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Day Kimball Hospital celebrates life of namesake



Moses Day Kimball

BY CAROL DAVIDGE FOR THE VILLAGER

PUTNAM — One hundred and fifty years ago on Feb. 13, 1868 -Moses Day Kimball was born. He might not be remembered without 123 years of work by women: two sisters, a mom and efforts ongoing today by the 212-member Women's Board in support of Day Kimball Hospital.

In 1893, Pomfret sisters Elizabeth and Gertrude Vinton saw the need for an infirmary and a oneroom Windham County

Infirmary. A summer resident of Pomfret, Susan Tillinghast Morton Kimball, wished to honor her son, Moses, who had graduated at the top of his class at Harvard Law School but died of pneumonia at age 25 in 1893 in Washington, D.C. after serving as law clerk to U.S. Supreme Court Justice Horace Horace Gray.

Susan, husband Moses Day Kimball, and their family donated \$9,000 of the \$10,000 needed to construct a hospital in Putnam, but required that the remaining \$1,000 be donated by the public. Other women raised the final \$1,000. (Today, that \$10,000 would be \$3 million.)

Day Kimball Hospital opened on Sept, 1, 1894 and today has 1,100 employees with 300 doctors and specialists, who serve 90,000 residents in Northeastern Connecticut.

"You never know when something may happen. So it's essential to have a local community hospital where a person can go 24 hours a day, 7 days a week and find professional help ready at a moment's notice," said Nancy Dziki of Brooklyn, President of the Women's Board, a mom, wife, daughter and friend who sees the organization as a "community of sisters from many towns with many talents.'

In recent years, the Women's Board has donated more than \$1.5 million to help the hospital purchase hightech equipment for digital breast imaging, the Birthing Center, anesthesiology and urinal-

ysis equipment, a baby safe monitoring system, and other projects. The February 13th commemoration of Moses' 150th birthday was led by Women's Board Officer Valentine Iamartino of Thompson, who narrated her video history of the Kimball family and the Hospital. Day Kimball President/CEO Anne Diamond welcomed the crowd.

"One thing that has remained constant for all these years is the unwavering support of the com-Turn To DAY KIMBALL page A13

Building a playground one step at a time

BY OLIVIA RICHMAN NEWS STAFF WRITER

WOODSTOCK — Woodstock has 148 miles of road, and two women from the Woodstock Middle School Playground Committee plan to walk at least 100 of them from march to the end of June. And it's all to raise money for a new playground.

Families and businesses can sign up to sponsor Chair Crystal Adams and Joan Fortin with either a flat donation or money per mile walked. March hasn't even started yet and the two ladies have already raised \$1,000 towards their Walk Across Woodstock.

"It's been really amazing and I'm blown away by the support we've gotten from the community - from so many businesses and organizations," said Adams. "We really feel driven. We want to make this happen. We want to have it built this summer. That's our goal. And we're trying everything in our power to make that happen." The community can also get involved with Walk Across Woodstock by joining Adams and Fortin on the walks. On quiet roads, Adams stated that she'd love to post the date, time, walk location and mileage to the WMS Playground's Facebook

page so others can join. State Representative Pat Boyd has already agreed to join them on one of the walks.

So why a walk?

"Bringing a playground to our community is all about exercise, movement, physical fitness and fun," said Fortin. "Instead of talking about the importance of exercise and movement, we are going to put our words into action and walk across Woodstock."

It's apparent that the community is very supportive of a new playground for middle schoolaged residents. The committee has already raised a little over \$35,000 of their \$100,000 goal.

The \$100,000 pays for unique and interactive playground pieces aimed at a slightly older child. Modeled after the playgrounds committee members in other t grounds their children loved), the equipment inspires problem solving and social interacting. The money would also pay for protective wood chips and other safety-related items. "With phones, there's been so much sitting. A more sedentary lifestyle," said Adams. "Less movement and interactions. It's about the free play - interacting with each other. It helps develop kids physically and helps



Woodstock Middle School Playground Committee members Joan Fortin (left) and Crystal Adams (right) will be walking at least 100 miles to raise money for a new playground.

grams.

This can become even more apparent with tweens, including ninth graders. Middle schoolers from every town will be welcome to the playground, once it's built. The

WMS Playground

ers in the works as well, including penny wars at elementary schools and community events throughout the Quiet Corner. For more information on the playground and the committee's goals, visit their website:

com.

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Charlie Lentz photo

ABOVE IT ALL

DANIELSON — Woodstock Academy's Grace Gronski competes in the balance beam at the ECC Gymnastics Championships on Feb. 14. Woodstock won its ninth-straight ECC title. Story in today's sports section.

MAKING A DIFFERENCE



YMCA benefit around the corner

BY OLIVIA RICHMAN NEWS STAFF WRITER

WOODSTOCK — Tickets are selling fast for The Conncert. On April 7 and 8 at the Woodstock Academy, the Conncert will bring local musicians and singers to the stage. The performances will not only showcase the talented music scene in the Quiet Corner, but raise money for the Hale YMCA.

Organized by Broadway Live Production (which raises money for local charities each year), The Conncert will also feature a live 16 piece orchestra that will accompany each act.

Featuring Broadway, classical, jazz, big band, rock and pop, the variety of talent is something the Quiet Corner has never seen before.

"This is a great outlet for local musicians," said Master of Ceremony Mark Cerrone. "Everybody pretty much has a day job. These are folks that are in our community. Doctors, lawyers, store keepers... But they also have this talent that is great to showcase periodically. It's something that gets overlooked often. These folks are among us, working regular jobs, but they've got this talent that often doesn't get recognized. It gives them an opportunity to showcase their talent for a good cause.'

Because of his involvement with the YMCA, Broadway Live Production had approached Cerrone to be the Master of Ceremony. He is also involved with the Bradley Playhouse and is no stranger to performing – or the high level of talent.

The talent has been rehearsing already.

"Ithink the audience will be very entertained,"

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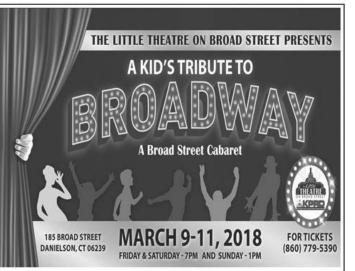




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HOSMER HONORED BY WOODSTOCK BOF

WOODSTOCK — On Feb.12 the Woodstock Board of Finance recognized 20 years of leadership and contributions by former Board of Finance Chairman Dave Hosmer. Hosmer, right, and Board of Finance Chairman Michael Dougherty after the Board presented Hosmer with a plaque recognizing his service.



Tickets are available at Killingly Parks and Recreation Office or Trinket Shoppe Prices are \$8/adults and \$5/senior/child Tickets can also be reserved by calling 860-779-5390.



For more information or to reserve tickets Call 860-779-5390 Keep up with the theatre at Facebook: https://www.facebook.com/littletheater/

Meeting set for Roseland Lake water quality

Conservation District (ECCD) will give a presentation on the findings of a three-year effort to understand water quality issues in Roseland Lake on Tuesday, Feb. 27, at 7 p.m. This free event is at the Woodstock Town Hall lower level.

Roseland Lake is a 96-acre natural lake in Woodstock. The outlet of Roseland Lake is Little River. Two miles downstream of the lake, the Town of Putnam withdraws water from Little River to use as part of their municipal water supply. The water quality in the lake influences water quality in the river going into the water treatment plant. The water quality in the lake does not meet certain water quality standards set by the Connecticut Department of Energy and Environmental Protection (DEEP). Is it getting better or worse? Are there poten-

WOODSTOCK — Jean Pillo tial human health issues peo-of the Eastern Connecticut ple should be concerned about? Water consumers, people who enjoy Roseland Lake for recreation and especially Putnam and Woodstock town decision makers are encourage to attend this presentation to find out.

ECCD staff studied water quality in Roseland Lake and the streams that drain into the lake for two years. This past year they worked with lake specialist Richard Canavan III to interpret the data and develop a Roseland Lake Management Plan, which will be summarized at this presentation. At this meeting you will learn about the history of water quality in Roseland Lake. the sources of pollution degrading the water quality and why a lake management plan is needed. Using simple language, different lake management options will be introduced, as well as suggestions as to who should be involved in deciding how the

lake is managed.

Whether you enjoy fishing and boating on Roseland Lake. or rely on the Putnam Water Pollution Control Authority for your drinking water, you will learn a lot about Roseland Lake. The lake is not only as a drinking water source and a recreation destination, but also as a natural habitat. Photographs of the fish, birds and other lake inhabitants will showcase the lake as an important wildlife habitat, too. Managing the lake for both people and nature is the goal of the Roseland Lake Management Plan. This study was funded by an US EPA Clean Water Act Nonpoint Source grant through the CT DEEP and the Putnam Water Pollution Control Authority.

To register for this presentation or for more information, please call Pillo at (860) 928-4948 ex. 605. The snow date of this event will be Feb. 28.







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Putnam Library accepts historical art donation



When Ed PUTNAM — Bradley would go into the Putnam Public Library to do research or to make copies and needed assistance with technology it was given cheerfully. In a world where everyone seems to be in a rush, Bradley said it is indeed refreshing when people take the time to be kind. With a desire to return that noted kindness, Mr. Bradley decided to give the Putnam Public Library a piece of art that depicts an important part of the town's local history.

Entitled, "East Wind Special," it was sketched by artist Gina Papen in 1990. This special piece is a commemoration of the last steam train to Putnam at the Putnam Train Station in 1990. For a small town in northeastern Connecticut, this event was widely attended and this enthusiasm was captured by the artist. The framed art is now on display for all to enjoy in a place where no one is ever in too much of a hurry to be kind.

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Tina Aubin, Children's Librarian, Priscilla Colwell, Library Director, Edward Bradley, and Annice Bradley Rockwell

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Retired teachers invited to meeting at QVCC

DANIELSON — Because of maior concerns about the impact Connecticut's final budget packagewillhaveonretirementissues of active and retired teachers, a forum has been scheduled to provide updated information and answer questions of local educators. Windham/Tolland Retired Teacher Association (WTRTA) will host the event, scheduled for Feb. 27 at Quinnebaug Valley Community College, beginning at 3:45 p.m. Area legislators are expected to participate.

To be addressed are two major

issues of immediate concern: retirement income and insurance. In order to restore funding for the Medicare Savings Program in this year's budget, the state Legislature took over 19 million dollars from the teacher pension fund, which is already underfunded by more than 13 million dollars, so answers are sought as to the future of the account. A second crisis involves the impending insolvency of the Health Insurance Fund. While active and retired teachers have continually paid their mandato-

ry share into this account, the state has not met its obligation, placing the future of the fund in jeopardy.

The Association of Retired Teachers of Connecticut, which advocates for 36.000 retired teachers, does not have a negotiated contract with the state and therefore depends upon the legislature to maintain promised retirement benefits. A portion of educator's salaries is contributed on an annual basis. This year that percentage was raised from 6 percent to 7 percent to reduce

the state's matching payment.





DANIELSON — The Arc Quinebaug Valley announced that Bailey's Team for Autism has provided a grant donation in the amount of \$1,653.88 to be used towards costs of technology in autism training.

"With these grant funds, we will be able to purchase technology such as iPads and online training models which will enhance the knowledge and awareness of autism with our staff and the people we serve in various ways." Said Susan Desrosiers, Executive Director of The Arc Quinebaug Valley.

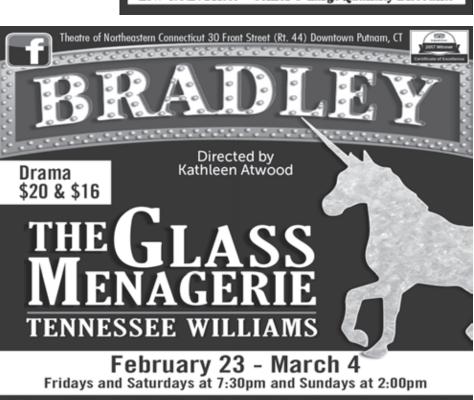
The Arc provides programs for individuals with intellectual, developmental and other life-affecting disabilities. Vocational, residential, recreation, education, day and retirement services offer opportunities for people with disabilities to reach their goals and be integral members of their community. This is the second year in a row The Arc was awarded with grant monies

from Bailey's Team for Autism.

"Words cannot begin to express how thankful we are once again to Bailey's Team for Autism for believing in our mission and providing our agency with such a generous gift," said Desrosiers.

Seaman is Westview employee of





Tennessee Williams' semi-autobiographical masterpiece of memory, home, and family.

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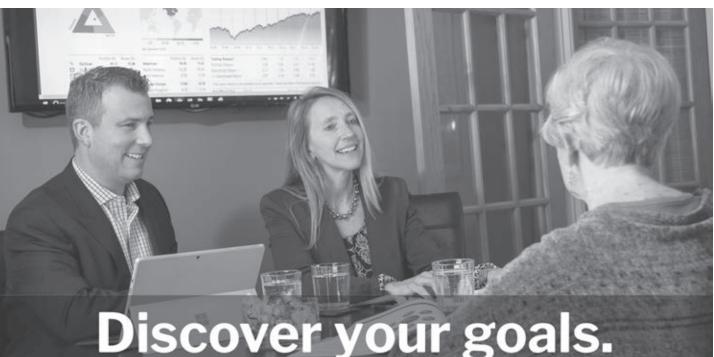
DAYVILLE — Westview Health Bronwen Seaman Care Center announced that Bronwen Seaman earned Employee of the Month for February 2018. Bronwen is a 2nd shift Certified Nursing Assistant and has been employed at the facility since January 2016. She received her CNA certification in 2015 from Quinebaug Valley Community College and is currently continuing her education towards a nursing degree to further contribute to the growing needs of an aging population. Bronwen lives in Plainfield with her husband, Jeffrey, and their two children, Sophia and Cooper.

In her spare time she enjoys knitting, hiking, camping and spending quality time with her family. She also enjoys traveling and is currently planning a trip to the "Great White North" to visit with her father, Ken, and her brother, Matthew who reside in Winnipeg, Canada.

"It's an honor to be appreciated at this level by my coworkers at Westview,' said Seaman. "And I'm humbled because I don't come to work for personal recognition, I'm simply doing my job to the best of my abilities for people that rely on my care. I can't imagine my life without nursing." "Bronwen comes to work with a positive attitude of genuine concern and compassion," said David T. Panteleakos, Westview CEO. "She is capable of handling the many responsibilities and challenges that CNAs face with the professionalism and grace of someone who has spent many more years in her profession. We're delighted to have her here at Westview."



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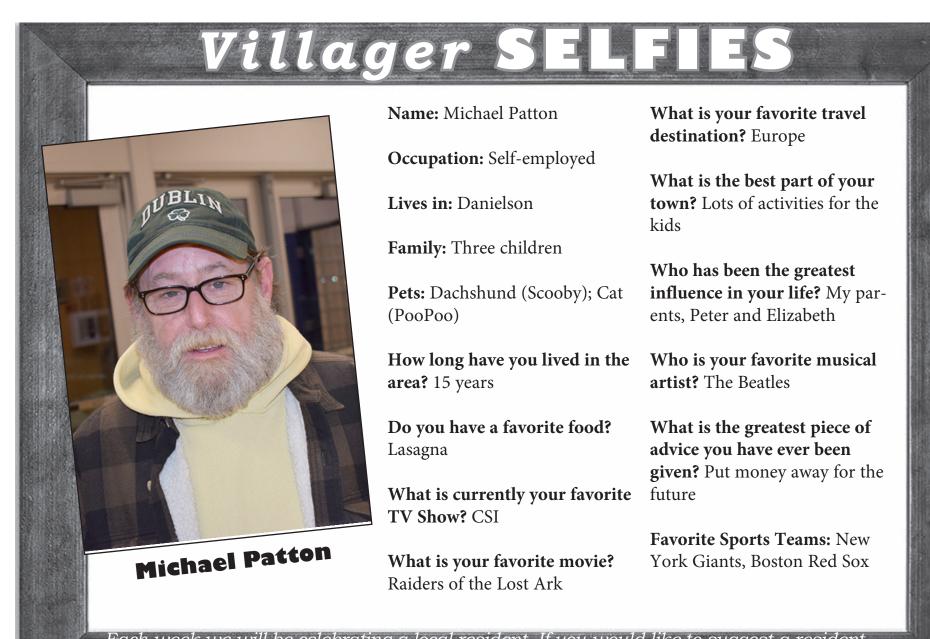




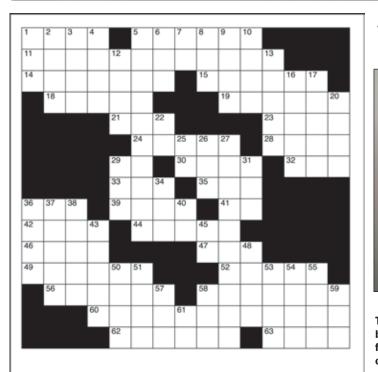
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CLUES ACROSS

1. Emperor of Russia 5. Abounding in rocks 35. Peacock network 36. Principal ethnic group of China

Thompson woman reaches 15-gallon blood donation



Courtesy photo Thompson resident Linda Olson registers for the Feb. 9 blood drive at Matulaitus. Olson was recently recognized for donating 15 gallons of blood since she was 16 years old.

PUTNAM — Winter storms and the flu have led to the cancellation of many blood drives resulting in more than 17,500 uncollected blood and platelet donations. Matulaitis Skilled Care & Rehab hosted an American Red Cross blood drive on Feb. 9. The current critical shortage of blood makes it even more important. Linda Olson from Thompson has been rolling up her sleeves since she was 16-years-old. One would think that some grave catastrophe influenced such a commitment, but that is not the case for Linda. She heard of a local blood drive while in high school and thought, "I can do that". Olson was recently congratulated by The American Red Cross for donating 15 gallons of blood since that time.

"I hope if I ever need blood or if family or friends need blood, it will be there for us", said Olson. "Hopefully, there will be other people willing to donate.'

The next blood drive at Matulaitis Skilled Care & Rehab will be held on Tuesday, April 10. Other local drives, appointments and information are available at redcross.org/give-blood.

Food drive in Putnam for local needy | Danielson vets coffeehouse

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- and southwest
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- 58. Artist's workroom
- and skills
- 62. Visually stunning

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37. Statement

43. True mosses

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system

57. Born of

51. College reservists

53. Away from wind

54. Tough outer layer

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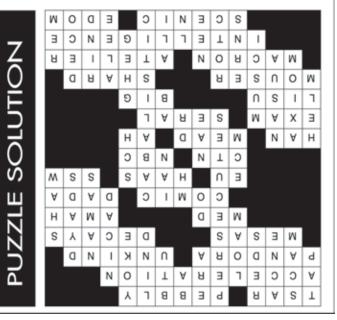
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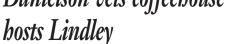
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- 7. Hitting statistic (abbr.)
- 8. British thermal unit
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- 10. Goes on neck of animals
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- 13. Type of battery
- 16. Khoikhoin peoples
- 17. Consist of two parts
- 20. Small group of trees
- 22. Execute or perform
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- 27. Associated with esoteric doctrine



PUTNAM — There will be a food drive for local, needy people on Saturday, March 24, from 9:00 a.m. to noon at the Cargill Council 64 Knights of Columbus Hall, 64 Providence Street, Putnam. Please bring your non-perishable food items and tax-deductible monetary donations, to help your neighbors in need. The Easter Bunny will be there for the children. If you can't get there in person, then please mail your check to Interfaith Human Services of Putnam. P. O. Box 281, Putnam, Ct. 06260





DANIELSON — On Tuesday, Feb. 27, local author and historian Joseph Lindley will be giving a presentation about his book Forgotten Hero. Forgotten Hero details the life of Putnam, Connecticut's Silver Star recipient Calvin William Heath - Delta Co., 3/187th Infantry ABN, 101st Airborne Division. Heath was seriously wounded in March of 1968 during a vicious battle near the jungles of Phuoc Vinh, Vietnam. He returned home to a military system unprepared to care for its wounded warriors and a country with little tolerance for those who fought. It would take Heath more than 30 years to restore his stolen honor and his benefits. Books will be on sale at the presentation.

The coffeehouse is located at 185 Broad Street Danielson. It opens at 9 a.m. and the guest speaker program starts at approximately 9:15 a.m.





Locals bonored by Bay Path Practical Nursing Academy

THOMPSON

Marissa Mungham, from Thompson, and Brooke Sawinski, from Danielson, were among nine students recently honored from the Bay Path RVTHS Practical Nursing Academy in Charlton, Mass., a total of 22 from Class of 2016 and 2017 were inducted for membership in the National Technical Honor Society (NTHS). The 22 inductees will be joined by nine from the Cass of 2018.

"We continue to raise the bar each year for the practical nursing students who qualify for membership in the NTHS," said Gretheline Bolandrina, academy director. "The NTHS plays an important role in highlighting that practical nursing students clearly play a leadership role in the classroom as well as on the clinical field. We congratulate

each of these students for their commitment to excellence."

Nine outstanding Bay Path RVTHS Practical Nursing Academy students will be the newest members of the NTHS. NTHS is the acknowledged leader in the recognition of outstanding student achievement in career and technical education. Students must have earned at least a 3.0 grade point average to be eligible for membership and be recommended by faculty without reservations. NTHS members should be good, honest, responsible student-citizens who have made a personal commitment to excellence and who agree to uphold the NTHS Standards of Conduct. NTHS members also adhere to PN graduation competencies, exhibit excellent clinical performance, maintain professional integrity (includ-

ing attendance) and community involvement (active involvement in student government, civic or service organizations).

This is the third year that Bay Path Practical Nursing Academy is welcoming members into its chapter of NTHS that was nationally chartered on campus, Feb. 25, 2016. Far more than simply an academic honor society, NTHS emphasizes the importance of seven attributes: skill, honesty, service, responsibility, scholarship, citizenship, and leadership. NTHS membership is the highest honor awarded for excellence in workforce education in America and is considered the benchmark performance and leadership in business and industry. This year's induction ceremony will be held on Thursday, May 10. To be inducted on the evening ceremo-



Courtesy photo

Seated, from left- Krisanne Koebke, Marissa Mungham, Jacqueline Njuiri, LPN, Heather Monks, Brooke Sawinski. Standing, from left- Antony Njoroge, Erin McTiernan, Erin Martin, Heather Lynds-Aldrich and Nicholas McElroy.

ny are: Krisanne Koebke (Dudley), Heather Lynds-Aldrich (Three Rivers), Erin Martin (Cherry Valley), Nicholas McElroy (Webster), Erin McTiernan (Spencer), Heather Monks (Auburn),

Mungham Marissa (Thompson), Antony Njoroge (Worcester), and Brooke Sawinski (Danielson).

To be inducted as honorary members for their contribution to the PN

program are: Jacqueline Njuiri, LPN (Worcester), Lori Sheldon, LPN (Thompson, CT), and Kathryn Voorhis, LPN (Fiskdale).

Knitters wanted to help for those in need



Courtesy photo

POMFRET — For several years Penny Bennett, a member of First Congregational Church of Pomfret, has been networking with other knitters in the church to provide hats for those in need. Hats are given out each year on the Tuesday before Thanksgiving at the Friends of Assisi Food Pantry's Food Distribution in Danielson. On this one day, the Food Pantry provides food and supplies to over 400 families

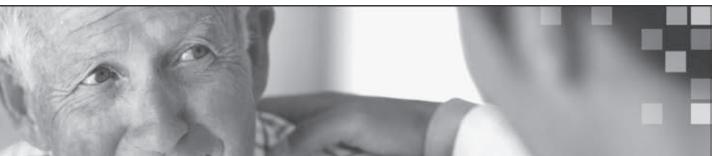
Penny Bennett



Charlie Lentz photo

STRIKE UP THE BAND

WOODSTOCK — Woodstock Academy's band entertains the crowd during the Centaurs girls basketball game against Bacon Academy on Feb. 15 at Alumni Fieldhouse. The band is under the direction of Ian Jackson.



Amidst all the food that is freely given away on that day, Bennett's supply of knitted hats has consistently been the first thing to be depleted. In order to boost the number of hats that are available for the Thanksgiving food distribution, Bennett will host a knitting Group on Thursdays, beginning March 1 at First Congregational Church from 10:30 a.m. to 1 p.m. Knitters of all skill levels are welcome to attend. Even if you have never knitted before, Bennett is happy to teach beginners how to knit. No prior knitting experience is necessary to take part in this knitting group. Those interested in attending are asked to bring Size 6 or 8 knitting needles. Yarn will be provided. For more details, please contact Bennett at (860) 412-9811 or by e-mail at pennybennett654@yahoo.com.



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WOODSTOCK ACADEMY HONOR ROLL

WOODSTOCK — Woodstock Academy recently announced second quarter students with recognition, honors, and high honors.

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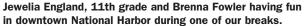
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Putnam students advocate in Washington for drug programs

WASHINGTON, D.C. — A contingent of Putnam High School students who belong to the Students Against Destructive Decisions (SADD) organization recently made a field trip to Maryland and Washington, D.C., to advocate for drug prevention programs.

The students attended multiple trainings on substance abuse and prevention in hopes of working together to hopefully pilot a substance abuse curriculum to teach to third and fourth grade students next school year. The group met with U.S. Congressman Courtney (D-Conn.) as well as an aide to U.S. Senator Richard Blumenthal (D-Conn.). Putnam High junior Jasper Coomey spent hours preparing a heartfelt and personal speech to try and help our congressman and senator understand that our Putnam PRIDE funding is in its last year and it needs the funding to continue because Coomey doesn't want all of the hard work that PRIDE has done over the years to fall apart. The trip was organized by Lisa Mooney, Putnam High School social worker and SADD advisor.







Having some fun during our free time in National Harbor, Maryland. Brenna Fowler, 9th grade





Courtesv photos

This was the SADD students last day of the CADCA trainings at the Gaylord National Harbor Convention Center, they just ended their "Youth Good- Bye Ceremonies" From left: Natalie Ionkin, Brenna Fowler, Scott Davagian, Kayla Anderson, Jasper Coomey, Jewelia England and Aidan Bernier.



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My first snowdrop is up, a friend said recently. I pictured the charming little harbinger of spring in my mind and struggled for a few seconds to think of its botanical name. It seems that every year the first frost cleans out my mind of nomenclature as thoroughly as it sweeps away every green plant in my garden. The names of plants and even some bushes disappear only to slowly return with the warming rays of sunshine.

The names of people are sometimes lost as well and come back after I stop fretting and move on mentally.



Suddenly there is the surname of the person who sat next to me freshman year. I can almost remember her first name, but when I ran into her recently, I was at a loss. On the short drive home, I remembered.

NANCY WEISS

Recalling the content of a book I am sure I read is another puzzle. As I

look through the books on our shelves, I see one that was a gift and many that were chosen by my book club, but for the life of me, I can't remember what they were about until I crack the cover and read a page or two. Sometimes mid-sentence the plot comes back to me, but not always. I read almost compulsively, but I forget a great deal. Sometimes I can remember where I was when I read a book, say on a beach or waiting at an airport, better than the content.

Lyrics are easier to recall. Sgt. Pepper's Lonely Hearts Club Band, come to me tinged by the memories of where I was when I first heard it. I was living with a family in Normandy. I was lonely, tired of struggling with the French language and French people, even sick of the food. I bought the album. I've forgotten everything I knew about irregular verbs, but the memory of Paul McCartney's voice beating against the high windows of a French maison is crystal clear.

I memorize poems because I like



Opinion and commentary from the Quiet Corner

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Reader against the NRA

To the editor:

I submit this letter for publication with some trepidation. Speaking out against the NRA has its consequences but the latest mass murders compel me to do so. The NRA as an organization is based on hypocrisy. How can they say that with all the mayhem that is going on, we will be safer with more guns in the population? There is no information to support this contention, just opinion. And if history is any teacher, the rise in gun ownership over the years has matched the rising death and injured toll.

The NRA uses the pitiful justification that "guns don't kill people, people kill people." This is misleading and incomplete. The full motto should be – "guns don't kill people, people with guns kill people."

But let's focus on a much larger problem than those who have been murdered. The media is quite good at counting how many have been killed and showing the pain of their families. And I'm not just talking about those killed in mass shootings but the much greater number that are shot in ones, twos and threes.

What the media has completely ignored is the huge group that was "only wounded." They are the ignored people. I've never seen any statistics on injured survivors who have wound scars, deformities, amputations, disfigurement, mental scars and permanent loss of mobility.

Certainly, losing a loved one to murder is awful. But for most people, the intensity of the death generally fades. I contend that the life-long suffering of the injured survivors is much greater. The ongoing physical pain and constant reminder of the physical and mental damage is always there. And this I know from first hand.

The issue here is what hypocrites the NRA are to say that mass murders are caused by the mentally ill. Yet last year, they forced the passage of gun legislation that makes it even easier for the mentally ill to get guns. Now they want to over-ride states rights by allowing carry permits in one state to be valid in all states. Their entire agenda has been to make gun ownership easier and easier with no regard to the results. What folly.

Finally, the NRA has subverted the American ideal of a democratic society. We do not have a pure democracy, but a representative democracy. This is what the NRA has taken advantage of. By intimidating those in Congress and other elected officials (including the Presidency), they wield grossly disproportionate influence. The U.S. population is now about 324 million. The best number I can find for the NRA membership is about 5 million. It is a perversion of law and common sense for 1.5 percent of the population to dictate policy that perhaps 70 percent of Americans find abhorrent and stupid.

The Second Amendment is not sacred. It is a man-made law which can be interpreted or modified to the benefit and safety of all Americans. We need to let those chicken members in Congress know that they will not lose their jobs if they do the sane thing and enact sensible gun controls.

> STEPHEN ETZEL PUTNAM

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You may have heard about the absent-minded professor who left his ivory tower in the metropolis and set out to vacation in the middle of the country. Having found the perfect oasis he enjoyed a few days of rest and then began contemplating his quality of life. On a whim he decided he would tackle a long-term issue that was small, but increasingly bothersome, so he dropped in to see the local doctor.

Upon entering the doctor's office, he immediately noticed the simplicity and practicality of the facility nothing like the elaborate campus and adjoining hospital where he worked. He privately congratulated himself for not settling in an unsophisticated community. Still, he figured he could at least find out what advice this doctor might have.

When the nurse called the professor's name, he followed her into the examination room, removed his jacket and waited impatiently. When the door finally swung open, an elderly man dressed in comfortable clothes introduced himself. The doctor's regional twang was prominent and his manner was humble and unassuming. The professor suppressed a desire to bolt by reminding himself that this doctor had come highly recommended and that he was only there for a consult.

"What seems to be yer problem?" queried the physician

Suddenly the professor heard himself blurting out a question he had been too embarrassed to ask for years: "Doctor, every time I drink coffee I get a pain in my right eye. I think I may be allergic.'

"Is it a twinge or a sharp pain?" asked the doctor.

he "A sharp pain," answered, gingerly touching his eye.

The doctor thought for a moment, looked at the professor's eye and asked, "Do you have this here pain when you drink coffee from a drive-thru?"

Come to think of it, no. It only hurts when I drink coffee at home or at the office," the professor answered

Russia's resurgent navy demands response

As we enter the second year of the Trump administration, the president's inability to advance a firm, coherent U.S. position toward Russia persists despite a torrent of belligerent behavior by the Kremlin toward the West.

Indeed, on the day he announced a new national security strategy that purported to challenge

Russia, President Donald Trump could not help but publicly exult about the unctuous phone call he had received from Russian



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same lines, noting that Russian subs were operating at "70-80 per-cent" of what we saw during the Cold War.

In the final two years of the Obama administration, our country took steps in response to Russia's expanded submarine fleet and its increased activity. The Department of Defense began

preparations in 2015, and Congress has since provided significant funding to deploy new P-8 Poseidon submarine hunters to Iceland's : thoughtfully. Keflavik air base, a significant upgrade from the legacy, propeller-driven P-3 Orions that doctor, "take the spoon out had entered the naval service back in the 1960s and had deployed to locations around Europe. In 2016, under the leadership of former Navy Secretary Ray Mabus, the Navy released an updated force structure assessment, or FSA, that called for growing the U.S. fleet from 278 ships to 355. The study focused its largest investment in our submarine force, which today is retiring submarines at a faster rate than they are being replaced, calling for increasing the minimum force from 48 to 66 submarines. It also reaffirmed the need for anti-submarine warfare platforms in our surface fleet The road map for a vigorous response to Putin's aggressive posture is in place. Our NATO partners, who have a front-row seat to the Russian Navy's hostile presence, are ready to join with the U.S. in protecting the undersea realm. The FSA lays out a shipbuilding plan for the Navy to meet national security requirements as well as commitments to allies. Congress went far beyond the administration's anemic 2018 ship-construction budget request by passing a National Defense Authorization Act that significantly increased shipbuilding and authorized the construction of three Virginia-class submarines per year starting in 2020. Congress and the world will be watching to see what the administration does next to make good on these efforts. Putin's actions speak much louder than his words. He has made his determination to poke and prod our vulnerability with asymmetric tools like cyber intrusion, misinformation and undersea provocation. The only question now is whether the Trump administration will demonstrate the leadership necessary to safeguard worldwide freedom of navigation and the integrity of communications lines in the Atlantic. It will require a clear-eyed understanding of the dynamic threat from Putin's Russia and a steady, meaningful commitment to protecting an open maritime domain, from which all nations should benefit. It is time for the administration to wise up to Putin's act.

the imagery and the rhymes. I recite them in my mind when I can't sleep. Remembering the end rhyme is easy. It's the more contemporary, non rhyming verses that are a challenge. The poems I loved long ago stick better than the one I learned last week.

I've been told many stories. Perhaps because I was brought up around older people or because I live in the small town where I was born, people share information about themselves, their neighbors, the colorful people with whom they crossed paths, heroic or humorous anecdotes. I love the stories. I pay close attention and I think about them later. However, when I am repeating them or writing them down, I realize I am not recalling exactly what I heard. I have taken someone's story and transposed it to fit my recollection.

While writing, I remember what I forgot. The snowdrop is in the genus, Galanthus. My classmate is named Sandra. The book I read, "1984", is now more relevant than ever. The second song on the Beatles album is "With a Little Help from My Friends". I'm forgetting lines in Emily Dickenson's short poem, "Dear March - Come In". The stories, my own and those of others, are completely mixed in my mind in a delightful mélange.

Our minds are uniquely our own, even when we forget what we put in there. Key items, such as names, seem to come and go at will. I can look up facts on my phone. Best of all, no matter what I forget, the residue of what I remember is lively, interesting and most of all, mine. Or yours.

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President Vladimir Putin the day before.

It is clear President Trump still clings to a wistful hope that Putin will become a trustworthy partner in world affairs. This is despite Russian election meddling in the U.S. and Europe, provocative military exercises near our NATO allies, continued military intervention in eastern Ukraine, illegal and dangerous flyovers of American and British naval vessels in international waters, and the deployment last year of the first Russian spy ship off New England's coast since the end of the Cold War.

The British Royal Navy's public disclosure in December that Russian submarines are prowling near undersea cables in the North Atlantic is now the latest in this string of concerns. These communications conduits are a vital link between North America and Europe, the two largest economic zones in the world.

Despite the proliferation of satellite communications, over 90 percent of internet traffic, telephone communication and even telegraph signals pass along undersea cables. The lines remain as vulnerable today as they were in World War I when the British Navy cut German telegraph lines lying on the seabed of the English Channel. Whether this renewed Russian activity seeks to eavesdrop on cable-borne communications, or aims to survey them so that they can be more easily severed during a conflict, the dramatic effect of such interference cannot be overstated.

The steady increase in submarine activity over the last five years is an unmistakable sign that Russia has recovered much of the undersea capability it lost with the collapse of the Soviet Union. As recent public reports issued by the Office of U.S. Naval Intelligence have documented, Putin's government has devoted sizable resources to recapitalizing the desiccated Russian Navy, with particular emphasis on submarines.

The Russian military has also used the conflict in Syria as a test bed for new capabilities, including submarine-launched cruise missile strikes. The commander of the Russian Navy recently boasted that its submarine fleet achieved 3,000 days at sea in 2016, matching its Cold War level of operations. When I asked former NATO commander Adm. James Stavridis about the scale of Russian undersea activity at a House Armed Services Committee hearing, he testified along these

Rep. Joe Courtney, D-Conn., is the ranking member of the House Seapower and Projection Forces Subcommittee.

"That's easy," drawled the of yer cup,"

The professor had never been so insulted in all of his life. He had come to this doctor and opened up about a long-term issue only to have him give a "hick" answer. Grabbing his jacket, he stormed out of the examination room. All the way back to the hotel he mumbled about how backward and unlearned the doctor wasproposing such a simple fix for a life-long problem.

The professor never did take the spoon out of his coffee cups. He now travels the country giving lectures on a survey he did on how many Americans felt pain in their eyes when drinking coffee. The survey and lecture tour were generously funded by the government. He now wears a patch over his blind, right eye. I wonder how many major personal and societal issues could be solved with a easy fix?

Consider these time-proven, easy fixes that a common-sense counselor (who is just trying to make life work like it is supposed to) might offer:

Q: How do we keep our marriages and families from falling apart?

A: Don't get intimate with nobody but yer spouse and keep yer hands off ever'body else!

Q: What do we do about violent crime?

A: Don't hanker for wuts not yers and definitely don't kill nobody-specially your kin.

Q: How do you fix a society that is so litigious and dishonest?

A: Don't take nothin' that ain't yers. And, it don't matter if ever'body n their dog is breaking them rules—don't you fall for that nonsense of bending the rules and calling ever'thing complicated or situational!

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Black History Month has meaning in Quiet Corner

While I was helping someone research recently, I came across a newspaper article that fit in perfectly with Black History Month. It was extracted from the Providence Gazette, probably about 1771, the year of other articles on the page. "RUN away from the Subscriber, on the 10th Instant, a Mulatto Fellow named HARRY; he is about 25 Years of Age, well set about 5 Feet 10 Inches High, has bushy Hair, cut pretty short on the Top, has a Scar on the Top of his Head, something like the Letter A. which may be discovered by parting the hair; speaks good English, and is much addicted to drinking; Had on when he went away, a striped woolen Shirt, a short blue Sailor Jacket, double-breasted, with one Row of Brass Buttons; a home-made Bearskin Great-Coat, with Pewter button; an old pair of Moose skin Breeches, mixed blue and white Stockings, grey leggings, and pretty good Shoes. Carried with him a striped woolen Shirt, and old white Holland Ditto (shirt), and a Pair of mixed blue and white Stockings. Whoever will take up said Fellow, and bring him to me the Subscriber, shall receive THREE DOLLARS Reward, and necessary Charges, paid by Stephen Keyes." I most amazed at his clothing, and particularly the variety of materials that had been used---bearskin, moose skin, etc. The papers periodically contained other requests for return of run-away servants. Since the articles do not always say whether the person is a slave or perhaps an inden-

tured servant, I don't either. In the 18th century it is

likely that Godfrey Malbone was the largest slave owner in this area. According to tradition they helped build the Episcopal Church that is now called Old Trinity Church on Church Street in Brooklyn. A Killingly Historical Society publication entitled Pictures on Memory's Wall (extracts from Windham County Transcript Columnists in the 1800's and early 1900's), edit-

ed by Marilyn Labbe, contains a column by "Aunt Judith" that talks about the origins of the church. Aunt Judith condensed the sermon that was given by Thomas Brinley Fogg on April 12, 1871 commemorating the 100th anniversary of the opening church.

"The story of the formation of the church is a peculiar one. It was attributable to one man, Godfrey Malbone, and he confesses was undertaken by him, not from religious motives only, but primarily as a means of saving himself from unjust and unreasonable exaction (of taxes)....He came from Newport to make as he supposed a temporary residence on his 'Manor of Kingswood', a large, unproductive landed property in the Society of Pomfret. (Brooklyn was not incorporated until 1786). He was a staunch churchman (Episcopal), a graduate in 1745 of Queens College, Oxford, of strong and cultivated mind, a keen and ready writer; of sarcastic temper, a warm friend, a good neighbor and indulgent master.



ularly the yearly tax of forty or fifty dollars upon his property for the support of their ministry. Then the Ecclesiastical Society of Brooklyn conceived the idea of building a new church, claiming that the old one was too small and dilapidated for their use. Malbone ascribed their eagerness to build to a desire to make as smart show as their neighbors. 'Not long since, he says, 'the people of Pomfret, their former meeting house being decayed, built themselves a great unformed new one and painted it all over with a very bright yellow, and he surmises that the Brooklyn Society want to build a new, bigger and yellower one in spirit of rivalry. (A yellow meetinghouse! Interesting!)

"Malbone's assessment for this building was estimated at about 200 pounds, more than an eighth of the entire cost. So he determined to build a church himself, trusting to Colonial law to permit him to pay his taxes to it. Dr. Walton, (Aunt Judith's comment-was it not the old Dr. Hutchins homestead?) assisted him in enlisting supporters, some of them, hoping thus to escape society assessments. {Dr. Walton lived where Killingly Memorial School is now located. A Tory, Walton bragged so much about how the British were going to win the Revolution that he left Killingly following the War}.

Adams "Azariah of Killingly gave the lot, Malbone considering it preferable to a spot on his own land by reason of its proximity to Canterbury and Plainfield... The main burden of the expense and the care and anxiety came upon Malbone. The load was a heavy one. He was by no means a rich man, except in land that brought him but little. He was determined that no debts should be incurred and struggled on until the building was finished and paid for. He named it Trinity after his old church in Newport. Malbone escaped assessment by petition to the legislature and relief was granted because he had always been known as Churchman, though his associates were refused it as being only a plea for evading a society tax..He held service in his own house until the church was finished and distributed devotional books, thus doing quite an amount of missionary work...

"Numbers increased until the war of the Revolution, during which the church was closed, as prayer for the royal family in the Liturgy could not be allowed and service was held in Col. Malbone's house. Though an ardent loyalist he was popular as a private citizen, and it was said there was a genuine liking, though bearishly expressed between him and Israel Putnam, who was a leader in the Ecclesiastical party opposed to him and also in politics.

"There was also a wholesome fear that if molested Col. Malbone would arm in his defense his large body of wellfed, easy-living Negroes. (A few of our oldest people can remember Negroes who clung to the name of Malbone). So he was left alone, and the church services were undisturbed " (pp. 287-289; Nov. 10, 1904 Literary Salad column).

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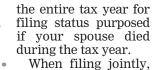
Choosing an income tax filing status

Your filing status is especially important because it determines, in part, the tax rate applied to your taxable income, the amount of your standard deduction, and the types of deductions and credits available. By choosing the right filing status,

you can minimize your taxes. Here are the basics to choosing a status and what it means for your financial picture.

The five filing statuses and how they affect your tax liability

The five filing statuses are single, married filing jointly, married filing separately, head of household, and qualifying widow(er) with dependent child. There are seven income tax brackets for 2017. Your tax rate depends on your filing status and the amount of your taxable income. For example, if you're single and your taxable income is more than \$9,325 but not more than \$37,950 (in 2017), it's taxed at a top rate of 15 percent. If you're a head of household filer, though, your taxable income can climb to \$50,800 and still be taxed at a top rate of 15 percent. So, some filing statuses are more beneficial than others.



you and your spouse combine your income, exemptions, deductions, and credits. Filing jointly generally offers the most

tax savings for married couples. For one thing, there are many credits that you can take if you file a joint return that you can't take if you file married filing separately. These include the child and dependent care credit, the adoption expense credit, the American Opportunity credit (the Hope credit), and the Lifetime Learning credit.

Still, this filing status is not always

parison, each spouse is jointly and individually liable for the full amount of the tax due. So, if your spouse skips town, you'd be left holding the tax bag unless you qualified as an innocent spouse.

Filing separately might also be the best tax move if one spouse has significant medical expenses or miscellaneous itemized deductions. Your ability to take these deductions is tied in to the level of your adjusted gross income (AGI). For example, medical expenses are generally deductible only if they exceed 10 percent of your AGI. By filing separately, the AGI for each spouse is reduced. Keep in mind that if you and your spouse file separately and your spouse itemizes deductions, you'll have to do the same.

Remember, though, that you won't qualify for certain credits (such as the child and dependent care tax credit) and can't take certain deductions if you file separately. For example, you cannot deduct qualified education loan interest if you're married, unless you file a joint return. Head of household status offers certain income tax advantages Those who qualify for the head of household filing status get special tax treatment. Not only are the tax rate thresholds higher for head of household filers than for single filers and married filing separately filers, but the standard deduction is larger as well. However, you should be unmarried at the end of the year, and must maintain a household for your child, dependent parent, or qualifying dependent relative. The

home must also be yours and main home for dependent for more than half the year and provide more than half the cost of maintaining the household. Lastly, you must also be a citizen or resident alien for the entire tax year.

Plan Well – Indicating an option that best suits your situation is the first step in Planning for your future, for more detailed ways about tax efficiency you may consider seeing an accountant or financial professional.

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Married filing jointly may result in tax savings for married couples

You may file jointly if, on the last day of the tax year, you are married and living together, married and living apart yet not legally separated, or separated by decree of divorce but not final. You are also considered married for the most advantageous. If your spouse owes certain debts (including defaulted student loans and unpaid child support), the IRS may divert any refund due on your joint tax return to the appropriate agency. To get your share of the refund, you'll have to file an injured spouse claim. You can avoid the hassle by filing a separate return.

You don't have to be separated to choose married filing separately

You and your spouse can choose to file separately if you're married as of the last day of the tax year. Here, you'd report only your own income and claim only your own deductions and credits. Filing separately may be wise if you want to be responsible only for your own tax. With a joint return, by comMember FINRA/SIPC, a Registered Investment Adviser along with Principal/Managing Partner, Laurence Hale, AAMS, CRPS. They practice at 697 Pomfret Street, Pomfret Center, CT 06259, 860.928.2341.

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FBI, Dems and media bias

I read with interest last week's articles by Mr. Courtney and Mr. Day, Jr. pertaining to the recent revelations regarding the FBI and the Dept. of Justice (DOJ). Mr. Courtney's argument is since both of his parents were dedicated FBI employees and he knows many other FBI employees firsthand and they are honorable public servants this is all a misleading, politically driven conspiracy.

Mr. Day, Jr. points out a litany of "things" the public is asked to believe as if they are all non-events and therefore implies they are nothing but conspiracies, ignoring any evidence to the contrary. He concludes that it's all President Trump's fault and we "are witnessing Vichy France right here in America?"

With respect to Mr. Courtney's piece, it is especially frustrating to see an elected official ignore the evidence for political purposes. It is impossible for me to buy into his argument that since he knows a number of employees past and present who are honorable, he therefore concludes there is nothing to see here. I suspect he forgets FBI employees number in the tens of thousands and, like any large organization, there are people with various motives, agendas and a willingness to use their office to circumvent laws in order to achieve their personal/ political goals. To mention a few, I

would point out the more recent attempts by government agencies to politically weaponize themselves against the citizens for their political agenda (1) The IRS scandal and Louis Lerner releasing sensitive tax data in an unlawful manner for purposes of suppressing/ intimidating conservative voters/organizations. (2) The EPA imposing arbitrary and restrictive penalties and laws on farmers, ranchers and various "undesirable" corporations (coal miners/producers, and coal power generating plants) who are perceived impediments to EPA's Climate Change ideology and objectives, regardless of the impact. (3) The Bureau of Land Management (BLM) and their outright attacks on the Nevada ranchers (Bundy) and their use of illegal tactics, lies and withholding of evidence that might be favorable to the ranchers' cause. The illegality of their actions resulted in



the presiding judge dismissing the case with prejudice. (4) Eric Holder (DOJ) selling guns illegally to gangs, drug lords and known felons (Fast and Furious) resulting in the deaths of

many innocent citizens on both sides of the border, including a U.S. border patrol agent. Yes, there are many dedicated and honest people in those various agencies and they need our support; however, there are also those with power and authority who see things differently. They will use their power and control to circumvent/ignore laws to fit their agenda. These people need to be held accountable.

What is common to the above mentioned editorials is that they attempt to disparage the ongoing investigations and ignore any factual evidence, the illegal shenanigans, as well as the direct politicizing of government agencies charged with protecting the rights and security of the American people. They ignore the laws that have been broken by individual agency members whose job it is to protect and serve the best interests of this country and our Constitution in an unbiased manner. These agencies are not there to be used as a means of trying to affect election results or oust an elected official they dislike and/or with whom they disagree.

The recent FISA related

memo and documents describe a shocking series of criminal abuses of power at the highest levels of not only the FBI and DOJ but appear to reach the highest levels of our Federal Government.

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Quitclaim Deed

Sometimes ownership of real estate must be transferred from one party (the grantor) to a recipient (the grantee) without being sold. In a literal sense, the grantor gives the deed over to another person or estate and quits any claim or interest he or she may have in the real property. For instance, property may be transferred from one family member to another, such as would be the case when a property owner marries and wants to add his or her spouse's name to the title. Conversely, a quitclaim might be needed to remove a former spouse's name after a divorce. A quitclaim could also be used when parents want to transfer property to their children or heirs.

HINT: Because no money is involved in a quitclaim deed transaction, no title

search is conducted and no title insurance is issued.

Deed transfers of any kind (quitclaim or warranty) impact only the ownership (title) and do not change or affect any mortgage on the property. The mortgage is a separate document. This is important in a divorce situation where one spouse may quitclaim the property to the other, but this does not remove either spouse's name from the mortgage and the responsibility to pay it.

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Tolls not family friendly

We all use public transportation infrastructure. It needs to be maintained and improved. Our current challenge is how to pay for it. The political parties in state government have different opinions. The problem is not having enough money to pay for public infrastructure. The problem is how government uses your hard earned money (taxes).

It has been reflexive and too easy for the majority Democrats to increase taxes. Two massive tax hikes, along with the prior creation of the state income tax, casino revenue taxes, and the lottery, have not been able to dig us out of a fiscal hole. Large deficits loom on the imminent horizon and the current state budget was soon out of whack and already adjusted to add back in deficit spending. Why would raising more taxes work this time? It is well known that doing the same thing over and over again, expecting a different result, is a definition of insanity

Installing highway tolls, creating a "mileage tax", increasing the gas tax, and taxing tires are not viable answers. Unless and until state government takes seriously its responsibility of common sense fiscal stewardship, any new money raised will be spent quickly and we will face the same deficit problem again, only worse than it was before.

We need a New Way of doing things.

and Senate House Republicans did propose a new way. Create a sustainable funding and spending formula for transportation infrastructure of \$1 billion each year for the next 30 years by setting aside a defined amount of gener-

al and special tax obligation bonds. Foster a more efficient, effective, collaborative, and community-oriented working of the Transportation Strategy Board and the Department of Transportation. No tax increases. No tolls. Although no plan can be 100% perfect, nevertheless, this plan is a good, prudent, strong step forward.

Proponents of tolls cite an AAA poll that found 47% of Connecticut drivers surveyed favored tolls. Glibly overlooked is that 47% is not a majority. 53% did not want tolls. The 980 drivers surveyed is a tiny fraction of the more than 2.6 million legal drivers in our state. Estimates about tolls show that out-of-state drivers would account for only 30% of toll money raised. The other 70%? All of us Connecticut citizens, who already pay many types of state taxes. This would be unfair and certainly not of family-friendly value during times of ongoing economic challenges.

Department of The Transportation's estimates a \$450-\$635 million cost to install tolls would occur years before any revenue from them would be generated. Where will the money come from in the meantime to pay for tolls? Furthermore, Transportation Commissioner Redeker stated previously that full-bore tolls using congestion pricing schemes would make Connecticut "the only state in the nation that tolled that much". That is not an honor worth achieving.

Proponents of raising the gas tax talk about indexing its rise automatically to the inflation rate or stepping up the tax by defined amounts.

Connecticut already has a high tax relative to many states: 25-cent/gallon excise tax for gas and 41.7cents/gallon for diesel. There is also an additional state gross receipt tax and a federal 18.4-cents/gallon

gas and 24.4-cents/gallon diesel taxes. Three different taxes per each gallon! A CT Office of Legislative Research report (01/25/2018) listed CT as being #8 of all states in the retail price of gas and #9 in the amount of state taxes/gallon. The next time you are at the pumps, calculate how much you are paying in taxes per gallon you buy. You would be surprised to know. The Hartford Courant's editorial of 02/01/2018 rightly said, "We pay enough at the pump". Gas tax increases are not family-friendly because they take more money out of peoples' wallets and pocketbooks. Gas tax increases are not jobs-friendly because they cause businesses either to pass the extra costs on to you or to not be able to use the money for capital purchases, expansions, jobs, and salaries.

A recent report by the Reason Foundation compared each state's highway performance. Using 2015 data, Connecticut ranked #46 out of 50 (a "very bad" category) and its ranking worsened compared with 2012 data. Per each mile of state roads, Connecticut is #20 in maintenance spending (\$35,384 compared with a national average of \$28,020). It is #1 in administrative spending (\$99,417, which is 9 times the national average of \$10,864). Our state government spends more than 30 other states on maintenance

GUEST COLUMN Jeff GORDON

> facts highlight that the problem is how Connecticut spends money. If money can be redirected toward its primary purpose of maintaining and upgrading public infrastructure, instead of administering the process, then there would not be a need to rush into new taxes and tolls.

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There is also a serious lack of trust in state government. Each budget cycle, money raised for particular, promised purposes gets swiped away into the general fund. This is no way to do meaningful, long-term budgeting. Ideas proposed about "lock boxes" have been weak in that they allow a continued backdoor for taking money easily from a lock box. Real efforts need to be made to protect the transportation fund. Real efforts need to be made to stop using the fund's money for pet projects, such as the CT fastrak bus way, or for subsidizing bus and train fares to such an extent that transportation needs elsewhere in the state (like here in northeast CT) get shortchanged. Speaker Aresimowicz's recent idea of creating another layer of bureaucracy in the form of a transportation authority does not engender trust. House Minority Leader Klarides rightfully called it what it is: an "abdication of power" by legislators elected to represent the people of their communities. Another quasi-public agency

would not be accountable to you. That is not a way to run state government by alienating and distancing itself from you.

Furthermore, transportation infrastructure spending has become an unnecessary political football tossed about by Governor Malloy. Towns maintain more than 17,000 miles of roads, far more than the state's ~4.100 miles. \$30 million of much needed money for towns to do immediate things like pothole repairs are being withheld, yet the Governor has no qualms about spending \$95 million just for Hartford on parking garage and stadium repairs, and bailout funds. How does that help us here in northeast CT?

Connecticut's economy has not fully recovered from the Great Recession and many job gains have not been to the same pay/benefit levels as were enjoyed pre-recession. Growing the economy, not stunting it, is needed. I understand the need for public transportation infrastructure and the role it plays. I know it requires money. Tolls and tax increases are not the answers. State government has not earned taking more of your money because it has not tackled the real problem of how it spends your money. Until it does so, taking more money in the form of taxes does not help anyone, including all our families.

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February is American Heart Month, a time to remind us all to focus our hearts, and on encourage our families, friends, and loved ones to get involved in heart health. According to the American Heart Association, cardiovascular diseases (heart disease, stroke, and other cardiovascular diseases) account for nearly 800,000 deaths in the US, or one out of every three deaths. With an average of one person dying from cardiovascular disease every 40 seconds, chances are we all know someone affected by heart disease. At Day Kimball Healthcare (DKH), we work hard each and every day to change these statistics and improve the odds for the residents of Northeastern Connecticut, and we've the Northeast community to thank for helping us do so. Also referred to as the "chain of survival", DKH stands ready with a high quality, comprehensive and coordinated program of cardiac care. From

primary preventive, to emergency care, to testing and advanced procedures, to rehabilitation, each link in the chain is strengthened through highly trained and dedicated professionals with access to state-of-the art facilities

made possible primarily through philanthropic support. Our Townsend Emergency Center Cardiopulmonary and Rehabilitation Center are just two examples of what we've been able to accomplish together, not only improving outcomes for patients of all ages and with all types of injuries, but in providing firstrate care for heart attack and stroke, from onset to recovery. Completed in November of 2015, the Townsend Emergency Center was the result of hundreds of individuals, businesses, and organizations answering the call to our \$3 million "Care in a Heartbeat Campaign" with gifts ranging from



two dollars to \$500,000 to build and equip a stateof-the art emergency care facility. As a result, patients who come to the DKH ED suffering from a cardiac or stroke event receive specialized care faster than CT and national averages. Led by ED Medical Director, Dr. Steven Wexler and a team of expert ED physicians and ED nurses certified in advanced cardiac life support, patients can be stabilized and transported to UMass Memorial Medical Center's catheterization lab, a DKH partner in critical care, for immediate treatment. DKH has also earned designation by The Joint Commission as an Advanced Primary Stroke Center. Our stroke care team also collaborates with UMass neurol-

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cutting-edge tele stroke video-conferencing technology right at the patient's bedside to rapidly diagnose and treat

ing a stroke. And thanks to an increased awareness and appreciation of the long-term benefits of prevention and rehabilitation services, our ability to provide the community with these life-saving measures is just the beginning of our relationship with cardiac

patients suffer-

ogists by using limited education classes to only five people at a time. Recognizing the need for expansion and increasing access to the 13-town region, contributions to the 1989-90 annual fund enabled a small expansion within the hospital and the addition of a maintenance phase of the program in the Danielson Medical Center.

With continued growth of the program, another major effort took place in 1995, raising \$286,094 from the community to renovate the former Day Kimball Pediatric Center into a new spacious home for the program. The facility opened in June of 1997 and is where Cardiopulmonary the Rehabilitation Center remains today. The facility is handicapped accessible, featuring locker rooms, showers, a large exercise area, an education center, and specialized exercise equipment geared toward the diverse needs of patients. The 1997 renovation has proven to be invaluable in providing patients convenient and easy access to a high quality program and facility, and the community has continued to show its appreciation ever since. Of particular note are the contributions made through an annual fundraiser that began in 2008 called the "Heart of Rock & Roll", and put on by The Great Garage Band Reunion (TGGBR). Jim Millard and Tory Averna were two of the original band members who had become part of the cardiopulmonary rehab

'family' at DKH. Both had suffered heart attacks in 2007 within five weeks of each other and DKH's rehab facility became a large part of their recovery. They were so pleased with their experience, the treatment, and personal attention that they had received from staff, they decided to put on a benefit concert to help supply the Center with funds for needed equipment. Held annually from 2008 to 2013, and with the help of Killingly High classmates Frank Cameron, and Bob and Sue Langevin of Allen Hill Tree Farm; major annual sponsors Putnam Bank and Gerardi Insurance; and the DKH Cardio Rehab staff, the event raised over \$50,000 for the Cardiopulmonary Rehabilitation Fund to purchase state-of-the-art exercise equipment. Staffed by a team of registered nurses and exercise physiologists, the Center currently treats anywhere from 45-55 patients per month and offers a four phase program including inpatient consultation, telemetry monitored exercise, education and counseling for heart-healthy living and prevention, and maintenance exercise under nursing supervision. Often referred to by our patients as 'family' Clinical Coordinator and RN, Carol Artiaco, exercise physiologist, Brenda Rich-Pike, and Collette Cote, RN, collectively bring 80 years of experience to the program and service to DKH. The care Turn To WILLIS page A11

and pulmonary patients.

In addition to seeing a patient through the trauma of a cardiac event, DKH is equipped to help in a patient's recovery and improve their cardiovascular health through our Cardiopulmonary Rehabilitation Program. The final link in the chain of life, cardiopulmonary rehab is an essential step in reducing mortality, hospitalizations, and use of medical resources while improving the quality of life of patients following a cardiac event. Since the mid 1980's, DKH has provided cardiac rehab services for patients with heart disease. In its infancy, and limited to only a few small rooms in the hospital, 30 to 40 patients were actively involved in a 12 to 15 week intensive rehabilitation program which was initiated in the hospital and continued on an outpatient basis. Lack of space however, placed limitations on needed equipment and

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The recent FISA memo contained no classified material and did not release any intelligence data that would jeopardize American interests. What the evidence shows to date is that the Steele Dossier (named for its creator - Christopher Steele) was the critical item used to obtain approval from the FISA court to conduct surveillance of Carter Page and subsequently the Trump team. It shows former British Intelligence agent, Steele was getting paid by the Democratic National Committee (DNC) and the FBI. It appears that very little of the information was vetted by the FBI, rather they took Mr. Steele's word as a former informant to the FBI. It shows that no one at the FBI or the DOJ disclosed that the Steele dossier was paid for by an opposition political entity, the Democrats. In addition some of the information in the dossier appears to come directly from members of the Hillary

Clinton campaign. It was not disclosed by the FBI that the original FISA warrant obtained on October 21, 2016, was done in part from a story published in Yahoo News based on information received directly from Steele. It was not disclosed that Steele was a long-standing FBI source, nor that he was terminated as a source for violating FBI protocols. The FBI signers of the FISA application/ renewals were James Comey and Andrew McCabe, while the DOJ signers of the application/renewals were Sallv Yates, Donna Boente and Rod Rosenstein. They knowingly excluded critical information from the various FISA applications in their attempt to influence the FISA judge to sign off.

This is just the tip of what the FISA memo as well as released emails and text messages expose while every attempt is being made to obfuscate and distract from the real crimes being committed by our own government agencies with the complicity of the democrats and some republicans.

As it pertains to Russian col-

lusion, this investigation has been going on for over a year. The Special Council headed up by Robert Mueller is fraught with individuals having major conflicts of interest given their past and present connections with the Obama/Hillary administration and have displayed their open hostility to the election of President Trump. To date there has not been any serious revelation pertaining to President Trump and Russian collusion. Recently released emails and text messages from two key participants. Mr. Strozak (FBI) and his FBI mistress Lisa Page, display an open contempt for President Trump as well as collusion to produce material to discredit the Trump team and President Trump. The bias, collusion and open hostility is overwhelming and injects a level of legal uncertainty regarding the investigations. In fact, Mr. McCabe (FBI), is on record stating that if it wasn't for the Steele Dossier it is doubtful that there is any Trump Russian collusion. However, as a result of the Russian collusion investigation a number

of other Russian "collusion" activities have been uncovered. The Clintons have been implicated in a number of Russian collaborations including the funneling of Russian monies into the Clinton Foundation. One of the bigger questions centers around the Uranium One Deal (selling a portion of U.S. uranium strategic metals to the Russians) and the associated bribery that took place while Hillary Clinton was Secretary of State. All of this was known by the FBI prior to the election and the final approval of the Uranium Deal. The collusion appears to go straight to the top and involves the questionable Russian contributions to the Clinton Foundation and directly to Mr. Clinton through highly paid speaking fees from various Russian entities. John Podesta (Chairman of the 2016 Hillary Clinton presidential campaign) was paid by Russian entities to lobby on their behalf in the and never disclosed his U.S. activities, which is against the law. There is much more as it relates to these evolving stories. Much of the information

to date is the result of various Freedom of Information Act lawsuits by Judicial Watch, the subpoena of text messages and e-mails by various government individuals, whistle blower testimony which the DOJ/FBI previously attempted to suppress, as well as Senate and House Intelligence Committee investigations.

So I ask, where is the real Russian collusion and why no prosecutions? What has been and continues to be exposed is the extreme corruption, collusion and criminality of the Obama/Clinton administration, their government holdovers and their agenda to discredit the sitting President of the U.S. It also exposes complicity of the Democrats and the media in an attempt to use and report on government agencies to destroy opposing political targets. In my opinion this is not representative of Vichv France. It is representative of a country under attack by individuals/groups that wish to rule our nation and be accountable to no one but themselves.

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and concern displayed for their patients goes above and beyond, and with its close proximity on the hospital campus to the emergency room, patients have the comfort of knowing that any emergent situation that may arise will be addressed quickly – something that Sylvia Miller, a faithful cardio rehab patient from Brooklyn, can personally attest to. Under the watchful eye of rehab staff, Sylvia began to show signs that something just wasn't right. With appropriate monitoring by rehab staff and immediate consultation with her primary physician, Sylvia was brought directly to the DKH ED where it was determined that she was suffering from multiple pulmonary embolisms. She was treated and is slowly getting back

to normal but with a new and greater appreciation for what the exercise program and clinical staff have done for her health and her life.

Experiences like this have inspired patients like Jim and Tory of TGGBR, and countless others, to give back and support a program that has been instrumental in their recovery. Shortly after the completion of the Townsend Emergency Center, a legacy gift of \$216,000 to the ED was received through the estate of Leonard and Barbara Wielock, a local couple who spent most of their lives in Quinebaug and were past patients of DKH. Leonard was also a cardiac rehab patient for 10 years, and he and his wife made the decision early on in their care that DKH was an important asset to the community and would be deserving of their support.

In the spirit of American Heart

Month, we call attention to these and other resources that DKH has been able to make available to help patients who have suffered a recent cardiac event, or are at risk of a cardiac event, and encourage you to avail yourself to these types of programs. A physician referral is all that is required to enter the cardio rehab program at DKH, so ask your doctor if you are eligible. If you are, come in for an assessment and our staff will get you started on the path to heart health with your personalized exercise prescription. Would you just like to know more about heart disease and prevention? Our heart disease education classes help to build awareness and understanding of heart disease and how to help prevent cardiac events through lifestyle modification. And they are not just for cardio rehab patients. Classes are free and open to the general public, and are held every Wednesday, from 10:30 to 11:30 a.m. and no pre-registration is necessary.

When President Lyndon B. Johnson proclaimed American Heart Month in 1964, more than half the deaths in the US were caused by cardio vascular disease. Today, cardiovascular disease claims more lives each year than all forms of cancer and chronic respiratory disease combined (American Heart Association, 2017). The good news is that heart disease can often be prevented when people make healthy choices and manage their health conditions. If you haven't done so already, affect the future of your heart, and the hearts you know and love, by getting involved in American Heart Month and spreading the word about the importance of heart healthy living.

For more information about our Cardiopulmonary Rehabilitation Center, visit our website at www.daykimball.org or contact Carol Artiaco directly at (860) 963-6315. Do you have questions, concerns, stories to share, or topics related to philanthropy and Day Kimball Healthcare that you'd like to learn more about? Please feel free to reach out to Willis at (860) 928-7141 or email kewillis@daykimball.org.

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I guess a person needs to decide how simple and honest they are willing to be. Embracing the Ten Commandments would fix most of the world's problems, but it appears our "advanced" world culture is having trouble agreeing on even one of them. It seems that some folks might rather put their eye out than to do

Boxcar Museum seeks volunteers

BY OLIVIA RICHMAN NEWS STAFF WRITER

PUTNAM — The Boxcar Museum is looking for volunteers. Dedicated to the life and work of Gertrude Chandler Warner, who's world famous for her Boxcar Children series, volunteering at the museum is the perfect way to find out what this passionate and inspirational woman has done for the town of Putnam

Open every weekend from May through October (when the last train comes in), volunteers are needed for one scheduled 2.5 hour shift per month. And with eight volunteers needed per weekend, it's definitely not too early to start looking for dedicated (and curious) volunteers.

rose design. It's just interesting, the people that you meet. And their lives. Gertrude would have loved it. She probably would have created several stories on the people who visit the boxcars.'

Today there are over 150 published Boxcar Children books. There has even been a feature-length animated film based on the series. The story of the four orphans who solve mysteries has obviously resonated with so many.

But Gertrude's story has also inspired so many.

And that's what the museum is all about.

"For so many years," Hedenberg said. "People here sort of took her for granted. But she was so creative. She was a musician. She had a lot of facets to her life that were never recognized by people in the town. Now, we can display an exhibit of the things she accomplished. People see it and think, 'Wow, I didn't know she did all that.' One thing that many people - including Hedenberg - didn't know until visiting the museum was that Gertrud was very sick as a child, and it prevented her from going to college. But because of the shortage of teachers during WWI, Gertrude was "thrust into her position.' But despite her hard beginnings, Gertrude became not only a teacher, but an inspiration for her students. In fact, many of the items in the museum were donated by the students, momentos they saved for decades after graduating from her classes. "The students - some are still alive today - still remember the things she taught them. And they saved things from her class," said Hedenberg. "You consider it was almost 80, 90 years ago..."

and teachers themselves. And many people are still reading Gertrude's original series, and sharing them with their children and grandchildren.

"That's the part that keeps her alive," she said. "It keeps her memory vital."

And keeping history alive is important, especially this area's history. It's about remembering what makes Putnam so special and preserving it. Because once it's gone, said Hedenberg, it's gone. You can't get it back.

Gertrude's students remember what's so special about her.

But with the Boxcar Museum, so can vou.

To learn more about volunteering for the museum and sign up for training, call scheduler Renee Tsanjouris at (860) 974-0325, or Hedenberg at (860) 207-6044.

"You learn a lot," said the museum's director Pat Hedenberg. "And you meet a lot of great people."

Hedenberg has been a volunteer at the Boxcar Museum since it first opened. And while the museum may be small - it's one boxcar - and Putnam may seem like a humble destination, Hedenberg has met people who have come to see the ode to Gertrude from all over the world.

"It's fascinating how many people have read the books and how many people still resonate with them," she said. "I've had a college student from New Mexico fly in because he grew up reading her stories. He just had to come see Putnam. That just blew me away.'

She recalls another time where a group of people pulled up on Harley Davidson motorcycles. They had been coming from Bike Week up in New Hampshire and decided to stop in to take a look.

"And this girl had the most gorgeous custom rhinestone helmet," said Hedenberg. "It was crystals making a

The students were so inspired by Gertrude, many have become authors



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Boy Scout Troop 21 plans campout

BY OLIVIA RICHMAN NEWS STAFE WRITER

PUTNAM – Boy Scout Troop 21 is going camping.

On the weekend of March 2, the troop will be heading out to June Norcross Webster in Ashford, of the the Connecticut Rivers Council Scout Camps. And that's where they will learn to start a fire, how to navigate the woods with only a map, fish, cook and look at the stars.

According to Assistant Scout Master John Ryan, the Boy Scouts of America's outdoor program has been an integral part of Scouting since they were formed in 1910.

"It builds character and self-reliance," he said. "If you can go out and camp, pitch your own tent, cook your own food, take care of yourself. Then as a young man you're learning how to take care of yourself in a variety of situations, physically and mentally.'

In other words, camping skills can be brought into the real world.

And they're skills that many adults these days lack.

Rvan remembers vears ago he lost the electricity in his house in Putnam for four days because of the hurricane.

'And guess what? I'm still here. I survived," joked Ryan. "I went outside to my outdoor fireplace and I cooked food for four days outside."

But more importantly, he didn't panic.

"You men today need to get that self-confidence," Ryan said. "We live in an age where many people don't have that. Self confidence comes from doing things yourself and accomplishing something."

And what better way to accomplish something than joining Boy Scouts?

In the camping trip alone, the boys will learn how to cook, use a map, fish, track animals... "How many people know

how to read a map?" asked Ryan.

And it's true. Many adults these days are not sure how to use a map, especially because

of GPS. But even with GPS, many people don't know which way is south, which way is north.

So the Scouts will be placed in the woods. And they'll have to find their way out with a map. Years later, this skill will come in handy when they start driving.

"Scouting teaches you very, very practical stuff. I'll be 56 next month. I can tell you, except for reading, writing, math... I use the skills I learned in Scouts a lot more than anything I never learned in school," said Ryan. "Like how to deal with people, care for myself."

The camping trip is also a great time for socializing, where the Scouts can hang out with other boys their age.

"I've been a Scout leader for 38 years," said Ryan, "and kids today spend far too much time looking at computers, and playing with their phones. They're not out doing real stuff, like interacting with people.'

If you're from Putnam, give Ryan a call at (860) 928-7241 to learn more about joining Troop 21 and attending the camping trip. And if you're from another town, give him a call anyway. He can tell you who to call for the troop in your town.

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Knights of Columbus hold poster contest

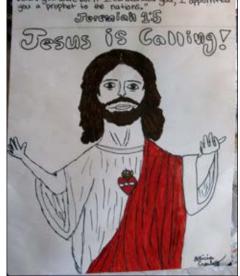


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From left three of the four judges, all from Putnam, Rev. Richard L. Archambault, a former superintendent of schools for the Diocese of Norwich, Sister Jaisy, of the Sisters of St. Martha, and Sister Marie Pauline Guillemette, of the Daughters of the Holy Spirit.

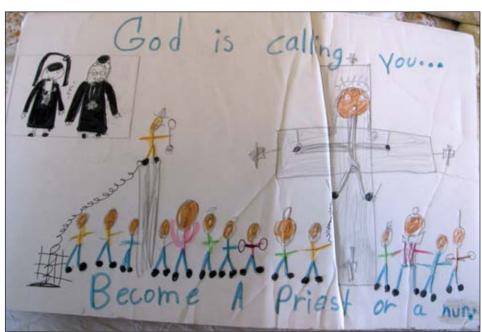
PUTNAM — The Knights of Columbus with the participation of many of the state's local councils sponsors an annual vocation poster contest among Catholic elementary and middle school-age children throughout the state. This year, entrants were asked to make posters representing one or more life vocations in the Catholic Church, including marriage, the single life or being a priest, nun, deacon or a religious brother.

A committee made up of three professed religious sisters and a priest met recently at the Daughters of the Holy Spirit U. S. A. Provincial House, in Putnam, and selected the state's three winners for 2017-2018. They are first- and second-grade winner Nathan Ballestrini, of Preston, sponsored by Our Lady's Shrine Council 7054, of Gales Ferry, third- and fourth-grade winner Isabella Somma, of Norwalk, sponsored by St. Matthew Council 14360, also of Norwalk, Winning entry in the seventh- and eighthand seventh- and eighth-grade winner grade group, by Felicia Crowley Felicia Crowley, of New Milford, sponsored by Housatonic Council 40, also of New Milford.



Members of the selection committee, all from Putnam, included Sr. Margaret Bareika, M.V.S., of the Sisters of the Immaculate Conception, Sr. Marie Pauline Guillemette, of the Daughters of the Holy Spirit, Sr. Jaisy, of the Sisters of St. Martha and Rev. Richard L. Archambault, a former superintendent of schools for the Diocese of Norwich. The committee was put together by Knights from Putnam, at the request of the state council.





Sister Margaret Bareika, M.V.S., (left) of the Sisters of the Immaculate Conception Convent, of Putnam, considers several of the entries, while convent employees Bernadette Vance and Mary DeAngelis, look on.

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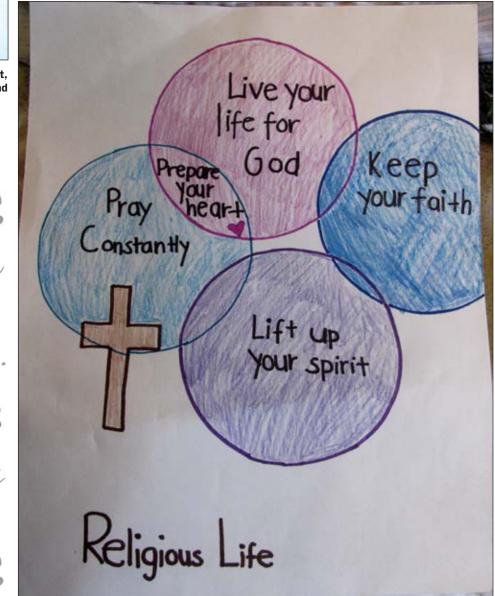
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winning entry in the first- and second-grade group, by Nathan Ballestrini.



Winning entry in the third- and fourth-grade group, by Isabella Somma

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Putnam Boy Scout Troop 21 holds baked potato buffet

PUTNAM — Boy Scout Troop 21 held its sixth annual Baked Potato Buffet at St. Mary Church on Feb. 10. The event netted Troop 21 over 700 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."

The successful buffet was held the night before Troop 21 celebrated the annual Scout Sunday mass at St. Mary's, when Scouts in uniform marched in carrying the American and troop flags and received a blessing from the parish's Parochial Vicar, Rev. Thomas P. Griffin.

Since the Boy Scouts of America was founded in 1910, Scout Sunday has been observed around the country every year, during the month the B.S.A. was founded, in February. It's part of putting into practice the twelfth and final point of the Boy Scout Law, "a Scout is Reverent."

"It's great to see that Troop 21's Scouts are following their Christian faith and being 'fishers of young men," said St. Mary's Pastor and Troop 21's Chaplain the Very Rev. David P. Choquette, himself a former Scout. "Troop 21's Scouts are practicing what being reverent means in real life. It's still a priority for them, no matter where they are or what the circumstances. That's a great example for everybody."

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.

The Scoutmaster noted that a Boy Scout troop's operations are run by the boys themselves, with the adults overseeing transportation and making sure everyone is healthy and safe.

"Right now, Troop 21 needs more Scouts and more adult leaders," 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, their parents and members of the community to come and join us. We'd be happy to have you."

Among other activities, Troop 21 started its year in September, helping out on-site at the annual weekend "Circle of Fun" carnival at St. Mary's, followed by a weekend living aboard the U.S.S. Constitution and a hike on the Boston Freedom Trail, a science and technology program for Scouts at the U.S. Coast Guard Academy in New London, the troop's Christmas party and a Providence Bruins hockey game.

Lombardo 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 Scouts eat after serving the diners, left to right are Scouts Joseph Choquet, Nathan Olson, Brendin Adams and Jared Jordan.



Front row, from left, St. Mary's Parochial Vicar Rev. Thomas P. Griffin, with Scouts Cody Keene, Nathan Olson, Jared Jordan, Hunter Breyette, Joseph Choquet, (back row, from left) Assistant Scoutmaster Casey Dundon and Scoutmaster Peter Lombardo.





John Ryan photos



Joseph Choquet

Scouts and adults serve baked potatoes, chilli, and several other toppings.



Putnam's Troop 21 prayed during the Feb. 11

Troop 21 preparing to go winter camping, a food drive for local needy people, a weekend camping in New York at the 56th Annual West Point Scout Camporee at the United States Military Academy, camping with many other area Scouts at the 2018 Nipmuck District Spring Camporee on the grounds of Roseland Cottage in Woodstock and the troop's fishing and wilderness survival weekend, in June. For information about joining or volunteering to help Troop 21, call Lombardo at (860) 963-0171 and leave a message.

Scouts Hunter Breyette (left) and Nathan Olson are shown waiting moments before mass.

Parochial Vicar Rev. Thomas P. Griffin celebrated mass on Sunday, Feb. 11, assisted by altar server and Troop 21 Boy Scout Brendin Adams at St. Mary Church Scout Sunday mass, snown front to back are Scouts Nathan Olson, Jared Jordan, Joseph Choquet and Assistant Scoutmaster Casey Dundon.



Jared Jordan was greeted by the Easter Bunny

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munity, the Women's Board and the Board of Directors, which will ensure the success of Day Kimball for the next 125 years," said Diamond.

Long-standing Board members Gladys Tucker of Woodstock and Betty Church of Brooklyn cut the birthday cake. A raffle raised \$318. Iamartino, one of nine children, was born at DKH, and said her family represents five generations that have received care at DKH.

Among the fundraising achievements of the Women's Board is The Shop at Day Kimball, one of just two all-volunteer-staffed hospital gift shops in Connecticut. The gift shop is open Monday through Friday from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. "It's a huge effort,"said Dziki, giving great credit to the Board members who manage the gift shop: is managed by Board members Denise Baum, Kimberly Lecuyer, and Francine Lee, and the many volunteers who help keep it open. The shop offers a wide array of items from cards and gifts to baby clothes.

New members are welcome. Dziki became involved after a friend invited her to an Author's Night, where she found the group to be "a sisterhood — people coming together for a common goal." The Women's Board holds meetings and several annual events, including a Valentine's Dance, Spring Luncheon, Golf Tournament, and Author's Night. The Board's next event, the Spring Cinco de Mayo Luncheon, will be on May 5 in Thompson, a day of camaraderie, food, prizes and good times. All are invited. For information, visit: https://www.daykimball.org/ about-day-kimball-healthcare/womans-board/.

Moses Day Kimball lived from 1868 to 1893. He was the seventh and youngest child of Moses Day and Susan Tillinghast Morton Kimball, a Boston family that traced its roots to Plymouth, MA in 1623. Susan's father, Marcus Morton, had been a Massachusetts Governor. Young Moses was born on February 13, 1868. In 1889, he graduated first in his class at Harvard Law Schoolstudious, popular, athletic, a member of the Hasty Pudding Club, the Cricket Club, the Art Club, St. Paul's Society and the Pierian Sodality. The brilliant young attorney was chosen as law clerk by U.S. Supreme Court Justice Horace Gray in 1892. Moses was "held to the same rigor as that of a judge" and had "an untiring will to achieve the best." He died from pneumonia after nine months in Washington, on March 31, 1893. His peers believed that he had worked himself to death. His mother Susan attributed her donations to a deeply rooted concern for the welfare of the community, inherited from her Puritan ancestry." The Kimball family included numerous public servants, including Susan's father, Massachusetts Governor Marcus Morton.



BENEFIT

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said Cerrone. "It's very rare to see a concert like this. We have Bradley and The Complex, but it's rare that there's a showcase like this. We have 30 performers involved. It's phenomenal. To see this kind of show locally... It doesn't come around every day. It's a unique opportunity to see a live performance of amazing caliber right in our own backyard."

And it's also for a good cause.

It's raising money for the Hale YMCA, "an organization we've all grown to love" in the past two years.

The YMCA is trying to improve the building, the service sand programs. According to Cerrone, they are also hoping to have recreational fields for outdoor use in nicer weather. All of those things, he continued, cost money that the YMCA just doesn't have the funds for right now.

"People have grown to realize just how hard it was to be without an organization like this," Cerrone said. "Especially this time of year. It's difficult for families to find ways to stay active in the winter months, when the weather is just so cold. The YMCA has offered people a place to go and be active and interact with other people. Now that we have it, the membership is well beyond what we expected. We need to expand what we can offer for growing membership and to provide services people in the community desire."

Tickets are available through the YMCA's homepage or at <u>www.theconncert.com</u>.

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Lyn Fontaine sips her "bubbly".

Terry Sinkewiez showing off her love ring.

PUTNAM — Memory Lane Café celebrated Valentine's day with loads of laughter and love. Dr. Jay performed old favorite love songs. Nobody could sit still. The dancing was contagious. A ginger bread house, also known as The Love Shack, was decorated with heart shaped candies by the artistic revelers. Call Memory Lane Café at (860) 963-1077 if you would like to join the fun.



Gloria Glenn in her red beret.



Dr. Jay came to entertain with his oldies but goodies.







Dorothy Godsoe and Herb Richardson are enjoying Valentine treats.

Dorothy Godsoe is decorating the Love Shack

Day Kimball Hospital celebrates namesake

PUTNAM — On Feb. 13, the Woman's Board celebrated the 150th anniversary of the birth of Moses Day Kimball, the namesake of Day Kimball Hospital.



A 150th Birthday Celebration for Moses Day Kimball, with DKH President Anne Diamond, as historical video displays a vintage X-ray scene in the background.



Valentine lamartino of Thompson with DKH staffer Laura Dunn who created the video history of DKH.



Valentine lamartino photos



Day Kimball Healthcare employee Deb Cyr and Woman's Board member and Artique owner, Lisa Andrews add hearts to the Moses Day Kimball 150th Birthday Celebration commemorative art donation.

Cutting the cake are, from left, long-standing Woman's Board members Gladys Tucker of Woodstock and Betty Church of Brooklyn.



Chef Ian Farquar of Grill 37, who donated the cake and cupcakes, with Women's Board Past-Presidents Paula Schimmel of Woodstock and Pat Hedenberg of Putnam.

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Monday, February 26 – Hamburger/bun,Danimals yogurt-muffin-cheese sticks, tater-tots, baked beans garden Salad 100% Fruit Juice

Tuesday, February 27 – Chicken nuggets w/ mashed potatoes, bread slice, ham/cheese sandwich,celery sticks, Garden Salad

Wednesday, February 28 – Mozzarella sticks w/ dipping sauce, SunButter & jelly sandwich, cheese stik, cucumber wheels, garden salad

Thursday, March 1 - Cheese pizza, fresh baked "cookie," Danimals yogurt, muffin, cheese stick, baby carrots, garden salad.

Friday, March 2 – Dr. Seuss Birthday, green scrambled eggs w/bacon bagel, turkey/cheese sandwich, broccoli crowns

POMFRET COMMUNITY SCHOOL

Monday, February 26 – Cheesy pizza dippers, served with a side of Marinara sauce, baby carrots and cucumber wheels

Tuesday, February 27 – Brunch for lunch, French toast sticks, turkey sausage, tater tots and grape tomatoes

Wednesday, February 28 – Crispy chicken tenders, served with seasoned brown rice, steamed broccoli, and golden corn

Thursday, March 1 - Pasta & meatballs, served with a zesty Italian three bean salad

Friday, March 2 – Chicken Parmesan sandwich, served with a side of sweet potato fries and cucumber wheels

PUTNAM ELEMENTARY SCHOOL & PUTNAM MIDDLE SCHOOL

Monday, February 26 –WG pasta with meat sauce, WG breadstick, seasoned broccoli, 100% fruit sherbet

Tuesday, February 27 – Home style sloppy Joe, seasoned beef on top of WG Kaiser bun, seasoned corn, WG rice crispy treat

Wednesday, February 28 – Creamy whole grain macaroni & cheese, whole wheat dinner roll, roasted broccoli florets

Thursday, March 1 – Wolf meal – beef burger plain or w/cheese, topping bar, seasoned curly French fries, 100% fruit sherbet.

Friday, March 2 – Happy birthday Dr. Seuss – free book giveaway, Green Eggs & Ham sandwich or Hop on Pop cheese pizza, Cat in the Hat fruit parfait, Fox in Sox hash brown.

THOMPSON MIDDLE SCHOOL & TOURTELLOTTE (GRADES 5-12)

Monday, February 26 – BBQ rib sandwich, oven baked potato, baked beans. Alt. main stuffed crust pizza.

Tuesday, February 27 – Beef with gravy, mashed potato, garlic breadstick, roasted squash. Alt. main stuffed crust pizza.

Wednesday, February 28 – Chipolte chicken patty or palin chicken patty, mashed potato, roasted carrots. Alt. Main hamburger or cheeseburger (lettuce, tomato, onion)

Thursday, March 1 – – Meatball grinder, turkey noodle soup, roasted green beans, cole slaw, alt. main hamburger or cheeseburger (lettuce, tomato, onion)

Friday, March 2 – Popcorn chicken, zesty or plain, fiesta rice, roasted lemon broccoli, fish patty on a bun

WOODSTOCK PUBLIC SCHOOLS

Monday, February 26 – Hot dog/bun, oven fries, fruit, milk Tuesday, February 27 – French toast stix, breakfast sausage, hash browns, fruit, milk Wednesday, February 28 – Bosco Stix, marinara sauce, tossed salad, fruit, milk Thursday, March 1 – Hamburger, gravy, mashed potato, roll, green beans, fruit, milk Friday, March 2 – Pizza, steamed carrots, fruit, milk



PUBLIC MEETINGS

PUTNAM

Monday, Feb. 26

Board of Finance, 7 p.m., Town Hall Library Board, 7 p.m., Putnam Public Library

THOMPSON

Monday, Feb. 26

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

Special Thompson Fire Engine Co., 7:30 p.m., Town Hall

Wednesday, Feb. 28

Recreation Commission, 7 a.m., Town Hall

EASTFORD

Monday, Feb. 26

American Legion, 7:30 p.m., Town Hall

Wednesday, Feb. 28

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

Friday, March 2

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

Saturday, March 3

Board of Assessment Appeals, 9 a.m., Town Hall

WOODSTOCK

Monday, Feb. 26

Conservation, 7 p.m., Town Hall

Historic Properties, 7 p.m., Town Hall

Tuesday, Feb. 27

WPCA, 7 p.m., Town Hall

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

Thursday, March 1

Board of Selectmen, 4 p.m., Town Hall

PZC Subcommittee, 7:30 p.m., Town Hall

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Trail Wood Reflections at Pomfret Audubon Center

POMFRET – The Connecticut Audubon Society is known for their beautiful sanctuary, wildlife and trails. But they also host a variety of breathtaking art shows. Right now, the Audubon is showcasing "Trail Wood Reflections." The show features poetry, photography, drawing and paintings by artists in residence, who spent a week at Trail Wood down in Hampton. The artists on display are Rachel Budd, Deb Eccelston, Aaron Bourque, Lisa Miserole and Peter Sagnella.

"It's really impressive, these results. It's wonderful when people can take that time to spend a week out in nature," said volunteer Lisanne Tholl.

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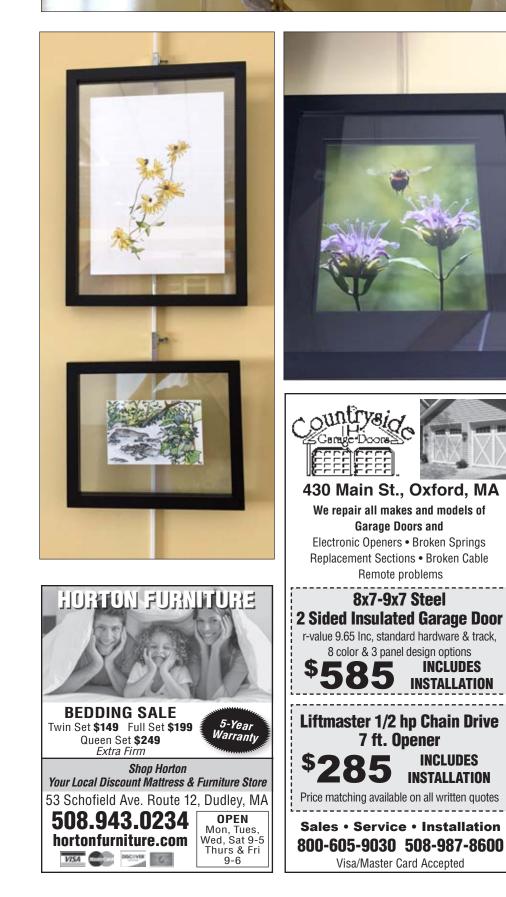








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This pretty tabby is Maisy and she is loved by Heidi Purdy This is Dustin , keeper of the Bungee Lake rules! He is and they reside in Plainfield.



adored by Cheryl Mathieu of Woodstock.



Jackie, Sunny & Tootsie are patiently waiting for dinner at The Goodwin household in Eastford.



Daisey is ready to go out in the cold! She belongs to Tammy Goodwin of Eastford.



This is Leia and no kidding, this cat can actually fetch!







Talk about pampered! Fluffy has his very own little bed! He is loved by Sidney Barber of Putnam.

These two absolutely precious felines Ginger and Junior are loved by the Yank family of Woodstock.

Ace is a golden retriever/cocker spaniel mix who also knows how to drive a boat. He lives in Killingly with his deck hand Cathleen Codding.









This is Spanky, he loves living with Rich and Tammy Silva of Danielson.



POMFRET – It was Camper Game Day at the 4-H Camp on Saturday, Feb. 17. All day, campers competed in a variety of Olympic-style relays, working together and having fun.

"I love playing with the kids," said Program Coordinator J Ruiz. "They bring such life and fun to camp. That's the whole reason we're here."

Olivia Richman photos



The Over Under Relay had campers laughing and racing across the room.



Campers from ages 7 to 15 formed teams for the Caterpillar Relay.









The Hoola Hoop Relay was an opportunity for team work, with the kids encouraging each other the whole way through.



Caterpillar Relay winners: Isabella, Dana Vandyke, Corinna Keaemer, Ralph Marden, Wyatt Bass, Camryn Sheardwrieght, Colby Plouffe, Liam Bertram and Etta Maynard.



Team Psycho Eaters won the Over Under Relay: Mapu Cervignirutkauskas, Jaime de Leon, Sam Foran, Jessica-Willow Harris, Ella Gisleson, Melodie Anderson, Mary McGinn and Nathalie Despres.



Program Coordinator J Ruiz, Camp Director Heather Logee, Counselors Corinna Keamer and Duffy, and Team Lead Coordinator Mary McGinn.

The Over Under Relay had campers laughing and racing across the room.

Pomfret School art in downtown Putnam



Three Eyed Anti-Christ Wolf"

PUTNAM Motion and Gesture," The Pomfret School's off-campus gallery in downtown Putnam, features a dynamic collection of work from not only art students. but freshmen physics classes as well. With the graffiti-inspired work of Henry Reynal, the charcoal pieces by Ricardo Ponce Acevedo illustrating his love for the sea, and John Mooney's sculpture, this is one exhibit you don't want to miss.

Check it out at the Silver Circle's new location on 134 Main Street, on the Bosworth Building's second

floor.

At left: A blend of movement-based pieces done by physics students and collections by Pomfret School art students, "Motion and Gesture" is a mixed media exhibit like no



"Isolation of the Self"



"Pendulum Wave," a visual art piece,



"Double Paint Pendulum"



"Metallic Seafood"

POLICE LOGS

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TROOP D

KILLINGLY

Wednesday, Feb. 14

Garrett Anthony Fontaine, 24, of 22 Taft Street, Killingly, was charged with breach of peace

DANIELSON

Monday, Feb. 12

Craig Kaczor, 24, of 363 Valley Road, Danielson, was charged with operating under the influence of drugs/alcohol, weapons in vehicle, illegal carry of firearms, interfering with an officer, disorderly conduct, drinking while operating a motor vehicle, criminal possession of def weapon, criminal possession of a pistol or revolver

WICH ROAD

Joshua Malboeuf, 31, of 12 Elm Street, Brooklyn, was charged with possession of crack cocaine and marijuana

other.

PUTNAM POLICE DEPARTMENT

Thursday, Feb. 15

Laquan Matthews, 25, of 64 Green St. Putnam, was charged with Failure to Display Plate, Operating Under Suspension

Ryan Skeean, 19, of 141 River St. Danielson, was charged with Improper Number of Head lights, Failure to have a Mirror

Friday, Feb. 16

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PCS students: first row: Braedon Emerson. Jerson Suarez, Camilla Tahirova: second row: Zachary Roethlein, Graham Scribner, Zachary White.

Pomfret Community School advances in MathCounts series

POMFRET — Four Pomfret Community School students competed in the team competition and advanced in the MathCounts competition series. The four team members who competed were eighth graders Zachary Roethlein, Graham Scribner, and Zack White and seventh grader Camilla Tahirova. Out of 25 schools participating, the team ranked in tenth place.

Competing as individuals were seventh graders Braedon Emerson and Jerson Suarez. Special congratulations go to the captain Zachary Roethlein who advances to the state competition.

Other mathletes that have been practicing all year but were not able to attend the competition include eighth grader Zach Stoddard, and seventh graders Vince Bastura, Curtis Desabre, Maya Gerum, Hadley Grether, Talia Jessurun, Hannah Johnson, Olivia Mawson, and Stephanie Shpak. The Pomfret School Community is very proud of all of our mathletes and all the math teachers that helped them along the way. Thank you to Ms. Elizabeth Pierce-Fortin, MathCounts coach, for grooming these students for competition and organizing the trip. Additional thank you's got to Mrs. Lori Patrylak and Ms. Amie Hale for helping chaperone the event.

The MathCounts Competition Series is a national program that provides students the opportunity to compete in live, in-person contests against and alongside their peers. Created in 1983, it is the longest-running Mathcounts program and is open to all sixth-, seventh- and eighth-grade students.

The Competition Series has 4 levels of competition—school, chapter, state and national. Each level of competition is comprised of 4 rounds-Sprint, Target, Team and Countdown Round. Altogether the rounds are designed to take about 3 hours to complete.

Sprint Round: focuses on speed and accuracy. Students have 40 minutes to complete 30 math problems without a calculator.

Target Round: focuses on problem-solving and mathematical reasoning. Students receive 4 pairs of problems and have 6 minutes to complete each pair, assuming the use of a calculator.

Team Round: focuses on problem-solving and collaboration. Students have 20 minutes to complete 10 math problems, assuming the use of a calculator. Only the 4 students on a school's team can take this round officially.

Countdown Round: focuses on speed and accuracy. Students have a maximum of 45 seconds per problem without a calculator. This round is optional at the school, chapter and state level. The State Competition will be held on Saturday, March 10, at the University of Hartford.



Crash landing for Centaurs team captain

BY CHARLIE LENTZ VILLAGER EDITOR

On a crisp October day last fall life seemed on an even keel for Woodstock Academy gymnast Ali Crescimanno. But an equilibrium can falter in the time it takes to fall off a balance beam — and the future can collide with reality when you least expect it.

"We were driving in Brooklyn and a car hit my side of the car," said Crescimanno. "I had facial fractures and I had air pockets in my brain. It was a severe concussion."

Suddenly her place on Woodstock's perennial powerhouse gymnastics team seemed shaky. And a chance to impress college recruiters wobbled as well. The concussion rocked her world as well as her brain.

'It was kind of just like 'It's my junior year. It's the most important year for colleges,' " she said. "I was doing so well this summer."

Her future temporarily went on hold. She spent a day in Connecticut Children's Medical Center in Hartford after the accident and then began the arduous climb to get back on the beam missing two months

of school after the Oct. 4 crash before returning to class in the first week of December. She was finally approved to return to gymnastics practice just one week before the Centaurs first meet on Dec. 18.

"I had to get cleared by two different surgeons and my concussion doctor," Crescimanno said. "So it was definitely a process to be able to come back and do gymnastics this year."

In a sport that features flips, vaults - and somersaulting dismounts off both a beam and high bar rattling a recently concussed brain is not the recommended course of recovery. Her return was not without its pitfalls.

"I was definitely nervous when my head went first - going backwards — it was definitely a new fear that I had," Crescimanno said.

She returned after missing over two months of practice. Her bond with the sport and her teammates gave her the courage to forge ahead.

"I just wanted to have a really good year this year. It is my junior year and I love gymnastics,' said Crescimanno, a team captain. "So I just had to get over that fear and get back in the gym."

Her return was a trying time both emotionally and physically. She had to overcome both a deficit of confidence and a loss of muscle mass.

"It was hard because I wasn't as strong as I was through the summer training," she said. "It was definitely a struggle to get back – but I feel good now."

On Feb. 14, just two months after her return to practice, Crescimanno

fought her way back to the top of the podium. Her performance at the Eastern Connecticut Conference Gymnastics Championships proved the crash was now in the rear-view mirror. At the ECC championships she took first place in the vault, bars, and the all-around. There is more work ahead for Woodstock's driven team captain. The State Class meet is scheduled for Saturday, Feb. 24, at Pomperaug High School. The State Open meet follows one week later, on March 3, also at Pomperaug. She hopes to be even stronger when states arrive this Saturday.

"I'm getting there," Crescimanno said. "Definitely not 100 percent yet, but getting there."

She's traveled miles and miles from that crisp October day when her future collided with reality. Crescimanno was determined not to let the crash derail her dreams.

"I just hoped that I recovered fast and my body let me heal so I could get back in the gym and talk to colleges," she said. "So I would be able to do this for the rest of my life.'

An equilibrium can falter in the time it takes to plummet from a balance beam. No matter how far the fall — or jarring the crash — Crescimanno knew she had to get up off the mat.

"Just to see my future



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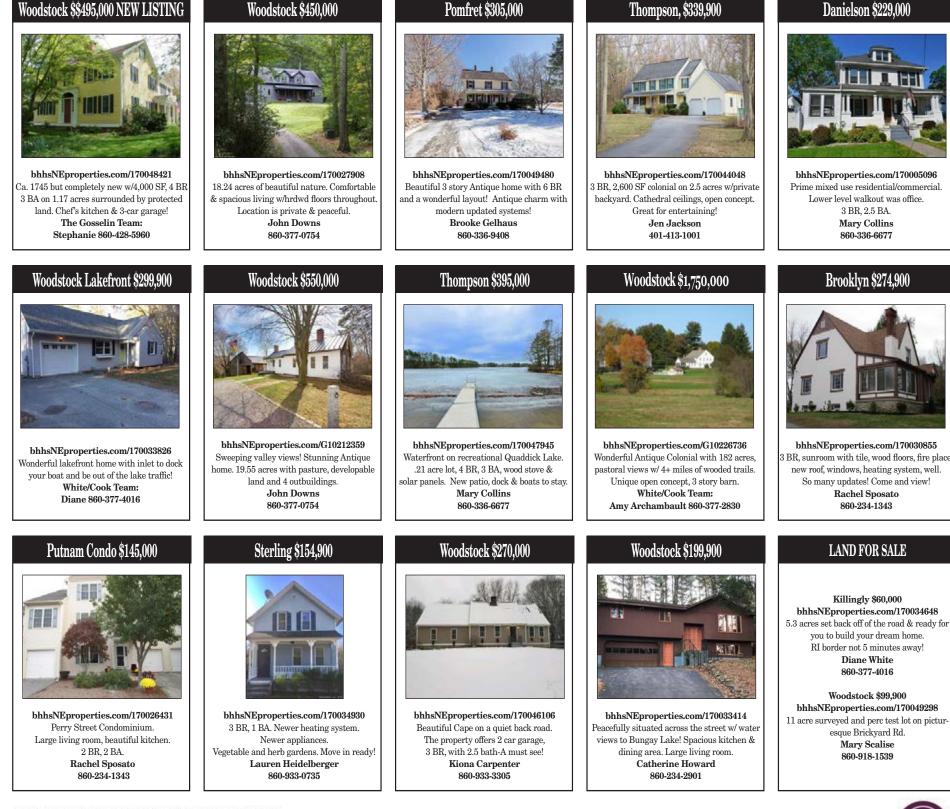
All Crescimanno was injured in a car accident in October but fought back to recover. She won the all-around title at the ECC Gymnastics Championships on Feb. 14.

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Foran nips Killingly at Class M state championships



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Ellis Tech's Sean Johnson won gold at 126 pounds at the Class M championships.



Killingly's Zack Burgess won the gold medal at 145 pounds at the Class M championships.

BY CHARLIE LENTZ VILLAGER EDITO

GUILFORD — Despite winning two gold medals, two silver medals, and one bronze medal Killingly High was edged by Foran for the team title at the Class M state wrestling championships at Guilford High on Feb. 16-17.

Foran's depth gave the Lions

a team score of 236 to 190 for runner-up Killingly. Foran earned one gold, one silver, two bronzes, four fourth-place finishes, two fifth-place finishes, and two sixth place finishes. Guilford (140) finished in third place in team competition and Ellis Tech (121) took fourth place with one gold medalist, one silver medalist, and two

bronze medalists.

Killingly's gold medalists were Mike Charron at 120 pounds and Zack Burgess at 145 pounds. Ellis Tech's Sean Johnson won the gold medal at 126 pounds. At 120 pounds Mike Charron won an 11-5 decision over Jeremy Polanco-Castro (Platt High) in the championship bout. At 126 pounds Johnson from Ellis Tech earned a technical fall (17-1, 4:53) over Keldon Larose from Guilford in the championship match. At 145: Burgess earned a 5-0 decision over Everett Minevich (East Lyme) in the gold-medal bout.

Place winners from Killingly and Ellis Tech included the following wrestlers. At 106 pounds Killingly's Dan Charron took home the silver medal, losing 9-7 (sudden victory) to Logan Smith of Waterford in the championship match.

At 113 pounds, Killingly's Dave Charron took home silver, falling to Braedon O'Brien of Bacon Academy 7-6 (riding time criteria) in the championship match. Ellis Tech's Gavin Rickaby earned a 7-2 decision over Platt's James Rondini in the third-place match.

At 120 pounds, Ellis Tech's Caleb Ferland took sixth place, losing a 5-0 decision to Waterford's Eric Zane in the fifth-place match.

At 126 pounds, Killingly's Cooper Morrisette took sixth place, getting pinned by Foran's Jordan Lang in the fifth-place match.

At 138 pounds, Ellis Tech's Camron Louis won bronze by forfeit, 1-0, over Aisaiah Rodriguez of Jonathan Law in

the third-place match.

At 170 pounds, Killingly's Derek Turner took silver, losing a 7-3 decision to Carson Licastri from Joel Barlow in the championship bout.

At 182 pounds, Killingly's Zach Caffrey took bronze, pinning Foran's William Ives in 2:18 in the third-place final.

At 220 pounds Killingly's Renee Bernier took sixth place, getting pinned by Noah Kimball of New London at :08 of the fifth-place final.

At 285 pounds: Ellis Tech's Collin Delsanto took silver, losing a 3-2 decision to Stratford's Sergio Ferreira in the championship bout.

Final team scores were: 1. Foran 236; 2. Killingly 190; 3. Guilford 140; 4. Ellis Tech 121; 5. New London 115.5; 6. Platt 114; 7. Avon 108; 7. Waterford 108: 9. East Haven 105.5; 10. Joel Barlow 100.5; 11. Branford 92; 12. Bethel 89; 13. Berlin 86; 14. Jonathan Law 76.5; 15. Rham 68; 16. Tolland 60; 17. New Fairfield 50; 18. Bacon Academy 48; 19. Stratford 44; 20. East Lyme 34.5; 21. Harding 29; 22. St. Bernard/ Norwich Tech 28; 23. Brookfield 24; 24. Woodstock Academy 23; 25. Weston 18; 26. Bunnell 17; 27. Watertown 13; 28. Rockville 12; 29. Abbott Tech 5.5

Killingly boys await D-III state tourney

Killingly's Mike Charron won gold at 120 pounds at the Class M champi-

onships.



Killingly High's Alex Fontaine readies for a shot with Putnam High's Tyion Harris defending last Saturday in Dayville.

BY CHARLIE LENTZ VILLAGER EDITOR

DAYVILLE — At 6-foot-1, 285 pounds — senior center Alex Fontaine is Killingly High's heavyweight. If Fontaine produces like he did in the Redmen's 69-55 victory over Putnam High in the regular-season finale — Killingly might have a puncher's chance in the Division 3 state tournament. Fontaine connected for a career-high 18 points in the win over the Clippers on Feb. 17. Coach Jim Crabtree will need that kind of game from Fontaine when the state tourney arrives.

"It's big. We're a much different team if Alex is

going to score like that," Crabtree said. "We've been begging all year for him to get going and we've had a couple good practices with him.'

Charlie Lentz photo

The coach said his heavyweight sometimes treats the basketball court like a boxing ring and he has to remember there's no bell to save him when the ref steps in.

"His problem has been staying on the floor, out of foul trouble, not getting involved with extra-curricular activities. When Alex just plays basketball and people don't antagonize him or get him involved, he's a pretty good player," Crabtree said. "He gets one or two

fouls called on him early and they're cheap, or he thinks they're cheap, and then his mind starts racing on him and he takes himself out of the game. Alex has got to just play basketball the way he knows how to play and we'll be fine."

Crabtree can count on scoring from junior guard Luke Desaulnier, who scored a game-high 24 points in the win over Putnam last Saturday at Killingly High. But he'll need a team effort when the Division 3 state tournament begins, qualifying rounds are set for Saturday, March 3 and first-round play begins on Monday, March 5.

'We're not going to beat anybody with one or two players," Crabtree said.

It all begins with the Redmen playing smart.

"We've just got to come out and focus and realize that it's time to play hard and worry about ourselves — the people in the white or the red. If we play within ourselves, whether it's against a good or a bad team, we're going to be fine, Crabtree said.

The Redmen finished the regular season with a record of 9-11. Fontaine said the postseason offers Killingly a fresh start and the win over Putnam should give them some confidence.

"We hoped to do a lot better in the regular season, but nine and 11 we still set ourselves up to go into states so we're just hoping to come out strong in that and turn our season around," Fontaine said. "Kind of end on a more positive note. We started with this game (against Putnam). We're just trying to keep the momentum going."



Charlie Lentz photo

Killingly High's Luke Desaulnier ducks under Putnam High's Colby Livingston for a shot last Saturday in Dayville.

Fontaine said the Redmen have to find some consistency.

"We just need to start playing how we play and not down to our opponents," Fontaine said. "We still compete with the better team but sometimes we're up and down with the competition. We hope to get a 'W' somewhere in states.'

Coach Crabtree said Fontaine and his teammates just need to relax and focus on their own game.

"Sometimes we analyze - it's a lost cause, or this, that, or whatever — and we start thinking. You want to think in a basketball game but you want it to come naturally and in the flow," Crabtree said. "Sometimes we bring too much pressure on ourselves. We just have to go out, work hard, play like we do in practice and we're going to be fine.'

Killingly was ranked No. 21 in Division 3 at the conclusion of the regular season. The Redmen have a puncher's chance in the state tourney. They'll likely be taking on a heavyweight, but they have a heavyweight of their own.

"We're in Division 3 with some big boys, it looks like will be playing either Bunnell or Farmington, there's going to be nothing easy," Crabtree said.

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Woodstock Academy ready for tourney run



Woodstock's Jamie Woods moves upcourt with Bacon Academy's Kellie Nudd in pursuit.

BY CHARLIE LENTZ VILLAGER EDITOR

WOODSTOCK The two free throws that Bacon Academy's Bridget Anderson canned with one and seventh-tenths of a second left on the clock were the bad news for Woodstock Academy — sealing the sixth-seeded Bobcats a 34-33 victory over the third-seeded Centaurs in the first round of the Eastern Connecticut Conference Division 1 Tournament. The good news was the loss left 15 Woodstock girls extremely hungry to get back on the court and make a deep run in the state tourney.

They should be ready to play for sure," said Woodstock coach Will Fleeton. "It's going to be a long stretch to practice and prepare. So hopefully they're chomping at the bit to get back in competition. And hopefully we take that fuel and

In a frenetic battle against Bacon at Alumni Fieldhouse on Feb. 15, both teams played endto-end basketball for 32 minutes. Woodstock took a 32-30 lead on junior forward Heather Converse's driving bucket with 4:21 remaining in the game. Bacon freshman center Kellie Nudd tied it at 32-32 on a basket from close range with 3:42 left. Neither team scored from the field over the final three and half minutes but Woodstock's Jamie Woods sank the second of two free throws with 8.3 seconds left to give the Centaurs a 33-32 lead. Anderson answered by hitting a pair of foul shots with 1.7 seconds remaining to give the Bobcats a 34-33 margin and complete the scoring. Mackenzie Cayer's half-court heave fell short at the buzzer on the Centaurs final shot.

"It was a one-possession Jamie Woods game basically," Fleeton said. and Converse "Games like those come down each scored to one hustle play, one rebound, eight points

one free throw."

Practices won't be easy for the Centaurs during their hiatus before the state tourney begins.

"I think we've got to turn up the intensity in practice. Obviously, nothing simulates game play other than game play," Fleeton said. "Taking the loss now does give us a big gap now before we play again. So I think we've got to ratchet it up at practice. We've got to turn the intensity up and make it more gamelike."

Anderson led Bacon A c a d e m y with 14 points. The win lifted Bacon Academy's record to 15-6.



Charlie Lentz photo

Woodstock's Heather Converse drives to the hoop against Bacon Academy on Feb. 16.

for Woodstock Academy. The loss dropped the Centaurs record to 15-6.

The Class L state tournament is scheduled to begin first-round play on Tuesday, Feb. 27. Woodstock is ranked No. 6 in the state in Class L. Woodstock is projected to play host to No. 27 ranked Killingly High in the first round. If the Centaurs win in the opening round they would play host to a second-round game on Friday, March 2.

"We've got to take them one at a time," Fleeton said.

The Centaurs' mood was downcast after the loss to

Bacon Academy. But Fleeton knew that meant 15 girls are hungry to get back out on the court.

"It means they care. They're disappointed, yes. But we're not done yet by any means," Fleeton said. "Fortunately we still have a state game to play and the rest of the state tournament. But of course they want to win them all. And those are the kind of players I want.'

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carry it into that game.'

State tourney ahead for Clippers, Tigers, Redgals

WILLIMANTIC

Third-seeded Windham High defeated sixth-seeded Tourtellotte 48-24 in the first round of the Connecticut Eastern Conference Division 2 girls basketball tournament on Feb. 15. Ashley Morin led Tourtellotte with 11 points, three rebounds two assists, and two steals. Katey Kwasniewski had four points, four rebounds, two assists and two steals for the Tigers.

The win lifted Montville's record to 11-10. The loss dropped Tourtellotte's record to 9-12. The Tigers were ranked 24th in the state in Class S at the conclusion of the regular season. If that ranking holds, Tourtellotte is projected to travel to No. 9 ranked Coginchaug (14-6) for the state tournament. Qualifying rounds in the Class S tournament are scheduled for Saturday, Feb. 24. First round games are set for Tuesday, Feb. 27.

MONTVILLE 44, **KILLINGLY 37**

DAYVILLE — Ninthseeded Montville defeated eighth-seeded Killingly in the play-in round of the ECC Division 2 girls tournament on Feb. 15. Reagan Morin led Killingly with 15 points. Emily Genua scored a game-high 19 points for Montville (7-14). The loss dropped Killingly's record to 7-14. Only 26 Class L teams reached



Tourtellotte's Ashley Morin scored 11 points in an ECC tourney game against Windham.

the eight-win plateau required to guarantee a berth in the state tournament. The Redgals were ranked No. 27 in Class L at the conclusion of the regular season and have qualified for the Class L state tournament — if that ranking holds the Redgals are projected to travel to No. 6 ranked Woodstock Academy for the opening round of the state tourney, scheduled for Tuesday, Feb. 27.

PUTNAM GIRLS

File photo

PUTNAM The Putnam High girls basketball team finished the regular season with a record of 16-4. The Clippers were ranked No. 3 in Class S. Putnam is projected to play host to No. 29-ranked St. Bernard (8-12) in the opening round of the state tournament, scheduled for Tuesday, Feb. 27.

"Shining a light on community events

February 23 & 24, 7pm

Footloose, the winter musical at Pomfret School, in Hard Auditorium, in Pomfret. Another performance on February 25 at 2pm. www.pomfret. org/calendar

February 24, Sat., 5pm

Empty Bowls, a soup tasting event to benefit local food banks, at the Main House at Pomfret School, Pomfret. www.pomfret.org/calendar

February 24, Sat., 7pm

Meat raffle at Valley Springs Sportsman's Club, 65 Valley Road, North Grosvenordale. Doors open at 6pm, raffles start at 7pm. Also, 50/50, surf & turf table, door prizes! To benefit TMHS Project Graduation. For info kelly14fan@gmail.com.

February 26, Mon., 6:30pm

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February 27, Tues., 7pm

Bingo every Tuesday at the VFW, 1523 Providence Street, Putnam.

March 2, Fri., noon-8pm



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March 3, Sat., 12noon

World Day of Prayer, highlighting Suriname's history and cultural diversity, United Methodist Church of Danielson: Suriname Luncheon: service to follow; sponsored by the Killingly-Brooklyn Inerfaith Council.

March 4, Sun., 1-3pm

NOW Youth Running and Track Clinic, at Tourtellotte Memorial High School, Thompson for kids ages 6-13. Register at www.nowinmotion.org. It's free!

March 5, Mon., 7pm

Quiet Corner Garden Club is having a program on "Native Shade Plants" by Master Gardener Linda Kaplan. The talk will include soil conditions, tree canopy, shrubs, groundcovers and ferns, and photographs. The Quiet Corner Garden Club meets the first Monday of each month at the South Woodstock Baptist Church. For more info: www.quietcornergardenclub.org or QCgardenclub@gmail.com.

March 10 & 11, Sat. & Sun., 10am-3pm Craft/Artisan Fair, at Grill 37, 37 Putnam Road, Pomfret. Features original art, vendors, artisans. There will also be face painting, and photos with the Easter Bunny! To benefit Neurofibromatosis Northeast.

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Challenges ahead for Centaurs gymnastics team



Charlie Lentz photo

Woodstock Academy's Jenna Davidson competes in beam at the ECC Championships on Feb. 14 in Danielson. Davidson won first place in the event.

BY CHARLIE LENTZ VILLAGER EDITOR

DANIELSON — In a surprise to no one except those who've been living in a cave for the past decade Woodstock Academy once again captured first place at the Eastern Connecticut Conference **Gymnastics** Championships on Feb. 14. It was the ninth-straight ECC title for the Centaurs. It might be

a much tougher task to repeat their success in the weeks ahead at the CIAC State Open Championships and then the New England Championships. The Centaurs dynasty may get dented this season by some injuries and the graduation loss of a pair of the best gymnasts in program history.

Woodstock has won seven consecutive State Class championships and six straight State Open titles. The Centaurs are the defending New England champions, winning three out of the last six New England meets. Times change and challenges lie ahead. This season's State Class meet is scheduled for Saturday, Feb. 24, at Pomperaug High School. The State Open meet follows one week later, on March 3, also at Pomperaug. The New England Championships are scheduled for March 10 at Pinkerton Academy in New Hampshire.

Last season Woodstock Academy won the New England Championships with a team score of 150.825. The Centaurs ECC-winning score on Feb. 14 at Deary's Gymnastics was 141.7. The graduation losses of Paige Stuyniski and Grace Logan are profound. Over her four-year career Stuyniski won nine gold medals at the New England Championships and 11 gold medals at the State Open championships. Logan won three gold medals over her career at the New England championships and six gold medals in State Open competition. Both earned Division I scholarships (Stuyniski at Texas Woman's University and Logan at Bowling Green University).

"We call them those cushion scores. We had Grace and Paige's 9.5's — 9.4's with a bad routine - so we don't have those cushion scores this year," said Woodstock coach Kasey Tocchio. "We've just had to prepare different this year."

Two teams ranked above Woodstock Academy heading into state meet competition. Top-ranked Greenwich was averaging a team score of 143.20 this season and second-ranked

Trumbull was averaging a team score of 142.24. Woodstock Academy was ranked No. 3 with an average score of 137.78

"It is a challenge this year. Based on our start values the highest all-around we can get is close to a 154 or a 152 or so, which is what we were reaching last year, so it's a big step back but shows us what we can obtain and those are really good scores for us," Tocchio said. "It is challenging to know we don't have that big gap to make it there. But if the girls are confident and have a great meet I do believe we have a shot. We've got to be on our 'A' game for sure.'

Juniors Ali Crescimanno and Lvdia Taft are team captains. Taft sat out the ECC championships with a back fracture and coach Tocchio did not expect her back this season. Crescimanno took first place in the vault, bars, and all-around at the ECC meet but is still not back to top form after rehabbing from a concussion suffered in an automobile accident in October. Sophomore Jenna Davidson won first place at the ECC meet in the balance beam but she hyper-extended both of her knees last summer and is still not at 100 percent.

"It took her a while to get back and then some aches and pains in between but she's almost there," said coach Tocchio of Davidson. "I think she's probably 80 percent.'

Injuries have shadowed the Centaurs this season but Tocchio said they've always factored into any team's success.

"It unfortunately kind of comes with the sport," Tocchio said. "So it's something we just have to deal with and train differently and hope that we can be strong. It stinks but sometimes it happens and unfortunately this year it has happened."

Junior Abigail Vaida won first place the floor exercise at the ECC meet. Vaida, along with sophomore Elise Boisvert and Maddie Grube have been solid contributors all season.

"They've worked so hard. (Vaida, Grube, and Boisert) have really made and built this team," Tocchio said. "They are like our heart of our team. And they've all stepped up and done such a good job this year and I'm so proud of all of them.'

Freshman Grace Gronski is expected to contribute over the coming weeks. The team also includes sophomore Emily Arters and freshman Stella Douglas.

"Grace (Gronski) has contributed a lot and Stella Douglas is another freshman who contributed a lot in the beginning of the season when we still had Jenna (Davidson) out being injured," Tocchio said. "So the freshmen definitely stepped up this year and did a good job.

The task of repeating as State Open champions is daunting but don't discount the Centaurs — perhaps only a cave dweller would count them out.

"At state opens there's two teams that are ranked above us right now. There's definitely competition," Tocchio said. "But we've just got to focus on ourselves because it's the only thing you can do. If the girls go in confident and we can hit one after another — I do think we have a shot."

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Tourtellotte boys look to state tourney

BY CHARLIE LENTZ VILLAGER EDITOR

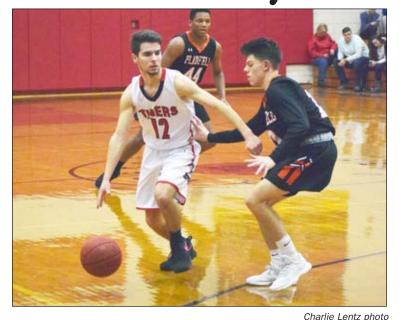
THOMPSON — Tourtellotte Memorial has earned a berth in the state tournament for the first time since the 2013-2014 season and coach Neil Bernier said the Tigers picked a good year to do it. The CIAC realigned the boys state tournament this season, expanding the number of classifications from four (Class S, M, L, LL) to five (Division 1, 2, 3, 4, 5). That means the Division 5 Tigers will be in a bracket with more schools that are similar to Tourtellotte in enrollment size.

"Because the divisions are spread out more with five of them now — a lot of the teams from one through 10 might actually have byes — and then if we're ranked 20th or 21st, we'll get a team that's ranked liked 12th or 13th, somewhere in the range where their records are not that much different,' Bernier said. "I feel like with who we've played against (in the regular season) and who we've been tested by at times, I think we're readier for that challenge than we would have been, say, a month ago." Bernier said the expanded number of divisions is a positive step forward for the state tournament. He said at times legitimate Class S schools had

to play teams like Sacred Heart lar season came was on Feb. 16 of Waterbury in the state tournament, a team that can recruit players.

"I've seen teams like Sacred Heart play down there (in the tournament) with Division I players on their team. I think under this format that doesn't happen anymore and I think that's why it's a good thing because a team like Sacred Heart is forced to play up now," Bernier said. "I've always said if (Division 5) East Hampton, who might go undefeated, and they go all the way and they beat everybody, there's no complaint about that because they're in the division they should be. And they built that team from playing sophomores all the way to seniors now, if they're the one that ends up winning it, they're a legitimate Class S school and good for them — as opposed to some Class S team that has Class LL players. When Sacred Heart wins a game by over 50 points in the state title game I think there's something wrong." The Tigers finished the regular season with a record of 8-12. The qualifying round of the Division V tournament is scheduled for Saturday, March 3. The first round of the Division V tourney is set to begin on Monday. The Tigers last reguagainst Plainfield, a 64-34 loss. Bernier said the long gap before the state tournament has its benefits and detractions.

"In one regard its good. We could use a little rest. We could use a little patching up of some hurt out here, a couple guys got banged up tonight (against Plainfield), a couple guys with knees, this and that. It will give us time to go back to basics and go over some stuff that we need to clean up," Bernier said. "We'll be able to use some of the stuff we saw here (against Plainfield) and go back to work on it. Because there was a lot of sloppiness and stuff that wasn't done right."



Bernier said the Tigers are looking forward to the new format, and their first chance to play in the state tournament since 2014 — when his seniors were in eighth grade. He said earning a tourney berth has brought a fresh outlook for his players.

"We have a brand new slate and a chance to start over again," Bernier said. "They're playing a lot looser now. We were coming out and playing tense. I think we were playing up and down depending on who we played against. That's something we can take with us going Tourtellotte's Spencer Fulone, drives upcourt Plainfield's Zack Lewis defending.

forward."

And Bernier said the Tigers have a shot to get past the first round.

"We'll probably have to go on the road but it will be against somebody that's relatively in our punching weight, let's say," Bernier said. "We don't care where we have to go. There's some possibilities of some really long bus rides that could be kind

of gruesome. But I think there's an excitement of being able to actually be on that stage, and an opportunity that we haven't had ever. So that's what we're looking forward to.'

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Charlie Lentz photo

Putnam High's Tyion Harris goes up for a shot against Killingly High last Saturday in Dayville.

BY CHARLIE LENTZ VILLAGER EDITOR

DAYVILLE — At least two weeks stand between Putnam High's last regular season basketball game and the start of the Division 5 state tournament. That's 14 days for rust to spread so coach Shawn Deary has to be creative to keep his team from tarnishing. Putnam will join the Eastern Connecticut Conference next season but the Clippers were unaffiliated this year and will not have a conference tourney to bridge the gap between the regular season and the state tournament.

'We don't have a tournament to play in so we're going to try to pick up a scrimmage. Get a neighboring town or somebody that can come in and give us a look," Deary said. "Just keep practicing. Keep working on what we can work on. It kind of hurts to have that much time off so we're going to try to find somebody to come in.'

Killingly High defeated Putnam High 69-55 on Feb. 17 in the final regular-season game for both teams. Putnam finished the regu-

lar season with a record of eight wins and 12 losses. The Clippers will likely be seeded 19th in the Division 5 state tournament. The qualifying round of the Division 5 tourney is slated to begin on Saturday, March 3. First-round play in the tourney is scheduled to begin on Monday March 5.

While there's plenty of time for rust to accumulate there is also an opportunity to recover from some injuries — but coach Deary would rather have a conference tourney on the schedule. Hunter Touchette, Jeff Reed, and Connor Holloman had been nursing some bumps and bruises as the regular season wore down.

"I'd still like to have a (conference) tournament. Even if they're bad games, they're games — you're still working on what you need to work on," Deary said.

Junior center Tyion Harris led Putnam with 18 points in the loss to Killingly. Senior center Alex Fontaine scored a game-high 20 points for Killingly (9-11).

The state tournament has expanded from four divisions to five divisions this season. Putnam will play in Division 5, for schools with the lowest enrollments. With less teams in his bracket, Deary said the Clippers will have a greater chance of facing a school of similar size in their opening game.

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"I love the new format. It gives a real good chance in the first round. Second games are going to be good games," Deary said. "It's a tough-enough schedule for us year round because there's not a lot of small schools in our division that we can play against. The new ECC next year is going to be great for us and the tournament is going to be great."

Deary was encouraged by Putnam's performance against Division 3 Killingly in the season finale. The Clippers were within striking distance with four minutes left in the game after Harris sank a three-pointer to pull Putnam within five points, 58-53.

"I keep telling my boys that they need play to the level of the competition and we need to play our basketball game no matter where we're at and who we're playing," Deary said. "It's something we struggle with. We play a really good team like Killingly, who's well-coached and well-versed, and we play great against them. And we go out against Wheeler (2-18 record this season) and we're in a 10-point game with them coming down the stretch. It's hard to explain to the kids that they need to just play their game all the way through."

Deary said he would try to impress that point on the Clippers before the state tourney begins. He won't lack for time to do it — two weeks should be more than enough.

"Just continue to hammer home that we're capable of playing with a Killingly and working the ball around and not just rushing through our sets," Deary said. "I'm actually very excited for the tournament for this year just because of the fact that a couple of teams at the top (of the bracket) get a bye and we're in good shape coming one or two games into it, so that'd be great."

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Eastern Connecticut Conference Gymnastics Championships

DANIELSON — Woodstock Academy won the Eastern Connecticut Gymnastics Championships on Feb. 14 at Deary's Gymnastics in Danielson. It was the ninth consecutive ECC title for the Centaurs.



Woodstock's ECC championship team, from left: Emily Arters, Estella Douglas, Abigail Vaida, Ali Crescimanno, Lydia Taft, Madelyn Grube, Grace Gronski, Elise Boisvert and Jenna Davidson





Putnam High's Maggie McKeon dismounts the bars.



Woodstock's Grace Gronski on the bars.

Woodstock's Abigail Vaida on the beam.

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Joseph R. Goddard, 92



D U D L E Y , MASSACHUSETTS -Joseph R. Goddard, age 92, passed away February 5, in Harrington Hospital after a brief illness with family by his side. Born and raised in Dudley, he was

the son of the late Joel R. Goddard and Rose (Murzynowicz) Goddard. His wife, Norma (Thompson) Goddard, predeceased him in 2001. He was also predeceased by a son, Christopher Goddard in 2014.

Left to cherish his memory are three daughters, Karen Harrell and husband Pat of Portsmouth, Virginia, Dawn Goddard and husband Henry Szklarz of Woodstock, and Tami Goddard and loving companion Jeff Laun of Rockford, Illinois. He is also survived by seven grandchildren, four great-grandchildren, a brother Bernard Goddard and wife Yasuko of Poway, California and a sister Irene Hayes of Concord, Massachusetts.

Mr. Goddard was a proud WWD Marine who served in the Pacific at Bougainville in 1943. He was a life-

time member the Third Marine **Division Association** as well as a member of the Blackstone Valley Marine Corps League Detachment *#*911. He was a mechanical design engineer and a reg-

istered professional engineer who was employed by many high-tech companies throughout his career. Mr. Goddard also worked on many government contracts including projects with NASA. Later in his career, he was self-employed as a design consultant.

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He enjoyed traveling with his wife during their retirement years until her death, and continued traveling with his family until his death. He was also a faithful New England Patriots fan. Mr. Goddard donated his body to the Anatomical Gift program at the University of Massachusetts Medical School in Worcester. There are no services. Donations may be given in his memory to either Operation Home Front (www.operationhomefront.org) or the Garv Sinise Foundation (www. garysinisefoundation.org)

Richard O. Davis, 84



BROOKLYN Richard O. Davis, 84, of Brooklyn died February 11, at Davis Place in Danielson. Richard was born in Plainfield on August 23, 1933, the son of the late Russell and Margaret (Dailey)

Davis. He was the loving husband of the late Shirley Ann (Bolduc) Davis. Richard worked at William Prym Inc. in Dayville until its closing, and later worked at Electric Boat in Groton. He along with his wife, Shirley, owned and operated S&R Gardens in Brooklyn. Richard was kind and giving to everyone. He is survived by his children, Dianne Berube and husband Larry of Dayville, Debra Sullivan and husband Jerry of Brooklyn, Robert Davis and wife Madeleine of Brooklyn and Gary Davis and wife Linda of North Carolina, ten grandchildren, several great grandchildren and nieces and nephews. A graveside service in Westfield Cemetery, Danielson will be held at a later date. Tillinghast Funeral Home 433 Main Street Danielson is in charge of arrangements.



Richard (Dick) Waters, 93 C L E R M O N T , FLORIDA -- On February 14. "Dick"

Richard Waters, formerly of Putnam, passed away peacefully after a brief ill-Dick was ness. born in Putnam,

on November 14, 1924 to the late Wesley and Viola (Riendeau) Waters. Dick proudly served as Corporal in the United States Marie Corps 3rd Division in the South Pacific during World War II. Shortly after the war, he returned to Putnam and married Sylvia Bachand Waters. They shared over 40 years of marriage and had three sons, Rodney Waters of Thompson, Russell Waters of Putnam, and Kevin Waters also of Putnam, who predeceased his father in 1997. Dick was the second-generation owner of the family business Waters Bros. Oil Company Inc., which he passed on to his son Rodney. Dick founded Kawasaki of Putnam in 1972, which he later passed on to his sons Russell and Kevin. Dick was a lifetime member of the Putnam Lodge of Elks No. 574, the Veterans of Foreign Wars (VFW), the American Legion, the Marine Corps League and Aircraft Owners and Pilots Association (AOPA). He was a licensed private pilot who flew his own Cessna throughout the United Stated. He was the last of the founding fathers and past president of the Tri-State Kart Club in Pomfret. Dick and Sylvia later retired to Clermont Florida and lived many years traveling between Putnam and Clermont in their RV. After Sylvia



passed away suddenly in 1990, he met Florence Klimas in Clermont and they were married for 24 years until her death in January 2016. Dick was also predeceased by his three siblings Charles Waters, Conrad (Spaghett) Waters, and Blanche Rawson.

Dick leaves behind his two sons Rodney (and wife Janet) Waters of Thompson and Russell (and wife Audrey) Waters of Putnam, his daughter-in-law Susan (and her husband James) Brazel of Thompson as well as two sisters May Alvord of Putnam and Marie Phyllis Leclair of Thompson. He was grandfather of six grandchildren Sherri (Jason) Laabs, Amber (Christopher) Drew, Kristen (Clarke) Caudill, Kelly (Brian) Fournier, Derek Waters and Shannon Waters. He was also the proud "GG" to nine great grandchildren.

At Dick's request, there will be no calling hours and a mass of Christian burial will be held at St Mary's Church followed by a burial with military honors in St Mary's cemetery at a later date.

Lucille Ballard, 75

SEFFNER, FLORIDA -- Lucille Ballard, 75, died November 20, 2017 at her home in Seffner, Florida, of COPD. She was born in Putnam on July 5, 1942, daughter of the late Alphonse and Bernadette (Falardeau) Ballard. She is survived by her sister, Doris (Ballard) Martin, her brother-in-law,

Rene A. Martin, her niece, Rebecca (Martin) Cavaliere, her husband, David Cavaliere and their children, Stella and Julien. Lu worked as the office manager of Ernest Joly and Sons for over 45 years until her retirement in 2008. Burial will be at the convenience of the family.

Dolores M. Martin, 74

NORTH GROSVENORDALE Dolores M. (Bartkiewicz) Martin, 74, passed away Sunday, February 18, 2018 at Webster Manor in Webster, Mass.

Her husband of almost 50 years, Richard K. Martin died September 30, 2016.

She leaves a son, Chris A. Martin and his wife Michelle of Webster, Mass. and a daughter, Amanda Ann Martin-Esker and her husband John of Silver Springs, Maryland and a grand-daughter.

Dolores was born in Webster, Mass.,

August 4, 1943, daughter of the late Joseph and Agnes (Was) Bartkiewicz. There are no calling hours.

Services will be private and burial will be in St. Joseph Garden of Peace Cemetery in Webster.

The ROBERT J. MILLER FUNERAL HOME and LAKE CHAPEL, 366 School St., Webster, Mass. is directing and assisting the family with arrangements.

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Heather Crecco, Clerk

The fiduciary is: Michael Blanchard c/o Nicholas A. Longo, Esq., Bachand, Longo & Higgins, 168 Main Street, PO Box 528, Putnam, CT 06260, (860)928-6549 February 23, 2018

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The fiduciary is: Amanda J. Wolffram c/o William H. St. Onge, Esq., St. Onge & Brouillard, PO Box 550, Putnam, CT 06260, (860)928-0481 February 23, 2018

Town of Thompson Board of Assessment Appeals LEGAL NOTICE

Citizens of Thompson are hereby informed that the Board of Assessment Appeals for the Town of Thompson will hold its sessions for appeals on Real Estate, Personal Property and Motor Vehicles on the following dates: These appeals will be for the grand list 2017. March 22nd 2018, 6:00 PM - 8:00 PM 2nd Floor Town Hall

April 10th 2018, 6:00 PM - 8:00 PM 2nd Floor Town Hall

April 12th 2018, 6:00 PM - 8:00 PM 2nd Floor Town Hall

April 19th 2018, 6:00 PM - 8:00 PM The appeal forms are available on the Town of Thompson's web site under the assessor's office. If you need a form mailed please call the assessors' office at 860-923-2259.

The deadline for appeals is a postmarked date of March 20th, 2018.

Notice of given sessions to conform to section 12-110 of the General Statutes of the State of CT.

Board of Assessment Appeals Erica Groh, Chairman Dan Santerre James Clark February 23, 2018

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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 1, 2018 at 7:00PM 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 2019, 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 February 28, 2018 by 7:00PM.

Respectfully submitted, Aaron McGarry, Chairman February 23, 2018

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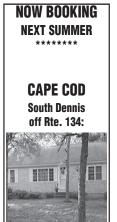
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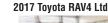
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