composure. Because in a game like this it's emotional and physical. It could come down to one possession. We were able to stretch that possession out quite a while and the clock became our friend," said Hart, in his second season. "We did

spread it four corners and took a little bit of air out of the ball. We were ready to score a layup if they overplayed us but we ran out the clock a little instead."

Woodstock was able to slow it down thanks to surge midway through the fourth quarter. With the score tied at 36-36 — the Centaurs outscored Killingly 11-4 down the stretch. Senior guard Aaron Johnson kicked off the 11-4 surge with a three-pointer with 5:26 left in the fourth quarter to give Woodstock the lead for good, 39-36. Senior guard Eric Preston's putback with :41 left pushed Woodstock's margin to 45-40.

Coach Hart said the Centaurs were determined to finish strongly against Killingly. Senior guard Chase Anderson led Woodstock with 19 points. Senior forward Cole Hackett finished with 12 points. With the help of seven three-pointers Killingly held a 36-34 lead after three quarters but the Centaurs shut down the Redmen from the perimeter in the fourth quarter.

"We really bonded together and talked about our defensive assignments. And we really locked in on their scorers. And we talked about who was going to help when we needed a help situation," said coach Hart. "We were able to just stay the course and stick to the game plan. And wear them down where we could."

Hart said Woodstock might have worn down the Redmen when crunch time arrived late in the game.

"We went pretty deep throughout the whole game and I think that our depth really helped us near the end because their shots started to fall a little short and their legs," Hart said. "They got fantastic performances from the guys we were trying to stop and some of their role players really stepped forward and helped out but we did our best."

Luke Desaulnier led Killingly with 16 points and Shayne Bigelow added 10 points for the Redmen. The loss dropped Killingly High's record to 2-3. Killingly is next scheduled to travel to Norwich Free Academy on Saturday, Jan. 12, with tipoff scheduled for 7 p.m.

The win lifted Woodstock Academy's record to 4-1. The Centaurs are next scheduled to travel to East Lyme on Jan. 12 with a tipoff time set for 7 p.m. Woodstock's only setback through its first five games was a 74-62 overtime loss on the road at Ledyard on Dec. 21.

Woodstock's veteran crew knew nothing beats experience — except perhaps beating backyard rival Killingly in front a big crowd at Alumni Fieldhouse. The rematch is set for Saturday, Feb. 2, at Killingly High School.

"It's fun. It doesn't get better than this for us," Hart said. "We're excited that we came out on top. It was a great show for the fans."

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Woodstock Academy's Chase Anderson shoots over Killingly High's Josh Montpelier last Saturday in Woodstock.

HIGH SCHOOL ROUNDUP

PUTNAM 58, MONTVILLE 51

PUTNAM — Sebastian Ramos scored 32 points including 12-of-14 from the foul line to help push the Clippers past Montville in boys basketball at Putnam High on Jan. 4. The loss dropped Montville's record to 2-3. The win lifted Putnam's record to 4-3. Putnam is next scheduled to play at Ellis Tech at 6:30 p.m. on Monday, Jan. 14.

KILLINGLY 46, ST. BERNARD 44

MONTVILLE — Grace Nichols hit the game-winning shot in the Redgals win over the host Saints on Jan. 7. Trinity Angel led Killingly with 22 points. Emma Carpenter scored 11 points and Kera Crossman added seven points for Killingly. The win lifted Killingly's record to 4-5. The loss dropped the Saints record to 2-5. Killingly is next scheduled to play host to Griswold at 7 p.m. on Jan. 14.

NORWICH TECH 26, ELLIS TECH 17

DANIELSON — Geovonna Taitague scored 13 points to lead Norwich Tech (2-8) past the Golden Eagles in girls basketball on Jan. 8. Vivianna St. Jean led Ellis Tech (2-6) with eight points. The Eagles are next scheduled to travel to Grasso Tech on Friday, Jan. 11.

WOODSTOCK 6, HOUSATONIC 3

POMFRET — Matt Odom scored four goals and Doug Newton and Liam McDermott each added one goal in the Centaurs win over Housatonic co-op in hockey on Jan. 5 at Pomfret School's Jahn Rink. Woodstock's record is 5-2 through seven games. Woodstock is next scheduled to play Tri-Town in Enfield on Friday, Jan. 11. The loss dropped Housatonic's record to 1-3-1.

TOURTELLOTTE 68, WHEELER 51

THOMPSON — Devin Dalpe and Josh Dodd both scored 16 points to lead the Tigers past the Lions in boys basketball on Jan. 4 at Cauty Gymnasium. Brady Monahan scored 14 points and Tony Ferraro added nine points for Tourtellotte. Bowen Baker led Wheeler (3-3) with 22 points. The win lifted Tourtellotte's record to 3-3. The Tigers are next scheduled to play host to

Norwich Tech at 7 p.m. on Tuesday, Jan. 15, at Cauty Gymnasium.

NFA 38, WOODSTOCK 17

WOODSTOCK — Bella Graziano scored 14 points to lead Norwich Free Academy past the Centaurs in girls basketball on Jan. 4. Heather Converse led Woodstock with seven points. The win lifted NFA's record to 3-5. The loss dropped Woodstock's record to 4-2. The Centaurs are next scheduled to travel to Bacon Academy at 7 p.m. on Saturday, Jan. 12.

ELLIS TECH 37, VINAL TECH 19.

MIDDLETOWN — Kalista Lovely scored 15 points and Vivianna St. Jean and Breeanna Bentley each added eight points in the Golden Eagles win at Vinal Tech on Jan. 4. The loss dropped Vinal Tech's record to 2-5.

WOODSTOCK GYMNASTICS

DANIELSON — Woodstock defeated Killingly/ Putnam/ Tourtellotte co-op and East Lyme/ Old Lyme co-op in a tri-meet at Deary's Gymnastic on Jan. 7. Scores were: Woodstock Academy 139.8, Killingly Co-Op 125.85, Old Lyme-East Lyme 121.45. Woodstock's Lydia Taft took first in the bars (9.05), beam (9.3), and floor (9.1) events to take first in the All-Around (36.25). The win lifted Woodstock's record to 4-0, 4-0 ECC. Woodstock's Ali Crescimanno took first in vault and second in the All-Around. Putnam's Maggie McKeon was third in the all-around for K/P/T co-op (2-2 ECC and overall).

In a tri-meet at Stonington on Jan. 3: Woodstock swept Stonington and K/P/T co-op. The scores were: Woodstock 135.85, Stonington 128.95, KPT co-op 95.35. Woodstock gymnasts swept the top three spots in the all-around: Taft took first (35.2) followed by Crescimanno (34.25) and Jenna Davidson (33.9). Taft took first in vault (8.65). Crescimanno took first place in both bars (9.25) and floor (9.1). Davidson captured first in beam (9.35). Putnam's McKeon finished in third place in floor (8.7).

KILLINGLY 56, PLAINFIELD 43

DAYVILLE — Luke Desaulnier scored 26 points and Shayne Bigelow tallied 12 points to help the host Redmen defeat the Panthers in boys basketball on Jan.

2. Ryan Axtell added nine points for Killingly. Markeith Conyers scored 20 points for Plainfield (1-5 through six games).

WOODSTOCK 43, LONGMEADOW 31

WOODSTOCK — Kayla Gaudrea scored 12 points to lead Woodstock past Longmeadow, Mass., on Jan. 7. The win lifted Woodstock's record to 5-2.

TOURTELLOTTE 44, ELLIS TECH 15

DANIELSON — Ashley Morin tallied 13 points and had four steals in the

Tigers win over the Golden Eagles in girls basketball at Ellis Tech on Jan. 2. Lauren Ramos scored 11 points with 12 rebounds and Emily Angelo added eight points for Tourtellotte. Alexis Rodriguez scored nine points for Ellis Tech. Ellis Tech is next scheduled to play at Grasso Tech on Friday, Jan. 11.

WOODSTOCK, 59, GRISWOLD 41

WOODSTOCK — Woodstock's Chase Anderson scored 18 points, Luke Mathewson had 11 and Cole Hackett scored 10 in the Centaurs in boys basketball on Jan. 2. Nick Gileau scored 11 points for Griswold (4-2).

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COMMUNITY SPOTLIGHT

"Shining a light on community events"

<p>January 11, Fri., 7pm Historian Eric Lehman discusses his award-winning book, about Tom Thumb. <i>Becoming Tom Thumb</i>: Charles Stratton, P.T. Barnum and the Dawn of American Celebrity. Professor Lehman is Director of Creative Writing at the University of Bridgeport. Community Room of the Canterbury Town Hall, 1 Municipal Drive, Canterbury.</p> <p>January 2-31 Art @ the Library on view, Thompson Public Library <i>"Pourtuitous"</i> by Sarah Zabka. Program generously supported by the Friends of the Thompson Library www.thompsonpubliclibrary.org</p> <p>January 12, Sat., 10:30am Whist, Bracken Memorial Library, 57 Academy Road, Woodstock.</p> <p>January 12, Sat., 7:00-8:30 The Soldiers, Sailors and Marines Fund (SSMF) assistance is available every Saturday morning at the Pomfret Senior Center, 207 Mashamouquet Road (Rt.44) in Pomfret. Always free and confidential; call 860-928-2309. (Administered by the American Legion to provide temporary financial assistance to qualified veterans.)</p> <p>January 14, Mon., 4-10pm Dining for a cause at the 99 Restaurant in Dayville to benefit Lost & Found Cat Shelter. Coupon must be presented at the event in order for the donation to be given. Coupons must be picked up at the shelter in Thompson prior to the event. Includes a raffle from 5-8! (860) 315-5792 for info.</p> <p>January 16, Wed., 7pm Bingo every Wednesday night at St. James, 12 Franklin Street, Putnam. Proceeds benefit St. James School.</p> <p>January 18, Fri., noon-8pm Club 2087 fish fry in its hall at 1017 Riverside Drive, North Grosvenordale. Fish and chips; baked haddock or fried shrimp; fried scallops; fried clams; seafood platter, and more. 860-923-</p>	<p>2967, council2087@gmail.com.</p> <p>January 19, Sat., 9:30am Book club, Bracken Memorial Library, 57 Academy Road, Woodstock.</p> <p>January 19, Sat., 10 a.m. Friends of the Killingly Library Annual Social and Volunteer Recognition, 25 Westcott Rd., Danielson. Janet Barrett, Cheshire author of <i>They Called Her Reckless</i>, will speak. Join us for light refreshments!!</p> <p>January 19, Sat., 5-6:30pm Troop 25 of Putnam's Chicken Parmesan Dinner at Putnam Knights of Columbus, 68 Providence St., Putnam. \$10 ticket, available at the door, or email bsatroup25putnam@gmail.com, or on our Facebook page. Funds raised will be used to offset the cost of monthly camping trips and activities for the scouts. Take out available!</p> <p>January 19, Sat., 2-4pm Open House at Windham-Tolland 4-H Camp, 326 Taft Pond Rd, Pomfret Center. New and old campers, families and friends are welcome. Take a tour to check out 4-H camp as you start thinking about plans for next summer and take advantage of early registration discounts.</p> <p>January 19, Sat., 9:30am-noon Bald Eagles in The Last Green Valley: at TLGV offices, 203B Main Street, Danielson. (snow date Jan. 28, 1-3:30pm). Geared to adults. Following the presentation, participants are invited to drive to the Quinebaug Valley Trout Hatchery with Ranger Bill in hopes of seeing bald eagles. TLGV members free, non-members \$10.</p> <p>January 19, Sat., 7:00-8:30 The Soldiers, Sailors and Marines Fund (SSMF) assistance is available every Saturday morning at the Pomfret Senior Center, 207 Mashamouquet Road (Rt.44) in Pomfret. Always free and confidential; call 860-928-2309. (Administered by the American Legion to provide temporary financial assistance to qualified veterans.)</p>
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Putnam High's Sebastian Ramos scored 32 points in a win over Montville last Friday.

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OBITUARIES

James R. Babcock, 73



WEBSTER / THOMPSON- James R. Babcock, 74, passed away peacefully, January 4, 2019 at U. Mass. Hospital, University Campus in Worcester.

He leaves behind his former wife and best friend, Elizabeth M. 'Betty' (Girard) Babcock of Thompson and two sons; Glenn Babcock and his wife Kim, and Joel Babcock and his dog 'Bear', a grand-daughter, Victoria, all of Thompson.

A brother; Douglas H. Babcock, Jr. and his wife Elaine of Webster, two nieces; Lynn Brothers and Ann Peters, a grand-niece and a grand-nephew.

Jim was born and raised in Webster, son of the late Douglas H. and Dorothy M. (Cobb) Babcock, Sr., he moved to Thompson a few years ago.

He worked for 38 years as a sales manager at Place Motors before retiring. Jim served in the U.S. Army for several years and was honorably dis-

charged in 1972.

He was a graduate of Bartlett High School and Wentworth Institute.

Jim was a member of the Webster Elks, and enjoyed hunting, fishing, golfing and watching sports.

Calling Hours were held on Tuesday, January 8, 2019 from 5-8 pm at the ROBERT J. MILLER FUNERAL HOME and LAKE CHAPEL, 366 School St., Webster.

A Funeral Service was Wednesday, January 9, 2019 at 10 am in the United Church of Christ, Federated, 4 Church St., Webster (Kindly meet at the Church).

Burial will be private at a later date. In lieu of flowers, Memorial Contributions may be made to: The American Cancer Society, 30 Speen St., Framingham, MA. 01701.

To leave a message of condolence, please visit: RJMillerfunerals.net



Michael A. Kudzal, 92



DUDLEY - Michael A. Kudzal, 92, died Monday, December 3, 2018 at home after a period of declining health. His wife of 58 years, Ramona P. "Mona" (Saad) Kudzal, died in 2002.

He leaves 4 children, James A. Kudzal and his wife Tara of Waldorf, MD, Patricia C. Blake and her husband David of Thompson, CT, Robert P. Kudzal of Dudley and Nancy E. Kudzal of Webster; a son-in-law, Ronald Paul of Danielson, CT; 6 grandchildren, David, Adam, Torren, Andelle, Emily and Haven; a great-grandson, "T.J."; a brother, Anthony "Blackie" Kudzal of Webster; several nephews and nieces. He was preceded in death by his daughter, Carol J. Paul of Danielson, CT in 2013, and by 4 brothers and 2 sisters.

He was born and raised on the family farm in Wilsonville, CT, a son of Francis and Tekla M. (Golob) Kudzal. He later lived in Webster about 30 years before moving to Dudley in 1964. He attended Bartlett High School.

He was an Army veteran of World War II, serving in the Asiatic-Pacific

Theatre. He belonged to the Webster-Dudley American Legion Post #184.

Mr. Kudzal first worked for several years at MKM knitting mill in Rochdale, MA. He then was employed for 16 years at Belding-Corticelli Company in Putnam, CT before retiring.

He was a communicant of Saint Andrew Bobola Church. He enjoyed reading history, traveling and playing cards in pitch leagues and at home.

The funeral was held Friday, December 7, from the Sitkowski & Malboeuf Funeral Home, 340 School Street, Webster, with a Mass at 10:00 AM in Saint Andrew Bobola Church, 54 West Main Street. Burial was in St. Joseph Garden of Peace, Webster with the Webster-Dudley Veterans Council providing full military honors. Visiting hours were held on Thursday, December 6, from 5:00 to 7:00 PM in the funeral home. Donations in his name may be made to St. Andrew Bobola Church, 54 W. Main St., Dudley, MA 01571.

www.sitkowski-malboeuf.com



Richard Emile Blanchard, 90

Richard Emile Blanchard, 90, died Sunday, December 30, 2018 surrounded by his family at his home in Versailles, KY. He was born in Thompson, Connecticut, the son of the late Lionel and Bernadette Jolicoeur Blanchard. Richard received his bachelors degree from Providence College in Rhode Island. He served for 4 years in the United States Navy at Groton Naval Base in Groton, Connecticut. On July 3, 1954 he married Lorraine Patricia Lachapelle. Richard founded the personnel company Career Management Inc. in Lexington. In addition to his parents he was preceded in death by his sister, Theresa Blanchard Coderre. He is survived by his loving wife of

64 years, Lorraine Blanchard, children, Dr. Michele (Curtis) Welling, Richard (Cheryl) Blanchard, Jr, Danielle (Michael) Quinton, Marie (Paul) Oser, Robert Blanchard, Janine (John) Lippert, brother, Bert (Mel) Blanchard, 13 grandchildren, and 7 great-grandchildren. Memorial contributions are suggested to the Junior Achievement of the Bluegrass, 2420 Spurr Rd, Ste 150, Lexington, KY, 40511. Condolences may be left online at www.BlackburnandWard.com



Claire M. Yargeau, 80



PUTNAM - Claire M. Yargeau, 80, of River Rd. passed away Sunday, December 23, 2018 surrounded by her family. She was the loving wife of the late Roland "Pete" Yargeau, who passed away on February 9, 1991. Born in Putnam, she was the daughter of the late Edgar and Juliette (Larose) Durand.

Claire's life was hallmarked by a deep selfless love for her family. She tirelessly cared for her children, grandchildren, great grandchildren, neighbors and friends while working a full-time job in positions related to accounting/payroll. She loved caring and serving wonderful meals as well as sending meals to those in need around her. Her character was one of deep respect, loyalty, love, hard work and integrity. She enjoyed a clean house, camping, playing cards, living on Quasset Lake and evening camp-

fires with family and friends. She enjoyed her past twenty years living on Flagler Beach in Florida. Claire's family was the center of her life. She will be greatly missed.

Claire is survived by her children, Donna Abend and her husband Dick of Danvers, Massachusetts, Debbie LaBonte and husband Steve of Putnam, Peter Yargeau of Woodstock, Daniel Yargeau and wife Michelle of Putnam; her brother, Edgar "T-Boy" Durand and his wife Charleen of Putnam; her sister, Lorraine Moser and her husband William of Ft. Pierce, Florida, ten grandchildren and four great grandchildren.

Relatives and friends are invited to a Mass of Christian Burial on Saturday, January 19, 2019 at 10:00 a.m. in St. Mary Church of the Visitation, 218 Providence St., Putnam, followed by burial in Quasset Cemetery in Woodstock. Gilman Funeral Home & Crematory, 104 Church St, Putnam, have been entrusted with her arrangements. For memorial guestbook visit www.GilmanAndValade.com.

John L. (Jake) Dennett, 89

DAYVILLE - John L. (Jake) Dennett, 89, passed away on December 24, 2018 at Davis Place in Danielson, after a short battle with cancer.

John was born in Dayville, on January 27, 1929 to the late William and Sarah (Reddy) Dennett.

John was also predeceased by his brothers Robert Dennett and PFC. Edward Dennett who was killed in action in Iwo Jima, Japan during WWII, a sister Charlotte Carter, and his beloved wife Jean (Mayo) Dennett who died in 1984.

John is survived by a daughter Patricia, and her husband Richard Schnatter of Danielson, and a son Kevin Dennett and his partner Lisa Racine, of Charlton, Massachusetts.

John was a very proud grandfather of 3: Hayley Schnatter of Manchester, New Hampshire, Ryan Schnatter of Danielson, and Brendan Dennett of Charlton, Massachusetts.

John is also survived by a sister, Mary Gazzola of Dayville, and many

nieces and nephews.

John was a 1947 graduate of Killingly High School. He was a union bricklayer for many years, specializing in fireplaces and chimneys. Some of his local work was at the Crystal Mall in Waterford, and Killingly Memorial School in Danielson.

John enjoyed music, dancing, shopping, the ocean and meeting his friends for coffee.

John could hold a conversation with anyone he met, and he enjoyed meeting new people.

John will be greatly missed by everyone who knew him.

Mr. Dennett's family would like to thank the staffs at Backus Hospital, Day Kimball Hospital, DKH Hospice Care and Davis Place for their fantastic care to our father and grandfather during his illness.

There are no calling hours and burial will be private. A Celebration of Life will be held in the Spring.

John G. DiBonaventura 81



SOUTHBRIDGE- John G. DiBonaventura 81, son of the late Corindo and Elizabeth (DiMatteo) DiBonaventura died peacefully, surrounded by family, in the afternoon of December 31st 2018 at the Massachusetts General Hospital in Boston after a short illness. He was born on June 26, 1937 in Southbridge and was a life long resident. John graduated from the former Cole Trade High School in Southbridge and worked at the American Optical Co. and General Motors Corp. until retirement. John served in the Massachusetts National Guard Yankee Division based in Southbridge. He was a member of the Wellsworth Pistol Club, winning many awards. John enjoyed working on his vintage Cadillac and playing cards with his friends. John was a long time volunteer for Meals on Wheels and was always a great help to his family and friends. Always the comic and story teller, John brought joy and laughter to everyone he met. John wrote poems for his dear friends

and was well versed with the Bible. John loved his nieces and nephews very much. John was predeceased by his loving wife Mary and is survived by his brother Alfred and his wife Annette DiBonaventura of Thompson, Connecticut, niece Jane Duarte and her husband Bob Duarte, their daughter Isabella Duarte of Newburyport, MA., sons Tony, Henry and

Joey Duarte of Brentwood, New Hampshire, niece Lisa DiBonaventura-Munoz and her husband Ben Munoz of Newton Massachusetts, their daughter Jessica Munoz, and many very dear friends.

Calling hours were held on Friday, January 4, 2019 from 4:00pm to 6:00pm at the Belanger-Bullard Funeral Home, 51 Marcy Street, Southbridge, MA. Funeral was held on Saturday, January 5, 2019 beginning at 9:00am at the funeral home, followed by Mass at 10:00am at St. Mary's Church, 247 Hamilton Street, Southbridge, Massachusetts.

In lieu of flowers, memorial donations may be made to the Blessed John Paul II Parish, 279 Hamilton St. Southbridge, MA 01550 for capital improvements.

Adele L. Harrelle, 74

PLAINFIELD, CT- Adele L. (Olson) Harrelle age 74 passed away, December 13, 2018 at the Day Kimball Hospital, Putnam, CT. She was the loving caring mother of two sons, Scott T. Harrelle of Santa Rosa, CA, Ryan J. Harrelle of Danielson, two daughters Michele L. Kelsey of Cranston, RI and Jeanine M. Tarca of Pittsburg, CA, eight grandchildren and three great grandchildren. She also leaves a brother Thomas Olson of Windsor, CA and three sisters

Terry Gilles of CA, Virginia Dupuis of Illinois and Lorraine Ingrassia of CA. She was born in San Francisco, CA daughter of the late Milton Olson and Iola (McCloughlin) Olson and lived in Plainfield for the past twelve years. Adele was a LPN and worked in Health Care most of her life. She was a member of the Plainfield Sr. Choir, St. John's Church Choir. There are no calling hours. A Memorial Mass will be held Saturday January 12, 2019 at 1 PM at St. John the Apostle Church, 10 Railroad Ave., Plainfield, CT. Burial will be private. Please omit flowers donations may be made to American Cancer Society. The Shaw-Majercik Funeral Home, 48 School St., Webster, MA has been entrusted with her arrangements. A guest book is available at www.shaw-majercik.com where you may post a condolence or light a candle.

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OBITUARIES

Leonard F. Albee Sr., 81



Leonard F. Albee Sr., age 81 of Brooklyn, CT, passed away peacefully, surrounded by his family at Davis Place, Danielson, CT on December 31, 2018. He was born in Putnam, CT, April 5, 1937. Leonard is son of the late Forest and Cora (Perrault) Albee. On November 17, 1956, he was united in marriage to Hazel (LeBlanc) Albee. He is survived by his 7 children, Kim (Ron) DuBreuil of Plainfield, Timothy (Robin) Albee of Brooklyn, Donna (Joe) Russo of Griswold, Leonard Albee Jr. of Brooklyn, Irene (Dave) Hayward of Pomfret, Lori (Hal) Malstrom of Brooklyn, Tabitha Albee of Brooklyn, his 21 grandchildren and 9 great-grandchildren, his special niece Lisa Marquis and his faithful companion Colby. He is also survived by his brother Ronald (Marie) Albee, Anita Palazzo, Kathy (Thomas) Payne and was predeceased by brother James Albee, and sister Rena Morrison. Leonard was previously employed by RB Green & Sons, Jolley Concrete, Cliff Green & Sons and until his retirement in 1998 he was employed by the Town of Brooklyn for 29 years. In those years, he held the positions of canine officer & town mechanic,

later becoming Road Foreman and 2nd Selectman. He was also a manager of the former Foxtail Campground in Brooklyn, CT. A lifetime member of the Fryeburg Fair, ME and the Windham County Agricultural Society (Brooklyn Fair), where he held the position of Grounds Superintendent for many years. Leonard enjoyed camping and spending time in retirement in Florida. He was always quick with a joke. He loved spending time with his family and his beloved pets Teddy, Colby and Thumper. The family would like to thank Dr. Alessandro, the medical professionals at UMASS, the staff at Westview Healthcare and Rehab Center, Whittier Rehab Hospital, and Davis Place for their care and support. A Mass of Christian Burial was held at Our Lady of La Salette Church, located at 25 Providence Road, Brooklyn, CT on Saturday, January 5, 2019 at 11 AM. In lieu of flowers memorial donations can be mailed to Putnam Bank, 125 Wauregan Rd. Danielson, CT 06239 in memory of Leonard F. Albee, Sr. all donations will be gifted towards a therapy dog in his name. The Shaw-Majercik Funeral Home, 48 School St., Webster, MA has been entrusted with his arrangements. A guest book is available at www.shaw-majercik.com where you may post a condolence or light a candle.

Nancy D. (Ketterman) Cucchi, 64



CHARLTON - Nancy D. (Ketterman) Cucchi, 64, died peacefully on Sunday, December 30, 2018, at the UMass Memorial Medical Center - Memorial Campus in Worcester, surrounded by her family. She is survived by her husband of 41 years, William E. Cucchi; two sons, Eric W. Cucchi and his wife Jennifer of Dudley, and Marc T. Cucchi and his wife Michelle of Danielson, CT; a brother, Randall D. Ketterman of Monson; a sister, Deborah J. Gray of Yarmouth Port; four grandchildren, Hunter, Charlie, Henry, and Finn; and many nieces, nephews, aunts, uncles, and cousins. She was born in Palmer, daughter of the late Randall G. and Priscilla A. (Tomlinson) Ketterman, and lived in Monson before moving to Charlton 42 years ago. She graduated from Monson High School in 1972 and received her associate's degree from Springfield Technical Community College in 1974.

Mrs. Cucchi worked in small business administration and bookkeeping for many years before retiring in

October of 2018 and was a former member of Business Network International. Her life was defined by her adoration of her sons, treasured time spent with her friends and family, but above all else, she absolutely cherished spending time with all of her grandchildren. Her passions in life were gardening, antiquing, and motorcycle riding with her husband Bill. She will always be remembered as a person who celebrated and embraced life.

The family would like to extend their deep appreciation to the nurses and staff that work at the UMass Memorial Medical Center - Memorial Campus Critical Care Unit (CCU). Nancy's family will be eternally indebted to the tireless, compassionate, and professional care they all provided her.

Memorial calling hours are Friday, January 11, 2019, from 5-8 p.m. at Paradis-Givner 357 Main St., Oxford. A graveside service will be held at 10 a.m. on Saturday, January 12, 2019, at Westridge Cemetery in Charlton. Please meet directly at the cemetery. In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be made to the M.S.P.C.A., 350 South Huntington Avenue, Boston, MA 02130, or to a charity of one's choice. paradisfuneralhome.com

Cynthia Whitney Libby, 84

PUTNAM -- On January 3, 2019 Cynthia Whitney Libby, 84 of Putnam put away her rolling pin and lasagna pans, turned off the Hallmark channel and left to join her husband of 54 years at the big party in the sky. Born in Houlton, Maine on August 5, 1934 she was the beloved and devoted daughter of Dr. Arthur and Gladys (Morehouse) Whitney and the adoring younger sister of Arthur, Jr. (Sonny). She graduated from Old Town High School where she joined forces with a group of merrymakers called the Jolly Juniors, with whom she rendezvoused in New England coastal towns 60 years past graduation.

Cynthia attended the University of Maine where after falling asleep face down in a book too many times, she shelved her own books and went on to shelve others in the university library. There she entranced a young country boy with squeaky shoes and a funny

name (Seabury Byron Libby). She married him, raised 3 children and worked alongside him in Libby's Supermarket.

Cynthia's adventures in retail (Kmart-where she was literally their biggest cheerleader) and at the Brooklyn Public Schools where she was a teacher's aide, served as a backdrop to her true passion as the consummate hostess. A quintessential extrovert, with an enormously generous heart, she loved entertaining people in and outside her home.

Cynthia leaves daughters Karen and Diane (husband Paul, children James and Katherine) and son Kevin who will miss her apple pies, bunny cakes, lobster feasts, (seriously) over the top holiday decorations and "You want it, get it" approach to life.

A brief goodbye was held Monday, January 7, 2019 at Smith Walker Funeral Home, 148 Grove Street, Putnam. Burial will be in Grove Street Cemetery. Donations may be made to Day Kimball Hospital Healthcare or Hospice of Northeast Connecticut, PO Box 632, Putnam, CT 06260. Share a memory at www.smithandwalkerfh.com

Bruce Brewer, 50



DANIELSON -- Bruce Brewer, 50, died on December 25, 2018 at Davis Place in Danielson after a courageous fight with cancer.

Bruce was born on July 14, 1968 in Putnam, to Dorothy McCall. He graduated from Killingly High School in 1988. He worked for Staples Inc. in Putnam for 24 years. Bruce had the kindest heart which he shared with everyone he knew and

had a special fondness for his cats.

Bruce is survived by his mother Dorothy McCall and stepfather James McCall of Dayville, his brother Brian Brewer of Brooklyn, and his niece and nephew Hannah and Noah Brewer.

A memorial service will be held at the Danielson Church of the Nazarene on January 17 at 6:00pm, followed by a reception. Light refreshment will be served.

In lieu of flowers, donations can be made to Paws Cat Shelter, Inc., 240 Rt 171, Somers Tpke., Woodstock, CT 06281

Robert S. Hand, 83

STURBRIDGE- Robert S. Hand, 83, a longtime resident of Sturbridge died Saturday, January 5, 2019, at UMass Memorial Medical Center.

His wife was the late Doris (Provençal) Hand who died January 23, 2013.

He is survived by his daughters Monique Griffith and her husband Robert of Danielson, CT, and Suzanne Esquintin and her husband Fernando of Vera Cruz, Mexico, 4 grandchildren, 2 great-grandchildren, and a sister

Diana Marciel of Fairhaven, MA.

He was born in New Bedford, MA, son of Samuel and Loretta (Desautels) Hand. He was a retired lineman for Bozrah Light and Power Company. He served in the Army National Guard for 8 years.

Funeral services will be held at the convenience of the family. Sansoucy Funeral Home, 40 Marcy Street, Southbridge is assisting with the arrangements. www.sansoucyfuneral.com

Marilyn Delvalle, 53



DAYVILLE, CT.- Marilyn (Suaraz) Delvalle age 53 died Dec. 31, 2018 at the Baystate Medical Center, Springfield, MA. She leaves three sons Henry Delvalle and his wife Kayla Goulette of Dayville,

CT, Joseph Delvalle of Attleboro, MA and Daniel Delvalle and Kellie Kilpatrick of Brooklyn, CT. two daughters, Erica Delvalle and Joshua Headen of Danielson and Ashley Delvalle of Dayville, CT. She also has 13 grandchildren. She had one sister that predeceased her, Bernice Alicia of Danielson. She was born in Bronx, NY daugh-

ter of the late Carmello Suaraz and Santa (Heredia) Suaraz and had lived in Danielson and New Britan, CT. She enjoyed crocheting, cooking, Spanish soap operas, and board games. There are no calling hours. Services will be held at the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints, 525 Ashford Center Rd, Ashford, CT 06278 on Saturday, January 19, 2019 at 2 PM. Omit flowers and donations in her memory may be made to the church. The Shaw-Majercik Funeral Home, 48 School St., Webster, MA has been entrusted with her arrangements. A guest book is available at www.shaw-majercik.com where you may post a condolence or light a candle.

Sabina Baldyga, 89



WEBSTER - Sabina (Krukowski) Baldyga, 89, died Thursday, January 3, 2019 at home surrounded by her family. Her husband of 54 years, Stanislaw T. Baldyga, died in 2004.

She leaves a son, Andrew Baldyga and his wife Elizabeth of North Grosvenordale, CT; 3 daughters, Helena E. Baldowski and her husband George of Webster, Basha Baldyga of Northborough, and Margaret Baldyga of Webster, with whom she lived; 4 grandchildren, Richard Baldowski, Julie Matthews, Izabela Baldyga and Timothy Baldyga; a great-grandson, Xavier Matthews; and a niece in Poland. She was predeceased by her sister Wanda Smurgorzewska of Poland.

She was born in Ostroleka, Poland, the daughter of Chester and Helen M.

(Tercjak) Krukowski and had lived here since 1964.

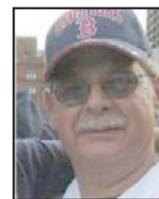
With her husband, Mrs. Baldyga co-owned Apollo Pizza in Webster for 14 years before retiring in 1995.

She was a member of Saint Joseph Basilica. She was devoted to her family all her life. She kept a special place in her heart for her country of birth.

The family would like to express their deep appreciation to Dr. Piotr Grabias and to Dr. Beata Stancel-Grabias for their care and concern for Sabina during her illness.

The funeral was held on Tuesday, January 8, from the Sitkowski & Malboeuf Funeral Home, 340 School Street, with a Mass at 10:30 AM in Saint Joseph Basilica, 53 Whitcomb Street. Burial was in Saint Joseph Garden of Peace. Visitation was held from 9:00 to 10:00 AM on Tuesday morning in the funeral home prior to the Mass. www.sitkowski-malboeuf.com

Scott Giroux, 62



STURBRIDGE- Scott Giroux, 62, of Ridge Hill Road, died Sunday, December 30, in an automobile accident on Route 131 and Hall Road.

He leaves his mother Nancy (Hattin) Giroux with whom he lived, two sisters Kathleen McGrath of Yardley, PA., Christine Marchand of Grafton, his wife Sylvia (Ashleigh) Giroux of Fiskdale, a step-grandson Richard Denis of Woodstock, CT., nieces, nephews, aunts and uncles.

Scott was born in Southbridge the son of the late Henri Giroux and lived

in the area all his life.

He graduated from Tantasqua Regional High School in 1974. He worked for J.I. Morris Co., in Southbridge for over 20 years. He also worked for Worcester State Hospital and Harrington Hospital.

Scott was an avid Boston sports fan. He enjoyed computer technology. Scott will be remembered for being a great friend to many people.

His calling hours were 2 to 4PM, Saturday, January 5, in the Belanger-Bullard Funeral Home, 51 Marcy St. Southbridge.

An online guestbook is available at www.BelangerFuneralHome.com

Robert A. Regis



BROOKLYN - The Lord has called Robert home, passing away peacefully in his home on Friday, January 4, 2019. He was the loving husband of Patricia (Renaud) Regis. Born in Danielson, he was

the son of the late Lucien and Phyllis (Piette) Regis.

Robert attended St. James School and Harvard H. Ellis Technical High School in his youth. As a young man, he worked for many years in the laborer's union. Bob would later go on to work for Rogers Corp. He started and operated his own business, Bob Regis Line Stripping. He had many interests and hobbies including being a communicant of St. James Church, and a member of the Knights of Columbus. He enjoyed playing the drums for many bands at local restaurants, Treasure Island, Stables, Perrini's, and the Irish American Club. He also enjoyed playing the organ at home, riding motorcycles, playing pool, driving his Camaro's, cookouts at his sister's beach house in Jerusalem, Rhode Island, and spending time with family at Alexanders Lake at his parent's cottage. Most of all, he enjoyed spending time with his only grandchild, April, who absolutely lit up his life.

In addition to his wife Patricia, Robert is survived by his daughter, Brenda Cotnoir and her husband Jeffrey of Putnam; a son, Gary Regis and his wife Bonnie of Woodstock; a granddaughter, April Regis of Woodstock;

a brother, Richard Regis and his wife Naomi of Brooklyn; and two sisters Nancy Lohbush and her husband Rudy of Danielson; and Ann Crowe and her husband Howard of Valencia, Pennsylvania; and many nieces and nephews. He was predeceased by a son, the late Michael Robert Regis, his brother, Raymond Regis, and sister, Lorraine Breault.

Relatives and friends are invited to visit with Robert's family from 10:30 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. on Saturday, January 12, 2019 in the Valade Funeral Home and Crematory, 23 Main St. N. Grosvenordale, followed by a Mass of Christian Burial at 12:30 p.m. at St. James Church, 12 Franklin St. Danielson. Burial will follow in Holy Cross Cemetery.

Memorial donations may be made in Robert's name to St. Jude's Children's Hospital, Memorials Processing, 501 St. Jude Place, Memphis, TN 38105. For memorial guestbook visit www.GilmanAndValade.com.

LEGALS

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

ESTATE OF Kenneth W Hunter (18-00491)
The Hon. Leah P. Schad, Judge of the Court of Probate, District of Northeast Probate Court, by decree dated December 20, 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.

Brenda Duquette, Clerk

The fiduciary is:
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January 11, 2019

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

ESTATE OF Ronald R Morin (18-00472)
The Hon. Leah P. Schad, Judge of the Court of Probate, District of Northeast Probate Court, by decree dated December 28, 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 Robinson, Clerk

The fiduciary is:
Mark J. Morin, 535 River Road,
Putnam, CT 06260, (860)428-4810
January 11, 2019

Cindy Ellen Giguere, 51

Cindy Ellen Giguere, 51 passed away on December 27, 2018 at her home in Windham, Maine. Cindy was born in Putnam on February 27, 1967 to Robert and Patricia (Anthony) Giguere. She grew up in Danielson attending St James School and was a 1985 graduate of Killingly High School. She later moved to Maine and continued a career in sales at Guardian Industries and later for Cold River Vodka. She was predeceased by her father Robert Giguere. Besides her mother she is survived by her brothers Craig Giguere and his wife Sharon of Danielson, Michael Giguere and his wife Julie of Danielson, her sister Lynn Bernard and her husband Michael of Danielson and several nieces and nephews. Cindy was a smart, funny and beautiful person and we will always hold onto those memories of her. Burial will be private and at the convenience of the family.

OBITUARIES

Jeffrey Michael St. Onge, 46



CAPE CORAL, FLORIDA -- Jeffrey Michael St. Onge, 46, of Cape Coral, Florida, formerly of Putnam, passed away on December 26, surrounded by his loving family. Jeff was a beloved father, son, brother, and friend. Jeff loved the water and spent many days fishing the mangrove and shallow waters around Pine Island sound in search of red-fish and snooker. Jeff was also a very talented mechanic and enjoyed working with his hands on his motorcycles and other projects. He was employed for much of his life in the automotive industry, most notably working beside his father at Northeast Auto in Thompson, where he began his career. Jeffrey leaves behind his son,

Christian St. Onge and his mother Lisa Stanley of Brooklyn; daughter, Ani St. Onge, and her mother Aja Reeser of Wellfleet Massachusetts, mother, and Suzanne St. Onge of Cape Coral, Florida, his brother, Jason and his wife Amy St. Onge of Thompson, and Matthew St. Onge of Cape Coral, Florida, his niece Savannah and nephews Isaac and Caleb, as well as many other dear family and friends Jeffrey was predeceased by his father Andre St. Onge. A memorial will be held on Tuesday, February 19, 2019 from 5pm to 7pm at the Fuller Metz Funeral Chapel. A prayer service will be conducted at 7pm. In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be sent to the American Diabetes Foundation at <http://www.diabetes.org> Or <https://captainsforcleanwater.org>



NEWINGTON – Melissa (Aucoin) Pelletier, 49, of Richard Street, passed away on Wednesday, January 1, 2019. She was the wife of Robert Pelletier. Born in Putnam, she was the daughter of Peter and Elizabeth Aucoin.

Melissa received her master's degree in education from St. Joseph University. She was a dedicated and well-liked educator for various schools and published a book titled "The Secrets of the Wee People." Her true passion was the performing arts. She enjoyed singing and acting with numerous theater groups. Her beautiful voice was evident while singing at St. Paul's Evangelical Lutheran Church in Wethersfield. Melissa will always be remembered for her vivacious personality and her bright smile.

In addition to her parents and husband, Melissa is survived by her four

beloved children, Devon Dusseault and his wife Ashley of Windsor Locks; her daughters, Jillian Dusseault Clark and her husband Dave of Suffield, and her granddaughter Elouise Clark, Rowan Pelletier of Newington, and Willow Pelletier of Newington; her sister, Allison Darigan and her husband John of Woodstock; her nieces, Meghan and Hannah Darigan; and her nephews, Jeter and Rory Darigan all of Woodstock; her Aunt, Lorraine Bazinet; and her grandmother, Florence Aucoin and numerous other aunts, uncles, cousins and dear friends. She is predeceased by her son, the late Brendan D. Dusseault; and her uncle, the late Theodore Bazinet.

As was Melissa's request, services are private and have been entrusted to the Gilman Funeral Home and Crematory, 104 Church St, Putnam. Memorial donations may be made to N.A.M.I (the National Alliance on Mental Illness) 3803 N. Fairfax Dr., Suite 100, Arlington, VA 22203. For memorial guestbook visit www.GilmanAndValade.com.

Nancy A. Pershula, 81



NORTH GROSVENORDALE – Nancy (Nachajko) Pershula, 81, passed away on Thursday, December 27, 2018 in UMass Memorial Hospital. She was the loving wife of the late Joseph Pershula for over 50 years. Born in Webster, Massachusetts, she was the daughter of the late Chester and Elizabeth (Lemanski) Nachajko.

Mrs. Pershula received her master's degree in Art History and was a teacher for the Killingly School System for 25 years. She loved reading, going to the beach in Duxbury, Massachusetts, watching the Red Sox, and had a personal interest in Egyptian archeology. She also had a passion for seafood-haddock and scallops were among her

favorites, drinking tea and Dunkin' Donuts coffee. She never owned a dishwasher because she liked washing dishes! Most of all, she enjoyed spending time with her family and friends.

Nancy is survived by her daughter, Joi Belforti and her husband Paul of Lake Forest, Illinois; her sister, Elizabeth Recko of Wilsonville; her brother, Ronnie Nachajko of Putnam; her grandchildren, Jody L. Pellecchia, Morgan Ann Pellecchia, Max Belforti, and Kyle Belforti. She was predeceased by her daughter, the late Jody Ann Pellecchia.

Calling hours were held on January 5, 2019 in the Valade Funeral Home and Crematory, in N. Grosvenordale which was followed by a funeral service in the funeral home. Burial will follow in St. Joseph Cemetery. For memorial guestbook visit www.GilmanAndValade.com.

Eleanor W. Strand, 97

WOODSTOCK – Eleanor W. Strand, 97, of Woodstock died Wednesday, December 26, 2018, surrounded by her family at Day Kimball Hospital in Putnam. She was the wife of the late Roland Strand, he died in 1999. She was born January 12, 1921 in Boston, Massachusetts, daughter of Ernest L. and Christine (McWilliam) Wallen.

She was a graduate of Woodstock Academy class of 1938. A lifelong resident of Woodstock, she enjoyed reading, word puzzles, crocheting and baking. Eleanor was a life member of the Woodstock Evangelical Covenant Church in Woodstock, where she was involved with the Ladies' Aid. She was an avid fan of the UCONN Women's Basketball team and she loved her two cats.

She leaves her son Stephen Strand

and his wife Janet of Woodstock, grandchildren Sara K. Seigler and her husband Joshua of Dedham, Massachusetts, Sgt. Tim Strand and his wife Nichole of Sandy Hook, a great granddaughter Remi C. Strand, many nieces, nephews and cousins. She was predeceased by her daughter Kathleen L. Strand, she died in 1961.

A Memorial Service was held Saturday, January 5, 2019 at The Evangelical Covenant Church, Woodstock. Burial will be private in Elmvalde Cemetery, Woodstock. In lieu of flowers donations may be made to Paws Cat Shelter, PO Box 31, S. Woodstock, CT 06267 or Jimmy Fund, Dana Farber Cancer Institute, PO Box 849168, Boston, MA 02284. Share a memory at www.smithandwalkerfh.com

Melissa Aucoin- Pelletier, 49

NEWINGTON – Melissa (Aucoin) Pelletier, 49, of Richard Street, passed away on Wednesday, January 1, 2019. She was the wife of Robert Pelletier. Born in Putnam, she was the daughter of Peter and Elizabeth Aucoin.

Gertrude M. Latici, 99



WOODSTOCK – Gertrude M. (Moynihan) Latici, 99, of Roseland Park Rd., died Saturday evening, January 5, 2019 at the home of her daughter, with her loving family. She was the loving wife of sixty-six years to the late Bruno N. Latici who died on September 24, 2011. Born in Dorchester, Massachusetts, she was the daughter of the late Henry Joseph and Ethel Agnes (Mellavin) Moynihan.

She was a 1938 graduate of the Massachusetts General Hospital School of Nursing. One of her first assignments was to tend victims of the infamous Coconut Grove Nightclub fire.

Mrs. Latici worked as a nurse anesthetist at Day Kimball Hospital for thirty years and Framingham Union Hospital for ten years.

In 1963, Gertrude and her husband Bruno purchased their beloved cottage, "Tuckaway" on Nantucket Island, which they generously shared with their friends and family. After her retirement, they moved to the Island and remained there until 2009. While on Nantucket, she was a member of the Nantucket Anglers Club, a volunteer at the Hospital Thrift Shop and the annual daffodil show where she won many ribbons for her prized daffodils. Gertrude was an avid skier, reader, gardener, and enjoyed listening to music and bird watching. She was also active in the Woodstock and Pomfret communities serving as a member of the Woodstock Theft Detecting Society, Woodstock Fire Department as an EMT, the Pontefract

Boat Club, past President of both the New England and Connecticut Association of Nurse Anesthetists, and along with her friends, had a seat at the Boston Symphony Orchestra for over 20 years.

Gertrude is survived by two sons, Steven Latici and his wife Laura of Gilmanston, New Hampshire and Renald Latici of Woodstock; three daughters, Cristina Latici and her husband Justin McAvoy of New York, New York, Elena Latici of Bologna, Italy, and Jennifer Latici of Woodstock; a sister, Phyllis Coupl of Hampton, New Hampshire; a brother in law, Donald Latici of Montvale, New Jersey; five grandchildren, Justin Latici, Margot Stern, and Finn, Blaise, and Millicent Latici-McAvoy; and three great grandchildren Emma and Alden Latici and Joslin Stern; and several nieces and nephews. She was predeceased by a brother, Fred Moynihan and three sisters, Elaine Herindeen, Barbara Drinan, and Helen Moynihan.

The family wishes to thank all of the wonderful caregivers over the past 14 years, in particular, Danielle Burgess, Angela Fontaine, Mary Kimball and Carol Petrucci as well as all of the visiting nurses from Day Kimball Homecare.

A Memorial Mass at Most Holy Trinity Church will be held in the Spring. Funeral arrangements have been entrusted to the Gilman Funeral Home & Crematory, 104 Church St., Putnam. Memorial donations in Gertrude's memory may be made to Day Kimball Homecare- visiting nurses, 320 Pomfret Street Putnam, CT 06260 or the Nantucket Land Council, P.O. Box 502, Nantucket, MA 02554. For memorial guestbook visit www.GilmanAndValade.com.

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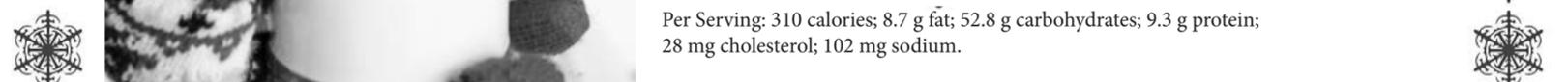
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- Ingredients**
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 - 3/4 cup white sugar
 - 1 pinch salt
 - 1/3 cup boiling water
 - 3 1/2 cups milk
 - 3/4 teaspoon vanilla extract
 - 1/2 cup half-and-half cream



Combine the cocoa, sugar and pinch of salt in a saucepan. Blend in the boiling water. Bring this mixture to an easy boil while you stir. Simmer and stir for about 2 minutes. Watch that it doesn't scorch. Stir in 3 1/2 cups of milk and heat until very hot, but do not boil! Remove from heat and add vanilla. Divide between 4 mugs. Add the cream to the mugs of cocoa to cool it to drinking temperature.

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OBITUARIES

Susan A. DesChenes, 59

CHERRY VALLEY – Susan A. (Meschke) DesChenes, 59, of Main Street, died Thursday, December 27, 2018, at the Meadows of Leicester. She is survived by her husband of 40 years, Michael J. DesChenes of Cherry Valley; three children, Andrew DesChenes of Boston, Jessica Standing and her husband James of Oregon, and Meagan DesChenes and her husband Sal of Los Angeles, CA; her father, Richard W. Meschke of Auburn; and her brother, David Meschke of Thompson, CT. She was born in Holyoke, daughter of the late Anita A. (Beaudry) Flowers, and lived in Paxton for many years before moving to Cherry Valley in 2011. She graduated from Auburn High School in 1977.

Mrs. DesChenes worked at Macy's

Department Store in Auburn for several years. Previously, she worked at Children's Friend in Shrewsbury for 3 years. She enjoyed cooking, word puzzles, and trips to Old Orchard Beach in Maine. Most of all, she enjoyed spending time with her family.

Memorial calling hours are Monday, January 14, 2019, from 6-8 p.m. at Paradis-Givner Funeral Home, 357 Main St., Oxford. A prayer service will be held at 8 p.m. on Monday at the conclusion of the calling hours. Burial will be private at a later date. In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be made to the National Brain Tumor Society, 55 Chapel St., Suite 200, Newton, MA 02458. paradisfuneralhome.com

Chong S. Kozlowski, 70

DAYVILLE -- Chong S. Kozlowski, 70, of Dayville, died January 3, 2019 at Brookside Nursing Home in Webster, Massachusetts. She was born April 9, 1948 in North Korea, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Sook (Son) Kim. She was the beloved wife of Paul T. Kozlowski they were married on August 11, 1978 in Dayville. Chong was a homemaker and enjoyed trips to the casino. She loved to crochet and garden, her flowers were beautiful. She leaves her hus-

band Paul T. Kozlowski of forty years of Dayville. Calling Hours were held Wednesday, January 9, at Gagnon and Costello Funeral Home in Danielson. A Funeral Service was held at at the Funeral Home, burial is in St. Joseph Cemetery, Dayville. Arrangements by Gagnon and Costello Funeral Home, 33 Reynolds Street, Danielson. Share a memory at www.gagnonandcostellofh.com

Deborah Lynn Adams Huesser, 59



WOODBURY, NEW JERSEY -- Deborah Lynn Huesser (née Adams), 59, of Woodbury, passed suddenly into the arms of her Savior on the morning of Christmas Eve. Debbie was born in Connecticut, and spent her childhood there with her parents, Roy and Marilyn Adams, and her sister, Mary. A graduate of Nyack College, Debbie earned her Master's degree from The University of Connecticut, and taught elementary school for many years at The Pioneer Valley Christian Academy. In 2008, Debbie married Robert Huesser, the love of her life, and moved to Woodbury. She was a loving daughter-in-law, sister-in-law, and aunt to all of Bob's family. Debbie was a much-loved third grade teacher at the Gloucester County Christian School and an active member of the Hardingville Bible Church, where she sang in the choir, volunteered in the nursery, and helped in children's church. She found great happiness and joy in serving others, baking delicious

homemade desserts, and her dear kitty, Sophie. Debbie was predeceased by her beloved mother, Marilyn. She will be sadly missed and lovingly remembered by her husband, Robert, her father and step-mother, Edward (Roy) and Irene Adams of Connecticut, her sister, Mary Dennison, and her niece and nephew, Nikki and Ryan, and her cousins, Carol, Jeffrey, and Jonathan. She was the cherished daughter-in-law of Robert and Helen Huesser of Woodbury and dear sister-in-law of Linda and Kevin McDavid of Doylestown, Pennsylvania, and David Huesser of New York, New York, and a favorite aunt to many nieces and nephews. Visitation was held Saturday at the Hardingville Bible Church 979 Whig Lane Rd. Monroeville, New Jersey under the direction of DAVIS & WAGNER FUNERAL HOME. Interment will be in Eglington Cemetery. In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to the Gloucester County Christian School 151 Golf Club Rd. Sewell, NJ 08080. Memories and condolences shared at daviswagner.com Donations may be made to: Gloucester County Christian School 151 Golf Club Road, Sewell NJ 08080

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