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Natchaug River Young Marine



Karen Butera photo
Gunnery sergeant Kyra Shaw, from Woodstock

BY KAREN BUTERA
FOR THE VILLAGER

DANIELSON — Spring will soon be upon us and that means more outdoor events and family activities in the local towns. The Natchaug River Young Marines will be out and about helping in the communities in any way that they can. In the past they have been seen helping out for spring clean-up days, in Putnam at First Fridays downtown street festivals and even at a YMCA winter Craft Fair helping to carry packages in for the crafters, just to name a few places. From Feb. 10 through 21, the group held Recruit Registration

for youth ages 7-17. On Feb. 18, the registration was held in the Ellis Tech cafeteria. The events give kids that may be thinking about joining an opportunity to see what goes on. For the first part of the evening they participated in drills and other team building activities. At the end of the evening they had time to participate in group games. “The program is actually run by the team and the program is about them,” said Jeff Edwards of Hampton, Executive Officer and part of the program for 17 years. The Natchaug River Young Marines won the 2019 Division One Young Marines Unit of the

Year. “It is a special award. There are 17 units in a Regiment and they compete throughout the year. We keep notes of everything we have done and submit the packet and wait to see who won. We were chosen out of six divisions,” Edwards said. “Someone found out that I was in the Marines and asked me if I would come and speak to the Young Marines,” said Joe Couture, from Dayville, Unit Commander and a 14-year veteran of the program who served in the U.S. Marine Corps. “I was very impressed and I liked the structure. Kids flourish with structure, otherwise they go in multiple direc-

tions, and not all good ones.” One of the Young Marines, Kyra Shaw of Woodstock has been with the program for four years and is currently a Gunnery Sgt. Her mother had been an influence in getting her to join. “I wasn’t the best kid at home,” said Shaw. “My mom signed me up in order for me to make new friends and to learn leadership qualities. I have made local, national and international long lasting friends.” She has also learned leadership skills. She has discovered a love for writing and won an essay contest. From entering

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KILLINGLY TOPS PUTNAM IN ECC FINAL



Charlie Lentz photo
UNCASVILLE — Putnam High’s Alex Hutchins, white jersey, is defended by Killingly High’s Aila Gutierrez in the ECC Division 2 Tournament championship game at Mohegan Sun Arena on Tuesday, Feb. 25. Killingly won 55-49. Story on page B-2 of The Villager sports section.

Bluegrass and meatloaf at Killingly Grange



Karen Butera photo
Bruce Kohl of the Killingly Grange serves up meatloaf

BY KAREN BUTERA
FOR THE VILLAGER

KILLINGLY — The Killingly Grange held a Meatloaf Dinner and Bluegrass evening on Feb. 22. It is a popular event for the Grange. “We hold these dinner fundraisers to help with building maintenance of the Grange and other needs such as upkeep of the grounds and heat. We hold six dinners in the winter and five of the dinners with the bluegrass bands, like tonight,” said Bruce Kohl, assistant steward of East Killingly, Nick Anderson and Shady Creek Band is popular with the Eastern Connecticut circuit. They are the oldest and continuous bluegrass venue at the Grange since 2000, playing in October and November and then from January through March. Before that they played at the Brooklyn Grange. “The arrangement is a win-win for both the band and the Grange. We rent the hall here from the Grange and charge admission to the audience,” said Nick Anderson, head of the band. Every month that they play, the audience is given a special

treat. The Shady Creek Band always brings in a guest band. This month’s second band is Mike Fishman and the Radio Ramblers from Rhode Island, and they have been recently inducted into the Rhode Island Bluegrass Hall of Fame. The Killingly Grange has seen their membership drop as their members get older. Throughout the years the Grange’s have been encouraged look to the future. “We are currently meeting to discuss newer programs that will be of interest to the younger people and draw them in,” said Kohl. “Many local Granges have given up and closed their doors. We use to do more for the community but with enrollment down the money isn’t there. We use to do Thanksgiving and Christmas baskets but no longer can,” said Glenna Bruno, member of the Grange for 50 plus years. As life changes and people become busier with families and work, enrollment is down in many of the non-profit organizations throughout the area, not just the Grange. Everyone is invited to these functions, not just members.

Cleanup planned in advance of Courthouse 5K

PUTNAM — The Courthouse Bar and Grille in Putnam is partnering with the Hartford Marathon Foundation to play host to a trail clean-up and fun run on Saturday, March 7 — in advance of the annual Courthouse O’Putnam 5K on March 15. Participants of the clean-up and fun run will pick up trash while jogging – known as “plogging” – along a section of the Courthouse O’Putnam 5K course, about two miles total. Supplies for the clean-up will be provided. Interested community members can meet in the parking lot of the Putnam satellite office of Connecticut Department of Motor Vehicles at 10 a.m. on March 7. After the clean-up HMF will raffle off a special prize. Sign-up is not required. The annual Courthouse O’Putnam 5K race, held this year on March 15, has been supported by Courthouse Bar and Grille since the race began in 2012. “Courthouse Bar and Grille has always been a great partner, this year they’re taking their role a step further to host runners and walkers for the community clean up event,” said Beth Shluger, Hartford Marathon Foundation CEO and founder. “We encourage our runners to keep the trails clean, and this event offers an opportunity to be social and get healthy while giving back to the community.” Registration for the Courthouse O’Putnam 5K is open and all details can be found at www.hartfordmarathon.com



Charlie Lentz photo
Scott Bushey wins last year’s Courthouse O’Putnam 5K.

POLICE LOGS

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TROOP D LOG

DANIELSON

Feb. 20
Jennifer Lynn Thompson, 42, of 41 Hawkins Street, Apt. G, Danielson, was charged with harassment in the 2nd degree.

KILLINGLY

Feb. 19
William Anthony Baron, 62, of 120 School Street, Killingly, was charged with breach of peace in the 2nd degree.

PUTNAM

Feb. 17
Dustin Lowell, 33, of 35 Green Street, Putnam, was charged with violation of a protective order and violation of a standing criminal protective order.

PUTNAM POLICE DEPARTMENT

Feb. 15
Shaun Currier, 40, of 16 Woodstock Ave. Putnam, was charged with Speeding.

Feb. 20
William Larkin, 55, of 179A Hartford Pike, Dayville, was charged with Operating Under the Influence of drugs/alcohol, Traveling Unreasonably Fast.

Benjamin Benoit, 17, of 834 Thompson Rd., Apt. C Thompson, was charged with Speeding

Feb. 21
Steven Integlia, 31, of 4 Mellen Road, Woodstock, was charged with Cell Phone violation, Operating a motor vehicle under Suspension

Beatriz Lafountain, 29, of 30 Lincoln Avenue, Holden, Mass., was charged with Operating a motor vehicle without a License, Operating an Unregistered Motor Vehicle

Feb. 22
Shannon Leo, 32, of 163 Fox Hill Road, Pomfret Center, was charged with Violation of State Traffic Commission.

Hanna Deshaw, 24, of 35 Spring Hill Rd, Woodstock, was charged with Violation of State Traffic Commission.

Feb. 23
Sarah Bland, 41, of 59 Oak Drive, Woodstock, was charged with Larceny in the Sixth Degree.

Dayville man arrested for wire fraud

PROVIDENCE — Grant Devillez, of Dayville, an accounts payable clerk employed by a Providence small business that sells gifts and home décor items was arraigned in U.S. District Court in Providence on Feb. 24 on charges he allegedly misappropriated approximately \$302,000 of company funds for his own personal use and for the use by an acquaintance.

Devillez, 35, was arraigned on an indictment charging him with 10 counts of wire fraud, announced United States Attorney Aaron L. Weisman and Special Agent in Charge of the FBI Boston Division Joseph R. Bonavolonta.

It is alleged that for nearly three years beginning in October 2015, Devillez was responsible for preparing lists of proposed vendor payments, and after receiving approval from the company's owner to make the payments, he was provided a bank access code by the owner to make those payments by electronic wire transfers.

It is alleged that Devillez made a partial payment or no payment at all to some vendors, transferring the balance

of approved funds from his employer's business bank account to his own bank accounts or to an account owned by another person. It is alleged that after making the unauthorized transfers, Devillez falsified records to reflect that full payment had been made to the vendors.

It is alleged that Devillez misappropriated approximately \$302,000.

Devillez, arrested on Feb. 24 by FBI agents who investigated the matter, was arraigned before U.S. District Court Magistrate Judge Patricia A. Sullivan and released on unsecured bond and GPS monitoring.

An indictment is merely an accusation. A defendant is presumed innocent unless and until proven guilty. Wire fraud is punishable by statutory maximum penalties of 20 years imprisonment, a fine of twice the gross/gain loss, and three years supervised release. The case is being prosecuted by Assistant United States Attorney Denise M. Barton.

PUBLIC MEETINGS

BROOKLYN

Monday, March 2
Ethics Board, 7 p.m., Town Hall
Conservation Commission, 7:30 p.m., Clifford B. Green Memorial Center
Wednesday, March 4
PZC, 6:30 p.m., Clifford B. Green Memorial Center

EASTFORD

Monday, March 2
Board of Selectmen, 7 p.m., Town Office Building
Food Pantry, 8 - 9:30 a.m., Town Office Building
Tuesday, March 3
Conservation Commission, 7 p.m., Town Office Building
Wednesday, March 4
Crystal Pond Park Commission, 8 a.m., Town Office Building

KILLINGLY

Monday, March 2
IWWC Regular, 7 p.m., Town Meeting Room
Tuesday, March 3
Economic Development Commission Regular, 5 p.m., 172 Main Street, 2nd Floor
Special Town Council, 7 p.m.
Wednesday, March 4
KCG Regular, 7 p.m., Room 102
Permanent Building Commission, 7 p.m.
Thursday, March 5
Killingly Business Association, 7:45 a.m., Killingly Public Library

POMFRET

Monday, March 2
Board of Selectmen, 7 p.m., Senior Center
Wednesday, March 4
Inland Wetland and Watercourses Commission, 7 p.m., Senior Center

PUTNAM

Monday, March 3
Board of Selectmen, 7 p.m.

THOMPSON

Monday, March 2
Quinebaug Fire Department, 7 p.m., 720 Quinebaug Rd., No. Grosvenordale
West Thompson Fire Department, 7 p.m., 248 West Thompson Rd., No. Grosvenordale
Thompson Hill Fire Department, 8 p.m., 70 Chase Rd, Thompson
Tuesday, March 3
Board of Selectmen's, 7 p.m., Town Hall, Merrill Seney Community Room
Wednesday, March 4
EDC Branding Committee, 6:30 p.m., Town Hall, Merrill Seney Community Room
Community Fire Company, 7 p.m., 862 Riverside Drive, No. Grosvenordale
East Thompson Fire Department, 8 p.m., 530 East Thompson Rd.

WOODSTOCK

Monday, March 2
ECODEV, 6 p.m., Room B
BOAA, 6 p.m.
Woodstock Business Association 7 p.m., Room A
IWWA, 7 p.m., Room B
Tuesday, March 3
BOAA, 6 p.m., BOF, 7 p.m., Room 1
Wednesday, March 4
Crystal Pond Park Commission, 6 p.m.
Thursday, March 5
Board of Selectmen, 4 p.m., Room A
PZC Sub Committee 7:30 p.m., Room 1

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the contest, she won a trip to France. "The program has really changed me. I use to get C's and D's in school and now I get A's.

"Kyra joined the program at 12. I was raised with Southern values- to say yes sir and no sir. At times it felt like I was banging my head against the wall trying to instill these values on Kyra. I told her about the program and I asked her to give me one year. She loved it after six months," said Mary Davis, her mother.

Davis signed up herself after her daughter's year ended. She is now a training officer.

"I am not 'Mom' to her when we are here, but I am her training officer," Davis said.

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At CT AUDUBON

Bird sightings at the Connecticut Audubon Society Center at Pomfret and Wyndham Land Trust properties for the week of Feb. 17: Common Grackle, Red-winged Blackbird, Northern Harrier, Bluebird, Flicker, Junco, White-throated Sparrow, Red-tailed Hawk, Cooper's Hawk, Canada Geese, Red-bellied Woodpecker, Goldfinch, House Finch, Song Sparrow. Visit ctaudubon.org/pomfret-home

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Serving up some turkey and friendship

BY KAREN BUTERA
FOR THE VILLAGER

KILLINGLY — Who doesn't love a turkey dinner, complete with potatoes, stuffing, gravy, carrots and bread. This was the meal that was served on Saturday, Feb. 15 at Westfield Congregational Church of Killingly third Saturday of the month meal. As if that wasn't delicious enough, it was finished off with a dessert of strawberry shortcake.

"We have these dinners as a fundraiser to help us care for the hurting of Killingly," said Kerry Methot, church congregant. "We take care of the homeless and underserved of the community. It helps to support our second Friday free dinner that we have called 'Be Our Guest.' It is for anybody in the community."

"Meals are served from 4:30-6:30. We serve between 100 through 125 people," said Reverend Dr. Jonathan Chapman, Pastor of the church.

However, on this particular night they were sold out by 4:45. Tickets are available for pre-buying at the church office before the event and that is always strongly encouraged. On this evening, people were turned away shortly after the start of the event. March's meal

of Corned Beef and Cabbage is another popular choice. That meal will be the second Saturday of the month on March 14, just before St. Patrick's Day. The meal will come with potatoes, soda bread and homemade dessert.

According to Chapman, "We are a community church founded in 1750. We are the church of the town. We show up whenever and however we can." They consider themselves the Heart of Killingly.

They live for what they consider their mission in the town- to help to make the lives of the hurting people in the town easier. One of the acts of missions is to provide a free meal of hot soup on Sunday nights- Soup On Saturdays, during the coldest time of the year.

Their doors are open to any non-profit that has a like-mission to theirs.

"We open our doors to Girl Scouts, Cub Scouts, Blood Drives by the Red Cross, Interfaith Stitchers, Generations Healthcare Playgroups and the WIC Clinic," said Chapman.

They will also be hosting the town's Easter Egg Hunt, coming up soon, with 12,000 eggs.

You will want to be sure to check out some of their other third Saturday meals that will be coming up — Roast Pork in April and Chicken and Waffles



Karen Butera photo

Marilyn Wild, left, and Pam Rodgers serve up the dinner.

in May. June will feature another Turkey Dinner with another round of their delicious strawberry shortcake.

It is such a popular choice that it warrants two a year.

Day Kimball Healthcare welcomes pediatricians

PUTNAM — Day Kimball Healthcare recently announced the appointment of two new physicians, Amr Elmeki, MD, FAAP and Mafalda Tudela Martins, MD, to its pediatric medical staff.

"We are thrilled to have both pediatricians join our medical staff, allowing us to expand our primary care services and ensure the delivery of high-quality, patient-centered care, close to home," said Matt Roy, executive director, Day Kimball Medical Group.

Board-certified in pediatrics,

Dr. Elmeki obtained his medical degree from the University of Alexandria in Egypt in 2011. He completed a pediatric residency at New York Presbyterian Brooklyn Methodist Hospital in 2016. Prior to joining DKH, Dr. Elmeki served as a general pediatrician at Lehigh Valley Health Network in Pennsylvania.

Dr. Martins earned her medical degree from Nova Medical School Faculdade de Ciências Médicas in Portugal in 2015. She comes to DKH from Driscoll Children's Hospital in Texas,

where she completed her pediatric residency. Dr. Martins is fluent in Portuguese. Outside of practicing medicine, her interests include skiing, playing strategy board games, traveling, singing, and reading fantasy and mystery books.


Both physicians are accepting new patients at the Plainfield Day Kimball Healthcare Center, located at 12 Lathrop Road, Plainfield. Learn more at daykimball.org/pediatrics.



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Day Kimball honors eight employees



Siana Goodhall, Michelle Choquette, and Karen Kosier, receive the Remarkable Rookie award.



Valerie Espeleta with the Office Team Hero award.

PUTNAM —Day Kimball Healthcare At Home, a service division of Day Kimball Healthcare, recently named eight of its employees as “Heroes at Home” for going above and beyond expectations to provide excellent care to the community.

“Every year, we look forward to celebrating our work and our team of outstanding clinicians, caregivers and office

professionals at DKH At Home,” said Renee Smith, Executive Director. “Our staff is our greatest asset because they are at the heart of home care. They strive for excellence and most importantly, they show love.”

Nominations came from peers who saw something special in each of these DKH At Home staff members and wanted to recognize their com-

mitment and dedication to high-quality care.

“Our Hero at Home award winners each exemplify the skills, compassion and dedication that Northeast Connecticut families have come to expect and appreciate from the caregivers who assist their loved ones,” said Smith. “Their acts of heroism represent a display of dedication to excellence in their area of expertise beyond the scope of their jobs. Through their commitment to their profession and our community, and their natural ability to assist those in need, they are an inspiration to others.”

The following awardees were selected for providing outstanding care in a cooperative spirit of teamwork:

The “Office Team Hero” award was presented to Valerie Espeleta, Health Information Coordinator for DKH At Home. Espeleta was honored for her dedication to the

team. As an office member, her willingness to work through challenges and offer help to her colleagues enables them to provide the best care possible for clients. Espeleta’s peers describe her as “always willing to lend a hand.”

Joanne Roy, Home Health Aide, and Candice Zamagni, RN for Day Kimball HomeCare and Hospice, were recognized as “Homecare and Hospice Field Team Heroes.” As described by their colleagues: “Patients love Joanne. She is a quiet leader, flexible, and supportive.” “Candice is a great team player. She always has a smile and radiates positive energy.”

Lynn Kerouack, Personal Care Assistant/HomeMaker, and Sherry Regener, Personal Care Assistant/HomeMaker, were honored as “Personal Care and HomeMaker Heroes.” These caregivers consistently demonstrate compassion, empathy, and a willingness to go the extra mile for clients. Their peers said: “Lynn is a quiet soul with a big heart. All of her clients enjoy her visits. She is

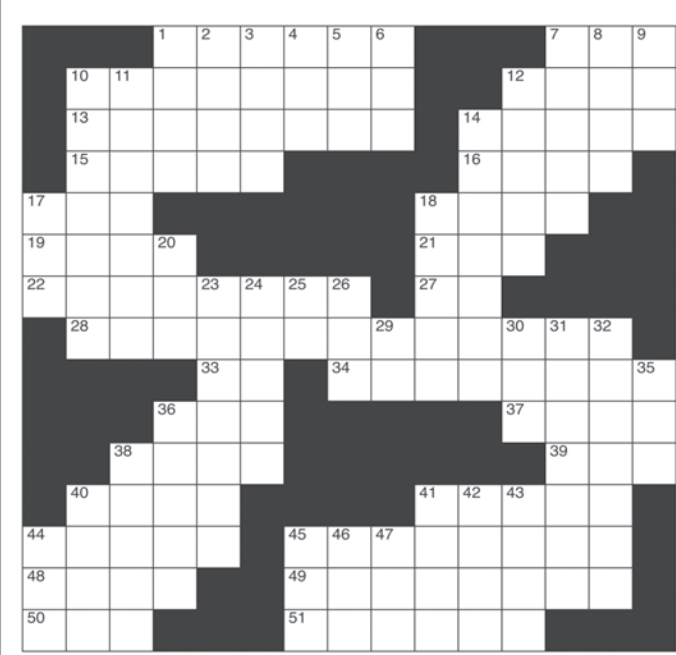


Joanne Roy accepts the HomeCare and Hospice Field Team Hero award.

reliable and hardworking.” “Everyone loves Sherry. She has done so much for our organization, and always goes above and beyond for her clients.”

The next award recipients were selected by the DKH At Home leadership team to highlight the many important ways these healthcare providers help to improve people’s lives every day:

DKH At Home Occupational Therapists, Siana Goodhall, Michelle Choquette, and Karen Kosier, were honored as “Remarkable Rookies.” These employees are new to home care and/or DKH At Home and have already seamlessly transformed into shining stars and valuable members of the team.

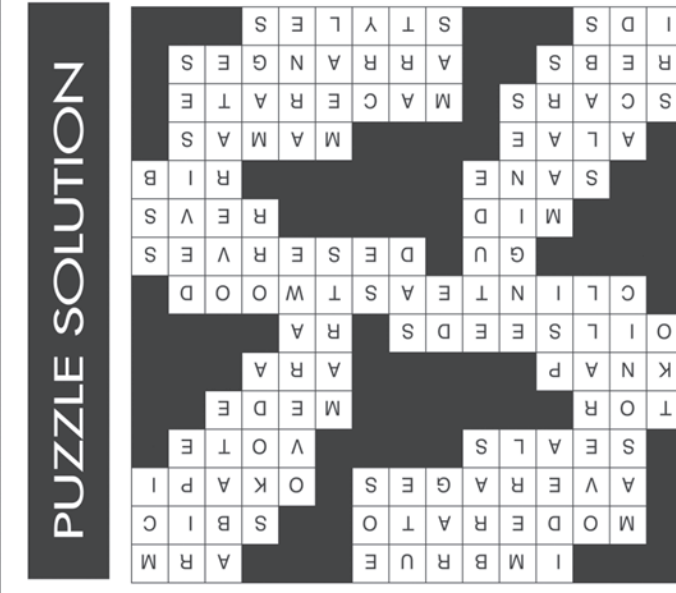


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1. Stain one’s hands
7. Subdivision
10. A passage to be performed slow
12. Invests in little enterprises
13. Medians
14. Member of the giraffe family
15. Makes official
16. Choose in an election
17. Hill or rocky peak
18. Member of an ancient Iranian people
19. Crest of a hill
21. Small, faint constellation
22. Cultivated from crops that yield oil
27. The ancient Egyptian sun god
28. Hollywood tough guy
33. Chinese drums
34. Merits
36. Indicates center
37. Increases motor speed
38. Mentally fit
39. BBQ favorite
40. Wings
41. Female parents
44. Marks left from wounds
45. Soften by soaking in liquid
48. They resist authority (slang)
49. Formats
50. Many subconsciousnesses
51. Vogues

CLUES DOWN

1. Mental object
2. Blackbird
3. Undergarments
4. Old cloth
5. One from Utah
6. Greek goddess of the dawn
7. Become less intense
8. Developed to readiness
9. Defunct phone company
10. About Freemason
11. Taking everything into account
12. Famed Czech engineer
14. Impress into silence
17. Boxing term
18. Marketplaces
20. Pounds per square inch
23. Locomotives
24. Short musical composition
25. Football position (abbr.)
26. Heavyhearted
29. Denotes particular region
30. Famed NHLer
31. Ingested too much
32. Formulates
35. Sino-Soviet block (abbr.)
36. Broad, shallow craters
38. Thick cuts
40. Breezed through
41. Breakfast is one
42. “Rule, Britannia” composer
43. Periodicals (slang)
44. Indian title of respect
45. More (Spanish)
46. Creation
47. A loud utterance



Sherry Regener is honored with the Personal Care and HomeMaker Hero award.



Candice Zamagni is presented with the HomeCare and Hospice Field Team Hero award.



Day Kimball Healthcare At Home “Hero at Home” Award recipients.

NOW and American Legion baseball clinic



Courtesy photos

Participation at the NOW baseball clinic

THOMPSON — NOW and Tri-Town American Legion baseball played host to its third annual Youth Baseball Clinic on Feb. 9. Just under 50 children gathered in the gymnasium of Tourtellotte Memorial Highschool to participate in the free clinic, which focused on the national pastime — baseball. Hosted by Northeast Opportunities for Wellness, Inc. (NOW) and Tri-Town American Legion Baseball, the clinic invited children ages 7 -13 to work with American Legion coaches and teen athletes, teaching a variety of skills, including: throw-

ing/pitching, catching, batting, and fielding. This is the third year NOW and Tri-Town American Legion baseball have teamed up to host a baseball clinic for local youth.

“We are thrilled to work with Tri-Town American Legion Baseball on this clinic each year. The children that participate are able to learn from some of the best teen baseball players in the region and it is wonderful to see them gain confidence and new skills at this clinic,” said NOW Executive Director Sarah Wolfburg.



Pitching station

American Legion Baseball is the premier U.S. amateur league for young men 13-19. Tri-Town American Legion Baseball welcomes players from Putnam, Woodstock, Thompson and Eastford to participate in the league each year. Throughout the year, NOW hosts a series of free youth sports and wellness clinics around the region.

Coming up on Sunday, March 1, NOW will work with Tourtellotte Memorial High School’s track and field coaches and athletes to host the fifth annual Running and Track Clinic for children ages 6 – 13. The clinic is free. More clinics are planned for the spring and summer months, including soccer, swimming, football, field hockey, and volleyball. All current events are listed on the NOW website. Registration is currently

available online for the March 1 Youth Running and Track clinic. For more information on NOW or to sign up for the upcoming clinic, visit: www.nowinmotion.org.

NOW is a non-profit human services organization focused on youth wellness. NOW provides children with the opportunity to participate in area wellness activities and athletics programs, offering scholarships to the youth of the community with up to 95% of the cost being subsidized by NOW. The mission of the organization is to provide ALL children, regardless of financial resources, equal opportunities to achieve & maintain youth wellness, beginning at an early age.



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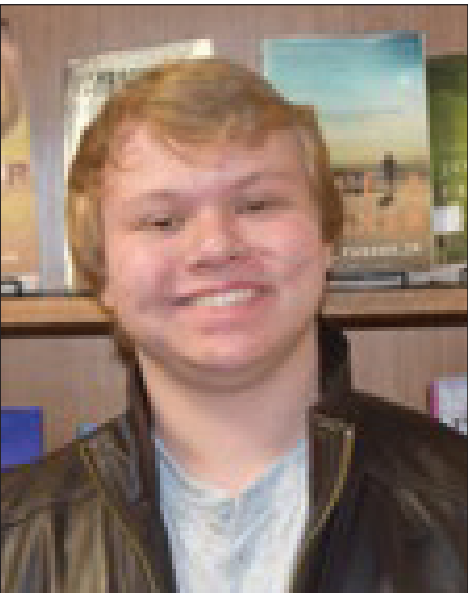
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Waldrop is in Tourtellotte spotlight



Branson Waldrop

THOMPSON — Each month, Tourtellotte Memorial High School's Student Spotlight program recognizes a student who has demonstrated outstanding achievement, character, leadership, attitude, and/or contributions to the school and community. February's Student Spotlight honoree is junior Branson Waldrop.

Waldrop was nominated by his fellow classmates Kaden Strom, Coady Bell, and many others.

"Brandon has been very kind since he moved here, and has been a great addition to the homeroom family," Strom said.

Another student said, "Branson is always friendly, polite, and kind to others....We are lucky Branson has come to Tourtellotte."

When asked what motivates him, Branson responded: "My two loving parents, old friends, new friends, and

so on. This very award motivates me to stay on track."

Waldrop said such recognition motivates him to maintain a strong work ethic in order to make his dreams come true. Since coming to TMHS Waldrop has actively participated in the school's band, and he hopes to join the baseball and soccer team. At other schools and communities he was a part of Waldrop helped out in any way that he could, whether it was setting up decorations or running a cotton candy machine. He plans to continue with his community service in Thompson during the summer months.

Waldrop has many plans for a bright future which include graduating high school with a high grade point average, attending college, getting a job in the engineering field, and then hopefully traveling the world. Waldrop keeps up very high grades, earning a

place on the high honor roll and Dean's List at every school he has attended. Waldrop is part of a military family which he says means, "I am no stranger to moving."

He has attended four high schools in three years which can be very challenging. But Waldrop always remains positive and says that these experiences have "shaped and defined who I am and how I respond to new challenges in a new environment."

"Today you are exactly where you are supposed to be. What happens tomorrow is up to you," Waldrop said.

This quote from his former Spanish teacher really speaks to him. Waldrop does not believe in fate or destiny, but what he does believe in is hard work.

"Everything that has happened to you was needed to get you to where you are now," Waldrop said.



Kat Hannah

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WOODSTOCK — Woodstock Academy recently announced that Kat Hannah has been hired as the new girls hockey coach. The team currently has both high school and middle school athletes and

Hannah to coach girls hockey at Woodstock

participates in the Central Massachusetts girls hockey league.

"The plan is to develop two teams, a Gold and a Blue, with the Blue team playing high school competition and the Gold playing a schedule more prep in nature," said Woodstock Academy athletic director Sean Saucier.

The Connecticut Interscholastic Athletic Conference does not sponsor the sport and there is no state tournament. Hannah last coached the Lindenwood University at Belleville (Missouri). She took over the program four years ago when it was in 14th place in the nation in its division and it quickly rose through the ranks, playing for the NAIA national championship a year ago.

COLLEGE NEWS

The following local students earned academic honors from their respective college or university for the fall 2019 semester.

FARMINGTON, Maine — The University of Maine at Farmington Dean's List: Caitlyn Noll, from Brooklyn.

WESTON, Mass. — Regis College Dean's List: Bernice Boateng, of Danielson; Crystal Daly, of North Grosvenordale.

SMITHFIELD, R.I. — Bryant University Deans' List: Corrine Khamphoukeo, from Danielson; Meagan Bianchi, from Brooklyn; Emily Robinson, from Danielson; Audrey Chase, from Pomfret Center; Corrine Khamphoukeo, from Danielson.

WEST HARTFORD — The University of Hartford President's List: Katherine Archambault of Killingly; Nicholas Foucault of Putnam; Kathleen Joiner of North Grosvenordale.

DECATUR, Ill. — Millikin University Dean's List: Hannah Marshall of Brooklyn

MILTON, Mass. — Curry College Dean's List: Olivia Braithwaite of Putnam

EASTON, Mass. — Stonehill College Dean's List: Kailey Castle, of Woodstock; Matthew Papp, of Eastford; Regina Treveloni, of North Grosvenordale; Megan Romprey, of Thompson

Little League registration ongoing

WOODSTOCK — Little League registration for the 2020 spring season is closing soon. All local leagues end registration at different times but it is highly recommended to register now. To find your local league visit, ctdistrict12.org.

In addition to baseball, Little League Softball was founded in 1974. Structured similarly to the baseball program, softball players are offered a variety of opportunities to participate and benefit from the Little League experience. All leagues offer T-Ball (ages 4-6), Coach Pitch Baseball and Softball (6-8), Minors Baseball & Softball (7-11), Majors Baseball & Softball (10-12) and Seniors Baseball and Softball (13-16). Each league is always looking for volunteer coaches and umpires.

NOW free track and field clinic

THOMPSON — Northeast Opportunities for Wellness, Inc. (NOW) will once again partner with Tourtellotte Memorial High School's track and field coaches and student athletes for the fifth annual Youth Running and Track Clinic from 1 p.m. to 3 p.m. on Sunday, March 1, at the Tourtellotte Memorial High's gymnasium. Those interested in participating can register online or in person at the event.

Children ages 6 to 13 are invited to attend and learn a variety of skills in track and field events. This clinic is a part of a series of free events hosted by NOW designed to introduce sports and wellness activities to children in the 10-town area of Northeast Connecticut.

First held in March of 2016, the concept behind the clinic was to introduce proper form and technique to children interested in running activities. Early on, Tourtellotte's coaches were quick to express interest in partnering

with NOW on the clinic, with the goal of promoting the sport to elementary and middle-school aged children. With a program planned by TMHS Coach Beth Ten Eyck, student athletes from the Tourtellotte's track and field team will lead six dynamic "skill stations" including: acceleration skills, distance, jumping, throwing, relays, and hurdling. Another signature element of the clinic is an additional skill station run by NOW staff, focused on nutrition and fitness.

NOW is a non-profit human services organization focused on youth wellness. NOW provides children with the opportunity to participate in area wellness activities and athletics programs, offering scholarships to the youth of the community with up to 95 percent of the cost being subsidized by NOW. The mission of the organization is to provide all children, regardless of financial resources, equal opportunities to achieve and maintain youth wellness,



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NOW is holding a free track and field clinic at Tourtellotte High on Sunday, March 1

beginning at an early age. For more information on NOW programs and events, visit: www.nowinmotion.org.

Day Kimball Healthcare offers childbirth classes

PUTNAM — Day Kimball Hospital's Maternal Child Health department invites expectant parents to participate in a four-week childbirth class series on Wednesdays in March. Classes are from 6 p.m. to 8 p.m. and will be held in the Fields Conference Rooms at Day Kimball Hospital. The first class will be held on Wednesday, March 4, and then each subsequent Wednesday for four weeks. The last class will be March 25.

The classes have been developed by

a team of nurses in consultation with area obstetricians and pediatricians. Childbirth classes will help parents-to-be prepare for the birth of their baby by learning what to expect, methods for coping with pain, and more. A portion of each session will be devoted to exercises and breathing techniques with which coaches may assist. Attendees are asked to bring a yoga mat or blanket to class.

The cost to participate in the child-

birth classes is \$60. Registration is required. To register online, visit daykimball.org/events, or call (860) 928-6541 ext. 2247.

Located within the Burdick Family Birthing Center in the Hale Medical Pavilion at Day Kimball Hospital, the Maternal Child Health department offers top-notch care for women and newborns in a family-centered environment equipped with the latest medical technology. Day Kimball's birthing cen-

ter is staffed by physicians, advanced practice registered nurses, physician assistants, certified nurse midwives, and nurses who have been recognized as providing some of the best care in Connecticut.

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GOOD NEWS

Natchaug River Young Marines



From left, Jeff Edwards- Executive Officer and Joe Couture- Unit Commander of the Natchaug River Young Marines

DANIELSON — The Natchaug River Young Marines has held five recruit registration events from Feb. 10-21 in Danielson. The programs were geared to show possible new recruits what the program was all about. It gave them a chance to participate in drills and see what else they do.



Participating in group games



From left, Brady Mullin, Jayden Petty and Emily Nicholas



Natchaug River Young Marines



From left, Taylor Syrjala, Jamina Nyamekye and Shane Patterson



From left, Prvt. Nicholas Quellette and MGy Sgt. Aaron Zalewski



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Mother whispers during Lent

I've always been drawn to the concept of Lent. It seems attractive to give up something for 6 weeks and in the process reform one's habits and devote effort and thought to a higher power. A little sacrifice sounds good as long as it isn't too much. My brother gives up drinking alcohol every year, even though he rarely drinks very much anyway. I consider following his example, but I haven't, yet. I might give up eating chips, a treasured food, or chewing gum (done only when no one is looking and never, ever around my grandchildren.). The list could go on.



NANCY WEISS

My mother was so deeply imbued with the Puritan attitudes of her ancestors, that she felt giving something up for Lent was too showy. Of course, almost anything was too showy. She died a long time ago, but her unspoken rules roll around in my mind enough to blunt the pleasure I might take in a new spring outfit. I'll still buy something but not without a ripple of regret. The juxtaposition of emotions is how it feels to be an adult.

Adding something during Lent rather than giving up is a fine idea. What if we gave up feeling upset with each other over politics? What if we left our cell phones off while driving the car? Or even left it in our pocket when grocery shopping. What if we added a radio station that mostly plays music instead of news? How about calling an old friend rather than sending a text? They might like it or they might not, but hearing their voice will bring back good memories.

Open up the local papers and there are ads for Friday fish fries during Lent. Eating fish instead of meat is part of the penitential tradition that now fits in nicely with ideas about our health and the health of the planet. I've sampled plant-based burgers and while I am not wild about them, I can adjust and eat them as well. Our area brims with volunteer groups working hard for the good of others. Add a fish fry to your calendar. I'll add one to mine. Think of all those fine people getting spattered with hot oil so the rest of us can eat fish and French fries.

People keep dying around me or getting sick. It isn't the flu, it is where I am in life and it is because I know a lot of people. Small town life connects us to others and an even longer chain of their relatives, whom we may only know from conversations. If the people are young, I am angry when something terrible happens. I can't bear the unfairness. If they are older, I think they really aren't old enough and want them well again or around a bit longer. My heart begins to feel overwhelmed by sadness and then I think about soup. If I make soup, everything is better. I can give it away to the sick or the grieving. It doesn't matter if they like it or want it, it makes all of us feel better.

As the forty days of Lent slip by, we enjoy longer days and brighter weather. Winter has been so flabby that we aren't desperate for spring, but when I sit in a pew in the jewel box loveliness of the church I attend and the sun pours in the stained glass windows, I am grateful for every ray of light, for everyone who is part of keeping up traditions of giving up and giving more, without being too showy, of course.

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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Let your vote do the talking

As we move toward our 2020 national election, the backdrop and list of Democratic candidates is confusing and in some cases, astounding, but this is the great USA and the conversations perpetuated by main-stream media and powerful career politicians continue to be lackluster and negative. “The Russians are Coming!” Same old, same old. To think that a communist socialist like Sanders stands a chance at a Democratic nomination does pay homage to the effective indoctrination of our youth over the last few decades and is hard to wrap your head around, but a reality. Free college, free healthcare, open borders. These talking points are just that, talking points. Nothing is free.

Sadly, while the majority of Americans are feeling good about their own economic upswing, more job opportunities and massive de-regulation to help all businesses grow, the despair and anxiety among our youth and those seeking to instill fear and anxiety in an attempt to gather votes denies the undeniable benefits about everything good that has been brought about by our current administration. The incessant name-calling, calculated news leaks and a blatant disregard for the will of the American people have been perpetuated from the sanctimonious, holier than thou dissidents of the values the majority holds dear. Their attempt to embarrass, demean and disregard our intellect and free will has been a fabulous incentive to speak out even louder than before. Thanks for that!

As a fan of the Trump administration, I often chuckle at our President's twitter quips, admire his stamina and his conviction

to Keep America Great! He ran on the idea of draining the swamp and many of those career politicians have left the swamp, before being exposed for what they truly are. However, there is much to be done. The silent majority is silent no more. Not in 2016 and they will turn out in droves to support this President in 2020. It is astounding that some still do not recognize the power of the silent majority, but inevitably, they will.

The first step to alleviate this attitude of despair among so many is to repair our thinking. Don't let their name-calling and ridiculous tags bother you. Be proud of your well-informed voting decision, which in this election, will continue to prove phenomenal results. Remove any hatred directed at you for that decision. It's called bullying and downright laughable, coming from adult leaders. Don't despair. There is no shame in voting for those who have experienced personal success without demoralizing those they were elected to protect and advance. Think for yourself. Stand up for yourself and your values. Call out those who dramatize and debilitate those among us who are less fortunate or struggling for many reasons, in an attempt to strip them of their pride, fortitude and ability to change their circumstances within a framework that truly epitomizes the American Dream. Let your vote do the talking for you.

Don't despair! The best is yet to come!

TAMI JO WYKES
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Tax-advantaged strategies

Throughout this month we have discussed various strategies related to efficient tax planning, such as backdoor Roth IRAs, and HSAs, but why? Sometimes, taxes can significantly reduce your total investment returns. When building a portfolio, it may be helpful to look for tax-advantaged strategies with your financial and tax advisors that align with your unique and strategic financial plan. Keep in mind that investment decisions shouldn't be driven solely by tax considerations; other factors to consider include the potential risk, the expected rate of return, and the quality of the investment. When making investment decisions or creating a strategic plan that is tax-efficient, you should meet with your financial and tax advisors. At Weiss, Hale & Zahansky Strategic Wealth Advisors, we work alongside our clients' tax advisors to help them maximize their tax-efficiency.

Tax-deferred and tax-free investments: Tax deferring is the process of delaying (but not necessarily eliminating) until a future year the payment of income taxes on income you earn in the current year. For example, the money you put into your traditional 401(k) retirement account isn't taxed until you withdraw it, which might be 30 or 40 years down the road!

Tax deferrals can be beneficial because: The money you would have spent on taxes remains investedYou may be in a lower tax bracket when you make withdrawals from your accounts (for example, when you're retired) You can accumulate more dollars in your accounts due to compounding. Compounding means that your earnings become part of your underlying investment, and they, in turn, earn interest. In the early years of an investment, the benefit of compounding may not be that significant. But as the years go by, the long-term boost to your total return can be dramatic.

Taxes make a big difference: Let's assume two people have \$5,000 to invest every year for 30 years. One person invests in a tax-free account like a Roth 401(k) that earns 6% per year, and the other person invests in a taxable account that also earns 6% each year. Assuming a tax rate of 24%, in 30 years the tax-free account will be worth \$395,291, while the taxable account will be worth \$308,155. That's a difference of \$87,136.

This hypothetical example is for illustrative purposes only, and its results are not representative of any specific investment or mix of investments. Actual results will vary. The taxable account balance assumes that earnings are taxed as ordinary income and does not reflect possible lower maximum tax rates on capital gains and dividends, as well as the tax treatment of investment losses, which would make the taxable investment return more favorable, thereby reducing the difference in performance between the accounts shown. Investment fees and expenses have not been deducted. If they had been, the results would have been lower. You should consider your personal investment horizon and income tax brackets, both current and anticipated, when making an investment decision as these may further impact the results of the comparison. This illustration assumes a fixed annual rate of return; the rate of return on your actual investment portfolio will be different and will vary over time, according to actual market performance. This is particularly true

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for long-term investments. It is important to note that investments offering the potential for higher rates of return also involve a higher degree of risk to principal.

Tax-advantaged savings vehicles for retirement: One of the best ways to accumulate funds for retirement or any other investment objective is to use tax-advantaged (i.e., tax-deferred or tax-free) savings vehicles when appropriate.

Traditional IRAs — Anyone under age 70½ who earns income or is married to someone with earned income can contribute to an IRA. Depending upon your income and whether you're covered by an employer-sponsored retirement plan, you may or may not be able to deduct your contributions to a traditional IRA, but your contributions always grow tax-deferred. However, you'll owe income taxes when you make a withdrawal.* You can contribute up to \$6,000 (for 2019 and 2020) to an IRA, and individuals age 50 and older can contribute an additional \$1,000 (for 2019 and 2020).

Roth IRAs — Roth IRAs are open only to individuals with incomes below certain limits. Your contributions are made with after-tax dollars but will grow tax-deferred, and qualified distributions will be tax-free when you withdraw them. The amount you can contribute is the same as for traditional IRAs. Total combined contributions to Roth and traditional IRAs can't exceed \$6,000 (for 2019 and 2020) for individuals under age 50.

Simple IRAs and Simple 401(k)s — These plans are generally associated with small businesses. As with traditional IRAs, your contributions grow tax-deferred, but you'll owe income taxes when you make a withdrawal.* You can contribute up to \$13,500 (for 2020, \$13,000 for 2019) to one of these plans; individuals age 50 and older can contribute an additional \$3,000 (for 2019 and 2020). (SIMPLE 401(k) plans can also allow Roth contributions.)

Employer-sponsored plans (401(k)s, 403(b)s, 457 plans) — Contributions to these types of plans grow tax-deferred, but you'll owe income taxes when you make a withdrawal.* You can contribute up to \$19,500 (for 2020, \$19,000 for 2019) to one of these plans; individuals age 50 and older can contribute an additional \$6,500 (for 2020, \$6,000 for 2019). Employers can generally allow employees to make after-tax Roth contributions, in which case qualifying distributions will be tax-free.

Annuities — You pay money to an annuity issuer (an insurance company), and the issuer promises to pay principal and earnings back to you or your named beneficiary in the future (you'll be subject to fees and expenses that you'll need to understand and consider). Most annuities have surrender charges that are assessed if the contract owner surrenders the annuity. Annuities generally allow you to elect to receive an income stream for life (subject to the financial strength and claims-paying ability of the issuer). There's no limit to how much you can invest, and your contributions grow tax-deferred. However, you'll owe income taxes on the earnings when you start receiving distributions.*

Tax-advantaged savings vehicles for college. For college, tax-advantaged savings vehicles include: 529 plans — College savings plans and prepaid tuition plans let you set aside money for college that will grow tax-deferred and be tax-free at withdrawal

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Finding the beauty in others



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I love people. It is so rare for me to meet someone and feel that I didn't like them. I think what we look for in life and in others, we usually find. If we have a general mistrust of others, we'll find others untrustworthy. If we believe everyone is out to get us, we'll subconsciously work to make it true. Our mind works overtime to make our belief system accurate, even if it's not. If you are suspicious of everyone, you will find bits and pieces of unconnected information and assemble them into a tale that conforms to your belief.

I've always loved and trusted people. And yes, I have been deceived, hurt and disappointed a few times but overall, when I expect the best intentions from others, I usually get it. I believe when people realize you expect the best from them, they don't want to disappoint.

I've only known two people in my entire life that I felt were dishonest to the point of almost being evil. One male and one female. One systematically tried to destroy an entire business organization because he felt slighted. He didn't care how many families were hurt or jobs destroyed. The other lied and deceived me in ways that I still find mind-boggling and did so purposefully and without regret. So yes, there are bad people in the world. However, the vast majority would never allow themselves to treat others as these two did. If I were to base my beliefs in human nature on the actions of these two, I'd live a miserable life, always on guard and suspicious of others. I choose to recognize that of the thousands I have met, those two were an anomaly. The overwhelming vast majority of people are good natured and kind.

Rather than focusing on a couple of bad actors, I choose to believe and expect the best of others. I like and trust everyone I meet unless they give me a reason to feel otherwise. And even if for some reason I meet someone who does, I certainly don't wish them any harm. You may not be a friend but that does not mean you should be my enemy. Why should it have to be an either/or proposition? As my mother use to say, live and let live. I don't need nor want enemies in my life and I think most people with enemies helped create them.

Rather than making enemies, let's make a positive impact on others, friends or not. Make a lasting impression on others by being helpful and caring. Everyone you meet is going through something. Your kindness may lighten their load. Scripture (Philippians 2:4) teaches us that we should not only look out for our own interests but also take an interest in others. There is the old saying that says “No one cares how much you know, until they know how much you care.”

Being kind to others is easy. It takes no special talents or gifts. To make a difference in the lives of others, you don't have to be beautiful or handsome. You didn't have to attend an Ivy League University or graduate from high school. You don't need talent or any special ability at all. To make a difference, all you must do is care.

There comes a time in everyone's life when kindness is needed. I've met people who say that they don't need friends or the help of others. I always shake my head, realizing the fallacy of that belief. There comes a time when we all need someone and if we have never cared about others, how can you expect others to care about you?

Quilts, codes, and the Underground Railroad in Killingly

African American History Month (Black History Month)* is drawing to a close so I thought I'd write a little more about the subject. Since some educators read this column, I'll mention a resource that you might not be aware of. In 2002 Killingly Historical & Genealogical Society member Marcella Houle Pasay published Full Circle -A Directory of Native and African Americans in Windham County, CT and Vicinity, 1650-1900 (Heritage Books, two volumes). The first volume contains an alphabetized surname listing; volume two has individuals with no surnames. In addition Volume II has one appendix which names non-white individuals who fought in the Revolutionary and Civil Wars. I found another, Appendix B, quite interesting since it contained extracts of African-Americans and Native Americans in the 1830 U. S. Census (listed together). The following non-white heads of household were listed from Killingly: Jesse Cornelius, 1 male 55-100; 2 females 36-55. Nancy Malbone, 1 female 10-24; 1 female 100 +; Stephen Murray 1 male 24-26 (2 others in household); Jeremiah Proffit, 1 male 36-55, 1 female 36-55, 1 female 55-100; Robinson Lewis 1 male 10-24, 1 male 24-36, 3 females to 10, 1 female 24-36. In addition, the following white heads of household in Killingly had non-whites in their homes: George Appleton, 1 female 36-55; Elisha Danielson, 1 male 24-36 making a total of 17 non-whites in 7 households (p. 685). In the 1830 census Brooklyn had 50 non-whites in 21 households; Canterbury had 68 non-whites in 30 households; Plainfield has 76 in 33 households; Pomfret had 92 in 28 households; Thompson had 83 in 17 households; Woodstock had 88 in 33 households (pp. 682-691). Full Circle is still available online. *(See <https://www.loc.gov/law/help/commemorative-observations/african-american.php> for a history of Black History/ African American History Month).

Last summer I purchased the book Hidden in Plain View-A Secret Story of Quilts and the Underground Railroad by Jacqueline L. Tobin and Raymond G.

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this month. I'm finding it fascinating and have learned through internet research that the book and the topic are very controversial and have spawned many other books, exhibits, and quilts with codes. The book is based on the oral traditions passed on to African American quilter Ozella McDaniel Williams who told them to Tobin. She told how African American slave women themselves were making quilts that helped escaping slaves plan their escapes and flee towards freedom in Canada. Certain patterns and knots were part of the "code." Tobin explained, "According to Ozella there were ten quilts used to direct the slaves to take particular actions... The ten quilts were placed one at a time on a fence. Since it was common for quilts to be aired out frequently, the master and mistress would not be suspicious when seeing the quilts displayed in this fashion. This way the slaves would nonverbally alert those who were escaping. Only one quilt would appear at any one time. Each quilt signaled a specific action for a slave to take at the particular time that the quilt was on view. Ozella explained that when the Monkey Wrench pattern was displayed, the slaves were to gather all the tools they might need on the journey to freedom...When the quilt with the Tumbling Boxes appeared, the slaves knew it was time to escape" (p. 70). I'm finding the authors' research in the African cultures from which the slaves came fascinating as similarities are uncovered and discussed. The book is not a particularly easy read due the

small print in the paperback edition, which I'm reading, but I'm learning quite a lot.

Food for thought! What level of importance do you think oral traditions should be given? Although some in the historic community thought the concept of codes hidden in quilts bore merit and began writing about it and using it in interpretation, there were others who debunked the above "code" as folk tales that were not to be believed.

The following is one such commentary on the book by Stacie Stukin from (<http://content.time.com/time/arts/article/0,8599,1606271,00.html>; Los Angeles, Tuesday Apr. 3, 2007): "When Jacqueline Tobin and Raymond Dobard explored in their book Hidden in Plain View: A Secret Story of Quilts and the Underground Railroad (Random House) a family legend that said messages encoded in quilts helped slaves escape to freedom on the Underground Railroad, they had no idea that their hypothesis would inspire rancor from scholars who declared it false. They also couldn't have predicted how their story, published less than 10 years ago, would capture the popular imagination — being treated as fact on The Oprah Winfrey Show, in museum exhibits, in children's textbooks and on the Web, and spawning an industry of quilt code books and patterns." (She quoted) Giles Wright, an Underground Railroad expert who works for the New Jersey Historical Commission "The Underground Railroad is so rife with distortions and misinformation, and this is just one more instance when someone comes across folklore and assumes it's true," he says. Folklorist and quilt historian Laurel Horton, who has lectured and published papers about the quilt code, says she's given up on trying to debunk the myth. Instead, she says she's more interested on focusing on why the story continues to persist. "This whole issue made me realize it's not a matter of one group having the truth and another not. It's matter of two different sets of beliefs. It's made me realize that belief doesn't have a lot to do with factual representation. People

feel in their gut that it's true so no one can convince them in their head that it's otherwise."

The following is from (<https://folk-life.si.edu/magazine/underground-railroad-quilt-codes>): "Perhaps the code, true or not, is a vehicle for African Americans to explore the trauma they inherited—and the hope... Nowadays, some African American women make coded quilts for their daughters and granddaughters, and that will keep happening. Whether or not the codes are 'real,' Tobin and Dobard are responsible for a twenty-year tradition of craftsmanship that has cropped out of a confidence in what they wrote, in the codes. Now the lineage of artisans using quilt codes is robust. For them, the codes are poetry, healing, and, especially, a means of expressing history.

Marie Claire Bryant is a poet, storyteller, and archivist interning at the Center for Folklife and Cultural Heritage."

According to Horatio Strother in the Underground Railroad in Connecticut, Prosper Alexander of Killingly was a known agent on the Underground Railroad. Grey's 1869 map shows him living near present-day Owen Bell Park in Dayville.

I grew up in a house in Pennsylvania that, according to oral tradition, was used during the Underground Railroad. Although there is no known documentation to support the story, I like to believe it is true. Such may well be the case with using quilts as codes. If nothing else, it makes us explore and think!

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Something's been bugging me

Shout out to Eleanor Wentworth of Putnam this week! I'm happy you are enjoying my column! I shouldn't complain about the weather this winter because it's been pretty mild so far. I'll complain anyway but I really shouldn't. We're New Englanders, so of course we rant about the weather! It's not even as cold as some years but it's still too cold for me. I would love spring, summer, fall, spring, summer, fall. Imagine if all the rain we've had was really snow? It would look like Newfoundland here! I have family in St. John's, and those people are getting nailed this year.

Sean bought a new truck, an F250, because a 100ft pine tree crushed the last one on Halloween night. He hasn't



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even rushed to put the plow on because, why? I just probably jinxed him by writing that. The only drawback for having a mild winter is that this summer will be extra buggy. The mass amount of bugs! The bugs we will have because winter wasn't cold enough to take care of the little demons. I am terrified of all insects, bugs, arachnids, and pretty much anything that falls into that

category of creepy. I know we are supposed to love and try to save bees because they are in decline, so I won't kill one (but I will run screaming from it). I just haven't had good luck in the insect department during this lifetime.

I think my first run-in with the insect mafioso was, when

I took a trip to Roseland Park as a child to enjoy the swings and the slides, but I tripped in a ground nest and got stung by a gang wearing yellow jackets 13 times. I went to a cookout as a young adult, attempted to learn to play horseshoes but overshot the pit, hit a nest, and got stung 11 times. As a new homeowner, I was going into the shed for the mower, and naturally there was a nest on the door, and I got stung 4 times. Last summer in NH I was selling advertising in a bait shop and random wasp came out of nowhere and stung me twice...and let's not forget the time I tried to take down a white-faced hornets' nest with a Super Soaker 200. I totally deserved those water-soaked stings for stupid decision making, but the rest of them? Maybe they just have it out for me. Maybe all bugs have it out for me!

Ever kill a beetle with a body part going 45 miles per hour on

a motorcycle? How come horseflies are only attracted to the top of your head if your trying to swim? I've spent countless summers shouting "Go under, it's on you!" We can't forget mosquitos and ticks! And they won't let us, because they can cause you some serious damage. Those will be plentiful this summer I'm sure. My oldest has had Lyme disease three times, the younger one had it once, and I had ehrlichiosis one time. I complain, but the bugs are still worse down South! I lived in South Carolina years ago and their roaches, aka Palmetto Bugs, use landing strips! The first time I saw one was on the outside porch of the condo I lived in. It yelled at me to go back in the house. I killed it with a can of Aqua Net because I didn't have any bug spray. You can't even step on them because it would be like stepping on a mouse! Not even a month later,

a customer reported there was a scorpion on the sidewalk outside of the salon I worked at. I stopped sweeping the hair I had just cut, and went out of my way to beat it to death with the broom. I figured, it was either me or him! I've lost way too many times to lose to a scorpion. Anyway, I'd rather live up here and be afraid of smaller bugs, thank you very much. Sean and the girls took me to a butterfly sanctuary in Massachusetts last year. I almost had a nervous breakdown. "Just don't start swagging and kill anything" he warned me. I'll stay awake all night hunting if I lost a spider in the bedroom, and I know a lot of people who would do the same...and no, they aren't all women. So, store your shovels and invest in a lot of repellant. I think this summer we're going to need it. Are you itchy now?

Stay Warm!

HALE

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at the federal level if the funds are used for qualified education expenses. These plans are open to anyone regardless of income level. Contribution limits are high — typically over \$300,000 — but vary by plan.

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Letter to the Editor:

A Thanks and an Assurance

The QVCC auditorium was packed for the LiR Open House on Friday Feb. 21st – thanks to those within LiR who arranged for our speaker-Marty Podskoch. His topic, visiting CT's 169 Towns, and his inter-active presentation style got the whole auditorium involved. Kicking off the Spring 2020 semester, he filled every one of the 200 auditorium seats with fellow adults who love to keep on learning... and everybody had fun. After the presentation, Marty stayed for questions, and, BTW, sold 6 cases of his book "The Connecticut 169 Club: Your Passport and Guide to Exploring Connecticut."

The LiR (for all adult life-long learners) Open Houses welcome the public and have the purpose of "Educational Entertainment." As always, the Open House included a succinct introduction of all the 43 presentations that we have scheduled for the spring, which starts on March 16. Our presentations will be in categories, such as Travel, History, Local Interest, Wellness, Need to Know, Music/Arts as well as some that do not fall into any one of these categories. A special Series will focus on the Heritages/Ethnicities of Northeastern CT, and will provide Members the opportunity to participate!

There are many chapters of LiR organizations, allied with colleges around the nation... this is our local LiR's 26th year, in affiliation with QVCC, with yearly membership of about 400. We keep accurate records of our activities, giving us insight to member interests and guiding us in our selection of future presenters. Our structure and operation is directed by precedents of success, our By-laws, our Constitution and by Robert's Rules. An all-volunteer organization, we utilize a monthly Council meeting of 20 members, which believes

in continuous improvement and has implemented minor and major adjustments over our 26 years of success in meeting our members' desires.

From 23 different towns and 3 states, our members are from all walks of life, and have many interests and views-but "interested" is a word that describes us all. Although in earlier years we defined ourselves as an organization devoted to retirees, we have for some time, broadened our appeal to adults of any age who share an interest in learning about the world around us and want to meet others with similar aims.

Our efforts are rewarded when we have full Open Houses, hear and observe pleasure and appreciation, as we did this last week! It was evident in the auditorium as well as during the free Snack time following the presentations. The volume of voices alone told us how pleased the attendees were!

Again, thank you to LiR's present membership and prospective members. Thank you to those who make the Open House success all happen-the speaker, the refreshments and the organizing. And to those who look at knowledge and social activity as we do- our efforts will continue to focus on member satisfaction and will continue to use our time-tested ways and dedicated people to find interesting topics and presenters and make them available to our members.

Give LiR a thorough look. Check the website: **LiR Adult Learners at QVCC**. The whole Spring Program is there, in detail, with registration information. Come On Down and Join Us.

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Killingly Grange meatloaf dinner

The Killingly Grange its meatloaf dinner last weekend. After dinner the guests were invited to stay for blue grass music from Nick Anderson and Shady Creek Band. There was also a second blue grass band, Mike Fischman and the Radio Ramblers.

Karen Butera photos



Lawrence Rainville and wife Rita



From left, Gertrude Blain, Donia Froehlich and Frenchy Dumont



From left, Carol Sansoucy, Vicki Baker and her father, Merton Baker



David Griffiths and wife Sue



The Nick Anderson and Shady Creek Band



From left, Nancy Arena, cashier collects money from Josephine Stenback

MOORE

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To expect honesty from others, be honest. To make friends be a friend. To expect kindness, give kindness in advance. Creating lasting relationships is about investing your time and attention to create them.

As I've mentioned, I am currently fighting a health issue. I'm optimistic of my outcome, but I have been touched in ways that I never expected by the kindness of others. New friends, and old friends alike, have expressed their concern and offered encouragement. Friends have brought meals to

our home, offered rides to distant hospitals and pledged their support in any way needed. Readers of my books and this column have called and written to me saying, "I pray for you daily." For me, that is better than any prescribed medicine or treatment.

I'm hopeful I will not need help, but I know it's there if required. I feel blessed. You can feel those same blessings when you reach out and become a blessing to others.

Who can you bless today with an act of friendship and kindness?

Gary W. Moore is at www.garyw-moore.com



From left, Penny Bennett and Glenna Bruno

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Rachael Johnston

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Lives In: Killingly

Family: Husband, Shawn; sons/daughters-in-laws; Ryan and Amanda, Jeff and Danielle; grandson, Rhett

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

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

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

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

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

What's the best part about your town?

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

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

Who is your favorite musical artist?
Journey, BonJovi, Rolling Stones, Led Zeppelin

What is the greatest piece of advice you have ever been given?
Navy Admiral McGravin once said: "If you make your bed every morning, you will have accomplished the first task of the day. It will give you a small sense of pride, and it will encourage you to do another task, and another, and another. And by the end of the day that one task completed will have turned into many tasks completed." So, I make my bed every morning.

Favorite Sports Team: Red Sox, Patriots, UCONN Huskies

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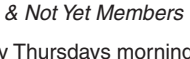

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 March Business Spotlight Presentation - QVCC
- Members & Not Yet Members Welcome -

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Save the Date: April 4th Breakfast with the Bunny & Peter Rabbit Presents Bwana Iguana - KPRD at 8:30 am

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Killingly Parks & Recreation
Children 12 and under get a treat bag
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and a raffle ticket to try to win one of four bikes (*Raffle will be
right after the show, do not need to be present to win*).
You do not need a show pass to meet Peter Rabbit and enter the
raffle. Peter will be available beginning at 9:30 am.
Complete details available on Killingly Parks & Recreation
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9	10	11	12	13
~Rodeo BBQ Rib Sandwich~ Honey BBQ pork rib topped with onion rings and pickle on WG Kaiser Roll Or Spicy Chicken Sandwich “New” Sweet Potato Wedge	“Chinese Take-Out” Teriyaki Chicken WG Lo Mein Noodles Vegetable Egg roll Or Bacon Cheeseburger Broccoli	~Clipper Burger~ Plain or W/ Cheese Assorted Toppings on WG Bun Or 3 Cheese Quesadilla Spiral French Fries 100% Fruited Sherbet	~Chicken Potato Bowl~ W/ Whole Wheat Dinner Roll Or Tuna fish Salad Plate W/ Breadstick Seasoned Corn	~Putnam Pizza~ Assorted Toppings on our Homemade Wheat Pizza Dough Or WG Mozzarella Sticks With Marinara Sauce Garden Salad With Dressing
16	17	18	19	20
~ Italian WG Spaghetti and Homemade Meatball Dinner~ WG Garlic Bread Or Spicy Chicken Sandwich Garlicky Green Beans	~ Chicken Bacon Ranch Flatbread~ With Topping Bar Bacon Cheeseburger Sweet Potato Wedge	~General Tsos Chicken~ Breaded Chicken Tossed W/ Tangy Sweet & Mild Chili sauce Over Vegetable Fried Rice Or Turkey Cranberry Panini Steamed Broccoli	~Cheesy Beef Tot-Chos~ Crispy Tatar Tots Topped with Taco seasoned beef, Cheese Sauce, and Scallions, WG Breadstick Or Turkey Cobb Salad w/ WG Breadstick	~ Stuffed Crust Pizza~ Or WG Mozzarella Sticks With Marinara Sauce Garden Salad With Dressing
23	24	25	26	27
~Homemade Meatloaf~ Or Spicy Chicken Sandwich Seasoned Carrots Roasted Potato Wedges	“New” Popcorn Chicken Bar Choice of Sauces: BBQ, Buffalo, or Honey Mustard Fluffy Brown Rice Or Bacon Cheeseburger Seasoned Broccoli	~Chicken Parmesan Sandwich~ Or Chicken Quesadilla Seasoned Green Beans	Oven Roasted Herb Balsamic Chicken Or Buffalo Chicken WG Dinner Roll Or Chef Salad W/ WG Roll Creamy Mashed Potatoes Seasoned Corn	~French Bread Pizza~ Or WG Mozzarella Sticks With Marinara Sauce Garden Salad With Dressing
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~WG Cheese Lasagna~ Wg Garlic Bread Or Spicy Chicken Sandwich Seasoned Broccoli	~WG Waffle Bar~ Strawberries or Blueberries Whip Cream Fluffy Scrambled Eggs Or Bacon Cheeseburger Hash Brown	Lunch Price \$3.15 Weekly Price \$15.75 Reduced Lunch .40 Weekly Reduced \$2.00		Menu Subject To Change ~ We serve whole grains and foods that contain naturally occurring fiber daily. These include vegetables, leafy greens, and legumes~ This Institution is an Equal Opportunity Provider

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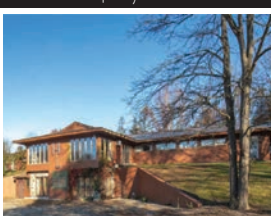
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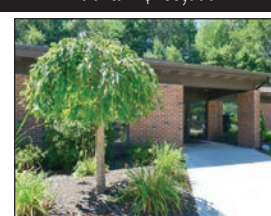
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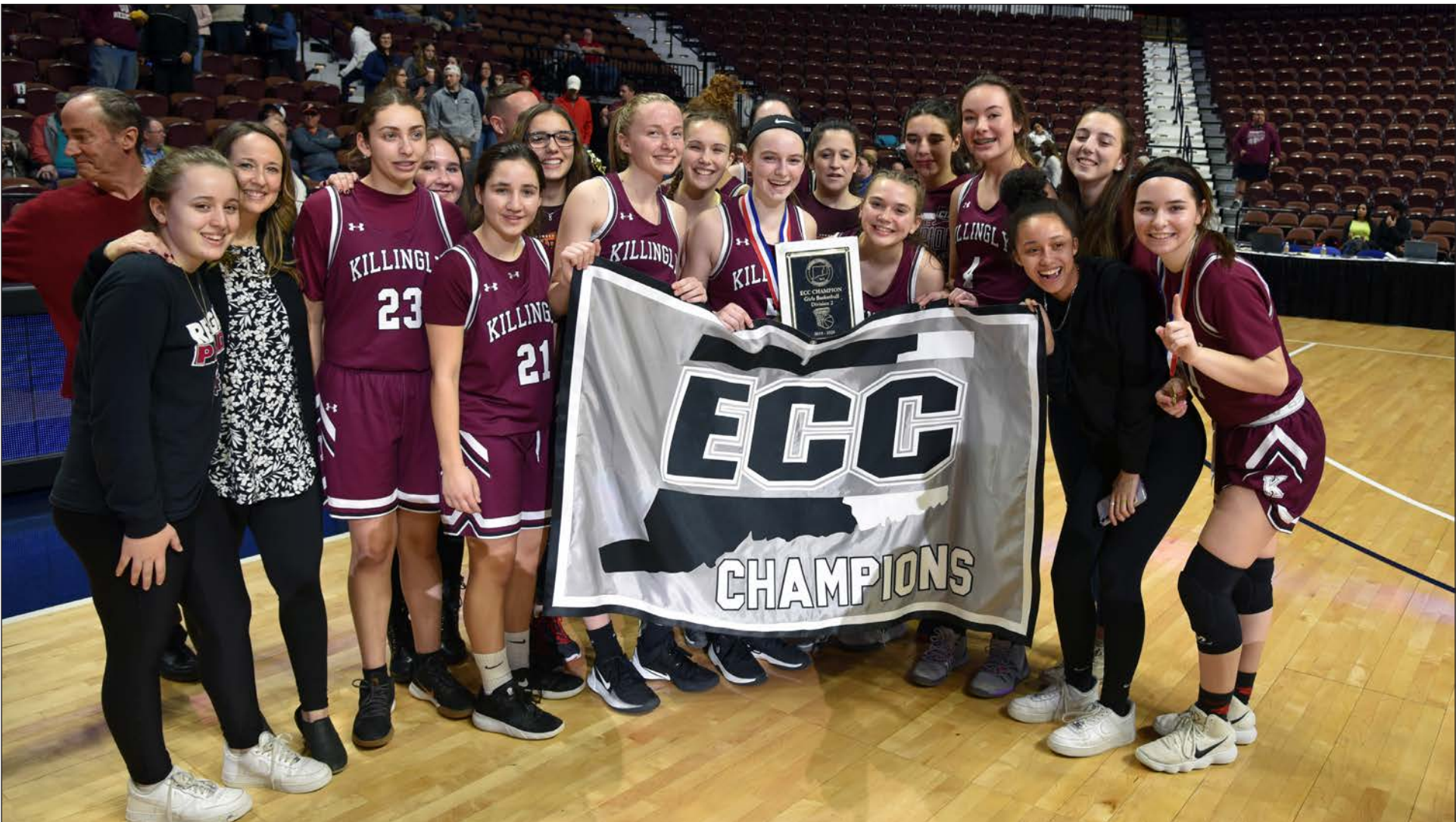
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ECC Champions!



Charlie Lentz photo

Killingly High celebrates after winning the Eastern Connecticut Conference Division 2 Tournament championship on Tuesday, Feb. 25, at Mohegan Sun Arena.

BY CHARLIE LENTZ
VILLAGER EDITOR

UNCASVILLE — Putnam High and Killingly High took their backyard rivalry 40 miles down Interstate 395 on Tuesday night — motor-ing to Mohegan Sun Arena for the Eastern Connecticut Conference Division 2 Tournament championship. A pair of seniors drove their respective teams to the title game — Putnam’s Kayleigh Lyons and Killingly’s Trinity Angel. The four-year starters collided head-on one last time. Killingly survived with a 55-49 victory — but Angel knew the designat-ed driver who had to be stopped.

“We had to make sure we kept a body on Kayleigh at all times,” said Angel, the lone senior on Killingly’s roster. “She really deter-mines the team. She’s the playmaker of the team.” Something had to

give between two teams that had both won ECC divisional titles. Class S Putnam captured first place in ECC-Division 4 with a perfect 8-0 divisional mark. Class MM Killingly won the ECC-Division 3 crown with an 8-0 record. The ECC Division 2 tourney included all ECC teams in Divisions 3 and 4. This was the third meet-ing between the two clubs. Killingly defeated Putnam 55-35 in the first game between the two teams on Jan. 6. Putnam won the rematch 47-33 on Jan. 22.

Lyons would have preferred a different ending but she said the Clippers never gave up — trailing by 12 points with under two minutes left in the third quarter but rally-ing to pull within four points on a pair of free throws from Lyons with 57 seconds remaining in the game.

“A lot of people doubt-ed the fact that we would

be able to make it here tonight. Just the fact that we got her, playing a dou-ble-M team, with only 12 girls on our bench — a lot of people doubted us,” Lyons said. “But we were here. We fought. Even though you come out with a loss we were still playing our hearts out. I’m proud of my team, my family.”

Putnam coach Mandi Hogan said her players never gave in.

“That’s us. That’s Putnam. That’s why we’re here in the first place. These kids proved everybody wrong and they fought bigger schools. They just kept battling,” Hogan said. “I’m just proud of them. They worked hard. We move on to states.”

Hogan saluted Lyons, her playmaker. Lyons tallied a team-high 17 points and junior for-ward Abby St. Martin added 16 points for the Clippers, but no other Putnam player tallied

more than five points. The effort was there but the shots just didn’t fall.

“The kids that are out there are going to do everything they possible can to compete with who-ever is standing in their way,” Hogan said.

Killingly sophomore guard Emma Carpenter stood in Putnam’s way in the tourney final. Perhaps Carpenter should have tossed some dice at Mohegan Sun’s casino later on Tuesday evening after the hot hand she displayed on the hardwood. Carpenter finished with a game-high 23 points including five three pointers.

“She brought it today and she had ice in her veins,” said Killingly coach Gina Derosier. “I told Emma yesterday (in practice) if they collapse on Trinity and you knock one down you’re going to open things up for every-body. Once you knock one or two shots down they’ve got to get a hand on the shooter. It’s going to be ‘pick your poison’. Leave Trinity open then she’s going to knock them down on the inside. But if you collapse down on her and give my three guards out there an opportu-nity, they’re going to knock them down too.”

Carpenter got in the flow early and was hard to stop.

“Definitely I was on tonight. I knew I had to step it up for this game, especially being the ECC championship, so there was a lot on the line tonight,” Carpenter said. “Once you’re on, you’re on. You keep going. You try and get those open shots, and open opportu-nities, and they just start going in.”

Carpenter was comple-mented on the outside by freshman guard Ella Lach (nine points), and sophomore guard Sophia Moore (eight points including a pair of three pointers). Carpenter’s outside touch seemed contagious for her back-court mates.

“Once somebody’s on the rest of the play-ers start shooting and that definitely happened tonight,” Carpenter said. “

Killingly’s perime-ter shooting opened up the paint for Angel, who scored 15 points.

“Ella (Lach) started shooting her threes and Trin (Angel) started get-ting her short shots,” Carpenter said.

Angel had an easier time in the lane than she did in the 47-33 loss

to Putnam on Jan. 22 — when Killingly had trouble scoring from the perimeter.

“It made it easier. It boosted our confidence. It kind of gave us a whole new energy,” Angel said. “They were covering the outside more, leaving the inside a little more open.”

Killingly withstood a 7-0 run by Putnam to open the game. Coach Derosier said she had to remind her players not to be daunted by the atmo-sphere inside Mohegan Sun Arena.

“It’s just basketball. I said the rims are 10 feet high. The free throw line is 15 feet and the three-point line is 18 feet,” Derosier said. “It’s just the same as any court that we play on. We want-ed them to get the jitters out. It’s big, a beauti-ful venue, professional arena. We gave them a lot of time to walk around and get the awe-factor out. We sat them down before the game and said the lights might be a lit-tle bit brighter, the floor might be a little bit wider, but the rims are the same height. It’s a basketball game. It’s easy get caught up in the awe.”

Angel wasn’t awe-struck and went to work.

“She knew going in that this was her last opportu-nity, just like any senior has. But this game meant a little something more to her,” Derosier said. “She was locked in. She want-ed this game and she’s wanted this game more than probably any one she’s had in her career so far.”

After Putnam’s 7-0 start out of the gate — Killingly’s Moore knocked down a three-pointer with 4:59 left in the first quar-ter to stem the tide and pull Killingly with four points, 7-3. Moore’s early three-pointer jumpstart-ed Killingly’s offense.

“We didn’t come out as strong as we’d like and I think that (three-pointer) kind of set the momen-tum going forward for the rest of the game,” Moore said.

Killingly outscored Putnam 12-4 over the final five minutes of the first quarter and led 12-11 going into the second frame. Carpenter sank a pair of three-pointers and tallied eight points in the second quarter to help Killingly outscore Putnam 11-5 — with Killingly taking a 23-16 cushion into the locker room at halftime.

“During halftime we knew we had it in the bag

and that’s exactly what happened,” Carpenter said. “We knew we had to step it up in this game and that’s exactly what we did.”

Killingly led 36-29 after three quarters but Putnam hung tough. St. Martin scored from close range with 1:18 left in the game to pull the Clippers within four points, 48-44. Killingly’s Moore answered with a layup off the fast break with 1:07 left to push the lead to 50-44. Putnam’s Lyons sank both ends of a one-and-one with 57 seconds remaining to cut Killingly’s lead to four points, 50-46.

With Putnam forced to foul and Killingly in the bonus — Killingly went 5-for-10 from the foul line over the final 52 seconds to hang on to the win. Lach sank a free throw with four seconds left to push Killingly’s lead to 55-46 and Putnam’s Lyons sank a three-pointer at the buzzer to complete the scoring. Killingly’s Moore was tasked with containing Lyons, who scored 17 points.

“That was our game plan, it’s always been our game plan when we play Putnam, we’ve got to shut Kayleigh down,” said coach Derosier. “You shut Kayleigh down you beat Putnam. Kayleigh had to work very very hard to get the ball, never mind get a shot off.”

Moore said it wasn’t easy.

“Kayleigh’s a phenom-enal player. And I know it’s a lot of work to stay on her. She’s fast and very athletic so I just try to keep her in front of me, contain her, and do the best I can,” Moore said.

The win lifted Killingly’s record to 18-5 overall. The loss dropped Putnam’s record to 19-4. Lyons and Angel are both four-year varsity per-formers and on Tuesday night they battled one last time at Mohegan Sun Arena — a big backyard for a couple of big-time players.

“It was nerve-wrack-ing at first. We had to get used to the whole envi-ronment, the arena and everything,” Angel said. “But you know, we’re still playing the game of basketball.”

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Charlie Lentz photo

Killingly High’s Trinity Angel shoots while guarded by Putnam High’s Jillian Gray, left, and Laylah Chavez.

Eastern Connecticut Conference D-2 tourney championship

UNCASVILLE — Killingly High defeated Putnam High 55-49 in the championship game of the Eastern Connecticut Conference Division 2 Tournament on Tuesday, Feb. 25, at Mohegan Sun Arena. The win lifted Killingly's record to 18-5. The loss dropped Putnam's record to 19-4. Both teams will continue play when the CIAC state tournament arrives, with first-round action set to begin for Class S Putnam and Class MM Killingly on Monday, March 2, and Tuesday, March 3.



The ECC Division 2 All-Tournament team, from left, Killingly High's Sophia Moore, Emma Carpenter, Trinity Angel (MVP), and Putnam High's Kayleigh Lyons and Abby St. Martin.



Charlie Lentz photos=
Putnam's Abby St. Martin, left, grabs a rebound with Killingly's Trinity Angel trailing.



Putnam's Jillian Gray shoots with Killingly's Ella Lach, center, and Emma Carpenter, right, defending.



Trinity Angel shoots over Putnam High's Alex Hutchins.



Killingly's Ella Lach grabs a rebound.



Putnam's Laylah Chavez shoots while defend-
ed by Trinity Angel, left, and Alla Gutierrez.



Killingly's Emma Carpenter shoots with Jillian
Gray defending.

Tourtellotte girls ready for state tourney



Charlie Lentz photo

Tourtellotte's Hailey Johnson goes up for a shot with Killingly's Maddie Sumner, left, and Ella Lach, right, defending on Feb. 20.

BY CHARLIE LENTZ
VILLAGER EDITOR

THOMPSON — Nothing's been easy for the Tourtellotte Memorial girls basketball team this season but that hasn't stopped the Tigers from bouncing back from setbacks all year long. Over the first half of the regular season Tourtellotte's record was 1-9 and it could have gone downhill from there. So while the 10th-seeded Tigers 61-40 loss to second-seeded Killingly High on Feb. 20 in the quarterfinals of the Eastern Connecticut Conference Division 2 Tournament wasn't what they wanted — it was another step in a rebuilding year.

"The kids really are gelling together," said coach Carla Faucher. "And understanding their abilities, what everybody could do."

After winning just one of its first 10 games, Tourtellotte went 5-6 over its next 11 games — capped by a 42-33 victory over Lyman Memorial in the play-in round of the ECC-Division 2 Tournament on Feb. 19. The tourney road win at Lyman Memorial, seeded seventh in the ECC tourney, was part of a second-half turnaround for the 10th-seeded Tigers. Tourtellotte had lost twice to Lyman Memorial during the regular season — 29-25 on Dec. 28 and 36-23 on Jan. 28 — and been held to below 30 points in both defeats. So Faucher was pleased with the Tigers overcame the Bulldogs in the play-in round of the ECC tourney.

"They came out, we really we're prepared for it," Faucher said. "We're peaking at the right time. It's just having to come in a low seed and then having to play a higher seed."

And the Tigers bounced back against Killingly despite the loss. Killingly High held Tourtellotte in check in a pair of games this regular season — winning 58-17 on Dec. 23 and 50-21 on Jan. 31. But the Tigers offense has been clicking as the season heads toward the Class S state tournament and they notched 40 points against Killingly in the quarters.

Further evidence of Tourtellotte's offensive improvement came against Wheeler and St. Bernard. The Tigers lost to Wheeler 38-31 on Jan. 4 but won the rematch 48-46 on Feb. 4. Tourtellotte fell to St. Bernard 44-26 on Jan. 9 but topped the Saints 42-31 in the rematch on Feb. 8.

So while 10th-seeded Tourtellotte's 61-40 loss to second-seeded Killingly in the ECC quarterfinals wasn't what coach Faucher would have



Charlie Lentz photo

Tourtellotte's Ashley Morin moves upcourt with Killingly's Sophia Moore defending.

wanted — it came against a much larger school. The ECC Division 2 Tournament includes schools from the ECC's Division III and Division IV. Tourtellotte competes in Division IV of the ECC this season while Killingly competes in Division III. And Killingly will likely get moved up to Division II next season.

"Knowing that Killingly's going to be in Division II next year, I told the kids to use this as a learning tool and let's break it down quarter by quarter," Faucher said.

Tourtellotte outscored Killingly 18-17 in the third quarter.

"We won the third quarter and that was a good one," Faucher said.

So the ECC tourney had its benefits — a win over Lyman Memorial on Feb. 19 and a loss to Killingly on Feb. 20 — both were good preparation for the upcoming state tourney.

"It was tough game last night (against Lyman), getting that win, coming in here (to Killingly), they're beat up — I'm trying to tell them this is going to get us ready for states. We've got a week to prepare now so we'll see what happens," Faucher said. "Hopefully they can keep their spirits up, and heal up, rest up, and come ready to play come states."

Senior guard Ashley Morin and sophomore forward Zeynep Acun each scored 10 points for Tourtellotte (6-16) in the quarterfinal loss at Killingly High on Feb. 20. Trinity Angel tallied

24 points and Aila Gutierrez added 11 points for Killingly (16-5).

The Class S state tournament is scheduled to begin with play-in rounds on Feb. 27 and Feb. 28. The Tigers will likely be playing a much-higher seed in the state tournament and the odds don't favor Tourtellotte — one of the smaller schools in Class S in terms of enrollment. Tourtellotte's roster is filled with underclassmen and no matter what team it plays, the state tourney will be another step in the rebuilding process. Faucher said her underclassmen will learn from the experience.

"It's good to see what it's all about, see what else is out there in the state, and build for next year," Faucher said.

Nothing's been easy for the Tigers this season as they head toward the state tournament — why change anything now?

"That's what we work for all season," Faucher said. "We want to try and get more wins during the season so we can get a little higher up (in seedings) so we don't have to play the harder teams in the beginning. But, you know what? It builds character. We just say 'Do the best you can. We made it the states.' Some teams don't make it."

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HIGH SCHOOL ROUNDUP

PUTNAM 54, MONTVILLE 26

NORWICH — Abby St. Martin scored 20 points to lead the top-seeded Clippers past the fourth-seeded Indians in the semifinals of the girls Eastern Connecticut Conference Division 2 Tournament on Feb. 22 at Norwich Free Academy. Kayleigh Lyons scored 17 points and Molly McKeon added six points for Putnam. Maya Hillman scored nine points and Alexis Michon added six points for Montville.

KILLINGLY 45, WINDHAM 30

NORWICH — Trinity Angel tallied 16 points and Sophia Moore notched 14 points to help second-seeded Killingly defeat the third-seeded Whippets in the semifinals of the girls ECC Division 2 Tournament on Feb. 22 at NFA. Emma Carpenter added nine points for Killingly.

WOODSTOCK 59, EAST LYME 49

WOODSTOCK — Logan Talbot scored 21 points, Aidan Morin notched 17 points, 11 rebounds, and Nick Bedard scored 11 points with seven rebounds in the boys basketball win on Feb. 21 for Woodstock Academy (7-13). Nate Diaz scored 18 points and Chris Carpenter added 15 points for East Lyme (6-14).

LYMAN 61, KILLINGLY 56

LEBANON — Dylan Lucey led the host Bulldogs with 19 points in the boys



File photo

Woodstock Academy's Logan Talbot scored 21 points in a win over East Lyme on Feb. 21.

basketball win over Killingly on Feb. 21. Ethan Preston scored 16 points and Shayne Bigelow added nine points for Killingly (12-8). Lyman Memorial lifted its record to 11-9.

PUTNAM 56, PLAINFIELD 45

PUTNAM — Alex Hutchins scored a game-high 16 points including three three-pointers in the first quarter to help

push the Clippers past the eighth-seeded Panthers in girls basketball in the quarterfinals of the ECC Division 2 Tournament on Feb. 20 at Putnam High. The top-seeded Clippers jumped out to an 18-4 lead after the first quarter and withstood several Plainfield runs to hold on. Kayleigh Lyons and Abby St. Martin each scored 12 points and Jillian Gray chipped in 10 points for the Clippers. Plainfield was led by Olivia Besette (14 points) and Chloe Lapierre (11 points).

ELLIS TECH 36, KAYNOR TECH 31

WATERBURY — Kalista Lovely scored 16 points to help the Golden Eagles top host Kaynor Tech in the play-in round of the Connecticut Technical Conference Tournament in girls basketball on Feb. 20. Vivianna St. Jean had 13 points, 14 rebounds, and four assists for Ellis Tech. Amber Cutler added seven points for the Golden Eagles. In the first round of the CTC Tournament, Abbott Tech defeated Ellis Tech 44-22 on Feb. 22. The loss dropped Ellis Tech's record to 10-12.

TOURTELLOTTE 42, LYMAN 33

LEBANON — Ashley Morin scored 19 points including three three-pointers and grabbed eight rebounds, and Hailey Johnson added eight points with 12 rebounds to help the 10th-seeded Tigers defeat host and seventh-seed Lyman Memorial in girls basketball in

the play-in round of the ECC Division 2 Tournament on Feb. 19. Tourtellotte went 8-for-11 from the free throw line in fourth quarter to help seal the win, and finished 16-for-20 from the charity stripe. Alivia Dalpe added five points and Sarah Duquette and Zeynep Acun (12 rebounds) each scored four points for the Tigers. Sidney Pankowski scored 10 points and Nicollette Cordy and April Beckwith each scored nine points for the Bulldogs (7-14).

LEDYARD 31, WOODSTOCK 30

WOODSTOCK — Natalyah Williams scored 14 points and Tajeah Winston had eight points and seven rebounds to help the ninth-seeded Colonels defeat the eighth-seeded Centaurs in girls basketball in the play-in round of the ECC Division 1 Tournament on Feb. 19 at Alumni Fieldhouse. The win lifted Ledyard's record to 6-15. Alexa Pechie scored 11 points and Katie Papp grabbed 11 rebounds for the Centaurs (7-14).

WOODSTOCK HOCKEY

WOODSTOCK — Four members of the Woodstock Academy boys ice hockey team were chosen as Nutmeg Conference All-Stars including seniors Doug Newton (nine goals, 20 assists) and Jake Starr (nine goals, six assists) and juniors Guerin Favreau (33 goals, seven assists) and goalie Colin Liscomb.

Killingly tops Tourtellotte in quarterfinals



BY CHARLIE LENTZ
VILLAGER EDITOR

DAYVILLE — Step one in Killingly High's quest to reach the title game of the Eastern Connecticut Conference Division 2 Tournament came against Tourtellotte Memorial in the tourney quarterfinals at Killingly High School on Feb. 20. Killingly coach Gina Derosier wanted the first step to be a strong one and she got it with a 61-40 victory over the Tigers.

"This was definitely a good start," Derosier said.

Killingly finished with an 8-0 record in Division III of the ECC and won the regular-season title of its division. But Derosier said that's irrelevant in the postseason.

"The regular season doesn't matter at this point. It doesn't matter what happened," Derosier said. "It's ECC Tournament time, state tournament time, it's a whole new ballgame. Everybody rises to the occasion. Everybody brings out their best because nobody wants to go home. Now you have to expect the unexpected and be prepared. That's what we're trying to do with our girls, is keep them prepared."

Second-seeded Killingly gave Derosier what she wanted against Tourtellotte

Memorial with a strong effort from the opening tipoff. Killingly jumped to a 15-5 lead over 10th-seeded Tourtellotte after one quarter and pushed the margin to 26-12 at half-time. But the coach wasn't pleased with the third quarter, when Tourtellotte outscored Killingly 18-17. Tourtellotte was coming off a win over seventh-seeded Lyman Memorial in the play-in round of the ECC Division II Tournament on Feb. 19.

"There were some moments that we had some defensive lapses which I definitely wasn't happy about," Derosier said. "Give credit to Tourtellotte, they've definitely improved. They had a strong win last night (over Lyman Memorial) and they were ready for us today."

The win lifted Killingly's record to 16-6 overall. Senior forward Trinity Angel led Killingly with 24 points. Freshmanguard Aila Gutierrez added 11 points for Killingly. Ashley Morin and Zeynep Acun each scored 10 points for Tourtellotte (6-16).

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Charlie Lentz photo

Killingly High's Ella Lach drives for a layup with Tourtellotte's Ashley Morin defending on Feb. 20 at Killingly High School.

ECC tourney draws fans to Mohegan Sun Arena

UNCASVILLE — Killingly High and Putnan High basketball fans were well represented when the two teams clashed at Mohegan Sun Arena on Tuesday, Feb. 25, in the Eastern Connecticut Conference Division 2 Tournament championship game.



From left, Ken LeSage, Jim Dexter, and Joe Norton



The Worth family: from left, Wynter, Kayden, and Chris



From left, Kimberly Merchant, Mariah Travisano, Morgan Blackmar, and Carrie Blackmar



Becca Zachow, left, and Amy Brunet

Please turn to B6 for more fan photos



From left, Tara Hutchins, Jasmin Porcic, Fred Hutchins, and Chris LaBerge



From left, Morgan LeSage, Grace LeSage, and Haylee Chester



From left, Adrian Joyner, Derek Ponciano, and Erika Ponciano



Front, left, Tammy Faucher and Kayden Faucher, right, with Jackie Muzljakovich, back.

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OBITUARIES

Thaddeus J. Nowacki, 70



WEBSTER – Thaddeus J. “Ted” Nowacki, 70, died Friday, February 14, 2020 in UMass/Memorial Healthcare after an illness.

He leaves a daughter, Kristina M. Ndow of Putnam; a niece, Courtney Nowacki Davis and her husband Cliff; a nephew, Christopher Nowacki and his wife Karen; a sister-in-law, Geraldine Nowacki; his former wife, Constance (May) Nowacki;

and his companion, Chris Wheeler. He was preceded in death by his brother Bernard. He also leaves his poodle “Snowball.”

He was born in Webster on July 17, 1949, the son of Bernard A. and Mary (Krawczyk) Nowacki and lived here all his life. He attended Saint Joseph Grammar School.

Mr. Nowacki worked at several jobs: he worked in the shipping and receiving department at Sanitary Dash in North Grosvenordale, CT and was an inspector at Schott’s Fiber Optics in Woodstock, CT. He was also employed

at Anglo Fabrics Company and at Lelanite Corporation, both in Webster before retiring several years ago.

He was a member of Saint Joseph Basilica. His passion was music: he owned and operated “Ted’s Jockey Service” for many years. He liked the Beach Boys, Neal Diamond’s “Sweet Caroline” and Karaoke music. He attended the annual parish festival and he danced to the music of Happy Louie and other polka bands. He was a sports fan, rooting for the Boston Red Sox and the New England Patriots. For many years, he vacationed at Hampton

Beach.

A memorial Mass will be held on Saturday, March 7, at 10:00 AM in Saint Joseph Basilica, 53 Whitcomb

Street (please meet at the church). Burial will be held privately in the spring. There are no calling hours. Donations in his name may be made to Yankee Golden Retriever Rescue, PO Box 808, Hudson, MA 01749. Arrangements are under the direction of Sitkowski, Malboeuf & Hickey Funeral Home, 340 School Street, Webster www.websterfunerals.com.






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This Cape was built in 2013 by Woodstock Building Associates. There are 9.98 acres of land with the house having 2064 square feet. Included in the square footage are 3 bedrooms, 2.5 bathrooms, open floor plan, pantry, office and laundry room. In the kitchen are stainless steel appliances, an island that seats 4 people and Kraft maid cabinets that are all soft close. The living room has a woodstove and in the dining room you’ll find the first Mitsubishi mini split unit. Upstairs are 3 spacious bedrooms including the master which has 2 very large closets (one even has a window), an en-suite bathroom with a jetted tub, shower and double sink vanity. Bedrooms 2 & 3 both have 2 windows and ample closet space. There are two additional Mitsubishi mini splits on the bedroom level. Even on the hottest summer days, all levels will have cool refreshing air. The garage is oversized and has an additional room that is plumbed for a 4th bathroom. The hobbyist shed has 100 AMP service and a woodstove for heat. You also have access to over head storage. Located in the side yard is a fenced in garden area.

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OBITUARIES

Dagmar Joyce Noll, age 91



EASTFORD — Dagmar Joyce (Christensen) Noll, age 91, died in Windham Hospital on January 14, 2020, having received excellent hospice care there after suffering a major stroke on January 10, 2020. She was born on December 8, 1928 in Waukegan, IL to Herman and Nellie (Winslow) Christensen.

Dagmar graduated from Waukegan Township High School. She loved swimming in Lake Michigan, was an excellent swimmer when she was young, and was proud to have earned Red Cross lifesaving certification. She was thrilled to swim in Crystal Pond in 2019 at age 90.

Dagmar attended the University of Illinois where she met her future husband, Clifford R. Noll, Jr. to whom she would be married for 59 years, until Clifford's death in 2008. They moved to Wisconsin, Michigan, Rhode Island, Maryland, and Massachusetts before moving to Eastford, Connecticut in 1965 to live with their three children on property Clifford bought after World War II. Dagmar obtained her Bachelor's Degree from Goucher College in 1961 and had a Fellowship as a Graduate Student in Mathematics at Johns Hopkins University for the year prior to their move to Massachusetts. Years later, she completed her Master's Degree in Mathematics at the University of Connecticut. She was highly skillful at teaching mathematics, including to students who had difficulty with mathematics in the past. She taught mathematics at Woodstock Academy, Eastern Connecticut State College, and Greater Hartford Community College. Dagmar was particularly pleased to have had the opportunity to contribute to the education of students in the Nursing program at Greater Hartford Community College.

Dagmar was also an avid genealogist. She spent considerable time over the course of years discovering her own and her husband's genealogy, and she did genealogy for others on occasion. Historical preservation was important to her, and she enjoyed being the Historian for the Town of Eastford for many years. Given the importance of democratic process to her, she was also pleased to have served as a Registrar of Voters for the Town of Eastford for years.

Dagmar also had artistic ability

and particularly enjoyed drawing. The year the Noll family lived in Providence, RI, she took a drawing class at Rhode Island School of Design.

Dagmar loved to travel to Denmark and to the British Isles because of her interest in her and Clifford's ancestry, the cultures and history of those cultures. She took several trips with Clifford and, after his death, with other family members. She was pleased to make a last trip to Denmark in 2018 at age 89.

Dagmar had a "free spirit" quality that allowed her to be spontaneous. She was a very loving and giving wife, mother, grandmother and great grandmother. She could readily be self-sacrificing when the situation called for it. She had tremendous love for her grandchildren and provided childcare to them when possible. She also had deep love for her parents and sisters, her sisters' children and their children, and numerous members of her extended family. She maintained strong friendships from her childhood and young adulthood and made new friends of decades duration after she moved to Eastford. She enjoyed playing cards, walking on the road at her house, swimming at Crystal Pond, and eating at Corriander Cafe with family members and friends. She loved the rural environment Eastford provided.

Dagmar is predeceased by her sisters June (Christensen) Holland, Janice Christensen, and Jane (Christensen) Renarb. She is survived by her children, Rebecca Noll and Rebecca and William Busby's daughter, Kamaria Busby; Bradford Noll (Lynne) and their children, Jessica (Noll) Stebbins (Geoff) and Karl Noll; and Edmund Noll (Sophanna) and Edmund and Susan (St. King) Klare's daughter, Dagmar S. Noll. She is also survived by her two great grandchildren, Jessica and Geoff Stebbin's two children, Charlie and Dexter.

Anyone who wishes to make a donation in memory of Dagmar is encouraged to give to Eastford Independent Fire Co. (P.O. Box 333, Eastford, CT 06242), Ashford Fire Department (46 Westford Road, Ashford, CT 06278), or Restoration for Unitarian Universalist Meeting House in Brooklyn, c/o Dennis Landis, P.O. Box 38, Brooklyn, CT 06234.

A memorial service will be planned in the spring or summer. If you wish to share a memory of Dagmar, please do so at www.smithandwalkerfh.com.

Jacqueline Dombroski, 84

Jacqueline Dombroski, 84, of Woodstock Vly, CT, passed away peacefully on Feb 12, 2020. She was the beloved wife of the late Francis V. Dombroski & is survived by her daughters Pamela Dombroski & Ann Krischus of Woodstock Vly & her son Michael D. Dombroski & Jane Perry of Bristol, CT.

Jackie worked at Travelers for years before her retirement. She so loved the nature filled surroundings of her home in Woodstock. She loved crafts & her gardens which later on were tenderly cared for by her neighbor Marge. Jackie also loved the numerous rescued cats she "adopted", & caring for the birds that filled her yard. She & her late husband were both avid UCONN husky fans.

Jackie also leaves behind her much loved cousins, (brothers & sister) Michael A., Gregory & Theodore

(Ted) Demaio, & Debra Morin. Jackie was predeceased by her sister Barbara Butler of Virginia Beach, VA. & her especially loved aunt, Stella (Sandy) Demaio.

A heartfelt thank you goes to Dr. Raja Fattaleh of Putnam, for his years of unending, loving care of Jackie. You always had a special place in Jackie's heart. Jackie's family would like to thank Dr. Fattaleh's office staff who showed much love & concern for Jackie and also the staff at Davis Place in Killingly, CT.

At the request of Jacqueline, all services will be private & at the convenience of her family. Donations may be made in Jackie's memory to the Bungay Fire Brigade, 1256 Rt. 171 W. Woodstock, CT 06282., the ASPCA, or the American Cancer Society. Share a memory at www.smithandwalkerfh.com

Nancy M Marlborough, 65



Nancy M Marlborough, 65, of Woodstock, CT died Saturday, February 22, 2020 at UMass Memorial Medical Center with her loving family and friends at her side.

Nancy was born November 20, 1954 in Worcester, MA. She is the daughter of the late Joseph Thomas Ushinski and Hedwig Mary (Siemaszko).

She is survived by her mother Hedwig "Pat" (Siemaszko) Ushinski of Charlton. One sister, Elaine Kilroy of Woodstock, CT and her late husband Robert, her brother Joseph Ushinski of Delaware and her daughter at heart Charalee and her husband, Henry of Auburn, MA. and her beloved granddaughter Isabel. Nancy was also the most loving aunt to Timothy and his wife Jaclyn, Jonathan and his wife Elena, Nicole and her husband Oscar, Andrea and her wife Nicole and Gabriela. Nancy loved their children Liam, Braden, Liliana, Sebastian, Oscar, Skylar and Sloane. Her best

friend Catherine Hurstack, and close friend Mary Milks.

Nan loved all animals, big and small. She loved to cook, bake, garden, snuggle with her dog, Brody and spend time with her family and friends. Nan loved with her whole heart and made a positive difference to everyone she touched.

She was a passionate believer that every individual had the right to a full and vibrant life. She spent her 30 year career working tirelessly to provide a the best quality life to her clients.

A Celebration of Life will be held at 11am on Friday, February 28 at Samuel Slater's Restaurant, 200 Gore RD, Webster, MA. All who loved Nancy are welcome to attend.

Nancy's family would like to extend appreciation for the love and care she received from the Oncology staff on 8 North while at UMass. Bartel Funeral Home 33 Schofield Ave. Dudley is directing arrangements. www.bartel-funeralhome.com In lieu of flowers, donations may be made in Nancy's honor to: Life-Skills, Inc. South Central Residential Program 44 Morris St Webster, MA 01570.

Kenneth W. Stevens Jr, 79



THOMPSON — Kenneth W. Stevens Jr., 79, passed away on Saturday February 22, 2020 at the UMass Memorial Medical Center in Worcester.

Kenneth is survived by his wife Elaine T. (Pelletier) Stevens; three sons: Kevin S. Stevens and his wife Stephanie of Douglas, MA, Michael J. Stevens and his wife Alexis of Billerica, MA, and Brian D. Stevens of Waltham, MA; daughter Brenda J. Johnston and her husband Mark of Waltham, MA and their mother Jacqueline M. Harrington of Waltham; stepson Joel Fleck of Putnam, CT; his stepdaughters: Krystle Lackey of Dudley, MA and Katrina Fleck of Vermont; two brothers: Raymond J. Stevens of California and Gordon T. Stevens of Somerville, MA; his sister Kathleen R. Jones of Lunenburg, MA, and many grandchildren, relatives and dear friends.

Kenneth was born in Athens, Maine on August 13, 1940, son of Kenneth W. Stevens Sr. and Ruth M. (James) Stevens; he was a faithful Christian

man and was well known for being a spiritual man. In his younger years, Kenneth enjoyed scuba diving and playing the guitar; later in life, he enjoyed fishing and riding his motorcycle as a member of the Tomahawk Motorcycle Club, of which he has been a member since 1987. Kenneth was also a 32nd degree Mason, joining in 1964; he was a terrific family man who was always grateful to be surrounded by the love of so many countless friends and loving family members, and he will be sorely missed by all who were blessed to know him.

Visitation was on Wednesday February 26, 2020 from 10:00 – 11:30 am, followed by a celebration of Kenneth's Life at 11:30 am at the Shaw-Majercik Funeral Home, 48 School Street Webster, MA. Committal Services will be private.

In lieu of flowers, please consider making a memorial contribution to the American Heart Association in honor of Kenneth.

A guest book is available at www.shaw-majercik.com where you may post a message of comfort, share a fond memory, or light a candle in remembrance of Kenneth.

Theresa R. Gagnon, 90



THOMPSON — Theresa R. (Smalarz) Gagnon, 90, a long-time resident of Webster, MA, died Wednesday, February 12, 2020 in Day Kimball Hospital, Putnam.

Her husband of 56 years, Dr. Lionel L. Gagnon, died in 2006.

She leaves a son, David P. Gagnon of Webster; a daughter, Nancy R. Piekarczyk and her husband John S. Piekarczyk of Thompson where she currently resided; nieces, nephews and cousins. A brother, William Smalarz of Florida, predeceased her.

She was born in Webster, MA on May 23, 1929, a daughter of Adam G. and Rose D. (Kasierski) Smalarz. She lived in Lowell, MA from 1938 to 1948. She graduated from Lowell High School in 1947 where she was a member of the National Honor Society. She then lived briefly in North Grosvenordale before moving to Webster in 1954.

Mrs. Gagnon worked as the executive secretary for the plant manager of Cluett-Peabody Mills in North Grosvenordale and then as secretary

for her husband's optometry practice in Webster, retiring in 1995.

Theresa was a communicant of Saint Louis Church in Webster and a member of the St. Louis League of Catholic Women. In her younger years, she shot archery competitively throughout New England and belonged to the Bay Path Archers Club in Southbridge. She was an active member of the Webster Senior Center and danced with the "Silver Dippers."

She loved good food and socializing. She enjoyed a good laugh, had a forgiving nature and a smile that could light up a room. A devoted and selfless mother and wife, she especially liked spending time with her family, with her many friends and with her girlfriends whom she called her sisters.

Her funeral was held Friday, February 21, 2020 at 10:00 AM in Saint Louis Church, 14 Lake Street, Webster (please meet at the church). Burial will be in Saint Joseph Garden of Peace. Masses may be offered in her memory or donations may be made to a charity of the donor's choice. Arrangements are under the direction of Sitkowski, Malboeuf & Hickey Funeral Home, 340 School Street, Webster, MA.

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LEGALS

Thompson

Zoning Board of Appeals

The Town of Thompson Zoning Board of Appeals at its February 10, 2020 meeting rendered the following decision:

ZBA 20-01 – Gerald S. Denaris, property owners, Gerald and Brenda Denaris, 50 Druid Avenue, Map 116, Block 6, Lot 20, Zone R40 requesting a variance for 30 ft frontyard Setback Deficiency. Approved February 28, 2020

LEGAL NOTICE

Town of Thompson

Board of Finance

BUDGET PRESENTATION/

PUBLIC HEARING

In accordance with Section 7—344 of the Connecticut General Statutes, as revised, the Thompson Board of Finance will hold a PUBLIC HEARING on Thursday March 5, 2020 at 7 PM at the Thompson Public School Audi-

torium (785 Riverside Dr, N. Grosvenordale, CT) to hear all persons who wish to be heard in regard to any appropriations which they are desirous the Board should recommend or reject for the fiscal year ending June 2021, and the Town of Thompson's Local Capital Improvement Projects and Capital Improvements Plan within the meaning of Section 7-536 of the Connecticut General Statutes. At the hearing, interested parties may appear and be heard, and written testimony received, on the entire budget. The proposed budget will be available on the Town's website (www.thompsonct.org) by March 4, 2020. Respectfully submitted. Aaron McGarry, Chair February 20, 2020 February 28, 2020

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

ESTATE OF Romeo J., Jr. Beausoleil (20-00029)
The Hon. Leah P. Schad, Judge of the

Court of Probate, District of Northeast probate Court, by decree dated January 21, 2020, ordered that all claims must be pretested to the fiduciary at the address below. Failure to promptly present any such claim may result in the loss of rights to recover on such claim.

Brenda Duquette, Clerk

The fiduciary is:
Karen F Munroe, 21 Ellen Lane, Woodstock, CT 06281
February 28, 2020

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

ESTATE OF Lorraine M Beausoleil (20-00028)

The Hon. Leah P. Schad, Judge of the Court of Probate, District of Northeast probate Court, by decree dated January 15, 2020, ordered that all claims must be pretested to the fiduciary at the address below. Failure to promptly present any such claim may result in the loss of rights to recover on such

claim.

Brenda Duquette, Clerk

The fiduciary is:
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February 28, 2020

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

ESTATE OF Gary G Post (20-00057)
The Hon. Leah P. Schad, Judge of the Court of Probate, District of Northeast probate Court, by decree dated February 20, 2020, ordered that all claims must be pretested to the fiduciary at the address below. Failure to promptly present any such claim may result in the loss of rights to recover on such claim.

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Nowadays, millions of pet owners are taking their pets with them when they travel. To meet the demand, everything from hotels to Airbnb accommodations to airlines are enabling people to bring companion animals along. Some major airports offer pet-relief areas and even Amtrak rail service recently started letting small pets on board.

Certain facilities charge fees to bring pets along. Such fees typically range between \$100 and \$200. Some pet-friendly places even offer special perks, such as staff that takes the pets for walks when the owners are away from their rooms. The Kimpton hotel chain does not charge pet fees and also offers free pet beds, water bowls and treats, making it easy for customers to travel with their companion animals.

If pets are coming along for the ride, flight or stay, pet owners should brush up on these pet travel tips.

- Obtain a health certificate. Schedule a visit to the vet and have them offer a health certificate listing immunizations and the state of the pet's health. Many airlines, hotels, pet care centers, and border crossing authorities will require such proof of pet wellness.
- Research local vets. Find a vet or animal hospital near the hotel or city where you will be staying. In the event of an emergency, you'll know where to go.
- Plan for pit stops. Give pets time to stretch their legs and take bathroom breaks. Try to take breaks every two to three hours.
- Vet the transportation service. Check the train or plane policy for bringing pets along. In addition, look into the history of transporting pets, keeping an eye out for any incidents of pets being lost or injured.
- Bring a crate or carrier along. Many pets feel safe and secure in crates, and hotels or airlines may require pets be contained when unattended. So be sure to bring a crate when traveling with a pet.
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A survey by the American Pet Products Association found people spent \$69.51 billion on pets in 2017. A large chunk of spending — around \$6 billion — was directed toward pet accommodations and boarding. Statistics Canada says that Canadians spent more than \$8 billion on pet-related items in 2017, and about half of that spending was on veterinary and other pet services.

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