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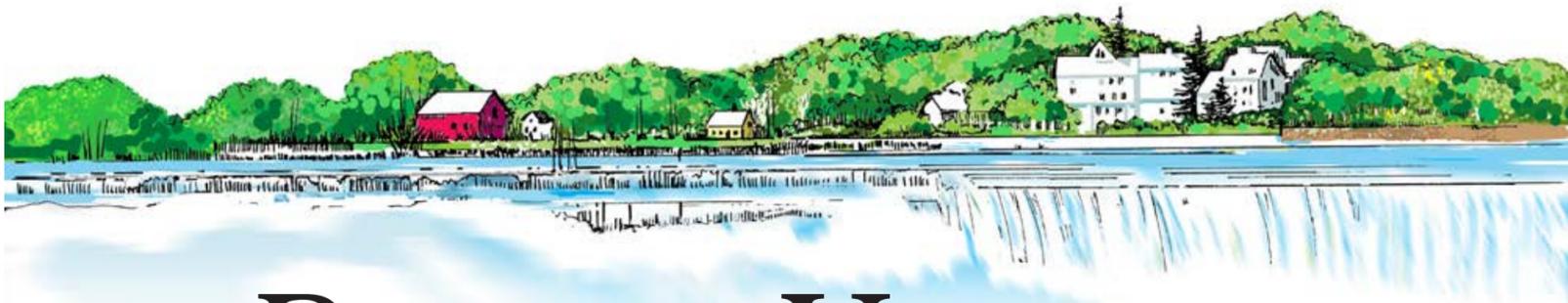
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## Local Scout is golden girl

BY JASON BLEAU  
NEWS STAFF WRITER

PUTNAM — The town of Putnam recently celebrated the accomplishment of a local Girl Scout who received an award few in the organization ever get to enjoy. Shannon Fagan, an 18-year-old Putnam native who has been a Girl Scout since she was in kindergarten, completed a trifecta of sorts for her time in Scouts — receiving her Gold Award to go along with the Bronze and Silver awards she received earlier in her Girl Scout career.

Fagan was honored at the Putnam Elks Lodge on March 12 during a special ceremony featuring Putnam Mayor Tony Falzarano and several state leaders recognizing her impressive achievement. Fagan spent the bulk of her high school years working to receive the award and said it was not an easy journey but it's one she is proud to have completed.

"This award requires 80 hours of work and we need to have a project that's sustainable so what I did had to be able to be done for years beyond

my involvement. We have to find an issue in our community and address that with approval from the Council of Girl Scouts," said Fagan, a freshman at Eastern Connecticut State University. "I saw an issue with drugs in our community so I did drug awareness within the middle school. In fifth grade we have the D.A.R.E. Program so I wanted to find something for the middle school and started with an after school program with the sixth grade called L.E.A.D., or Leaders Empowering Acceptable Decisions. We'd talk about drug use, cyber bullying, and understanding different issues associated with those things."

Fagan worked hands on with the children to help them understand the risks and dangers of drugs and bullying, especially on social media, and her group even turned into an opportunity for hands on learning exercises and presented opportunities for students to share their own stories on how these topics impacted them and their families. The project helped Shannon become the first local Girl Scout since 2002 to receive her Gold Award and she

hopes she has inspired others to follow in her footsteps.

"Not a lot of Girl Scouts in this area get their Gold Award so we invited a lot of the younger Scouts to the ceremony and they told me they wanted to start going for their gold award — so I guess I helped them get the ambition to do it," Fagan said.

Shannon's mother, Deanne Fagan, got to play an important role in the ceremony by presenting the Gold Award to her daughter herself. A longtime Girl Scout leader, Deanne Fagan helped Shannon grow into the Scout she is today but her daughter's journey towards receiving the Gold Award was a first for both of them — Shannon had to complete the project without her mother by her side.

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Jason Bleau photo

Putnam Girl Scout Shannon Fagan shows off her Gold Award honor and a citation she received from the General Assembly in Hartford during a special ceremony in Putnam on March 12.



## Putnam allows dam gate to open

BY JASON BLEAU  
NEWS STAFF WRITER

PUTNAM — The Putnam Board of Selectmen had a long-awaited meeting with Leanne Parker, the partial owner of the Lofts at Cargill Falls, on Monday, March 20. At the meeting they granted permission for the open-

ing of the bascule gate of the hydroelectric dam being utilized in the redevelopment of the Cargill Falls Mill, a request the Selectmen denied earlier this month.

The dam has been the subject of controversy for some time, as many fear the impact it will have on the natural aesthetic of Cargill Falls. Earlier in

the month Mayor Tony Falzarano had expressed frustration with a lack of communication between Parker and town officials after receiving a request to lower the bascule gate. Falzarano's frustration arose as the town waited for answers to several inquiries, including a nine-point list of con-

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## Killingly to launch first Keep Killingly Clean Month

BY JASON BLEAU  
NEWS STAFF WRITER

KILLINGLY — The town of Killingly has announced the launching of a massive initiative in the month of April to coincide with the celebration of Earth Day — with the Town Council officially declaring it Keep Killingly Clean Month.

For years Killingly has seen numerous cleanup efforts organized by different groups and organizations through-

out the community. However this year the town plans to bring all those efforts together under one label and is asking citizens to do their part by taking their own initiative to clean up the streets.

Killingly Economic Development Director Elsie Bisset said that the effort will see the continuation of the more familiar group cleanups, including the popular Killingly Business Association cleanup of Main Street in the middle of

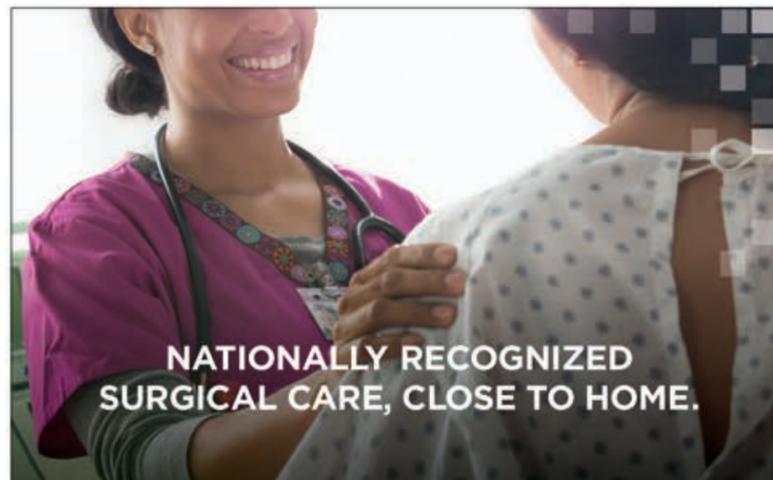
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## WOODSTOCK WINS STATE CHAMPIONSHIP

NEW HAVEN — Woodstock Academy players show off the championship plaque to their fans after winning the Division III state title last Saturday at Yale University's Ingalls Rink. From left, Will Liscomb, Ryan Black, Nathan DeLuca, and Cal Wilcox. Story on page B-2 of Villager Sports.



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# Flexer addresses domestic violence dual arrest issue

HARTFORD — State Senator Mae Flexer (Democrat-Danielson) was joined on March 21 by leadership from the Connecticut Coalition Against Domestic

Violence (CCADV), law enforcement and the judicial system for a roundtable discussion on Connecticut's domestic violence dual arrest rates and possible solutions.

"For far too long, we have been living under a set of rules that hinders a domestic violence victim's ability to seek help or get justice. No victim should have to

fear or endure the shame and humiliation of being arrested simply for seeking help in a dangerous — and even deadly — situation," said Sen. Flexer. "And while we've made changes to improve law enforcement's response to these crimes, it is clear we still need to explore changes to this practice which levies an added burden onto a victim of domestic violence at a time when the stakes are already so high."

Connecticut has a domestic violence mandatory arrest law coupled with a self-defense exception. When a "dual arrest" occurs, both parties are arrested because the responding officer found probable cause that both individuals committed a family violence offense while not finding evidence that one of the individuals was acting in self-defense. In 2015, there were 17,634 domestic violence arrests in Connecticut, of which approximately 14 percent were dual arrests involving intimate partners — the national average for dual arrests in these relationship categories is between two to seven percent. Those arrests

generally occurred for misdemeanor offenses, such as breach of peace or disorderly conduct.

"We remain concerned about Connecticut's significant dual arrest rate related to intimate partner violence," said Karen Jarmoc, chief executive officer of Connecticut Coalition Against Domestic Violence. "CCADV has worked diligently since 2013 training over 1,500 police officers on dual arrest and self-defense both independently and collaboratively with our partners at CT State Police and the Police Officer Standards & Training Council (POSTC). We look forward to continue working closely with state and municipal law enforcement to provide training and other tools that assist officers in making informed decisions related to domestic violence arrests."

Panelists discussed considerations for addressing Connecticut's domestic violence dual arrest rate, including:

A comprehensive examination of dual arrest data and contributing factors to ensure that the specific circum-

stances surrounding dual arrest in Connecticut are fully understood prior to making policy or statutory changes

Targeted and mandatory dual arrest/self-defense training for all officers, both state and municipal, responsible for providing training on Connecticut's family violence laws through both recruit and in-service training.

Statutory changes, including consideration of a Primary Aggressor law which typically directs law enforcement to consider a number of factors to properly identify the "primary aggressor" in a domestic violence incident, including prior history of domestic violence, comparative injuries suffered by each party, use of threats, etc.

Changes to Connecticut's Statewide Model Policy for the Police Response to Crimes of Family Violence, which is a policy overseen by the Connecticut General Assembly that provides uniformity for the statewide application of Connecticut family violence laws.

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State Senator Mae Flexer, far right, at a roundtable discussion on dual arrest procedures for domestic violence.

## Fingerprints lead to charges in Danielson arrest



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Chelsea Conrad

DANIELSON — On Tuesday, March 21, at approximately 6:30 pm, members of the Connecticut State Police Troop D — Quality of Life Task Force were conducting narcotic surveillance in a high drug activity area in Danielson. Troopers spotted a female in the area and suspected she had multiple active warrants for her arrest.

QLTF Troopers approached the female and attempted to identify her. The female had no photo identification and repeatedly gave a name and date of birth of a person Troopers later learned was her sister from Utah. Troopers obtained a picture of her sister from Facebook and noted that it did not match. Troopers believed the female was Chelsea Conrad, 29, of 28 Lillibridge Road, Plainfield, who held four active arrest warrants. Troopers then obtained a recent booking photograph of Chelsea Conrad and noted that it matched. Troopers continued to interview the female who remained

adamant that she was not Chelsea Conrad however, Troopers noted that the female slipped up a few times while interviewing her.

A QLTF Trooper placed her under arrest and transported her back to Troop D and fingerprinted her on Troop D's AFIS machine. This AFIS machine electronically scanned her fingerprints and sent them to a FBI database which definitively confirmed the female was indeed Chelsea Conrad. Conrad was charged with Criminal Impersonation 53a-130, Interfering With a Police Officer 53a-167, Failure to Appear First Degree 53a-172 (two counts), and Failure to Appear Second Degree 53a-173 (two counts). Conrad was held on a combined bond of \$90,000 cash/surety and was scheduled to appear in Danielson Superior Court on March 22.

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# Local lawmakers discuss taxation of hospitals

BY JASON BLEAU  
NEWS STAFF WRITER

PUTNAM — Taxation of hospitals has been a hot topic item for lawmakers especially here in northeastern Connecticut. During a recent public forum sponsored by the Quiet Corner Tea Party in Putnam, the Quiet Corner's three state representatives answered questions about a new tax format that some fear could impact Day Kimball if the town of Putnam chooses to utilize it.



Jason Bleau photo

Day Kimball Hospital in Putnam

Lawmakers in Hartford are currently faced with a new legislation that could allow communities throughout the state to tax hospitals at their leisure, non-profit or otherwise. Governor Dannel Malloy proposed the idea as a way to allow towns to gain their own income from such companies on top of the decrease in funding he proposed in years past to help balance the state budget which impacted nearly every hospital in the state including Day Kimball.

State Representatives Danny Rovero of the 51st District, Pat Boyd of the 50th District, and Ann Dauphinais of the 44th District all expressed displeasure at the concept of further taxing hospitals even if it would help the communities where they are located through extra revenue.

State Rep. Rovero said he firmly disagrees with the concept, but noted that if the proposal were to pass and become law it wouldn't mean more taxation on the federal or state level. It would only bring money to the towns, so Putnam would be the sole beneficiary if it decided to tax Day Kimball under that proposal.

"That revenue goes to the town of Putnam, nothing to the state of Connecticut," Rovero said. "The town of Putnam assesses the value of the hospital every year. What they do is they present that to the state of Connecticut and the state gives back money in lieu of taxes. If the state ever lived up to what they said they were going to do as far as giving back money for the property tax that they lost (we might not have a problem)."

Rovero's statement echoed those of State Reps. Boyd and Dauphinais to too expressed frustration over how the

system seems to have failed hospitals across the state by not living up to the promised financial gain these organizations would receive from previous financial deals made with state leaders. State Rep. Boyd said that people need to understand that the Governor is not specifically targeting non-profits like Day Kimball, but that the hospital has been caught in the cross hairs of a different plan.

"Day Kimball is one of three that are independent non-profit hospitals which means they aren't associated with a larger healthcare system. The governor has it out for Yale-New Haven and Hartford Health Care because there's a bunch of stuff that he feels they're disproportionately spending money on," said Boyd. "The reality is Day Kimball Hospital does not belong to a larger piece. Its CEO is paid the lowest of any in Connecticut. If Day Kimball goes away we lose a major employer and we lose critical care."

Boyd said he doesn't believe that Putnam would even choose to tax Day Kimball reminding citizens that the legislation hasn't even been approved yet and that no town official in Putnam has even explored the option. However he stressed that allowing any town to tax a hospital, especially a non-profit, could be a slippery slope.

"The problem we face and our predecessors have faced is we need to get Day Kimball and other hospitals that are different some type of financial support. Day Kimball could very well just jack up all its fees to make its bottom line. The state did not live up to its obligation through a deal that was a scheme to get more money out of the federal government. The state started to get greedy after one year. The hospitals associations are extremely skeptical of any of this and if I'm the Putnam Board of Selectmen are you really going to sit there and tax your major employer in town? This is a slippery slope

(for any town) because if we're going to start taxing nonprofit hospitals there's a bill left floating around that came out of the city of New London that opens up the possibility of taxing any nonprofit, including churches and YMCAs," Boyd said.

State Rep. Ann Dauphinais denounced any cuts to hospitals like Day Kimball and noted that the hospital serves an important role for the community. She too doesn't support any additional taxation on a business she seems as vital to the local economy and the wellbeing of everyone in the Northeastern Connecticut.

"We serve a lot of low income people in this area and that was one thing that became very clear. This area probably more than any other part of the state really relies on that funding so we've shown our support. I can't imagine Putnam choosing to tax Day Kimball," Dauphinais said. "I'm a believer that government should be very limited in its scope in what it does and what it draws from the taxpayers. There are some things I think are very important and I'd say hospitals are very important, fire protection and police protection are important and those things have all been threatened. We depend on the people that volunteer here for many things that they do and Day Kimball is full of volunteers so we need to maintain that support and that should be a priority."

Lawmakers are expected to cast their votes on the town taxation of hospitals and other legislation in the near future. If Putnam is given the opportunity of taxing Day Kimball there has been no indication it plans to do so.

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# Restoration at Woodstock's historic Chamberlin Mill

WOODSTOCK — Chamberlin Mill, West Woodstock's rare early circular sawmill, is poised for major timber frame restoration as soon as snow melts. Thanks to generous donations and private foundation funding, Chamberlin Mill, Inc., the non-profit organization supporting the revitalization of this Woodstock treasure, is ready to complete all necessary repairs to sills, posts and other timber frame elements. The work will proceed through the spring and summer months, to be finished in time to allow the structure to be reroofed before snow flies again.



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The Still River near the mill site



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Woodstock's historic Chamberlin Mill

Historic Preservation Associates of Wales, Mass., will undertake the timber frame repairs. Peter Hamm, its principal, is a Woodstock native and is happy to be returning to his hometown for this project. Currently at work on the Emily Dickinson House in Amherst, Mass., Hamm has earned the respect of preservationists for projects throughout southern New England.

Locally harvested native white oak will be used for the timber frame restoration. This naturally durable hardwood has been provided at a discount by Pomfret's Hull Forest Products in a spirit of sisterhood for the old sawmill.

Chamberlin Mill, Inc., is very grateful for the support of Hull Forest Products and others. "Sometimes we are just overwhelmed by the many types of generosity shown to this project," said

Jean McClellan, Chamberlin Mill Inc. spokesperson. "Hull's contribution toward lumber is the latest in a lengthening list of financial and volunteer offerings. Archaeologists, saw mill operators, architecture and building professionals, historians, engine restorers, educators, fundraisers, and general do-what-needs-to-be done volunteers have all had a part in bringing this project to life. The Nature Conservancy, which donated the structure and small plot of land to the newly formed Chamberlin Mill, Inc. in early 2014, and the Woodstock Historical Society, which undertook preliminary conditions and feasibility studies for the Mill, were critical early partners, with grants from the Connecticut Trust for Historic

Preservation. Grants from the Summer Hill Foundation, Society for the Preservation of Old Mills, and Society for Industrial Archaeology, as well as donations from Friends of Chamberlin Mill, Putnam Rotary, Hometown Bank, Eversource, Charter Oak Credit Union, and others have kept our work alive. With continuing good fortune, we should have a functional mill site ready to share within a couple of years."

After structural restoration is complete on the late 19th century building, Chamberlin Mill, Inc. plans to rebuild the

1873 Lane # 1 saw that operated until the Chamberlins ceased their lumber operation in the late 1960s. The saw will then be connected to its last power source — a 1928 Studebaker engine already restored with volunteer help from Mystic Seaport — and be ready for seasonal public demonstrations.

The Studebaker engine was pressed into service by the Chamberlins following the Great Flood of 1936. The flood destroyed the Mill's lower dam, but left the late 19th century building intact. Also intact, though unusable because of the flood, are the water-driven

turbine, and massive 19th century wooden pulleys and cast iron gears

Evidence, including deeds and an early grist mill stone, indicates that the Still River site was used for grist and saw mill operations as early as the 1700s. Chamberlin Mill, Inc. is committed to sharing the full history of this mill site, as part of its central educational mission.

For more information about Chamberlin Mill, the website is [www.chamberlinmill.org](http://www.chamberlinmill.org). The e-mail contact is [chamberlin-mill@gmail.com](mailto:chamberlin-mill@gmail.com).

## Hoyt-Burwell-Morse House added to register



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The Hoyt-Burwell-Morse House

NEW CANAAN — Connecticut recently added a new historic resource to the National Register of Historic Places. The Hoyt-Burwell-Morse House in New Canaan was listed on Jan. 31. The house, which was slated for demolition, was purchased by a concerned citizen who intends to preserve the property through the Connecticut Trust for Historic Preservation's Easement program.

Criteria for historic preservation — Internal Revenue Code Section 170 (h) and Department of the Treasury Regulation Section 1.170A-14 — provide for income and estate tax deductions for charitable contributions of partial interests in historic property. The Tax Reform Act of 1986 retained these provisions. Generally, the IRS considers that a donation of qualified real property interest to preserve a historically important land area or certified historical structure meets the test of charitable contribution for conservation purposes. For purposes of the charitable contribution provisions only, a certified historic structure need not be depreciable to qualify, may be a structure other than a building and may also be a portion of a building such as a facade, if that is all that remains, and may include the land on which it is located.

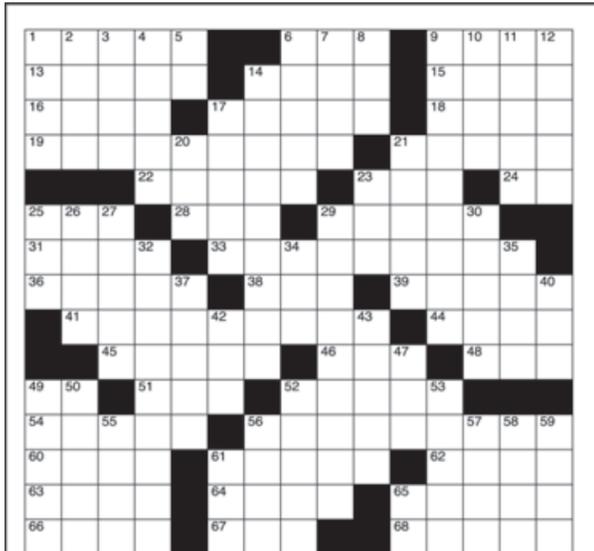
The IRS definition of historically important land areas includes: independently significant land areas, including any related historic

resources that meet National Register Criteria for Evaluation. Land areas within registered historic districts, including buildings, that contribute to the significance of the historic district; and, land areas adjacent to a property individually listed in the National Register of Historic Places (but not within a historic district) where physical or environmental features of the land area contribute to the historical or cultural integrity of the historic property.

Easements may be obtained through the Connecticut Trust Easement Program. Connecticut's State Historic Preservation Office (SHPO) and Museum Division is responsible for overseeing the governmental program of historic preservation for Connecticut's citizens. In partnership with the National Park Service, state and local preservation organizations, SHPO administers a range of federal and state programs that identify, register and protect the buildings, sites, structures, districts and objects that comprise Connecticut's cultural heritage and built environment.

SHPO staff will be presenting a workshop on the Historic Homes Tax Credit Program at 10 a.m. on March 25. The event will be hosted by the New Haven Preservation Trust at the Corsair Apartments at 1040 State Street in New Haven. Pre-registration is required. E-mail [info@nhpt.org](mailto:info@nhpt.org) or call (203) 562-5919 to register.

The SHPO's Statewide Preservation Conference is scheduled for May 18. The event is free. SHPO will begin registration in April. For more information, follow SHPO on Facebook and Twitter - #CTSHPO2017.



### CLUES ACROSS

- 1. Pea stems
- 6. Type of music
- 9. Leader
- 13. Distant
- 14. 5,280 feet
- 15. Beloved Yankee great
- 16. A female domestic
- 17. Free from alcoholism
- 18. Ribosomal ribonucleic acid
- 19. Entertains with song
- 21. Wooden shoe
- 22. Female horses
- 23. Group of males
- 24. Sodium
- 25. Revolutions per minute
- 28. Neither
- 29. Woody climbing plant
- 31. Dismounted
- 33. Orbits the earth
- 36. Female parents
- 38. Separates acids
- 39. Origins
- 41. Stuffing and mounting animal skins
- 44. Rupture
- 45. Fathers
- 46. Large primate
- 48. Shape-memory alloy
- 49. Halfback
- 51. "Family Guy" daughter
- 52. Irish mountain chain
- 54. Paired
- 56. Drinks
- 60. Death notice
- 61. Skirts
- 62. Fertility god
- 63. Where a curve intersects itself
- 64. Red Sea port
- 65. Mozambique seaport
- 66. Leaver
- 67. The human foot
- 68. Crash

### CLUES DOWN

- 1. Excessively theatrical actors
- 2. Wings
- 3. French river
- 4. Internet device
- 5. Where Tony Bennett left his heart
- 6. Flowering shrub that bears gooseberries
- 7. Brews
- 8. For each
- 9. Dictatorships
- 10. Slavic person in Saxony
- 11. Nobel laureate Shmuel
- 12. Lasso
- 14. Tones down
- 17. Lunar period
- 20. Leavened Indian bread
- 21. Military elite
- 23. One thousandth of an inch
- 25. L.A. footballer
- 26. Land plan
- 27. A satellite of Saturn
- 29. "Cat Ballou" actor
- 30. Obscure aspect of Sun God and a group of asteroids
- 32. Indicates the fare
- 34. \_\_\_ and feather
- 35. Round Dutch cheese
- 37. Begat
- 40. Relaxing place
- 42. \_\_\_ Hit'an of Alaska
- 43. Belgian city
- 47. Organ of hearing and balance
- 49. Isolated Southeast Asian people
- 50. "Power Rangers" villain
- 52. Yellow-fever mosquitos
- 53. Heavy cavalry sword
- 55. Laundry detergent
- 56. A way to wait
- 57. Mother and wife of Uranus
- 58. Justly obtain
- 59. Stony waste matter
- 61. Helps you find places
- 65. Oil company



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# Scouts, Knights, Putnam town employees lead food drive

PUTNAM — Boy Scout Troop 21, Knights of Columbus Cargill Council, assisted by Putnam town employees led a local food drive. Putnam's Boy Scout Troop 21 and Cargill Council 64 joined forces with the community for their ninth annual food drive, collecting just over \$2,300 and 2,355 pounds — more than a ton — of non-perishable food.

The drive began on the weekend of March 4 and 5, when Scouts and Knights passed out hundreds of distinctive bright yellow plastic "Scouting for Food" grocery bags at the masses being celebrated at St. Mary Church of the Visitation in Putnam and Most Holy Trinity Church in Pomfret. "Scouting for Food" is a nationwide annual effort by Boy Scout troops, Cub Scout packs and Explorer posts to collect food for their local non-profit food pantries. People at both churches were asked for monetary donations and to fill the bags with groceries and bring them back. Volunteers followed up and collected the money and food at the two churches a week later.

Meanwhile, the effort took hold at the Putnam



John D. Ryan photo

Putnam Town Administrator Mary Calorio and Mayor Tony Falzarano helps to load more than two dozen bags for a food drive.

Town Hall, on Church Street, where more than two dozen "Scouting for Food" bags were collected from town employees. Mayor Tony Falzarano's executive assistant, Denise Roireau, organized a collection effort after the Knights brought the mayor a yellow bag to fill with groceries. This was the second year Falzarano was involved, helping to drum up sup-

port. On St. Patrick's Day the mayor was assisted by several town employees to load donated food into his Chevy Equinox in the parking lot.

"I'm so proud of the town employees, particularly Denise Roireau, for making this happen and helping the people in our community," Falzarano said. "There are families now who will have food because of the generos-

ity of our Putnam town employees."

The next day, on Saturday morning, March 18, Falzarano drove his SUV to the Knights of Columbus hall on Providence Street, where the two-week drive was capped off with a community collection of food and money. During the outdoor event, motorists pulled into the parking lot with their cash and bags of groceries. Meanwhile, customers were giving their donations to volunteers two blocks away, at Putnam Supermarket. Just after noon, the Scouts and Knights trucked the food over to the local non-profit, non-denominational Daily Bread Food Pantry, operated by Interfaith Human Services of Putnam, located at the Living Faith United Methodist Church, on Grove Street, and helped to bring it inside.

Daily Bread Volunteer Project Coordinator Ann Kathi Peterson, said daily Bread helps an average of 500 to 600 people every month, from Putnam, Pomfret, Woodstock and Eastford, based solely on need. Of that, about 150 to 200 are children, with another 100 senior citizens, while most of the

other recipients are aged 18 to 60. She said that overall, the local economy hasn't gotten any better in the last five to seven years.

"We're trying to give a helping hand to people in their journey through life," Peterson said. "Not everybody has the same economic status. Some people need help and we try to provide it."

The money was given to Project Northeast, another local non-profit, non-denominational, social service agency for the needy, operated from two small basement rooms at St. Mary's Church on Providence Street. Project Northeast helps an average of 150 of the region's families every month, like Daily Bread, based solely on need. Serving the area from Plainfield and Sterling north to the Massachusetts border, recipients can get temporary help with food, along with money for utilities and other basic necessities. Although it's a ministry of the Catholic Diocese of Norwich, it's supported almost entirely by donations.

A member of the Knights of Columbus himself, Project Northeast Director Rev.

Richard L. Archambault said there are people throughout northeastern Connecticut who need help every day.

"This money we're taking in from this drive will go right back out again, for the poor people in our area," Archambault said. "They're our neighbors and we're grateful that the donations come in so we can help them."

Peter A. Lombardo, of Putnam, is Troop 21's Scoutmaster and one of Council 64's Past Grand Knights.

"After a slow start we came on strong, with over \$2,300 and well over a ton of food," Lombardo said. "We're very grateful to the people of our community for making this possible. Scouts take an oath 'to help other people at all times,' and we're glad our Scouts could come out and do that."

To donate, checks may be mailed to: Project Northeast, 81 Church St., Putnam, Ct., 06260. Donations of non-perishable food for Daily Bread may also be left during business hours at the two locations of Joseph's Jewelers, 153 School Street in Putnam and 158 Main Street in Danielson.

# Murphy laments lack of hearings on Trumpcare



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Chris Murphy notes lack of debate on Trumpcare.

WASHINGTON, D.C. — During a U.S. Senate Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions (HELP) Committee hearing on March 21, U.S. Senator Chris Murphy (Democrat-Connecticut) lambasted HELP Committee Republicans for refusing to schedule any hearings on Trumpcare. Last week, Murphy and all other HELP Committee Democrats called on the HELP Committee's Republican leadership to dedicate today's scheduled hearing on how Trumpcare would affect patients and families across the country, rather than user fees administered by the U.S. Food and Drug Administration. HELP Republican leadership ignored their request.

Murphy recently led 17 senators in demanding Senate Republican leadership conduct an equally transparent and thorough deliberative process on Trumpcare as was conducted in drafting and passing the Affordable Care Act (ACA) in 2009. He also laid out the facts of Trumpcare with a PowerPoint presentation, and has repeatedly called on Congressional Republicans to stop their crusade to repeal the ACA and to work in a bipartisan way to improve the law.

The full text of Murphy's remarks: "Thank you, Mr. Chairman. I just think it's outrageous that we're holding this hearing today, instead of talking about what is actually happening in this building right now. An effort to rewrite the rules that concern one-sixth of this country's economy. An effort to jam down the throats of the House and the Senate the repeal of the Affordable Care Act, the most massive change in American health care in our entire lifetime. And we aren't talking about in the health committee.

"We're the health committee. We're

charged with overseeing the American health care system, and we are acting as if this isn't happening. I mean, PDUFA, MDUFA — I understand they're important. But I'm just going to tell you the people that are sitting in this audience today, they're not representing uninsured Americans. They're representing the industry, by and large. They're representing the million- and billion-dollar companies that have a lot at stake in this legislation.

"We're the health committee and I don't know what the relevance of sitting on this committee is if we have nothing to do or say about a piece of legislation that is going to dramatically alter the landscape of American health care for our constituents. We've heard about what the health committee has done in the past, and so I won't regurgitate those numbers, but I watched those hearings. I was proud to watch those hearings.

"In the HELP Committee, there were 300 amendments that were considered in developing the ACA. There were 160 Republican amendments that were accepted as part of that legislation. Republicans didn't vote for it in the end, but this committee had the chance to weigh in. The American people got to see, over the course of a year, an actual debate ploy.

"And though Republicans eviscerated Democrats for "ramming" that bill through, let's be honest about why we are not having a hearing here today. It's because my Republican colleagues didn't learn a lesson of a bill being rammed through a process. They actually think that process took too long. So the reason that this bill is being jammed through on an extraordinary timeframe is because the lesson they learned from the ACA is that there was too much

debate. And so they want less debate so nobody can see what's in the bill.

"I get that we can make your job easier and see more transformation drugs to market. But if people don't have insurance to afford these drugs, then nothing we do here in the reform of these user fee agreements matters. Twenty-four million people are about to lose their healthcare. That is the entire population of Alaska, Delaware, Hawaii, Idaho, Kansas, Maine, Montana, Nebraska, Nevada, New Hampshire, New Mexico, North Dakota, Rhode Island, South Dakota, Vermont, West Virginia, and Wyoming.

"This isn't a minor adjustment of the number of people who have access to the drugs we're talking about today. This is a humanitarian catastrophe that is about to happen. And we are pretending like the debate doesn't exist. I asked to be on this committee because I wanted to be at the center of the most important debates about the future of the American healthcare system.

"But it is possible that next week in the U.S. Senate, we are going to be asked in a handful of hours to vote up or down on a bill that is going to dramatically change the reality of healthcare for consumers all across this country. Driving rates up for millions of people, especially older Americans. Taking healthcare away from millions of Americans. Passing on enormous tax breaks to the drug industries that we are talking about here today to health care insurance companies. And this committee will have nothing to say about it."

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## Putnam Robotics Team wins at regional award

PUTNAM — The recently formed Putnam High School robotics team, the Putnam Scavengers, attended their first competition on March 11 at Bridgewater Raynham Regional High School in Bridgewater, Mass. At the competition the team won the “Rookie All-Star” award. The win qualifies the team a spot at the New England regional competition scheduled for April 5-7 at the University of New Hampshire.

This year’s competition called, “FIRST Steamworks”, involves two alliances that act as adventure clubs from an era in which technology relied on steam power to prepare airships for the ultimate long distance race. Each three-team alliance scores points and prepares to take flight by adding fuel, characterized by neon-colored balls, that are vaulted into boilers, building steam pressure. Other challenges on the playing field include gathering up gears to start the rotors and boarding robots onto their airships. The adventure club with the highest score at the end of the match is the best prepared for the race and wins.

With their first competition under their belt the students were happy with the entire experience. Student member Garret Sward commented that his favorite part of the competition was the camaraderie between the teams.

“When we partnered with other teams we worked together to create our strategy”, Sward said.

Team mentor Matt Smith was also optimistic on the team’s chances.

“This win was nice to get under our belt, it gave the team a great confidence boost”, Smith said. “The Rookie All Star Award is considered the most prestigious of the awards given to rookie teams. The award recognizes a team that is a partnership between the school and sponsors, and has a vision, leadership, and spirit.”

The Putnam Scavenger Robotics Team is hosted by Putnam High School and is open to any high School students. For more information, contact the team via email at [team6333@gmail.com](mailto:team6333@gmail.com).



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Putnam Robotics team, front row: Hunter Robinson, Jordan Mailhot, Lionel Gotis, Kaitlyn Eddy. Back Row: Gerry Mailhot, Garret Sward, Jacob Ledbetter, Aurelia Ledbetter, David Druin, Adam Druin, Matthew Smith. Not pictured: Keith Gagne

## POMFRET SCHOOL LISTS SCHOLAR HONORS

POMFRET — The following students were named to the Winter 2016-2017 Head of School Scholar Honors list at Pomfret School. To achieve this level of distinction, they earned a grade point average of at least 4.00 and received no grade lower than an A- for the winter 2016-2017 term. Thomas Bergendahl of Pomfret Center from the Class of 2020; Davis Chase of Pomfret from the Class of 2017; Evan Cunningham of Pomfret from the Class of 2017; Jake Farrell of Woodstock from the Class of 2018; Jessica Farrell of Woodstock from the Class of 2020; Madison Fisher of Pomfret from the Class of 2019; Vivien Mark of Woodstock from the Class of 2020; David Marshall of Woodstock from the Class of 2019; Hannah Dean of Brooklyn from the Class

of 2020; Colin LeSage of Brooklyn from the Class of 2018; Anna Mendenhall of Dayville from the Class of 2019; Alexander Chon-Kang of Putnam from the Class of 2019.

The following students were named to the Winter 2016-2017 High Honors list at Pomfret School. To achieve this level of distinction, they earned a grade point average of 3.670 and received no grade lower than a B for the winter 2016-2017 term.; Melissa Browne of Pomfret from the Class of 2017; Rebecca Bullied of Pomfret Center from the Class of 2017; Chelsey Castle of Pomfret Center from the Class of 2019; Kailey Castle of Pomfret Center from the Class of 2017; Sydney Fisher of Pomfret from the Class of 2017; Brandon Griffin of Pomfret Center from the Class of 2019; Kevin

Griffin of Pomfret Center from the Class of 2017; Helen Hale of Pomfret Center from the Class of 2020; Gillian Horst of Pomfret from the Class of 2019; John Mooney of Pomfret Center from the Class of 2019; Teagan O’Hara of Woodstock from the Class of 2020; Seoyeon Park of Pomfret Center from the Class of 2017; Bailey Riva of Woodstock from the Class of 2018; Conan McGannon of Brooklyn from the Class of 2020; Julie Sullivan of Brooklyn from the Class of 2017; Abigail Trivella of Brooklyn from the Class of 2017.

The following students were named to the Winter 2016-2017 Honors List at Pomfret School. To achieve this level of distinction, they earned a grade point average of 3.330 and received no grade lower than a B-. Trisha Berk of Woodstock from the Class of 2018; Won Cho of Woodstock from the Class of 2019; Yves Geyer of Pomfret from the Class of 2019; Olivia Kremer of Pomfret from the Class of 2017; Duun O’Hara of Woodstock from the Class of 2018; Shuonan Peng of Pomfret from the Class of 2017; Kayta Tsemo of Pomfret from the Class of 2018.

## Chase awarded Killingly conservation award

KILLINGLY — Virginia Chase was awarded this year’s Environmental Award by Killingly Conservation Commission for her dedication in creating Mother Nature’s Garden and promoting pollinator gardens in Killingly.

At the Town Council meeting on Feb. 14, Donna Bronwell, Chair of Killingly Conservation Commission, presented the award, adding Chase’s name to 14 other Environmental Award recipients on a plaque in the Town Hall.

Since 2002 KCC has given annual recognition to various individuals and groups for conservation activities: to recognize an individual, organization, school or business who contributes to the awareness, care, enhancement or protection of Killingly’s open spaces and natural resources; was instrumental in creating an environmental program in the schools or community, or; participates in other environmental activities that merit recognition.

Bruce Kohl, KCC member, nominated Chase, who was instrumental in starting the Killingly Community Garden and Mother Nature’s Garden. The initial idea of creating a “bridge of flowers” across the Five Mile River in the Water Street area of downtown Danielson spurred Chase to acquire 501c3 non-profit status for Mother Nature’s Garden, dedicated to the formation and care of pollinator gardens in Killingly and to aid in the preservation of hummingbirds, bees and butterflies.

When Chase was asked about the projects in making Killingly more beautiful said she honors the inspiration of Linda Walden, former town planner who died unexpectedly in 2015. When considering how to continue the vision, Chase said she thinks “What would Linda do?”

For all of her commitment and efforts, the Killingly Conservation Commission awarded Chase this year’s Environmental Award.

## College recruiting panel discussion at Pomfret School

POMFRET — A panel discussion on the subject of college athletics recruiting is scheduled for 6:30 p.m. Monday, March 27, at Hard Auditorium on the campus of Pomfret School, 398 Pomfret Street. Parents and students from all area high schools and prep schools are invited to attend. There is no cost.

The panelists will include Kristen Hargis, Director of Compliance Services

at the University of Connecticut; Ainslee Lamb, Vice President of Field Hockey — College Connection; Paul Schlickmann, Director of Athletics at Central Connecticut State University; and Mark Dennehy, Head Coach of the Merrimack College’s men’s hockey team.

Some of the scheduled topics include the benefits of being a college athlete, the percentage of high schoolers who become college athletes overall, initial eligibility, recruiting, how to contact or communicate with a college coach, campus visits, and recruiting services.

## Free Blue Bird nest boxes available

THOMPSON — The Thompson Conservation Commission has 40 Blue Bird Nest boxes available to be given to Thompson residents free of charge on a first come, first served basis. The best time to install these nest boxes will be as soon as the posts can be driven into the ground so that the boxes are ready for Bluebird habitation in early spring. To request a nest box contact the Conservation Officer via email or phone: [conservation@thompsonct.org](mailto:conservation@thompsonct.org) or phone (860) 923-1852. Information on installation and bluebird biology is available at [www.thompson-conservation.org/projects/bluebird\\_houses/bluebird\\_houses.html](http://www.thompson-conservation.org/projects/bluebird_houses/bluebird_houses.html), and will be provided in hard copy with each nest box

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## Putnam's Milhomme in Eastconn dancefest

WILLIMANTIC — Zoie Milhomme from Putnam is among the performers in the current production at EASTCONN's Arts at the Capitol Theater (ACT). EASTCONN will present Opposing Forces: DanceFest 2017 on Fri. and Sat., March 31 and April 1, 2017, at 7 p.m., on the Capitol Theater's main stage, 896 Main St., Willimantic. This family-friendly, annual dance showcase is open to the public.

Under the direction of ACT dance teacher Tiana Mancuso, Opposing Forces: DanceFest 2017 will feature faculty works by Mancuso, ACT principal Sarah Roberts-Mallory and special guest artist Brandon Coulotte of Trinity College.

The evening will feature nine pieces of original dance choreography thematically derived from the concepts of opposition and properties of force.

Highlights of the evening will include Mancuso's "Wandering Still," a dance work that shows the juxtaposition of contemporary music and classical ballet; and "Suspended," which blends modern and animation dance techniques. "Antithesis," by hip-hop guest artist Coulotte, will explore asymmetry, positive and negative space, color and texture. Other pieces will depict aspects of physics including Mallory's, "Reactions," a hip-hop piece based on Newton's Laws; and Mancuso's "What Goes Up, Must Come Down," a contemporary piece that explores the sensation of weightless flying, loss of control to gravity and increasing momentum. This year's senior student dance work, "Cornerstone," addresses human conflict, competition and interaction within socio-emotional relationships.

ACT students performing in DanceFest 2017 include seniors Samantha Richard (Willimantic), Daniel Marinelli (Willington), Destiny Hollis (Willimantic), Lauthell Labonte (Putnam), Jorrel Morales (Windham) and Cayla White (Windham). Juniors include Deborah Rolon (New London), Therese Weigand-Watkinson (Norwich), Hailie Brytowski (Putnam), Alesha Coppinger (Colchester) and Devin Beaudry (Canterbury). Sophomores include Yasmine Aumaree (Willimantic), Zoie Milhomme (Putnam), Angelys Alfonso (Windham) and Makaiah Knighton (Windham).

DanceFest is a collaboration among students and faculty from ACT's Dance, Audio/Visual, Lighting Design, Set Construction and Costume departments.

Tickets are \$5 for ACT students and military, \$8 for seniors and students and \$10 for adults. Tickets may be reserved in advance by calling the Capitol Theater's Main Office at 860-465-5636. The Capitol Theater Box Office is also open one hour before show time for walk-up ticket sales.

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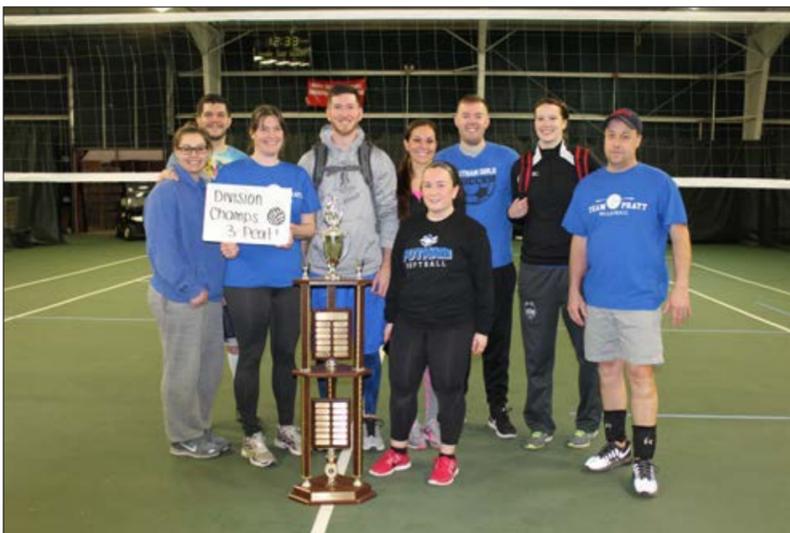
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ACT dance members

## Putnam Lions volleyball challenge nets charity payoff



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Team Pratt



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Misfits

POMFRET — The annual Putnam Lions Volleyball Challenge took place on March 18-19 at Pomfret School. March 18 games were played by competitive teams and March 19 games were played by the corporate-sponsored teams. On March 19, the coveted traveling trophy was won by Putnam High School's Team Pratt for the third year in a row. Putnam High School battled against KWP Associates for the win. March 18's competitive team games were won by the the Misfits in Division 1 and Waves Hair Studio in Division 2.

A fun filled weekend was had by all who participated. The Putnam Lions Volleyball Challenge is the largest fundraiser of the year for the Putnam Lions and all funds raised are given back to the community during the Night of Giving in April. This year's event was another smashing success and grossed over \$20,000 thanks to all the sponsors and participants.

The following competitive teams played on March 18: B's, Bumpin' Ugliers,



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Waves Hair Studio

Friends Without Benefits, Hot Mess, King Cadillac, Misfits, Safin Chipsters, Set To Kill and Waves Hair Studio. March 19 teams included Frito Lay's Chester Cheetah Spikers, Gerardi Insurance's Scared Hitless, Kenyon Industries, KWP Associates, Putnam Bank and Putnam High School's Team Pratt.

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# OPINION

Opinion and commentary from the Quiet Corner

## LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

### Fracking waste can poison our lives

To the editor:

Jen Suskind of Connecticut Food and Water Watch recently gave a talk about fracking waste at the Woodstock town hall. Woodstock residents are in the process of getting a town ban on fracking waste storage, since the industry is looking to store waste used in extracting gas and oil in Pennsylvania. By setting up local bans, concerned communities are trying to respond to a state government's possible leniency towards transport and storage of these toxic materials. If enough towns create bans, the towns represent a mandate and the state is more likely to pass a general ban.

The positive news is that it only took a few of us to start the process. Food and Water Watch provided us with the invaluable petition and ordinance with proven legalese. One person checked with the town hall about the process. It was easy to get letters published and to distribute handouts and set up an informational gathering. Next step is town meetings.

Why block storage of fracking waste? A community ban on storage is the only way to protect our land and water from untreatable poisoning. By the time the waste is loaded for transport, it contains deadly, cancer-causing chemicals. In the areas where the fracking is done, there have been uptakes of leukemia,

infertility and infant health problems, heart disease and digestive issues. Local aquifers are polluted and households have to buy their water from outside. An extra horror is that the stuff is radioactive. The PA shale was once prospected for uranium mining and now the radiation is being brought to the surface in the fracking waste. As local options are filled, the industry is looking outside the area for storage. These can be banned, but it is illegal to ban transport of tankers. The kicker: trucking gets money in the transport, but has to pay out according to amounts off-loaded at the storage facility. Great incentive to leak material over the roads—no incentive to self-regulate. It's already happening.

The waste includes toxic ingredients that move easily into the air (think gasoline fumes) and particulates that blow and cling. The runoff from roads or leakage from storage tank settles first into streams, flush out in a flood, and end up in our water-treatment facilities such as our local one in Putnam. So NE CT is not really safe until we get Massachusetts communities on board, Norwich is not safe until the entire watershed is safe. Look upstream from where you live.

JORIE HUNKEN  
WOODSTOCK

### Reader objects to Trump's policies

To the Editor:

One must concede that President Trump has made a few very fine (male, of course) selections for high executive (and one judicial) offices. That said, the imperial Presidency is clearly Draconian. In short: Travel bans from Muslim countries. The consequences, drastic. Immigrant deportation by random enforcement of laws without attention to mitigating circumstances – children deprived of parents, etc. Random incarceration. Marijuana medical and recreational use. Permitted by some states. Prohibited by Federal law. Let's enforce the Federal. "Health care reform" A scam to reduce gov-

ernment health care costs, with dire consequences. No more Justice Department supervision of municipal police departments for possible civil rights violations. Tweets. Real men don't tweet. Small birds do. Accusations must be made with extreme caution, with compelling evidence, and in the "light of day." Budget cuts to the Coast Guard (oh yes, to FEMA and TSA), in order to pay for THE WALL. This is beyond rational discussion. How long can this go on?

DAVID B. BOYD  
WOODSTOCK

### Running the country is not like running a business

To the editor:

In the election, many people from both parties were fed up with politicians. The feeling was that we needed someone from business to come in and use business thinking to solve our problems. And to cut through the crap and get things done.

Only one flaw in this thinking — the driving forces to succeed in business are not the ones that make a good government leader. Those who want to succeed in business are driven by one of two factors, viz., either to make a lot of money or to climb the corporate ladder. With either, a person has little need to be considerate of their peers or of those who work for them. They can succeed by being immune to others' thinking and being dictatorial. They can get away with covering up their mistakes and punishing those who disagree.

We now have such a successful businessman in charge. He is showing just these traits. For instance, he has banned various news agencies from briefings and press conferences. This seems to be a blatant effort to defy the First Amendment protecting free speech.

He is also filling positions with those very people who were constrained by rules and regulations they are now put in charge of. Is this not the very essence of corruption?

In an article by Jon Roland of the Constitution Society, he cites Ann Coulter's book entitled High Crimes and Misdemeanors. She argues that the grounds for impeachment are not limited to criminal offenses against which there are laws. It also includes "many offenses that are not criminally or civilly actionable but are, nevertheless, grounds for impeachment and removal from office."

She states that many of those grounds "survive in the Uniform Code of Military Justice, and include such things as dereliction of

duty, moral turpitude, and conduct unbecoming which can adversely affect good order and discipline and bring discredit to the person, his office, his organization, and his country." Since Trump is the Commander in Chief, he too is bound by the Uniform Code and is subject to the issue of dereliction of duty.

Is it not a dereliction of duty that Trump spends so much time, energy and resources tweeting against his enemies instead of working full time for the benefit of all Americans? Is it not a dereliction of duty that Trump makes up alternate facts and lies to the American public? Is it not a dereliction of duty to ignore the insight and information from those government departments that the American people pay for? Is it not a dereliction that Trump is installing so many people in positions of power who have no experience in how government operates?

It is as if a patient (here a metaphor for the electorate) has a bad tooth ache (here a metaphor for all the things that are wrong in America). Instead of going to a dentist, the patient hires a good auto mechanic to do a root canal. Now this mechanic comes in, drops his tool box on the floor and says, "OK let's start". The mechanic now refuses to get any instruction on how to do a root canal and furthermore refuses any advice or assistance. When does the patient realize that he's hired someone who is willfully (alas, yea verily woefully) ignorant and who operates with wrong tools (here a metaphor for business practices)?

I am quite afraid that we've elected someone who knows how to wield business power but has no concern how inappropriate that is to competent governance.

STEPHEN ETZEL  
PUTNAM

## The North Pond Hermit

Sometimes a story captures the imagination. I found myself engrossed in the saga of the, "North Pond hermit", a man who survived by himself in the dense Maine woods for 27 years. In 2013 a game warden captured 47 year-old Christopher Thomas Knight, who had eluded law enforcement officers and the property owners of the vacation cabins he burglarized near his hidden camp site.

Knight helped himself to their battery packs, frozen steaks, propane tanks and clothing. By his own estimate, he committed 40 robberies per year, but most of the items were trivial enough that the seasonal residents from whom he took them failed to notice when they first disappeared. Eventually they were annoyed or frightened and tried their best to "hermit proof" their properties, to no avail.

Part of my interest in the story of Christopher Knight springs from my childhood experiences with hermits, or at least people we called hermits, although none were totally removed from society. Instead they lived in shacks in the woods. They were all men. One lived close enough to a bridge path for me to see his house. He had two small dwellings, one for winter and one for summer, facing each other across a rutted track. He always wore a heavy coat, boots and a hat. Although I'm sure I never looked him directly in the eye, he probably had a beard. Two others, brothers I think, lived in the vast woods that are now part of the Wolf Den State forest.

The hermits I knew quit their solitary lives once a month to go to one of the local general stores. They received some type of public assistance. With the money, they bought food and beer. I know this was their pattern because if they happened to be walking down the road, coming or going to the store, my parents stopped to pick them up. I was always horrified. They slipped into the backseat of the car, answered whatever questions were asked of them, said their thanks when they were dropped off. They smelled like kerosene and wood stove and something hard to place. Perhaps the odor of loneliness or shyness was what permeated the car after they left and caused my mother to roll down the windows.

There is a long religious tradition of people becoming hermits, but neither the men I knew nor Mr. Knight seem to have had that calling. Instead, they wanted to be absolutely alone, left to their private worlds. Unlike most of us, they didn't want friends, conversation or the joys and complexities of family life. They did not become famous hermits, like Henry David Thoreau, whose cabin site I visited last fall with my daughter. Thoreau's retreat wasn't far from Concord, but apparently far enough for him to feel isolated from the cares of society and able to write. The local hermits didn't write anything. They didn't talk much either. They just lived as they chose.

The hermits I knew would be diagnosed as having "issues" in today's parlance. They and Knight had problems, but they dealt with them in their own ways. My small town was also tolerant of eccentrics and hermits were at the edge of acceptable behavior.

The Maine woods are thick enough to hide a hermit's home for decades. We have no such cover here. The possibility of odd men living in the woods, off the grid, beyond the norm is a troubling thought. It would be difficult to regard them as harmless. It would be hard to offer them a ride.

Yet something in their determination to retreat into themselves and nature captures the imagination.



NANCY WEISS

*I guess you had to be there*

"Eheh, heh, heh, heh, heh, heh, heeah. Wheez. Squeal. Eeeeyeah, heh, heh, heh, heh, heh. Eeeeya, ha, ha, ha, heh, heh, hee. Aheeeeha, ha, gafaw, haw, haw.

I am guessing that few readers found themselves chuckling as they read the above paragraph. But this is a rough transcription of the first few minutes of a baby video that has gone viral. Many folks must find it very funny because it has

been viewed over 11 million times on Youtube. But, reading the script was probably not enough. I guess you had to be there.

We have all shared experiences with friends and family only to realize part way through our sharing that the retelling of the story was not conveying the things that made it powerful or funny to us. So, we likely ended our account with: "I guess you had to be there."

The same is true of powerful God-experiences. If you have never been in a church service where God's Spirit sweeps through the congregation in a tangible way or God speaks through "The Gifts of the Spirit," then you owe it to yourself to change that. Because, it is not enough to read about it or even watch video clips – you have to be there.

The most powerful and impacting experiences of my life have been in church. As a child I heard about the miracles done by Jesus 2000 years ago, but it was quite another thing to see the lame walk or blind eyes opened in real time. It was one thing to read about the Day of Pentecost in Acts chapter 2, or see a video of people speaking in tongues, but was far different to be in room full of people who were experiencing what Mary, Peter and John experienced in the first century. Words just can't convey the experience - you had to be there.

Now days we can read restaurant reviews online, but there is nothing like feeling the atmosphere of a restaurant and tasting the food for yourself. In my experience, reviews are often much different than what I encounter upon a real-time visit. Not all restaurants are equal. Sometimes patrons don't appreciate the things I appreciate.

The same is true of churches. Not all churches are equal. Not all reviews are accurate. What if God has a great new experience for you that rivals the experiences recorded in the Bible? What if conversion is as good as people say it is? What if God wants to use a worship experience with other believers to bless you the way you have been praying for him to do for years? It will probably take more than reading about it or hearing about it – you have to be there.

Most people will risk wasting a few hours or a few bucks to try a new restaurant, a new show or a new theme park. Some will even risk their lives to experience a rush or a high. People have been known to risk everything to find love or joy or peace. Church has the potential to do much more for you with very little risk. Church is usually free and only takes a few hours of your time. Maybe you've tried a church or two before, but the next one you try might be the one that makes all the difference. You will never know until you try. Who knows, you may leave with a story that has to be retold with the final qualifying statement: "I guess you had to be there."

Bishop John W Hanson oversees Acts II Ministries in Thompson. For more information, please visit [www.ActsII.org](http://www.ActsII.org).

## Estate sale find earns presidential visit



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Danny Triplett runs an estate sale liquidation company in Tampa, FL. He recently made an estate find that earned his family a visit with a president.

Mr. Triplett has made a few discoveries that have been covered by television news stations in the Tampa area. I first worked with Danny when he discovered some photos of John F. Kennedy in a Florida estate. The estate personal representative sent them to us to be auctioned because of Kennedy's Massachusetts

ties and Danny made the arrangements.

When another client recently hired his "Full House Estate Liquidation" estate sale company Danny made another great discovery. As he was searching through boxes he found a photograph album. Danny looked through the pictures and determined that Jimmy Carter was in many of the family photos. He later learned that he was handling the estate of a good friend of Carter's deceased aunt.

Tom Gordy was Carter's uncle. A young Jimmy Carter was fascinated with the postcards that his uncle sent when travelling around the world. The postcards influenced Mr. Carter's decision to join the Navy. Carter later went on to graduate from the U.S. Naval Academy in Annapolis.



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# Converting savings to retirement income

You've been saving diligently for years, and now it's time to think about how to convert the money in your traditional 401(k)s (or similar workplace savings plans) into retirement income. But hold on, not so fast. You may need to take a few steps first.

**Evaluate your needs**  
If you haven't done so, estimate how much income you'll need to meet your desired lifestyle in retirement. Conventional wisdom says to plan on needing 70 percent to 100 percent of your annual pre-retirement income to meet your needs in retirement; however, your specific amount will depend on your unique circumstances. First identify your non-negotiable fixed needs — such as housing, food, and medical care — to get clarity on how much it will cost to make basic ends meet. Then identify your variable wants — including travel, leisure, and entertainment. Segregating your expenses into needs and wants will help you develop an income strategy to fund both.

Assess all sources of predictable income

Next, determine how much you might expect from sources of predictable income, such as Social Security and traditional pension plans.

**Social Security:** At your full retirement age (which varies from 66 to 67, depending on your year of birth), you'll be entitled to receive your full benefit. Although you can begin receiving reduced benefits as early as age 62, the longer you wait to begin (up to age 70), the more you'll receive each month. You can estimate your retirement benefit by using the calculators on the SSA website, [ssa.gov](http://ssa.gov). You can also sign up for a my Social Security account to view your Social Security Statement online.

**Traditional pensions:** If you stand to receive a traditional pension from your current or a previous employer, be sure to familiarize yourself with its features. For example, will your benefit remain steady throughout retirement or increase with inflation? Your pension will most likely be offered as either a single life or joint-and-survivor annuity. A single-life annu-



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ity provides benefits until the worker's death, while a joint-and-survivor annuity generally provides reduced benefits until the survivor's death.<sup>1</sup>

If it looks as though your Social Security and pension income will be enough to cover your fixed needs, you may be well positioned to use your other assets to fund those extra wants. On the other hand, if your predictable sources are not sufficient to cover your fixed needs, you'll need to think carefully about how to tap your retirement savings plan assets, as they will be a necessary component of your income.

Understand your savings plan options.

A key in determining how to tap your retirement plan assets is to understand the options available to

you. According to the Government Accountability Office (GAO), only about one-third of 401(k) plans offer withdrawal options, such as installment payments, systematic withdrawals, and managed payout funds.<sup>2</sup>

Plans may allow you to leave the money alone or require you to take a lump-sum distribution. You may also choose to roll over the assets to an IRA, which might offer a variety of income and investment opportunities, including the purchase of annuity contracts. If you choose to work part-time in retirement, you may be allowed to roll your assets into the new employer's plan.

Determining the right way to tap your assets can be challenging and should take into account a number of factors. These include your tax situation, whether you have other assets you'll use for income, and your desire to leave assets to heirs. A financial professional can help you understand your options. Plan Well!

Current law requires married couples to

choose a joint-and-survivor annuity unless the spouse waives those rights. "401(k) Plans: DOL Could Take Steps to Improve Retirement Income Options for Plan Participants," GAO Report to Congressional Requesters, August 2016.

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# Much work ahead for P&Z Commission

Woodstock's Planning and Zoning Commission was not able to hold its monthly meeting this month. The Commission will continue its work on the important issue of economic development and business regulations, items that were on the agenda for the March meeting. The next regular Commission meeting is scheduled for Thursday, April 20, at 7:30 p.m. in the lower level of Woodstock Town Hall.

The Commission has been focused on ways to promote appropriate economic development in tune with the needs, character, municipal infrastructure, and resources of Woodstock. The way this is done is through series of planning sessions, whereby the Commission researches, discusses, floats ideas, asks questions, and learns from others. The Commission reaches out to stakeholders and members of the public, in an inclusive manner. Once consensus is reached on various topics, the Commission settles to the task of updating, removing, or creating zoning regulations. Sometimes it does all three of these types of changes.

Zoning regulations are the hands-on tools used every day by town government to promote land development and land uses that uphold community-wide, public health,

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**DR. JEFFREY A. GORDON**

safety, and welfare, while at the same time upholding individual property owners' rights. Woodstock's zoning regulations are town laws. This gives Woodstock's Planning and Zoning Commission a lot of authority. With such authority comes serious responsibility. It is this responsibility of which the Commission remains most mindful and uses the rule of commonsense when making decisions.

Years of work went into the update of the zoning regulations enacted in 2015. Likewise, similar work went into the update of the Plan of Conservation and Development (POCD) enacted in 2015. Although the regulations and the POCD encompass many things, one important aspect has been the concerns of our town's business community. In fact, over the years, efforts have been made to include the business community in work being done. This stems from the Commission's continued efforts to include everyone in on the Commission's work, such as landowners, farmers, and the general

public. The commission has learned a lot and as a result, has been able to do well its work on behalf of everyone in our community.

During this past year, as the Woodstock Business Association renewed itself, I am proud to have Woodstock's Planning and Zoning Commission and the Association liaison with each other. For purposes of disclosure, I am a member of the Association and the Chamber of Commerce. We have been working together to find common solutions to common issues. This approach works. For example, when the Commission learned that some businesses had window signs, something not allowed by the regulations, the Commission put on a hold enforcement of this part of the regulations and set out to find a solution. The work is currently active on the Commission's agenda, and the Commission is already reviewing and taking into good account the concerns and ideas of the business community.

Other work the Commission is doing on behalf of the business community is to find ways to streamline the process of getting permits, and the expense of such permits, while maintaining the important governmental review of proposed land uses (to uphold public

safety, health, and welfare for everyone). The Commission several years ago updated the land use fees charged to people seeking permits. This fee schedule had not otherwise been updated in over 15 years, and was woefully out of date. The town recoups the legitimate costs of the work it does and does not overcharge applicants. The Commission does not have control on what the state charges, but there are ways to legally avoid extra state fees by being creative with how the town documents its land use review work. Here are two recent examples.

First, if someone gets approval for a permit to start a business, move a business to a new location, or to expand a business, then why charge separately for a sign permit if a sign permit is being asked for at the same time a business permit is being submitted? The Commission has bundled it all together, streamlining the process and saving people money.

Second, if someone gets approval to build a new business or construct a business expansion, then why charge later a separate fee for a construction permit? The Commission is looking to bundle things to save time and money for people.

Currently, the Commission reviews and decides upon simple, business zoning permits.

Although these types of permit reviews do not take a lot of time, applicants nevertheless have to take time to come to a Commission meeting. An idea the Commission can look into is to change the zoning regulations so that the Town's Zoning Enforcement Officer can handle these types of simple permits. If a permit application meets the requirements and standards of the regulations, then the ZEO can approve the permit. This is how other simple permits, such as for house decks, pools, and sheds, are handled now. This will facilitate things for our business community, while not lessening the Commission's oversight of the regulations. Each month, the Commission receives a report of permits issued by Town Hall, and reviews through it.

When the Woodstock Economic Development Commission (EDC) was up and running, Woodstock's Planning & Zoning Commission worked with it. It is exciting to see efforts to revive the EDC, and the Commission looks forward to working with the EDC.

The Commission's outreach to the business community follows a similar way of outreach to other parts of our community, such as the agricultural community. The good working relationship Woodstock's Planning &

Zoning Commission has with the Agricultural Commission is being replicated with the Woodstock Business Association.

For sake of brevity, I have not been able to touch upon many other things the Commission is doing. Nevertheless, Woodstock's Planning & Zoning Commission continues to work for you and for our wonderful Woodstock community. Common sense, common purpose, and a strong belief that government works for people, all drive the ethic of the Commission. We work together in a non-partisan manner — as we should.

All meetings are open to the public. If you attend a meeting, there are ample opportunities during the meeting to speak with the Commission. If you cannot attend a meeting, then contact the Commission, or me as Commission Chair, through Town Hall. We are happy to hear from you. On behalf of my fellow Commissioners and me, thank you for the opportunity to work for and with you.

*Dr. Jeffrey A. Gordon is Chair of Woodstock's Planning and Zoning Commission. His column neither reflects any official statement of, nor any specific work, being done by the Commission.*

# Recalling the blizzard of 1888

In the Feb. 17 column I asked if anyone recalled the baby's/children's clothing store in the building which formerly housed Danielson Federal Savings and Loan near the railroad tracks. Esther Daigneault called to tell me that she remembered shopping there since she was part of a large family. It was operated by Henry Lariviere (Henry Rivers) and was situated in the pointed end of the building. Natalie Coolidge's Killingly Business Encyclopedia gave the name of the business as Henry's Youth Center. Later he moved to Main St. Esther thought Henry might have operated a little grinder shop on Maple Street. Joan Kent had given me the original memory about the clothing store. When I called her, she confirmed Esther's thoughts about the grinder shop across from Holy Cross Cemetery (conversations March 16-17).

Commenting on the March 10 column and home delivery of groceries, Esther did some additional reminiscing. She said that in addition to working in the P & A mill, her father delivered groceries for LaChance's grocery store on Carter Street. As a small child of six or so, Esther would go along and help fill boxes with groceries then would ride along while he delivered them.

She also mentioned that families would charge their groceries.

In the March 10 column I wrote about Boulaine's grocery store. Al Borders called to share some of his memories about having food items delivered when he was growing up just over the border in Foster. He said that the egg man would come in a Model A and another individual would bring Sealtest milk. Cushman's Bakery would deliver bread. Al mentioned Mr. Meyers grocery store on the corner of North and Spring Streets in Danielson. It was common for families to charge groceries and then pay the bill at the end of the week (conversation March 11).

Winter has yet to relinquish its grips although the calendar officially says spring. Our recent March 14 blizzard called to mind the fact that I had written about another March snowstorm, the Great Blizzard of 1888 in Perspectives of Putnam. What a coincidence to discover that it was almost the same



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date and lasted from March 12-14, 1888. Some of you may have heard of the storm, but for those of you who haven't, I'll quote what I wrote in Perspectives. "The storm began Monday morning, lasted until Wednesday, and left about two feet of snow. However,

the heavy snow was layered with ice from freezing rain that had been interspersed with the snow. (Sound familiar)? Gale force winds whipped up huge drifts, which were extremely difficult to move. The dense snow impeded flow of water to the mills so that operations were suspended for about half a day. The Limited Express which passed through Putnam on Monday did not reach Willimantic until Tuesday, having stalled at Hampton. Fortunately Putnam did not receive the brunt of the storm. The New York City area did.

"Despite the lack of snow plows, pay loaders, and other 20th Century equipment, the streets of Putnam were quickly made passable. Large gangs of men were put to work clearing sidewalks

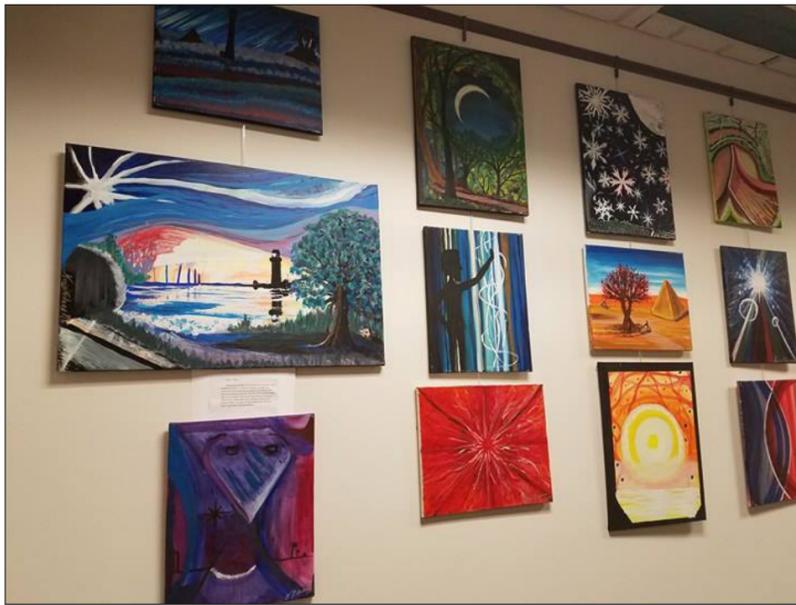
and roads, many blocked by huge drifts. Idle millworkers made themselves useful by shoveling paths. In general the everyday routine was not as drastically affected by the snow as in our mechanized age. (What a difference the automobile makes!)

"There were several instances of damage and even two deaths as a result of the storm. The heavy snows broke many of the electric light wires; the weight of the snow on the roof collapsed the sheds to the rear of the Congregational Church. Wednesday, when the melting snow slid from the roof of the Union Block, it carried with it a piece of the railing. Two persons on a farm on the road below the town farm on Pomfret Landing had frozen in the storm. Frank Hopkins, 62, and his housekeeper Emeline Whitney, 70, died in the storm after losing their way to the barn. The frozen Mrs. Whitney was found hanging on to a fence a few hundred feet away from the house, still clinging to a lantern and keys. Meat, bread, and buckwheat cakes, which had been made for dinner were still on the table. Livestock were found starving in the barn and some had already perished." (Perspectives of Putnam, p.

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# Thompson Library features works of Danielson artist

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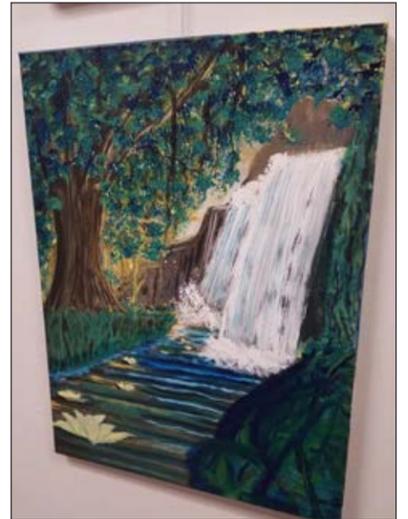
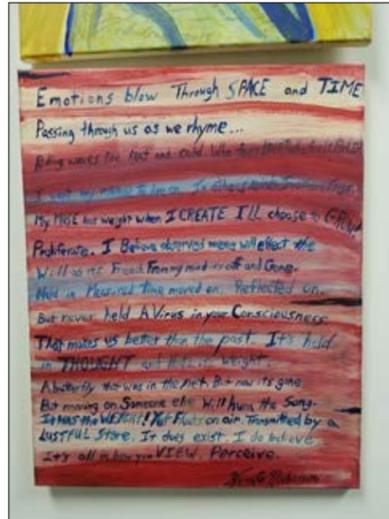


Jason Bleau photos

THOMPSON – The Thompson Public Library’s March art exhibit features “Observing Influence”, the works of acrylic and oil paint specialist Kevin Nicholson, who currently resides in Danielson.

Nicholson’s work spans many years of growth and evolution, with each wall of the exhibit depicting different years of his artistry dating back to his college days to his most recent pieces from early 2017. Nicholson grew up wanting to make films but found that the canvas was where his true talent lies while in community college, namely Quinebaug Valley Community College in Danielson. After years of struggle in several different arts and the loss of his sister in 2012 Nicholson began painting regularly in 2013, bringing 40 works to life in that time. Today he shows his works throughout the region.

“With years of painting experience behind me, I am delighted to be able to share my work and my story,” he said in his artist biography. The display, titled “Observing Influence”, will be available for viewing until March 28.



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# Dayville's Langlois earns lifetime award

DAYVILLE — Bill Langlois, from Dayville, was honored with the Lifetime Achievement Award by the United States Specialty Sports Association - New England of Hall of Fame in a ceremony on March 11 at the Crown Plaza Hotel in Warwick, R.I.

Langlois has been a member of the USSSA for 35 years and umpired over that 35-year span. He was also a State Director in Rhode Island for 16 years and an area director in northeast Connecticut for 10 years. For the last nine years Langlois ran the Modified Softball League in Killingly. He is also a New England Hall of Fame member, inducted in 1991.

In 1982 Langlois joined USSSA and said "it is the best move he ever made in sports". The opportunity to travel and work softball games was a pleasure, meeting thousands of players and teams from around the country which was right up his alley.

His training came early, in 1962 while in Alaska with the U.S. Air Force he learned the art of officiating. As a mem-

ber of the Base fast pitch softball team, when not playing he would umpire the squadron games. When he returned home, for 11 years he played fast pitch softball for Local 57 (one year) 10 years for Cumberland Hillside Cafe. Began umpiring again in the late 1970's fast pitch. In 1978 he got into ASA doing slow-pitch, then in 1982 USSSA came around and he was hooked by the mechanics and the teamwork of many umpires.

During those years he met many great players and umpires, but his most memorable encounter was with The King and his Court, the famous four-man softball team. He faced Eddie Feigner aka "The King". Langlois went 1-for-3, a two-run triple that helped beat the King 3-0.

In 1983, he had the privilege to work his first major tournament in Peabody, Mass., the Class B Women's Regional. He was chosen to work the final game. Bite-a-Wee from Ohio was the winning team. In 1984 he travelled to Bowie, Md., for the Class C Men's Divisional,



Courtesy photo

Bill Langlois

then 1985 worked the Men's Class D in Princeton, N.J. and the first of three Mixed NIT Majors in Petersburg, Va., again in 1986 and 1988. In 2001 Langlois worked the National Class C tournament in Orlando, Fla.

He was elevated to State Director of Rhode Island in 1986 and held the position until 2000. During that time the first USSSA

State Tournament took place in Barrington, R.I. with eight teams, he then helped register 42 teams. By 1991 the state grew, registering 632 teams and Langlois earned a National Award, making the All State National Team, presented by Al Ramsey, National Director. In 1992 Langlois was awarded the National State Directors Award.

From 1983 through 2015 he worked many national, state and local tournaments from Class E men's to men's Majors and women's Class D to women's Majors. Langlois worked

in 14 states. Over the past 33 years he worked in 84 State, Divisional, NIT, National and World Tournaments.

In 1993 a new concept for NIT's came along. From 1993 to 2002 he had at least one tournament, averaging over 30 teams in each. The first was a class C, the first in the country. City Sporting Goods, the Champs, and went on to Las Vegas for the Worlds.

Working with the USSSA Team has been exciting. With his wife, Barbara, they travelled to 20 states for meetings and tournaments. In 1994, in Arizona at the National Meeting, the ball-three - two-strike rule was up for a vote to create the new rule. Langlois cast the deciding vote for this major change. It is still used today.

His greatest achievement came in 1991 when he was inducted as an umpire, into the New England Hall of Fame and has been associated with the Hall of Fame Committee from 1991 to the present and has attended every induction. His umpiring partner, Jim Jackson, was inducted the same year. The two left their mark on many fields throughout New England and other states.

His display of all of the New England Hall of Fame Inductees at every Hall of Fame Induction over the years has been a popular presentation.

## Rovero named to task force on seniors

HARTFORD — State Representative Daniel Rovero (Democrat — Putnam, Killingly, Thompson) will look into the quality of services to seniors by certain providers.

Speaker of the House Joe Aresimowicz named Representative Rovero to a task force that will study the delivery of health and human services to persons age 60 and older by senior centers and municipal agents. The task force will examine training of personnel, best use of resources, delivery practices, cost of delivering health and human services and other factors. The task force will submit a report to the General Assembly on its findings. Rovero said he was honored to be named by Speaker Aresimowicz and looks forward to the challenge.

## Senator Murphy urges President Trump to support Iraq

WASHINGTON, D.C., — During Iraqi Prime Minister Haider Al-Abadi's visit to Washington on March 20, U.S. Senator Chris Murphy (Democrat-Connecticut), a member of the U.S. Senate Foreign Relations Committee (SFRC), joined SFRC Chairman Bob Corker (R-Tenn.), SFRC Ranking Member Ben Cardin (D-Md.), and a bipartisan group of 13 other senators in calling on President Donald Trump to continue U.S. support for Iraq. In a letter addressed to President Trump, the senators outlined four specific steps the administration should take to ensure unity and stability in Iraq, and to advance U.S. national security.

"We should be ready to support Prime Minister Al-Abadi as he moves forward with a plan to reassure all Iraqis of their inclusion in a unified, federal Iraq. In order to provide this assurance, we should be prepared to assist Iraq in a program of decentralization, reconciliation, and security sector reform," wrote the senators. "We urge you to continue working with Iraq's leaders to preserve their country's unity and ensure its stability. As Prime Minister Al-Abadi visits Washington, we stand ready to work with you."

In addition to Murphy, Corker, and Cardin, the letter was signed by U.S. Senators Jack Reed (D-R.I.), Marco Rubio (R-Fla.), Robert Menendez (D-N.J.), Ron Johnson (R-Wis.), Jeanne Shaheen (D-N.H.), Cory Gardner (R-Colo.), Todd Young (R-Ind.), Christopher Coons (D-Del.), Tim Kaine (D-Va.), Ed Markey (D-Mass.), Jeff Merkley (D-Ore.), Cory Booker (D-N.J.), and James E. Risch (R-Idaho).

Text of the letter :  
Dear President Trump:

We write to you united in our desire to see the Government of Iraq and the Iraqi people seize the opportunity of the forthcoming defeat of ISIS on the battlefield. The Iraqi Security Forces, with American support, have performed admirably. We believe the Iraqis' success in liberating their own country presents them with an opportunity to commit to a reform agenda that stabilizes the country and creates enduring security. We should be ready to support Prime Minister Al-Abadi as he moves forward with a plan to reassure all Iraqis of their inclusion in a unified, federal Iraq. In order to provide this assurance, we should be prepared to assist Iraq in a program of decentralization, reconciliation, and security sector reform.

Iraqi leaders now have the opportunity to reject the divisive agenda that disenfranchised the Sunni community, antagonized Iraq's Kurds, isolated Iraq's minority communities, and alienated the many Shia Iraqis who desire a democratic, inclusive, and pluralistic vision for their country. These political grievances produced the fertile ground for ISIS' rapid expansion and brutal assault on the Iraqi people, and aggravated fractures in Iraqi society that pushed the country into civil war. Pushing ISIS out of Iraq has united its people around a common cause. Now, that sense of unity must turn to rebuild-

ing the country.

We urge you to continue working with Iraq's leaders to preserve their country's unity and ensure its stability. This requires a plan for decentralizing some functions of the government, disbanding Iranian-aligned militias, addressing the humanitarian needs of Iraq's community, and committing to a program of reconciliation.

As Prime Minister Al-Abadi visits Washington, we stand ready to work with you on the following steps.

First, the Prime Minister's visit is an opportunity to reengage with the American people about the continuing strategic importance of Iraq. The United States has an enduring national security interest in the development of an inclusive and stable Iraq that can secure its own citizens and territory. We therefore urge you to take the lead in building greater public support for our strategic objectives in Iraq.

Second, it is in our national security interest to continue supporting Iraq's security forces so that they can partner with U.S. forces on counterterrorism. We support the train, equip, and advise mission that has enabled Iraqi Security Forces, Kurdish Peshmerga forces, and Sunni tribal forces to push ISIS out of Iraq. Going forward, U.S. commitment to continuing this mission must be part of a comprehensive Iraqi strategy to manage and sustain support for local forces who will be at the front lines combatting future terrorist actions.

Third, Iraq's long-term stability is dependent on the government's commitment to civilian security. Iraq will remain vulnerable to the next ISIS if immediate steps are not taken to respond to the humanitarian crisis. Iraq's leaders should continue to prioritize partnerships with the United Nations and other assistance providers to ensure that aid is reaching the most vulnerable. The Government must also commit significant energy and resources to stabilize and secure areas liberated from ISIS, and assist Iraq's displaced communities in returning to their homes. If the Iraqi government cannot improve the lives of these communities, the threat from extremist groups will continue to challenge the country.

Finally, and most importantly, we urge you to continue working with Prime Minister Al-Abadi on governance and reconciliation efforts. Iraq's challenges will not be solved when ISIS is defeated on the battlefield. The United States should be ready to support Al-Abadi and his government as it takes the steps necessary to implement a real post-ISIS governance plan. This plan must give Sunni Iraqis a greater share of national power and revenue, formulate a true reconciliation process across ethno-sectarian lines, include a pathway towards a sustainable and mutually supportive agreement with the Kurdistan Regional Government, embrace greater federalism and regional autonomy as appropriate, and ensure that Iraqis who answered the call to defend their country can return home to economic opportunities. It should include a clear commitment that the elections scheduled for 2018 in Iraq will happen freely, fairly, and inclusively in all parts of the country, without outside interference.

If Prime Minister Al-Abadi commits to lead Iraq along these lines after ISIS' defeat, he should have our full support in this endeavor.

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## Quick Tips To Keep Your Car In Top Shape



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Routine maintenance is essential for extending your car's life, ensuring it stays out of the shop and improving gas mileage. Here are three simple tasks that are easy to do and will benefit any vehicle. Be sure to check your owner's manual because timing and instructions vary by vehicle.

### Changing the Air Filter

About every 10,000+ miles you put on your car, change the air filter. It can be easily removed and replaced as it's generally secured with only a few metal clips.

### Lubricate Moving Parts

Regularly lubricating your vehicle's moving parts such as door, hood and trunk hinges will not only prevent squeaking when you open or close them, but will keep them from wear or damage due to the constant movement and corrosion from wet weather.

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### Monitoring Tire Pressure

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Tire pressure gauges are inexpensive and an easy way to determine the pressure in your tires. Find your vehicle's recommended PSI and how to test it in the owner's manual. Compare the number on the gauge with your vehicle's recommended PSI and add or release air to match it. Do this regularly on all four tires.

Arm yourself with the right tools and you can save money by tackling easy car maintenance projects. For more information about how to make automotive repairs simpler, visit [www.wd40.com/EZ](http://www.wd40.com/EZ).

## Be Prepared For Whatever Nature Throws At You

(NAPS)

You have a better chance of keeping yourself, your vehicle and your passengers on the road to safety even when the weather is bad if you prepare in advance so your vehicle can be your refuge. These seven tips can help.

**Take Inventory Inside**  
Make sure you know what's inside your vehicle. See that you have a blanket, first aid kit, current snacks and an inflated spare tire; also, a cell phone charger and some basic tools. All those can be useful if your vehicle leaves you stranded.

**Clean and Coat**  
Your windshield allows you to see what's coming. Clean the inside thoroughly to remove buildup, smoke and haze. On the outside, use a product such as Invisible Glass Clean & Repel to add a protective coating to help shed rain, snow and ice while increasing visibility.

**Inspect the Outside**  
See that all your lights work, front and rear. Working lights are key to seeing and being seen. They're not just for looks. Plus, driving with burned-out bulbs can result in a hefty fine.

**Checkups Count**  
Perform regular maintenance, including checking that little oil change sticker on the windshield. Regular maintenance

is similar to a checkup. Metal shards in your oil, discolored coolant or an irregular noise can help diagnose something that could go wrong with your ride.

### Keep Your Wheels Turning

Your vehicle's tires and wheels take a beating every time you drive.

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If you have the chance to fuel up, take it. On any trip, never let your tank drop below half full. Doing that means you should always have enough gas to get back to where you were.

### Charge Your AC

The air conditioner system does more than cool your vehicle. It also removes excess moisture. Fogged windows are a sign that your defrosters may not be able to keep up the pace. Have your mechanic top off your refrigerant.

### Learn More

There are many ways to make sure your vehicle is ready for any season. For further tips, visit [www.Facebook.com/StonerCarCare](http://www.Facebook.com/StonerCarCare) and [www.stonercarcare.com](http://www.stonercarcare.com).



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## Accidents Need Not Be Deal Breakers

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- **Severity.** If the vehicle was in only a minor accident, it could work out in your favor. You might pay less for a great car that just needed a few parts replaced.
- **Structure.** Check for reported frame or unibody damage; specialists

can measure the frame to see if it's outside manufacturer specs.

- **Get a Vehicle History Report.** Accidents reported to Carfax often include helpful details like what areas of the vehicle were damaged, airbag deployments, if the vehicle had to be towed and so on.

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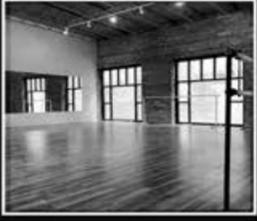


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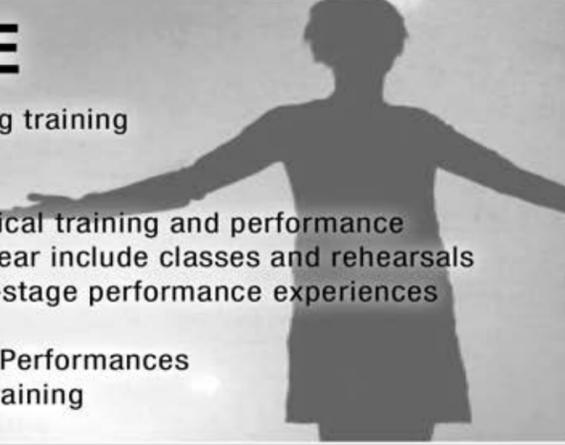
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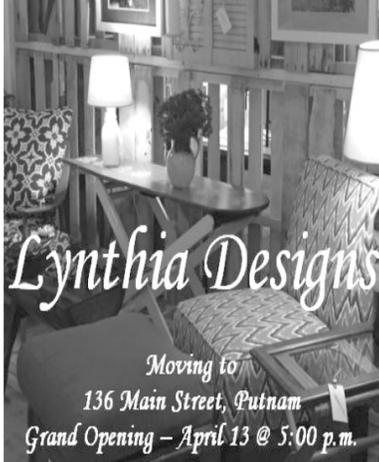
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"It's very hard to go and get your Gold Award so when she said she wanted to work on it my role changed. I wasn't the person helping her with her project. The council found her a mentor and we stepped back so it was kind of interesting to see how far she had come and all the skills she learned to persevere and get it done on her own," Deanne Fagan said. "It was great to be able to present it to her. I get to present her with all three of her awards."

Shannon doesn't quite know what the future might hold for her in Girl Scouts right now. Today she focuses on her college studies and she has helped her mother with her current troop of young girls from time to time. Regardless of her future with the organization, Shannon hopes she won't be the last Girl Scout from Putnam to receive her Gold Award and that her L.E.A.D. program continues to grow and become staple of Putnam Middle School for years to come.

**KILLINGLY**

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the month.

"The Killingly Business Association is doing their cleanup on April 19th, the Wednesday of Earth Week," Bisset said. "That one is an annual cleanup where we meet at the pocket park at 9 a.m., next to the Town Hall, as an organization to clean up Main Street. Even people in the Business Association who are not located downtown can come on down and help us clean the sidewalks, the parking areas, along the railroad tracks, and more."

That same day the town's Conservation Commission will be holding its own cleanup at Cat Hollow Park with each of the two cleanups expecting to be reimbursed by \$500 grants through The Last Green Valley. Earlier this year several elected boards in Killingly came together to work on a joint plan to inspire the citizens of Killingly to embrace the message of Earth

Day and clean up Killingly. Bisset said the launch of a full month of cleanups is part of that larger concept.

"We want to inspire people to take pride in their community and where they live plus it allows them to be active in an event where they know they're making a difference," Bisset said. "Anytime you can make something cleaner and safer and more fun you'll have more involvement from the citizens. It also contributes to the economy in the long run. People come to Killingly and if they see a clean neighborhood that the people take pride in that looks good for us and it shows that the people who live here do take pride in their town."

The effort involves not only inclusion in the numerous scheduled cleanups of different parts of town, but the first opportunity for citizens to join in on their own by focusing on their own streets and neighborhoods utilizing resources available to them through the town.

"People who want to participate can come into the town hall and sign up. We'll

give them a couple of green bags and the trash is collected from throughout their neighborhood. Public works will drive by their houses and pick up the bags. We want people to focus on their street or the entire neighborhood, not just their property. We want to clean up the community as a whole and we'd like to see families involved. It'll be interesting to see how many sign up," Bisset said.

The goal of Keep Killingly Clean Month will be to bring the community together towards the common goal of beautifying the town. Bisset said it's the hope of everyone in the town hall that this will be a successful first effort to expand the yearly cleanup effort. She hoped for more citizen involvement to tackle areas of town that are often neglected or overlooked. Information on how to receive trash bags and have them picked up over the course of April can be obtained through the Killingly Economic Development office in the Town Hall.

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**DAM GATE**

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cerns they wanted Parker to address.

Parker made an appearance before the Board of Selectmen to discuss her request for the opening of the gate, saying that the plan is to install a concrete base is vital to the proper operation of the dam in the future.

"We're finishing the work on the conduit so we're putting in a concrete floor and that's a stability measure to ensure that there's no erosion as water goes through. It was a recommendation made and we're doing it, but there's a little bit of water down there so we'd like the gate lowered so it's dry enough to pour the concrete," Parker said.

Originally the Selectmen had convened in executive session and Mayor Falzarano said the decision was made by the board not to grant her permission to open the bascule gate in consideration that the town had minimal notice and had yet to receive any information they were looking for at the time.

"We got a one-day notice on that and we've waiting over three months to get this document. I don't think it's fair or reasonable," Falzarano said.

During the meeting Parker provided documents to the Board of Selectmen clearing up some issues concerning ownership and the water power rights of her and her fellow



Jason Bleau photo

Cargill Falls

investors in the Cargill Falls Mill project. It appeared that miscommunication may have played a role in the lack of discussions between her and the town as she noted the town's attorney, Bill St. Onge, had requested all information be sent to him or the Mayor and her own attorney suggested sending it to just St. Onge. Regardless, she expressed her

frustration at the idea of being prevented from working on the dam.

"I worked really hard on this I got some really professional people to work with me. I worked really hard to address all of the concerns. I think the deed line is really explicit that the town does not have the right to in any way affect our ability to maintain our prop-

erty there. I personally think (to deny opening of the gate) very unfair and doesn't comply with what our property rights are," Parker said. "I personally think we've gone above and beyond. We agreed to put up a five-foot tall gauge that will show in red and green whether we're compliant. We agreed to provide information directly to the town for the first two years

when that's not a requirement. We've gone and gone and gone and that's as far as I'm willing to go."

It appears the Selectmen agreed. Selectman Roy Simmons made a motion to allow for the opening of the bascule gate, repeating his sentiments from a previous Board of Selectmen meeting that he'd like to see the relationship between the town and Parker repaired.

"We're trying to repair or get a good relationship going and she has given us a lot. It may not have been everything we wanted, but she has given us a lot. Let it go forward. I don't have a problem with it," said Simmons.

A vote by Selectmen had all but Mayor Falzarano approve the opening of the gate, starting March 21, for a seven-day period to allow for the pouring, drying, and curing of the concrete for the conduit. After the meeting the Mayor said that he was overruled and that even though he may have been against raising the gate, the Board of Selectmen feels cooperation is what's best or both parties going forward.

As for the Cargill Falls Mill project itself, an architect is already working full time to help with the initiative and portions of the project are expected to go out to bid soon with work possibly beginning this summer.

# Readers Share Favorite Tips

It's officially spring and along with a new season comes another page of new tips from readers! From whipping up a quick dessert to keeping safe (and sane) while traveling, readers serve up a smorgasbord of timely tips this month! And remember readers, send in your best tips and you could win Dinner for Two at the Publick House!

Let them eat cake (any time they want!)

I found an easy and inexpensive way to enjoy a cake treat without even warming up the oven! Take your favorite box cake mix and mix it with one package angel food cake mix (both dry from the box). Use a wire whisk and store in ziplock bag. When you want a snack, simply place three tablespoons of the mix in a microwave safe mug and add two tablespoons of water. No need to grease the mug. Stir well and cook on high in the microwave for one minute. Allow to cool. Add toppings or frosting if desired.

Mary Ann Wiersma  
Whitinsville, MA

A reader shares her hair raising recycling tip:

Spring is soon approaching and I have a hint for all bird (and dog) lovers:

When grooming my shedding dog, I save the hair and put it in a suet feeder. When I hang it outside, the birds come and take the hair to line their nests for the cold weather and to incorporate into new nests for the upcoming spring.

This can also be done with scrap yarn from a knitting or crocheting project. Nests will be quite colorful! Hope some people can use this hint.

Doris Kennedy  
Brooklyn, CT

Necessity is the mother of invention...

I love house plants, and like to use unique containers, baskets, and boxes to use to put them in. It's almost impossible to find store-bought pot trays or liners that work. I've found that the plastic 18-21 oz. nut and candy snack containers that you find in the grocery store deli area work perfectly. They're deep and fit most standard size pots, even the poinsettias that I put in a basket during the holidays.

The other tip that was born out of necessity is to use a long flat magnet to pick up spilled sewing pins. I dumped an entire container on the floor, and having no fingernails, tried to think of faster and better way to pick them up. I grabbed a magnet from the refrigerator door and was done in a few minutes!

Linda Goodbrand  
Woodstock CT

This reader's homemade gargle protects and refreshes (not to mention saves \$!)

Here is one for your article. peppermint gargles are found to help drown out viruses.

Swish diluted peppermint oil around your mouth 3x a day and this will reduce your risk of respiratory infections by 35%.

The Journal of Preventive Medicine says that peppermint oil is a potent antiseptic and the water helps flush viruses before they attach to the throat tissue.

So add one drop of peppermint oil to four ounces of water, shake to mix and gargle and then spit out the liquid so germs don't stay in your system.



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Reusing water is recycling at its best:

Here is something I use to conserve water I really hate wasting water, soinstead of just turning on the hot water faucet and waiting for the water to become warm, I catch the running water in a container until it reaches the temperature I want to use. You can keep a pitcher, an empty two liter bottle, or a watering can near the sink for this purpose. Then, the cold water can be used to fill a humidifier, water your houseplants or garden, fill a birdbath, etc. without going to waste down the drain.

Debbie Roland  
Oxford, MA

This reader "pays it forward" by passing along her (well organized) travel folder:

I enjoy the paper every week and especially love a real newspaper with my feet up. As children, our entire family read the paper together, each taking a section then swapping with each other. I loved the comics first, but always pitched in on the crossword puzzle and we were writing letters to the editor in grade school. Mom always said the pen is mightier than the sword, but I bet she borrowed that from someone.

Anyway, here's my travel tip: I use a bright colored file folder. On the outside: airline reservation code- just type in @ check-in, motel/hotel conference numbers and dates as a list on the front so I can see my entire route or plans (printed copy with driving directions if needed on the inside, along with motel

phone number, tourist designations for that stop e.g. presidential library etc.). Copies of museum hours etc. I leave at that motel for the next traveler- recycling at its finest! Airport shuttles or rental car info. etc. also codes on the front & directions on the inside of the folder. Fits neatly into a carry on and can find quickly upon arrival.

Viola Bramel  
Northbridge, MA

Prize Winner

Congratulations to Doris Kennedy of Brooklyn, CT who won Dinner for Two at the Publick House in Sturbridge. She submitted the recycling tip above.

Win Dinner for Two at the Publick House

Your tips can win you a fabulous dinner for two at the historic Publick House Historic Inn in Sturbridge! Simply send in a hint to be entered into a random drawing. Hints are entered into a drawing for a three course dinner for two at the historic Publick House Inn! One winner per month will win a fabulous three course dinner for two at the renowned restaurant, located on Route 131 across the town common in historic Sturbridge. Because I'm in the business of dispensing tips, not inventing them (although I can take credit for some), I'm counting on you readers out there to share your best helpful hints!

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

**ANTIQUES**

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Unfortunately, during World War II Mr. Gordy was captured in Guam. After two years, he was declared dead. His family was later stunned to find that he was actually alive when he returned home after the war's end. Tom Gordy later married after the war. He died some time later and Danny informed me that his widow lived in the Orlando area for some time after his passing. When his widow died, she left many of her possessions to a friend in the Tampa area. Mr. Triplett's company was hired to sell the estate contents of the friend's estate he discovered the photos of Jimmy Carter when he was a governor.

Danny told me that he called the Carter Foundation and informed them that he had the photograph album. They said they would love to have the album

and asked that he ship it to them. He asked if he could personally deliver the album to Mr. Carter and was informed that this was unlikely because of the former president's busy schedule. Danny was pleasantly surprised when he later received a call from Carter's press secretary inviting him, his wife and two daughters to deliver them and meet with Mr. Carter in Plains, GA.

He said that Jimmy Carter still heads a Bible study group at his Baptist church. The Triplett family attended the service where the former president asked where Danny's family was and expressed how interested he was in seeing the photos. After the church service, they were invited to the former president's home. They looked through the album together and spent around 40 minutes visiting with Mr. Carter and former first lady, Rosalyn. Carter enjoyed reliving the memories at his uncle's home. Mr. Triplett said

that Mr. Carter smiled and waved as the Triplett's car was pulling away from the home after their visit. Danny said that it was a "surreal" experience and that his family couldn't believe their good fortune in finding the photographs that gave them the opportunity to meet with a former president.

It'll be appraising items for the public at the Residence at Valley Farm in Ashland on June 21. We will be auctioning a milk bottle and dairy memorabilia auction, all from one collector, on April 27 in Worcester. More additional events are being scheduled. See [www.central-massauctions.com](http://www.central-massauctions.com) for details.

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## TROOP D LOG THOMPSON

Thursday March 16  
Caitlin Collard, 23, of 738 Quaddick Town Farm Road in Thompson was charged with operation of a motor vehicle when registration of license is refused, suspended, or revoked, operating under the influence of drugs or alcohol, and failure to drive in the proper lane on a multiple lane highway.

## DANIELSON

Monday March 13  
Donald Roy Moore, 36, of 220 North

Street Apartment C in Danielson was charged with interfering with an officer and criminal possession of an electric defense weapon while violating a protective or restraining order.

Jose Pedraza, 61, of 51 Reynolds Street in Danielson was charged with possession of heroin.

Thursday March 16  
Walter Heibel, 25, of 9 Union Street Apartment A in Danielson was charged with disorderly conduct.

## DAYVILLE

Thursday March 16  
Amanda D. Duchesney, 23, of 1831

Upper Maple Street in Dayville was charged with breach of peace.

## Putnam Police Department

Tuesday, March 14  
Kyle McDonald, 25, of 82 Porter Plain Rd. Thompson, was charged with travel ban violation.

Saturday, March 18  
Angela Burchill, 33, of 23 Knollwoods Lane, Putnam, was charged with disorderly conduct.

James Marchand, 53, of 23 Knollwoods Lane, Putnam, was charged with disorderly conduct.

## WEAVER

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60-61—from Putnam Patriot March 16 and March 23 1888 and Susan Griggs, Folklore and Firesides, p. 59).

In his Modern History of Windham County, Allen B. Lincoln also wrote of the blizzard and mentioned that winds rose to eighty miles an hour. "Tuesday, the train from Norwich was able to pass through fifteen foot drifts. However, the train from Boston was stalled at East Douglas. Passengers were served sandwiches and drinks, as the sixty-two mile trip took thirty hours." (Quoted in Miles of Millstreams by Margaret Weaver and Geraldine & Raymond Wood, p. 138).

I would be remiss if I did not note the passing of Madeline L. Wells, one of the Killingly Historical Center's major benefactors and a great contributor to her church and community. Born September 4, 1920 the daughter of Arthur and Lillian (Bousquet) Wells, Madeline passed away February 27, 2017 at Matulaitis. She was a 1938 graduate of Killingly High School. During her life she helped in the family store in East Killingly, was a telephone operator, worked at the Walsh-Kaiser Shipyard in Providence during World War II, was a plane spotter on North Road, an organist for Our Lady of Peace Church in East Killingly, a member of the Concert Choir of Northeastern Connecticut and a member of the Happy Singers. Madeline also trained dogs. Joan Kent recalled that when she worked at Danielson Federal, Madeline would come into the bank with some of the dogs she was training. They would be perfectly behaved (much better than some of the children who visited the bank, according to Joan).

At the Center Frank Aleman is carefully cataloging the Wells Collection, which consists of many items from her home. Family genealogy, photographs, postcards, cards, and items from the store are included in the collection. I am fascinated by how very different the old greeting cards were. We are all grateful to Madeline for her thoughtfulness and generosity.

Margaret M. Weaver is the Killingly Municipal Historian. Special thanks to Esther Daigneault, Al Borders, and Joan Kent for memories. For additional information visit the Killingly Historical Center Wed. or Sat. 10-4 (or by appointment) or [www.killinglyhistorical.org](http://www.killinglyhistorical.org) or call (860) 779-7250. Mail for the Killingly Historical & Genealogical Society, Inc. or the Killingly Historical Center should be sent to PO Box 265, Danielson, Connecticut 06329. Weaver may be reached at [margaretmweaver@gmail.com](mailto:margaretmweaver@gmail.com).

## Courtney voices concern on healthcare act

WASHINGTON, D.C.— U.S. Congressman Joe Courtney (Connecticut—Putnam, New London, Norwich) spoke on the House floor on March 20 to voice serious concerns about the American Health Care Act which the chamber was expected to vote on March 23.

"When you look at what the stakeholders who deliver healthcare in America have been saying, the American Nurses Association, the American Hospital Association, the AARP, and the American Medical Association, who have looked at this bill over the last two weeks - they have universally pleaded with the Congress to block this measure — to slow down the rush to judgement which is going to deprive people of one of the most elemental basic needs that all of us share," said Courtney. "We are not immortal - we are not immune to getting illness and disease — it is something that affects every single American, and to pass a bill which will wreak this kind of havoc is irresponsible and takes this country in the absolute wrong direction.

Courtney also implored his constituents to see information on the prospective legislation.

"I would plead with my members and I would ask anybody watching this speech - go to the Kaiser Foundation website - find where you live and think about your uncle, or your children, or people you know in your neighborhood, and plug in that information and think about what we are being told is in fact a wonderful healthcare bill and something that won't hurt people and won't make them worse off financially - and the opposite is true.

Courtney said the health care industry is against the proposed legislation.

"CBO is telling us this, the doctors are telling us this, the nurses are telling us this, the hospi-



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Joe Courtney speaks on the House floor on March 20.

tals are telling us this, and those who advocate for older Americans are telling us this. It is not too late. It is time to listen to the people who are closest to the system and stop this rush to harming millions of Americans," Courtney said.

The Kaiser Family Foundation recently published an interactive map that shows a county-by-county impact of the Republican healthcare plan on Americans' premium assistance. Middle-income seniors in New London, Windham, Tolland, and Middlesex counties stand to lose thousands of dollars towards their health insurance premiums if the American Health Care Act becomes law.

Those over 50 years old in these counties will all see a decrease in premium assistance of at least 45 percent (\$3,230/yr.) if their income is \$50,000, and as high as 67 percent if their income is \$30,000 (\$5,850/yr.).

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# Benoit is Westview employee of the month



Tammy Benoit

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DAYVILLE — Tammy Benoit, from Thompson, was named Westview Health Care Center's Employee of the Month for March 2017. Mrs. Benoit is a Certified Nursing Assistant and has been employed at Westview since 1989.

"We all take great pride in our jobs here and it is an honor receiving Westview's Employee of the Month for March," said Benoit. "I enjoy the reward of knowing that I have had a hand in helping our patients get well enough to go home. I wish to thank all of my co-workers. We make a great team."

In her spare time Benoit enjoys spending quality time with her family including her husband of 29 years, Mark, her sons Dylan, Benjamin, Glenn, and daughter-in-law, Felicia, as well as her grandchildren Ryder, Levi, Lillian and Owen. She also enjoys going to the area casinos to watch shows with her close friends.

"Mrs. Benoit's continued commitment to the patients and residents of Westview over the prior 28 years is a true testament to her nurturing character," said Westview Administrator David T. Panteleakos. "Westview is a better place because of her dedication and her compassionate care giving skills."

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# Woodstock wins D-III state championship

BY CHARLIE LENTZ  
VILLAGER EDITOR

NEW HAVEN — This was a no-brainer and Woodstock Academy's Jake Starr knew it. Starr, just a freshman, was on the ice for his only shift of the Division III Hockey State Championship game when he found himself rushing up ice on a two-on-none breakaway alongside senior center Nathan DeLuca. With Woodstock playing shorthanded and the score deadlocked at 3-3 midway through the final period — DeLuca carried momentum on his stick blade along with a raw rookie off his right shoulder. DeLuca's dilemma — shoot or pass?

"I saw the puck. I swooped to it," DeLuca said. "Me and Jake Starr — I think we had kind of a two-on-'O'. I heard him yelling 'Don't pass it.'"

Starr obviously knew this was a no-brainer — DeLuca entered last Saturday's game with 121 career goals.

"It was very nerve-racking. It was a tie game. We were going down two-on-'O'. Going through my head I was like 'If he passes to me, what if I miss?' I didn't want the pass," Starr said. "It was a big goal and I thought Nathan would have a better chance scoring it."

Turned out Starr was right. The raw rookie had the best view in the house for the shot heard round Centaur Nation.

"Honestly I kind of thought to myself 'I know I can do this. I kind of got to take over the game,'" DeLuca said. "I guess that's what I tried to do."

DeLuca buried his short-handed breakaway for the go-ahead goal and top-seeded Woodstock Academy added three more goals late in the third period en route to a 7-3 victory over sixth-seeded Hall-Southington in the D-III state championship game at Yale University's Ingalls Rink on March 18.

Starr breathed a sigh of relief outside Woodstock Academy's locker room moments after the final horn, knowing DeLuca made the right decision. DeLuca finished with three goals and one assist and wore



Woodstock's Nathan DeLuca rushes down the ice against Hall-Southington in the D-III state championship game last Saturday in New Haven.

a sly grin after his momentum-shifting goal at 6:06 of the third period. Woodstock senior goaltender Cal Wilcox said he likely knew what was going through DeLuca's mind as he raced toward Warriors goalie Zach Monti with the game in the balance.

"Nathan kind of looked off Jake so the goalie would think he was passing it," Wilcox said. "And then shot it right over his shoulder. He got (Monti) thinking 'OK, he's going to pass it.' And then he shot it."

The Centaurs built a lead before Hall-Southington rallied to tie it early in the third period. Woodstock senior right wing Ryan Black scored with

an assist from sophomore Avery Riva with four seconds left in the first period to put the Centaurs up 1-0. Riva scored at 2:31 of the second period with an assist from Black and Aiden Boisvert to push Woodstock's margin to 2-0.

Senior forward Jeremy Fortin tallied for Hall-Southington at 4:45 of the second frame to pull the Warriors within 2-1. DeLuca scored at 6:28 of the second period, with an assist from senior Will Liscomb and freshman Doug Newton, to push the Centaurs margin to 3-1. Hall-Southington junior Jacob Mohr notched a goal with just :01 left in the second period and the Warriors

trailed 3-2 going into the final frame.

Hall-Southington's Fortin scored just nine seconds into the third period to tie it at 3-3 — at that point the Warriors had momentum, and it was compounded by a subsequent Woodstock infraction. At 4:15 of the third Woodstock's Gunner Moore was whistled for tripping to set up a power play for the Warriors.

"They had all the momentum coming into that third period. (Fortin) scored that quick goal there off the bat," Wilcox said. "I was so nervous. I'm usually pretty good in those situations, not letting it get to me, but I was very close to losing it at

that point."

But with nine seconds left in Moore's penalty — DeLuca shifted the odds back in the Centaurs favor with his short-handed game-changer for a 4-3 lead at 6:06 of the third period.

"That's when all the momentum got back," Wilcox said. "We kept rolling from there."

With time running out Woodstock tallied three goals over a one-minute, 17-second span to put the game away. Riva tallied his second goal off an assist from Black at 10:35 for a 5-3 lead. DeLuca completed his hat trick with an assist from freshman Doug Newton at 11:01. Senior Will Liscomb tallied at 11:52 with an assist from DeLuca to make it 7-3 and complete the scoring.

Both teams notched 32 shots. Wilcox notched 29 saves. Warriors junior goalie Zach Monti made 25 saves. The win lifted Woodstock's final record to 22-2-1. Hall-Southington's season ended at 12-9-3. Turns out Starr didn't get the chance to take perhaps the biggest shot in the history of Woodstock Academy hockey — DeLuca had that honor.

"After I scored Jake was like 'Thank God you didn't pass that puck.' I'm sure he would have done fine with it — but . . .," DeLuca said.

But at least Starr had the best view in the house at Ingalls Rink last Saturday.

"After he shot I knew it was going in," Starr said.

Ryan Black watched from the bench as DeLuca and Starr streaked past — with perhaps the second-best seat for the shorthanded shot heard round Centaur Nation.

"I saw him going by and I was like 'Please. Please. Please.' And I had faith in him," Black said. "I knew Nathan was going to put it upstairs over (Monti's) glove. That's his go-to move. It worked out perfectly. You couldn't have asked for anything more."

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## Centaur penalty killers come up big

BY CHARLIE LENTZ  
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NEW HAVEN — It was the longest 111 seconds of Gunner Moore's young life. With Woodstock Academy and Hall-Southington tied 3-3 in the third period of the Division III Hockey State Championship game — Moore was called for tripping at 4:15 — the only penalty whistled on either team last Saturday. The Warriors were on the power play and threatening to seize the lead.

"I felt bad taking that call," said the sophomore defenseman. "It was looking bad."

Woodstock goalie Cal Wilcox said that was likely the understatement of the season.

"I know if we let up a goal there we're going to lose all the momentum," Wilcox said. "And we've just got to keep the goal

out of the net — we let up a goal there, the game doesn't end like it did."

For the first shift of the penalty kill Woodstock sent out senior forwards Ryan Black and Nathan DeLuca, along with sophomore defenseman Liam McDermott and junior defenseman Ryan Wojciechowski.

"You've got to have kids on the ice that are smart, especially on a penalty kill, kids that are moving their stick all the time," said Woodstock coach Mike Starr.

Ironically the Centaurs most effective penalty killer was seated in the penalty box.

"Gunner's usually on the penalty kill — so that's our best defensive penalty killer by far, who's not even on the ice," Wilcox said. "We were definitely shorthanded there."

Black and DeLuca were

in on the kill because they're snipers — dangerous even when shorthanded.

"They make it interesting," Wilcox said. "They're not out there just to stop them from getting shots. (Hall-Southington) messes up — Nathan and Ryan are getting the puck and going down the ice. Those two, they gun it. We've had a ton of penalty-kill goals this year, all because of the way they play it."

Wojciechowski said the pressure was immense.

"It's like trying to pick up a car. You can't do it unless you have a lot of people. You have to be together to do it," Wojciechowski said. "We needed to do everything we can to keep the puck out of the net. Just get rid of the puck out of the zone and keep it away from Cal."

Like the ice at Ingalls Rink, McDermott said they had to stay cool.

"Conservative, we've got to dump it down in their zone, keep it in their zone. We can't give them those odd-man rushes that they look for. They were hanging a guy at the blue line between me and Woj, couldn't give them any chances, had to play it safe, keep the puck in their zone," McDermott said. "It's a lot of pressure but you don't really think about it in the moment. It's all just focus, focus, focus. In the state championship there's no distractions."

Junior Aiden Boisvert and senior Will Liscomb were also in on the kill.

"We kept (Hall-Southington) to the perimeter and that's what we practiced all year," said coach Starr. "They score a goal there

— it's a different game."

The Centaurs allowed only one opportunity and one shot from the Warriors during the penalty — and then they turned the tables on the Warriors. Coach Starr pulled Black from the ice and put in his son, freshman Jake Starr, who was in on a shorthanded go-ahead goal.

"Ryan (Black) was getting a little bit tired so we pulled him off the ice," coach Starr said. "Nathan and Jake went out — to be honest with you I don't even know how that goal developed. All I know is when I looked up they had a two-on-'O' going over the blue line."

DeLuca gained the puck and along with Starr they streaked ahead on a two-on-none breakaway — Wilcox felt the momentum shifting back toward the Centaurs with nine

seconds left in the kill.

"I was like 'He's got to do it. That's his shot,'" Wilcox said. "Ninety percent of the time he nails it."

DeLuca did just that, scoring at 6:06 of the third period to put Woodstock up 4-3 on the way to a 7-3 victory over Hall-Southington. One hundred and 11 seconds of agony had ended for Moore — the sophomore defenseman was off the hook — with a lifetime to tell the tale.

"I was going crazy. I'm so proud of them. I was glad they were able to capitalize," Moore said. "I was going crazy in the box."

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Woodstock's Gunner Moore controls the puck against Hall-Southington last Saturday in New Haven.



Woodstock's Liam McDermott was in on the penalty kill against Hall-Southington last Saturday in New Haven.

# Woodstock wins state title in just fourth year of program

BY CHARLIE LENTZ  
VILLAGER EDITOR

NEW HAVEN — As the sounds of celebration seeped through the cinder block and into the hallway beneath the stands at Yale University's Ingalls Rink, Woodstock Academy coach Mike Starr stopped and took in the moment. In just its fourth year of varsity hockey Woodstock was a state champion.

"It is mind boggling," said Starr after the Centaurs defeated Hall-Southington 7-3 last Saturday in the Division III State Championship game. "You think of how far we've come in just a short period of time. Everything just lined up right. The senior class this year, they were determined. They wanted to get here and once we got here they were going to do everything they could to make sure it didn't slip away."

Offense has been the Centaurs trump card all season and they played their hand in the title game, scoring four goals in the third period to turn a 3-3 tie into a runaway. Woodstock finished the season with a record of 22-2-1.

"That was the best way to end it," said senior right wing Ryan Black. "And just to go out, have the game tied with a couple minutes left, and just pound in four goals — that's honestly the best way you could have

ended it."

Woodstock outscored its four opponents 35-4 en route to the championship — blanking Joel Barlow 11-0 in the opening round, defeating Trinity Catholic 11-1 in the second round, knocking off Lyman Hall 6-0 in the quarterfinals, and beating Hall-Southington 7-3 in the state final. Black scored 12 goals over that four-game span.

"One of the goals all year really was to get up early, intimidate teams with our offense, and it's worked," coach Starr said. "But everything had to click into place today, from goaltending to defense, to our scoring. Everything clicked."

Senior center Nathan DeLuca has been on board for the entire ride — from first-round tourney exit three years ago to the last team standing. As a freshman in 2014, Woodstock was seeded 10th and lost 9-2 to Hall-Southington in the first round of the state tournament — finishing the season at six wins and 10 losses.

"The first year of the program we played Hall-Southington in the first round and they destroyed us," DeLuca said.

In DeLuca's sophomore season in 2015, 13th-seeded Woodstock Academy reached the second round of the tourney and led 5-4 early in the third period but fell 7-5 to 12th-seed Shepaug Valley-



Charlie Lentz photo

Woodstock Academy celebrates its state championship after the final horn last Saturday in New Haven.

Litchfield-Nonnewaug. Woodstock finished 11-11. In DeLuca's junior season last year, second-seeded Woodstock Academy won two games in the tourney and reached the state semifinals — but lost 6-5 in overtime to third-seeded Staples/Weston/Shelton. The Centaurs finished with a record of 20-5. Woodstock senior goaltender Cal Wilcox joined the team in his sophomore season and has watched the fan base grow.

"It's unbelievable. We have great fans," Wilcox said. "It shows how much the hockey program's grown over these last few years, from a team that could barely fill up Pomfret (School's Jahn Rink) to a team that could halfway fill up Yale. It's the best way to go out by far. It just feels unbelievable."

Last Saturday's 7-3 win in the championship game was the culmination of a four-year climb for DeLuca.

"I think it just speaks volumes for this program," DeLuca said. "It's crazy to see how a program that just started four years ago is already where it is today."

Black matriculated at Pomfret School during his freshman year before transferring to Woodstock Academy. Fittingly, Black and DeLuca both ended their careers with 228 points. Black finished with 129 goals and 99 assists over three seasons. DeLuca notched 124 goals and 104 assists over four seasons.

"Coming to Woodstock it was a little bit nerve racking, definitely going to be a new school. When I came here I embraced it," Black said. "I hon-

estly had the time of my life. I can't explain it all. It's unbelievable. Playing with all my friends, playing with everyone from the town. I knew I'd be with all my friends. I knew that everyone would be here."

Many of the Centaurs started playing hockey together when they were 5 or 6 years old with Pomfret School's Griffin Youth Hockey program. DeLuca, Black, and Wilcox are among a senior contingent who are lifelong friends.

"It was maybe Kindergarten. I met Cal in first grade, I met Nathan — we've been best friends since," Black said.

They shared one more memorable moment last Saturday.

"Us seniors wanted to go out on top and we did that exactly," Black said. "It couldn't have been any better for us seniors and a couple of our core group."

Senior forward Will Liscomb scored the final goal of Woodstock's season at 11:52 of the third period. DeLuca notched the assist on Liscomb's goal — two friends who finished with a record of 6-10 as freshmen when

they got bounced from the state tourney in the first round. Liscomb finished his career with 36 goals and 64 assists for 100 points. They went out as seniors with a record of 22-2-1 and a state championship.

"That was a beautiful goal," said DeLuca of Liscomb's final shot. "It means so much. Will is just a special kind of player. The group we have is just unbelievable. I wouldn't trade it for anything — a perfect way to end a high school hockey career."

DeLuca then went back inside a raucous locker room. And as the celebration seeped through the cinder block walls to the hallway beneath the stands at Ingalls Rink coach Starr took in the moment — four years in the making.

"The seniors weren't going to let this one slip away. We brought it all the way to the last game of the year," Starr said. "They were not going to give up."

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Charlie Lentz photo

Woodstock's Ryan Black lines up a shot against Hall-Southington's Zach Monti in the D-III State Championship last Saturday in New Haven.

# Woodstock reached final with win over Lyman Hall

BY CHARLIE LENTZ  
VILLAGER EDITOR

NEW HAVEN — Top-seeded Woodstock Academy took care of business, and quickly, racing to a three-goal lead in the first period on the way to a 6-0 victory over fifth-seeded Lyman Hall/Haddam-Killingworth/

Coginchaug in the semifinals of the CIAC Division III State Hockey Tournament on March 16 at Yale University's Ingalls Rink.

"It was important for us to get out to an early lead. Get the shots on net. Crash the net," said Woodstock coach Mike Starr. "Basic hockey really, we

really did that in the first period."

The win propelled the Centaurs to the D-III championship game on March 18 vs. No. 6 Hall/Southington, a 1-0 winner over No. 2 seed WMRP (Wethersfield/Middletown/Rocky Hill/Plainville) 1-0 in the semifinals.

It took the Centaurs just over three

minutes to start the scoring barrage — netting three goals in the first period en route to the win over Lyman Hall.

"That was kind of the message, get up, get up early, play our game," Starr said.

Senior center Nathan DeLuca tallied at 3:15 of the first period with an assist from Will Liscomb and Doug Newton. Liscomb scored at 9:33 with an assist from DeLuca to stretch the margin to 2-0. DeLuca scored unassisted at 10:33 of the opening frame to push the Centaurs cushion to 3-0.

"(DeLuca) has a knack to be in the right place at the right time. You can't beat that," Starr said. "He's got the puck on his stick, he's scoring a goal."

Woodstock senior right wing Ryan Black scored with an assist from Avery Riva for a 4-0 lead at 12:54 of the second period. Senior Jack Jellison tallied an unassisted goal at 4:06 of the third period Black added his second goal at 5:19 of the third with an assist from Riva to give Woodstock a 6-0 lead and complete the scoring.

Senior goaltender Cal Wilcox made 20 saves to earn the shutout for the Centaurs (21-2-3). Finley VanHouten made 22 saves on 28 shots for Lyman Hall. The loss ended Lyman Hall's season at 12-11.

Woodstock scored 28 goals over the first three rounds of the D-III state tournament en route to the championship game. The Centaurs topped No. 16 seed Joel Barlow 11-0 in the opening round, defeated No. 9 Trinity Catholic 1-0 in the quarterfinals, before downing Lyman Hall 6-0.

"When we get going we're just relentless. We challenge the puck all the time," Starr said. "We don't give the other team much room to skate out of their zone."

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Woodstock's Doug Newton controls the puck against Lyman Hall on March 16.

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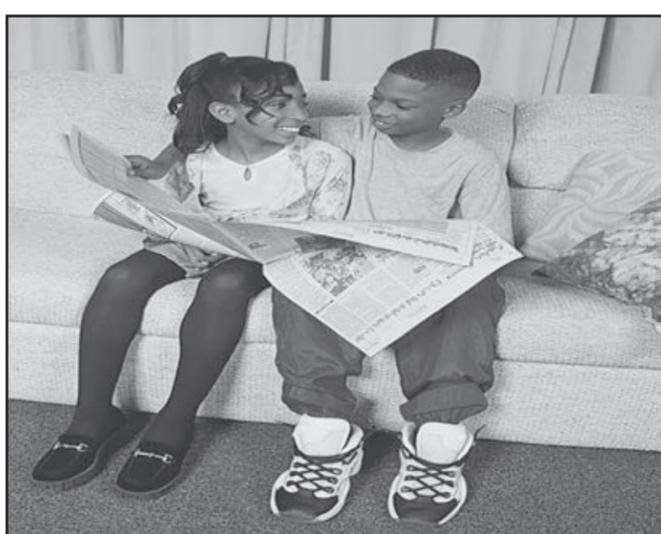
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# OBITUARIES

## Reginald Breton, 88



**DAYVILLE** - Reginald (Reggie) Breton was born on January 20, 1929 on Aldrich Ave. in Moosup. He was the son of Reginald Breton Sr. originally from West Warwick, Rhode Island, and

Magdalena Schlageter whose parents came over from Germany years before.

Reggie passed away peacefully on March 16 in North Providence, Rhode Island. He leaves behind his wife of 66 years, Shirley (Weaver) Breton from Dayville. They were married on September 9, 1950 at St. Joseph's Church in Dayville.

He graduated from Plainfield High School in 1948 after a stellar three sport athletic career. He played on the famous Moosup Boys Club with Red Sox record breaker Walt Dropo. After high school, he was awarded a tryout with several major-league teams including The New York Giants (now The San Francisco Giants) at the old Polo Grounds in New York where he met the famous Jackie Robinson during a scrimmage against The Brooklyn Dodgers. The Giants sent him to one of their minor-league teams in Florida. They promoted him to double A baseball rather quickly and things were looking good but his girlfriend was beautiful and all the local boys came calling. When Reggie heard

about that he dropped his baseball dreams right away and came home to marry the girl of his dreams.

The first few years they lived in several apartments in Dayville. They bought their first house on Soap St. in Dayville and three years later built their dream house on Valley Road in Dayville where they raised their two boys Gary and Richard. They spent the next 55 years there. Reggie worked for 30 years as an insurance agent for Metropolitan Life Insurance eventually rising to office sales manager. He also spent several years on the Killingly Board of Education. He loved traveling with his wife Shirley. He loved the Red Sox, the Celtics and UConn Basketball.

He was predeceased by his sister Bernice (Bunny) Main and his other sister Patricia (Patty) Ann Lozon. He leaves behind his two sons, Gary and Richard. Grandchildren Adam, Arika, Shannon and Christopher and several great grandchildren.

A Memorial Mass of Christian Burial will be held at St Joseph Church, 350 Hartford Pike in Dayville on Friday, March 31 at 11AM, followed by a get together at the Elks Club on Center St. in downtown Danielson.

In lieu of flowers donations may be made to the Alzheimer's Association, CT Chapter 200 Executive Blvd Suite 4B, Southington, CT. Tillinghastfh.com

## Jeannette (Langevin) O'Keefe, 96,



**GROSVENORDALE** - Jeannette (Langevin) O'Keefe, 96, of Riverside Drive, died March 13, at Matulaitis Nursing Home. She was the loving wife of William J. O'Keefe, Jr. Born in Worcester, Massachusetts, but spent her life in the

Mechanicsville and Grosvenordale sections of Thompson, she was the daughter of the late Alexis and Lillian (Lemoine) Langevin.

Mrs. O'Keefe worked for many years as the office manager and accountant for Superwinch.

Mrs. O'Keefe enjoyed watching Jeopardy and Wheel of Fortune on television, was an avid fan of the UCONN women's basketball team, and enjoyed volunteering at the St. Joseph Church BINGO. But above all she cherished the quality time that she spent with her grandchildren and great grandchildren.

Jeannette is survived by her hus-

band William J. O'Keefe, Jr.; two daughters Nancy Laflamme and her husband Paul of Putnam and Debbie O'Keefe and her companion Tom Britton of Rogers; two grandchildren Christopher Laflamme and his wife Colleen of Killingly and Aaron Laflamme and his fiancé Laura Harte of Maine and three great grandchildren Rylie, Tegan, and Ashlyn Laflamme. She was predeceased by her siblings Robert Langevin and Rita Ginalaski.

Relatives and friends are respectfully invited to attend a Mass of Christian Burial at 11:00 a.m. in St. Joseph Church, 18 Main St., N. Grosvenordale, on Friday, March 24. Burial will follow in West Thompson Cemetery. Funeral arrangements have been entrusted to the Valade Funeral Home & Crematory 23 Main St., N. Grosvenordale. In lieu of flowers memorial donations in Jeannette's name may be made to the American Heart Assoc. P.O. Box 417005, Boston, MA 02241 or the charity of one's choice. For memorial guest-book visit [www.GilmanAndValade.com](http://www.GilmanAndValade.com).

## Clifford J. Coman, 69



**WOODSTOCK** - Clifford J. Coman, 69, died Sunday, March 12, at home with family at his side. He leaves a daughter, Nicole M. Phinney and her husband Eric of Monson, Massachusetts; 3

grandchildren, Anthony Coman, Zachary Kann and Rachel Kann; 2 great-granddaughters, Hayley and Madison Coman; a sister, Cate Coman of Nogales, Arizona; a close friend, Jessica A. Rock of Woodstock; nephews, nieces and cousins. He was preceded in death by his longtime close friend, Pauline D. (Corriveau) Rock, in 2010. He was born in Webster, Massachusetts and raised in Thompson, the son of Leon C. and Catherine E. (Garvey)

Coman. He moved to Woodstock in 1969. He served in the Army National Guard during the Vietnam War era. Mr. Coman worked in construction all his life. He was an equipment operator, most recently for SAS Construction. He retired in 2007. He was an outdoor enthusiast, enjoying tending his lawn and property. The funeral was held Friday, March 17, at Scanlon Funeral Service, in Webster, which was followed by a Mass in Saint Stephen's Church, Quinebaug. Burial, with full military honors, will be in North Woodstock Cemetery. Visitation was held at the funeral home.



## Patricia Ann Williams, 81



**DANIELSON** - Patricia Ann "Pat" Williams, 81, of Danielson, died Thursday, March 16, at Davis Place in Danielson. She was born in New York City on July 20, 1935, daughter

of the late James H. Harrison Jr. Lt. Cmdr. Ret. USCG and Helen (Goldstein) Harrison. She was the wife of Raymond K. Williams for 28 years. She lived in Maple Court, Danielson for many years. Pat was a former three term president of VFW #2650 Ladies Auxiliary, a member of the Ladies

Auxiliary American Legion Post #91 of Moosup and a charter member of the Ladies Auxiliary AmVets Post #47. Besides her husband she is survived by her children, Helen Birkbeck of Vernon, Tracy Restor of Webster, Massachusetts and William Birkbeck of Willimantic, six grandchildren, nine great grandchildren, five stepsons and one stepdaughter, twelve step grandchildren and sixteen step great grandchildren. She was predeceased by two former husbands and one brother. Calling hours were held on March 23, at Tillinghast Funeral Home, which was followed by a chapel service at Holy Cross Cemetery, Danielson. Tillinghastfh.com

## Normand A. Ravenelle, 90



**N O R T H GROSVENORDALE** - Normand A. Ravenelle, 90, of Ravenelle Road, died Tuesday, March 14, at home surrounded by his daughters. He was the loving husband of the late

Bernice (Karpenski) Ravenelle for 67 years. Born in North Grosvenordale, he was the son of the late Narcisse and Dora (Faucher) Ravenelle.

Normand was a self-employed dairy farmer and later worked for the Connecticut Department of Corrections. He enjoyed gardening, fishing, and playing cards. He and Bernice especially enjoyed spending time with their children and grandchildren. Normand was a sports fan, whose favorite teams included the New York Giants, St. Louis Cardinals and Notre Dame Football. Normand was a communicant of Saint Joseph Church and a member of the Knights of Columbus and Union St. Jean the Baptist.

Normand is survived by his daugh-

ters, Linda Joyal (Tom) of Ashford, Theresa Goulet of Killingly, Margaret Auger (Tom) of Putnam, Rachel Sposato of Dayville, and Jane Sciaraffa (Michael) of Auburn, Massachusetts; his brother, Philip Ravenelle of Webster, Massachusetts; his sister Gertrude Hardy of N. Grosvenordale; his grandchildren, Stephanie Sciaraffa of Auburn, Anthony Sciaraffa of Oxford, Troy Sposato of Canterbury, Jared Goulet of Killingly, Danielle Heersink of Woodstock, David Auger of Manchester, and Kathryn Young of Medford, Massachusetts; his great-grandchildren Alexa, Rowan and Cierra Heersink; He was predeceased by his sisters, the late Doris Blain, Jeanette Cardinal and his son-in-law, Thomas Goulet.

Relatives and friends were invited to visit with Normand's family on March 18 in the Valade Funeral Home & Crematory, 23 Main St., N. Grosvenordale, which was followed by a Mass of Christian Burial in St. Joseph Church, 18 Main St., N. Grosvenordale. Burial followed in St. Joseph Cemetery. For memorial guestbook visit [www.GilmanAndValade.com](http://www.GilmanAndValade.com).

## Roseanna G. Lalumiere, 81



**K I L L I N G L Y** - Roseanna G. Lalumiere, 81, a lifelong resident of Killingly, passed away March 15, at Day Kimball Hospital in Putnam. She was born October 2, 1935 in

Killingly, daughter of the late Gideon and Albina (Bourque) Beaudoin. She married Jean M. Lalumiere on February 14, 1953 at St. Joseph Church in Dayville, he died in 2015.

Roseanna was a Communicant of St. James Church. She was an accomplished cook and baker. She worked at La Rosa Factory for a few years, Jacobs Rubber for 26 years, Acme-Chaston for three years and retired from Tri Foods in 1997 after three years. Roseanna devoted herself to caring for her family.

She leaves her daughter Anna

Nadeau and her husband Gary of Moosup, her sons Alan Lalumiere and his wife Rose of Griswold, Roland Lalumiere and his wife Cheryl of Central Village, Charles Lalumiere of South Killingly, fourteen grandchildren, 22 great grandchildren and many nieces and nephews. Roseanna was predeceased by siblings Ernest Beaudoin, Edward Beaudoin, Irene Muree and Rita Albina Martel.

Funeral was held March 20, 2017 at the Gagnon and Costello Funeral Home, Danielson, which was followed by a Mass of Christian Burial at St. James Church in Danielson. Burial followed in Holy Cross Cemetery, Danielson. Calling Hours were held March 19 at the Funeral Home. In lieu of flowers donations may be made in her memory to the American Heart Association, P.O. 417005, Boston, MA 02241-7005. Share a memory at [www.gagnonandcostellofh.com](http://www.gagnonandcostellofh.com)

## Gladys E. Benoit, 96



**PUTNAM** - Gladys E. (Hoffman) Benoit, 96, of Sabin St., died March 16, at Matulaitis Nursing Home. She was the loving wife of the late Raynie J. Benoit. Born in Putnam, she was the daughter of

the late Frederick and Elita (Dubois) Hoffman.

On May 29, 1939, in Putnam, Gladys was united in marriage to Raynie J. Benoit who died in 1970.

Mrs. Benoit worked for over twenty-five years as an inspector at American Optical in Southbridge retiring in 1981.

She was a member of the American Optical Twenty-five Century Club and a communicant of St. Stephen Church

in Quinebaug.

Gladys is survived by three sons, Donald J. Benoit and his wife Carol of Putnam, Douglas R. Benoit and his wife Claire of Dresden, Maine, and Stephen F. Benoit and his wife Nancy of Quinebaug; a brother William Hall, Esq. of Coventry; nine grandchildren and eight great grandchildren. She was predeceased by a daughter, Joyce L. Leclerc and three grandchildren.

Relatives and friends were respectfully invited to attend a Mass of Christian Burial for Gladys on March 20 in St. Stephen Church, Quinebaug. Burial to follow in West Thompson Cemetery. Funeral arrangements have been entrusted to the Gilman and Valade Funeral Homes & Crematory, 104 Church St., Putnam. For memorial guestbook visit [www.GilmanAndValade.com](http://www.GilmanAndValade.com).

## Mary L. Merasco, 73

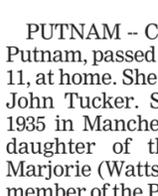


**MOOSUP** - Mary L. (MaryLou) Merasco, 73, of Moosup died Friday, March 10, at the Plainfield Emergency Care Center. She was born in Greenport Long Island, New York on February 24, 1944,

daughter of the late William T. and Gertrude (Oliver) Flatley. She was the wife of Patsy Merasco, they were married March 25, 1978. MaryLou worked at Anchor Glass and later at

Foxwoods. Besides her husband she is survived by her daughter Tammy Jones and husband Robert; sons, Peter Squires and wife Jenn and Thomas Squires; stepson Daniel Merasco and wife Helen; stepdaughter Meredith Merasco; siblings, Gerald Flatley, Patricia Lenox, and Lawrence Flatley. She is also survived by several grandchildren and great grandchildren. She was predeceased by her sister Nancy Wallner. Funeral services and burial will be private. Tillinghast Funeral Home, 25 Main St., Central Village is in charge of arrangements.

## Carol Ann Tucker, 81



**PUTNAM** - Carol Ann Tucker, 81 of Putnam, passed away Saturday, March 11, at home. She was the wife of the late John Tucker. She was born May 19, 1935 in Manchester, New Hampshire, daughter of the late Clinton and Marjorie (Watts) Weston. Carol was a member of the Putnam Congregational Church and a 1953 graduate of Putnam High School. She worked as a receptionist at Gerardi Insurance for over seven years. She leaves her two sons Scott LaForest and Bradley LaForest,

her grandchildren Amy, Weston, Katherine, Maxwell, Lucas, and Tessa. Graveside service will be held at 11:00 AM on April 15, (Saturday) in Putnam Heights Cemetery, Liberty Highway, Putnam. In lieu of flowers donations may be made in her memory to Hospice of NECT, PO Box 632, Putnam, CT or the Putnam Congregational Church. [www.smithandwalkerfh.com](http://www.smithandwalkerfh.com)

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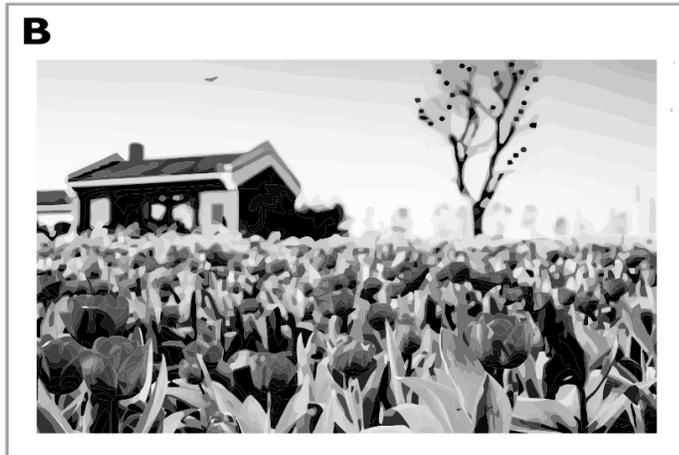
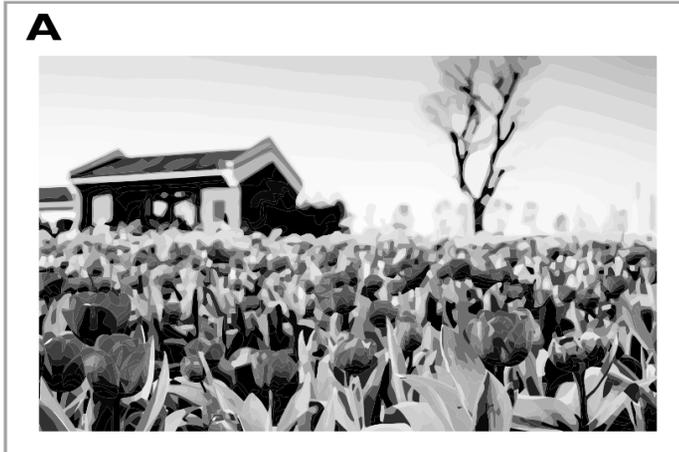
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ON CERTAIN DAYS, THERE ARE EQUAL AMOUNTS OF DAYLIGHT AND DARKNESS. WHAT IS THIS DAY CALLED?

ANSWER: VERNAL EQUINOX

### What's the Difference?

There are four things different between Picture A and Picture B. Can you find them all?



Answers: 1. Missing tulip from right 2. Leaves on tree 3. House has chimney 4. Bird in sky

### THIS DAY IN...



### HISTORY

- 1549: THE FIRST CAPITAL OF BRAZIL, SALVADOR DA BAHIA, IS FOUNDED.
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### New Word

### MILD

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### How they SAY that in...

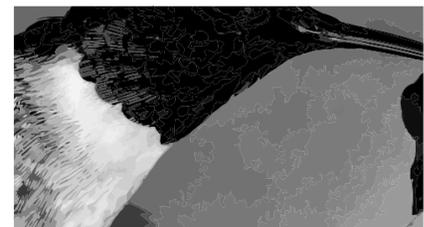
- ENGLISH:** Flower
- SPANISH:** Flor
- ITALIAN:** Fiore
- FRENCH:** Fleur
- GERMAN:** Blüte

### Did you know?

AS SPRING FLOWERS BEGIN TO SPROUT AND BLOOM, VARIOUS BIRDS AND INSECTS TRANSFER POLLEN FROM FLOWER TO FLOWER.



### GET THE PICTURE?



Can you guess what the bigger picture is?

ANSWER: HUMMINGBIRD

### CRYPTO FUN

## CRYPTO FUN

Determine the code to reveal the answer!

Solve the code to discover words related to vision. Each number corresponds to a letter. (Hint: 9 = e)

A. 9 12 9 1

Clue: Allow sight

B. 1 6 11 22 24

Clue: Ability to see

C. 25 6 15 5 9 2 24

Clue: Illness

D. 15 25 1 22 9 1

Clue: Hairs

Answers: A. eyes B. sight C. ailment D. lashes

### SUDOKU

4	5				3		1
		8		7			5
		1					
			8			6	
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	2	6				3	

Level: Intermediate

#### Here's How It Works:

Sudoku puzzles are formatted as a 9x9 grid, broken down into nine 3x3 boxes. To solve a sudoku, the numbers 1 through 9 must fill each row, column and box. Each number can appear only once in each row, column and box. You can figure out the order in which the numbers will appear by using the numeric clues already provided in the boxes. The more numbers you name, the easier it gets to solve the puzzle!

4	5	2	6	9	8	3	7	1
1	9	5	4	3	6	2	8	7
3	8	4	7	2	1	6	5	9
5	6	3	1	7	2	4	9	8
8	4	9	3	8	5	7	1	2
2	1	7	9	8	4	5	6	3
9	7	1	5	4	3	8	2	6
6	3	8	2	1	7	9	4	5
4	5	2	6	9	8	3	7	1

ANSWER:

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Putnam, CT 06260  
March 24, 2017

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ESTATE OF ARLENE B. WIRSIG (17-00053)  
The Hon. Leah P. Schad, Judge of the Court of Probate, District of Northeast Probate Court, by decree dated March 14, 2017, ordered that all claims must be presented to the fiduciary at the address below. Failure to promptly present any such claim may result in the loss of rights to recover on such claim.  
Janis E. Beltis, Clerk  
The fiduciary is:  
Stanley S. Wirsig, Jr.  
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31 Academy Street,  
Danielson, CT 06239  
March 24, 2017

**TOWN OF THOMPSON**  
On March 15, 2017 the following wetlands agent approval was issued: Application # WAA17009 approved with conditions, Berard Builders, LLC, 1 Massasoit Dr. (Assessor's Map 141, Block 17, Lot 39) - repair of a septic system located within the 100-foot upland review area for a residential home.  
Marla Butts, Wetlands Agent  
March 24, 2017

**TOWN OF THOMPSON PLANNING AND ZONING COMMISSION LEGAL NOTICE**  
The Town of Thompson Planning and Zoning Commission will hold a public hearing on Monday, March 27, 2017

beginning at 7PM in the Thompson Town Hall, 815 Riverside Dr., North Grosvenordale, CT for the following: Application 17-02: Route 193, LLC, Applicant. David Holke, Owner of Record. For property at 0 Thompson Rd. Map 87/Block 53/Lot 8/Zone C. Requesting Special Permit for proposed restaurant with associated parking, drainage, and septic system. Files are available to review in the Planning & Development Office, Town Hall. At these hearings, interested parties may appear and be heard, and written testimony received.  
Respectfully submitted,  
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# Villager Newspapers COMMUNITY SPOTLIGHT

*“Shining a light on community events”*

**March 25, Sat., 4:30-6:30**

Take Out Lasagna Dinner \$10 - Meat or Vegetarian Lasagna, salad-bread, and cake - at the Federated Church of Christ - Routes 6 & 169, Brooklyn.

**March 25, 4:45pm or 6pm**

The Empty Bowl Supper -- two seatings: 4:45 or 6 PM; Congregational Church of Putnam join us at the Elk's Club, Edmond St., Putnam to raise money for the Daily Bread. Buy a bowl and we fill it with soup! Breads, desserts and beverages. Drawings! Bowl with all the fixins' \$20. Tickets 860-928-4405

**March 25, Sat., 5:30**

Amy Gallatin and Still Waters, along with Nick Anderson and Shady Creek are coming to Killingly Grange, \$12 at the door. Show will be preceded by chilli and cornbread dinner, with salad and dessert for \$8. Dinner starts at 5:30, show starts at 7pm. Killingly Grange, corner of Dog Hill and Hartford Pike in Dayville.

**March 26, Sun., 8am-11am**

Finnish American Heritage Society annual pancake breakfast, Enjoy Panukakku (Finnish oven pancakes), pulla (Finnish Coffee Bread) scrambled eggs, oatmeal, sausage, home fries, toast, juice and coffee, Finnish Hall, 176 N. Canterbury Rd, Canterbury. Adults \$8, Children 12 and under \$4 tickets available at the door, find us on Facebook

**March 26, Sun., 1-2:30pm**

TLGV Ranger Marcy's Acorn Adventure, Spring on the Air Line Trail to look for signs of spring. Park at Chewink Rd. lot, Chaplin. Bring a friend! Snacks included. FREE! Questions to marcy@tlgv.org or 860-774-3300.

**March 26, Sun., 2pm**

Climate Change and Its Effect on Human Health -- we are experiencing more frequent extremes in our weather which impacts our health, food and water. Sharon Diamen, M.D. will discuss the implications of global climate change on human health. At the Center at Pomfret, 218 Day Rd. Fee: Free to CAS members; \$7 non-members.

**March 27, Mon., 7pm**

Christine Kalafus returns to Pomfret Library to lead a Creative Writing for Adults writers' workshop. Register online at pomfretlibrary.org by clicking on the event name under Library Events on the homepage. For more information please call Pomfret Library at 860-928-3475. Visit [www.christinekalafus.com](http://www.christinekalafus.com)

**March 27-March 31**

The Town of Putnam will have a metal and non-electronic appliance pick up during the week of March 27. Residents should put items out for pick up starting on March 27 through March 31. Pick up will be done according to regular trash routes. No stickers are required for metal and non-electronics pick up.

refrigerators, washing machines, dryers, hot water tanks, stoves. Please see your Trash and Recycling flyer for more information or call 963-6818.

**March 28, Tues., 8am**

Early Morning Bird Walks, Meet at the Center at Pomfret, 218 Day Rd. Fee: \$3 CAS members; \$7 non-members.

**March 29, Wed., 6pm**

A special movie night presented by The Finnish American Heritage Society in collaboration with the Canterbury Public Library - originally shown on PBS, this film takes a tour of Saarinen's iconic buildings. Enjoy a reception with traditional Finnish foods and comments by local builder Nick Lehto. For info 860-546-6343

**March 29, Wed., 7pm**

Woodcock Watches, Meet at the Center at Pomfret, 218 Day Rd. Fee: \$5 CAS members; \$10 non-members.

**March 29, Wed., 10am-12pm**

Mom to Mom at the Woodstock Evangelical Covenant Church - young moms meet

together for quality Biblical instruction in parenting, small group discussion and interaction with mentor moms. Community moms welcome! Free childcare is available through age 5. 24 Child Hill Road, Woodstock. Register at [woodstockcovenant.org](http://woodstockcovenant.org). Any questions, call 860-928-0486.

**March 30, Thurs., 7:30pm**

The Brooklyn Historical Society will present "Bridget's Home," a dramatic portrayal inspired by the novel of the same name by actress and author Katie M. Hill. The novel will be available for sale after the program. Location: Brooklyn's Trinity Episcopal Church Parish Hall, 7 Providence Road (Route 6). For more info: 860-774-7728

**March 30, Thurs., 5pm**

Cruisin' for Cancer Care Guest Bartender Night, Black Dog Bar & Grille, Putnam. Guest bartender event that sets the stage for the annual Cruisin' for Cancer Care car cruise in June. Features "DKH celebrity" guest bartenders, drawings and more. Benefits the Northeast CT Cancer Fund. For info [daykimball.org/guestbartendernight](http://daykimball.org/guestbartendernight) or 860-928-7141.

**March 30, 7pm**

Trivia Challenge - test your memory at Crossing Restaurant for a free night of fun, sponsored by the Putnam Lions Club to benefit the Real House Wives of Windham County.

**March 31, Fri., noon-8pm**

Knights of Columbus Council 2087 will hold a Lenten fish fry, in the Knights Hall, 1017 Riverside Drive, North Grosvenordale. Fish and chips (\$10); baked haddock and fried bay scallops (\$11); fried clams (\$14); seafood

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**This page is designed to shine a light on upcoming local nonprofit, educational and community events. Submissions are limited to 50 words or less and are FREE to qualifying organizations, schools, churches and town offices. To submit your event contact: Teri Stohlberg at 860-928-1818 ext. 105, or [teri@villagernewspapers.com](mailto:teri@villagernewspapers.com). Deadline for submission is Friday at Noon**

## HERE & THERE ➔ Local Events, Arts, and Entertainment Listings

**FRIDAY, MARCH 24**

**PAINT NIGHT**  
6:00 p.m. - 9:00 p.m.  
\$40 (all inclusive)  
Benefiting Worcester Animal Rescue League  
**DOUGLAS FLOWER SHOPPE**  
320 Main St., Douglas, MA  
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**SATURDAY, MARCH 25**

**THE SARA ASHLEIGH BAND**  
Debut performance at 308 for this great band!  
Pays homage to some of the best blues, rock and country artists of our time  
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307 East Main St.  
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**SATURDAY, APRIL 1**

**KLEM'S ANNUAL FISHING EXPO**  
9:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m.  
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6:00 p.m. - 10:00 p.m.  
**SOUTHBRIDGE HOTEL AND CONFERENCE CENTER**  
To benefit Harrington Recovery Services and Southbridge Emergency Room Expansion  
To purchase tickets online:  
[Hhpaulapoundstone.eventbrite.com](http://Hhpaulapoundstone.eventbrite.com)  
Harrington Healthcare System  
For more info contact  
Director of Development  
Karen Spiewak  
508-765-8191

**SUNDAY, APRIL 2**

**SPORTSMANS FLEA MARKET**  
At the Auburn Sportsmans Club  
50 Elm St., Auburn, MA  
7:30 a.m. - 12 noon  
Reserve tables early  
\$10/EA  
Contact Sportsmans Club  
508-832-6492 or Glenn Standing at 508-248-6416  
[standing@charter.net](mailto:standing@charter.net)  
Set up tables at 6:00 a.m.  
Hunting, fishing & camping goods only Public welcome

**SATURDAY, APRIL 8**

**EASTER BUNNY PICTURES AT KLEM'S**  
10:00 a.m. - 3:00 p.m.  
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**FRIDAY, SATURDAY, SUNDAY**

**APRIL 28, 29, 30**  
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**EQUIPMENT CONSIGNMENT AUCTION AT KLEM'S**  
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Or call Kathy: 508-885-9371  
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**SATURDAY AND SUNDAY**

**APRIL 29 AND 30**  
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Cash prizes and trophies  
Tagged & Golden Trout  
Youth Archery Shoot  
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**SUNDAY, MAY 7**

12th ANNUAL WALK OF CHAMPIONS  
**AT THE QUABBIN RESERVOIR**  
To benefit the Baystate Regional Cancer Program at Baystate Mary Lane Outpatient Clinic  
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Or by email at [Michelle.Graci@baystate-health.org](mailto:Michelle.Graci@baystate-health.org)

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**MEAT RAFFLE**  
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7:00 p.m. register  
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Chepachet, RI  
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 <b>2016 Toyota Camry LE</b> Sedan, I-4 cyl, 6 spd auto, 15K miles, Carfax 1-owner, RT4104 <b>\$22,598</b>	 <b>2015 Toyota Venza LE</b> SUV, I-4 cyl, 6 spd auto, 34K miles, Carfax 1-owner, A265924A <b>\$22,598</b>	 <b>2013 Toyota RAV4 4WD XLE</b> SUV, I-4 cyl, auto, all wheel drive, 38K miles, A4043A <b>\$22,598</b>	<b>MANAGER'S SPECIALS</b>  <b>\$33,998</b> <b>2012 Dodge Challenger SRT8 392</b> Coupe, V-8 cyl, 6-spd manual, 35K miles, A267579A		 <b>2014 Toyota RAV4 4WD Ltd</b> SUV, I-4 cyl, 6 spd auto, 40K miles, Carfax 1-owner, A267547A <b>\$23,598</b>	 <b>2013 Toyota RAV4 4WD Ltd</b> SUV, I-4 cyl, 6 spd auto, 48K miles, Carfax 1-owner, A267323A <b>\$23,598</b>	 <b>2014 Toyota Venza XLE Crossover</b> I-4 cyl, 6 spd auto, 33K miles, Carfax 1-owner, A4121 <b>\$23,598</b>
 <b>2008 Toyota Tundra SR5 5.7L</b> Truck Double Cab, V-8 cyl, 6 spd auto, 84K miles, A266944B <b>\$24,598</b>	 <b>2011 BMW X5 Series</b> SUV, I-6 cyl, 8 spd auto, AWD, 39K miles, Carfax 1-owner, A4081A <b>\$25,998</b>	 <b>2014 Ford F-150 STX</b> Extended Cab, V-8 cyl, 6 spd auto, 4x4, 35K miles, Carfax 1-owner, A266839A <b>\$25,998</b>	 <b>\$33,998</b> <b>2015 Subaru WRX STI Ltd</b> 4dr (M6), H-4 cyl, AWD, Black, 17K miles, Carfax 1-owner, A267085A		 <b>2011 Toyota Tacoma</b> Base Truck Dbl Cab, V-6 cyl, 5 spd auto, 4x4, 47K miles, Carfax 1-owner, A267511A <b>\$26,998</b>	 <b>2014 Toyota Highlander XLE</b> SUV, V-6 cyl, 6 spd auto, AWD, 80K miles, Carfax 1-owner, A4051A <b>\$27,998</b>	 <b>2014 Toyota 4Runner</b> SUV, V-6 cyl, 5 spd auto, 4x4, 27K miles, Carfax 1-owner, A267495A <b>\$31,598</b>
 <b>2015 Toyota Highlander XLE</b> SUV, V-6 cyl, 6 spd auto, AWD, 46K miles, Carfax 1-owner, A266814A <b>\$31,998</b>	 <b>2014 Acura MDX SH-AWD w/tech pkg</b> V-6 cyl, 6 spd auto, all wheel drive, 49K miles, Carfax 1-owner, A4024 <b>\$32,998</b>	 <b>2016 Toyota Tacoma Double Cab</b> V-6 cyl, auto, 4x4, 24K miles, Carfax 1 owner, A266949A <b>\$32,998</b>	 <b>2014 Toyota Highlander Ltd</b> SUV, V-6 cyl, 6 spd auto, 39K miles, Carfax 1-owner, A4120 <b>\$33,598</b>	 <b>2014 Toyota RAV4 4WD Ltd</b> SUV, I-4 cyl, 6 spd auto, 29K miles, Carfax 1-owner, A267306A <b>\$26,998</b>	 <b>2011 Toyota Tacoma</b> Base Truck Dbl Cab, V-6 cyl, auto, 63K miles, Carfax 1-owner, A267285A <b>\$26,998</b>	 <b>2015 Toyota Highlander</b> SUV, V-6 cyl, 6 spd auto, AWD, 45K miles, A4122 <b>\$35,998</b>	 <b>2016 Toyota 4Runner</b> SUV, V-6 cyl auto, 14K miles, Carfax 1-owner, A267169A <b>\$39,998</b>

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LT SEDAN - RS PACKAGE, #CR17369	#EQ17294	LT SEDAN, #MB17504	ALL WHEEL DRIVE, #TX17090	HATCHBACK, #VL17210	DOUBLE CAB CUSTOM SPORT EDITION, #TK17614
MSRP \$21,720	MSRP \$26,405	MSRP \$26,000	MSRP \$23,395	MSRP \$34,555	MSRP \$41,475
DOWN PAYMENT ASSISTANCE \$1,000	DOWN PAYMENT ASSISTANCE \$1,000	DOWN PAYMENT ASSISTANCE \$1,000	DOWN PAYMENT ASSISTANCE \$1,000	BONUS CASH \$1,500	BONUS CASH \$2,000
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DIAMOND DISCOUNT \$1,222	DIAMOND DISCOUNT \$1,500	DIAMOND DISCOUNT \$1,600	DIAMOND DISCOUNT \$1,395	MA RESIDENT TAX CREDIT \$2,500	DIAMOND DISCOUNT \$3,250
<b>SALE PRICE \$15,988</b>	<b>SALE PRICE \$18,905</b>	<b>SALE PRICE \$19,900</b>	<b>SALE PRICE \$16,999</b>	<b>FINAL PRICE \$19,555</b>	<b>SALE PRICE \$31,725</b>
<b>\$0 DOWN \$79</b> <sup>36</sup> MO. LEASE	<b>\$0 DOWN \$99</b> <sup>36</sup> MO. LEASE	<b>\$0 DOWN \$149</b> <sup>36</sup> MO. LEASE	<b>\$0 DOWN \$98</b> <sup>36</sup> MO. LEASE	<b>\$0 DOWN \$187</b> <sup>36</sup> MO. LEASE	<b>\$0 DOWN \$269</b> <sup>36</sup> MO. LEASE

**BRAND NEW 2017 GMC TERRAIN SLE**  
ALL WHEEL DRIVE, #TE17912  
MSRP \$30,550  
DOWN PAYMENT ASSISTANCE \$1,000  
BONUS CASH \$1,500  
COMPETITIVE LESSEE BONUS CASH \$1,500  
SELECT MODEL BONUS CASH \$3,000  
DIAMOND DISCOUNT \$2,052  
**SALE PRICE \$22,988**  
**\$0 DOWN \$239** <sup>36</sup> MO. LEASE

**BRAND NEW 2017 GMC SIERRA**  
1500 DOUBLE CAB, #S179864  
MSRP \$34,360  
BONUS CASH \$1,250  
DOWN PAYMENT ASSISTANCE \$2,000  
SELECT MODEL BONUS CASH \$3,000  
DIAMOND DISCOUNT \$2,312  
**SALE PRICE \$23,988**  
**\$0 DOWN \$269** <sup>36</sup> MO. LEASE

**BRAND NEW 2017 BUICK ENCORE**  
ALL WHEEL DRIVE, #EN17442  
MSRP \$27,185  
Diamond Discount \$3,499  
**SALE PRICE \$23,686**  
**\$0 DOWN \$189** <sup>36</sup> MO. LEASE

**BRAND NEW 2017 BUICK REGAL SPORT**  
TOURING SEDAN, #RE17550  
MSRP \$30,540  
SAVE \$4,542  
**SALE PRICE \$25,998**  
**\$0 DOWN \$249** <sup>36</sup> MO. LEASE  
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**BRAND NEW 2017 GMC ACADIA SLE**  
ALL WHEEL DRIVE, 7 PASSENGER, #AC17091  
MSRP \$36,779  
DOWN PAYMENT ASSISTANCE \$2,000  
COMPETITIVE LESSEE BONUS CASH \$1,500  
DIAMOND DISCOUNT \$2,272  
**SALE PRICE \$29,988**  
**\$0 DOWN \$349** <sup>36</sup> MO. LEASE

**BRAND NEW 2017 GMC SAVANA CARGO VAN**  
8 CYLINDER, #SV17065  
MSRP \$32,150  
SELECT MODEL BONUS CASH \$3,000  
COMPETITIVE LESSEE BONUS CASH \$2,000  
DIAMOND DISCOUNT \$3,152  
**YOU SAVE \$8152**  
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**Your Price \$29,988**

**2015 CADILLAC ATS PERFORMANCE EDITION**  
ALL WHEEL DRIVE, ONLY 5,200 MILES, #P323  
ORIGINAL MSRP \$49,495  
**Your Price \$33,988**

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ALL WHEEL DRIVE, ONE OWNER, POWER ASSIST STEPS, 7 PASSENGER, REAR DVD, NAV, MOONROOF, LOW MILES #E17605A  
ORIGINAL MSRP \$90,860  
**Your Price \$63,988**

**RECENT FOREIGN TRADES!!!**

<b>2014 NISSAN PATHFINDER 4X4</b> S MODEL, 8 PASSENGER, ONE OWNER, ONLY 20,000 MILES, AUTOMATIC, #TK17607C <b>YOUR PRICE \$19,988</b>	<b>2015 HONDA PILOT LX</b> ALL WHEEL DRIVE, 7 PASSENGER, ONE OWNER, #AC17412A <b>YOUR PRICE \$23,988</b>
<b>2010 MERCEDES S550</b> SEDAN, ALL WHEEL DRIVE, NAVIGATION, MOONROOF, LOW MILES, #0917135A <b>YOUR PRICE \$26,988</b>	<b>2016 MINI COOPER S</b> CONVERSIONAL ALL WHEEL DRIVE, LEATHER, MOONROOF, PANORAMIC SUNROOF, HEATED SEATS, AUTOMATIC, ONLY 7,000 MILES, #P991A <b>YOUR PRICE \$27,988</b>
<b>2013 TOYOTA TACOMA 4X4</b> LIMITED, V6 DOUBLE CAB, ONE OWNER, LOW MILES, LEATHER HEATED SEATS, CHROME WHEELS, #TE11910A <b>YOUR PRICE \$29,988</b>	<b>2015 TOYOTA TUNDRA 4X4</b> LIMITED DOUBLE CAB, LEATHER, ONE OWNER, TRD OFF ROAD PACKAGE, NAVIGATION, #S17019A <b>YOUR PRICE \$34,988</b>

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<b>2014 CHEVY CORVETTE STINGRAY</b> COUPE, CRYSTAL RED, BLACK LEATHER, AUTOMATIC, NAVIGATION, TRANSPARENT ROOF, HEATED SEATS, BLACK WHEELS, RED CALIPERS, ONLY 8,400 MILES, BOSE STEREO, ONE OWNER, #VT17407A	<b>2014 CHEVY CORVETTE STINGRAY</b> CONVERTIBLE, VELOCITY YELLOW, BLACK LEATHER, BLACK TOP, 3LT, AUTOMATIC, POWER TOP, HEATED SEATS, NAVIGATION, CHROME WHEELS, ONLY 5,700 MILES, BOSE STEREO, #P124
<b>2014 CHEVY CAMARO LS</b> COUPE, BLUE RAY METALLIC, BLACK INTERIOR, AUTOMATIC, 6 CYLINDER, ONLY 10,000 MILES, ONE OWNER, #TK17603A	<b>2014 CHEVY CORVETTE STINGRAY</b> COUPE, VELOCITY YELLOW, ADRENALINE RED, LEATHER, AUTOMATIC, BLACK WHEELS, Z51, SUSPENSION PACKAGE, BOSE STEREO, NAVIGATION, REMOVABLE TOP, ONLY 10,000 MILES, LIKE NEW, ONE OWNER, #VT17477A
<b>2011 CHEVY CAMARO COUPE</b> BLACK, BLACK LEATHER, AUTOMATIC, RS PACKAGE, 20" WHEELS, LED HALO HEADLAMPS, HEATED SEATS, ONE OWNER, LOW MILES, #EQ16129B	<b>2012 CHEVY CAMARO SS COUPE</b> BLACK, BLACK LEATHER, 45TH ANNIVERSARY EDITION, 8 CYLINDER, 6 SPEED MANUAL, MOONROOF, HEATED SEATS, ONLY 8,300 MILES, #S15527A

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<b>2014 GMC SAVANA 1500</b> CARGO VAN, AUTOMATIC, ONLY 24,000 MILES, ONE OWNER, #TK17831A <b>YOUR PRICE \$18,988</b>	<b>2014 CHEVY EQUINOX LT SPORT UTILITY</b> ALL WHEEL DRIVE, APPEARANCE PACKAGE, MOONROOF, ONE OWNER, LOW MILES, #EQ17214A <b>YOUR PRICE \$19,988</b>	<b>2013 GMC TERRAIN SLE2</b> ALL WHEEL DRIVE, LOW MILES, ONE OWNER, MOONROOF, #TE17913A <b>YOUR PRICE \$19,988</b>	<b>2014 BUICK LACROSSE</b> SEDAN, LEATHER, MOONROOF, NAVIGATION, CHROME WHEELS, ONE OWNER, #VE17078A <b>YOUR PRICE \$21,988</b>	<b>2011 CHEVY AVALANCHE LT</b> 4X4, ONE OWNER, LEATHER, MOONROOF, HEATED SEATS, #S11707A <b>YOUR PRICE \$24,988</b>	<b>2015 CHEVY SILVERADO 4X4</b> REGULAR CAB 1500, AUTOMATIC, LONG WHEEL BASE, ONLY 17,000 MILES, #S15571A <b>YOUR PRICE \$25,988</b>
<b>2013 GMC SIERRA 4X4</b> 1500 SLE EXT. CAB, RUNNING BOARDS, REAR SLIDING WINDOW, ONE OWNER, LOW MILES, #TK16769A <b>YOUR PRICE \$25,988</b>	<b>2013 CHEVY SILVERADO 4X4</b> 1500 LT DOUBLE CAB, DUAL ZONE CLIMATE CONTROL, POER SEAT, ONE OWNER, #S17558B <b>YOUR PRICE \$25,988</b>	<b>2015 DODGE RAM 4X4</b> 1500 TRADESMAN, QUAD CAB, ONE OWNER, AUTOMATIC, 20" WHEELS, LIKE NEW, #TK16709A <b>YOUR PRICE \$26,988</b>	<b>2014 CHEVY SILVERADO 4X4 DOUBLE CAB</b> 1500 EDITION, Z71 PACKAGE, SUSPENSION PACKAGE, HEATED SEATS, #TK1732A <b>YOUR PRICE \$27,988</b>	<b>2014 FORD F150 XLT</b> EXTENDED CAB, 4X4, ONE OWNER, LOW MILES, ALLOY WHEELS, #CA16258A <b>YOUR PRICE \$27,988</b>	<b>2014 GMC ACADIA SLE-2</b> ALL WHEEL DRIVE, 7 PASSENGER, ONE OWNER, HEATED SEATS, REAR CAMERA, BUCKET SEATS, LOW MILES, #TB16720A <b>YOUR PRICE \$28,988</b>
<b>2015 GMC SIERRA 4X4</b> 1500 SLE DOUBLE CAB, ONE OWNER, #S16419A <b>YOUR PRICE \$28,988</b>	<b>2015 CHEVY SILVERADO 4X4</b> DOUBLE CAB, 1500 LT, ONLY 16,000 MILES, OFF ROAD PACKAGE, ONE OWNER, #P306 <b>YOUR PRICE \$29,988</b>	<b>2015 CHEVY SILVERADO 4X4</b> 2500 HD DOUBLE CAB, FULL POWER, CONVENIENCE PACKAGE, ONE OWNER, #TK17814A <b>YOUR PRICE \$29,988</b>	<b>2016 CHEVY SILVERADO 4X4</b> LT DOUBLE CAB, FULL POWER, SLIDING REAR WINDOW, ONE OWNER, #TK17339A <b>YOUR PRICE \$31,988</b>	<b>2016 TOYOTA TACOMA 4X4</b> SUPER/CAB SR5, AUTOMATIC, ONE OWNER, ONLY 9,000 MILES, REAR CAMERA, #S16786A <b>YOUR PRICE \$31,988</b>	<b>2014 CHEVY SILVERADO 4X4</b> 1500 CREW CAB, LTZ, ONE OWNER, LEATHER, NAVIGATION, HEATED SEATS, REAR CAMERA, #TK16116A <b>YOUR PRICE \$32,988</b>

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