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At the downtown Putnam Fire & Ice Festival on Feb. 11: Karissa Brodeur and her daughter, Emma Lynn Salony, with a floral ice sculpture presented by G Seven Catering.

New bakery opens in Thompson



Teri Stohlberg photo

Christie Slonski, owner of A Sweet Time Away

BY TERI STOHLBERG
NEWS STAFF WRITER

NORTH GROSVENORDALE — “It’s been years that I’ve been wanting to do this,” said Christie Slonski about her new bakery in North Grosvenordale — the first business for the

young entrepreneur.

“I’ve been open for two months,” Slonski said. “I had a soft opening, but never had a grand opening.”

The bakery is located on Main Street, in a large, historic building located right across the street from St. Joseph School.

The large, red brick structure, built in 1900, has housed a number of businesses through the years, including a hair salon, a coffee shop, and a florist.

“I actually looked at this location about five years ago,

Please Read **SWEET TIME AWAY**, page A9

Killingly proposes town-wide cleanup

BY JASON BLEAU
NEWS STAFF WRITER

KILLINGLY — In their continued effort to work together Killingly’s Town Council and Board of Education are proposing a joint town cleanup effort for later this year. The two elected bodies discussed many different projects and teamwork efforts ranging from budgets to the cleanup concept on Feb. 7, and both Board of Education members and council members welcomed a town-wide cleanup with open arms.

Jennifer Thompson, the Chair of the Board of Education, said she worked with Town Council Vice Chair Gail Oakley Pratt to generate the idea as a way where both boards could work together, possibly with other community organizations, for the common good of the town in a fun and simple project.

“The idea is for the Town Council and the Board of Education to get together and collaborate with Little League or another youth group in town and pick a section of town to clean up for the day,” Thompson said. “(It’s an opportunity) for the agency and us, as a council and a board, to give back to the community.”

Town councilors seemed in full support of the idea, even if it was clear there are a lot of finer details yet to be worked out. Some discussed partnering with The Last Green Valley as Town Council member Joyce Ricci pointed out that the organization already does a cleanup in partnership with the town on a yearly basis.

“I think we have all the brooms and stuff. The town does a cleanup every year and we do Main Street, mainly the business district,” Ricci said. “So they’ve got something started so maybe it would be good to consult them to find out what’s worked and what hasn’t worked.” Town Manager Sean Hendricks said that The Last Green Valley does provide a good part-

nership opportunity, but said that Killingly is well known for including youth organizations in these kinds of projects as well. Much of the discussion involved the Killingly Little League, which holds a cleanup of their own on Field Day, which this year is April 8. Hendricks said many organizations could team together to make the cleanup something extraordinary.

“We also generally have scouting groups and that kind of thing and various youth groups take part in this as well. I think the town’s date is separate from April 8 so I don’t know if we have two separate cleanups or if there’s a way to find a time we can coordinate both of them,” Hendricks said. “As far as The Last Green Valley goes we can apply for a grant of \$1,500 so that’s part of our plan in terms of the town’s effort.”

Hendricks suggested the town have its plan in place for the cleanup before going for the grant. Town Council Chair David Griffiths gave his approval of the concept and, like Hendricks, implied that bringing many different organizations together could be a great way to get the most out of the initiative.

“I just think it’s nice to work with other groups as much as we possibly can to show The Last Green Valley that the Board of Education and the Town Council will work together with them for a cleanup,” Griffiths said. “We’re certainly looking for other volunteers as well — We’ll put it on Channel 22 to get more exposure for people who want to come out and help.”

Discussions are expected to take place in the near future to iron out all the specifics for the effort. Details will be released through Channel 22 and other outlets once a date and areas of focus are finalized.

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Tax consequences as Putnam grand list drops

BY JASON BLEAU
NEWS STAFF WRITER

PUTNAM — The town of Putnam will need to make up the difference for losses in its grand list report as budget discussions commence in the town. During a meeting of Putnam’s Board of Selectmen on Feb. 6 the Town Assessor, Angela Sanchez, gave the news to selectmen that the town’s grand list for 2016 dropped, it’s first major drop since 2010.

The decrease totals over \$7.3 million, a drop of 1.18 percent, and is partially due to the closing of several big businesses in town among a few other changes that Sanchez said have directly impacted the taxes of Putnam including cuts on the state level.

“Part of our department’s charge is to process state mandated exemptions, either completely exempt or a portion under the assessment. The change here in comparison to last year is that our reimbursed percentage has gone down,” Sanchez said. “We received a payment in lieu of taxes on the exempt college and hospitals as well as on the state owned

property and for fiscal year 2016 and 2017 the reimbursement on state owned was cut. Whether or not that’s coming back, I’m not sure.”

Despite the dip in the grand list Sanchez stated that residential taxpayers and businesses are still pretty evenly split in their contribution to the tax rate with each taxable group making up about half of the tax burden. While she insisted Putnam is still growing, Sanchez acknowledged that the departure of several businesses played a significant role in Putnam’s financial situation going into the new budget.

“The significant changes to this are Enterprise Rent-A-Car is no longer on this list. Cargill Chevrolet is now on the list and that is vehicles, as well as personal property and real estate for all locations. Pall Corporation, the manufacturing facility Pallflex, is now on this list. They are there because they have failed to file their personal property declarations so if they were filing they would have a good portion of their equipment exempt, but if you don’t file you don’t get your exemptions,” Sanchez said.

Please Read **GRAND LIST**, page A7

Thompson seeks Meals on Wheels volunteers

BY JASON BLEAU
NEWS STAFF WRITER

THOMPSON—Officials in Thompson are asking residents to step up and support a long-standing local organization, Meals on Wheels. Selectman Steve Herbert spoke during the Board of Selectmen's meeting on Feb. 7, noting that during recent budget discussions the town has been made aware of financial constraints being placed on the program.

Meal on Wheels is a national movement providing seniors across the country with nutritious meals and food services, but on the local level the organization, which assists several towns, has had to make budget cuts.

"They are facing budget crunches, as many organizations are, and as we heard one of their goals is to try to improve service," Herbert said. "They currently provide those meals twice a week (in Thompson). Despite the fiscal constraints that they have they want to improve their service, but they want to

do it by getting volunteers to help."

Meals On Wheels does run many of its programs and services through volunteers, but not enough to offset its shrinking budget. The organization still pays drivers to deliver the meals but deliveries are down from five times a week to a little as one or two and hot meals have been exchanged for frozen ones. Herbert said the organization has yet to begin a local campaign seeking the volunteers but he wanted Thompson to be ahead of the game.

"If they (get an increase in volunteers) they want to improve the service to our neighbors. So they would like volunteers to actually do the distribution of the meals five days a week for these folks in need," Herbert said. "If we have members of the community that would be willing to step forward (Meals On Wheels) is trying to do that."

Thompson First Selectman Ken Beausoleil said he supported the concept and would like to see members of his community step up to the plate and help Meals on Wheels endure and even

grow.

"They were doing it more days a week which delivered a hot meal to those people in need when they got out there every day. By reducing the schedule they are giving the same amount of meals, but they're not the warm meals," Beausoleil said. "If they can get warmer meals when it's fresh by having volunteers then it's a better quality of food and also there's more contact for the people because they look forward to seeing the drivers and volunteers."

Herbert agreed with Beausoleil's sentiment and said deliveries are often a source of short, but significant social interaction and argued daily deliveries and services offer more than just a

nutritious meal.

Meals on Wheels is also the local beneficiary of the annual Wheels for Meals bike ride in Northeastern Connecticut that last year celebrated five years of giving back to the community. The organization currently has offices in Norwich and Willimantic that help serve residents of numerous communities across Eastern Connecticut. The Thames Valley Council for Community Action, Inc. also handles many of the Meals on Wheels programs across the region.

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BROOKLYN

Wednesday Feb. 22
Water Pollution Control Authority, 6:30 p.m., Clifford B. Green Memorial Building

Thursday Feb. 23
Board of Selectmen, 6:30 p.m., Clifford B. Green Memorial Building

Resource Recovery Commission, 7 p.m., Clifford B. Green Memorial Building

EASTFORD

Monday Feb. 20
Clean Energy Commission, 7 p.m., Town Office Building

Tuesday Feb. 21
Republic Town Committee, 7 p.m., Eastford Public Library

Wednesday Feb. 22
Special Board of Selectmen Meeting, 9 a.m., Town Office Building

Registrar of Voters, 5 p.m., Town Office Building

Thursday, Feb. 23
Union Society Committee and Exhibit, 8 a.m., Town Office Building

Inland Wetlands & Watercourses Commission, 7 p.m., Town Office Building

Library Board, 7 p.m., Eastford Public Library

KILLINGLY

Monday Feb. 20
Special Town Council Meeting, 7 p.m., Town Hall

Tuesday Feb. 21
Housing Authority, 2 p.m., Maple Courts II

Fiscal Sub Committee, 6:30 p.m., Town Hall

Planning and Zoning Commission, 7 p.m., Town Hall

Wednesday Feb. 22
Board of Education, 7 p.m., Town Hall

Public Safety Committee, 7 p.m., Town Hall

Thursday Feb. 23
Open pace Land Acquisition Committee, 6:30 p.m., Town Hall

Public Information Meeting Concerning Danielson Airport Tree Clearing, 6:30 p.m., Town Hall

Friday Feb. 24
NECCOG, 9 a.m., NECCOG Building

POMFRET

Tuesday Feb. 21

Board of Selectmen, 8 a.m., Pomfret Community/Senior Center

Wednesday Feb. 22

Board of Education, 6:30 PM, Pomfret Community School Library

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Board of Selectmen, 7 p.m., Town Hall

Thursday Feb. 23
Putnam Facilities Study Committee, 7 p.m., Town Hall

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Tuesday Feb. 21
Board of Selectmen, 7 p.m., Town Hall

Conservation Commission, 7 p.m., Town Hall

Wednesday Feb. 22
Recreation Commission, 7 p.m., Town Hall

WOODSTOCK

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Zoning Board of Appeals, 7 p.m., Town Hall

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Historic District, 6:30 p.m., Town Hall

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Thompson to decide fate of roof project

BY JASON BLEAU
NEWS STAFF WRITER

THOMPSON — Thompson taxpayers will hit the polls to decide the fate of a \$200,000 proposed expenditure to replace the roof of the Ellen Larned Museum adjacent to the historic Thompson Town Common. Taxpayers had the chance to speak their minds on the matter during a town meeting on Monday, Feb. 13. The referendum to decide the fate of the roof is set for Wednesday, Feb. 22, from noon until 8 p.m.

The discussion was relatively light, despite the crowd of around 65 who attended the Feb. 13 meeting, there was a healthy mix of citizens clearly in favor of the roof replacement and those who felt less expensive options should be explored.

Some of the driving arguments against the proposal were the large price tag and whether or not it should be the town's responsibility to even fund the replacement of the roof. Steve Antos was the first taxpayer to speak at and referenced the lease between the town of Thompson, which owns the property, and the Thompson Historical Society noting that the town itself is not required to make the investment and that the Historical Society was charged with the upkeep of the facility when it took control of the building in 1995. He argued that it is up to the Historical Society to make sure its condition is maintained.

"The only financial obligation the town promised was \$975 a year for heating and electricity and if the septic system should fail the Board of Selectmen would consider assistance to the Historical Society at that time," Antos said. "They are responsible for returning the building in the same condition they received it. So at this point why are the taxpayers constantly pursuing a \$200,000 liability when it clearly states in the document that it's the total responsibility of the Thompson Historical Society?"

Several individuals responded. Larry Groh, a Thompson Board of Finance member and a landlord of property in town, compared the situation to his own properties and while he expects his tenants to leave the property the way they received it, he does have to invest to keep the buildings in good shape for the future. He argued Thompson will need to do the same one way or another with the Ellen Larned Museum.

"The town of Thompson actually owns the property. The Historical Society is the tenant. If they can't fix it then it's going to come back to the town of Thompson and we're going to have to do something," Groh said. "The building is the town of Thompson's and ultimately we're responsible. That's just my opinion. If we want to start taking care of our own buildings, which we haven't done in many years if you just look at the old TEEG building that's all boarded up, I think we need to take responsibility. In the end we're going to have to do it anyway."

Responding to some of the concerns about the buildings' deteriorating situation, Thompson Historical Society member Joe Iamartino said the society received the museum with a leaking roof and that the battle to replace the roof is one that has been debated for many years. Last year the same \$200,000 proposal was stripped from the town's budget after it failed at the polls and many years before that the Historical Society tried to utilize small fixes for a problem that has only increased in significance over time.

"It was already leaking when we took control of the property (in 1995) and it had been leaking as far back as 1976. After we took over we had two significant repairs and they dismantled part of the roof. We were told at that point that the underlayment had failed many



Jason Bleau photo

Joe Iamartino speaks to taxpayers in Thompson on Feb. 13 on roof replacement for the historic Ellen Larned Museum.

years before," Iamartino said. "We've been temporarily patching it up as best as we could since then. It's getting worse and there's only so many buckets that we can set out now. It's getting very serious."

Those with doubts about the proposal said the \$200,000 price tag was a hefty one for the sake of historical preservation and argued other options, like metal, clay or asphalt roofing should be explored, town officials said that decision was up to the Historical Society. Another of the society's members, Joe Lindley, said they did not seek alternate options, as their goal is to preserve the historical integrity of the building.

"We'd been told by the Connecticut Historical Preservation Office that any changes to the roof would jeopardize its character as a historical landmark," Lindley said. "That would jeopardize any further grants that we could apply for so our position as the town Historical Society is to recommend not changing that roof."

Thompson taxpayer Don Pimental said he would have liked to see those numbers presented to the town. While he remains undecided on the \$200,000 proposal, he feels having the alternate data available would have benefited voters.

"I just wanted to know what it would cost to do a metal roof versus an asphalt roof and a clay roof just to compare it, that's all," he said. "What if we spend \$50,000 versus \$200,000? We save the taxpayers \$150,000. I have not made my decision how I'll vote. I'm going to keep an open mind about it."

Thompson Board of Education Chair Bill Witkowski was on the other end of the spectrum stating the town needs to step up and support preserving its history even if the cost might seem a bit

extreme.

"I believe we have a social responsibility to take care of these buildings that were handed down to us at one point. The building has gone through the town for the last hundred years. The integrity and historical significance needs to be maintained. We wouldn't paint the White House blue just because we got a good deal on paint. We need to keep it historically accurate," Witkowski said.

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Wyndham Land Trust acquires Long Pond

THOMPSON — The Wyndham Land Trust took ownership of Long Pond in Thompson on Jan. 31. The body of water and its surrounding wetlands sit just south of the Massachusetts state line and form the source of the Five Mile River which flows south through Thompson, Putnam, and Killingly before joining the Quinebaug River in Danielson. The fast-flowing river is a favorite of trout fishermen and kayakers and protecting its source will benefit both local residents and visitors.

“As a long-time resident of Thompson, I couldn’t be more proud of this achievement,” said Mike St Lawrence, a board member of the Wyndham Land Trust. “The preservation of the 76 acres, including the entire 20-acre pond and a significant portion of the shoreline, will preserve this very rare ecosystem and provide a great opportunity for generations of local residents to experience the beauty that Thompson and Northeast Connecticut have hidden within their borders.”

When Audubon Connecticut announced the Connecticut Wetland In-Lieu Fee (ILF) program — a new funding source aimed at protecting wetlands in the state — the Wyndham Land Trust jumped at the opportunity to acquire Long Pond. In 2016 the land trust was awarded a grant through the new program and, with additional funding from the Bafflin Foundation, they took ownership of the Long Pond property on Jan. 31.

The ILF program is an innovative public and private part-

nership that provides substantial funding for the restoration, enhancement and preservation of aquatic habitats and their upland buffers in the state. The program receives its funding from application fees required in U.S. Army Corps of Engineers permits for work in waters of the U.S. for development projects impacting wetlands and watercourses. The fees are given to Audubon Connecticut which works with local, state, and national partners to select and fund large-scale mitigation projects including land acquisition.

“After all efforts have been made to avoid or minimize wetland impacts, Connecticut’s ILF program provides permit applicants an efficient and workable alternative to traditional mitigation, while providing a better outcome for our wetland habitats,” said Ruth Ladd, of the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, New England District.

“It provides regulatory flexibility for agencies to approve a fee in lieu of traditional on-site mitigation. The fees are used to restore, enhance, preserve or create aquatic resources and their associated uplands. The Wyndham Land Trust’s Long Pond project was reviewed by an interagency team and determined to be an excellent fit for this program.”

“Acquisition of the Long Pond property will ensure the continued protection of a number of wetland and watercourse resources in perpetuity,” said Anthony Zemba, an ecologist with the Hartford-based planning firm Fitzgerald and



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Halliday, Inc., which assists Audubon in management of the ILF program.

“Some of these resources include unique wetland community types that have a limited distribution within the state of Connecticut, and the property supports flora and fauna identified as species of ‘Greatest Conservation Need’ in the DEEP’s State Wildlife Action Plan.

“The region will benefit from the conservation of the site’s natural resources via the ecosystem services they provide,” continued Zemba. “Such as sustainable flow to downstream trout streams and drinking water aquifers, cooler local summertime ambient temperatures, carbon sequestration, fish and wildlife habitat, sediment and shoreline stabilization, and

nutrient retention and transformation. In addition, the site offers a place for passive outdoor recreation and for educational and scientific studies.”

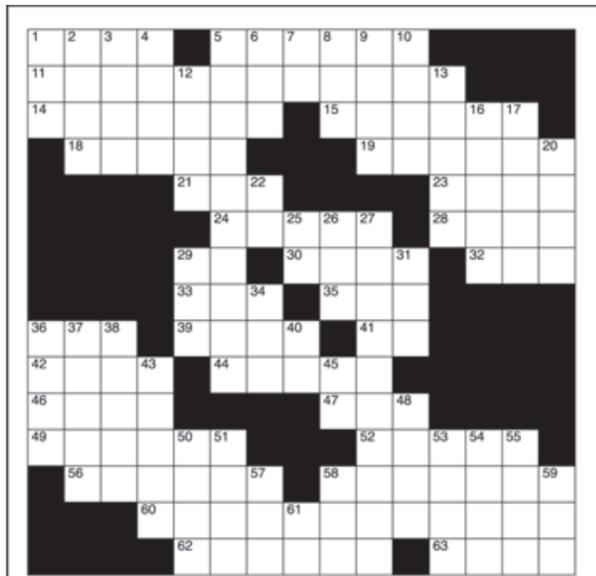
“Land acquisition projects like Long Pond will preserve water resources and ecosystem values in perpetuity, and represents the kind of projects that the ILF program is looking for,” said Steward Hudson VP and Executive Director of Audubon Connecticut. “We congratulate the Wyndham Land Trust and their Long Pond acquisition for being in the first round of projects approved under the ILF program.”

“This area has a high concentration of rare species,” explained Andy Rzeznikiewicz, the land trust’s land manager, who was instrumental in obtaining the ILF grant. “The land

trust will work with experts in the field to study the site and determine what is there, particularly looking at the plants, birds, amphibians, and insects.

“Our initial plans include installing nest boxes, cleaning-up the litter, removing invasive shrubs, marking the boundaries, and controlling the use of four-wheelers. We are actively looking for stewards to help us keep an eye on property. If you are interested, please contact the land trust.”

The Wyndham Land Trust now protects over 50 parcels in 10 towns in Northeast Connecticut totaling 2271 acres. The land trust can be reached by emailing info@wyndham-landtrust.org or by calling (860) 963 2090. More information can be found at www.wyndham-landtrust.org.



CLUES ACROSS

- 1. Unruly groups
- 5. Colorful flowers
- 11. December 25
- 14. Final stages of insects’ development
- 15. Breadmakers
- 18. Spanish man
- 19. In the middle
- 21. Bill
- 23. Noted editor Alexander ___
- 24. Swollen
- 28. Paddles
- 29. Cirrus
- 30. Seeped into
- 32. Skeletal muscle
- 33. Japanese traditional drama
- 35. Licensed practical nurse
- 36. Sibiu Airport
- 39. Rebuff
- 41. Sun God
- 42. Astringent
- 44. Feeling of humiliation
- 46. A device attached to a workbench
- 47. Wood sorrel
- 49. Among
- 52. Horizontal passages
- 56. Father of Alexander the Great
- 58. Utter repeatedly
- 60. Linked together
- 62. Literary effect
- 63. Held onto

CLUES DOWN

- 1. One-time phone company
- 2. Units of electrical resistance
- 3. Hillside
- 4. Omen
- 5. Repetitions
- 6. Royal Mail Ship
- 7. Farm state
- 8. Sino-Soviet block (abbr.)
- 9. Dutch cheese
- 10. Japanese alcoholic beverage
- 12. Black powdery substance
- 13. Tokyo’s former name
- 16. Monetary unit
- 17. Bones
- 20. To avoid the risk of
- 22. Dry goods unit of volume (abbr.)
- 25. Megabyte
- 26. Unwell
- 27. Expresses disapproval of
- 29. Central nervous system
- 31. We all have it
- 34. Expression of bafflement
- 36. Tributary of the Danube
- 37. Flies over sporting events
- 38. Chinese city
- 40. College degree
- 43. Dispenser of first aid
- 45. Momentum (slang)
- 48. Red Sea port
- 50. Sloven
- 51. ___ Turner, rock singer
- 53. Asian nation (alt. sp.)
- 54. Manson victim
- 55. Go forward
- 57. Primary Care Trust
- 58. Simpson trial judge
- 59. Sun up in New York
- 61. Exclamation of surprise



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Kopacz in Worcester County Sheriff's graduating class

Worcester County Sheriff Lewis G. Evangelidis has announced the graduation of the largest academy class in the history of the Sheriff's Department. The graduation ceremony held on December 2, 2016 at Anna Maria College welcomed 30 new correction officers to the Worcester County Sheriff's Office.

Officer Edward Kopacz of Thompson, who was also the recipient of the Lawrence P. Sullivan Physical Fitness Award, was part of the 46th Graduating class of the Worcester County Sheriff's Office Basic Recruit Training Academy. The group, which included five military servicemen, was the 11th class to graduate under Sheriff Evangelidis' increased hiring standards which he introduced shortly after taking office.

During his tenure, Evangelidis has made significant changes to the hiring standards in order to professionalize the department. All correctional officer applicants must have at minimum, an Associate's degree or at least two years of military service. They must also take and pass a written exam, physical fitness test, background check



Edward Kopacz

Courtesy photo

and psychological screening test. U.S. military applicants are given priority status in the hiring process.

"As we continue to build a strong department dedicated to serving our community, our new officers have met the highest hiring standards in corrections today and have completed the finest training academy in Massachusetts," said Evangelidis. "With almost 90 percent of our inmate population incarcerated due to addiction issues, the field of corrections can be a very challenging one. Our primary responsibility is to serve and protect the citizens of Worcester County and to do that effectively we must work daily with these individuals so they are less likely to re-offend upon their release. I am proud to welcome the largest graduating class in the history of our department, comprised of 30 of new correctional officers who will now join us in that mission."

During the formal graduation ceremony, among the traditions that were observed was as a badge-pinning where the new officers were "pinned" into their new profession by a family member.

Bald Eagles sighted in mid-winter survey

Forty-three intrepid volunteers braved the cold morning air on Jan. 14 to look for bald eagles in The Last Green Valley during the annual Midwinter Eagle Survey. The Last Green Valley, Inc. (TLGV) has organized volunteer teams since 2010, and this year, volunteers scouted 29 different locations including 22 locations on the Quinebaug, Shetucket, Willimantic and Natchaug Rivers and seven locations on lakes and ponds.

Volunteers sighted 12 bald eagles, with six sighted on rivers and six on lakes. Most of the eagles arrived in the region during the past month or two from northern states where the cold weather has frozen over rivers and lakes. Bald eagles are primarily fish eaters, though they have been reported to eat ducks and other prey as well as carrion. They are here because the habitat can support them with excellent

food sources, and because most of our rivers don't freeze completely during the winter months.

This year's count was lower than previous years and was most likely due to the warmer weather at the time of the count and open water on lakes and ponds that dispersed the eagles throughout the region. The warmer weather in northern New England may also have kept the eagles in their home range longer than in previous years.

Some of the eagles that were sighted are "native." The Last Green Valley National Heritage Corridor is home to an ever-increasing population of year-round resident bald eagles. We know of six successful bald eagle nesting pairs that have raised and fledged eaglets in the Corridor over the last several years.

The Connecticut Department of Energy and Environmental Protection will crunch all of the information gath-

ered by volunteers to determine the number of individual birds in the area. The detailed data reported by volunteers, such as exact time, location, and movement patterns are all vital pieces of the puzzle.

"We see quite a bit of interest and participation in this year's survey with hundreds of volunteers across the state. Initial responses indicate that the counts are down a bit this year from highs in 2013 and 2014, likely due to warmer weather in December and early January," said Brian Hess, Connecticut Department of Wildlife Biologist and Midwinter Eagle Survey Coordinator. "I'm extremely grateful to TLGV and Bill Reid for all of their help covering big swaths of water in Eastern Connecticut. We couldn't do this without them, or the help of the hundreds of volunteers statewide."

Nationally, the program is a project of

the U.S. Geological Survey, Biological Resources Division. Teams across the country observe on the same date and during the same hours to make the Midwinter Eagle Survey a national, state and regional snapshot of the health of the eagle population. Some states, such as Massachusetts, do not participate in the Midwinter Eagle Survey but conduct their own nest surveys in the spring.

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Dr. George received his B.S. from the College of Engineering at Cornell University and his M.D. from Weill Cornell Medical College. His post-graduate studies included a general surgery internship at Brown University and Rhode Island Hospital, and an orthopedic surgery residency at the University of Vermont. He completed his training with a spine surgery fellowship at Penn State University and Hershey Medical Center.

Prior to joining the Center for Bone and Joint Care, Dr. George spent 23 years in an orthopedic practice in Northwest CT. He has been a scientific advisor and board member at a company that developed an antimicrobial spinal implant, which is approved for clinical usage in Europe.

In his spare time, Dr. George enjoys skiing, snorkeling, hiking, reading history books and visiting museums. He is an avid fan of Coast Guard Football, where his brother is the head coach. His greatest joy is spending time with his four children.

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THE WOODSTOCK ACADEMY HONOR ROLL

The honor roll for The Woodstock Academy second quarter.

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The Putnam High School honor roll for the second quarter of the 2016-2017 school year.

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RECOGNITION
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LEARNING

Terrell is in Tourtellotte spotlight

THOMPSON — Tourtellotte Memorial High School has begun a new recognition program called the TMHS Student Spotlight of the month. Each month, a TMHS student is recognized for outstanding achievement, character, leadership, attitude, and/or contributions to the school and community.

February's Student Spotlight honoree is freshman Robert Terrell. Robert was nominated for the Student Spotlight recognition by his entire homeroom for many reasons. Firstly, he decided unselfishly to run for president of the Freshmen class. In that position, Robert has worked hard to organize activities. He spoke at the eighth grade promotion assembly at the beginning of the school year, he helped facilitate the school lunch survey, he led class efforts in holiday hallway decorating, he organized the pie-in-the-face fundraiser at the holiday pep rally, and he is currently working with other class officers to organize a dodgeball tournament. Robert also serves on the Student Leadership Team and Student Council.



Robert Terrell

Courtesy photo

Clearly, Robert recognizes a personal responsibility to contribute to his class and overall school community. He is a true leader who does not wait for others to act but rather makes things happen. His homeroom says, "We are lucky to have him in our class."

In addition to his contributions at school, Robert volunteers at High Point Church to help the needy. He also volunteers at a local nursing home, sharing his time with patients who enjoy his visits. Robert's future plans include earning his MBA and pursuing a career in politics. When asked what motivates him, Robert says, "Many things motivate me, but one thing that really motivates me is being the person I want to become in the future. The person I want to become is being a great leader to the people, my community, and also being a successful business leader and philanthropist." To his school community, Robert says, "Putting in the hard work now can result in a great outcome for your future."

DEAN'S LIST

The following local students made the Dean's List at their respective colleges.

Jacob Thomas Antos of North Grosvenordale, was named to Dean's List at the University of Alabama's Dean's List. A total of 11,758 students enrolled during the 2016 fall semester at UA were named to the Dean's List with an academic grade point average of 3.5.

Anna Fagan of Pomfret Center has qualified for the Fall 2016 Dean's List at Seton Hall University. To make Dean's List, students must have at least a 3.4 GPA and can get no grade lower than a C. Matthew Fiedler of Brooklyn also has qualified for the Fall 2016 Dean's List at Seton Hall University.

At Goodwin College in East

Hartford, Dean's List inclusion requires a student to earn a minimum 3.5 grade point average, Goodwin's Dean's List included Jessica Hicks of North Grosvenordale, Sandra Carignan of North Grosvenordale, Sarah Hubert of Danielson, Melinda Malboeuf of Danielson, Jeremie Messier, Douglas Rosen of Woodstock, and Shelly Hart of Brooklyn.

Jason Songdahl, of Danielson, was named to Goodwin's President's List, with a perfect 4.0 grade point average.

At Hofstra University, Mikayla Van Dam of Putnam, and Malle Barclay of Danielson had a GPA of at least 3.5 to earn a spot on the Dean's List for the Fall of 2016 semester.

At Husson University in Bangor, Maine, Austin Beaupre, from Putnam, has been named to the Dean's List for the Fall 2016 semester. Beaupre is a sophomore who is currently enrolled in Husson's Bachelor of Science in Business Administration program.

Breanna Rice, from Thompson, has been named to Husson University's President's List for the Fall

2016 semester. Rice is a first-year student who is currently enrolled in Husson's Bachelor of Science in Healthcare Studies / Master of Science in Occupational Therapy. The President's List must carry at least 12 graded credit hours during the semester and earn a grade point average of between 3.80 to 4.0.

Marshall Hudon, from Danielson, has been named to Husson University's President's List for the Fall 2016 semester. Hudon is a first-year student who is currently enrolled in Husson's Bachelor of Science in Communications Technology with a concentration in Video Production program.

Local students at Eastern Connecticut State

WILLIMANTIC — Eastern Connecticut State University recently released a new list of local students who have enrolled for the spring 2017 semester. The enrollees include Ijah Culbert of Danielson, Maggie Huchowski of Danielson, Damien Phongsamphanh of Danielson, Anna Whalon of Danielson, Alyssa Rainey of Dayville, Kayla Vargas of Pomfret, Kayla Amaral of Pomfret Center, Avery Benton of Pomfret Center, Sothea Semmelrock of Pomfret Center, Ryan Shea of Pomfret Center, Anna Grudzinski of Woodstock, Nathan Kneeland of Woodstock, Austin Stone of Brooklyn, Mary Wilterdink of Brooklyn, Ijah Culbert of Danielson, Cory Newcomb of Putnam, Robert Pascale of Putnam, and Kerrie Bellerose of Thompson.

Quinebaug Valley Fire Department offers scholarship

Quinebaug Vol. Fire Dept. is now accepting applications for the lieutenant George W. Walker Memorial Scholarship and the Chief Joseph Donovan, Sr. Memorial Scholarship. The requirements for application are as follows: Be a Thompson resident graduating high school senior pursuing higher education.

Scholarship applications will only be considered if completed. Non-compliance will void application. Students may apply for both scholarships. Each scholarship requires its own application. Applications are available at most area schools' guidance offices, on our QVFD website, the community board of the Thompson Town Hall and Thompson Public Library. Student deadline is March 24, to the school's guidance office.

GRAND LIST

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"To show how Putnam is growing, our real estate is up \$2.3 million, or .48 percent. We have new homes and new commercial and industrial that are being improved, condominiums, and permits. Our personal property is down \$275,000. Although businesses are purchasing new equipment most of it is exempt manufacturing equipment as well as experiencing the loss of a few businesses."

In the last year Putnam has seen Kmart and Aarons close their doors, adding to the number of departed franchise outlets in the plaza on Providence Pike. The loss of Enterprise Rent-A-Car itself not only hurt the town in its move to Brooklyn by taking away

business, it also relinquished the town of a significant amount of vehicle tax funds according to Sanchez.

"We are down \$9.4 million, or 15 percent. Enterprise Rent-A-Car has left town and they were responsible for \$10 million in assessment last year," Sanchez said. "If their vehicles were not included in the analysis we would actually be up about \$500,000 in this category. To further that point, if they weren't included in the total and our yearly comparison our grand list would be up .42 percent, which shows that Putnam is growing."

Selectmen have noted that the dip in the grand list will certainly create some obstacles as they break down the budget and look for areas where

they can make up the difference.

The report presented during the Board of Selectmen meeting did indicate that the town's largest taxpayers remain pretty stable compared to previous years. Eversource Energy is the largest taxpayer, responsible for over 5.6 percent of the grand list, while Walmart and Putnam Downtown, LLC round out the biggest taxpaying businesses. Kmart was listed as one of the top ten taxpaying businesses in Putnam until its closing last year having been assessed at over \$3.6 million.

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Hidden signals abound in the American Revolution

Did any of you ever try writing with secret codes as children? I know that I did. I still love the challenge of a code and try to work out the “cryptoquotes,” and I watch Wheel of Fortune. My children know this so I was tickled when my son Gabe sent me a little booklet by Jennifer Wilcox, published by the National Security Agency, entitled Cryptology in the American Revolution. I was familiar with invisible ink and the simple codes that switched letters. I was not aware of hourglass codes where an hourglass cutout was placed on a blank paper and the secret message was written within its confines.

Then the hourglass was removed and a letter was composed around it. Some codes utilized number sequences often taken from a predetermined book like a dictionary — 6. 2. 15 for example, could be the 15th word in the second column on page 6.

I was amazed to learn that British General Howe “made Burgoyne aware of his intentions to move to Philadelphia instead of moving north toward Albany via a message hidden inside a quill. He inserted the long, narrow, messages into a large, hollow quill feather” (p. 11). Northeastern Connecticut’s Nathan Hale’s hiding place while carrying secrets for the Patriots was not nearly so complex, and it cost him his life as a result. “Hale was recognized as a rebel and arrested. Incriminating notes were found hidden in his boots and he confessed to being a soldier in the Continental Army. He was accused of spying and immediately sentenced without a trial to hang the next morning” (p. 10).

If you are interested in the booklet Cryptology in the American Revolution, it is available for free from the Center for Cryptology History, National Security Agency, 9800 Savage Road, Suite 6886, Fort George G. Meade, Md., 20755-6886.

Of course, there were other ways of conveying information. Have you ever been to Fort Griswold in Groton, Connecticut? We used to take the children there when they were young. Now being from Norwich, when Benedict Arnold helped lead the British fleet into New London on September 6, 1781, he knew that the militia fired guns as signals to alert outlying towns of imminent danger, or to say that all was clear. In her History of New London, Connecticut Frances M. Caulkins noted that “it was evident that these signals had been communicated to the enemy, for when the two distress guns were fired, one of the large ships in the fleet added a third, so as to alter the impact. This stratagem had some influence in retarding the arrival of militia” (p. 546,7). Of course, most of us are familiar with lanterns being used as signals from the story of Paul Revere. What others do you know about? Don’t forget to pass your knowledge on to the next generation.

Once again I’ve been studying the old papers at the Center, and I again returned to the June 14, 1951 Windham County Transcript. I loved the ad for Danielson Federal Savings and Loan Association. “The Way to Save is Not to Spend. Control that urge to spend. When your Savings Account grows to something really BIG, your enthusiasm will no know bounds. The CRUSADE FOR THRIFT movement at Danielson Federal Savings is all for your benefit. Current Divident, a good 2 1/2%. Your savings insured up to \$10,000. A check of Natalie L. Coolidge’s Killingly Business Encyclopedia revealed that the bank was organized in 1916 as the Danielson Building & Loan Association and took the new name in 1934. In 1960 a new building was completed (current Key Bank) with November 17th set for the grand opening. (See Images of America Killingly Revisited by Natalie L. Coolidge, p. 76 for a photo of the grand opening). Some of you may recall the

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OPINION

Opinion and commentary from the Quiet Corner

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

A shovel full of thanks

To the editor:
 Many thanks to the Good Samaritan who stopped to clear my mailbox Monday morning.

Thank you,

GAIL WHITE
 WOODSTOCK

Introducing community fracking waste bans

To the editor:

One by one, Connecticut towns are asking their town committees to vote for bans on fracking waste storage. This site (<https://insideclimatenews.org/news/20140905/frackings-wastewater-poorly-understood-analyzed-first-time>), described the waste as the contaminated water that re-emerges after pressurized treatment to harvest oil and gas from underground deposits.

Here’s what comes up as waste and needs storage somewhere: “Of those [chemicals in the waste,] at least six were found at levels that would make the water unsafe to drink—barium, chromium, copper, mercury, arsenic and antimony. Depending on the chemical, consuming it at high levels can cause high blood pressure, skin damage, liver or kidney damage, stomach issues, or cancer.”

The geology of our area protects us from both fracking and deep well waste disposal,

but there is growing concern that municipalities will be approached for above-ground storage which would of course involve trucking dangerous wastes over our roadways. Having seen the corroded tanks from gas stations dug up, their toxic corrosives spilling into surrounding soils, it is hardly a sure thing that above ground containers would protect our water supply.

A leak would contaminate surface water system supplies for both Woodstock residents and our school children and could make their way into well water systems as contaminants seep through underlying layers.

You can learn more through on-line articles on fracking waste and there will be local information meetings in the near future. Our pure water is a precious resource to be protected.

JORIE HUNKEN
 WOODSTOCK

State Representative Boyd comments on Mally’s Budget proposal

To the editor:

I wanted to take a moment and reflect openly on the recently proposed budget by Governor Dan Malloy. I was sitting in the House Chamber last Wednesday listening to him outline his vision and budget for the next two years. At first pass, this budget cuts millions of dollars from to towns in the form of educational cost sharing and special education costs. It and suggests major shifts in how government is funded on the state and local levels. It transfers teacher pension payment obligations in part from the state to our towns, it adds to the Hospital tax which will directly hurt Day Kimball Hospital, and will ultimately raise taxes on the middle class.

I cannot justify this approach, nor can I justify spending 250 million on renovating the XL center, while asking towns to “sacrifice” at home. On top of directly cutting local funding, this budget also raises fees on nearly everything, but particularly, it nearly

triples the fees for law abiding gun owners to maintain their pistol permits. However, I was encouraged that the Governor is talking about taking the Constitutional Spending Cap seriously, but I am concerned that most of his address was aimed at supporting distressed urban areas while he only made passing mention of our rural towns.

I am reminded that this is only the first step in the budget process and now it is in the hands of the legislatures Appropriations Committee whom can start over. I look forward to meeting with area NECT legislators next week so we can work on our geographic approach to advocate for the priorities of Northeastern Connecticut. For us to succeed, we cannot be partisan. The Quiet Corner cannot be quiet as if this budget is enacted; we all have a great deal to lose.

PAT BOYD
 STATE REPRESENTATIVE, 50TH DISTRICT
 Pomfret

Hearty Soups Beat Winter Blues

What’s the cure for the winter blues? Oftentimes the remedy for the side effects of a long, cold New England winter can be found in a simple bowl of soothing soup or stew. From boosting spirits and staving off sniffles to warming both belly and soul, a steaming sip of homemade soup is a cold weather cure that’s not only healing, but deliciously healthy. Taking the cue from generations past, the following recipes are brimming with old fashioned, basic ingredients, making these soups and stews the epitome of “comfort foods.”

Root Vegetable Soups
 Root vegetables, still fresh from storage, are the basis for the following two soups. Because root vegetables grow underground, they absorb more nutrients and minerals from the soil. Rich in antioxidants and complex carbohydrates, the vegetables are hearty and healthy. In addition, studies show the soluble fiber can help satisfy hunger without additional fat and calories.

Rich Roasted Carrot Soup
 Cayenne pepper gives this sweet and creamy carrot soup a subtle, unexpected kick. For an even sweeter brew, use unsalted broth.

Ingredients: ten carrots washed and peeled; 32 ounces chicken or vegetable broth; four tablespoons olive oil; seasonings (salt, pepper, cayenne pepper) to taste.

Directions: Preheat oven to 425 degrees. Lay out carrots on a cookie sheet that has been sprinkles generously with olive oil. Cook for 40 to 45 minutes or until carrots have browned. When slightly cooled place carrots into blender, add broth and puree. Heat in a pan, add seasonings.



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**KAREN
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Health Note: Carrots are rich in Vitamin A, which aids in vision. Beta-carotene, which gives carrots their bright orange hue fight heart disease and cancers. In addition, the antioxidants and phytochemicals in carrots may also help with blood sugar regulation, delay the effects of aging, and improve immune function.

Spiced Sweet Potato Soup
 Creamy sweet potato soup and a dash of pie spices marry deliciously to elevate this dish to company-worthy status.

Ingredients: 1 1/2 cups diced cooked sweet potatoes; 1 Tbsp butter; 1 Tbsp flour; 1/2 tsp salt; 1/4 tsp ground ginger; 1/8 tsp ground cinnamon; 1/8 tsp ground nutmeg; 1 Tbsp brown sugar; 2 cups chicken or vegetable stock; 1 cup cream or half and half (may substitute plain Greek yogurt).

Directions: In a blender process all ingredients except cream until smooth. Pour into a pan, add cream and cook until slightly thickened, stirring constantly. Serve with a drizzle of cream or dollop of yogurt topped with an herb sprig.

Health Note: Sweet potatoes pack a powerful nutritional punch. In addition, they are rich in fiber which not only fills you up, but helps steady blood sugar. The B vitamins in sweet potatoes are hailed as a mood boost-

er. It’s no wonder sweet potatoes have earned a Vegetable of the Month designation from the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention.

Classics in the Crock Pot
 No time to assemble and monitor a big pot of homemade soup? These classic slow cooking comfort soups can easily be adapted to the crock pot. Best of all, they retain the taste and integrity of the original time tested favorite.

Crockpot Split Pea Soup
 You don’t have to spend all day at the stove to whip up this classic pea soup recipe. It’s ready when you come home!

Ingredients: 7 cups water; 1 (16 ounce) package dried split peas, rinsed and sorted (2 1/4 Cups); 1 teaspoon salt
 1/4 teaspoon pepper; 3 medium carrots, cut into 1/4 inch slices (1 1/2 Cups); 2 stalks celery, finely chopped (1 Cup); 1 medium onion, chopped (1/2 cup); 1 ham bone with some meat attached.

Directions: Mix all ingredients except ham in a crockpot. Add ham bone. Cover and cook on low heat 8 to 10 hours or on high heat up to eight hours or until peas are tender and soup has thickened. Remove ham from cooker and cut off meat. Stir ham into soup and stir again before serving.

Health Note: Rich in fiber, potassium and vitamin K, homemade split pea soup is not only a rich, hearty comfort food but healthy as well!

Tomato Parmesan Soup
 Fresh tomatoes, basil and garlic team up with parmesan cheese and cream to create a mouth watering soup to warm you up on the coldest of days!

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Some of those
 that didn’t
 last long...

Other than THE shortest lived series of U.S. coins (Flying Eagle small cents: 1856-58), there are only two other coins that lasted only four years...the 20¢ pieces of 1875-78 and the Susan B. Anthony dollars (1979-81 and then again in 1999). Both coins suffered the same fate...they were too close in size and appearance to other, more popular circulating coins, and were often confused with those coins.

In the case of the 20¢ pieces, their Seated Liberty design was virtually identical to its slightly larger Seated Liberty quarter. The quarters had been circulating since 1838 and were a mainstay of everyday commerce. Tens of millions of Seated Liberty quarters were minted before even one 20¢ piece was struck.

First proposed to Congress in 1791 and again in 1804, those early legislators were smart enough to realize that two coins of such similarity in value and design would be confusing to ordinary people. Then in 1874 Senator John Percival Jones of silver-producing



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PAUL JOSEPH

Nebraska introduced the bill to mint 20¢ pieces. It would appear that during the 70-year period since the coin was last proposed legislators got dumber... A L O U I S D U M B E R.

In 1874 the Mint had production facilities in Philadelphia, New Orleans, San Francisco, and the newest in Carson City Nevada. The Carson City Mint was established to produce silver coins from the vast amounts of silver mined in that state. And the Mint correctly reckoned it was safer to melt and mint the silver within the state than to run the risk of shipping it to another mint facility. At the time Carson City was only producing small quantities of silver dimes and quarters.

Silver half dimes were abolished by Congress by the Mint Act of 1873. As a result, many were individually hand tooled into LOVE TOKENS (which I collect and will be a topic for a separate column). While the obvious solution to coinage needs in the West would have been to mint more cents and nickels at the /san ?Francisco Mint (Breen, page 334), Jones stuck to his constituent-satisfying 20¢ proposal. Jones may also had the hidden agenda to refill the pockets of his silver mine owner supporters. Their incomes had been greatly reduced when 1873 Mint Act lowered orders for silver 3¢ pieces, half dimes and silver dollars (Breen).

It had been Mint policy to practice uniform designs for circulating coins. In fact, that policy continued until 1916 when President Teddy Roosevelt caused a Renaissance in designs with the Mercury dimes, Standing Liberty quarters, and Walking Liberty half dollars. Thus, in 1875 Mint Director Henry Linderman approved the confusing design for the 20¢ piece (pictured with this column). President Grant signed the bill on March 3, 1875.

Mint Engraver William Barber essentially copied the Gobrecht-Hughes obverse design of a seated Liberty and used his own Eagle design from the reverse of the Trade dollar. The one major difference between the 20¢ piece and the quarter was that the quarter had a reeded edge while the 20¢ pieces were smooth. This was an apparent concession to the many illiterate citizens who could not read the two coins’ denominations written on the reverse.

In our next column, we’ll discuss mintages and values for the 20¢ pieces and the ubiquitous Susan B Anthony dollar. In the meantime, keep those questions coming.

Planning for Incapacity

Plan Well: What would happen if you were mentally or physically unable to take care of yourself or your day-to-day affairs? You might not be able to make sound decisions about your health or finances. You could lose the ability to pay bills, write checks, make deposits, sell assets, or otherwise conduct your affairs. Unless you're prepared, incapacity could devastate your family, exhaust your savings, and undermine your financial, tax, and estate planning strategies. Planning ahead can ensure that your health-care wishes will be carried out, and that your finances will continue to be competently managed.

It could happen to you. Incapacity can strike anyone at any time. Advancing age can bring senility, Alzheimer's disease, or other ailments, and a serious illness or accident can happen suddenly at any age. Even with today's medical miracles, it's a real possibility that you or your spouse could become incapable of handling your own medical or financial affairs.

What if you're not prepared? Should you become incapacitated without the proper plans and documentation in place, a relative or friend will have to ask the court to appoint a guardian for you. Petitioning the court for guardianship is a public procedure that can

be emotionally draining, time consuming, and expensive. More importantly, without instructions from you, a guardian might not make the decisions you would have made.

Advance medical directives Without legal documents that express your wishes, medical care providers must prolong your life using artificial means, if necessary. With today's modern technology, physicians can sustain you for days and weeks (if not months or even years). To avoid the possibility of this happening to you, you must have an advance medical directive.

There are three types of advance medical directives: a living will, a durable power of attorney for health care (or health-care proxy), and a Do Not Resuscitate order (DNR). Each type has its own purpose, benefits, and drawbacks, and may not be effective in some states. You may find that one, two, or all three types of advance medical directives are necessary to carry out all of your wishes for medical treatment. Be sure to have an attorney prepare your medical directives to make sure that you have the ones you'll need and that all documents are consistent.

Other key items are to protect yourself are a Living will, Durable power of attorney for health care and a Do Not



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Resuscitate order (DNR).

Protecting your property Without someone to look after your financial affairs when you can't, your property could be wasted, abused, or lost. To protect against these possibilities, consider putting in place a revocable living trust, durable power of attorney (DPOA), or joint ownership arrangement (or a combination of any or all options).

How is incapacity determined?

Incapacity can be determined in one of two ways:

- **Physician certification** - You can include a provision in a durable power of attorney designating one or more physicians who will make the determination. Or, you can state that your incapacity will be determined by your attending physician at the relevant time, whomever that might be.

- **Judicial finding** - The court may be petitioned to determine incapacity. After a proceeding where medical and other testimony will be heard, a judge

will decide whether you are incapacitated according to the legal standards in your state..

It is best to be prepared to keep your health or finances on track. Note: Weiss & Hale Financial advisors do not provide legal or tax advice. You should consult a legal or tax professional regarding your individual situation as all investing involves risk, including the possible loss of principal, and there can be no assurance that any investment strategy will be successful.

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Note: Substituting low or no fat half and half will cut the calories and fat. When using fat free, add one tablespoon of cornstarch to each cup of half and half to stabilize mixture and prevent curdling.

Ingredients: Ten to 12 fresh tomatoes or two 15-ounce cans diced tomatoes; 1 10-ounce can tomato sauce or equivalent of fresh; ¼ cup fresh chopped basil, finely chopped; 2 teaspoons minced garlic 1 medium white onion, diced; 1 cup milk or lowfat cream; 4 cups chicken or vegetable broth; 2 cups low fat shredded parmesan cheese; salt and pepper to taste.

Roux Ingredients: 3 tablespoons butter; ¼

cup flour; one cup half and half

Directions: Place tomatoes, tomato sauce, basil, garlic, onion, milk, broth and seasonings into crock pot. Cover and cook from 4 to 6 hours on low setting. Before serving, puree soup in a food processor or blender. Make the roux by melting butter, adding flour and whisking in the half and half until it is smooth and thick. Add the roux and parmesan cheese to pot and stir. Cook for another half hour until cheese is melted. Stir soup before serving. Sprinkle parmesan cheese as a garnish.

Health Note: Studies show tomatoes, rich in antioxidants and high in lycopene, can help protect your body against a number of health conditions, including cardiovascular disease, various forms of cancer and

inflammation. Studies show tomatoes may also help halt sun damage and low aging of skin. Tomatoes are also touted as a natural aid in the prevention of osteoporosis.

** Savory Stews Thick stews bubbling in the pot have long been a New England winter staple. Preparing a simmering pan of homemade stew is not only delicious, it can be therapeutic. The scent of savory stew wafting through the air on a cold afternoon is a simple pleasure that can spark generations of memories.

New England Stew Apples, carrots, parsnips and fresh herbs surround this superb chicken stew.

Ingredients: 4 teaspoons olive oil; 1 pound fresh chicken, cut into

bite-size pieces; 1 large onion, chopped; 4 medium parsnips, peeled and chopped; 2 medium carrots, peeled and chopped; 2 teaspoons chopped fresh rosemary; 1/2 teaspoon salt; 1/4 teaspoon freshly ground pepper; 4 cups reduced-sodium chicken broth; 2 hard variety apples, peeled and chopped; 2 teaspoons cider vinegar

Directions: Heat 2 teaspoons oil in a Dutch oven over medium heat. Add chicken and cook, stirring occasionally, until just cooked through, 3 to 5 minutes. Transfer to a plate.

2. Add the remaining 3 teaspoons oil to the pot. Add onion, parsnips, carrots, rosemary, salt and pepper and cook, stirring often, until the vegetables begin to soften, 3 to 5 minutes. Add broth and apples; bring to

a simmer over high heat. Reduce heat to maintain a simmer and cook, stirring often, until the vegetables are tender, 8 to 10 minutes. Return the chicken to the pot and stir in vinegar.

Health Tip: Parsnips are packed with potassium and folate, two nutrients important for cardiovascular health. Potassium helps protect you from high blood pressure.

** Win Dinner for Two at the Publick House

Your tips can win you a fabulous dinner for two at the historic Publick House Historic Inn in Sturbridge! Simply send in a hint to be entered into a random drawing. Hints are entered into a drawing for a three course dinner for two at the historic Publick House Inn! One winner

per month will win a fabulous three course dinner for two at the renowned restaurant, located on Route 131 across the town common in historic Sturbridge. Because I'm in the business of dispensing tips, not inventing them (although I can take credit for some), I'm counting on you readers out there to share your best helpful hints!

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

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bank by more recent names including New London Trust, West Bank, and New Alliance. Please feel free to share your memories of the bank at either location.

My neighbor Joan Kent worked at that bank for many years so I called her for a few extras. The bank was located in what was called the Evergates Block (no longer standing), which was situated just north of the railroad tracks in Danielson on the westerly side of the road. The bank occupied the third floor. At one a Greek restaurant was located on the first floor, but later it moved farther down the street. Then a store that sold children's and baby's clothing occupied space on the ground level. Joan said that Woolworth's was

across the street in the Attawaugan Hotel building, which was still used as a hotel. She said that the bank examiners would always comment on how clean that hotel was. Years ago it was common for banks to offer a Christmas Club. Children would often take advantage of the 25 cents a week club. \$12.50 would go quite a way at the Woolworth. Please feel free to share your memories of the bank at either location. Does anyone know the name of the restaurant or clothing store?

How many of you had a Norge Refrigerator years ago? A second ad for Oliver's, 38 Main Street, on the same page of the June 14, 1951 paper advertised a "New Norge Deluxe. Packed with features women want! New! Dial a Temperature; New! Butter Bank; New Meat Keeper; New Adjust a Shelf and more. 8.3 cubic feet of useful space in

this all-new model...space to spare!" (How many cubic feet do we now need?). I've visited Oliver's Music Store many times, so checked the Business Encyclopedia to see what I could learn about this store. Entries included information from a questionnaire compiled by Edith L Fuller in 1953 for Danielson's upcoming centennial in 1954. "Oliver's Radio and Television deals in radio, tv, music, appliances, sales and service. It was established by Oliver Bessette in 1934 at 14 South Street, later opening at 74 Main Street, then it was moved to the present location." A branch store was opened in Mystic in 1951, and brother Bernard Bessette joined the company that same year. "It is also one of the oldest Evanrude Outboard Motor dealers in this part of the country...Oliver specializes in Radio and Electronics, dividing his time between the Danielson

and Mystic stores (except in summer when his stamping ground is where the sword and tuna fishes are lurking). He operates a sport fishing cruiser in Block Island Sound..." Please take time to share your memories by emailing me or calling the Killingly Historical Center.

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but the price at the time was beyond what I wanted to pay. I recently was looking at a location in Central Village, but that deal kept having problem after problem," Slonski said. "So I just happened to come back here and talked to the landlord, and we ended up talking for two hours, and he said 'I really want you to come here,' so it all worked out." Slonski has put her own stamp on the space by doing all the decorating herself in a rustic country style, adding seating for about 12 people, and a large, new pastry case and counter. A Sweet Time Away offers a variety of pies, breads, cakes, and donuts. The offerings vary from day to day.

"The cinnamon rolls have been very popular, as well as the cupcakes. Vanilla and chocolate cupcakes of course are the most popular," Slonski said. "I also have the sprinkle explosion, the peanut butter lovers, a monkey cupcake which has bananas."

The cupcake selection also varies from day to day. Some of the items offered include salted

chocolate-vanilla caramel cake, s'more donuts, pulla bread, oreo brownies, mini-cheesecakes, oreo truffles, and banana-protein bread. Any item can also be ordered in advance. A Sweet Time Away has enjoyed many great reviews submitted on their Facebook page. A Sweet Time Away also serves coffee, tea, juice, and will soon be serving breakfast sandwiches.

Slonski has not been formally trained as a baker but does have experience working in the field. "I worked at a bakery for about eight months in Mystic," Slonski said. "Everything I know I've taught myself, from reading, or from working at the other bakery."

She has even used some of her grandmother's recipes at A Sweet Time Away.

"I worked at restaurants a few times ... I actually worked at LB's Restaurant (in Thompson) for about a year, I left, and then I came back for a while," Slonski said.

She has completed all the health-related training that was required by the town. A Sweet Time Away also takes orders for birthday cakes and wedding

cakes. "I don't do fondant, so everything is hand done. If you come in with an idea, I can make anything. It depends how busy it is, but I can usually accommodate special orders with a two-day notice," Slonski said. "I'm closed on Mondays. I've started getting a few customers after church on Sunday," Slonski said.

A Sweet Time Away is situated right across the street from St. Joseph's Church and St. Joseph's School in North Grosvenordale.

"In the summer I'll be open later," Slonski said.

She will also be offering outdoor seating when the weather gets warmer. A Sweet Time Away is located at 27 Main Street in North Grosvenordale. The bakery is open Tuesday through Friday from 7 a.m. to 2 p.m. Saturday and Sunday business hours are from 8 a.m. to 1 p.m., closed on Mondays. The phone number is (860) 942-0238 and can also be found on Facebook (A Sweet Time Away).

Teri Stohlberg can be reached at teri@villagernewspapers.com, or at 860-928-1818, ext. 105.

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WOODSTOCK ACADEMY EARNS BELL RINGERS BANNER

The Putnam Regional Interact Club awarded Woodstock Academy the Bell Ringers Banner for the school with the most Bell Ringing Hours for the Salvation Army Kettle Campaign. The winner of the Bell Ringing Trophy for the most hours was Owen Kelly (president of the Interact Club). Marc Archambault, president of the Putnam Rotary Club, far left, presented the awards.

Rose named director of JRI in Connecticut



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Sean Rose

THOMPSON—JRI, a provider of trauma-informed care to children and families in Massachusetts, Rhode Island, and Connecticut, has named Sean Rose Executive Director of JRI's Connecticut Division, where he will oversee all 10 JRI Connecticut programs. These programs include the Susan Wayne Center for Excellence and Susan Wayne Center Day School in Thompson; three group homes in Pomfret, Brooklyn and Oakdale; and the Northeast Behavioral Health Center, offering therapeutic outpatient services and interventions.

JRI Connecticut serves youth and families who face challenges associated with trauma, mental illness, and cognitive impairment. The majority of services are delivered in the northeast region of the state, but there are programs that stretch south to Norwich and to New Britain in the center of the

state.

Rose joined the JRI team in 2006 as an Assistant Program Director at the van der Kolk Center – Glenhaven Academy. Rose played a key role in developing the van der Kolk Center and its trauma-informed model of care, working alongside internationally recognized leader in the field of psychological trauma Dr. Bessel van der Kolk – for whom the program was named – and the team of the Trauma Center at JRI.

Most recently, Rose held the position of Director of Development and Operations of JRI Connecticut. Rose has also been a part of the Trauma Center at JRI's adjunct training faculty since 2012.

"The work that Sean has done to develop and lead JRI's programs in Connecticut prepares him well for this new role," said Andy Pond, President

and CEO of JRI. "Sean's leadership experience in the school setting, group home setting, and community services is an incredible asset for our Connecticut-based programs."

"I look forward to beginning my work in this new role," said Rose. "In the pursuit of social justice, our goal at JRI Connecticut is to continue to develop high-quality programs that meet the needs of the individuals and families we serve."

Rose holds a Bachelor's degree in Liberal Arts with a minor in Non-Profit Management from Lesley University in Cambridge and a Master's degree in Education from American International College in Springfield. Rose is also certified in Massachusetts as an assistant principal and principal for kindergarten through eighth grade.

Making The Grade: Getting High School Seniors Ready For College

(NAPS) Nearly 17 million high school seniors graduate each year, the U.S. Department of Education estimates, and many plan to attend college. But are they all really college-ready?

Data suggests the answer is a resounding "no." According to the 2015 "Condition of College & Career Readiness" report from American College Testing (ACT), 31 percent of the ACT-tested graduating class is not meeting any of the four subject benchmarks: reading, English, science and mathematics.

These low-readiness test scores coincide with college dropout figures that top 29 million, making the number of Americans who have dropped out of college greater than the number of American adults who have not obtained their high school degrees.

"While test scores provide a benchmark for high school seniors, college readiness is an important issue for everyone headed to college, whether they are a new high school graduate or an adult learner returning to the classroom," said Jennifer Fletcher, Ph.D., program dean for general education at University of Phoenix. "Being prepared for the challenge can help ensure students aren't forced to take remedial



A few simple steps before you go to college can help make sure you do well when you get there.

course work and are able to stay motivated and on top of their workloads, ultimately resulting in a successful collegiate experience."

The pressure to earn a college degree is higher than ever. The White House has set an ambitious goal of producing a higher share of college graduates than any other nation by 2020. The plan is to return the United States to the top-ranked nation

after dropping into twelfth place.

"More and more, employers are seeking college graduates for jobs that previously required a high school diploma or other subbaccalaureate training," Dr. Fletcher said. "For the nearly two-thirds of U.S. adults who do not have a bachelor's degree or higher, this can create barriers to career growth, unless they are able to pursue higher education."

She offers the following advice to high school seniors and adult learners heading off to college:

- Use summer months to take courses in English and mathematics to refresh high school level skills. Courses can be taken at community colleges or via online professional development resources such as University of Phoenix's continuing education programs, Udemy, StraighterLine and Lynda.com.

- Don't overburden your first semester course load. There are always opportunities to add courses deeper into your college career or over summer and winter intersessions.

- Team up with your college adviser your first semester. College advisers are available to discuss your goals and a graduation timeline and can offer guidance on the best ways to manage coursework.

- Attend skills center sessions for assistance in coursework and free proofreading.

- Organize study groups with peers to work together on complex materials and to gain different perspectives to approaching assignments.

- Take advantage of college tools and resources. Computers, Internet access, office hours and a study location free of distractions are all things students can access that affect student success. When you couple this with healthy organizational and study habits, students can improve their chances of having a positive academic journey.

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Marianapolis presents A Handful of Rainbows

THOMPSON — The Marianapolis Drama Club will present the comedy, “A Handful of Rainbows” on Feb. 23, 24, and 25. The play, written by Jonathan Troy, follows Marion and Meg Bradford, two ex-actresses who have turned their Hollywood home into a boarding house for aspiring performers. Marion and Meg become involved in the ups and downs of their boarders, an intriguing group. Laura Williams, a lovely young actress enters the home with great talent and ambition. A love triangle forms, Marion sells a play, and tragedy strikes when Laura is injured in an accident. But in the end all is set right, and everyone finds his or her “rainbow,” and the “pot of gold,” which awaits. The Marianapolis performance is directed by Michelle Parker, Joseph Parodi, and Lillian Irwin.

Performances will take place in the Irwin Black Box Theatre, 26 Chase Road, Thompson, at 7 pm on February 23, 24, and 25. Admission is free, but reservations are recommended, space is limited. Please call (860) 923-9565 for reservations.



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PUTNAM SCOUTS AT PROVIDENCE BRUINS

PROVIDENCE, R.I. — Three members of Putnam Boy Scout Troop 21 recently attended a Providence Bruins game, at the Dunkin Donuts Center. Chartered to St. Mary Church of the Visitation in Putnam, the Bruins game was just part of the Scouts busy schedule for the year, with camping and fishing trips, hiking up and down a mountain and a week of summer camp coming up in July. From left, Scout Nathan Olson, Scout Brendin Adams and Scout Damien-Michael Jacques.



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PUTNAM STUDENT WINS LEGION CONTEST

Jenna Tatro, a sophomore at Putnam High School, recently won the American Legion Oratorical contest sponsored by the Mayotte-Viens Post No. 13. All contestants spoke on an aspect of the United States Constitution. Tatro's topic was “Party Polarization and Patriotism.” Pictured with Tatro, from left, Albert Cormier Post 13 contest chairman; John Allen, Putnam High School social studies teacher; and Ronald P. Coderre, Post 13 Commander. Tatro moved on to American Legion District 4 competition.

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February 18, Sat., 4:30 - 6:30pm
Westfield Church, 2017 Third Saturday Suppers, Roast Turkey Supper
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February 21, Tues., 1pm
Thompson Public Library, Movie & Book Discussion, The Light Between Oceans
Movie followed by a discussion of the movie and book; All are welcome. No registration required www.thompsonpubliclibrary.org

February 22, 7pm
Trivia Challenge at Crossings Restaurant. Free night of fun, Sponsored by the Putnam Lions Club, Charity that night will be the DKH Cardiac Rehab

February 23, Thurs., 2pm
Putnam Seniors Club meets second and fourth Thursdays at VFW, 207 Providence Street, Putnam. Dues are \$6 per year. Penny social/bin-go after the meeting. Monthly luncheons and shopping at different locations.

February 23, 5:30-7pm
Lego Mini Camp @ The Killingly Library (first part was on February 16). LEGO Movie Maker & LEGO Story Stopper with Marc Cournoyer from the UCONN Extension Center. For ages 9 and up. We will be making movies and telling video stories with Legos in this 2 part series. Registration is required -go to www.killinglypl.org

February 25, Sat., 5pm
Hampton Congregational Church, 263 Main Street (Route 97), Hampton presents Girl Shy as this year's silent movie. The Walker organ will be played by Clark Wilson. Homemade soups and breads will be served. Movie time 7 pm. Adults \$15, Students \$10, Children 5 and under free, or the whole family for \$30. Tickets available at the door or call: 860-455-9677 or E-mail: soupsilents@gmail.com

February 25, 7pm
At Killingly Grange, we will be entertained by Blackstone Valley and Nick Anderson and Shady Creek. FOR \$12 per person (preceded by a chicken curry w/veggies dinner, on brown rice, with salad, bread, and dessert, for \$8, starting at 5.30) Corner of Dog Hill and Route 101 in Dayville. Come help keep bluegrass and our Grange alive and well.

February 25, Sat., 8:30am-3pm
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February 25, 7pm
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This page is designed to shine a light on upcoming local nonprofit, educational and community events. Submissions are limited to 50 words or less and are FREE to qualifying organizations, schools, churches and town offices. To submit your event contact: Teri Stohlberg at 860-928-1818 ext. 105, or teri@villagernewspapers.com. Deadline for submission is Friday at Noon

Jewett City Savings donates to local charities



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Kathy Avery stocking shelves at St. Mary's Food Pantry.

Robert Roberge sorting cans at St. Mary's Food Pantry.

JEWETT CITY — The Jewett City Savings Bank Foundation has awarded a total of \$30,350 to local food pantries and health and social services initiatives, according to Kevin Merchant, president and CEO of Jewett City Savings Bank.

“Our Foundation awards in these categories are dedicated to supporting the health and well-being of those families and individuals who rely so heavily on the services provided, whatever the reason. We are pleased to help these organizations meet the needs of our neighbors,” said Merchant.

Among the food pantry recipients awarded funds for restocking pantry shelves were the Friends of Assisi Food Pantry in Danielson, \$2,000; the Town of Pomfret Food Pantry, \$500; Thompson Ecumenical Empowerment Group (TEEG), \$500; St. Mary's Food Pantry in Jewett City, \$2,500; and the Preston City Congregational Church Food Pantry, \$2,000. In addition, Project PIN Food Pantry received a \$2,000 grant to purchase a used van for the transportation of food donations, and the Gemma E. Moran United Way/Labor Food Center received \$1,000 to support its mobile food pantry distribution days in Jewett City.

The Foundation awarded \$5,000 to the Backus Hospital Capital Campaign for the Plainfield Emergency Care Center, \$2,500 to the American Cancer Society in support of the eastern Connecticut Relay for Life, and \$2,000 to the Center for Hospice Care Southeast Connecticut Capital Campaign for a hospice care facility. In addition, Day Kimball Hospital received a \$1,000 annual support grant, and the Center for Hospice Care Southeast Connecticut received an annual support award of \$500.

Several social service organizations received grants for a variety of purposes. Westcott-Wilcox Elderly Residential Housing, Inc. in Danielson was awarded \$2,000 to support the purchase and installation of an emergency call monitoring system. With its \$1,650 award, the Griswold Senior Center will continue to offer special Tai-Chi classes to seniors, and the Thames Valley Council for Community Action, Inc. (TVCCA) purchased 40 pairs of winter boots for children from low-income families with its \$1,200 grant from the Foundation.

In addition, \$1,000 grants were awarded to Interfaith Human Services of Putnam to provide baby gift baskets to at-risk and low-income families; the ARC of Quinebaug Valley, Inc. will purchase and install new flooring throughout the second floor recreation room at the Danielson center; and the Eliza Huntington Memorial Home of Norwich, Inc. will use the funds toward a community engagement program for its residents. United Services, Inc. also received a grant in the amount of \$1,000 to help fund the capital campaign for the Windham Regional Clinical Center.

According to Merchant, the Jewett City Savings Bank Foundation awarded grants totaling \$75,970 in 2016 to nonprofit organizations that provide a variety of services in local communities.

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Victoria Station Café majestic peacock sculpture.

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Josh Deojay continues work on his sculpture for Matulaitus Nursing Home, it was his third year at the festival.



The Courthouse Bar and Grill highlighted the upcoming O'Putnam 5K road race.



Steven White with his ice sculpture of President Donald Trump outside of Jeremiah's Antiques.



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Michael Saari used a chainsaw on his tire-themed ice sculpture for Putnam Cyclery.



Rawson Materials & Fluid Coat Technology's interactive ice sculptures, a sand bottle craft sculpture invited spectators to add sand.



A detailed ice recreation of the Montgomery Ward Building.

Coffeehouse presents Woodstock musician

DANIELSON — The RSVP Veterans Coffeehouse is pleased to welcome multi-talented performer Sarah Jo Burke of Woodstock who will entertain area veterans and their guests at the evening Veterans Coffeehouse on First Friday, March 3, at 7 p.m. at Westfield Congregational Church in Danielson.

Ms. Burke sings and plays guitar and flute, performing folk, blues, jazz and traditional Irish music. Her career began in the 1960s as the youngest in a large family group, the internationally-acclaimed Burke Family Singers. For 12 years she sang, recorded and toured the United States and Canada, and appeared with her family group on more than a dozen TV specials including the Ed Sullivan, Jack Paar, and Mike Douglas variety shows.

All area veterans and one guest are welcome. Parking is available adjacent to Davis Park and in the Key Bank parking lot across Main Street from the church. The RSVP Veterans Coffeehouse, primarily funded by the Corporation for National and Community Service, provides resourceful and entertaining programs for veterans. Since opening in 2015 as the first RSVP Veterans Coffeehouse in Connecticut, this TVCCA program has served more than 300 individual veterans among a total attendance exceeding 1,500.

Date set for Seeger sing-a-long tribute in Woodstock

WOODSTOCK — For Pete's Sake, the fourth annual Sing-a-long Tribute to Pete Seeger will take place at 7 p.m. on Friday, March 11, at the First Congregational Church of Woodstock. Admission is free, but there is a suggested donation of \$10 to benefit The Carry It On Fund, carrying on the work of Pete and Toshi Seeger.

The event will be hosted by renowned folk singer and songwriter Sally Rogers. She will be joined by other well-known names in the folk community including her husband Howie Bursen, and other song leaders Bill Harley, Jeff Davis, Maria Sangiolo, Leslie Sweetnam, Carol Rossetti, Carolyn Brodinski, Jeff Perkins, Donna Dufresne and others. Peter Blood and Annie Patterson, publishers of the famed Sing Out songbooks will also perform and be on hand to promote the books that have brought generations of people together to simply enjoy singing together in community.

The Carry It On Fund is a new fund carrying on the work of Pete and Toshi Seeger. The Seegers inspired us and gave us hope by working tirelessly for peace, social justice, and to protect the earth. They helped folk music and community singing to flourish. They offered enormous assistance to thousands of activists and musicians. Many seek to carry forward their work. A new fund called the Carry It On Fund has been created which celebrates the lives of Pete and Toshi Seeger and supports those carrying on their work.

This fund distributes contributions towards organizations that embody Pete and Toshi's values and vision. The Seegers were involved in a host of organizations and causes during their lifetimes. This fund not only honors the Seegers but also shines a light on groups that are carrying forward their important work.

Some of the organizations that do work they believed in and/or supported include: Abraham Lincoln Brigade Archives (ALBA), Clearwater, Highlander Center, Journey of Hope, Labor Heritage Foundation, People's Music Network, and others.

The event begins at 7:00 pm. Song lyrics will be projected to encourage audience members to sing along with the performers. This is the fourth annual concert and a full house is expected. Refreshments will be provided.



Sarah Jo Burke

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Putnam Boy Scout Troop 21 holds fifth annual baked potato buffet

PUTNAM — Try this recipe: 100 pounds of potatoes, bake for an hour, add some special home-made Creole and French chili and a few other toppings — and you send a Boy Scout to summer camp.

It's not magic; Troop 21 in Putnam recently did just that, when Scouts held their fifth annual Troop 21 Baked Potato Buffet, in the basement of St. Mary Church of the Visitation on Providence Street. The buffet netted Troop 21 over \$300 dollars. Scoutmaster Peter A. Lombardo said the Scouts need the money.

"Troop 21 never turns any boy away for financial reasons," said Lombardo, a Putnam resident. "This money will help us to buy needed camping equipment and send our boys to summer camp."

Chartered to St. Mary's, Troop 21 is open to any boy aged 11 to 17. Scouts do not have to be Catholic or be members of the church. Lombardo noted that a Boy Scout troop's operations are run by the boys, with the adults overseeing transportation and making sure everyone is healthy and safe.

"Right now, Troop 21 needs more Scouts," Lombardo said. "We have an active, fun program here in Putnam. We do the kinds of things that many boys wouldn't be able to do otherwise. We help our young men to develop character and leadership and have fun doing it. We're looking for boys and their parents to come and join us. We'd be happy to have you."

Among other activities, Troop 21 started its year with an August fishing trip, fol-

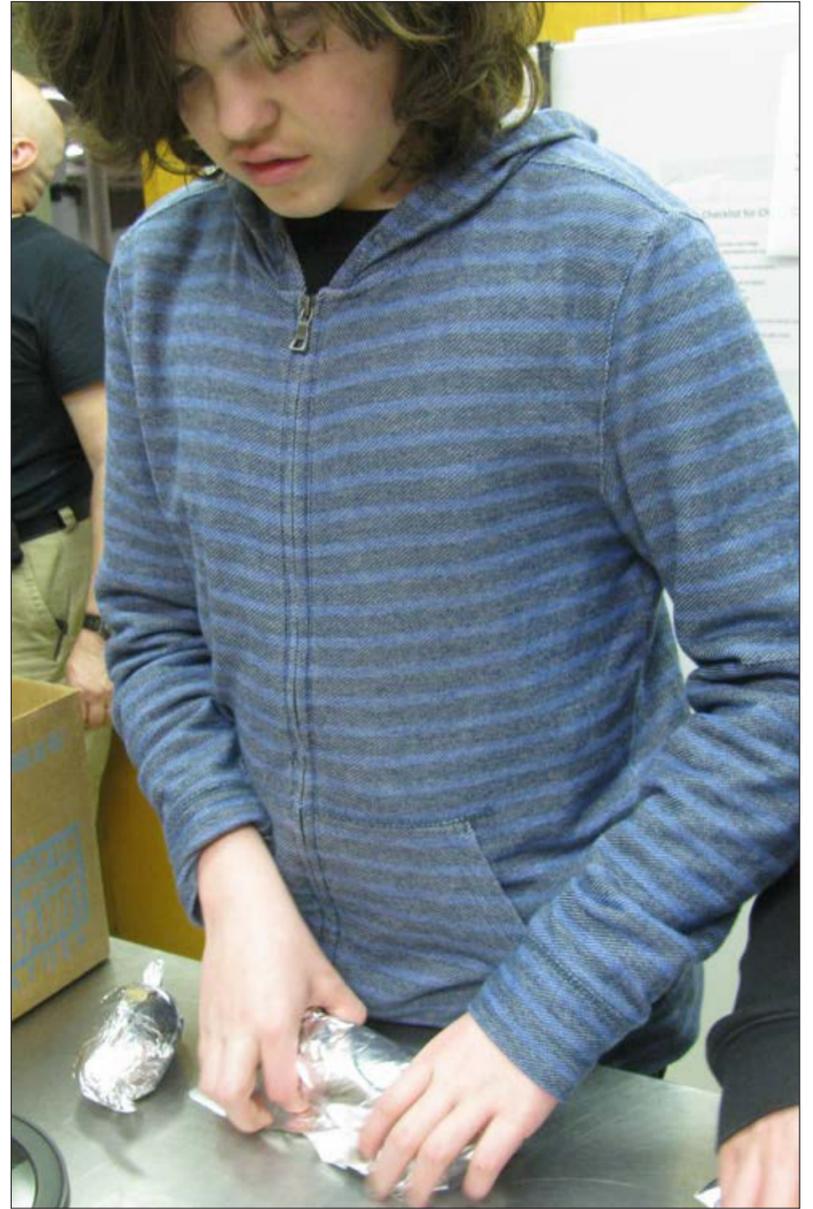
a science and technology program for Scouts at the U.S. Coast Guard Academy in New London and marching in the annual Holiday Dazzle Light Parade in Putnam.

The Scoutmaster said there's more to come by the time the troop's program ends with a week of Scout camp in July, with Troop 21 preparing to go winter camping in mid-February, a shotgun-shooting program, a food drive for local needy people, a Paw Sox game in Pawtucket and a fly fishing trip. For information about joining Troop 21, call Lombardo at (860) 963-0171.



John D. Ryan photos

Troop 21 Senior Patrol Leader Richard L. LaBonte, Jr., sets the tables before the start of the Fifth Annual Troop 21 Baked Potato Buffet, held at St. Mary Church of the Visitation, in Putnam.



Troop 21 Scout Damien-Michael Jacques wraps potatoes in foil, to prepare them for the Fifth Annual Troop 21 Baked Potato Buffet, held at St. Mary Church of the Visitation, in Putnam.



Troop 21 Scout Nathan Olson wraps potatoes in foil, to prepare them for the fifth Annual Troop 21 Baked Potato Buffet, held at St. Mary Church of the Visitation, in Putnam. The event netted the troop over \$300.



Scouts are ready to put the potatoes in the oven.

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TROOP D LOGS

DANIELSON

Tuesday Feb. 7

Edward A. Laperle, 59, of Broad Street in Danielson was charged with operating under the influence of drugs or alcohol

Saturday Feb. 11

Jason Viger, 28, of 40 Green Hollow Road in Danielson was charged with operating under the influence of drugs or alcohol, failure to drive right, possession of drug paraphernalia, and possession of less than one-half ounce of can-

nabis.

Nancy L. Lafantasia, 57, of 64 Hawkins Street Apt. B in Danielson was charged with violation of probation on a conditional discharge.

Sunday Feb. 12

Samantha M. Jaramillo, 21, of 64 Hawkins Road Apt. B in Danielson was charged with disorderly conduct (fight capable of causing minor injury) and assault in the third degree.

Devin Anthony Snow, 23, of 64 Hawkins Street Apt. B in Danielson was charged with disorderly conduct (fight capable of causing minor injury) and assault in the third degree.

Monday Feb 13

Clifford P. Robinson, 38, of 11 Union Street Apt. C in Danielson was charged with burglary in the third degree and larceny in the sixth degree.

KILLINGLY

Monday Feb. 6

James R. Machamer, 39, of 19B Church Street in Killingly was charged with Failure to Appear in the second Degree

PUTNAM

Friday Feb. 10

John Smith, 55, of 533 Five Mile River Road in Putnam was charged with issuing a bad check of \$250 to \$500 and failure to appear in the second degree.

THOMPSON

Wednesday Feb. 8

Robert Mcklernan, 29, of 11 Thompson Road in Thompson was charged with criminal trespassing in the first degree and larceny in the sixth degree (theft from a building).

Friday Feb. 10

William F. Manaco, 61, of 155 Old Turnpike Road Apt. 2FL in Quinebaug (Thompson) was charged with illegal professional gambling, illegal possession of gambling records, and gambling premises as a nuisance.

Saturday Feb. 11

Aleyda Ospina-Garcia, 24, of 1097 Thompson Road in Thompson was charged with disorderly conduct (a fight capable of causing minor injury), and assault in the third degree.

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Friday, Feb. 3,

James Maresca, 25, of 396 Church St., Putnam, was charged with operating under suspension, traveling fast.

Jesse J. Brown, 26, of 113 Riverside Drive, North Grosvenordale, was charged with operating under the influence, misuse of plates, operating under suspension, failure to grant right of way, operating an unregistered motor vehicle, operating a motor vehicle without insurance.

Saturday, Feb. 4

Michelle Hryzan, 43, of 9C Buck St., Danielson, was charged with speeding.

Sunday, Feb. 5

Robert Bennett, 27, of 123 Broad St., Danielson, was charged with operating without a license, operating an unregistered motor vehicle.

Jennifer Beckett, 34, of 68 Viens St., Putnam, was charged with operating under the influence, failure to obey control signal.

Katie King, 18, of 251 Providence St. Putnam, was charged with disorderly conduct.

Tuesday, Feb. 7

Bryan Rumrill, 28, of 68 Battey St., second floor, Putnam, was charged with breach of peace.

Samantha Martin, 22, of 68 Battey St. second floor, Putnam, was charged with breach of peace.

Alicia Lucey, 23, of no certain address, was charged with simple trespass.

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Woodstock steps toward tourney berth

BY CHARLIE LENTZ
VILLAGER EDITOR

WOODSTOCK — Woodstock Academy moved one step closer to securing a berth in the Class L State Tournament by defeating Putnam High 47-22 last Saturday at Alumni Fieldhouse. Woodstock coach Aaron Patterson said the steps in the path toward the playoffs are perhaps more important than the final destination.

“I just want to play well. I just want to play hard,” Patterson said. “I want them to play together. I want them to have fun. I want them to play as a team. When we do that we play very well, we’ve played with the best teams. When we haven’t done that we’ve not done well and kicked games away — seven games that we could have won this year that we came up short on.”

The win over Putnam on Feb. 11 was a step in the right direction and lifted Woodstock’s record to 7-10. Eight wins are required to gain the victory total necessary to guarantee a berth in the state tournament. Woodstock fell to Waterford 70-62 on Tuesday, Feb. 14, to drop to 7-11 on the season. Patterson said if the Centaurs play the right way over their final two games (against University, and Plainfield High) then the tourney berth will take care of itself.

“I just want to play well. And if we make eight (wins) and we get in because we’ve played really well then we’ll feel good about ourselves,” Patterson said. “If teams are better than us, have a better night than us, so be it. But I don’t want to be looking back and saying ‘We didn’t play with our best effort.’ Or we didn’t play our best and we didn’t make it. I think if we play our best we’re going to make it.”

Senior guard Nick Short led Woodstock with 17 points in the win over Putnam and sophomore guard Chase Anderson added 16 points. Zack Cutler led Putnam with 13 points. The loss dropped Putnam’s record to 8-8.

Woodstock might be getting some good news as the postseason approaches. Senior forward Sam Majek has been out of the lineup since chipping a bone in left ankle in a game at Norwich Free Academy on Jan. 3. Majek was medically re-evaluated on Monday, Feb. 13, and might return to the Centaurs.

“If he gets cleared then he’ll have to probably start practicing and work his way back,” Patterson said. “It’s in the doctors hands at this point.”

Woodstock is scheduled to close out its home schedule on Senior Night on Friday, Feb. 17, against University with tipoff set for 7 p.m. at Alumni Fieldhouse.

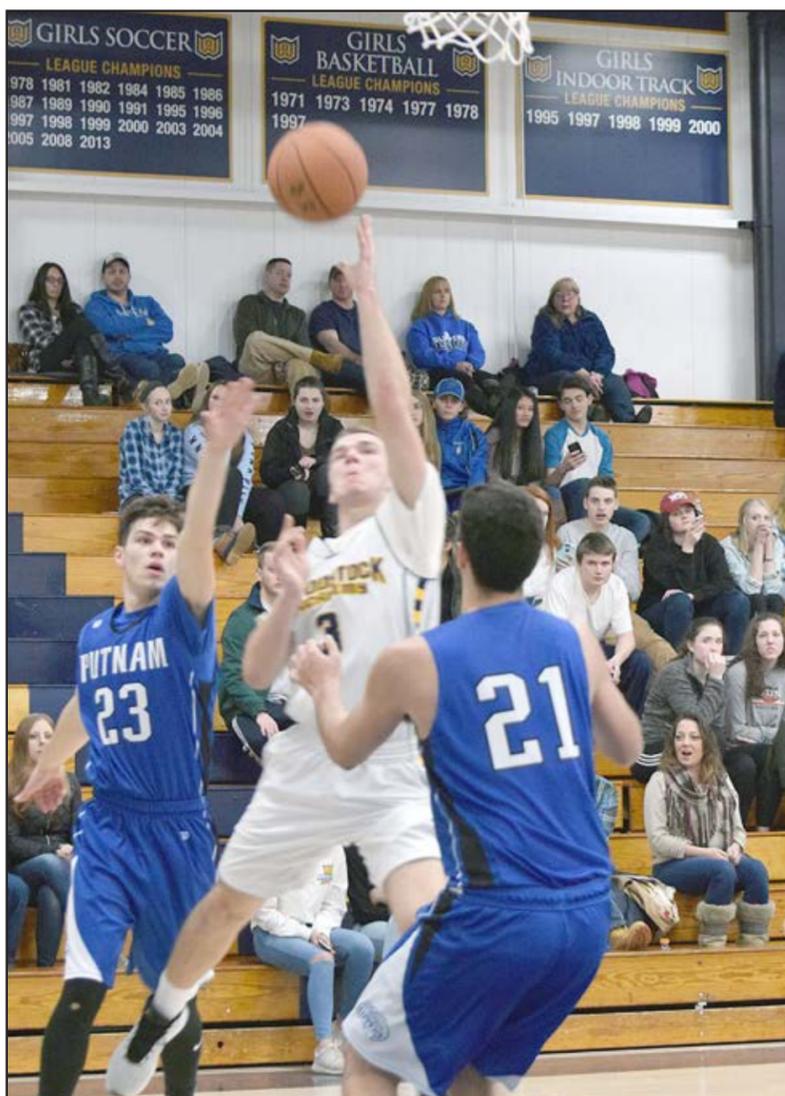
The seniors on the roster include Short, Majek, Jared Bouten, Patrick Houlihan, Jacque Bergeron, Ryan Whitehouse, and Collin Singleton. The Centaurs have missed qualifying for the state tourney two years running.

“We just talked in the locker room about them being able to get this program back to where it hasn’t been. This group of seniors is a great group. They’ve worked extremely hard. They’re really good guys. They’ve done really well academically. They care about others,” Patterson said. “Hopefully they really want (a tourney berth). And if they really want it I think we’ll go out there and get it.”

The Centaurs regular-season schedule concludes on Monday, Feb. 20, at Plainfield High School. Patterson said it’s up to his team to extend its season beyond Monday.

“If we play the way we’re capable of playing, we’ll make it,” Patterson said. “If we don’t play the way we’re capable of playing, we won’t make it. It’s really as simple as that. I don’t think anybody’s in our way we can’t beat.”

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Woodstock’s Nick Short splits Putnam defenders Zack Cutler, left, and Lucas Basilio at Woodstock on Feb. 11.

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Putnam boys close season with tough stretch



BY CHARLIE LENTZ
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WOODSTOCK — Putnam High closed out its regular season with a scheduled stretch of five games in six days against a string of tough opponents. The stretch is brutal but should be good preparation for the Class S State Tournament, which arrives in the first week of March.

"It's not bad going into States to have a tough lineup to get ready for it," said Putnam coach Shawn Deary. "Unfortunately you hope to be playing your best basketball at that time, and right now we're struggling offensively."

Putnam fell to Class L Woodstock Academy 47-22 last Saturday, Feb. 11, at Alumni Fieldhouse. Deary was well aware that Woodstock would be a difficult team to beat. The Clippers were defeated by Woodstock 53-36 back on Jan. 4 at Putnam High.

The Woodstock game was the first in a scheduled string that included Eastern Connecticut Conference's Griswold on Feb. 13, Windham Tech (11-5 through 16 games) on Feb. 14, Parish Hill (10-6) on Feb. 16 and Whitney Tech (8-8) on Friday, Feb. 17. The challenging finish to the regular season would test the Clippers.

"And that was really the goal. When you look at your schedule you want to test yourself down the stretch to make sure that you're ready for these teams," Deary said.

Woodstock and Griswold are two formidable ECC oppo-

nents, with the remainder of Putnam's closing schedule against teams in its own Constitution State Conference. Deary expected man-to-man defense and pressure from Woodstock's defenders, and he got it.

"Playing two ECC schools right at the end was our goal. We see a lot of zone in the CSC and (Woodstock) plays a lot of man usually. You hope for the best," Deary said. "We're really looking to get that high-pressure defense against us so that we can be ready for going into the State games. So hopefully this prepares us a little better."

Putnam's offense faltered in the second half against Woodstock's pressure. Putnam trailed Woodstock Academy 16-13 at halftime. The Clippers were outscored 14-2 in the decisive third quarter. Putnam has to get its offense in synch if it wants to make a run in the Class S Tournament. Putnam senior center Lucas Basilio averages in double figures but he managed just four points against Woodstock.

"Right now for us, we're going through some of those chemistry issues — passing and sharing — we need to get over that to be able to really hone in on what we're capable of," Deary said. "Lucas (Basilio) can score more than we scored tonight."

Zack Cutler led Putnam with 11 points. Nick Short scored 17 and Chase Anderson added 17 for Woodstock (7-10 through 16 games). The loss dropped Putnam's record to 8-8.

Coach Deary said the

Basilio's point production has fallen as opposing teams have concentrated on shutting him down as the season has progressed.

"We knew coming into the season we were going to struggle to score the ball until we found Lucas (Basilio). We went to him early in the season, so a lot of teams are going zone now and kind of packing it around him, which is difficult for us," Deary said. "We hope that we get some shots up and he gets some rebound putbacks. Unfortunately we couldn't finish around the rim even when we got the layups tonight."

The Clippers were scheduled to close the regular season at home on Senior Night against Whitney Tech on Friday, Feb. 17, with tipoff set for 7 p.m. at Putnam High School. The postseason arrives shortly thereafter with the CSC Tournament and then the Class S Tournament. Eight wins were needed to qualify for the state tourney and the Clippers had achieved that total before a brutal stretch to close the regular season.

"We always look forward to the (state) tournament. That's what the goal is at the start of the season, is eight wins, obviously you want more," Deary said. "But at least get to the state tournament and give it a chance. Anything can happen going down in that tournament. We're hopeful."

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Putnam's Lucas Basilio, left, battles Woodstock's Chase Anderson for a rebound on Feb. 11 at Woodstock.

Woodstock readies for state tournament

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WOODSTOCK — The Woodstock Academy girls have been playing with a chip on their shoulder this season — ever since last March 4 when they were knocked out in the second round of the Class L State Tournament 48-35 by East Haven. Now another state tournament will be arriving soon and the Centaurs intend are looking for redemption.

"The consensus amongst the group seems to be almost like they want a second chance," said Woodstock coach Will Fleton. "So they're kind of looking forward to the second round. I think it's my job to keep us focused on the first round. I feel like they want a second chance to redeem themselves."

Woodstock fell to Bacon Academy 53-47 on Feb. 8 in the Centaurs last home game of the regular season. Despite the

loss Woodstock is confident as the state tourney approaches. The Centaurs led Bacon by 42-38 with under four minutes left before faltering down the stretch.

"We put our stake on the defensive end. The defensive end has been pretty solid the whole season," Fleton said. "We had some trouble early on the offensive end, that seems to have worked itself out."

Woodstock's game against Bacon Academy on Feb. 8 at Alumni Fieldhouse was supposed to be Senior Night for the Centaurs, but team has no seniors on its roster. And the youthful Centaurs have been improving with each game.

"They've adjusted, learned some new stuff, got comfortable with some old stuff. So now we're putting it in the hole which makes us a little bit better team," Fleton said. "I don't think we've really changed throughout the season."

Woodstock fell to Bacon 55-36 in the first meeting between the two teams back on Dec. 23. Fleton said the Centaurs are finally reaching their potential.

"We didn't play our game the first time (against Bacon). We didn't show," Fleton said. "I think we just let one slip through the cracks tonight."

Woodstock sophomore forward Ari Koivisto said the Centaurs are an improved team.

"At the beginning the season we couldn't shoot that well. We weren't hitting anything," Koivisto said. "And now our outside shots have improved. I think we're playing a lot better. We've improved on everything, basically."

The Centaurs almost pulled out a win in the rematch against the Bobcats on Feb. 8. Woodstock stretched its lead to 42-38 with 3:59 left in the game on a layup by sophomore forward Heather Converse. Fleton said Woodstock wasted a good chance to beat Bacon.

"I don't think there's anything to change. It's just to get the mindset right," Fleton said. "We just have to be more consistent — obviously more experience and more big games will help with that."

Converse led Woodstock with 15 points. Koivisto and junior forward Jamie Woods each added 10 points. Sophomore forward Kellie Nudd led Bacon with 19 points. Koivisto said the

Centaurs have to work on closing out games.

"We have to be more confident with the ball and see our passes before we actually throw them," Koivisto said. "I think we get a little nervous in close games. We panic a little and we just throw what we think is there, but the pressure's picked up because it's a close game so we're not really realizing how quick they can get to the ball."

The win lifted Bacon's record to 13-5. Woodstock's record fell to 11-7.

Last year in the second round of the Class L Tournament Kylie Schlottman scored 17 points to help No.-6 seed East Haven topple No.-22 seed Woodstock. The Centaurs haven't forgotten.

"We're looking forward to (the state tourney) a lot," Koivisto said. "We think that we can get a few wins in it."

And maybe knock that chip off their shoulder.

"To be honest with you they've been waiting, not just for the season to end, but to get to the second stage," Fleton said. "It's been a drive since that night (against East Haven). I feel like we left something on the table and I think they still taste that from that night so they want a second chance to redeem themselves."

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Woodstock's Heather Converse drives against Bacon Academy on Feb. 8 at Alumni Fieldhouse.



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Woodstock's Ari Koiviston tries to get past Bacon's Molly Kelly on Feb. 8 at Alumni Fieldhouse.

Killingly stays alive for tourney berth

BY CHARLIE LENTZ
VILLAGER EDITOR

DAYVILLE — Winning is fun. Qualifying for the state tournament is even more fun. So with Killingly High precariously hanging on the precipice of a state tourney berth, coach Jim Crabtree had a simple message for his Redmen at halftime of their game against Montville Tuesday night.

"We came in the locker room and really didn't even talk about X's and O's. We talked about just getting back to simple basketball and having some intensity and stop worrying about getting win No. 7 so we can get win No. 8 to make the states," Crabtree said. "Go out there and enjoy yourself. Go out there and enjoy it. Have fun and smile and good things are going to happen. And I think we saw that."

Message received. Killingly turned a 20-19 halftime lead into a 53-42 victory over Montville on Feb. 14 at Killingly High School. The win lifted Killingly's record to 7-11, with two games left in the regular season. Eight wins are required to guarantee a berth in the Class M Tournament. The Redmen travel to Plainfield High on Friday, Feb. 17, in hopes of gaining their eighth victory. Killingly lost to Plainfield 43-36 in their first meeting back on Dec. 30. Plainfield's record was 15-2 through 17 games and the Panthers were ranked No. 2 in the state in Class M, but Crabtree saw no reason why Killingly couldn't beat Plainfield High on the road this

Friday.

"I think it's a winnable game. They've got a great record. They're a very good team," Crabtree said. "Things have been going good for them all year. We played them back in (December). It was close. There was no offense by either team. I think we're better now. For a team that's 7-11 against a team that's 15-2, I think it's a tossup. They've been winning games by two points, we're losing games by two. But I think we'll be ready to go Friday night and I'd be surprised if good things don't happen for the Redmen."

Senior point guard Jared Gosper scored a game-high 24 points including 11-of-14 from the free throw line in the fourth quarter to help the Redmen hold off Montville. Gosper said the win against Montville was much needed with the Plainfield game on the horizon.

"We definitely needed this one," Gosper said. "We've got Plainfield Friday. We lost a close game to them. We play better on the road so hopefully we get a win there."

Crabtree said Gosper was money from the free throw line in the fourth quarter.

"Jared, being a senior, being a captain — he stepped up and he showed me why I think in the end we can ride him and he's a big enough boy to handle it," Crabtree said.

Gosper said he just relaxed and sank his foul shots when the Redmen needed them in the fourth quarter.

"I just talked to my teammate Alex (Fontaine). He just

told me to relax and most of them went in," Gosper said.

Senior center Dommoy Ennis added 16 points for Killingly including an emphatic dunk with :12 left in the game to complete the scoring. Killingly outscored Montville 14-4 in the third quarter to gain some breathing room. Crabtree said his team played fundamental basketball and was under control after halftime.

"These guys don't understand how good they can be when they just do the simple things," Crabtree said.

Cam Collins led Montville with 10 points. The loss dropped Montville's record to 4-14.

Killingly closes out its regular-season schedule at home on Monday, Feb. 20, against Waterford. Waterford defeated Killingly 77-58 in their first meeting on Feb. 7. The Redmen's best chance for their eighth victory might come at Plainfield High this Friday, tipoff is set for 7 p.m. A win against the Panthers would guarantee a berth in the state tourney for Killingly. Winning is fun. Qualifying for the state tourney is even more fun — especially if it's your senior season.

"Last year we made it. My freshman year we made it," Gosper said. "It's a great time. I mean there's no better feeling like being in states. I just want to get back there again."

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Killingly High's Jared Gosper drives for a layup against Montville on Tuesday night at Killingly High School.

Tourtellotte misses tourney but gets win over Parish Hill

BY CHARLIE LENTZ
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THOMPSON — Injuries, inexperience, and some tough-luck losses kept Tourtellotte Memorial from qualifying for the Class S Tournament this season. But the Tigers survived a Parish Hill comeback attempt to persevere past the Pirates 40-38 last Monday in a non-conference game at Canty Gymnasium. It was a win the youthful Tigers could stow in their memory bank and perhaps draw upon next year.

"They can gain that confidence that yes, we can play against good teams and pull out the wins," said Tourtellotte coach Carla Faucher.

The victory over Parish Hill — a team that came into Monday's game with a 14-4 record, snapped an eight-game Tourtellotte losing streak and lifted the Tigers record to 5-14. The Tigers have been hampered by the loss of sophomore guard Lauren Ramos, who was lost mid-season with a knee injury. And freshman guard Emily Angelo was knocked out early in the season. Tourtellotte's brutal regular-season schedule against larg-

er-enrollment schools in the Eastern Connecticut Conference, coupled with a roster laden with underclassmen, made this season a tough slog.

"We've had a struggle midway through the season due to numbers and they've just been second-guessing themselves," Faucher said. "The ECC, this year we've really struggled. It's a tough league and we have to try and keep them positive."

Senior forward Emily Vincent was the lone senior on Tourtellotte's roster this season. Vincent helped the Tigers survive a furious Parish Hill comeback in the fourth quarter. With the Pirates trailing Tourtellotte 28-15 after three quarters, Parish Hill rallied and outscored the Tigers 23-12 in the fourth quarter. With Tourtellotte leading 37-33 with 2:09 left in the game, Vincent sank both ends of a one-and-one from the foul line to push the Tigers lead to four points.

"I was definitely nervous because I've been struggling with foul shots," said Vincent, who scored a game-high 15 points, with 10 rebounds, four assists, and one

steal. "But I have been working on foul shots a lot. We needed them as a team and I knew that I had to make them to be able to give us that extra push."

With the Tigers clinging to a 39-38 with :05 left, Vincent sank the front end of a one-and-one to give Tourtellotte a 40-38 lead — the Tigers survived a half-court heave from Parish Hill's Vanessa Surridge at the buzzer to hang on. Harmony Martin led Parish Hill with 13 points. The loss dropped Parish Hill's record to 14-5.

"We eked it out," Faucher said. "It was an exercise in learning how to use the clock, let the clock work for us — make them come out and play us so we could open up inside and have some drives."

Among Tourtellotte's close losses this season was a 47-45 loss to Montville, a 41-38 loss to Lyman Memorial, and a 36-32 loss to Wheeler. The Tigers were due for a win in a close contest. And with a roster heavy with underclassmen, the win over Parish Hill was a welcome boost. For Tourtellotte in the win over the Pirates, junior

Katey Kwasniewski had eight points, nine rebounds, four assists, and six steals. Junior Skyla Wesolofski had six points and three rebounds and sophomore Amanda Bogoslofski had three points, four rebounds, two assists, and one steal.

"This year's a building year. I knew it was a building year because we lost four players from last year's team," Faucher said. "Next year I think we can take the next step forward and build upon what we started this year. Every win helps."

Vincent will be the only player to graduate off this season's roster. Next season she hoped her teammates could build on wins like the one against Parish Hill.

"We were on a losing streak," Vincent said. "I have a really good feeling about next season for them — they're going to be successful."

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Tourtellotte's Emily Vincent, left, goes up for a shot in traffic against Parish Hill at Canty Gymnasium on Feb. 13.

Waterford keeps Woodstock from clinching tourney berth

WOODSTOCK — Mikey Buscetto scored 28 points to help Waterford defeat Woodstock Academy 70-62 in boys basketball Tuesday, Feb. 14, at Alumni Fieldhouse. The loss dropped Woodstock's record to 7-11 with two games left in the regular season. Woodstock has to win one of its final two games to qualify for the Class L State Tournament. The Centaurs play host to University on Friday, Feb. 17, at Alumni Fieldhouse and travel to Plainfield High on Monday, Feb. 20, to close out the regular season.

Nick Short led Woodstock with 29 points. Cole Hackett and Chase Anderson each added 12 points for the Centaurs. Woodstock Academy got out to an early 11-point lead but Waterford climbed their way back and took a 31-29 halftime lead. Waterford made a run in the last four minutes of the third quarter to take a 10-point (53-43) lead. Woodstock rallied on the back of Short, who sank four three pointers to cut the deficit to three points but could get no closer. Waterford lifted its record to 15-3.

GRISWOLD 65,
TOURTELLOTTE 47

THOMPSON — Bryce Mileski scored 26 points to help lift the Wolverines over



File photo

Woodstock Academy's Nathan DeLuca scored two goals in the Centaurs 8-0 win over the Redhawks on Feb. 10.

the Tigers in boys basketball Tuesday at Canty Gymnasium. Spencer Fulone scored 15 points and Evan Ware added 11 for the Tigers. Griswold used a 23-10 third-quarter run to take control. The win lifted Griswold's record to 8-10. The loss dropped the Tigers record to 6-10. Tourtellotte is next scheduled to play at Ellis Tech on Friday, Feb. 17, with tipoff set for 6:30 p.m.

LEDYARD 57, WOODSTOCK 38

LEDYARD — Sara Serbaszewicz scored 25 points to help the host Colonels down the Centaurs in girls basketball on Tuesday, Feb. 14. Heather Converse led Woodstock Academy with 15 points. The loss dropped Woodstock's record to 12-8. Ledyard lifted its record to 10-10.

PLAINFIELD 55,
TOURTELLOTTE 29

THOMPSON — Madison Kelly and Brianna Dion each scored 13 points in the Panthers win over the Tigers in girls basketball on Tuesday, Feb. 14. Ashley Morin led the Tigers with 12 points. The win lifted Plainfield's record to 5-15. The loss dropped Tourtellotte's

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**WOODSTOCK 8,
REDHAWKS 0**

NORWICH — Ryan Black scored three goals and Nathan DeLuca tallied two goals to help Woodstock Academy defeat the Redhawks 8-0 in hockey on Feb. 10 at Norwich Ice Rink. The win lifted Woodstock's record to 13-1-1. The loss dropped the Redhawks record to 8-9. Woodstock is next scheduled to play host to Taconic, Mass., on Saturday, Feb. 18, with the puck set to drop at 8:30 p.m. at Jahn Rink on the campus of Pomfret School.

Gunner Moore, Liam Dyer, and Avery Riva each scored one

goal for Woodstock. Assists were notched by Moore, Will Liscomb, Doug Newton (2), Black (2), Riva (2), Liam McDermott, and DeLuca. Goaltender Cal Wilcox made 18 saves to notch the shut-out.

girls basketball on Feb. 9. For Killingly: Reagan Morin scored 11 points, Trinity Angel scored 10 points, Kylee Mazzarella had seven points, and Morgan Harriot scored six points.

**WOODSTOCK 56, BRISTOL
22**

BRISTOL, R.I. — The Centaurs defeated Bristol Central in girls basketball on Feb. 10. For Woodstock: Olivia Perry had 11 points, Jamie Woods had 10 points, Heather Converse scored seven points and Ari Koivisto added six points.

**WATERFORD 74,
KILLINGLY 40**

DAYVILLE — The Redgals were defeated by the Lancers on

**LYMAN 68,
TOURTELLOTTE 28**

THOMPSON — The Tigers fell to Lyman Memorial in girls basketball on Feb. 8. For Tourtellotte: Katey Kwasniewski had seven points, 10 rebounds, three assists; Becky Torres had seven points, two rebounds, one steal. Skyla Wesolowski had five points, three rebounds; Ashley Morin had five points, three rebounds, two assists; Emily Vincent had two points, three rebounds; Mary Steglitz had points.



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Joan B. Payne, 78



DANIELSON - Joan Frances Basney Payne (born February 11, 1938) passed peacefully from this earth on February 4. Born to Frances "Sis" Curtin Basney and Francis "Frank" Basney in Hartford. Joan grew up and went to school in West Hartford. Joan lived in Bristol, Danbury and several places in Rhode Island before she and her family settled in the Danielson/Brooklyn area of Connecticut.

Joan married her high-school sweetheart, Robert E. Payne, and quickly started a large family. Joan was most proud of her six children and if asked to define herself would cite raising her children as her greatest accomplishment. Even as she was raising her boisterous brood, Joan volunteered for the Fresh Air Fund, sponsoring a youth from New York City for two summers. She shared her love of reading with her children and as a literacy volunteer. She also served as a youth mentor. In her latter years, Joan volunteered for the Shawl Ministry and was a Eucharistic Minister at Our Lady of LaSalette Church in Brooklyn, where she was a long-term parishioner. She was also a volunteer at the Pierce Memorial Baptist Home.

For work, Joan cashiered at Finast Grocery in Brooklyn and then at the Plainfield House group home. Joan last worked as a paraprofessional in the Brooklyn School system and often spoke fondly of the children she had the joy of helping.

Joan sincerely loved to meet and get to know people around her. She formed strong bonds with those from her Bible study, at the Senior Center and with the monthly lunch group with women she met through her work in the Brooklyn schools. She loved her friends and neighbors Rachel and Lori P.

Joan loved the natural world and made many trips to Maine. She was an avid gardener, as well as an accomplished bird watcher. She shared

these joys with her children. She also specialized in cooking on a shoestring budget. The smell of bread, cookies or cakes often greeted her children as they came home from school. She was proud of her Irish heritage and was the keeper of family history.

Joan leaves behind her sister Patricia Richard, as well as her children Kevin Payne of Danielson; Kathleen Payne of West Hartford and her partner Jeffrey Turner; Beth-Ann and son-in-law Chris Cavar of Brooklyn, Christine Pagano and her wife Wendy Forbes of North Haven; Laurie Steiger of Griswold, and Elaine and Howard Smith of Brooklyn, Connecticut. She also leaves her many grandchildren, Martin Nielsen, Joseph Payne, Reece (Painter-Payne) D'Angelo; Jack Payne, Selma Payne, Sarah Cavar, Patrick Pagano, Cami Steiger, Cole Steiger, Nicholas Smith, Colin Smith and Megan Smith. Joan was anticipating the birth of her first great-grandchild due in September 2017. She also leaves former husband, Bob, who continued to check in on her until her final days. Joan leaves behind her nephews Paul Richard and Geoff Cook and nieces Suzanne Richard and Jennifer Cook, as well as great nieces and nephews, Autumn, Joshua, Fox, Rainey, Max and Elliot. She is predeceased by her sister Elaine Basney Cook and brother-in-law Fr. Arthur Joseph Payne, OP.

The family would like to extend their thanks to the staff of Westfield Village of Danielson, Linda Clark home health aide of Day Kimball Homemakers and Skyview Center of Wallingford, Connecticut. Special thanks go out to Sue Brooks, Linda Charette, Kelly Ginter, Amanda Tuscano and Monique who lovingly cared for Joan in her last days as if she were their own family member.

Calling hours were held at Tillinghast Funeral Home, Danielson, and a Memorial Mass of Christian Burial was held at Our Lady of LaSalette Church in Brooklyn. In lieu of flowers, the family would welcome donations in Joan's name to the Alzheimer's Association of Connecticut.

Lillian Mae Newth, 82



PUTNAM -- Lillian Mae Newth, 82, of Putnam, passed away peacefully in her sleep at Davis Place after a lengthy battle with Alzheimer's on February 3. Born in Putnam to Adelbert V. and Bernice S. Peckham. Lil eloped with the love of her life Franklin L. Newth on May 21, 1951.

She is survived by her husband Franklin, their son Peter and his wife Kelly and numerous nieces and nephews.

Lillian worked in the Selectman's office at the Putnam Town Hall and filled in as Putnam Town Clerk for her dear friend Dee Bernier, Lillian was elected to Town Clerk in 1985 and held that chair for 10 years, a job she truly loved. She was very instrumental, along with many others, in forming the West Putnam Tax District where she served as Tax Collector. She served on the Putnam Democratic Town Committee, Board of Ed, and was the Democratic Registrar of Voters.

Whatever Lil did in life, she did thor-

oughly and with passion, seeing any responsibilities through to the end. Her mantra, "is there anything I can do for you?" carried through until the end. Ma loved to bake and can vegetables, "making goodies for her boys at Rawson's" often. She was a fun-loving, dedicated and giving individual who never cared for notoriety. When introduced to Pete's friends she would reply with "Call me Ma" and treated them as her own.

Before and during retirement, she enjoyed going to horse shows, successfully showing her beautiful Morgan mare "Saucie," at Morgan shows throughout New England. She loved spending time with her cousin, Nora Johnson at the shows. Lil was Director of the Woodstock Fair Horse Show and was instrumental in many updates at the show ring facility.

Ma will be sorely missed by all who knew and loved her. At her request, there will be no services. Donations may be made in her memory to the Alzheimer's Association 200 Executive Boulevard, Suite 4B, Southington, CT 06489 or the Abington Public Library, 536 Hampton Road, Pomfret, CT 06258. www.smithandwalkerfh.com

Dorothy M. Choiniere, 91



DUDLEY, MASSACHUSETTS - Dorothy M. Choiniere, age 91, of Dudley, Massachusetts died February 6, at home, surrounded by her loving children. Dorothy was

born December 1925 in Worcester, Massachusetts and was the daughter of the late Henry and Rosanna (Leonard) Cosky. She was predeceased by her husband of 59 years, J. Arthur Choiniere who passed away in 2010, her sister Louise Holmes and her brother Frank Cosky.

Dorothy graduated from Millbury High School and Rhode Island Training School of Nursing. She worked as a registered nurse at Roger Williams Hospital, Saint Vincent Hospital and Memorial Hospital. She also worked as a registered nurse doing medical evaluations at Central Mass Healthcare and Aetna Life and Casualty retiring in 1993.

She is survived by four daughters: Jeanine Choiniere of Dudley, Massachusetts, Christine Jacob of Webster, Massachusetts, Lisa, wife of Robert Russo of Webster, Massachusetts, and Danielle, wife of John Glowacki Jr. of Dudley, Massachusetts. Two sons: Richard Choiniere of Putnam, and Ronald Choiniere and his wife Robyn of Texas.

She also leaves seven cherished grandchildren, two great grandchildren, her loyal companion "Maizey" and several nieces.

The funeral Mass was celebrated February 10 in St. Anthony of Padua Church, 24 Dudley Hill Road, Dudley, Massachusetts.

Donations may be made in her memory to either the [American Heart Association](http://www.AmericanHeartAssociation.org) or [Alzheimer's Association](http://www.AlzheimerAssociation.org) of MA/NH.

Bartel Funeral Home & Chapel (bartelfuneralhome.com), 33 Schofield Avenue, Dudley, Massachusetts.

Robert R. Leclair, 80



PUTNAM - Robert (Bob) R. Leclair, 80, passed away peacefully on Saturday February 11, in Putnam. Bob was born in Putnam and was son of the late William Joseph Leclaire and Delina Rose (Peloquin) Leclaire. He was a longtime companion to the late Leonie Dauphinais for 40 years.

Bob was a gentle, hardworking man who always took time for others. He was a 1954 graduate of Putnam High School. He worked at US Button in Putnam for many years. He then worked as a warehouse worker for Frito Lay in Dayville, retiring in 1998. He was a member of the Society of American Foresters. He was a life-long, avid fan of the UConn girls' basketball team and the Boston Celtics, holding season tickets for many years. Bob was also a collector of sports memorabilia and keeper of sports statistics. Bob was proud to be captain of the Southbridge, Massachusetts Summer -Basketball League Champions. Bob enjoyed driving around town in his spotless Cadillac. Bob's greatest love of all was being a grandfather figure and best friend to the late Sam Dauphinais.

Bob is survived by two sisters, Denise

Rondeau and her husband Edward of Thompson and Jeanne Dougherty of Woburn, Massachusetts; ten nieces and nephews, Jared Rondeau and his wife Melissa of Killingly, Daniel Rondeau and his companion Michelle Reaume of Putnam, James Dougherty and his wife Susan of Winthrop, Massachusetts, Paul Dougherty of Medford, Massachusetts, Edward Dougherty of Londonderry, New Hampshire, Mary Haney of Fremont, New Hampshire, Kathleen Andre and her husband Charles of Medford, Massachusetts, Patrick Dougherty of Boston, Massachusetts, Maureen Thomas and her husband Nicholas of Woburn, Massachusetts, and Jeanne McDonald and her husband Sean of Burlington, Massachusetts. He was predeceased by his brother Paul Frank Leclaire and brother-in-law Robert Dougherty.

Relatives and friends are invited to visit with Bob's family at 9:00 am on Saturday, April 22, 2017, at the Gilman Funeral Home located at 104 Church Street, Putnam. A Funeral/Mass of Christian Burial will be held at 10:00 am at St. Mary's Church of the Visitation, located at 218 Providence Street, Putnam. Burial will follow in St. Mary's Cemetery. For memorial guestbook visit www.GilmanAndValade.com

Lorraine C. Fournier, 79



DAYVILLE -- Lorraine C. Fournier, 79, of Dayville died, February 8, at Westview Nursing Home in Dayville. She was born June 3, 1937 in Providence, Rhode Island, daughter of the late Charles and Florence (Aubin) Butts. She was predeceased by her former husband Paul Fournier.

Lorraine attended St. James School and Killingly High School Class of 1955. She was a bookkeeper for Arrow-Hart Manufacturing. She enjoyed walking around Alexander's Lake, traveling, camping and cooking. Lorraine baked the most excellent pies. She loved being around her grandchildren and her great grandchildren.

She leaves her three children:

Deborah Kirkconnell (Timothy Panteleakos) of Dayville; Brian Bourque (Candace) of Pomfret; David Bourque (Lynn) of Woodstock Valley, her six grandchildren: Randy Kirkconnell; Jason Kirkconnell; Justin Kirkconnell; Natalie Bourque; Noah Bourque; Luke Bourque; Katy Paradise, Kelly Brothers-Paradise and Ryan Paradise Sr., her seven great grandchildren: Lauren; Cadence; Christopher; Evelyn; Roscoe P., Riley and Ryan Jr.

Calling Hours were held February 11 at Gagnon and Costello Funeral Home in Danielson. A Memorial Service was held February 12 at the First Congregational Church of Pomfret, in Pomfret Center. In lieu of flowers donate in Lorraine's memory to a charity of your choice. Share a memory at www.gagnonandcostellofh.com

Donna L. Delaney, 58



MANSFIELD -- Donna L. Delaney, 58, passed away Friday, February 10, at her Mansfield, home. Donna was born in Boston, Massachusetts on May 29, 1958 and was the daughter of the late Joseph F. Delaney and the late Lillian K. Delaney.

Donna is survived by her daughter, Amie Delaney of Mansfield, and her son, Thomas Delaney and fiancée, Lynn Poulin, of Brooklyn as well as eight grandchildren, Naven 13, Nevaeh 11, Deven 10, Azeala 9, Maudeline 7, Deirjrine 3, Lillian 2, Azion 2 months and one baby boy on the way, two brothers, Joseph Delaney and Dennis

Delaney, and one sister, Cynthia Boyd and husband Hugh Boyd and many loving nieces and nephews including Keith Delaney. She was predeceased by her sisters Kristine Delaney and Gail Parker and her nephew, Jason Delaney.

All of her family and many friends of the family will miss Donna tremendously. She will be most remembered for her love of children. She was "Nani" to all the children in the family and friends of the family. Her love and devotion to all she touched was evident by all who knew her.

Calling Hours with a Memorial Service will be held Saturday, February 18, 2017 from 3:00 to 5:00 PM at Smith and Walker Funeral Home, 148 Grove Street, Putnam, CT.

Tammy M. Bennett

PUTNAM - Tammy M. (Houle) Bennett, 58, of Smith St., died Wednesday morning, February 8, in Day Kimball Hospital. Born in Palmer, Massachusetts she was the daughter of the late Francis and Olga (Desourdy) Houle, Sr.

Mrs. Bennett worked for many years as a meat packer at Steak-Umms.

She enjoyed fishing, listening to music, playing scrabble, karaoke, and playing with her dogs.

Tammy is survived by her companion Lisa Pendleton of Putnam; her children Christy Yorz of Putnam and William Yorz of Taylorsville, North Carolina; her siblings Francis J. Houle, Jr. of Putnam, Frank Houle

and his wife April of Thompson, Sandra Challinor and her husband Dennis of Thompson, Rachael White and her husband Richard of Webster, Massachusetts, Lisa Vallou of Putnam, Doris Curtis and her husband Joe of Thompson, and Rosie Brown and her husband Glen of Putnam; three grandchildren Christian, Dustin, and Aliah Yorz; and step grandchildren Jazlyn and Wesley Pendleton.

Private funeral arrangements have been entrusted to the Gilman Funeral Home & Crematory, 104 Church St., Putnam. For memorial guestbook visit www.GilmanAndValade.com.

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OBITUARIES

William H. Murdock, Jr., 93



P O M F R E T CENTER -- William H. Murdock, Jr., 93 of Pomfret Center, died February 10, after a brief illness. He was the husband of Barbara (Baker) Murdock who survives him. He was born February 18, 1923, son of the late William and Virginia (Gibault) Murdock. He was a World War II Veteran serving with the U.S. Navy in the South Pacific. Bill worked for the Connecticut State Highway Department for many years. In addition to his wife, Barbara, he leaves his daughters, Sandra and Diane

Murdock, his son, Douglas Murdock, his grandchildren and great-grandchildren, sisters, Virginia Duggans, Elaine Baker and Joan Nelson. He was predeceased by his two sons, John Murdock, Donald Murdock, his brothers Robert Murdock and Donald Murdock. There are no calling hours. Donations may be made in his memory to the American Cancer Society, American Cancer Society, 825 Brook Street, I-91 Tech Ctr, Rocky Hill, CT 06067-3045. www.smithandwalkerfh.com



William I. Neilson, 89



PUTNAM -- William I. Neilson, 89, passed away Saturday, February 11, at Westview Rehabilitation Center after a brief illness. Born in Frostburg, Maryland, November 25, 1927, he was the son of the late Marshall and Sarah (Wellings), Neilson. He married Virginia (Williams) Neilson on October 7, 1946. He was an avid bowler and Baltimore Orioles baseball fan. He was a devoted husband and father. Living most of his adult life in Baltimore, employed as a painter for General Motors.

He is survived by his sons, William Neilson Jr. (Anne Lamondy), Michael Neilson (Marsha), daughters Linda Mathias, and Brenda Ray (Anthony), sister Thelma Neilson, and a brother, Charles. Eleven grandchildren, eleven great-grandchildren, and three great-great-grandchildren. In addition to his wife, he is predeceased by a son, Dennis Neilson, brothers, Clarence and Marshall Neilson and his sister Pearl Drew.

Funeral services and burial will take place in Baltimore. Smith and Walker Funeral Home, 148 Grove Street, Putnam, Connecticut www.smithandwalkerfh.com have been entrusted with the arrangements.

Wilfred Nelson Caron Jr., 86,



D A N I E L S O N -- Wilfred Nelson Caron Jr., 86, of Danielson passed away February 2, at Davis Place in Danielson. He was born in Danielson on September 19, 1930, son of the late Wilfred N. Caron Sr. and Blanche (Dionne) Caron. He was the husband of Lucille (Julian) Caron. Wilfred worked at Kaman in Moosup for many

years. Besides his wife, he is survived by his daughters, Pamela Lloyd, Robin Bernier, Lisa Hegeudus, Susan Caron, Shannon LaRochelle and Sandra Stott; two stepdaughters, Cindy Donais, Kari Kilduff; and sister, Anita Shippee. He is also survived by many grandchildren, great grandchildren, nieces and nephews. A Memorial Service was held Monday, February 13, at Davis Place, 111 Westcott Road, Danielson. Tillinghast Funeral Home, 433 Main St., Danielson is in charge of arrangements.

Anna (Szpyrka) Andrzejewski Przystas, 92

NORTH GROSVENORDALE -- Anna (Szpyrka) Andrzejewski Przystas, 92, of North Grosvenordale, and Wayland, Massachusetts, died Wednesday, February 8, in the Newton Wellesley Hospital, Newton, Massachusetts.

She was the wife of the late Adolph Andrzejewski, who died in 1972 and the late Stanley Przystas, who died in 1991. She leaves a grandson, Robert and his wife Kristina Andrzejewski of Wayland, Massachusetts; a granddaughter, Laurie Casavant of Webster Massachusetts; two great-grandchildren, Ethan and Sophie; a niece, Matilda Andrzejewski of Connecticut. She was predeceased by her son, John Andrzejewski of Webster,

Massachusetts, was born in North Grosvenordale, daughter of the late John and Mary (Markowski) Przystas and lived in North Grosvenordale and Webster, Massachusetts for many years before moving to Wayland, Massachusetts. She was a retired shoe worker and worked at B + W Footwear, retiring in 1989.

All services and burial are private. Shaw-Majercik Funeral Home, 48 School Street, Webster, Mass. has been entrusted with her arrangements. A guest book is available at www.shaw-majercik.com where you may light a candle or post a condolence message.

Marybeth (Pollier) Kelly, 57

SHREWSBURY, MASSACHUSETTS -- Marybeth (Pollier) Kelly, 57, of Shrewsbury, died February 7 at home.

She leaves her husband, William Kelly of Shrewsbury; two sons, Andrew Stewart of Webster, Massachusetts, Craig Stewart and his wife Taryn of Thompson; one daughter, Brianna VanDeusen and her husband John of Dudley, Massachusetts; a brother, Roland Pollier of Haverhill, Massachusetts; two sisters, Lisa DeBruyn of Sutton and Cheryl Burke of Brandon, Florida; nine grandchildren. She was predeceased by two brothers, Mark Pollier of South Yarmouth and Gary Pollier of Arizona.

She was born in Worcester, Massachusetts, daughter of the late Roland and Patricia (Reiley) Pollier

and lived in Webster, Massachusetts before moving to Shrewsbury, Massachusetts. She was a CNA and worked in a nursing home. She enjoyed reading, quality time with her children and grandchildren and the New England Patriots.

A Celebration of Life service will be held. Date and time will be announced. There are, no calling hours. In lieu of flowers, donations can be made to St. Jude's Children's Research Hospital 501 St. Jude Place, Memphis TN 38105. Shaw-Majercik Funeral Home, 48 School Street, Webster, Mass. has been entrusted with arrangements. A guest book is available at www.shaw-majercik.com where you may light a candle or post a condolence message.

Gail M. Corriveau, 76

NORTH GROSVENORDALE -- Gail (Grochowski) Corriveau, 76, of Main St., died February 8 in her home. She was the loving wife of the late Arthur W. Corriveau. Born in Webster, Massachusetts, she was the daughter of the late William J. Grochowski and Dora A. (Menard) Grochowski.

Mrs. Corriveau worked as a cashier for X-tra Mart. She enjoyed working on her tablet, ceramics, crocheting, knitting and reading.

Gail is survived by her sons, A. William Corriveau and his wife Joann of Thompson, and Derek R. Corriveau of Preston; her daughter, Lisa J.

Gray of N. Grosvenordale; her sister Jeannie; and her grandson, Craig A. Corriveau of Danielson. She is predeceased by her sister Carol.

A Funeral Mass will take place at 11:00 a.m. on Friday, February 17, 2017 in Saint Joseph Church, 18 Main St., N. Grosvenordale. Funeral arrangements have been entrusted to the Gilman and Valade Funeral Homes & Crematory, 104 Church St., Putnam. Memorial donations may be made to Hospice of N.E.C.T., P.O. Box 632, Putnam, CT 06260. For memorial guestbook visit www.GilmanAndValade.com.

Bruce M. Sabourin, 45



DANIELSON -- Bruce M. Sabourin, 45, of Danielson, died unexpectedly at home on February 9. Bruce was born November 9, 1971 in Putnam, beloved son of Gloria Dixon Millette Sabourin and William F. Sabourin Sr.

Bruce was a graduate of Killingly High School and attended the University of Connecticut. Bruce was a financial analyst and most recently worked at Market 32. Bruce was an avid Red Sox fan and liked to play golf. He loved spending time on Pachaug

Pond with friends and family.

Bruce leaves behind beloved son, Brock M. Sabourin; a brother William Sabourin and his wife Donna of Brooklyn; a brother Jeffrey Sabourin and his wife Wendy of Glastonbury and many nieces and nephews.

A Memorial Mass of Christian Burial will be held on Friday, February 17, at 11:30 A.M. at St. Joseph's Church, 350 Hartford Pike, Dayville.

In lieu of flowers donations may be made in Bruce's memory for a fund to be set up for his son Brock. Please make checks payable to Brock Sabourin Fund and drop off at any Putnam Bank Branch. Tillinghastfh.com

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Start The Conversation Early: Tips On Kids And Alcohol

BY ROBERT M. VINCENT, MS.ED, NCAC II, CDP, NESAP PUBLIC HEALTH ANALYST (NAPS)

Talking to your kids about alcohol may feel like a daunting task, but doing so can help prevent future health challenges and risks. It's important to broach the topic early: Many kids have their first drink as young as 9 years old, and 50 percent of 15-year-olds have tried alcohol. Young people often begin drinking alcohol after experiencing stress, peer pressure, and difficult life transitions such as moving or divorce. While many adolescents consider drinking to be a rite of passage, the reality is drinking poses a serious threat to a young person's growing brain, development and overall health. By having several small, low-key conversations with your kids about alcohol, you can create a comfortable and open space for them to discuss the dangers of underage drinking and strategies for avoiding it, without feeling awkward.

Studies show that parents have a significant effect on young people's decisions about alcohol consumption, especially when they create supportive and nurturing environments in which their children can make their own decisions. And since so many kids begin to use alcohol at a young age, the sooner you begin talking to your children about drinking, the better. "Parents are the number one influencers on a young person. If every parent communicated a strong message about underage drinking, we would already have a delay on the onset of alcohol use," said Frances Harding, Director of SAMHSA's Center



for Substance Abuse Prevention.

Teen alcohol consumption is a significant public health challenge nationwide. Nearly 23 percent of people between the ages of 12 and 20 are current alcohol users, according to the most recent National Survey on Drug Use and Health (NSDUH) report, published annually by the Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration (SAMHSA). This age group consumes alcohol more than any other substance, including tobacco and other drugs. While teens tend to drink less frequently than adults, they drink larger quantities, often having five or more drinks during a single occasion. According to NSDUH, over 5 million adolescents binge drink, while 1.3 million are heavy consumers of alcohol.

This trend in underage drinking comes with significant risks. Adolescents who use alcohol are more prone to have legal issues and participate in unsafe sexual behaviors. They are more likely to have memory problems and changes in brain development that cause lifelong effects. They are also at increased risk for using other drugs, hurting themselves or someone else, and being dependent on heavy drinking later in life. There's a fatal risk, too: Underage drinking is responsible for approximately 5,000 teen deaths per year—mostly from vehicle crashes, but also from alcohol poisoning and other accidents.

You can help your children prevent these problems by talking to them early, and on a consistent basis, about

the dangers of underage drinking. Continuing the conversation throughout adolescence, when the pressure to try alcohol increases, is also important. SAMHSA's "Talk. They Hear You" campaign provides support and tips for parents preparing to have these small but important talks. Helpful resources and advice can be found on the campaign's website, www.samhsa.gov/underagedrinking, including the downloadable "Talk. They Hear You" app—a tool that illustrates the dos and don'ts of talking to kids about alcohol use.

"Underage drinking is a preventable problem, and parents play a critical role in helping to save kids' lives," said Harding. "We want to help parents talk to their children about this issue."

Additional information on underage drinking, as well as substance abuse, mental health, and wellness, can be found at www.samhsa.gov.

5 Conversation Goals for Talking to Kids about Alcohol:

1. Show you disapprove of underage drinking.
2. Show you care about your child's happiness and wellbeing.
3. Show you're a good source of information about alcohol.
4. Show you're paying attention and you'll notice if your child drinks.
5. Build your child's skills and strategies to avoid underage drinking. Keep it low key. You don't have to get everything across in one talk. Many small talks are better. For more tips and resources, visit

www.samhsa.gov/underagedrinking. VGstockstudio/Shutterstock.com
Casual conversations with your kids about drinking when they're young can help prevent underage drinking.

K-12 Education Savings Accounts And How They're Changing Kids' Lives



Valerie McMurray uses education savings accounts to customize her education in Arizona.

(NAPS)

If you're like many American parents, you may not be aware of a way to give your children a better education at little or no cost to you.

How It Works

A program known

as education savings accounts (ESAs) lets parents withdraw their children from a public district or charter school that's not working for them and get a deposit of public funds into government-authorized savings

accounts with restricted but multiple uses. Those funds—often distributed via debit card—can cover private school tuition and fees, online learning programs, private tutoring, community college costs, higher education expens-

es and other approved customized learning services and materials. Some ESAs can even be used to pay for a combination of public school courses and private services.

One Girl's Story

Consider the case of Valerie McMurray from Arizona. Her birth mother was a heroin addict and an alcoholic all throughout her pregnancy, and because of that, she was born prematurely and with cerebral palsy—a muscle disorder caused by damage to the brain, normally before birth. McMurray was adopted and struggled to learn to walk and talk.

Growing up, she said school was never something that came easy for her, whether in public or private schools. She was not getting the one-on-one care she needed as a student.

Finally, her adoptive mother was approached about the ESA program in her state, through which she would get government grants to learn at home.

McMurray discovered she did best at visual learning. She said she enjoys learning now, at her own speed—it doesn't scare her anymore. "I like having one-on-one attention from my tutors," McMurray said. "I ask questions without the fear of being made fun of or feeling embarrassed. My tutors teach me at my

own speed." She also said she is happy she no longer has to sit still in one spot for hours at a time. She enjoys being able to go on field trips whenever her parents and tutor think it's best for her lesson plan.

Another thing McMurray loves about learning at home is that she doesn't have to deal with bullies anymore. "In public school, kids can be really mean," McMurray said. "At home, I am surrounded by people who are kind, understanding and actually care about my well-being. They don't make me feel uncomfortable about the way I walk or speak."

McMurray said the ESA program helped her self-esteem, not only through learning, but in the real world. She now has so much confidence in areas where she used to be confused.

LEARN MORE

For more information about ESAs and to find out if your state offers families educational choice options, visit www.edchoice.org.

LEGALS

TOWN OF THOMPSON PLANNING AND ZONING COMMISSION LEGAL NOTICE

The Town of Thompson Planning and Zoning Commission will hold a public hearing on Monday, February 27, 2017 beginning at 7PM in the Thompson Town Hall, 815 Riverside Dr., North Grosvenordale, CT for the following: Application 17-01: Richard and Jeanne Johnson, Applicants and Owners of Record. For property at 20 Alix Dr. Map 143/Block 16/Lot 57B/Zone R-40. Requesting a re-subdivision of two lots with a total track of 8.57 acres. Files are available to review in the Planning & Development Office, Town Hall. At these hearings, interested parties may appear and be heard, and written testimony received.

Respectfully submitted,
Greg Lee, Chairman
February 17, 2017
February 24, 2017

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

ESTATE OF Tina Marie Gendreau AKA Tina Marie Engberg (17-00034)
The Hon. Leah P. Schad, Judge of the Court of Probate, District of Northeast Probate Court, by decree dated February 2, 2017, ordered that all claims must be presented to the fiduciaries at the address below. Failure to promptly present any such claim may result in the loss of rights to recover on such claim.

Brenda Duquette, Clerk

The fiduciaries are:
Laura Krause, 20 Clearview Drive, Brooklyn, CT 06234
Gendreau Leo, 12 Sunset Ave., Putnam, CT 06260
February 17, 2017

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

ESTATE OF Wayne T Barr (17-00046)
The Hon. Leah P. Schad, Judge of the Court of Probate, District of Northeast Probate Court, by decree dated February 7, 2017, ordered that all claims must be presented to the fiduciary at the address below. Failure to promptly present any such claim may result in the loss of rights to recover on such claim.

Brenda Duquette, Clerk

The fiduciary is:
Cheryl B. Medlyn
c/o William H. St. Onge, Esq.,
St. Onge & Brouillard, PO Box 550,
Putnam, CT 06260
February 17, 2017

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

ESTATE OF LYNNE E. ROY (17-00042)
The Hon. Leah P. Schad, Judge of the Court of Probate, District of Northeast Probate Court, by decree dated February 7, 2017, ordered that all claims must be presented to the fiduciary at the address below. Failure to promptly present any such claim may result in the loss of rights to recover on such claim.

Janis E. Beltis, Clerk

The fiduciary is:
Matthew G. Roy
c/o Nicholas A. Longo, Esq.,
Bachand, Longo & Higgins,
168 Main Street, PO Box 528,
Putnam, CT 06260
February 17, 2017

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

ESTATE OF Norman A Choquette (17-00040)

The Hon. Leah P. Schad, Judge of the Court of Probate, District of Northeast Probate Court, by decree dated February 6, 2017, ordered that all claims must be presented to the fiduciary at the address below. Failure to promptly present any such claim may result in the loss of rights to recover on such claim.

Brenda Duquette, Clerk

The fiduciary is:
Bryan Choquette, 55 Pomfret Road,
Brooklyn, CT 06234
February 10, 2017

LEGAL NOTICE TOWN OF THOMPSON BOARD OF FINANCE BUDGET PRESENTATION/PUBLIC HEARING

In accordance with Section 7-344 of the General Statutes of Connecticut, as revised, the Thompson Board of Finance will hold a PUBLIC HEARING on Thursday, March 2, 2017 at 7:00 PM in the Thompson Public School Auditorium (785 Riverside Dr., North Grosvenordale, CT) to hear all persons who wish to be heard in regard to any appropriations which they are desirous that the Board should recommend or reject for the Fiscal Year ending June 2018, and the Town of Thompson's Local Capital Improvement Projects and Capital Improvements Plan within the meaning of Section 7-536 of the Connecticut General Statutes.

At the hearing, interested parties may appear and be heard, and written testimony received, on the entire budget. The proposed budget will be available on the Town's website, www.thompsonct.org, on March 1, 2017. Respectfully submitted,
Aaron McGarry, Chairman
February 17, 2017

PROPERTY AUCTION

The tax collector of the Town of Thompson has levied upon the following properties in Thompson and slated them for public auction to satisfy delinquent taxes and charges under C.G.S. § 12-157. Volume and page numbers refer to the Town's land records, while maps refer to the Town's assessor maps. Unless paid, these properties will be auctioned in "as is" condition at 10:00 a.m. on May 3, 2017 at the Thompson Town Hall at 815 Riverside Drive in North Grosvenordale.

104 Wagher Road and ±0.35 acres on Wagher Road (Volume 658 Page 206) owned by Scott A. Adamuska and Melissa J. Adamuska, owing \$1,821.47. Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc.; Novastar Mortgage, Inc.; and Ford Motor Credit Company, LLC may have interests which will be extinguished by the sale.
±0.50 acres on Sand Dam Road (Volume 410 Page 237 less Volume 654 Page 107) owned by Katherine J. Bates, John A. Weiss, and William A. Weiss, owing \$3,681.39.
910 Riverside Drive (Volume 518 Page 255) owned by William Bergeron, owing \$115,083.76. Lori Bergeron; Joseph W. Janeczek; Easthampton Savings Bank as successor to The Citizens National Bank; Wells Fargo Equipment Finance, Inc.; William W. Backus Hospital; CT Real Estate Holding, LLC; Lawrence R. McCoy & Co., Inc. a/k/a Lawrence B. McCoy & Co., Inc.; the

Connecticut Department of Revenue Services may have interests which will be extinguished by the sale.

±0.86 acres on Reardon Road (Map 63 Block 94 Lot 7C) owned by the Estate of Wilfred Blain, Estate of Rene Blain, Fernand Blain or his Estate, Gaston Blain, Gerard Blain, Lionel Blain or his Estate, and Annette Houle, owing \$21,001.96. The United States Internal Revenue Service; the Connecticut Department of Revenue Services; and the surviving spouses and heirs of Wilfred Blain, Rene Blain, Fernand Blain, and Lionel Blain may claim interests which will be extinguished by the sale.
2 Marcy Lane (Volume 406 Page 57) owned by Paul A. Brassard, Jr. and Robin Brassard, owing \$9,583.40. Avail 1, LLC; Option One Mortgage Corporation; Liquidation Properties, Inc.; and the United States Internal Revenue Service may have interests which will be extinguished by the sale.
611 Riverside Drive (Volume 848 Page 302) owned by Richard J. Carlson, Sr., owing \$15,508.59. Connecticut Light and Power Company may have interests which will be extinguished by the sale.

112 Wagher Road (Volume 385 Page 12 less Volume 237 Page 206) owned by Richard K. Chase, owing \$10,475.44. Ruth Chase may have interests which will be extinguished by the sale.

56 Indian Inn Road (Volume 881 Page 272) owned by Jacqueline R. Crane and Sydney R. Padula, owing \$10,360.06.

±20.00 acres on Ravenelle Road (Volume 579 Page 207) owned by Estate of Karen L. Czajkowski, owing \$4,264.86. Robert and E. Tamara Costello; the United States Internal Revenue Service; the Connecticut Department of Revenue Services; and the surviving spouse and heirs of Karen L. Czajkowski may claim interests which will be extinguished by the sale.

614 Quinebaug Road and a parcel on Fabyan Road (Volume 657 Page 130) owned by Jay Dooley, owing \$11,032.67. Robert Vincent and Susan Vincent may have interests which will be extinguished by the sale.

316 Quaddick Road (Volume 490 Page 255) owned by John P. Eddy, Jr. and Tammy M. Eddy, owing \$17,053.14. Hometown Bank may have interests which will be extinguished by the sale.
150-152 Church Street (Volume 464 Page 165) owned by Kenneth E. Gareau, owing \$9,169.37. Henri P. Cloutier and Cecile E. Cloutier may have interests which will be extinguished by the sale.
±0.07 acres on Hillside Avenue (Volume 72 Page 299) owned by Hermina Gauvin or her Estate, owing \$1,909.47. The United States Internal Revenue Service; the Connecticut Department of Revenue Services; and the surviving spouse and heirs of Hermina Gauvin may claim interests which will be extinguished by the sale.

±6.00 acres on Riverside Drive (Volume 685 Page 337) owned by Samia A. Ghattas, owing \$3,044.57. N.R.L.L. East, LLC may have interests which will be extinguished by the sale.
141 Old Turnpike (Volume 831 Page 310) owned by Michael M. Houston, owing \$9,261.94.
248 Porter Plain Road (Volume 796 Page 1) owned by James F. Gerow and Debra J. Gerow, owing \$12,390.19. Charles N. Jarmolowicz may have in-

terests which will be extinguished by the sale.

±0.08 acres on Bloomfield Avenue (Volume 61 Page 315) owned by Harry C. Johnson and Olive J. Johnson, owing \$1,704.70.

±4.60 acres on Hiawatha Drive (Volume 67 Page 300) owned by the Estate of John H. Kress and Raymond L. LaChapelle or his Estate, owing \$7,890.96. The United States Internal Revenue Service; the Connecticut Department of Revenue Services; and the surviving spouses and heirs of John H. Kress and Raymond L. LaChapelle may claim interests which will be extinguished by the sale.

±0.07 acres on Center Street (Volume 415 Page 116) owned by Corinne Larsen, owing \$1,848.21.

±1.53 acres on Linehouse Road (Volume 401 Page 336) owned by Jan E. Manning or her Estate, owing \$6,462.93. The United States Internal Revenue Service; the Connecticut Department of Revenue Services; and the surviving spouse and heirs of Jan E. Manning may claim interests which will be extinguished by the sale.

±0.12 acres, ±0.13 acres, and ±0.14 acres on Arrow Head Drive (Volume 108 Page 43) owned by Joseph Nierodzinski, owing \$3,898.96.

91 Church Street (Volume 488 Page 133) owned by Jean Parent, Trustee of Forbes Realty Trust, a Massachusetts Realty Trust, owing \$25,601.60. Douglas A. Gibson, Trustee and Barbara A. Gibson, Trustee of D & B Realty Trust may have interests which will be extinguished by the sale.

15 Cortis Road and ±1.41 acres on Anderson Road (Volume 643 Page 51) owned by Kara B. Pizzetti, owing \$2,555.23. Ann E. Abrams and Deutsche Bank National Trust Company as Trustee for Morgan Stanley ABS Capital 1, Inc., Trust 2006-HE8 may have interests which will be extinguished by the sale.

147 Old Turnpike (Volume 62 Page 34) owned by Robyn A. Scannell, owing \$23,774.13.

±6.00 acres on Riverside Drive (Volume 794 Page 313) owned by Vasilis Financial Development LLC, owing \$1,822.53. Servpro of Norwich/Windham County; Steven Eckhouse; and Steven Eckhouse, Trustee may have interests which will be extinguished by the sale.

75 Lakeview Street ("Tract One" at Volume 800 Page 247) owned by Brian A. Walker and Scott L. Walker, owing \$28,934.26. The Connecticut Department of Administrative Services may have interests which will be extinguished by the sale.

The dollar amounts listed are through the end of last month. Additional taxes, interest, fees, and other charges authorized by law accruing after the last day of the month immediately preceding this notice are owed in addition to the amount indicated as due and owing in this notice.

Bidders must present \$5,000 per property in cash or certified check payable to "Pullman & Comley, Trustee" on the day of the sale, and the winning bidder must pay the balance of the sale price within 5 days or forfeit that deposit. Absent a redemption, the purchaser will take title "free and clear" six months after the auction except for certain encumbrances. Details at www.cttax-sales.com.

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