



Leaders question Eversource response time

PUTNAM — Putnam Mayor Barney Seney, along with State Representatives Rick Hayes (R-Putnam, Thompson) and Anne Dauphinais (R-Killingly) held an informal meeting on Feb. 26 with fire chiefs from volunteer departments throughout Eastern Connecticut to discuss the amount of time their personnel are spending sitting at down lines, a common issue they’ve faced for quite some time.

Currently when an incident involving a downed line or other electrical hazard occurs and a call must be made to Eversource power company, those calls are prioritized by based on a three-tiered emergency response scale. Level 1 emergencies involve an immediate life hazard where the individual cannot be rescued until the power is shut off. A Level 2 priority exists when an electrical hazard exists but is not life-threatening. Level 3 is a situation where an electrical

hazard exists but poses no immediate threat to life or property.

The major issue among all of those in attendance was the amount of time their volunteers are left at a scene waiting for Eversource to show up and the frustration regarding a lack of action on their part to remedy the situation. For many, it is Eversource taking advantage of a situation by not having to pay someone to sit there when the volunteers who respond to these incidents do it for free.

“What we’re asking is that Eversource be reasonable with their response times because we believe it’s their responsibility to watch these lines,” Hayes said. “All of these fire chiefs take public safety incredibly serious and will do whatever they can to ensure areas where these



Courtesy photo

From left, Rick Hayes, Barney Seney, and Anne Dauphinais said town personnel spend too much time monitoring downed power lines.

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Courthouse O’Putnam 5K nears

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From left, Teresa Labasa, Mary Labasi, and Audrey Labasi enjoyed last year’s Courthouse O’Putnam 5K.

PUTNAM — The Courthouse O’Putnam 5K is scheduled for 1 p.m. on Sunday, March 15. St. Patrick’s Day-themed costumes are definitely encouraged and 801 participants crossed the finish line in last year’s event. This family-friendly, fun 5K party starts and finishes in downtown Putnam. The

3.1-mile loop course takes participants through the heart of Putnam, along the Quinebaug River and down quiet neighborhood roads. A post-race party at the Courthouse Bar and Grille tops off the Irish celebration.

All participants will receive swanky Irish green sunglasses and a complimentary photo to commemorate and share the memory of a great race. After the finish participants ages 21 and over (with identification) will receive a complimentary

ice cold beer.

Kids are welcome to enjoy the Wee Mile, a quarter-mile or half-mile race for kids aged 2-11, set to begin at 12:30 p.m. Don’t forget donations of non-perishable food will be collected on race day, through the HMF Can drive, to benefit Putnam’s Daily Bread Food Pantry. Registration is open online at hartfordmarathon.com. Race-day registration will also be available on the morning of the race.

Last Green Valley funding in danger

DANIELSON — U.S. Congressional representatives Joe Courtney (Conn. Second District), Jahana Hayes (Conn. Fifth District), and Richard Neal (Mass. First District) introduced legislation on Feb. 27 to save the Last Green Valley Heritage Corridor and the Upper Housatonic Valley National Heritage Area through a 15-year reauthorization. Without this critical reauthorization, these two National Heritage Areas would lose important federal support through the National Park Service.

“The Last Green Valley is grateful for Representative Courtney’s support of our National Heritage Corridor,” said Lois Bruinooge, Executive Director of the Last Green Valley. “We are able to leverage a small federal investment into many more dollars of benefit while spurring economic development and conserving our historic and natural resources. With Representative Courtney’s help, this bill will allow us to continue our work uninterrupted.”

“The Last Green Valley is an incredible asset to

eastern Connecticut and to all of our region,” said Courtney. “Heritage areas create jobs, establish destinations that people want to visit and vacation to, and are a smart investment in both the economy and the natural environment. Support from the federal government is what provides these areas with the foundation needed to preserve and protect these natural spaces, but the work just starts there—from that federal support, these National Heritage Areas leverage countless dollars and volunteer hours to promote

the environment and identity of our region. Connecticut and Massachusetts know that investments in our open spaces provide an enormous value for taxpayers, and we’ll keep fighting to ensure that national heritage areas like the Last Green Valley and Upper Housatonic Valley Heritage Area receive our support.”

“The protection of the Upper Housatonic Valley National Heritage Area is critical to the Fifth District’s environment, history, and economy,” said Hayes. “This nationally recognized historic region supports

artists, historians, and conservationists, and enriches local economies by supporting tourism and partnering with local organizations. Our legislation is essential to the continuation of Connecticut’s cultural legacy and ecosystems.”

“I have been an enthusiastic supporter of the National Heritage Corridors throughout New England for many years. In my opinion, they successfully bring together the many natural, cultural and recreational resources in our region. They

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Woodstock BOE to hold budget forum

WOODSTOCK — The Woodstock Board of Education invites Woodstock residents to a community school budget forum on Saturday, March 7, at 10 a.m. in the Woodstock Middle School cafeteria at 147 Route 169.

Woodstock Public Schools Superintendent Viktor Toth will present an overview of the proposed FY 2020-21 education budget and discuss academic priorities in

the coming year.

“The Board of Education’s mission is to provide the best possible education for Woodstock students and the Board invites Woodstock parents and community members to be part of the process,” said Megan Bard Morse, chairwoman of the school board. “I sincerely hope members of the community will take this opportunity to share their thoughts and

offer their suggestions to help prioritize and wisely allocate our resources in next year’s budget.”

The community forum concept springs from the BOE Community Participation Subcommittee, which seeks to enhance and expand communication between the community and the school board. Members include Amy Vinal, Jennifer Corey and Amanda Bottone.

PUTNAM, KILLINGLY ADVANCE IN STATES



Charlie Lentz photo

DAYVILLE — Killingly High’s Sophia Moore surveys her options against Branford High on Tuesday, March 3. Killingly defeated Branford, and Putnam High defeated Hartford’s Achievement First in first round action in the state tournament. High school sports coverage begins on page B-2 of The Villager sports section.

SPRING
AHEAD!



The Complex presents School of Rock



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The Complex Performing and Creative Arts Centre is presenting School of Rock on March 13, 14, and 15.

PUTNAM — Get Ready to Rock as The Complex Performing and Creative Arts Centre presents “School of Rock The Musical”. From the creative team that brought you Newsies and Urinetown, The Complex is proud to present School of Rock the Musical at the Bradley Playhouse this March 13, 14, and 15.

Andrew Lloyd Webber’s Tony Award nominated musical follows wannabe-rock star Dewey Finn as he is kicked out of his band right before the Battle of the Bands competition. Down on his luck and looking for a way to pay rent, Finn impersonates his roommate and accepts a job as a substitute teacher at the prestigious Horace Green School. To his surprise, he finds his students are talented classical

musicians and decides to secretly train them to play rock music so they can enter the Battle of the Bands against his former band mates. Can Dewey take these high-strung, over-achieving students and turn them into a real rock band without the headmistress or their parents finding out?

The Bradley Playhouse is located at 30 Front Street (Route 44) in Putnam. All seats are reserved. Reservations may be made at www.thebradleyplayhouse.org or by calling 860-928-7887. Tickets may be purchased at the theater box office, either before the performance, or at the door if available. Purchasing your tickets ahead of time is always a good idea.

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downed lines are safe, but to ask volunteers to sit at a location for eight or nine hours waiting for Eversource to show up is unreasonable.”

«Some of the smaller departments in the state may have only two trucks for a serious fire situation or car accident and taking one away to sit at a downed

line for several hours prevents it from responding to another situation, further creating a potentially serious public safety issue,» Dauphinais said.

Hayes said his goal is to invite representatives from Eversource and local fire chiefs to one of their upcoming Fire/EMS Caucus meeting in an effort to come to a resolution that works for everyone involved.

POLICE LOGS

Editor’s note: The information contained in these police logs was obtained through either press releases or public documents kept by the Connecticut State Police Troop D and the Putnam Police Department and is considered the account of the police. All subjects are considered innocent until proven guilty in a court of law. If a case is dismissed in court or the party is found to be innocent, The Villager, with proper documentation, will update the log at the request of the party.

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BROOKLYN

Feb. 24
Brian Anderson, 52, of 45 Providence Road, Brooklyn, was charged with interfering with an officer and resisting arrest.
Candace Morehouse, 51, homeless of Brooklyn, was charged with failure to appear in the 2nd degree.

DAYVILLE

Feb. 22
Wilfred Sabourin, 52, of 263 Slater Hill Road, Dayville, was charged with disorderly conduct and assault in the 3rd degree.

DANIELSON

Feb. 22
Thomas Davis, 40, of 227 A Maple Street, Danielson, was charged with operating a motor vehicle under the influence and failure to drive on the right.

PUTNAM

Feb. 25
Kaylee Marie Chubka, 29, of 46 Mechanics Street, 2nd Floor, Putnam, was charged with violation of parole.

PUTNAM POLICE DEPARTMENT

Feb. 27
Eric Borkiewicz, 19, of 425 Stetson Road, Brooklyn, was charged with Speeding.

Feb. 28
Christine Walley, 47, of 12 Laurel Drive, Woodstock, was charged with Violation of State Traffic Commission.
Christopher Cedeno, 33, 237 Providence St., Putnam, was charged with Evading Responsibility, Insufficient Insurance, Improper Use of License Registration, Operating Unregistered Motor Vehicle, Operation without a License.

Feb. 29
Claudette Stockwell, 49, of 12 Wainwright Drive, Woodstock, was charged with Violation of State Traffic Commission.
Justin Grenier, 37, of 148 Appel Road, Brooklyn, was charged with Breach of Peace 2nd Degree

March 1
Roxanne Crows-Heart, 32, of 155A North Street, Danielson, was charged with Assault 3rd, Disorderly Conduct, (3) counts of Risk of Injury to Minor
Leann Ducat, 38, of 34 Pine Crest Road, Woodstock, was charged with Violation of State Traffic Commission; Operating an Unregistered Motor Vehicle

LEGION ORATORY CONTEST



WOODSTOCK — The American Legion 4th District conducted its annual Constitutional Oratorical Contest on Feb. 22 at the Loos Center for the Performing Arts at Woodstock Academy’s South Campus. From left, Ronald P. Coderre, 4th District Commander, Owen Bland of Woodstock Academy, Nathaniel Hayes of Coventry High School, first-place winner Lucas Johnson of Ellis Technical School, Anna Ionkin of Putnam High School and contest chairmen Everett G. Shepard III of Post 111 of Woodstock.

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Friends of St. Joseph School kickoff

NORTH GROSVENORDALE — David Sizemore, Principal of St. Joseph School, recently announced that a new organization, the “Friends of St. Joseph” is being formed in order to help provide tuition assistance to families in need. The inaugural reception for the Friends of St. Joseph will take place on Thursday evening, March 19, from 6:30 p.m. to 8:30 p.m. at the SJS cafeteria. This date coincides with the Feast Day of St. Joseph, the patron saint of the school. The SJS Board of Directors decided to organize the “Friends of St. Joseph” in response to the changing economic times that the school currently faces.

“The days of a traditional parish elementary school where the local church would provide a large subsidy to help pay the expenses of the school are unfortunately a vestige of the past,” said Sizemore. “In this day and age, church attendance is lower than it once was and the parish has to meet its own financial obligations. With families needing to take on a greater burden of the cost through tuition increases, it is our hope that the new “Friends of St. Joseph” can help provide additional financial assistance so that any family that wants to give the gift of a SJS education to their children will be able to do so.”

Even before its initial kick-

off gathering on March 19, SJS has already received \$29,000 in pledges for the 2020-21 school year in tuition assistance. Spirol International has made a commitment of \$10,000 in the form of 10 \$1,000 scholarships, while an additional \$19,000 has been offered to the school by individual donors.

Andrea Hoisl, Director of the Office of Faith Events for the Diocese of Norwich as well as a member of the SJS Board of Directors, explained her sentiments as to why the SJS community is both unique and special:

“My experiences and interactions at SJS have always been extremely positive. Simply put, it is truly an honor for me to be a part of a faith community where children and adults work together to build God’s kingdom here on earth in a caring, respectful, and nurturing environment,” Hoisl said.

Jackie Lajoie, a graduate of SJS, a “Friend of St. Joseph,” and the longtime coordinator of the parish Bingo program, which has helped to financially support the school for the past twenty-seven years, shared her thoughts as well:

“I have been blessed to have served in the classroom for forty-seven years attributing my long career not to what I learned in college, but to the foundation that I received as a student at SJS. I continue to

support the school both monetarily as well as through the Bingo program so that future generations can enjoy the same educational experience that I did so many years ago,” Lajoie said.

The program to be offered on the evening of March 19 will be an opportunity for prospective donors to learn more about how SJS educates its children and the impact that the school community has had in this area for many decades. The reception will begin at 6:30 p.m. with a social hour of hors d’oeuvres and an assortment of beverages followed by a performance of the SJS Choir. Afterwards Gary Osbrey will serve as the Master of Ceremonies of a special program where several stakeholders will share their thoughts on what SJS means to them. Speakers for this event include Kiera MacKenzie, an 8th Grade student, Alexander Boligan a 2015 Graduate and current freshman at Assumption College, Kristin Scaplen, a parent and Co-Chair of the Playground Committee, as well as Rick Lepore, the Director of Technology who also serves as the Choir Director.

Those wishing to become a Friend of St. Joseph or those wanting to attend the kickoff event, please RSVP to Sizemore at dsizemore@sjschoolng.com by Tuesday, March 17.



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Gary Osbrey, left, with St. Joseph School Principal David Sizemore. Osbrey will serve as Master of Ceremonies at the Friends of St. Joseph kickoff event.

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are local treasures that are enjoyed by residents and visitors year-round. I am pleased to join my colleagues co-sponsoring legislation to help save the Last Green Valley and the Upper Housatonic Valley National Heritage Area. These pristine sites in western Massachusetts and Connecticut preserve our heritage and merit continued federal support,”said Neal.

“The Upper Housatonic Valley National Heritage Area has a 15-year track record of working with regional organizations to strengthen the local economy, support historic preservation, promote the culture of the area, and to bolster natural resource conservation efforts,” said Dan Bolognani, Executive Director of the Upper Housatonic Valley National Heritage Area. “Our collaborative efforts with existing organizations and municipalities has resulted in many impactful regional projects coming to fruition. A recent economic impact study has shown that the Upper Housatonic Valley National Heritage Area annually generates \$169.9 million in economic impact, supports 1,944 jobs, and generates \$15.0 million in tax revenue. The Board of Trustees for Housatonic Heritage are grateful for Rep. Courtney’s leadership to enable us to continue this essential work, well into the future.”

Representatives Courtney, Hayes, and Neal were joined in their efforts by their colleagues in the U.S. Senate. Senator Chris Murphy (D-Conn.) drafted and introduced legislation to reauthorize the Last Green Valley and the Upper Housatonic Valley National Heritage Area, and was joined by Senators Richard Blumenthal (D-Conn.), Senator Elizabeth Warren (D-Mass.) and Senator Ed Markey (D-Mass.).

The Last Green Valley encompasses 35 towns stretching from eastern Connecticut (including

Thompson, Putnam, Woodstock, Killingly) to Massachusetts. In northeastern Connecticut alone, the Last Green Valley spans 1,100 square miles and encompasses 26 towns. The Last Green Valley was first designated as a National Heritage Corridor by Congress in 1994 because of the region’s unique natural, cultural, historic, and scenic resources. The area is still 77 percent forest and farm and is the last stretch of dark night sky in the coastal sprawl between Boston and Washington, D.C.

The Upper Housatonic Valley National Heritage Area includes 29 towns, stretching 964 square miles from western

Connecticut to Massachusetts along the Housatonic River watershed. The Upper Housatonic Valley National Heritage Area was first designated as a National Heritage Area by Congress in 2006 to preserve natural and historical resources, and to improve the economy in the area. There are over 50 sites listed on the National Register of Historic Places within the heritage area.

Reps. Courtney, Hayes, and Neal are all cosponsors of H.R. 1049, the National Heritage Area Act of 2019, which would reauthorize all 45 National Heritage Areas nationwide for 20 years.

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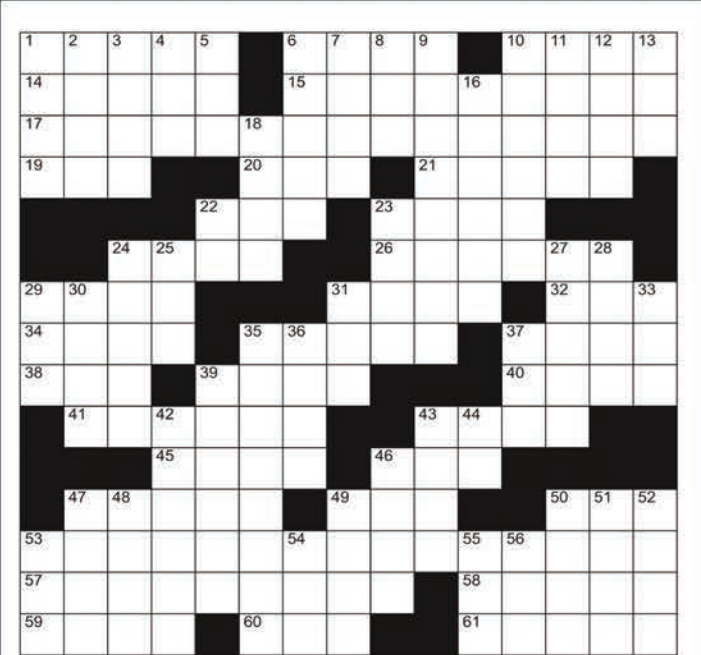
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Residents Anne and John Navarro, Westview's Queen and King of Mardi Gras.



Westview Health Care Center celebrated Mardi Gras on Feb. 25.



- CLUES ACROSS
1. Yields Manila hemp

6. A type of gin

10. Japanese ankle sock

14. Swiss city

15. Applied to

17. Achievements

19. Japanese title

20. Possesses

21. Belgian city

22. Child

23. Great delight

24. Petty quarrel

26. Gathered

29. Zoroastrian concept of holy fire

31. Path

32. Legendary hoops coach Riley

34. A citizen of Denmark

35. Flat

37. Upper-class young women

38. Payment (abbr.)

39. Distort

40. Affirmative! (slang)

41. One who has a child

43. Without

45. Workplace safety agency

46. Political action committee

47. Period of plant and animal life

49. Swiss river

50. Sino-Soviet block (abbr.)

53. State of being kept secret

57. Hobbies

58. One-time Korean ruler

59. Sudden attack

60. Born of

61. Assists
- CLUES DOWN
1. Ancient Greek sophist

2. Famed composer

3. Spore-bearing fungi cells

4. Chief executive officer

5. Defunct Syrian political party

6. Thin wood

7. Polynesian garlands

8. Fluid replacement (abbr.)

9. Flammable hydrocarbon gas

10. Multi-leveled

11. Influential diarist

12. Gambles

13. Many subconsciousnesses

16. Current unit

18. Illumination unit

22. Tantalum

23. Steps leading down to a river

24. Kids love him

25. Before

27. Fencing swords

28. Mountain range in China

29. Payroll company

30. A way to pack together

31. Business designation

33. Thyroid-stimulating hormone (abbr.)

35. Forage fish

36. Greek temple pillars

37. Internet mgmt. company

39. Rouse oneself

42. In a way, covered

43. Elaborate silk garment

44. Cooling unit

46. Riley and O'Brien are two

47. ___ fide: genuine

48. Ancient Incan sun god

49. Poker stake

50. Trigonometric function

51. Interesting tidbit

52. Adieus

53. U.S. Treasury position

54. Midway between east and southeast

55. Doctors' group

56. Women's ___ movement



Westview celebrates Mardi Gras

DAYVILLE — The Mardi Gras celebration at Westview regaled the health care center's citizens with festivities and fanfare on Tuesday, Feb. 25. This annual celebration is a marquee event at Westview Health Care Center, not just for the occasion itself but for the level of detail that the Therapeutic Recreation Department (plus staff and volunteers) place into this party.

Musician Jim Harkins provided the live soundtrack for the event; the guitarist/singer playing a variety of American folk songs. Many of the patients and residents lip-synched along with these classic tunes. Other guests were quite happy to use plastic hand-clappers and kazoos to add to the music. Purple, gold, and green decorations adorned the walls, tabletops, and guests.

Westview's considerable collection of costumes was on display as each attendee modeled looks straight off of the Bourbon Street runway. Every patient and resident was able to select

their own outfit consisting of various crowns, robes, masks, hats and beads. Lots and lots of beads. Recreation Director Louise Taylor and Assistant Recreation Director Vicki Ericson dressed as harlequins with supreme dedication—both in costume and in commitment to the celebration. They danced about the room providing punch as well as punch lines to the partygoers.

One of the most important fixtures of Westview's yearly Mardi Gras party is the distribution, devouring, and delight of the "King Cake." Filled with apple and covered in the traditional tri-color sugar, this round pastry is divided up into slices—each resident and patient receiving a piece that they know will be delicious. What they don't know is who will receive the two specially-selected slices containing a small baby figurine representing Baby Jesus. This is a long-standing New Orleans tradition of Christian symbolism mark-

ing the end of Epiphany and the beginning of Lent. Whoever finds the Christ figures earns the right to be dubbed the King and Queen of Westview Mardi Gras.

Additionally, they should expect a year's worth of good fortune and prosperity from this divine designation. The lucky royals at Westview this year is Anne and John Navarro, a married couple, doubling their luck as Mardi Gras Queen and Mardi Gras King in one family.

"Here at Westview, we celebrate life each and every day," stated David T. Panteleakos, Administrator. "I truly enjoy seeing the looks on our resident's faces and the smiles we all share at the Mardi Gras celebration every year. Louise Taylor, Vicki Ericson and our wonderful volunteers are to be commended for their outstanding efforts in bringing so much joy to our amazing community!"



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Job workshops at Danielson center

DANIELSON — A variety of training and employment workshops to assist Danielson-area residents this month are being offered at the Danielson American Job Center located at 562 Westcott Road. Advance registration is encouraged due to space limitations. To register for these no-cost workshops, please go to CTHires.com or call 860-848-5240.

The following workshops are offered.

Computers Made Easy: March 4 from 9 a.m. – 12 p.m.: This three-hour workshop provides the basic aspects of how computers work, basic computer operations and terminology for Windows 7. Topics include basic file management, using Help and Support features, Internet searches, and how to identify secure sites. This workshop is for individuals who have never used a computer or who need a refresher on computer use.

Manufacturing Jobs for Everyone: March 4 from 2 – 3:30 p.m.: Manufacturing jobs are in huge demand. There is a job for just about everyone – man or woman – from entry level to highly skilled. Find out about job opportunities and how to prepare for a career in manufacturing. Learn about the Manufacturing Pipeline and the free training – classroom or online – offered to help you get a great paying job in manufacturing.

Confidence Makeover - Rebound & Recover: March 6 from 9 a.m. – 2 p.m.: This workshop presents an outline of how to work toward a concrete confidence makeover by suggesting a variety of specific techniques and practical confidence-building tips that can make a significant difference in being the right candidate.

Word Made Easy: March 6 from 9 a.m. – 12 p.m.: Designed for the beginner. Learn how to create, edit, copy and paste Microsoft Word documents and much more in a fun, stress-free environment. This is a three-hour, hands-on workshop. No computer experience is necessary.

EASTCONN Adult Education

Workshop: March 9 from 9:30 a.m. – 12:30 p.m.: Learn about EASTCONN’s Adult Education programs including pathways to earn a high school diploma, access English Language classes, or enroll in citizenship preparation classes. Complete enrollment paperwork and assessments, meet individually with a school counselor to discuss your goals and understand your program and class options that will meet your needs.

Get Back to Work: March 10 from 3 – 5 p.m. and March 24 from 12 – 2 p.m.: Gain a full understanding of Job Center services, learn about Workforce Advisor options (including training guidance), and build your next steps toward employment.

Advanced Word: March 11 from 9 a.m. – noon: Bring your Word skills to the next level. Do you know the best résumé format to use for an Applicant Tracking System? Come to Advanced Word and find out. Learn how to create bulleted lists and insert hyperlinks, tables and more. This is a three-hour, hands-on workshop. Some experience with MS Word is preferred.

Creating A Job Search “Elevator Pitch:” March 11 from 1 – 4 p.m.: In this three-hour workshop, learn how to create the perfect 30- or 60-second “elevator pitch” to introduce yourself to potential employers. Explore how to identify or create a networking opportunity and effectively engage during a networking opportunity. Useful for all job seekers that are unfamiliar or out of practice with networking, and those that are using LinkedIn.

Successful Job Search Strategies: March 13 from 9 a.m. – 12 p.m.: Discover how to find and apply for jobs not listed in the classified section. Learn to use traditional job search techniques more effectively and how to research companies, use the Internet and search agents as a job search tool, and how to post your résumé on the CTHires online employment system. Explore CTHires and other sites for private, state and federal

employment opportunities, as well as labor market information. Call 860-848-5200 to register.

E-mail Made Easy: March 13 from 9 a.m. – 12 noon: Designed for the beginner. Learn how to use email in a fun, stress-free, friendly environment. Create a job search email address; practice composing and replying to emails. Explore the features of Gmail. This is a three-hour, hands-on workshop. No computer experience is necessary.

Disability Resource Awareness Workshop: March 13 from 12:30 – 1:30 p.m.: As a job seeker with a disability, learn about the resources that can help you find and maintain employment. Some resources covered in this workshop are Department of Rehabilitation Services (DORS), Disability Employment Initiative (DEI) and Ticket-to-Work (Ticket) Programs.

Money Matters: Making Money Work for You: March 16 from 10 a.m. – 12 p.m.: Learn how to direct your money instead of wondering where it went. Learn the steps to budgeting. Identify ways to decrease spending and increase income while prioritizing bills. Understand the importance of monthly income and expense tracking.

All Things Money: March 17 from 9:30 – 11:30 a.m.: Understand where your money goes and how to plan to meet your financial needs. Learn how credit works, the effect debt and delinquency can have on your credit score, and how to repair your credit. Know what to do if you’re hit by fraud. Understand your financial life in this two-hour workshop.

Health Careers Orientation: March 17 from 2 – 3:30 p.m.: This workshop is an overview of in-demand careers in health-care, job skills and available certificate and degree programs. Also receive information about financial assistance.

QVCC SNAP Scholarship Orientation: March 17 from 2 – 3 p.m.: If you are receiving SNAP (food stamps), you may be eligible for free job-related, noncredit training at Quinebaug Valley Community College in

Danielson and Willimantic. Offerings include CNA, Vet Assistant and Pharmacy Tech. Learn more at this orientation.

Metrix Learning: March 18 from 9 – 11 a.m.: This workshop is an orientation to online training through the Metrix Learning System. E-Training licenses allow 90 days of 24/7 unlimited access to more than 5,000 courses (IT, desktop computer skills OR healthcare education). Learn new skills or upgrade existing skills to help find the job you want or enhance your career.

Resume Prep Workshop: March 18 from 9 a.m. – 12 noon: In this hands-on workshop you will begin writing your résumé with the help of a Certified Professional Resume Writer. Learn how to showcase your skills more effectively to tailor your résumé for the job you desire; receive assistance compiling all the information you will need to craft a professional résumé; get connected to resources that will help you convert your résumé to a fully-formatted electronic document.

CTHires – Résumé Builder: March 18 from 1 – 4 p.m.: This workshop focuses on building and completing a résumé in the CTHires online employment system. It provides opportunities to review and update your CTHires profile, including job skills, and do a comprehensive résumé build with the assistance of the workshop instructor. Also learn to download, print, and email your résumé from CTHires.

Fundamentals of Résumé Writing: March 20 from 9 a.m. – 12 p.m.: Learn how to write a focused résumé needed to secure job interview and employment offers. Topics include thinking like an employer, developing essential parts of the résumé, keywords, relevant vs. irrelevant information, formatting and cover letters. Call 860-848-5200 to register.

Advanced E-mail: March 25 from 9 a.m. – 12 p.m.: Learn how to effectively email employers. Create an effective subject line. Learn how to attach résumés in the correct format and practice

writing/emailing persuasive cover letters. This is a three-hour workshop. Please bring your email address and password.


Networking with LinkedIn: March 25 from 1 – 4 p.m.: Learn how to create or update a LinkedIn profile, how to build your online network, and how to enhance your job search through online networking. Attendees will be encouraged to join relevant professional groups available through LinkedIn to expand their electronic network. It also includes how to use local labor market information to identify, research, and approach local employers.

Interviewing Strategies and Techniques: March 27 from 9 a.m. – 12 p.m.: Learn how to strategically prepare for critical job interview questions. Topics include company research, developing a candidate message, questions to ask the employer, closing the interview and following up. Call 860-848-5200 to register.

Applying Online - The Basics: March 27 from 9 a.m. – 12 noon: Learn the basics of applying online, including use of job search engines, emailing employers, and attaching and inserting résumés to online applications and emails.


Job Corps Orientation – (Ages 17-24): March 27 from 9:30 a.m. – 12:30 p.m.: This is an overview of Job Corps, trades offered, where they are located, and expectations for Job Corps students. Also receive information about eligibility and the process to enroll in the program. This is the starting point for any prospective Job Corps student.

Google Docs Made Easy: March 31 from 9 a.m. – noon: Improve your computer skills and learn how to use Google Docs now – don’t be left behind. Learn how to use Google Docs in a fun, stress-free environment. There is hands-on practice creating and editing documents. Explore how to share and collaborate documents with multiple people. This is a three-hour hands-on workshop. Please bring your gmail address and password.



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LEARNING

New book offerings at Bracken Library

WOODSTOCK — Several new books were added last week to the collection at Bracken Memorial Library. The library is open Monday through Friday from 3 p.m. to 6 p.m. and on Saturday from 9 a.m. to noon, excluding holidays and school vacation weeks.

The new books include: Erik Larson’s “The Splendid and the Vile”: a saga of Churchill, family, and defiance during the blitz. Discusses London’s darkest year during the blitz through the day-to-day experience of Winston Churchill and those closest to him.

Mark Greaney’s “One Minute Out”. “Is it ever the wrong time to do the right thing? That’s the question the Gray Man faces in the latest explosive novel from New York Times bestselling author Mark Greaney. I am Court Gentry. In my time, I’ve seen plenty of bad stuff. Some things worse than others, but nothing that can match this horror show. I was on a simple mission in Bosnia. A bad guy needed to be put down; in and out, no problem. But then I stumbled across a nightmare-a room full of women and children who were being trafficked to rich scum. Since then, I’ve been tracking their smuggling

ring around the globe, and I’m finally near the top. I’ve got the sociopathic ringleaders in my sights, ready for a takedown, but my CIA handlers have different plans for me. Now I’ve got to make a decision: duty or honor. They all think they have me boxed in, but there’s one thing they’re forgetting: I am the Gray Man.”

Kerri Maher’s “The Girl in White Gloves”: a novel of Grace Kelly. “Some women make headlines; an icon defies them. A vivid reimagining of the exhilarating and sensationalized life of Princess Grace of Monaco from the acclaimed author of The Kennedy Debutante. Hungry for her art and hopeful for the future, young Grace Kelly has the world at her feet. MGM’s rising queen is poised to win the Oscar, but she chafes at the studio’s increasing restrictions on her life. When an unexpected friendship develops between her and Prince Rainier of Monaco, she faces the tempting possibility of a new role—one that offers the power and stability she craves. But life isn’t like the movies. Twenty years into her crumbling marriage, Grace finds herself frustrated and disillusioned. Conflicted by notions

of family, career, and the very nature of womanhood—notions Grace herself shaped for a generation of women—the world’s loneliest princess searches for purpose beyond the labels and headlines. A Hollywood darling, a fairy-tale princess, and a wife starved for autonomy, Grace Kelly is a woman divided. And though she is confined by public perception and societal conventions, one thing is certain—she will never bow to them”

Steve Berry’s “The Warsaw Protocol”. “In New York Times bestseller, Steve Berry’s, latest Cotton Malone adventure, one by one the seven precious relics of the Arma Christi, the weapons of Christ, are disappearing from sanctuaries across the world. After former Justice Department agent, Cotton Malone, witnesses the theft of one of them, he learns from his old boss, Stephanie Nelle, that a private auction is about to be held where incriminating information on the president of Poland will be offered to the highest bidder—blackmail that both the United States and Russia want, but for vastly different reasons. The price of admission to that auction is one of the relics, so Malone is first sent to

a castle in Poland to steal the Holy Lance, a thousand-year-old spear sacred to not only Christians but to the Polish people, and then on to the auction itself. But nothing goes as planned and Malone is thrust into a bloody battle between three nations over information that, if exposed, could change the balance of power in Europe. From the tranquil canals of Bruges, to the elegant rooms of Wawel Castle, to deep beneath the earth into an ancient Polish salt mine, Malone is caught in the middle of a deadly war—the outcome of which turns on a secret known as the Warsaw Protocol”

Mary Kubica’s “The Other Mrs: A Novel”. Sadie and Will Foust have only just moved their family from bustling Chicago to small-town Maine when their neighbor Morgan Baines is found dead in her home. The murder rocks their tiny coastal island, but no one is more shaken than Sadie. But it’s not just Morgan’s death that has Sadie on edge. And as the eyes of suspicion turn toward the new family in town, Sadie is drawn deeper into the mystery of what really happened that dark and deadly night. But Sadie must be careful, for the more she

discovers about Mrs. Baines, the more she begins to realize just how much she has to lose if the truth ever comes to light. James Patterson and James O. Born, “Blindside”: A Detective Michael Bennett Thriller. The mayor of New York has a daughter who’s missing and in danger. Detective Michael Bennett has a son who’s in prison. The two strike a deal.

KIDS BOOKS
Kim Dean’s “Five Little Bunnies”. Join Pete the Cat for an eventful night while he is babysitting five little bunnies.

Rebecca Elliot’s “Eva’s Campfire Adventure”. Eva Wingdale and her owl classmates are on a camping trip to the other side of the forest, where one of the assignments is to make useful inventions—but Eva and Lucy become totally distracted by the legend of Nellie Wingdale, founder of Treetopolis and her buried treasure, and never finish their project.

James Patterson’s “Master of Disaster”. “Rafe and Jimmy are in charge of a celebration of books and reading, but when a small issue becomes a big problem that threatens to derail the event, they must work fast to keep things on track.”

Squid dissection at Pomfret Community School

POMFRET — Mrs. McKee’s fourth grade class recently investigated the research question: How do animal structures support survival, growth, and reproduction? In order to support student understanding, the class dissected a preserved squid in teams of two. As students dissected they discussed, the beak, tentacles, arms, suckers, ink sack, gills, esophagus, stomach, eyes, egg sack, funnel and pen and how each structure supported this cephalopod’s survival. These specimens were purchased through the Enel Solar Farm Grant. These future scientists approached the task with curiosity and excitement. During the follow up discussion, they rated it five stars.



PCS fourth graders dissected a squid.



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Quinebaug Valley Community College events

DANIELSON — Quinebaug Valley Community College has a number of coming events in March and April. The following events are open to the public:

March 11 – Spring Open House – Open House is the best way to discover why QVCC should be your choice for starting, finishing, or continuing your college education. One student who applies on or before March 11 (and attends Open House) will win a \$1,000 scholarship towards a degree or certificate program! Apply for the fall 2020 semester for free, learn about PACT (Pledge to Advance Connecticut) and hear from current students and alumni at our featured panel discussion. The on-campus SPIROL Art Gallery will also be open for browsing. Contact: Sarah Hendrick (shendrick@qvcc.edu, 860-932-4096).

March 24 – Visions in

Leadership – The QVCC Foundation is excited to announce the 2020 Visions in Leadership speakers: Brogan Graham and Bojan Mandaric, co-founders of the global free fitness movement, November Project. Brogan and Bojan’s focus, “Creating Community: Just Show Up!” will engage and energize all attendees, regardless of fitness level or interest. The reception will begin in the Atrium at 5:30pm with dinner and cocktails, catered by Jessica Tuesday’s. The presentation will begin at 6:30pm in the Robert E. Miller Auditorium. Tickets are \$60 and can be purchased at www.QVCC.edu/give-now (Gift designation: Visions in Leadership). Contact: Monique Wolanin (mwolanin@qvcc.edu, 860-932-4174).

March 26 – Free Naloxone (Narcan) Training – Through the Connecticut Healthy

Campus Initiative grant (CHCI), QVCC will offer a free training on administering Naloxone (Narcan) during an opioid overdose. The training will be held on March 26 in room W106 (Danielson Campus) from 5-6pm. Training is open to the public and includes a free Naloxone kit to take with you. No walk-ins, all participants must register with Mikaela Kitka (mkitka@qvcc.edu, 860-932-4299).

April 2 – Manufacturing Night in the Town of Putnam – More than 15 businesses are opening their doors to the community to learn about their business and see how QVCC Advanced Manufacturing graduates have become employed locally. This is hosted by the Town of Putnam and QVCC. Putnam Industrial Park, 5 – 8pm. Registration is from 5 – 6:30pm at Foster Corporation, 36 Ridge Road,

Putnam, CT 06260. Contact: Sandy Gould (sgould@qvcc.edu, 860-932-4178).

April 9 – Healthcare Career Exploration @ QVCC – QVCC offers both quick training certifications and degrees to help launch your career in healthcare. This healthcare career exploration event allows you to meet program graduates who are working in the field, hear from employers who have hired QVCC graduates, talk to faculty and instructors, and learn about the funding options available. April 9 at 6pm at the Danielson campus. Contact: Sarah Hendrick (shendrick@qvcc.edu, 860-932-4096).

April 9 – Advanced Manufacturing Information Session – Learn about QVCC’s Advanced Manufacturing and Mechatronics certificate programs. Tour the 10,000 sq. ft. facility where is learning is hands-on and applicable

to the manufacturing industry, both in Connecticut and nationally. Hear how our graduates get internships, many of which lead to full-time employment. One prospective student who attends will qualify to win a scholarship. April 9 at 6pm. Contact: Steve LaPointe (slapointe@qvcc.edu, 860-932-4111).

April 23 – 13th Annual Julius Sokenu Poetry Awards – Join us at 6pm on Thursday, April 23 at the Capitol Theater in Willimantic for the 13th Annual Julius Sokenu Poetry Awards, which will feature a reading and performance by The Cornelius Eady Trio and award-winning student poets. Hors d’oeuvres and refreshments will be served. Contact: Jon Andersen (jandersen@qvcc.edu, 860-932-4054).

artists excel in showcase

DANIELSON — Quinebaug Valley Community College recently announced that three student artists, Jaimie Lohman, from Dayville, Kristi Luchi, from Plainfield, and Kaylah Brace, from Webster, Mass., were selected to showcase their art in the 2020 Community Transfer Student Exhibition at the Donald and Linda Silpe Gallery at the Hartford Art School at the

University of Hartford). The exhibition will continue to run until March 12.

Students chosen for the exhibition demonstrated exceptional work, showcasing creative perspective and a mastery of skills. To be eligible for submission, students were required to submit a portfolio containing 10 pieces of original work, a 500-word artist statement, and a letter of recommendation. Students also

had to be enrolled in any Connecticut Community College (Asnuntuck, Capital, Gateway, Housatonic, Manchester, Middlesex, Naugatuck, Northwestern CT, Norwalk, Quinebaug, Three Rivers, Tunxis); or enrolled at Holyoke Community College, Springfield Technical Community College, or Greenfield Community College.

Roads impacted by Courthouse O’Putnam 5K

PUTNAM — Limited road closures will affect the area from 10:30 a.m. until 4 p.m. for the Courthouse O’Putnam 5K on Sunday, March 15. With approximately 1,500 participants expected at the event, please be aware of traffic impact. The following areas and streets will be used for the race. Roads will reopen as runners pass. Expect minor delays and detours on the following roads:

Main Street (Bundy – Front Street) 10:30 a.m. - 4:00 p.m.
Main Street (Massicotte Circle – Bundy Street) 11:00 a.m. - 2:30 p.m.
Canal Street 11:30 a.m. - 1:30 p.m.
Kennedy Drive (Canal Street – Sunset Avenue) 1:00 p.m. - 2:00 p.m.

Sunset Avenue (Kennedy Drive – Park Street) 1:00 p.m. - 2:00 p.m.
Park Street 1:00 p.m. - 2:00 p.m.
Arch Street (Park Street – S. Main Street) 1:00 p.m. - 2:00 p.m.
S. Main Street (Arch Street – Front Street) 1:00 p.m. - 2:00 p.m.
Front Street (S. Main Street – School Street) 1:00 p.m. - 2:00 p.m.
School Street (Front Street – Providence Street) 1:00 p.m. - 2:00 p.m.
Providence Street (School Street – Kennedy Drive) 1:00 p.m. - 2:00 p.m.
Kennedy Drive (Providence Street – Massicotte Circle) 1:00 p.m. - 2:00 p.m.
Massicotte Circle (Kennedy Drive – Main Street) 1:00 p.m. - 2:00 p.m..

Quest Martial Arts



PUTNAM — Grandmaster Mike Bogdanski and Master Kristin Duethorn of Quest Martial Arts in Putnam recently announced their monthly graduates:

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Charlotte McGlynn
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Jackson Kamfunik
Violet Parquette
Green Dragon
Mahalia Winsey
Red Dragon
Greyson Bowen
Yellow Belt
Miloh Brooks
Aiden Chandler
Victoria Salley
Aaliyah Winsey
Orange-Blue Belt
Gino Esposito

Orange-Blue Belt
Peyton Salley
Blue-White Belt
Avery Andrews
Blue Belt
Madison Healey
Samantha Mills
Lana Powell
Lillian Webb
Blue-Black Belt
Allyson Gagnon
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The local women who fought to vote

Distraction can be a good thing. As any reader of more than one of my columns can attest, my mind wanders all over. Lately I have been thinking about the 19th amendment and women’s suffrage. The 100th anniversary of women getting the vote in federal elections made me wonder what happened in my own small town. I set off one dreary afternoon for the vault at our town hall. Every time I wander in, I am amazed at the treasure trove of material. History is on every shelf. The past is vibrant and real.

Cheryl Grist, the town clerk in my town, is remarkable. She is the current office holder in a short line of people to serve in the position. For over a century, there have only been four town clerks. Counting Cheryl, I have known three of the four. I don’t think my town is unique, but it is fortunate. Consistency is important and that is what we have. Cheryl was quick to help me by hauling out a large box of newly preserved voting records. I was fascinated by the sheets of paper that recorded events.

Internet research reminded me of some historical facts I had forgotten and some I had never learned. Let’s put it all in perspective. The CT. Women’s Suffrage Association was founded by Isabelle Beecher Hooker and Frances Ellen Burr in 1869. The main goal was ratification of the 19th amendment. They could never have predicted how long it would take, even though the women had famous connections and competence. They could not push Connecticut forward.

In 1887 the Married Women’s Property bill was passed, and in 1893 women could vote for school officials and in 1909 on library issues. In 1911 members of the CT. Women’s Suffrage Association went on a month long automobile tour of Litchfield County as people there were especially opposed. On a short list of women voters, the word “person” had been scratched out and “Ladies” written in on a record from 1916. I assume the women were allowed to vote on a limited number of issues or perhaps in town meetings if they owned property. I recognized a number of the names.

The 19th amendment passed in 1919 and was ratified in Connecticut in 1920. Both of our Senators at the time voted against it. It had only taken 41 years to get it passed.

I wondered which women voted and if they represented a cross section of my town. Wealthy women were on the list, but so were women from families that owned farms, businesses, and worked in large houses. Public school teachers as well as Mable Bigelow, who with her husband founded The Rectory School, were well represented.

Voter registration sessions were held four times in the fall of 1920. The number of names piled up. Each sheet of handwritten names, the accuracy of which was attested to by the selectmen and the town clerk, is brimming with women eager to vote. I felt elated as I ran my finger up and down the lists and thought of the people I knew, including an African American woman, who had registered. History was being made and they were part of it.

The women who registered were part of a long struggle. They had lived through WWI and the flu. Dorothy Jones Bartlett from Putnam, had been jailed for her protests and treated badly. She returned to tell her story and take a seat in the General Assembly. The women added their voices to town government and to electing presidents. It’s good to remember them.



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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Trump is Name Caller in Chief

Often, I don’t know whether to laugh or cry, whether some of the letters to the editor published are serious or parody. A case in point is Let your vote do the talking in your 28 February edition.

If the writer wants to poo-poo the fact that every domestic intelligence agency confirms that Russia meddled in the 2016 presidential election and is meddling in the current one, it’s her privilege. So much for “well-informed” voting decisions. Despite what Trump, his advisors, press secretaries and the right-wing media would have you believe, there are still facts and “alternative facts” are lies. If she really wants Russian propaganda to obscure the truth and influence the election, she shouldn’t decry indoctrination. Parody?

The author rails against name-calling, bullying, hatred and sanctimony, all characteristics contained in her writing. She calls Bernie Sanders a “communist.” Seriously? Hypocrisy? Parody, just another lie or hatred? Maybe Trump acolytes should start calling Trump a fascist since he exchanges “love letters” with foreign dictators.

The writer also trumpets the purported accomplishments of President Trump and

seems to be totally oblivious to the fact that he is the number one name-caller, bully, liar and perpetrator of hate in the United States. Has she forgotten, or simply wishes to ignore, the dozens of names that Trump has used to bully and demean hundreds of his political opponents, men and women who’ve served the country honorably, Gold Star family members, judges and jurors? What about the 18,000 plus lies the President has told and the Nazis and white supremacists he called “very fine people”?

The writer urges readers not to let name-calling bother us. Something is deeply wrong if decent people are not bothered by the President’s unprecedented behavior. Seriously, do you want your children and grandchildren emulating him?

It is often argued that we’re enduring one of the most hyper partisan periods in U.S. history. Let your vote do the talking is convincing evidence. Join the majority of U.S. voters who voted for Hillary Clinton and elect a new president this November.

BILLY G. TAYLOR
DAYVILLE

Hayes and Flexer shake hands

Last Saturday afternoon, my wife and I went to the “Grand Opening” celebration of a local brewing company. Anyhow, to my surprise, in attendance was Rep. Mae Flexer (D) and Rep. Rick Hayes (R) cordially standing side by side who awarded them with a certificate to honor the new business. (And they actually shook hands!) I got to speak with them both and said that though the Democrats and Republicans can’t seem to agree on anything nowadays, there is one thing that today they can agree on — beer! Back on July 30, 2009, then President Barack Obama and V.P. Joe Biden held a meeting on the White House lawn, dubbed as “the beer summit,” it brought two sides together to discuss an issue over a cold one. As a result, the parties agreed that “it’s important to look forward rather than backward.” Obama said,

“I have always believed that what brings us together is stronger than what pulls us apart.” Sadly such thinking has gone out the window. There might be some hope for the American people if more cordial - and actual problem solving - meetings over a beer would happen. And from what I could see on the internet, it seems that Donald Trump does not drink beer. Hopefully that is not a lie. Next I’ll have to check to see if Bernie Sanders is offering “free” beer? Unfortunately, I missed the opportunity to have a beer with Presidential hopeful, Vermin Supreme when he was at a campaign stop in Worcester, Mass. last Thursday.

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Killingly BOE ignores Indigenous voices

“E Pluribus Unum”: Out of many, one. This was the motto adopted by the newly formed American Republic after the War for Independence. The words evoke the unity of the former colonies despite their acknowledged diversity. They seem friendly enough. But let’s interrogate the wording of this phrase. Out of many, one. Who was included in this singularity of newly minted American identity? Were Indigenous people, whose lands were being stolen and coerced from their hands included in that one? What about enslaved Africans? The pleasantness of the “E Pluribus Unum” motto is markedly diminished when we realized the mental gymnastics required of the founding fathers in declaring their own independence from Britain’s colonial rule while simultaneously imposing their own colonial rule on the Indigenous people of North America; while simultaneously buying and selling human beings for exploitative labor. This motto was not a call to unify everyone in 1782, it was a call to unify white European settlers. It was

a salve to sooth the unavoidable hypocrisy of the American settler state. It follows then that the “many” in this motto represents a token diversity, the diversity of a privileged group of people already in power. In the aftermath of the recent mascot debate in Killingly, I argue that it still does. The very Board of Education members who ignored the condemnations of Indigenous leadership from all over the region, the very officials who reinstated the Redmen name in front of Indigenous youth; the very people in positions of power who ignored Indigenous scholars and asserted their privilege to represent Native people and Native history however they like; these are the same people who want to unite everyone under a nationalist motto that from its inception, ignored Indigenous voices.

HEATHER LAW PEZZAROSI
SYRACUSE, N.Y.
KILLINGLY HIGH CLASS OF 1997

Smiles and endorphins

I went shopping the other day and just felt happy, the sun was shining and I was just happy to be healthy and alive in this wonderful community and this world. I wore a smile everywhere I went because I just couldn’t help it. Everyone I smiled at smiled back. Some were hesitant, but smiled just the same. Smiles are contagious, no doubt.

I learned years ago that you’re not fully dressed without your smile. Sometimes, your smile is the only smile others will see that day. It is more important than your hairstyle, clothing or circumstance. It’s free! It’s uplifting and makes a big difference to those who

may need one.

Smiling is good for the skin....uplifting for your face and your soul. Endorphins are released and not just those strangers that you randomly come across, but for your family, your friends and neighbors and for you! It is a balm to soothe anxiety and worry. if only for a moment. Why not share this phenomenal magic with everyone who crosses your path? We all need a smile along the way, make it your goal today, to smile.

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Women’s challenges in financial planning

As many of you, our dedicated readers, know, Jim Zahansky, Principal/Managing Partner, has historically authored a column each month. Jim has welcomed me, Leisl Cording, Vice President, Associate Financial Advisor and Laurence Hale, Principal/Managing Partner to contribute our knowledge of the industry to you. Jim, Laurence, and I will alternate author’ship throughout the year, sharing



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our experience and unique strategies to encourage you to, our dedicated readers, Plan Well. Invest Well. Live Well.TM

March is Women’s History Month, and we have never felt more empowered than we do today. There are more female CEOs in the Fortune 500 than ever. Women are running for office in record numbers. More women are pursuing entrepreneurship. Women are earning more bachelor’s degrees than men. More working mothers are the primary or sole earners in their households. The list goes on and on. Why is it then, that when it comes to financial planning, women face a unique set of challenges? In recognition of Women’s History Month, we’ll be exploring those challenges and the strategies to overcome them.

The 2019 Women, Money, and Power Study, commissioned by Allianz Life Insurance Company, found that, while the past several years have put a spotlight on female empowerment, women are struggling to make progress with financial literacy. “These findings were quite surprising because women have come a long way when it comes to our roles in work and family, yet we don’t feel prepared financially,” said Aimee Lynn Johnson, vice president of financial planning strategies, Allianz Life. “This begs the question, at a time when women are accomplishing so much, why aren’t they feeling more empowered about their financial future?”

For women to achieve true empowerment, it is imperative to close the financial literacy gap. Here are some fundamental reasons why: Women live longer: According to a Centers for Disease Control and Prevention report, the average male life expectancy is about 76 years, while a woman’s is a little over 81 years. That means that retirement planning is even more critical for women. Health care is another financial concern. Of the 5.3 million people aged 65 and older who have Alzheimer’s, 62% of them are female, according to a report by the Alzheimer’s Association. By the time a woman is 75 years old, there’s a 70% chance she will need assisted care at some point during her life. Rising health care costs, coupled with long-term care costs increasing at a rate higher than inflation, will require women to plan ahead financially.

Women control the purse strings: Projections indicate that women will inherit 70% of future wealth over the course of the next two generations. That excludes the increasing amounts they earn on their own. Women already own more than half of the investable assets in the U.S., and by 2030 it’s estimated that women will possess about two-thirds of the nation’s wealth. With women poised to control the majority of the

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Who remembers Alice Eleanor Shop?

I had time recently to browse through some of the many binders of clippings at the Killingly Historical & Genealogical Center. The collections have much more than genealogy. The following articles are from the binder entitled Norwich Bulletin Articles 1962-63, etc. BGM K-1. One article I came across from the July 25, 1983 Journal/Transcript was entitled, “Ames opens Dayville store Thursday. Store to be company’s first in state. Dayville--the shopping plaza at the junction of Routes 12 and 101 regains major tenant Thursday when Ames Department Store opens its first store in Connecticut. The Ames store occupies (the site which) until last December housed the Kings Department store. Kings, facing economic woes, abruptly closed several stores shortly before Christmas last year”(p. 17). According to Natalie Coolidge’s Killingly Business Encyclopedia when it closed on December 4, 1982, it had about 40 employees (Norwich Bulletin 12/4/1982). Killingly Historical Center archivist Lynn LaBerge worked at King’s during its closing and helped pack up the store. She said that she worked about forty hours in three days. The first store on that site was Barker’s, which officially opened September 13, 1972 according to the Business Encyclopedia. Please feel free to share your memories about any of the three stores by emailing me or by calling the Killingly Historical Center.

How many of you recall when Davis Place opened? I came across the following Thursday, December 7, 1972 Norwich Bulletin article in the same binder: “Convalescent Facility Will Open in Danielson. Stula Pavilion, the most complete convalescent care facility in Eastern Connecticut, will hold an open house here Sunday from 2 to 5 p.m. The public is invited to attend a ribbon-cutting ceremony at 2 p.m. and then tour the facilities of the 180-bed convalescent center.” A follow-up, undated photo from the Bulletin, showed State Representative Morton Blumenthal, (R), Danielson; State Senator Louise Berry (R), Danielson; Mrs. Mary Stula and her husband John Stula, owners and operators of Stula Pavilion at the dedication ceremonies. (Binder, p. 19-20).

Do you remember the former A. F. Wood building on Railroad Square? Photos from the Windham County Transcript dated August 15, 1974 show its demolition. “A Close Call: During the demolition of the former A. F. Wood building on Railroad Square in the Danielson Redevelopment Project the Railroad Street wall of the building decided to fall ahead of schedule, just as two workmen started to move traffic barricades out of the way. In the second photo, the workmen run away from the building with one barricade,



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I decided to check the Killingly Business Encyclopedia to see what it had to say about the Wood’s business block. Its owner, Albertus F. Wood, was born in East Killingly in 1857. From 1880-1883 he drove the order wagon for baker J. E. Logee. “In 1883 he entered R. F. Lyon and Co.’s drug store, remaining there eight years, and was, we think, the first person to receive a state pharmacist’s license by examination in this town. (Business Men’s edition WCT, 3/23/1905). In 1891 Wood purchased an undertaking business. In 1902 and 1903 he purchased the livery stables and express business and teams of O. W. Bowen and of C. H. Pellett. The building being demolished in 1974 was constructed in 1906. “Large cement block stones to be used in the erection of A. F. Wood’s new business block will be made here, the machine for the same having already arrived. The 13,000 blocks were made on the property of James Prentice. “It is an interesting sight.” (WCT 4/5/1906; 5/10/1906) Wood died in 1937. “A few months before his death in 1937 he delegated the actual management (of the undertaking business) to Waldo E. Tillinghast.” (WCT 1937).

According to Bernie Mitchell at one time there was a Nash/Rambler salesman on the north side of the building, a furniture company upstairs, and a taxi company in the building.

Since March is Women’s History Month I thought I’d extract a few businesses owned or operated by women from the Killingly Business Encyclopedia by Natalie Coolidge. Note that many married women were not referred to by their given names but as Mrs. Also note that 19th century women were often seamstresses, dressmakers, or ran boarding houses. Many young unmarried women worked in the local mills. An early alphabetized entry of the Business Encyclopedia read, “Mrs. E. H. Abbott, dressmaker, Reynolds St., Danielsonville, Has taken rooms at residence of late Dr. Jones (Windham County Transcript 9/8/1864). You may recall that Emeline Roberts Jones, widow of Dr. Jones, has been recognized as the first female dentist in the United States. According to the Connecticut Women’s Hall of Fame, Emeline became her husband’s dental partner in 1859 (in Danielsonville) after performing

numerous fillings and extractions on her own. How terribly sad it was to read of her husband’s death in June of 1864 (WCT 6/30/1864). Emeline Jones then obtained short-term dental assistance from Dr. St. John’s of Danbury and former Danielsonville resident Dr. R. D. Brown (WCT 9/1/1864, 10/20/1864). However, the January 5, 1865 Transcript contains an ad for Mrs. D. A. Jones, dentist. Her association with another dentist, Horace S. Young, would prove to be a lasting one in more ways than one since they were married in 1866 (Killingly Vital Records, Vo. 2, p. 352). From 1876 until 1915 she practiced in New Haven, CT. Emeline died in 1916. (Wikipedia) For a photo of Emeline Roberts Jones see Wikipedia or dent.umich.edu.

Additional female entries in the Business Encyclopedia include Clara E. Adams, dressmaker, 1923-24 Danielson Directory, Clarissa Abigail Adams, tailoress, Danielson (Killingly Vitals); Adams, Deanna, Wigs-N-Things, Main Street Danielson, 1972; Eliza Martin Adams, Cloak Maker, 1907; Laurie Adams, Expert Billing, Jacques Road, 1999; Marinda Adams, tailoress, 1870; Pamela Aldrich, 1880 Keeps Boarding House; Esther A. Alexander, dressmaker, 1870, 1881; Anna Alexis, Property Management, 2009.

I thought I’d close with Alice Eleanor Shop, Inc. on Main Street, which I’m sure many of you fondly remember. Alice E. Lemmelin and Eleanor Marcil, natives of Willimantic, established the business on March 20, 1920 (nearly 100 years ago) in the Keystone Block (which was located at the lower end of Main Street). At first their stock limited “to corsets, hosiery, underwear and dresses.” Their growing business demanded larger quarters and in May 1926 they moved to the Longo Block and also added exclusive lines in cosmetics, jewelry, handbags, coats and table linens. In 1965 the store was sold to Mrs. Daniel Ferron and she and her husband continued to operate the store despite a fire in 1972. Entries continue in the Business Encyclopedia until 1996. If you recall what year the store closed, please let me know. Please feel free to share your memories.

Margaret M. Weaver is the Killingly Municipal Historian. Special thanks to Lynn LaBerge and Bernie Mitchell for sharing their memories. For additional information e-mail Weaver at margaretmweaver@gmail.com or visit the Killingly Historical & Genealogical Center Wed. or Sat. 10-4 or www.killinglyhistorical.org. or call (860) 779-7250. Like us at Facebook at www.facebook.com/killinglyhistoricalsociety. Mail for the Killingly Historical & Genealogical Society, Inc. or the Killingly Historical and Genealogical Center should be sent to PO Box 265, Danielson, Ct. 06329.

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BROOKLYN

Monday, March 9
Parks and Recreation, 7 p.m., Clifford B. Green Memorial Center
Tuesday, March 10
IWWC, 6:00 p.m., Clifford B. Green Memorial Center
Wednesday, March 11
Budget Workshop, 6 p.m., Central Administration Community Room
Thursday, March 12
Board of Assessment Appeals, 6:30 p.m., Town Hall
Board of Selectmen, 7:30 p.m., Clifford B. Green Memorial Center

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Tuesday, March 10
Regular Town Council, 7 p.m.
Wednesday, March 11
Board of Education, 7 p.m.
Ag Committee Regular, 7 p.m., Room 102
Thursday, March 12
ZBA Regular, 7 p.m., Town Meeting Room

EASTFORD

Sunday, March 8
Recreation Commission, 3 p.m., Town Office Building
Tuesday, March 10
Planning, 7 p.m., Town Office Building
Wednesday, March 11
Registrar of Voters, 5 p.m., Town Office Building

POMFRET

Monday, March 9
Board of Finance, 6:30 p.m., Pomfret Community School Conference Room
Green Team, 7 p.m., Senior Center
Tuesday, March 10
Economic Planning and Development, 8 a.m., Senior Center

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Thursday, March 12
WPCA, 6:30 p.m.

THOMPSON

Monday, March 9
Board of Education, 7 p.m., Middle School Media Center
Zoning Board of Appeals, 7 p.m., Town Hall, Merrill Seney Community Room
Tuesday, March 10
Housing Authority Commission, 5:15 p.m., Housing Authority Office, 815 Riverside Drive, Thompson
Inland Wetlands Commission, 7 p.m., Town Hall, Merrill Seney Community Room
Wednesday, March 11
Building Committee, 6 p.m., Thompson Middle School Media Center
Thursday, March 12
Water Pollution Control Authority, 6 p.m., WPCA Treatment Plant Office, 40 Riverside Drive, Thompson
Friday, March 13
Mill Sites Redevelopment Advisory Committee, 9 a.m., Town Hall, Merrill Seney Community Room

WOODSTOCK

Saturday, March 7
Board of Education budget forum, 10 a.m., Woodstock Middle School cafeteria
Monday, March 9
Recreation, 7 p.m., Room C
Tuesday, March 10
Board of Finance, 7 p.m., Room 1
Wednesday, March 11
CONS COMM, 7 p.m., Room A
Fire Department FOI, 7 p.m., Room 1
Thursday, March 12
CMM, 8 a.m., Room 1
Aboretum, 6 p.m., Room A
Board of Education, 7 p.m., Middle School
Open Space, 7 p.m., Room B



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ing basic estate planning documents, such as a will, trust, durable power of attorney, and health-care proxy.

Closing the gap: Financially literate women have the strategies to grow their wealth and use those assets to contribute to causes they believe in. That includes having a more significant stake in political and social movements, as well as the ability to financially back charitable causes. Closing the financial literacy gap may also allow women to support and invest in female entrepreneurs. This will help to fuel economic growth by building a broad consumer movement of support for women-owned businesses.

Investing in women’s financial literacy is the key to achieving economic and social equality. As women become leaders across the world, it’s vital to ensure that they have access to a robust and meaningful financial education. With greater economic self-sufficiency and empowerment, there are no limits to what we as women can accomplish. At Weiss, Hale & Zahansky Strategic Wealth Advisors, we work alongside all of our clients to develop their unique and strategic plans, and we value the importance of empowering women to make their own financial decisions. You can access weekly market highlights, along with additional information, on our website at www.whzwealth.com/resources. If you are not already, we encourage you to follow us on Facebook and LinkedIn for timely information, just search Weiss, Hale & Zahansky Strategic Wealth Advisors!

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assets, we owe it to ourselves to learn how to manage them properly.

Women deserve economic equality: On average, a woman today earns between 80 to 82 cents for every dollar a man earns or \$9,308 less annually. Over a lifetime, this adds up to \$456,092. Women tend to make less, spend an average of 12 fewer years in the workforce, and as a result, have lower lifetime earnings (which means smaller Social Security payments). By understanding how to manage personal finances, women will be better able to make informed economic decisions over the course of their lives. Also, women will have a better grasp of their worth in the marketplace. Ultimately this information can help to reduce the gender pay gap.

Steps women can take: In the past, women may have taken a less active role in household financial decision making. But, for many, those days are over. Today, women have more financial responsibility for themselves and their families, so it’s critical that women know how to save, invest, and plan for the future.

Here are some strategies women can consider: Take control of your money. Create a budget, manage debt and credit wisely, set and prioritize financial goals, and implement a savings and investment strategy to meet those goals.

Become a knowledgeable investor. Learn basic investing concepts, such as asset classes, risk tolerance, time horizon, diversification, inflation, the role of various financial vehicles like 401(k)s and IRAs, and the role of income, growth, and safety investments in a portfolio. Look for investing opportunities in the purchasing decisions you make every day. Have patience, be willing to ask questions, admit mistakes, and seek help when necessary.

Plan for retirement. Save as much as you can for retirement. Estimate how much money you’ll need in retirement, and how much you can expect from

your savings, Social Security, and/or an employer pension. Understand how your Social Security benefit amount will change depending on the age you retire, and also how years spent out of the workforce might affect the amount you receive. At retirement, make sure you understand your retirement plan distribution options, and review your portfolio regularly. Also, factor the cost of health care (including long-term care) into your retirement planning, and understand the basic rules of Medicare.

Advocate for yourself in the workplace. Have confidence in your work ability and advocate for your worth in the workplace by researching salary ranges, negotiating your starting salary, seeking highly visible job assignments, networking, and asking for raises and promotions. In addition, keep an eye out for new career opportunities, entrepreneurial ventures, and/or ways to grow your business.

Seek help to balance work and family. If you have children and work outside the home, investigate and negotiate flexible work arrangements that may allow you to keep working, and make sure your spouse is equally invested in household and child-related responsibilities. If you stay at home to care for children, keep your skills up to date to the extent possible in case you return to the workforce, and stay involved in household financial decision making. If you’re caring for aging parents, ask adult siblings or family members for help, and seek outside services and support groups that can offer you a respite and help you cope with stress.

Protect your assets. Identify potential risk exposure and implement strategies to reduce that exposure. For example, life and disability insurance is vital to protect your ability to earn an income and/or care for your family in the event of disability or death. In some cases, more sophisticated strategies, such as other legal entities or trusts, may be needed.

Create an estate plan. To ensure that your personal and financial wishes will be carried out in the event of your incapacity or death, consider execut-

Courtney questions Navy officials over Virginia-Class submarine reduction

WASHINGTON, D.C. — Congressman Joe Courtney (Conn. 2nd District), Chairman of the House Armed Services Seapower and Projection Forces Subcommittee, questioned Chief of Naval Operations Admiral Michael M. Gilday on Feb. 28 about the Navy’s 2021 budget request, which included a reduction in Virginia-class production next year from two submarines to one.

“In this year’s submission, you’ve got two salvage ships. We need them, they’re important, but let’s face it: the [operational plans] for our near-peer competitors, China and Russia, the attack submarines are really the tip of the spear in terms of what we need out there. And cutting that Virginia-class sub [...] is at-odds with the National Defense Strategy when you drill down in terms of what real lethality is.

“Last year, Admiral Richardson – Admiral Gilday’s predecessor – when he was testifying about boosting attack submarine production to above the program of record of two-per-year, stated that ‘With respect to our greatest gap between the war-fighting requirement and current inventory, there is no greater need than the attacks submarine fleet. It’s a wide gap, and it’s getting wider. So ever single submarine counts

against closing that gap.’ At that point we were talking about going above the program of record – now we’re in a situation where we’re below the program of record of two a year.

“I want to just salute the fact that in your unfunded priorities you put at the top of the list restoring that submarine. Again, Admiral Gilday, we were up in Groton on Monday, and a couple months ago up in Quonset. You got a real firsthand look in terms of the workforce, the design completion, which you mentioned for both the VPM and Columbia. What’s the Navy’s position about execution in terms of adhering to the two a year program in terms of just is that a factor in the decision, or was it resources,” Courtney said.

In response to Rep. Courtney, Admiral Gilday confirmed that “it was definitely affordability in terms of that submarine being cut,” not concerns about the ability for the industrial base to handle the work. With respect to the two a year build rate and the priority placed on submarines, Admiral Gilday added that:

“To your previous question, you asked about numbers per year – yes. In terms of two-a-year, to close the gap on where we need to be, that’s how we need

to build.

“And if you asked me, if I could give you another ship today, what would it be? It would be a Virginia-class submarine.”

The exchange adds to several rounds of questioning last week in the House Armed Services Committee related to the Navy’s 2021 budget request for shipbuilding and the Virginia class submarine:

Defense Secretary Mark Esper was questioned about the makeup of the 355-ship fleet, responding that “I think we need more attack submarines, frankly.” He also testified that “I’m a big believer in attack submarines. I actually believe, my gut tells me we need more than what we’ve planned for.”

When asked whether reducing the Virginia-class submarine build rate in exchange for increased nuclear weapons modernization funds reflected his best military advice, Chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff General Mark Milley stated that “No, it is not...in that particular case, I wasn’t personally involved in the decision on that. However, that was a case where there was some internal deliberations at the last minute to make sure that the nuclear enterprise was fully funded.”

Similarly, Acting Navy Secretary Thomas Modly was asked whether the Navy was involved in the decision, “I was not directly involved in those discussion. It happened at budget endgame very quickly and we were informed after the decision was made.”

Acting Secretary of the Navy Thomas Modly was asked how last-minute budget changes, such as redirecting funds from submarine shipbuilding to nuclear modernization, impacts the Navy’s ability to meet its force level goals. Modly responded: “Well, to be frank it’s not helpful because it takes a ship out of a plan that we are driving towards. It particularly is harmful in the sense that it takes a ship about of a category of ship for which we are going to have a hard time getting to in the way. We feel like we need to have at least 66 attack submarines. Even on the 10-year trajectory based on industrial base capacity we think we can get to about 49 or 50 so it takes out one...the ship that comes out of the process in any given year is going to impact our ability to get there as quickly as I would like to.”

Birthing dreams



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I’ll never forget the day when my grandsons were born. While in many ways, it was a blur of a mixture of intoxicating joy and anxiety, there are several images that are forever ingrained in my memories. Birthing is a 9-month process, no doubt, but I got to see the final inning. Both boys brought on minor complications for their mother, so it was the team of doctors and nurses that made this miracle possible in the 9th inning.

There was a couple of doctors and several nurses on hand to birth a single child. All the focus of several adults was to make sure the babies were born and entered the world safely while keeping mother healthy. For some kids, that may be the most positive atten-

tion they will receive from a group of adults. Birthing is always a miracle.

This morning when I woke in my happy place – Sierra Madre, California – my grandsons, Caleb and Noah were sleeping in the bedroom next to me. The joy I felt was indescribable. There is nothing that lifts the human spirit like being in the presence of people you love and who love you in return.

As I reflected on this gift of being under the same roof as Caleb and Noah, I was brought back to the days they were born and was overwhelmed with pure gratitude for what it took to bring them here on earth. As I said, birthing is always a miracle.

Yesterday, I witnessed a different kind of miraculous birthing – the birth of a dream in the imagination of a boy. It was opening day of Sierra Madre Little League’s spring season. It began with a parade of the teams and ended with a ceremony at the baseball park. What I found to be incredi-

ble, is how this town of ten thousand people turned out to support these kids. The parade route was lined with residents and after their team passed, they fell into line and followed them to the ceremony.

There were over fifty volunteer coaches, hundreds of kids in baseball uniforms and I’m guessing a thousand or more residents in attendance. As I sat in the bleachers listening to the introduction of teams and coaches, I listened to the conversations around me and realized many of those in attendance did not have a child on the team, yet they turned out to support the youth of their community.

But what stood out to me the most was the wonder I saw in the eye of my grandson, Caleb. Of course, I’d be bragging if I told you all about how Caleb not only had a 3-run homer, and drove in another 6 runs with two singles, but something much more beautiful was unfolding – a dream. When we got home that night, Caleb was asking questions about college

baseball, and then Babe Ruth, and Ted Williams. He had a sparkle in his eye – the glimmer of a dream being born. Caleb, no doubt, has dreams of being a great baseball player someday.

I’ve learned through years of experience that kids who are involved in group or team activities are better students and get into less trouble. And if their parents or guardians turn out to volunteer and support them, the positive impact of the activity is compounded. Whether its sports, music or any activity that teaches them discipline, focus and how to achieve a goal, these kids have a greater shot at growing into successful and happy adults, and even better, a better chance of birthing big dreams.

We’ve all heard the old African saying that says, “It takes a village to raise a child.” I would also add, it takes a village to birth a dream in a child. Because of the dedication of coaches, and the community of Sierra Madre, kids like my grandson, Caleb, are dream-

ing big dreams. I don’t know about you, but we need more of that in America. Sierra Madre, California is showing the rest of us how to not just dream dreams, but birth dreams. The actions of this village are not just raising children but planting dreams and creating young people who develop habits of achievement that will follow them into adulthood. Like the moment of birth, this community is planting dreams that will be born later in the form of successful and productive adults.

What happened on a Saturday morning in Sierra Madre wasn’t about baseball, it was a community midwifing dreams in the minds of children. The community helped their children know that they mattered. It wasn’t a day about sports but about love and miracles.

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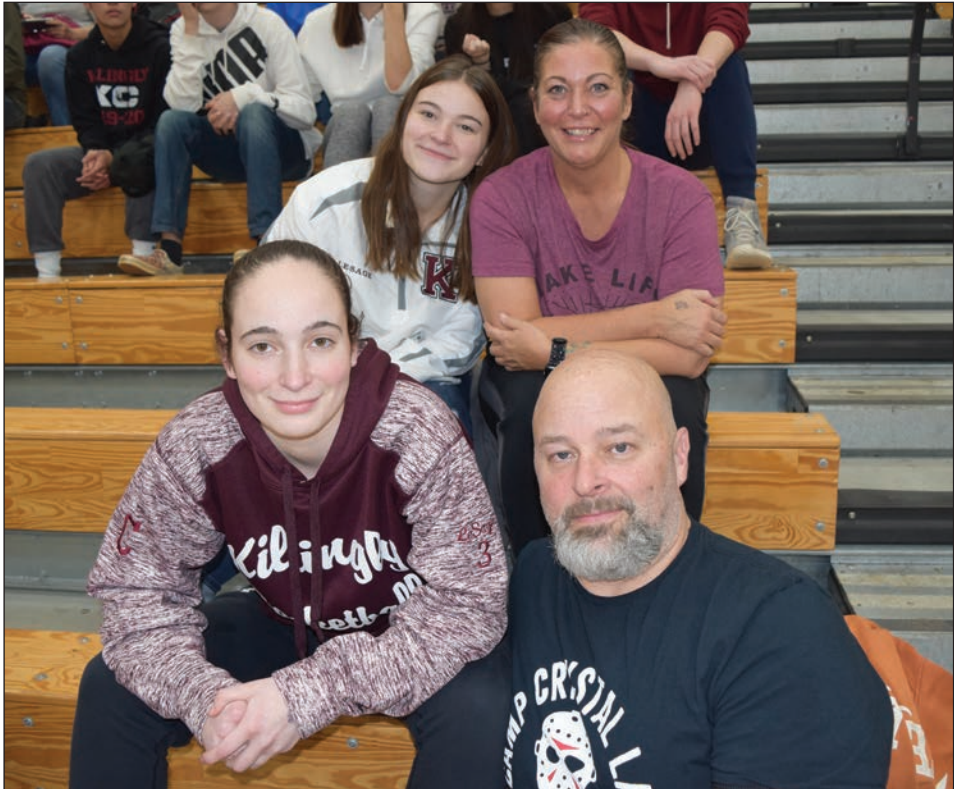
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DAYVILLE — Killingly High fans came out to support their girls basketball team in the first round of the Class MM state tournament on Tuesday, March 3. Killingly did not disappoint the home crowd, defeating Branford 47-35.

Charlie Lentz photos



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From left, Mike Stackbol, Phyllis Stackbol, Michele Kelly, Brady Kelly (front)

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Pets: Goldendoodle, Sophie Doodle Johnston - the best fur baby ever!

How long have you lived in the area?
Just moved to Killingly last year but lived in Thompson my entire life

Do you have a favorite food?
I am a self-diagnosed "ice cream-aholic" !

What is currently your favorite TV Show?
Frankie & Grace on Netflix. The combination of Lily Tomlin and Jane Fonda makes for a lot of laughs.

What is your favorite travel destination? Any place that offers me the ocean and a sandy beach.

What's the best part about your town?

I feel blessed to live in a community where neighbors care about neighbors and giving back is a normal part of life.

Who has been the greatest influence in your life?
My husband Shawn. He is honest, has an incredibly strong moral character and is so very giving of himself.

Who is your favorite musical artist?
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Charlie Lentz photos

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Putnam advances to 2nd round of states



Putnam High's Kayleigh Lyons drives to the hoop against Achievement First on Tuesday, March 3.



Putnam's Emma Brathwaite shoots over Achievement First's Alicia Turton.



Putnam High's Amayah Chavez, right, and Achievement First's De'Aisha Jones track down a loose ball on Tuesday night.

BY CHARLIE LENTZ
VILLAGER EDITOR

PUTNAM — This is what Kayleigh Lyons and her Putnam High teammates have worked for. The Clippers have once again reached the second round of the Class S state tournament — they did so by knocking off Hartford's Achievement First 59-12 in the first round of the state playoffs on Tuesday night. But there is much more work to be done.

"Hopefully people realize this is history in the making for Putnam," said Lyons after scoring a game-high 25 points over Achievement First.

For the third season in a row the Clippers have reached the second round of states — the last two seasons they were stopped in the second round. The task ahead for second-seeded Putnam is to get past No.-15 seeded Portland this Friday, March 6, in a second-round game set for 6:30 p.m. at Putnam High School.

"We want to definitely get past the second round. It looks like we have a good chance with our matchups," Lyons said. "I think our team can do it. This is the year to do it. So hopefully we just get past the second round."

Lyons said having the home crowd behind the Clippers just might make the difference.

"We thrive off the crowd's energy. That makes us play better. Get as many people as we can to come out and just play ball," Lyons said. "For me and my team that is definitely the biggest part of the game, having that support out there, cheering for you, getting you

going, getting you hyped up — every shot, every steal — that definitely makes it have a better outcome for us."

Portland (12-9) advanced to Friday's second round game with a 48-33 win over 18th-seeded Somers in the opening round on Tuesday night. Lyons looked forward to a tough contest on Friday night.

"We're getting scouting reports so hopefully we learn from the scouting reports and work on it in practice and be focused," Lyons said. "Don't look too far ahead."

Coach Mandi Hogan said the Clippers will be ready.

"We've been preparing all week. Just been putting in a lot of work. We just have to come in and practice harder," Hogan said. "The kids are excited. Their goal is to get out of the second round. We have to play great basketball. The further you get into the state tournament the harder the teams are. The kids have to come out and they have to play together and they have to play Putnam basketball."

It has been a season of accomplishment for the Clippers. Putnam won its second straight Eastern Connecticut Conference Division 4 title — this season finishing with a perfect 8-0 division mark. The Clippers earned the top seed in the ECC Division 2 Tournament. The win over Achievement first lifted Putnam's record to 20-4 — the most wins in one season in Hogan's seven-year tenure on the bench. Hogan said there is much for the fans to appreciate and she hopes they will come out to root for the Clippers on Friday, March 6.

"This community should be excited for what we've been doing around here. The kids are undefeated in their division, back-to-back (ECC) champions, getting all the way down as a No. 1 seed to Mohegan Sun," Hogan said. "There's just a lot of excitement and energy and the community should come out and support the girls."

Lyons said although Putnam lost to Class MM Killingly High 55-49 in the ECC Division 2 Tournament title game, the run to the tourney championship at Mohegan Sun Arena helped prep the Clippers for the Class S state tourney.

"I think with the Mohegan Sun game that definitely prepared us for the games coming ahead. That was a really tough loss but we're back and we're not done yet," Lyons said.

Putnam's Abby St. Martin scored 14 points in the win over 31st-seeded Achievement First. Alex Hutchins, Molly McKeon, and Haley Cutler each added four points for the Clippers. Alicia Turton led Achievement First with six points. The loss ended the Royals season at 3-18.

Coach Hogan hopes Putnam's season doesn't end against Portland on Friday night — she hoped there is still work to be done.

"Twenty wins, we're 20-4, playing 24 basketball games and more to come for the kids is just exciting," Hogan said. "They've worked hard. They deserve it. I'm just really proud of them."

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Ellis Tech's Kalista Lovely scored eight points in a loss to Stafford in the Class S state tourney on March 3.

Ellis Tech, Tourtellotte fall in state tourney

STAFFORD 61,
ELLIS TECH 23

EAST WINDSOR 31,
TOURTELLOTTE 27

STAFFORD — Sixteenth-seeded Stafford High defeated 17th-seeded Ellis Tech in the first round of the Class S girls state basketball tournament on March 2. Kalista Lovely scored eight points and Amber Cutler added five points for the Golden Eagles. Jaelyn Moulton scored 17 points and Camden Smith added eight points for Stafford. The loss ended Ellis Tech's season with a record of 10-13. The win lifted Stafford's record to 11-10. Stafford advanced to a second round game at top-seeded East Hampton (19-1) on Friday, March 6. East Hampton received a first-round bye in the state tourney.

EAST WINDSOR — The 27th-seeded Tigers fell to sixth-seeded East Windsor in girls basketball in the opening round of the Class S state tournament. The loss ended Tourtellotte Memorial's season with a record of 6-17. The win lifted East Windsor's record to 14-7. East Windsor advanced to play 11th-seeded Wheeler in the second round on March 6. Wheeler advanced to the second round with a 38-34 victory over 22nd-seeded Bolton in the opening round of the state tournament on March 3.

Killingly tops Branford in Class MM opener



DAYVILLE — Killingly High's Sophia Moore drives to the hoop against Branford.

BY CHARLIE LENTZ
VILLAGER EDITOR

DAYVILLE — Coach Gina Derosier wondered how Killingly High's victory in the championship game of the Eastern Connecticut Conference Division 2 Tournament last week would affect her team going into the Class MM state tourney. Would Killingly get a bounce going into states? Could Killingly re-energize after its emotional 55-49 win over Putnam High in the ECC tourney final at Mohegan Sun Arena?

"I think coming off

playing in an atmosphere of a professional arena, a world-class venue, I told the girls that I think it go either way," Derosier said. "Either we're riding that high into this game and we're taking no prisoners or we're coming off that game and we're playing in our gym so it's not going to be up to the level that game was."

Killingly took no prisoners. Derosier got the effort she wanted in seventh-seeded Killingly's 47-35 win over 26th-seeded Branford in the opening round of the Class MM state tournament at Killingly High on

Tuesday, March 3.

"Winning the ECC championship at Mohegan Sun (on Feb. 25) has put a nice little taste in their mouth," Derosier said. "They want more."

Trinity Angel scored 14 points to pace Killingly in the win over Branford. Sophia Moore added 13 points, Emma Carpenter scored eight points, and Ella Lach and Aila Gutierrez each scored six points for Killingly.

Derosier guarded against a letdown against Branford with tough practices leading up to the first-round state game.

"They want to get better all the time. We try to keep practice intense. Practices aren't as long now as they were at the beginning of the season but if we get what we want out of them and if it only takes an hour or an hour and 15 minutes then that works for me," Derosier.

It worked against Branford.

"These girls are giving their all. We're keeping practices intense. We're keeping it light for them too because you've got to keep them hungry to play these games and that's all they want to do, is play,"



Charlie Lentz photo

DAYVILLE — Killingly High's Ella Lach shoots over Branford's Ally Bietz on Tuesday, March 3, in the first round of the state tournament at Killingly High.

Derosier said.

The win lifted Killingly's record to 19-5 and advanced it to the second round where it will play host to 10th-seeded Sacred Heart (15-6), with the game set to begin at 6:30 p.m. on Friday, March 6, at Killingly High School's gymnasium. Sacred Heart advanced with a 60-41 victory over 23rd-seeded Waterford on Tuesday night in opening-round action.

The win against Branford came in front of a packed bleachers in the Killingly High School gymnasium. Derosier said it was the first home state game for Killingly

in over a decade. Killingly's partisans will get another chance to fill the bleachers on Friday night against Sacred Heart.

"This is amazing. The run that these girls are on right now, I really don't want to see it end," Derosier said. "For us to play in our home gym, it's huge for these girls. The community has been out to support us. I just want that for these girls more than anything."

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HIGH SCHOOL ROUNDUP

NFA 65, WOODSTOCK 37

NORWICH — Jada Mills tallied a game-high 18 points and Makayla Poirier-Vaughers added 11 points to lead fourth-seeded and host Norwich Free Academy past 29th seeded Woodstock Academy in the first round of the Class LL girls state tournament on March 2. Woodstock's Kayla Gaudreau scored 10 points and Katie Papp added seven points. The loss ended Woodstock's season with a record of 7-15. NFA lifted its record to 20-4.

TRI-TOWN 3, WOODSTOCK 0

CROMWELL — Tri-Town defeated the Centaurs in the semifinals of the Nutmeg Conference boys hockey tournament at the Champions Skating Center on March 3. The win lifted Tri-Town's record to 7-11-3. The loss dropped Woodstock's record to 15-6.

WOODSTOCK GYMNASTICS

MILFORD — Woodstock Academy captured first place at the Class S state gymnastics championship meet on Feb. 29 at Jonathan Law High. It was the Centaurs 10th-straight state class championship win. Woodstock posted a team score of 140.425, topping second place St. Joseph (138.325). Stonington was third with a 136.6. The Centaurs have won the last eight Class S state titles preceded by two Class M state titles.

"The girls were definitely feeling the pressure especially after losing an in-season meet to Stonington this year. They didn't want to be the ones to end the streak, no one does although it may come down to that at some point. The streak was riding on their shoulders but we kept telling them that it was just like the (Eastern Connecticut Conference championship), we had to beat Stonington," said Woodstock coach Kasey Tocchio.

Woodstock senior Jenna Davidson took first place in the beam (9.5), floor exercise (9.375) and bars (9.2). She also finished with a 9.1 in vault. There is no

competition for individual titles at the state championship meet. Woodstock's Lindsey Gillies scored 9.05 in vault. Woodstock's Emily Arters (9.350) and Elise Boisvert (9.025) scored well in the floor exercise.

ST. BERNARD 54, KILLINGLY 41

WATERFORD — Killingly High's Shayne Bigelow scored a game-high 26 points but it was not enough as Killingly fell to the Saints in the semifinals of the boys Eastern Connecticut Conference Division 2 Tournament on Feb. 29 at Waterford High. The loss dropped Killingly's record to 13-9. Bigelow lifted his career point total to 1,039. Walker Baillargeon scored 19 points and Frank Pacheco tallied 16 points for St. Bernard (15-7).

NEW MILFORD 2, WOODSTOCK 0

POMFRET — Centaurs goalie Colin Liscomb made 19 saves in the boys hockey loss to the Green Wave on Feb. 29 at Pomfret School's Jahn Rink. The loss dropped Woodstock's record to 15-5. New Milford lifted its record to 13-6-1.

NFA 73, WOODSTOCK 43

NORWICH — Eighth-seeded Woodstock Academy fell to top-seeded Norwich Free Academy in the quarterfinals of the boys ECC Division 1 Tournament on Feb. 27. Logan Talbot scored 11 points and Aidan Morin added nine points for the Centaurs (8-14). Nolan Molkenthin scored 26 points for NFA (21-0).

WOODSTOCK 74, BACON 44

WOODSTOCK — Logan Talbot scored 26 points to lead the Centaurs past ninth-seeded Bacon Academy in the play-in round of the ECC-D-1 Tournament on Feb. 26. Andrew Johnson scored 17 points and Aidan Morin added 16 points for Woodstock. Nick Sedor scored 16 points for the Bobcats (6-15).



File photo

Woodstock's Kayla Gaudreau scored 10 points in a state-tourney loss to NFA on Monday, March 2.

Bigelow nets 1,000th in ECC tourney win



Charlie Lentz photo

Killingly's Shayne Bigelow goes up for a layup with Lyman Memorial's Dylan Lucey trailing the play on Feb. 27 at Killingly High School.

BY CHARLIE LENTZ
VILLAGER EDITOR

DAYVILLE — The basketball gods apparently love a full circle — whether it be at center court or with Killingly High senior guard Shayne Bigelow. The very first points Bigelow scored came on a three-pointer against Stonington during his freshmen season. It was perfect symmetry that as Bigelow's career nears its conclusion his 1,000th point came on another three-pointer — this time in fourth-seeded Killingly's 58-53 victory over fifth-seeded Lyman Memorial in the quarterfinals of the Eastern Connecticut Conference Division 2 Tournament on Feb. 27.

Coach Jim Crabtree said his 5-foot-9 shooting guard's work ethic was perhaps the biggest of 1,000 reasons why he could put the ball in the bucket.

"Hard work pays off. A kid that size-wise has been fight-

ing that battle from day one. His effort and his hard work, it's amazing, he plays hard on every play," Crabtree said. "On a good day he's 5-9. He battles. He loves the game. You know what? He may drive a coach crazy from time to time but he's been a pleasure to coach."

Bigelow said those 1,000 points didn't come easy.

"I worked really hard every day at practice, four years straight, 100 percent every single day," Bigelow said.

Crabtree said his work ethic rubbed off on his teammates.

"He's got kids to show up to the gym and want to compete. He's just showed that if you work hard good things will happen to you," Crabtree said. "You're not going to be wowed by his basketball skills. He's not perfect. He's not the most fundamental player. But when you look out there for 32 minutes there's nobody that competes harder than Shayne Bigelow. He's bought in from



Charlie Lentz photo

Coach Jim Crabtree presents Shayne Bigelow with a souvenir after Bigelow scored his 1,000th career point in the second quarter.

day one. I coached him when he was in fifth grade in AAU basketball and I knew what kind of guy he was. That's the way you have to compete. Other guys have decided to jump onboard because it looked like a lot of fun. We preach it from day one. We're not going to out-shoot, out-execute many teams — but if you out-hustle, and get on the floor and get dirty, you can win some ballgames."

For the record, Bigelow hit the 1,000-point mark with five minutes and 54 seconds left in the second quarter when he sank a trey from the top of the key — pushing Killingly's cushion to 20-16, a lead they would never relinquish. Bigelow's three-pointer was not only historic but it was timely. It came in the middle of a 15-9 run to close out the second quarter — turning a 13-12 deficit into a 27-22 Killingly lead at halftime.

"It put us up four, gave us a little momentum, we started out a little bit slow," said Bigelow of his big bucket. "It got us going."

Killingly never trailed in the second half although Lyman Memorial pulled to within two points — 47-45 — on Dylan Lucey's three-pointer with 5:50 left in the fourth quarter. Bigelow sank a layup off the



Charlie Lentz photo

Killingly's Riley Zadora goes inside guarded by Lyman Memorial's Cody Hyburg, left, and Zach Bazzano, right.

fast break to push Killingly's margin to 55-48 wit 2:57 remaining and they held on for the win.

Bigelow finished with a game-high 20 points to lift his career point total to 1,013. Ethan Preston notched 16 points and grabbed eight rebounds, Jay Grzysiewicz had 10 points and 10 assists, and Yianna Baribeau hauled down 15 rebounds and had four points for Killingly. The win lifted Killingly's record to 13-8 and advanced it to the ECC semifinals against top-seeded St. Bernard. Zach Bazzano scored 15 points and Dylan Lucey added 13 points for Lyman Memorial. The loss dropped the Bulldogs record to 11-10. Following the win over

Lyman Memorial, Bigelow reflected on his first field goal.

"It was a three in the corner, my freshman year against Stonington," he said.

Fate pushed him to the 1,000-point plateau on another trey — the basketball gods apparently love a full circle — but they like the three-point arc as well.

"It was coincidental," Bigelow said. "That was really cool."

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Whippets end Putnam boys season



Charlie Lentz photo

Putnam's Colby Livingston drives to the hoop defended by Windham's Jovan Almodovar, right, and Jayden Villafane, left, on Wednesday, Feb. 26, at Putnam High School.

BY CHARLIE LENTZ
VILLAGER EDITOR

PUTNAM — Putnam High's season came to end in the play-in round of the Eastern Connecticut Conference Division 2 Tournament on Feb. 26. The eighth-seeded Clippers rallied from a 16-point deficit at the start of the fourth quarter to cut ninth-seeded Windham High's lead to eight points but couldn't complete the comeback in an 80-71 loss to the Whippets.

"It was a good comeback. We fought from far down. Unfortunately, I think the wind kind of ran out of our sails. We had four guys on the floor with four fouls," said Putnam coach Shawn Deary. "They fought to the end."

Putnam junior forward Colby

Livingston scored a game-high 27 points. Putnam trailed Windham 57-41 at the start of the fourth quarter. Livingston sank a driving bucket with 3:02 left in the game to cut Windham's lead to 70-62 but the Clippers could get no closer.

It was the final game for Putnam seniors Ezaviar Key, Anthony Navedo, Jordan Marks, and Justin St. Martin. Coach Deary said they will be missed.

"All my seniors played solid minutes for me all season long," Deary said. "My seniors were always the core that we tried to work around. Of course Colby (Livingston) was our scorer so we had to keep him on the floor as much as possible. The seniors played well together. They've been working hard together for four years. I'm sad to see them go."



Charlie Lentz photo

Putnam's Anthony Navedo goes up for a shot against Windham's Devin Marquez, right, and Rafael Figueroa, left.

Livingston was Putnam's leading scorer this season and is expected to return.

"Very excited about next year, we've got a lot coming back," Deary said.

The loss dropped Putnam's record to 6-15 overall. Putnam finished the regular season with a record of 6-14, falling two games short of the required eight wins needed to qualify for the Division 5 state tournament.

"Our schedule was tough. We had a pretty tough schedule going into it, Ledyard, Killingly twice. Just needing

that one or two more wins and not finding them," Deary said.

Jovan Almodovar and Rafael Figueroa each scored 17 points and Devin Marquez added 15 points for Windham. The win lifted the Whippets overall record to 5-16. The victory advanced Windham to a quarterfinal game at top-seeded St. Bernard.

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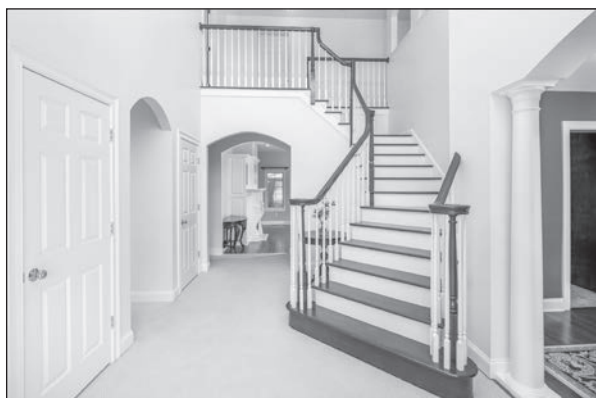



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Robert A. “Smokey” Stoever, Sr., 88



SOUTHBRIDGE/CHARLTON—Robert A. “Smokey” Stoever, Sr., 88, a former longtime resident of Southbridge, died Wednesday, February 26, 2020, at The Overlook in Charlton. He leaves his wife of 59 years, Wilma M. (Castleman) Stoever. They were married January 7, 1961. Besides his wife he leaves 8 children. 5 sons: Richard Brian and his wife Dara of Putnam, CT., Robert A. Stoever, Jr. and his wife Susan of South-

bridge, John Stoever and his wife Paula of Southbridge, Michael Stoever of Southbridge, Mark Stoever and his wife Darlene of Sterling,

and 3 daughters Bonita Stinson and her husband Jeff of Gig Harbor, WA, Terri Gough of Charlton, and MaryAnn Wood of Leicester.

He also leaves 16 grandchildren, 16 great grandchildren, a brother Glen Stoever and his wife Susan of Minnesota, and 2 sisters Barbara Williams

and her husband Jim of Sioux Falls, SD, and Joanne Johnson and her husband Mel, of Worthington, MN, a sister-in-law Barbara Eigenberg of Worthington, MN, many nieces and nephews.

He was born in Heron Lake, MN, son of the late Albert and Grace (Lamaack) Stoever. He was pre-deceased by his brother Russell Stoever. He spent all his early years farming until being drafted to serve in the Korean War at the age of 17.

He then reenlisted and began a long successful career in the United States Army. A veteran of the Vietnam War, and later as an Officer,

Robert served our country for a combined 22 years earning several medals and recognitions for his time working in several capacities, including

as a Military Police Officer. His last post was in Military Recruiting which brought he and his family to Southbridge in 1971.

Retiring from the Army in 1972, Robert then began a second 20+ year career as a Campus Police Officer for Worcester Polytechnical Institute in

Worcester, MA. He enjoyed spending time with his family most but as an outdoorsman, he liked to hunt and fish. After retiring for the second time, he and his wife Wilma moved to Dade City, Florida where he began splitting his fan allegiance between the Boston Red Sox and Tampa Bay Rays. They enjoyed 24 more wonderful years of new and old friendships, before returning home to Massachusetts to be surrounded by their family.

Robert lived his life to the fullest, and was loved by many, a testament to the integrity and passions that guided him.

His values and ideals have left an indelible impression on his family and all those who knew him.

The family would like to thank all the staff at Overlook for their kindness, care and compassion, especially Kelly and the team on the 4th floor.

In lieu of flowers, the family would like memorial donations be made to the Ounded Warrior Project, P.O. Box 758516, Topeka, Kansas 66675-8516 and Alzheimer’s Support Network, P.O. Box 839, Southbridge, MA 01550.

Calling hours will be Friday, March 6, 2020, from 5 to 7PM at Sansoucy Funeral Home, 40 Marcy Street, Southbridge, MA 01550. Burial will be private. www.sansoucyfuneral.com



Warren H. Knight, Sr., 81



Warren H. Knight, Sr., 81 of Abington, CT passed away peacefully on Friday morning, February 21, 2020 after a courageous battle with kidney disease. Warren was born in Pomfret, CT on May 16, 1938. He grew up in Pomfret, CT the son of Clarence W. and Mary H. (Robbins) Knight.

Warren graduated from Ellis Technical High School and shortly after enlisted in the United States Navy. He was very proud to have served in the Navy. He received an honorable discharge in 1962 and was on inactive duty until 1967. He worked many different jobs using the skills he learned while in school and in the Navy. His longest position was held at International Paper in Putnam, CT where he worked maintaining machines and as a safety specialist. Warren was the last surviving mem-

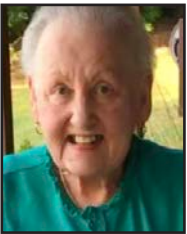
ber of his immediate family.

He is predeceased by both parents, a sister Charlotte (Knight) Gilman of GA, who died March 9, 2007 and a brother Roy Knight of TN, who died September 22, 2013. He is survived by his loving wife Jeannette A. (White) Knight and his children: Warren H. Knight, Jr. and his wife Sandra (Serben) Knight, Cindy (Knight) Klemola and her husband Richard A. Klemola and Brenda A. (Knight) LePage. He was much loved by his grandchildren and nieces and nephews.

A graveside service will be Saturday, April 18, 2020 at 1:00 PM in Abington Cemetery, Pomfret Center, CT, with Military Honors. Share a memory at www.smithandwalkerfh.com



Joyce M. Light, 78



DUDLEY – Joyce M. (Cusson) Light, 78, died Tuesday, February 25, 2020 in Overlook Masonic Care, Charlton after a long illness. Her husband of 42 years, Richard Light, Sr., died in 2004.

She leaves a son, Richard “Rick” Light, Jr. and his wife Debra of Thompson, CT; a daughter, Lynn E. Light of North Oxford; 2 grandchildren, Jennifer DeMoss and Amanda Light; 5 great-grandchildren, Brayden, Cody, Daxton, Ariana and Alexis; 2 sisters, Elizabeth Kabachenski and her husband Michael of Auburn, and Marcine Byczko and her husband Richard of Webster; nieces and nephews. She was preceded in death by her sister Judith Gion and by her 2 brothers Richard and Joseph Cusson.

She was born in Webster on March 12, 1941, the daughter of Joseph A. and Frances F. (Grochowski) Cusson. She was raised in Webster and graduated from Bartlett High School in 1958. She lived in Thompson, CT for 29 years and in Dudley for 10 years before moving to Overlook in late 2018.

Joyce first worked as a secretary for Attorney Leonard Leboeuf for a year. She then operated a day-care in her home for many years before retiring in 2000.

She bowled in local leagues for 20 years, enjoyed reading and watching the New England Patriots. She was a former member of Saint Louis Church in Webster. Her favorite activity was spending time with her family, especially her grandchildren and great-grandchildren.

The family is grateful to her “second family”, the staff, hospice, and residents at Overlook’s Skilled Nursing Facility for their exceptional care for Joyce in her 15 months there.

A funeral service was held on Saturday, February 29, at 11:00 AM in the Sitkowski, Malboeuf & Hickey Funeral Home, 340 School Street, Webster. Visitation was from 10:00 to 11:00 AM, prior to the service. Burial will be held privately at the convenience of the family. Donations in her name may be made to the Cystic Fibrosis Foundation, 4550 Montgomery Avenue, Suite 1100 North, Bethesda, MD 20814.

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Betty Tsakonas Church, 91



Betty Tsakonas Church, 91, of Brooklyn passed away on March 1, 2020 at Westview Healthcare Center in Dayville. Betty was born in Brooklyn, CT on October 29, 1928 daughter of the late George and Alexandria (Metropoulos) Tsakonas. She was the wife of Donald F. Church. Betty worked as an administrative secretary for Northeast Utilities for 40 years. She was a member of the Women’s Board at Day Kimball Hospital as well as a charter member of the hospital development committee. She was recognized in 2014 by the Northeast Chamber of Commerce receiving the George Racine Sr. Humanitarian Award. Betty was a member of the Holy Trinity Greek Orthodox Church of Danielson, the Order of AHEPA, Daughters of Penelope Chapter #368, Brooklyn Garden Club, Brooklyn

Historical Society, and served on the Charter Communications Advisory Board. Besides her husband Donald, she is survived by her stepson Brian Church and wife Jill of Higganum, stepdaughter Cynthia Kowalchuk of Glastonbury, special niece Alexis Patsaros of Prattsville, NY as well as many nieces and nephews and her beloved cat Taki. She was predeceased by her brother James Tsakonas and sister Jennie Patsaros. Funeral services will be held Friday March 6, 2020 at 11am at Holy Trinity Greek Orthodox Church, Danielson. Burial will follow in Westfield Cemetery. Calling Hours were held at Tillinghast Funeral Home 433 Main St. Danielson on Thursday March 5 from 5-8pm. In lieu of flowers, donations in Betty’s name can be made to Day Kimball Hospital Quiet Room Restoration Fund PO Box 632 Putnam, CT 06260 or Order of AHEPA, Daughters of Penelope Chapter #368 in care of Clara Angelos, Treasurer, 18 Broad St. Danielson. tillinghastfh.com

Roger W. Smith, 57

DAYVILLE— Roger William Smith, 57, of Hartford Pike, died Wednesday evening, February 26, 2020 at Rhode Island Hospital. Born in Worcester, MA, he was the son of Leona (Belhumeur) Eckard of Dayville and the late Henry A. Smith, Sr.

Mr. Smith worked for many years as a laborer in the construction field. He was an avid fan of the Boston Red Sox, the New England Patriots and NASCAR.

Roger is survived by his children, Trevor Smith of Woodstock Valley,

Taylor Smith of ME, and Christen Smith of Pomfret; two brothers, Michael Smith and Henry Smith both of Dayville; two sisters, Kim Alexander of Windsor, ME and Pamela House of Kingsland, GA; and four grandchildren.

Funeral services are private and have been entrusted to the Gilman Funeral Home and Crematory, 104 Church St., Putnam, CT 06260. For memorial guestbook visit www.GilmanAndValade.com.

Nellie (Ellen A.) Lockwood, 86



DANIELSON—Nellie (Ellen A.) Lockwood, 86, passed away Tuesday February 18, 2020 at Davis Place. She was born in Paterson, NJ on October 11, 1933. She was the wife of the late Richard W. Lockwood who died on November 23, 1998. Ellen was a long-time resident of Danielson and a communicant of St. James Church. She loved all animals but especially her cat Missy.

Ellen is survived by her children Henry (Linda) Redyke of Vernon, NJ, Karen Franco of West Milford, NJ, and Wayne (Janet) Redyke of Highland Lakes, NJ. She is also survived by siblings Mary Spadicini, Pat Jones, Ethel Richmond, Joseph Richmond and Thomas Richmond. Ellen leaves behind her grandchildren Henry W. Redyke III, Kim Adams and Amy Gormley as well as many nieces and nephews. She was predeceased by a daughter Sharon Redyke. A Memorial Mass of Christian burial will be held at St. James Church in Danielson on Saturday March 7, 2020 at 12:30pm. There are no calling hours. tillinghastfh.com

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Lois Mary Siegmund, 95



Lois Mary Siegmund (né e Schramm) died February 18, 2020, at age 95, surrounded by the family who delighted in the charm and intelligence of her company for so many years.

Her loss is sharply felt.

Born January 13, 1925, in Irondequoit, New York, the only daughter of Herbert and Edna Schramm, Lois, whose first word was “streetcar,” grew up loved and secure, a circumstance she often remarked brought her confidence and a sure sense of her place in the world. As a child, she loved to roller skate and cut out paper dolls, which she said helped with manual dexterity later in life. A studious individual always, she was top of her class at Benjamin Franklin High School in Rochester, New York, where in 9th grade she met Walter P. Siegmund, who, after a prolonged courtship, became her husband of 62 years until his death in 2012.

Unusual for the time, Lois studied chemistry at the University of Rochester, earning a master of science degree in organic chemistry in 1945. During that time, though Walter got lost going to pick her up for their first formal date, he nonetheless took her to the university Christmas dance and presented her with a box of chocolates, a tradition they maintained throughout their marriage on the same date every year. Before Lois and Walter married in 1950, Lois worked teaching chemistry at Genesee Junior College in Batavia, New York, where she became interested in a career in teaching.

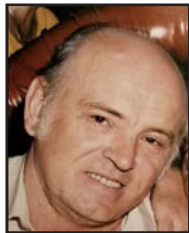
After her marriage, Lois went on to the Kodak Company in Rochester, New York, for several years, working in the cellulose acetate development lab, a job she regarded as essential in providing her with rigorous laboratory experience. In the meantime, Walter earned his doctorate in optics and accepted a job with the American Optical Company in Southbridge, Massachusetts, where the couple moved in 1953. Their first son, Paul, was born there in 1955. Before their only daughter Lisa was born in 1957, Lois and Walter purchased and moved into their home in Woodstock,

Connecticut. Several years later, after their second son, Kurt, was born in 1961, Lois accepted, first, a part-time and, soon, a full-time job teaching science and math at the Woodstock Academy, a position she held until her retirement in 1995.

Sure of her ideas and values, an innate optimism and balanced pragmatism supported the strength and guidance she freely offered friends and family. She was passionate in her politics, courageous in her views, never timid in speaking her mind, yet always full of warmth and humor. Outside of her professional identity, Lois enjoyed gardening, recipe hunting and cooking, playing bridge, reading across genres and international borders, watching and discussing films, traveling with her husband, deliberating politics, working on crossword puzzles, and engaging in conversation that ranged across broad topics from the domestic to the philosophical. Extraordinary in her breadth of interests and in her ready, full embrace of life, in her humanity and her straightforward and honest assessment of people and the world, in her determination to live abundantly and generously, Lois was an individual unparalleled and irreplaceable.

She is survived by her New York family, Susan Siegmund, of Webster, New York, and Laurie Anderson, husband David, and their children Denise, Chelsea, and Kara of Ontario, New York; by her eldest son, Paul Siegmund, stepsons William and Glen Cook, and step-grandson Alexzander Cook of Falmouth, Massachusetts; by her youngest son, Kurt Siegmund, daughter-in-law, Diane Eddy Siegmund, and granddaughter Clara Siegmund of Pomfret, Connecticut; and by her only daughter Lisa Siegmund of Hampton, Connecticut, with whom she lived for the last six years of her life.

For those wishing to remember Lois with a gift, we ask that you make a contribution to your local public library. Share a memory of Lois with her family at the tribute page established in her name at www.smithandwalkerfh.com. A Celebration of Life service will be held in Lois’s honor at the Inn at Woodstock Hill on Saturday April 18, 2020, from 1 to 4 p.m.



Daniel F. Greene, 81

Daniel F. Greene, 81, of Putnam, CT passed away peacefully surrounded by his family, Friday, February 28, 2020 in Putnam, CT. He was born July 3, 1938 in Putnam, CT, son of the late Daniel and Theresa (Tetreault) Greene. Daniel was married 56 years to the love of his life Elaine (Barber) Greene, they were married in St. James Church Danielson, CT on April 19, 1958. She died on August 1, 2014.

Daniel loved spending time with his grandchildren and great grandchildren. He enjoyed annual trips to Sebago Lake in Maine, where he enjoyed hunting, fishing and camping. In his later years he was known as the old man on the porch, who loved feeding the birds. He also enjoyed his morning trips to Marika’s Place Restaurant where he was known as Grampa Dan. Daniel was employed at the Rogers Corp. for over 30 years as a Tour Mechanic. After retirement he became a driver for the Hyde School in Woodstock until its closing.

He leaves his four sons Jeff Greene of Maine; Stephen Greene of Bonaire,

GA; Brian Greene and his wife Michele of Putnam, CT and Daniel W, Greene of Worcester, MA. His daughter Jo-Ann and her husband Craig of Plainfield, CT. His Numerous grandchildren and great grandchildren. His brothers Byron Greene of Venice, FL and Michael Greene of Longmeadow, MA. His sisters Rose Wojcik of Putnam, CT and Donna Pelletier and her husband Richard of Quinebaug, CT. Also several nieces and nephews. He was predeceased by a brother George Greene, a sister Gloria Gilbert and a grandson Jeffery D.M. Greene.

Calling Hours were Thursday, March 5, 2020 from 10:00 to 11:30 AM at Smith and Walker Funeral Home, 148 Grove Street, Putnam, CT, followed by a Funeral Service at 11:30 AM at the Funeral Home. Burial with Military Honors will follow in St. Mary Cemetery, Putnam, CT. In lieu of flowers donations can be made to the “Jeffery D.M. Greene Memorial Scholarship Fund”, 62 Tourtellotte Road, Putnam, CT 06260. Share a memory at www.smithandwalkerfh.com



Pamela Ann (Pomfret) McManus



MANHATTAN BEACH, CA./WEBSTER

Pamela Ann (Pomfret) McManus. Pam was preceded in death by her parents John E and Charlotte (Monroe) Pomfret last resid-

ing in Webster, MA. also her husband John (Jake, Jack) McManus that passed suddenly in August 2019 that broke her heart and she never recovered. She leaves three brothers: John M. Pomfret and his wife Margaret of Westbrook, ME.; Gregory Pomfret and his husband Hal Bersani of Worcester; Thomas H. Pomfret II and his wife Beverly of Poultney, VT., and a sister Lisa Lauer of Woodstock, CT. She also leaves many nieces, nephews, grandchildren and grand nephews and a great grand- niece and nephew in MI.

Pam spent most of her younger years in and around Burrillville, R.I.; and summered on Cape Cod and Little Compton, R.I. and attended Bartlett High School in Webster.

She later moved to the Boston area where she spread her wings into the State House, Van Dusen Air Lines at Logan Airport eventually landing employment with the Marriott Brand Hotels for over 30 years which brought her to CA.

Jack and Pam wed in 2001 and traveled extensively around the globe from the northern passage in the Arctic to the Antarctic Peninsula and many continents in between.

Pam had the uncanny ability to remember almost everyone she met and strike up conversations everywhere. She will be sorely missed by many.

A Service will be held at Sacred Heart of Jesus Church, 18 East Main St., Webster on Saturday, March 14, 2020 at 10 am.

In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to a cancer based charity of your choice.

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

To leave an online condolence, please visit: RJMillerfunerals.net

Norma A. Borski, 84



WEBSTER - Norma A. (Mailea) Borski, 84, died Saturday, February 29, 2020 in Harrington Healthcare at Hubbard after being stricken ill at home.

She leaves her husband of 61 years, Thomas J. Borski, Sr.; 3 sons, Thomas J. Borski, Jr. and his wife Nancy of Millbury, Edward J. Borski, and Raymond A. Borski and his wife Laurie, all of North Grosvenordale, CT; a daughter, Brenda J. Noonan and her husband Michael, also of N. Grosvenordale, CT; 8 grandchildren, Jason, James, Elizabeth, Caitlin, Chad and Eric Borski, and Jeffrey and Shawn Noonan; a great-grandson, Jonathon Noonan; nieces and nephews. Another son, Richard A. Borski, died in 1992.

She was born and raised in Leicester, the youngest child of James and Madge (Griggs) Mailea and graduated from

Leicester High School in 1953. She also completed studies at Salter Secretarial School in Worcester.

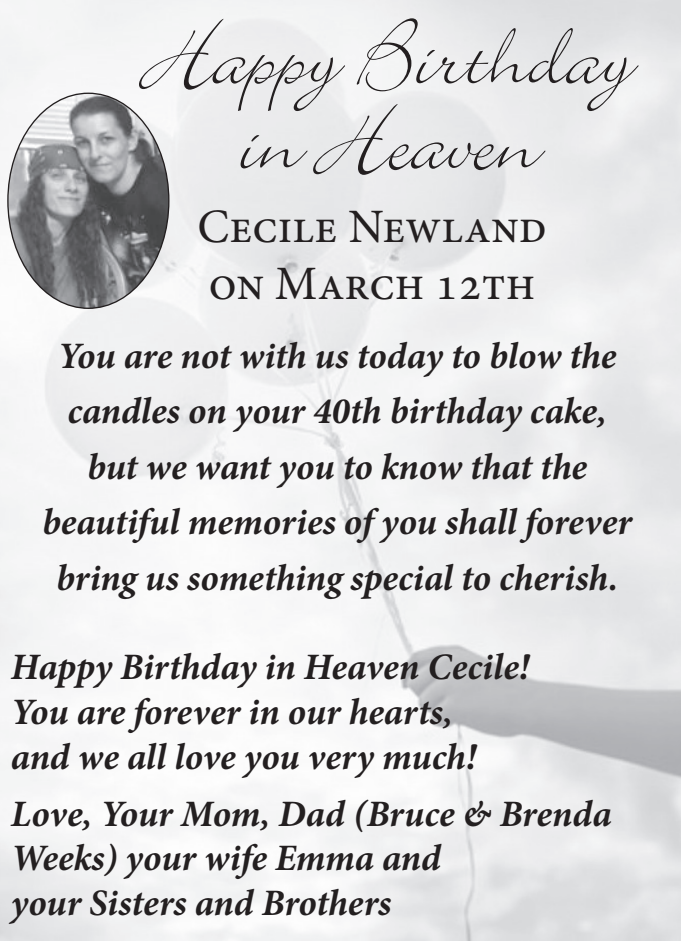
She was a Korean War veteran, serving with the Women’s Army Corps in Japan.

Mrs. Borski first worked as a secretary at Chicago Dressed Beef in Worcester and it was there she met her husband Thomas. After raising her family, she was a bookkeeper at Hallmark Optical and then at Webster Electrical, both in Webster. She retired in 1993.

Norma loved living on Webster Lake for the last 50 years. She was an avid reader and excelled at needlework, crocheting and quilting.

Funeral services will be held privately. Donations in her name may be made to the Gladys E. Kelley Public Library, 2 Lake Street, Webster, MA 01570. Arrangements are under the direction of Scanlon Funeral Service, 38 East Main Street, Webster.

www.scanlonfs.com



LEGALS

TOWN OF KILLINGLY METERED USE LEGAL NOTICE

Payments will be received in the Revenue Office, 172 Main Street Killingly CT 06239, as follows; Monday, Wednesday, Thursday 8-5pm Tuesday 8-6pm Friday 8-Noon.

Second installment metered use is due March 1, 2020. If payment is not received on or before March 31, 2020 the installment becomes delinquent and subject to interest at the rate of one and one-half per cent of such tax for each month or fraction thereof which elapses from the time when such tax becomes due and payable until the same is paid. A minimum of \$2.00 interest will be charged for each delinquent bill and installment.

Please visit our website for full details and online payments www.killinglyct.gov.

Dated at Killingly this 19th, day of February 2020

Patricia Monahan CCMC

REVENUE COLLECTOR FOR THE

TOWN OF KILLINGLY

March 6, 2020

March 27, 2020

THE TOWN OF THOMPSON ZONING BOARD OF APPEALS

The Thompson Planning and Zoning Commission at its February 24, 2020 meeting, rendered the following decisions:

PZC Application # 20-05, applicant and owner Amy Lussier, 285 Buckley Hill Road, Map 83, Block 49, Lot 7H, Zone R40, requesting a Home Occupation Permit for online sales, “Made in Senegal”. **Approved**

PZC Application #20-06, applicant and owner Thomas M. Angelo, 640 Fabyan Road, Map 17, Block 81, Lot 41C, Zone R40 requesting a Home Occupation Permit for office for new home and renovation business, “Hammer Down LLC”. **Approved**

PZC Application #20-07 applicant Strategic-Commercial Realty, Inc. dba Rawson Materials Applicant, property owners Lynn Rawson Landry & Cheryl Jane Foshay 0 Quaddick Town Farm Rd, Map 145, Block 14, Lot 14, Zone

R-40 gravel operation renewal permit.

Approved

Respectfully Submitted

Joseph Parodi-Brown, Chairman

March 6, 2020

THE TOWN OF THOMPSON ZONING BOARD OF APPEALS

The Thompson Zoning Board of Appeals will hold a public hearing on Monday, March 9, 2020 beginning at 7 pm in the Merrill Seney Room, Thompson Town Hall, 815 Riverside Dr., North Grosvenordale, CT for the following:

ZBA Application #20-02, Joshua and Jessica Rhodes, 0 Pompeo Rd, Map 61, Block 59, Lot 5A, Zone R40 requesting a 25’ variance front setback. Files are available to review in the ZEO’S Iffucem Town Hall. At these hearings, interested parties may appear and be heard and written testimony received.

Respectfully submitted,

Kevin Beno, ZBA Chairman

March 6, 2020

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

ESTATE OF Helen M Cotnoir

(20-00050)

The Hon. Leah P. Schad, Judge of the Court of Probate, District of Northeast probate Court, by decree dated February 26, 2020, ordered that all claims must be pretested to the fiduciary at the address below. Failure to promptly present any such claim may result in the loss of rights to recover on such claim.

Brenda Duquette, Clerk

The fiduciary is:

Nicholas A Longo, Bachand, Longo & Higgins 168 Main St., P.O. Box 528, Putnam, CT 06260

March 6, 2020

HERE & THERE → Local Events, Arts, and Entertainment Listings



SATURDAY, MARCH 14

OPEN HOUSE
at Hodgkins Building (Museum/RR/Art Guild/ Boy Scouts)
108 School Street FREE 1:00-3:00

FRIDAY, MARCH 21

3RD ANNUAL JOHN PAIRE "BE BETTER" BASKETBALL TOURNAMENT



Shepherd Hill Regional High School
64 Dudley-Oxford Rd. Dudley, MA 01571
Registration starts at 8:30am. Games begin at 9am. \$150 per team and \$40 for additional players. For more information contact us at john-paire3on3@gmail.com. Visit our facebook page: Friends of John Paire

Student Support Fund. All proceeds benefit the John Paire Student Support Fund
Register by March 1 Grades 5 to 8 (Co-Ed), High School. Women, Men, Adult Co-Ed. * This tournament is open to anyone who would like to participate

TUESDAY, MARCH 24

RE-ENACTMENT of signing of town bill and unveiling of Anniversary Quilt
Senior Center, Pleasant Street. 6:30pm FREE

SATURDAY, APRIL 4,

ROARIN' TWENTIES DANCE
at Sturbridge Host Hotel \$35, 5:00pm
Tickets @EventBrite.com or at the library

SATURDAY, APRIL 11,

OPEN HOUSE
at Hodgkins Building (Museum/ RR)
108 School Street, East Brookfield 1:00-3:00. FREE

SATURDAY, APRIL 18,

HISTORICAL TALK - Ed Londergan - The First and Second Settlements
East Brookfield Town Hall 9:30 FREE

SATURDAY, APRIL 25

TOWN WIDE CLEAN-UP DAY
Meet at East Brookfield Town Hall 9:00

SATURDAY, MAY 2,

EAST BROOKFIELD NATURE WALKS
at Pelletier Woods
Howe Street, East Brookfield 2:00. FREE

SATURDAY, MAY 9,

OPEN HOUSE
at Hodgkins Building (Museum/ RR).
108 School Street, East Brookfield. 1-2:00 FREE

SATURDAY, MAY 16,

7K RUN AND FUN WALK
Timberyard Brewery, East Brookfield
10:0am. \$30.00 adults, \$15.00 kids

SATURDAY, MAY 30

HISTORICAL TALK - Ed Londergan - Murder in the Brookfields (Spooners / Newton Murders)
East Brookfield Town Hall, 9:30. FREE

SATURDAY, JUNE 6

HISTORY & DESSERT
at Podunk Chapel, East Brookfield
2:00 & 3:30 seatings. \$5.00 pp

FRIDAY, JUNE 12

COAST GUARD BAND
East Brookfield Elementary School, 7:00 FREE

SATURDAY, JUNE 13

OPEN HOUSE
at Hodgkins Building (Museum/ RR)
108 School Street, East Brookfield 1:00-3:00. FREE

SATURDAY, JUNE 20,

OPEN HOUSE
at Camp Frank A. Day (archery, boating, basketball, mini golf, lunch) Rain Date: June 21.
125 South Pond Road, East Brookfield. 11:00-3:00. FREE

MONDAY, JULY 6

SUMMER READING KICK OFF - EB Library - continues for five weeks.
East Brookfield Town Hall. FREE



SATURDAY JULY 25

HISTORICAL TALK - Heather Gablaski -
East Brookfield: 100 Years a Town
East Brookfield Town Hall, 9:30. FREE

SATURDAY, JULY 11

INDEPENDENCE DAY CELEBRATION
Parade & Fireworks
Connie Mack Field East Brookfield

SATURDAY, AUGUST 8

OPEN HOUSE
at Hodgkins Building (Museum/ RR)
108 School Street, East Brookfield, 1:00-3:00. FREE

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 12

PARADE AND FAMILY FUN EVENT!
Route 9, East Brookfield.
9:30 -7:00. FREE. Rain date Sept 13

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 10

OPEN HOUSE
at Hodgkins Building (Museum/ RR)
108 School Street, East Brookfield, 1:00-3:00. FREE

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 24, 3:30

BUS AND CEMETERY TOUR,
ending in dinner at Podunk Chapel.
Meet at East Brookfield Town Hall.
\$15-\$20.00 pp



SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 7

HISTORICAL TALK - Guy Morin- Central Massachusetts during the Revolution
East Brookfield Town Hall, 9:30 FREE

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 14

OPEN HOUSE
at Hodgkins Building (Museum/ RR)
108 School Street, East Brookfield, 1:00-3:00. FREE

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 12

HISTORICAL TALK - Ken and Tina Ethier - "Trolley Talk"
East Brookfield Town Hall, 9:30. FREE

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 12

OPEN HOUSE
at Hodgkins Building (Museum/ RR)
108 School Street, East Brookfield, 1:00-3:00. FREE

ONGOING

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Auburn Sportsman's Club
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SUMMER CONCERT SERIES
July/August every Thursday 6:00-8:00
Connie Mack Field East Brookfield. FREE - Food and Drinks for sale.

VILLAGER NEWSPAPERS COMMUNITY SPOTLIGHT "SHINING A LIGHT ON COMMUNITY EVENTS"

March 6, Fri., Noon-7pm

Club 2087 will hold a Lenten Fish Fry, in the Knights of Columbus Hall, 1017 Riverside Drive, North Grosvenordale. The menu: fish & chips (\$11); baked haddock (\$12); fried bay scallops or shrimp (\$13); fried clams (\$16); seafood platter (\$18). 860-923-2967, council2087@gmail.com.

March 6 - 8, Fri, Sat & Sun., 5:30pm

From Friday at 5:30pm (dinner included) until Sunday at 9:00am (breakfast included) at the Windham-Tolland 4-H Camp (326 Taft Pond Rd., Pomfret, CT). Food, games, sledding, hiking, leadership skills and lots of fun for teens 13 -17. Fee is \$50.00. Please pre-register by March 1. Call 860-974-3379 to register or email: registrar@4hcampct.org

March 7, Sat., 7-8:30am

The Soldiers, Sailors and Marines Fund (SSMF) assistance is available this Saturday and every Saturday morning, at the Pomfret Senior Center, 207 Mashamouquet Road (Rt.44) in Pomfret. Always free and confidential; call 860-928-2309 for questions. (The SSMF is administered by the American Legion to provide temporary financial assistance to qualified veterans.

March 8, Sat., 2-4pm

Visit the Windham-Tolland 4-H Camp Open HHHouse from 2 -4pm at 326 Taft Pond Road, Pomfret, CT. Meet the director & other camp staff, take a camp tour, registration materials available

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March 7, Sat., 10-3pm

Volunteer Income Tax Assistance (VITA). Income qualifying individuals and families can pop into TEEG (15 Thatcher Rd. No. Grosvenordale, CT) to have their taxes filed for free. No registration necessary, just stop in between 10-3 with all your tax documents and a VITA volunteer will be able to assist you. Questions please contact the office at 860-923-3458.

March 11, Wed., 1-3pm

Plainfield Senior Travel & Landmark Tours & Cruises will host a Travel Presentation on upcoming trips to Nashville & the Smokey Mountains and the Red Rocks of Sedona at the Plainfield Senior Center, 482 Norwich Rd. Plainfield, CT. All are welcome! For more information please call Terry @ 860-564-1455.

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March 13, Fri., 9:30-1130am

Stonecroft Women's Connection at The Inn at Woodstock Hill, 94 Plaine Hill Rd. Ceil Vardar, \$10,00 Winner on Food Network's "Chopped". Speaker Jeanne Kjelliman, Lakeville, MA., "My Mother's Arms". Reservations for Brunch \$13 required by March 8; cancellations essential. Call 860-774-5092, 860-455-7671 or email:wccwc81@hotmail.com. Bring a friend

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March 14, Sat., 7pm

Mass Production Reunion Concert at Plainfield High School. Local singers and musicians will perform a variety of new songs as well as favorite oldies in order to raise money for the Phil Janetatos music scholarship. Tickets are: adults \$15.00, Seniors \$13.00, children \$10.00.

March 15, Sun., Noon

Benefit Bingo for TEEG. Enjoy a game of Bingo while supporting a good cause. Game takes place at St. Joseph's Hall (12 Main St. No. Grosvenordale, CT). Doors open at 12:00pm, hot food items for sale beginning at 1:00pm, Bingo begins at 2:00pm. There will be lottery balloon door prizes. Games begin for as low as \$7.00

March 19, Thurs., 7:30 p.m.

In honor of Women's History Month, the Brooklyn Historical Society will sponsor *Follow the Cannon: Clara Barton's Civil War Letters*, a one-woman show featuring award-winning actress Lynne McKenney Lydick who will portray the brave, empathetic Civil War

nurse called the "Angel of the Battlefield" at Brooklyn's Trinity Episcopal Church Parish Hall, 7 Providence Road (Route 6). For info: 860-774-7728.

March 20, Thurs., 7-11pm

A "Dam" Fun Time Benefit Concert @Stonehurst at Hampton Valley, Hampton, CT. Silent auction, 50/50 Raffle, Hors d'oeuvres, cash bar. Dancing with music provided by the Great Garage Band Reunion. Sponsored by Stonehurst and Black Dog Bar & Grill to benefit the repair fund for the dam at the Windham-Tolland 4-H Camp in Pomfret. Tickets are \$40 per person and must be purchased in advance. Call 860-974-1122 to purchase tickets.

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March 20, Fri., 10-3pm

Job Fair Hosted by Masis Staffing. Stop by the TEEG office (15 Thatcher Rd. No. Grosvenordale, CT) between 10:00-3:00 to speak with staff members from Masis staffing to see what job opportunities are available in the area. Free event with no registration required.

This page is designed to shine a light on upcoming local nonprofit, educational and community events.

Submissions are limited to 50 words or less and are FREE to qualifying organizations, schools, churches and town offices.

To submit your event contact: Paula at paula@stonebridgepress.news

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