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DAYVILLE — Woodstock Academy's Chase Anderson, center, stands with his coaches and teammates with the basketball he scored his 1,000 career point last Saturday at Killingly High. High school sports coverage begins on page B-1 of The Villager's sports section.

QVCC hosts Narcan seminar

BY OLIVIA RICHMAN
NEWS STAFF WRITER

DANIELSON — Thanks to a Connecticut Healthy Campus Initiative grant funded by the Department of Mental Health & Addiction Services, Quinebaug Valley Community College will be hosting two Saving Lives with Narcan training seminars.

The purpose of the grant is to provide awareness, education and resources surrounding opioid use, said counselor Satina Salce-Conforti.

One component of that is the narcan training. Administering Narcan to an individual overdosing on opioids will save their life. When used in high doses, opioids, like heroin and prescription medication, can slow down breathing to the point of oxygen deprivation. Narcan binds to the opioid receptors in the brain in place of the opioid drug, temporarily reversing the overdose.

"Right now I think we can say that opioid use and overdoses are an epidemic overall. We can't deny that," said Salce-Conforti.

Training participants will receive an actual Narcan kit to take home with them while supplies last. They will learn how to administer Narcan with help from the Southeastern Regional Action Council, who will discuss the purpose of narcan and how to use it.

The vision of the Connecticut Healthy Campus Initiative, according to the official website, is to "foster a cam-

pus-community culture that reduces occurrences of high-risk alcohol and other drug use and its related consequences among college students on Connecticut's campuses."

The action plan they will implement at universities across the state is to discover what services are lacking, provide training for campuses on early prevention, and "unify voices to better advocate for effective statewide campus prevention strategies."

Universities and colleges are important places to provide these programs and training, said Salce-Conforti, because college students are "not exempt from drug addiction."

Whether they are affected by their own personal use, or by an addicted family member or friend, college students need support to deal with the continuing opioid crisis across the country.

"We are a community organization," said Salce-Conforti, "and we're central within the community. This is a program that is open to not only students, but people in the area."

Saving Lives with Narcan will be held on Feb. 12 from 6-7 p.m., and Feb. 15 from 9 a.m. to 10 a.m. It will take place on the QVCC Danielson campus in Room W102. Register by calling (860) 932-4089.

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Sock it to me



Courtesy photos

Kelsey on top of last year's epic assortment of donated socks.

BY OLIVIA RICHMAN
NEWS STAFF WRITER

PUTNAM — Last year, the Curtis D. Heath Memorial Sock Drive collected over 1,300 pairs of socks for foster children throughout the state. This year, they're already at 1,200, but are hoping to reach their goal of 1,500 pairs by the end of February.

On Feb. 15, from 6 am to 9 am, representatives of the Curtis

D. Heath Memorial Sock Drive will be stationed in Putnam, collecting more socks for the cause.

"Most kids that are placed in foster care only have the clothes on their back and they always seem to be missing socks," said Jaime Heath.

This is important, he said, because you need socks to keep warm, especially in the winter. Children also need them for school athletics. It's a very

small cost item, said Heath, that goes so far to help these children.

The Heath family is very passionate about this cause because of a very unique family history.

"We are a third generation family of foster care and adoptions," he said. "My mother had 11 children. After she had her 11 children and divorced my father, she married my step-dad. Together they addi-



An ode to the 1,333 pairs of socks the Curtis D. Heath Memorial Sock Drive collected last year, formed with the socks themselves.

tionally fostered over 50 children. The last two were adopted by them."

Heath's sister, Joyce, is mother to Kacey, who was a foster parent for a short while before adopting her daughter Kelsey. In honor of her adoption, they decided to start collecting socks three years ago.

Last year Heath's brother, Curt, passed away.

"This is a project near and

dear to my heart, and our entire family's heart. The day of the sock drive, on the 15th, we're all coming together for this common cause," he said.

On Feb. 15, from 6 a.m. to 9 a.m., representatives of the Curtis D. Heath Memorial Sock Drive will be stationed at local radio station WINY in downtown Putnam collecting socks.

According to Heath, they are

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Charlie Lentz photo

Killingly High wrestling coach Rich Bowen notched his 600th career win on Saturday, Feb. 2.

Killingly High's Bowen notches 600th victory

2ND WINNINGEST COACH IN STATE HISTORY

BY CHARLIE LENTZ
VILLAGER EDITOR

DAYVILLE — Rich Bowen never had a master plan. After wrestling for Killingly High and graduating from the school in 1978 he went on to compete for Rhode Island College. With college diploma in hand the sport still pulsed through his veins so he returned to his alma mater to assist Redmen head coach Howard Moody — his high school mentor. Bowen had no idea Moody was on the brink of moving on. But the coach departed and Bowen — 25 years old —

wrestled with what turned out to be a life-changing decision.

"I wasn't expecting that he was going to move on but then when he did I said 'Well, I'll give it a shot and see what happens,'" Bowen said. "I was real young and just getting going with my life. It's really like a little escape each day. You're working hard, teaching the kids. That's what it was early on. I never really thought about it. Just kept doing it."

He's been doing it for the last 33 years. Bowen gained his 600th career victory as head coach for Killingly High last

Saturday when the Redmen won five matches including a 44-30 victory over Foran, which was Bowen's milestone win.

"I never would have thought I would have been coaching this long for sure," Bowen said. "It just seemed to keep going. It's the families and I've had some real great assistant coaches helping me out through the years. Everybody seems to want to help and keep the success going."

Bowen said 600 is just a number — the real rewards are less tangible.

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Patching together a community

BY OLIVIA RICHMAN
NEWS STAFF WRITER

BROOKLYN – It's Hope Barton's mission to inspire, engage and unite local artists as President of the Northeastern Connecticut Artist Guild, an organization that provides workshops, speakers and exhibits to their members.

A people person and avid event organizer, Barton has been the President for the past two years. The passionate artist spoke about her love for NECTAG and the artists it has brought together over the years.

What does the president of NECTAG do?

As president, I run the monthly meetings. I find the speaker, an artist who talks at our meetings. I think that's important. I love getting to know artists in the area, and I love having them speak about how they got started and what inspires them. It's just inspiring to see the different art in our area. There are so many talented people in our area.

What got you involved with the local art scene?

I'm not an artist in the traditional sense. I started out as a traditional quilt maker. I had friends in the guild and decided I'd join to learn more about art, and I started making fiber art quilts. It's been a great way to learn more.

What got you interested in making quilts?

I wanted to make things for my daughter. It seemed so practical at the time.

What made you decide to get started with fiber art?



"Feeling the Music," done with paint, glue and quilting.

I just got restless with traditional quilt making, using other people's patterns. This was more about making my own designs. It's art. It's not just quilting. It's creative and interesting and it has problem solving. You're trying to show something important...

How do you convey that through quilting?

One of my pieces is about how music makes me feel. I had dyed a piece of music fabric. I used that as a dancing figure. It just has exuberance coming out from it. That's how music makes me feel. I just love it.

For you, what is the importance of expressing yourself through art?

I have always done creative



A quilt inspired by Allen Hill Tree Farm.

things. Always. And it's an important part of me. This is something I've done for a long time now. It just fulfills this need to be creative.



Courtesy photos

Hope Barton, the President of NECTAG, at work on a new fiber art piece.

What's the importance of NECTAG to this area?

It's wonderful to have NECTAG. It's a supportive group. It's a chance for new or returning artists – people who have been busy working careers all their life – to exhibit. To be seen. To talk to other artists. To take workshops. It's all about being in a supportive community and helps you get involved in art.

What has NECTAG meant for you personally?

To me, it's been a social and learning thing. I just enjoy it. For so many years, when I was working, meetings were so boring. But these meetings aren't boring. They're so fun.

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Wednesday, Feb. 13 Agricultural Commission, 7 p.m., Town Hall	ZBA, 6 p.m., Town Hall	Clean Energy Task Force, 7 p.m., Town Hall
Board of Education, 7 p.m., Town Council Chambers	Recreation Commission, 7 p.m., Town Hall	Thursday, Feb. 14 Board of Education, 7 p.m., Eastford Elementary School
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Eastford celebrates Duck Day

BY MONICA MCKENNA
FOR THE VILLAGER

EASTFORD — The temperature in the center of Eastford warmed up to 4 degrees Fahrenheit, but it was too late. Scramble the Duck had minutes earlier predicted six more weeks of winter. A crowd of 60 hardy folks in fur hats and down coats turned out on Feb. 2 to hear the weather predicted – not by a fussy ground hog in Punxsutawney, Pa., but by a resident Peking duck named Scramble. Scramble's family, the Torcellinis, had long been challenged by the inaccuracies of Punxsutawney Phil.

They called on Scramble to offer a New England alternative. This year was Scramble's fifth year of predicting the next six weeks of weather and he was up for the occasion, having been 100 percent accurate for four straight years (versus Punxsutawney Phil's 39 percent). The Torcellini boys — Micah, 15, Isaac, 13, and Benjamin, 9 — dressed in frock coats, black ties and stove-pipe hats as they presided in Eastford's

annual "Duck Day" ceremony. Micah's formal proclamation was poetry. Was Spring on the way or would Winter last another six weeks? "It was the best of times, it was the worst of times," said Micah. "(Previous) weather revelations were conceded to Punxsutawney, yet, in the great state of Connecticut, the word was becoming loud and clear that groundhogs were inferior prognosticators."

Then Scramble emerged from a model of the Ivy Glenn building, waddled and quacked down the red carpet, stood on his podium, spread his wings and saw his shadow.

Isaac interpreted Scramble's message. "Hear ye! Hear ye! Hear ye! My shadow I see! The snow will fall, wind will blow, plows will plow, mowers won't mow. You may have wanted early spring, but the answer is plain: Six more weeks of winter," said Isaac.

State Representative Pat Boyd of Pomfret, (50th District), State Senator Dan Champagne of Vernon (35th District) joined Eastford's First Selectman Jacqueline Dubois,

Selectman Terry Cote, grown-ups, children and two dogs. Folks came from as far away as Gloucester, R.I.

Melanie Eisele of Pomfret Center bundled up Ezra, 6, Caleb, 10, and Ruth, 9, and dog, Benjie. "My children are excited to know we'll have more snow because we all enjoy sledding," said Eisele.

"I met Scramble when he came to school in a wagon, so I wanted to come," said Aaron Minor, 7, from Eastford. "What a fun, feathered annual tradition this is in Eastford," said Champagne. "Scramble the Duck is a 'celebriduck', and he didn't 'quack' under pressure."

"On this bitter cold morning, I learned from the boys that Scramble keeps warm from his down feathers and that duck feet are not bothered by the cold weather," said Cote.

Keep the longjohns out. It's going to be a long, cold winter. If you missed Duck Day or any of Scramble's recent television appearances, go to: scrambleduck.org

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CORRECTION

In a photo in the Feb. 1 edition of The Villager sports section a Putnam High basketball player was identified as Morgan Blackmar. The player was Morgan's twin sister, Lauren. The Villager regrets the error.



Courtesy photos

Duck Day Ceremony is led by the Torcellini brothers of Eastford: (Micah, Isaac, and Benjamin with Scramble.



Micah and Isaac listen to Scramble's prediction



Scramble preens to state legislators from left, Micah, State Rep. Pat Boyd (50th District), Isaac, State Sen. Dan Champagne (35th District) and Benjamin.



Levi Knowlton, 5, dressed for the zero degree weather in puffy camouflage.



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Thompson Congregation Church receives gift

THOMPSON — Thompson Congregational Church, United Church of Christ recently surpassed the \$200,000 mark in gifts and pledges in its restoration campaign.

A disastrous fire in late December, 2016 burned the sanctuary, forcing the congregation to relocate services to the Marianapolis Chapel. Since then, new professional leadership at Thompson Congregational, United Church of Christ in the person of the Reverend Dr. Greg Gray is bringing a new spirit to the growing congregation along the partnerships with Thompson Ecumenical Empowerment Group (TEEG), the Thompson Public School System and various historical societies.

Gerardi Insurance Services Inc. recently pledged a donation that allowed the Vision 2020 Restoration Campaign to surpass \$200,000 in gifts and pledges last week according to Avery Tillinghast, Campaign Coordinator.

“The Putnam based firm provided the largest lead gift of the corporate division to date,” Tillinghast said.

The campaign continues to seek funds from many sources to restore the Thompson Congregational Church on Thompson Hill.

“We greatly appreciate the support of Ed and Matt Desaulnier, owners of Gerardi Insurance for continuing their giving to charities that require the funding necessary to continue and enhance their respective missions in the Quiet Corner”, said Gray. “We are proud to be a recipient of such important support.”



Courtesy photo

From left: Gerardi Insurance President, Matt Desaulnier; Reverend Dr. Greg Gray, Avery Tillinghast, Vision 2020 Campaign Coordinator, and Ed Desaulnier, past President of Gerardi Insurance Services.

Killingly Housing Authority gets federal funds

KILLINGLY — U.S. Congressman Joe Courtney (Ct: 2nd District) announced on Jan. 31 that the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) has awarded a combined \$1,907,511 in grant funding to nine not-for-profit entities and public housing authorities located in eastern Connecticut under its Continuum of Care program. Killingly Housing Authority will receive \$120,916

to operate the Danielson Wrap Around Housing Program and the Putnam Wrap Around Housing Program

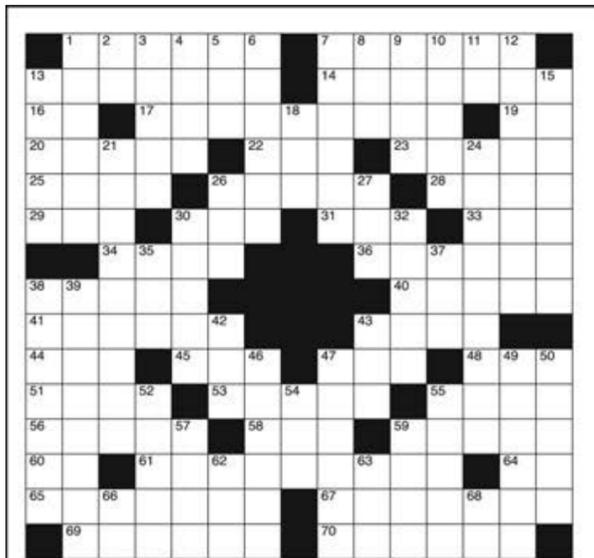
“Increasing access to quality, affordable housing is crucial when so many folks are facing uncertain financial futures,” Courtney said. “This new federal funding will help these organizations to keep programs up and running, and to improve the quality of life for many residents in eastern

Connecticut.”

In addition to the Killingly Housing Authority, the announced grant awards will be dispersed amongst eight other organizations across eastern Connecticut. Alliance for Living (New London) will receive \$149,964 for their supportive housing program; Bethsaida Community (Norwich) will receive \$90,978 to operate the Flora O’Neil Apartments, which serve as permanent supportive housing for homeless women with disabilities; Holy Family Home and Shelter (Willimantic) will receive \$130,349 to operate “Homes Plus,” its first supportive housing program

for 6 families and 4 individuals; New London Homeless Hospitality Center, Inc. will receive \$38,157 to operate the NLHHC Renewal Project; Safe Futures, Inc. (New London) will receive \$51,596 to operate the Phoenix House Transitional Housing Program; Thames River Community Service Inc. (Norwich) will receive \$195,983 to operate the Thomas River Family Program; Thames Valley Council for Community Action (Jewett City) will receive \$696,464 to operate the Homeless Collaborative Network; and Windham Regional Community Council (Willimantic) will receive \$433,104 to operate Project

Haven, and Project Home. HUD’s Continuum of Care program is designed to promote communitywide commitment to the goal of ending homelessness; provide funding for efforts by nonprofit providers, and State and local governments to quickly rehouse homeless individuals and families while minimizing the trauma and dislocation caused by homelessness; promote access to and utilization of mainstream programs by homeless individuals and families; and to optimize self-sufficiency among individuals and families experiencing homelessness.



CLUES ACROSS

- 1. Got paid
- 7. Sets free
- 13. Domestic hybrid cattle
- 14. Quality of one’s character
- 16. Doctor’s helper
- 17. Not holding back
- 19. Type of degree
- 20. Short but severe
- 22. 007’s creator
- 23. Linguistics icon
- 25. Large integers
- 26. Upset
- 28. Former
- 29. Peyton’s younger brother
- 30. An Irish dance
- 31. Title of respect
- 33. Small lump
- 34. Baroque musical instrument
- 36. The third sign of the zodiac
- 38. The 1st letter of the Hebrew alphabet
- 40. A group of nine
- 41. Garment
- 43. Capital of Yemen
- 44. One point south of due east
- 45. Drain
- 47. Moved quickly
- 48. Bar bill
- 51. An idiot
- 53. Indicates silence
- 55. Protein-rich liquids
- 56. Samoan monetary units
- 58. “___ your i’s, cross your t’s”
- 59. Forms the bottom
- 60. Potato state
- 61. Toy that spins around
- 64. Barium
- 65. Type of molding
- 67. Closes again
- 69. Sounds the same
- 70. Come into view

CLUES DOWN

- 1. Nix
- 2. Indicates position
- 3. Quantitative facts
- 4. Strong and healthy
- 5. Former measure of length
- 6. Dads tend to be this
- 7. Parts of a movie
- 8. An animal’s foot
- 9. Expression of sorrow or pity
- 10. Saudi Arabian money
- 11. One billion gigabytes
- 12. Smallest musical interval
- 13. A rugged box (usually made of wood)
- 15. Cheese dish
- 18. An ugly, evil-looking old woman
- 21. Widely used
- 24. Makes into pages
- 26. Afflict in mind or body
- 27. Set up
- 30. Toilets
- 32. “Life of Jesus” theologian
- 35. A big deal on Wall St.
- 37. Western Thai people
- 38. Free from contamination
- 39. Type of dog
- 42. Revolver
- 43. High schoolers’ exam
- 46. San Diego ballplayers
- 47. Hit the sack
- 49. Suitable for crops
- 50. Red mineral
- 52. Yellowish-brown
- 54. Lowest point between two peaks
- 55. Late TNT broadcaster
- 57. Thin strip to align parts
- 59. Swiss wind
- 62. A way to chill
- 63. Jewel
- 66. Rhodium
- 68. The top lawyer in the land

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looking for socks of all sizes and shapes, from infant sizes to full grown, male and female. A lot of times they receive a lot of socks for infants and babies, but don’t get as many donations for older children.

“We’ve had people donate one package with 10 pairs in it,” said Heath. “We also just had a family donate 175 pairs.”

There are also boxes set up at St. Joseph’s School (where Kelsey attends school) and some local businesses.

“I believe we’ll definitely reach our goal,” said Heath.

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DANIELSON — The Last Green Valley’s Acorn Adventure, Winter Birds, scheduled for Feb. 2 at Hopeville State Park, 929 Hopeville Road, Griswold, was postponed and has been rescheduled. A pre-hike of the park on Feb. 1 revealed challenging conditions, which combined with

the predicted cold temperatures on Feb. 2 necessitated the postponement.

The Acorn Adventure has been rescheduled for 10 a.m. Feb. 23. However, TLGV will wait until next week to determine whether the adventure must also be relocated. During the Acorn

Adventures we will search for the winter birds that call The Last Green Valley National Heritage Corridor home and we will make pine cone bird feeders to take home and hang in your yard. The birds will appreciate the snacks. Acorn Adventures are sponsored by Putnam Bank.

Acorn Adventure rescheduled



Curtis D. Heath, who passed away last year.

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Hayes, Dauphinais fight QVCC consolidation

DANIELSON—State Representatives Anne Dauphinais (R-44th District: Killingly), Rick Hayes (R-51st District: Putnam, Thompson) are a part of a Republican drafted bill that would seek to prohibit the merger or closure of an institution within the Connecticut State Colleges and Universities without the review and approval of the General Assembly.

The act, HB6474, seeks to remove the power for school consolidation and closing across the Connecticut State Colleges and Universities from the Connecticut Board of Regents for Higher Education without legislative review and input.

State Rep. Dauphinais said that she has heard from several people affiliated with Quinebaug Valley Community College in Danielson who have expressed serious concern over the future of the school.

"We wanted to be a part of this bill to allow our voices and those of the communities we serve to be heard and

to protect the great work QVCC has done in educating people in northeast Connecticut," Dauphinais said.

QVCC has one of the largest endowments in the community college system. These endowments help fund scholarships and programs for the school. The future of these endowments should the Board of Regents seek to consolidate schools would be in doubt.

State Representatives will be able to track and offer input during the legislative process. They will also be able to alert the public of the progress and opportunities for the public to offer comment on this legislation.

"I couldn't be more committed to protecting QVCC and I will continue to monitor bills that affect our communities and will work hard for the people of Putnam, Thompson, and Killingly," said Rep. Hayes.

The bill currently sits in the Higher Education & Employment Advancement Committee awaiting review and debate



Anne Dauphinais



Rick Hayes

Courtesy photos

BOWEN

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"Probably my biggest motivation is seeing the kids that do come through the program become successful out in life," Bowen said.

Although the competitive fire still burns for the 58-year-old.

"I guess it's still a lot of fun for me, working with the kids. It's gotten easier over the years. I've gotten a lot of good support from the families and the people in Killingly. It makes it that much easier to do the job really," Bowen said.

He celebrated his 500th victory just three years ago, on Jan. 10, 2016, in a win over Manchester High. Bowen is the second winningest coach in Connecticut high school history. He trails only Derby's Buster Jadach, who has 612 wins. The Redmen went 31-2 last year, setting a school record for single-season wins as they also won the ECC championship and tied for second at the State Open meet. Killingly is 26-2 this season.

Back in the day Bowen wrestled at 119 pounds for Killingly High, Class of 1978, before competing for Rhode Island College at 134 pounds and 142 pounds. He returned to his high school alma mater in 1986 after college graduation. Bowen said his collegiate career prepared him for his coaching tenure.

"For me anyway (college) was definitely the part that made me understand the sport. I think in high school I really didn't understand all the technique and how things melded together. As you get into a higher level you really learn how everything works — not only physically, but technique, and then the mind — the mental part of it is a huge, huge factor also," Bowen said. "It was just a learning experience being at a higher level, being able to see what you can do out there on the mat — not just throw one move here, one move there, and expect to win matches. It's a whole package that goes with it, how to be successful."

His career record was 600-177-2 through last Saturday, Feb. 2. During his tenure the Redmen

have won five state titles. Bowen said few can truly comprehend the Spartan training regimen that is demanded of a competitive wrestler. He said the parents of his grapplers have played a big role over the years.

"I don't think people understand the effort and dedication it takes to be a wrestler. It's a lifestyle. That's why when I see the families that work with the kids and really support them, that's what makes it successful. And that's what makes it a lot easier for me to be able coach for this long. If it was always pulling teeth it would be lot harder for me to be successful, that's for sure," Bowen said.

One of Bowen's most accomplished disciples was Doug Meagher. Meagher was a three-time State Open champion for Killingly High — the best in the state at 103 pounds in 1992, 119 pounds in 1993 and 125 pounds in 1994. Meagher went on to earn an appointment to the Naval Academy.

"(Meagher) was one of the most dedicated guys I've ever had in the sport. He made himself that good, just with his dedication and his desire. He took it to a whole new level actually. I was a younger coach then, just getting into my own really too, and to have a kid like that come through was exciting for me to see what level we could go with it," Bowen said. "He got to be a Naval officer. I think he has his own command. I think he's out in San Diego now, has his own ship that he commands. Just an outstanding thing to see."

The coach said all of his wrestlers have been special no matter their accomplishments.

"The guys that are just steady performers, and maybe aren't the best guys, they go on — you know I've had many guys go in the service and are very successful there. They're looking for something and wrestling gives it to them — gets them out to explore the world and do different things," Bowen said. "Some of the guys come back and tell me stories, those types of things go a long way. You feel like you've done a little bit for those guys to make them a little more successful maybe."

Discipline and camaraderie are huge influences in the maturation of a wrestler.

"The team becomes a team really. Everybody helps each other out to get to the goal because it's not easy. To have to watch your diet, make sure you're at a certain weight class, your teammates are expecting you to do it — you do become friends for life," Bowen said. "Most of my best friends are through wrestling just because of that dedication and effort it takes to be successful."

The top Killingly grapplers this season are Dan Charron (106 pounds) and Derek Turner (170), both ranked No. 1 in Class M. Renee Bernier (285), Dave Charron (126) and Greg Gosselin (160) are ranked No. 2, and Mike Charron (113) is ranked No. 3. The Redmen are shooting for another strong showing at both the ECC and state tournaments.

"I think my team's come a long way this year," Bowen said. "We've got some guys who are really pulling together. We're hoping we can make another good run in the ECCs and the states. You never know what you're going to run into. It's always a battle."

When he's not shouting instructions off the mat — Bowen teaches technology education, robotics, and computer drafting in middle school to seventh and eighth graders at Captain Nathan Hale School in Coventry. He's been married 34 years. He and his wife, Linda, have two grown children — a son, Kyle, who is 34, and their daughter, Kayla, 30.

Bowen never had a master plan — but a wrestler might say he made a superior decision when he accepted the coaching offer. Thirty-three years and 600 victories later — his verdict on that decision is perhaps the understatement of the last three decades of high school wrestling in Connecticut.

"It worked out kind of good," he said. "I'll just take it a year at a time. We'll see how far I go."

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Pomfret looks to identify its brand

POMFRET — Pomfret's Economic Planning and Development Commission is undertaking a branding study in conjunction with Northeast Connecticut Council of Governments (NECCOG). The initial focus group met on Jan. 30 at Pomfret Community Senior Center.

At this meeting, John Filchak Executive Director of NECCOG discussed the purpose of a branding study and the process the townspeople will be using to develop Pomfret's brand and possible subsequent marketing plan that will be used to help Pomfret grow through the coming years. The entire process should take about four months with both scheduled meetings and online surveys for members of the Pomfret community to take part in and share their ideas. This will allow for the greatest cross section of opinions to create the best possible plan for the town. For more information please refer to the town's website: pomfretct.gov or by contacting Charlie Tracy at: ctracymanagement@gmail.com, or Pomfret Town Hall at (860) 974-0191



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John Filchak, NECCOG Executive Director, addresses Pomfret citizens on Jan. 30

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New class for Putnam Wall of Honor named

PUTNAM — Putnam High School's Wall of Honor Committee has released the names of the five individuals who will make up the Class of 2019. The award honors PHS graduates or those who have provided service to the school through demonstrated spirit, leadership, high standards of citizenship and service to their community. They will be inducted on Saturday, April 27. This is the third class of inductees and includes: Steven Bousquet, class of 1964; Craig Gates '80; Harvey Grinsell '45; Kevin Kennedy '86; and Steven Townsend '71. Bousquet and Grinsell are posthumous inductions. Steve Bousquet was a four-sport athlete at Putnam High before graduating from the University of Connecticut. He

returned to the community where he established himself as a successful businessman, valuable citizen who served as alderman, received numerous honors and awards for his many achievements, contributed to many local service projects, and spearheaded many fund raising efforts. Craig Gates' numerous philanthropic efforts have flown under the radar. His love of the Putnam community has resulted in the establishment of foundations on behalf of deceased relatives, and during the Christmas season he has truly become a Secret Santa to many. Dr. Harvey Grinsell, a graduate of Tufts Medical School, touched the lives of many children during his lengthy practice in Putnam. He was

founder and director of the Day Kimball Pediatric Center, the first know hospital based program of its kind in the nation. His early intervention programs for infants and youth resulted in many meritorious awards both at the state and local levels. Gen. Kevin Kennedy is Director of Cyberspace Strategy and Policy in the office of the Secretary of the Air Force. After receiving his commission from the Air Force Academy in 1990 his experience includes service on the Joint Chiefs of Staff and the Office of the Secretary of Defense. He has logged more than 3,400 flying hours including combat missions over Afghanistan. Steve Townsend's family name adorns the Emergency Center at Day Kimball Hospital

due to a significant family contribution. More recently, he and his wife Marge have just established an annual scholarship fund at QVCC to be awarded to Putnam High School graduates. In an effort to recognize outstanding individuals who have a connection with Putnam High School and to keep alumni connected with the school and community the Putnam Board of Education formed an exploratory committee four years ago, and the result was the formation of a Wall of Honor. The board continues to support the efforts of the committee and this year the actual "Wall" will become a reality as it occupies space in the corridor adjacent to the gymnasium. This class will bring the total number of honored individuals

to 15. While choices have been difficult and tough decisions have had to be made, the committee feels that those honored to date have all proven themselves in their respective fields and their communities, and is a positive sign of the quality education that has been provided by Putnam High School through the years. Members of the Wall of Honor Committee include: Nelson King, Chair; Lee Konicki, Vice Chair; Susan Johnston, Secretary; Jeanne Benoit, Treasurer; Sandra Ames; Robert Garceau, David Gaudreau, James Gothreau; and Carrie Riendeau. Superintendent William Hull, Carrie Blackmar and Edward Perron represent the Putnam Board of Education.

Geo Bee at Woodstock Middle School

WOODSTOCK — The National Geographic Geo Bee was held at Woodstock Middle School on Jan. 29. The Geo Bee was sponsored by the Woodstock Educational Foundation for the children attending the middle school. This was the 31st year that the Geo Bee was held for students in 4th through 8th grades. Thousands of schools are competing across the United States and the five U.S. territories. Also competing are Department of Defense dependent schools for all over the world. The Champion of this year's Geo Bee, Ethan Pokorny, 8th grade, will advance to the next level of competition, a qualifying test to determine state competitors. Up to 100 of the top test scores in each state become eligible to compete in the state Geo Bee. The winners of the State Geo Bee receive an all expenses paid trip to National Geographic Headquarters in Washington D.C. next May to participate in the Geo Bee national championship. They will compete for cash prize, scholarships and an all expenses paid Lindblad expedition to the Galápagos Islands aboard the National Geographic Endeavor II.



Woodstock Middle School students, from left, Kyra Litschauer (Social Studies teacher), Harrison Durand, Owen Bland, Gavin Grant, Ethan LeBoeuf, Gabe Luperon-Flesha, Talia Tremblay, Ethan Pokorny, Nicolas Simonelli, Bailey Nordman, Campbell Favreau, Christine Carter (English teacher)



From left: Christine Carter, English Teacher, Ethan Pokorny, 1st place Kyra Litschauer Social Studies Teacher

RIGHT: From left: Gabe Luperon-Flesha, (3rd place, 6th grade) Ethan Pokorny, (1st place 8th grade) Owen Bland (2nd place, 8th grade)



School Menus

MARY FISHER ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

February 11, Monday – Hot dog OR vanilla yogurt, muffin, cheese. Oven baked potatoes, baked beans, cucumber wheels.
February 12, Tuesday – Chinese New Year! WG Mozzarella sticks OR turkey/cheese sandwich. Fortune cookie, mashed potatoes,

fresh carrots, juice.
February 13, Wednesday – Early release: ham/cheese sandwich, mayonnaise, baby carrots, Doritos, 100% juice.
February 14, Thursday – Cheese pizza OR ham/cheese sandwich. Oven baked potatoes, fresh celery & tomatoes, juice.
February 15, Friday – Crispy breaded chicken OR vanilla

yogurt, muffin, cheese stick. WG mac & cheese, seasoned broccoli.

POMFRET COMMUNITY SCHOOL

February 11, Monday – Cheese pizza slice, crispy celery sticks, crunchy baby carrots, ranch dipping sauce, assorted fruits, milk.
February 12, Tuesday – Brunch for lunch, French toast sticks, egg patty, tater tots and grape tomatoes, assorted fruits, milk. Breakfast: mini pancakes
February 13, Wednesday – Lasagna roll up, topped with meat sauce and cheese, garden salad, assorted fruits, milk. Breakfast: breakfast pastry. National Italian food day!
February 14, Thursday – Cheese quesadilla, zesty tomato salsa, sweet steamed corn, refried beans, assorted fruits, milk. Breakfast: mini waffles
February 15, Friday – Fish and chips, oven baked potato wedges, creamy coleslaw, tartar sauce, assorted fruits,

milk. Breakfast: egg and cheese. #nooneeastsaloneday

PUTNAM ELEMENTARY SCHOOL & PUTNAM MIDDLE SCHOOL

February 11, Monday – Crispy chicken sandwich, lettuce and tomato, potato smiles, veggies with hummus dip
February 12, Tuesday – WG spaghetti meatball dinner, WG garlic bread, roasted broccoli florets
February 13, Wednesday – Toasted cheese sandwich and zesty tomato soup, cheddar goldfish crackers, baby carrots with hummus
February 14, Thursday – Popcorn chicken potato bowl: crisp popcorn chicken atop of creamy mashed potatoes, chicken gravy, sweet corn, WG special valentine's treat
February 15, Friday – 1/2 day: New WG fried dough topped with marinara and shredded cheese, fresh Caesar salad, croutons and parmesan cheese

OR Big Daddy cheese pizza. Oven baked potatoes, baked beans, cucumber wheels.

February 12, Tuesday – Chinese New Year! Mozzarella sticks, dipping sauce. OR Manager's Choice. Fortune cookie, mashed potatoes, seasoned carrots.
February 13, Wednesday – Early release: Big Daddy cheese pizza, pasta salad, mixed vegetables. Alt. main: ham and cheese bulkie.
February 14, Thursday – Triple decker grilled cheese OR buffalo chicken tot bake w/ celery and ranch dressing
February 15, Friday – Crispy breaded chicken OR manager's choice. WG mac & cheese, broccoli w/cheese sauce.

WOODSTOCK PUBLIC SCHOOLS

February 11, Monday – Cheeseburger, bun, lettuce & tomato, corn, fruit, milk.
February 12, Tuesday – Meatball grinder, carrots, fruit, milk.
February 13, Wednesday – Popcorn chicken, whipped potato, broccoli, fruit, milk.
February 14, Thursday – Chicken taco, lettuce & tomato, refried beans, fruit, milk.
February 15, Friday – Pizza, cucumber cup, fruit, milk.

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Putnam Leo Club earns an award

PUTNAM — On behalf of Lions Clubs International, the Putnam Leo Club was presented a Leo Club Excellence Award for the 2017-2018 fiscal year on Jan. 28. Lion Greg King, the Lions District 23-C - Zone 8 Chairman, made the announcement and handed the award to Leo Doria Daviau, the 2017-2018 club president. Current officers on hand for the presentation included Chelsea Minaya-Torres, club president, Adriana Santos, vice president, Zachary Willard, secretary, and, Noah Tomkins, treasurer.

“The excellence award recognizes outstanding achievement in the areas of humanitarian service, fundraising, leadership, public relations and club administration. The award represents the highest distinction a Leo club can achieve,” King said.

Sponsored by the Putnam Lions Club, the Putnam Leo Club has 48 members and meets twice each month from September to June in the Pempek Memorial Conference Room at Putnam High School. Ten Lions currently serve as Leo Advisors. Young people, ages 12-18, from the Towns of Putnam, Pomfret, Thompson and Woodstock are eligible for membership. Lions clubs sponsor more than 7,100 Leo clubs in 147 countries. Information about the Putnam Leo Club is available at www.e-Leoclub-house.org/sites/putnam2/ or www.facebook.com/PutnamLeoClub.



The Putnam Leo Club recently earned an award.

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Wyndham Land Trust expands four preserves

WOODSTOCK — The Wyndham Land Trust expanded four properties in the Quiet Corner at the end of 2018, closing out one of the most productive years in their 43-year history. The Long Pond Preserve in Thompson increased to 100 acres thanks to the acquisition of 24 acres formerly owned by Scott McWilliam. The property is mostly dry ground with many very large white pine trees, and the land trust hopes the site will become a nesting site for the Bald Eagles that frequent Webster Lake. A hiking trail forms a nice loop around the northern edge of the pond. A 27 acre-parcel, formerly owned by the late Ron Blain, expands the Robbins

Preserve in Thompson along its southern boundary to 155 acres. Whip-poor-wills, an uncommon nesting bird in the state, rely on the forest in this parcel to breed each year. The property also includes undisturbed frontage on the Five Mile River.

The addition of 152 acres, situated in both Thompson and Putnam, expands the Lower Pond Preserve to 280 acres. The property was formerly owned by the Orr family. The land trust now protects the entire shoreline of Lower Pond. The new parcel contains an Atlantic white cedar swamp, white pine/oak upland forest, a grassy marshland, and a small stream. The property

holds a high concentration of endangered plants and insects associated with Atlantic white cedar swamps. Ospreys nest in the dead trees that line the swamp.

“The late Dick Booth, president of the land trust for many years, was very aware of the ecological significance of Lower Pond,” said Andy Rzeznikiewicz, who spearheaded the recent acquisition of the property. “Dick focused much of his energy on protecting the entire pond. He would be so happy to know that we have finally accomplished that goal.”

Finally, the land trust acquired an additional 18 acres from the Orr fami-

ly, which expands the Chafee Preserve in Putnam to 47 acres. The Chafee Preserve was donated to the land trust in 1977 by Joseph Chafee and was the first property protected by the land trust. The Wyndham Land Trust now protects more than 100 parcels in ten towns in Northeast Connecticut totaling over 4000 acres. The land trust can be reached by emailing info@wyndhamlandtrust.org or by calling (860) 963 2090. More information can be found at www.wyndhamlandtrust.org. You can also find the land trust on Facebook and Instagram

Arc Eastern Connecticut is bag program beneficiary

DANIELSON — The Arc Eastern Connecticut, a recent merged organization of The Arc Quinebaug Valley and The Arc New London County, is a non-profit committed to advocating for families and people with intellectual and developmental disabilities. This agency has been selected as a beneficiary of the Big Y Community Bag Program for the month of February.

The program is a reusable bag program that facilitates community support with the goal to make a difference in the communities shoppers live and work in. The program features the reusable Community Bag that allows customers to direct a donation to The Arc Eastern Connecticut.

The Arc Eastern Connecticut was selected as the February beneficiary of the program by store located in

Danielson as well as the Big Y located in Norwich. The Arc Eastern Connecticut will receive a \$1 donation every time the reusable Bag is purchased during February.

“We are overwhelmed with excitement to be selected for this community program,” said The Arc Eastern Connecticut Chief Executive Director, Kathleen Stauffer. “Having this opportunity will help spread awareness regarding the work of The Arc, as well as support our mission by continuing to make a difference in the lives of those with disabilities.”

The Arc Eastern Connecticut will be the largest affiliated chapter of The Arc in the state. For more information on this organization, please visit qvarc.org or thearcnec.org.



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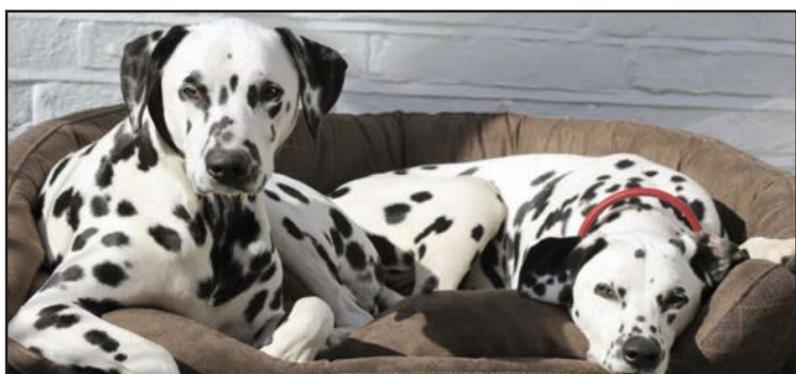
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Pass the bankie

How we react to being sick is up to us. I'm not talking about serious illness, that's a different story. I'm referring



NANCY WEISS

to the modest, runny nose, slight fever sort of malady that strikes us this time of year. Despite every type of hand sanitizer, diligent hand washing and avoiding sneezing,

coughing people, a little dose of midwinter illness lays us low.

My family included some world class complainers about health. My father, who smoked like a proverbial chimney, never ascribed any of his health problems to cigarettes. If he had a cold, it was generally the fault of someone "bringing" it to him. One could imagine a stealth pass of a pool of invisible microbes being tossed his way and collecting in his nasal passages. He would take to his bed and spend the day yelling to anyone within ear shot that he needed the hot water bottle warmed up, another round of Vicks, and, by late afternoon, a toddy made of honey, lemon, hot water and, of course, scotch.

My mother-in-law was a beautiful woman, who took great pleasure in dressing carefully and appearing in public only when fully coiffed. She was, however, constantly ill. Something was always amiss. Perhaps she had food allergies that hadn't been diagnosed or a general anxiety that transformed itself into various physical complaints. Whatever her problem, she believed that it needed to be treated immediately by a doctor. She saw a physician as often as she could. She also liked to hear about other people's problems, often recommending courses of action. Florida was Paradise for her. She lived to be 99.

When I feel sick, I align myself with a Corgi dog we owned named Toby. He was a sweet fellow with a sensitive face and an insatiable appetite. He ate anything and often paid a heavy price. Once roofers came to our house to pound glistening wood shingles into the ancient building. They brought coffee, donuts and sandwiches, which they left in the back of their trucks. Toby found all of these items delicious. Stealth was not his strong suit, but he crept into the trucks. He created a cache of paper cups under the porch and spent happy times eating every morsel and more difficult moments being sick from what he ate. He was always discreet and uncomplaining.

Crawling under a porch or a pile of warm blankets to work out one's maladies is a fine course of action in my book. It is a perfect time to retreat from the world and neither complain or blame. Catch up on reading or just stare at the ceiling and think interesting thoughts. A slight fever adds a lively touch to afternoon dreams and makes waking up just off kilter enough to inspire all sorts of ideas.

Certain famous people take health issues to the next level. I'm a fan of author E.B. White, whose stepson, Roger Angell, graduated from Pomfret School. White was a hypochondriac and believed that the slightest problem was going to lead to his death. Roger Angell thought White's drama began as a way to get attention as the youngest child in a family of six.

After one day of hanging around the house, I woke up in good spirits and good health. I stopped blaming someone at the gym for my head cold. I stopped thinking I needed to eat only chicken soup and I stopped pretending that the hot toddy I wanted was purely medicinal. A brush with midwinter illness is just what we need to be grateful for good health.

Whining About Whining

We all know them – the whiners and chronic complainers of the world. No matter how silly or temporary a problem, they have to comment and complain to anyone who will listen.

Traffic... the weather... the price of gas... the long line at the store... the price of lettuce...too much rain... not enough rain... they never seem to run out of material.

Why so much whining? What is the benefit of having such a negative outlook? And why do these constant complainers always need to share their views with others? Do they want to assure themselves that the rest of us understand just how inconvenienced they are? Do they need someone to sympathize with them and validate their concerns? Or do they just like to hear themselves talk?

The worst whiners are the ones who complain about small things they can actually change, if they really want to. But they seem to cling as hard to the thing they complain about as much as they want to be rid of it.

Obviously it's not easy to find a new job, or a new place to live, or a better car. Those things don't happen simply because one wishes they would. And many people do not have the means or support or privilege to achieve them. All of this is understood. Those problems are tough to deal with and not easily solved.

But what about the person who chronically complains about the drive-thru service at a fast food place, yet never parks and goes inside? Or tries another restaurant? What about that co-worker who talks incessantly about how bad the office coffee is, but never brings her own? And the guy who likes to make sure everyone in line knows that his time is precious and he just can't be late to his meeting – couldn't he have left earlier? Couldn't he come back later? Those are small solutions to small issues, yet the whiners seem to relish the pain without fixing the problem.

So we let them whine, and maybe as a kindness, acknowledge their problem and sympathize. If all they need or want is a listening ear, even for five minutes in line at the grocery store, let's give it to them.

If someone listens, at least that's one less thing for them to whine about.

From the Publisher

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Who's in for term limits?

I've finally had enough. Watching our egotistical, overpaid politicians continue to squabble like children, while getting absolutely nothing done has finally set me over the edge. Nothing gets accomplished, only reelection campaigns with empty promises, followed by years of political gridlock. We can no longer accept this, it's high time that we all unite together to do something about it. Term limits. We need a grassroots effort to insure our future, by taking care of this problem at its root cause. The political structure of our country needs to transform from career politicians, lobbyists, pacs, etc. to leaders who will represent our interests fairly, free from the money and power that corrupts them. No more life-long pensions, free health care, short work weeks. In addition, we must insure that they work across the aisle and hold them directly accountable for inaction; after all it is our money that they continue to waste. No balanced budget, they're out. Government shutdown, no pay. The needs of the country must be first and

foremost put ahead of reelection desires. Major issues facing our country such as universal health care, or needless involvements in useless wars must be put before the people of this great country. The people who pay the bill in this country have no say anymore, while these squabbling egomaniacs do nothing to fix our broken immigration system, spirally deficits, failing schools and declining infrastructure. Put your partisan politics aside, and throw the bums out. We must take our nation back and once again make our voices heard. The political hierarchy will not like this, but who cares. It's time that we demand accountability from our national leaders, state representatives and stop listening to a corrupt media that distorts the entire narrative. Maybe we are at fault for allowing this to go on as long as we have, but it not too late to start a national movement for term limits. Who's in?

SCOTT TETREAULT
BROOKLYN

Garbage clutters our roads

Our roads "show off" our town – or they should! I don't remember our roads being so cluttered with garbage as they are this year. Maybe it's 'cause there is no snow to hide the debris; yet I just can't believe folks can throw non-biodegradable stuff out. In my area alone, along a span of 200 there are more than 10 plastic Dunkin Donut cold coffee containers with their tops and straws! Along another area on a well-traveled road are bags of used diapers – six or more! – not to mention "nips" by the dozen; garbage bags that have fallen out of trucks going to the landfill – get

the picture?

Why? We get all involved with "causes" but we can't take care of our local area – or folks going to and fro to their jobs and use the roadside as a garbage dump?! How about a little garbage bag in your vehicle? And then empty that into your garbage bag at home?

Please folks – think of our environment – our neighborhoods! At least clean up your property borders for a start! Thanks so much.

SUE WHEELER
NORTH GROSVENORDALE

Thanks to Thompson Fire and Rescue

Just wanted to say thank you to the Thompson Fire and Rescue that responded to a call in Thompson Friday morning around 10am, to rescue a donkey. Because of all your help, Daisy Mae Donkey is doing well.

Thanks again.

JANET SITKO
THOMPSON

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Don't pit cities against our towns



GUEST COLUMN

PAT BOYD

Over 3,000 bills are currently being proposed in the Connecticut General Assembly; just around 200 bills will have final action taken on them by the time we adjourn in June. Any legislator can propose any bill and it gets referred to a committee where most bills die.

Two recently proposed bills SB 454 and SB 431 have stuck out to me. Both were proposed by Senator Martin Looney (D-New Haven), who also serves as the President Pro-Tempore of the State Senate. These bills, if enacted, radically change how towns and schools are funded in Connecticut and the changes are not to the advantage of small towns.

To give some context, I represent five rural towns in Northeastern Connecticut, including the smallest municipality in the state, the town of Union, which has a population of 854. The largest town I represent is Brooklyn, ranked as the 108th (out of 169) largest town in the state.

Our urban centers are the largest municipalities in the state and have real problems and tremendous poverty, whereas Connecticut's suburbs are some of the wealthiest communities in the state. Senator Looney's idea is that lower property taxes on higher property values in suburbia can be equalized with the high taxes and low property values combined with a lack of wealth in the cities in order to provide more resources to invest in our urban areas. Senator Looney is proposing

a concept to improve the quality of life in New Haven, I get it. I am also acknowledging that the issues facing our urban centers are real and we need our cities to be healthy for our state to be prosperous. However, rural Connecticut is not in the equation and is constantly being lumped in by some as having the same characteristics as a suburb. Eastford is not Norwalk, Woodstock is not Greenwich.

Windham County is the poorest county in the state of Connecticut. Urban poverty is different from rural poverty and outside of charity and our non-profits, we do not have a plan to deal with it. We have a problem with homelessness, and I sit on a committee that meets once a month at TEEG, one of our non-profits, and we sit around the table spinning our wheels on how to end homelessness with virtually no resources. I could go on and on, but the bottom line is that rural towns run lean municipal budgets and cover basic government services and education. Towns plow and fix the roads and also operate a school. There is no town-provided water service, limited-to-no town-provided sewer service, no trash pickup, a regional state police troop, volunteer fire departments, and a relatively sparse commercial footprint.

We cannot afford to simply repeal the municipal car tax and replace it with a statewide tax that is distributed elsewhere and create a one mill increase on your residence that goes to the state. It would simply fall back to the homeowner to pay more and it will not go to local services. The towns I represent would not be able to function independently under this proposed system, period. Connecticut is a home rule state, meaning that the General Assembly has incorporated towns/cities, most of them founded in the 1700s, and have given them the authority to manage their own affairs. I would much rather have had the debate be genuine over repealing "Home Rule"

than dismantling small towns by suffocating them financially.

Lastly, forcing the consolidation of school districts which currently have less than 40,000 students, as suggested in SB 454, is simply untenable. This bill would set up regional districts that mirror probate districts. So basically, a student who lives in Ashford could potentially attend school in Thompson, which is roughly 22 miles or 30 minutes in a straight shot, not counting stopping, to pick up students. This is ridiculous and no parent, educator or legislator thinks that is a good idea for a first grader. This is an extreme example but still a possibility under this proposed legislation.

Small rural towns have looked to regionalism to more efficiently use the taxpayer's dollar. Towns in the 50th district operate, in effect, a regional high school in Woodstock Academy, Regional 911 Dispatch, Regional Paramedic Service, Regional Health District, Regional Animal Services, Regional Engineering and Planning Services, Regional Veterans Services, share heavy equipment, and many more examples of towns helping each other. These decisions were all voluntary and were made on the local level.

It could be said that Senator Looney, while proposing these bills, is merely representing the needs of his constituents. However as the President Pro Tem of the Senate, the top leader in that chamber he has failed to look at the big picture and suggest a public policy that does not pit residents in one part of the State against residents in another. Yes, we need to make our cities stable, but it cannot be at the expense of rural small town Connecticut.

State Representative Pat Boyd represents the towns of Brooklyn, Eastford, Pomfret, Union and Woodstock, composing the 50th district of the Connecticut General Assembly. He lives in Pomfret.

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Seven tax resolutions for 2019



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If you are thinking about tax season already, you are not the only one. Tax efficiency is a part of any investment strategy and it is important to consider how it will fit into your strategic financial picture. This, along with recent tax filing changes due to the Tax Cut & Jobs Act (2017), may necessitate some extra planning. Our unique and strategic process considers your specific circumstances and builds a plan to help you achieve your financial goals with the end goal in mind: "Living Well."

Whether you have thought about it yet or not, follow along for the month of February to hear tax tips to help you Plan Well. Invest Well. Live Well.

If you're making New Year's resolutions, here's one for the top of your list: I won't complain about a surprise tax bill or lower refund if I neglected to check my withholding.

The 2017 tax overhaul made major changes to the code, such as limiting the deduction for state and local taxes and greatly expanding the tax credit for children under 17. The Treasury Department

required employers and pension payers to lower withholding for 2018. This change allowed taxpayers to get the benefits of lower rates right away.

The problem here is that the broad-brush withholding changes don't accurately reflect each individual's situation. Some people who have counted on a large tax refund in the past to pay bills for holiday spending or big-ticket items will find they won't get one.

After the changes, the Internal Revenue Service posted a calculator to help people fine-tune their withholding or estimated taxes. But only a few million filers have used it, and more than 150 million individual returns are expected for 2018.

I will resist the urge to panic about the new limit on state and local tax, or SALT, deductions.: The tax overhaul capped SALT deductions at \$10,000 per return, and the limit applies both to single and married joint filers.

This is a radical change, but it won't boost taxes for many filers as much as they fear. That's because under prior law the alternative minimum tax, or AMT, often eroded or erased the value of SALT deductions for taxpayers earning between about \$200,000 and \$500,000.

As a result, says economist Joe Rosenberg of the Tax Policy Center, the new SALT cap is likely to affect two

other groups most. They are filers earning less than about \$200,000 who took SALT deductions in the past but weren't subject to AMT, and high earners making about \$750,000 or more who weren't subject to AMT in the past and got more value for their SALT write-offs.

I will check for errors on tax forms when they arrive: Employers typically mail or post W-2 wage forms by the end of January. The 1099 forms reporting interest, investment income and miscellaneous income often arrive later, and sometimes they're corrected after that.

Do yourself a favor: Check the forms right away to make sure they're correct—especially basic information such as ID numbers. If there's a mistake, you'll have time to get a corrected form and bypass painful back-and-forth with the IRS.

I won't bring my tax preparer a shoebox full of unsorted records on April 10: If you do, you'll likely be charged a higher fee or even turned away. Tax preparers often say they'd rather work on a partial file sooner than a complete file later.

Another preparer pet peeve is conflicting records, such as providing one total for repairs to rental property plus a list of the repairs that adds up to a different number. Finally, don't call after the return has been filed and say, "I just found one more donation for \$50. Can you get

that in?" That would mean filing an amended return.

I will be vigilant about tax security: Tax-related phishing scams reported to the IRS surged 60% in 2018 after declining for three years. Attempts are mostly via phone scams and email, and some of them are clever.

The IRS doesn't send out unsolicited emails or ask people for PINs, passwords, or similar information for credit-card, bank or other accounts. Also, the IRS won't demand credit- or debit-card numbers over the phone or threaten to have you arrested by local police, according to a spokesman for the agency.

I will understand the taxes on investments before I buy in: If you put that mutual fund with a winning streak in a taxable account rather than a tax-sheltered retirement account, you could wind up owing unexpected tax bills.

Those gold coins you're eyeing? They're "collectibles," and long-term capital gains are taxed at a top rate of 31.8% versus 23.8% for stock, according to Troy Lewis, a CPA practicing in Draper, Utah.

I won't blame the IRS for tax problems that are Congress's fault: People forget that the folks on Capitol Hill make the law; the IRS's job is to interpret and enforce it.

Are you mad that the tax code is so complex? Or that now you can't deduct

the cost of taking a client to a ballgame? Or that it's hard to get an IRS employee on the phone? If so, vent at Congress. Lawmakers pile provision on provision and slash or add tax breaks.

Plan, invest, live well: Hopefully you are sticking to the resolutions you made in the beginning of the year. How is the progress going? Remember that reviewing your goals is a necessary step to achieve them. As tax season approaches, you also want to stick to what you said to make it an easier experience. Visit www.whzwealth.com/resources to view an exclusive checklist on choosing an accountant.

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Can I Ever Just Get What I Went For?



**RED'S
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**BRENDA
PONTBRIAND**

Sean and I had just woken up, and decided to head out for Sunday morning breakfast, then planned to run some errands. I went to put my favorite weekend-jeans on, only to find the seat had a big rip. "When did this happen, and how long have I been unknowingly running around with a big hole in my pants?" I asked Sean. He answered over his shoulder, "I didn't notice," not bothering to look at the five-inch hole in the butt of my jeans. Then he put on his t-shirt with the rip in the armpit, and buttoned up his flannel with the torn pocket.

No shock there. Last time I folded his laundry; I tossed out seven ripped socks and an underwear waistband (That's all that was left of them). It doesn't faze him to don beat up clothing. He has jean pockets that are so worn; his wallet is going to bye-bye one of these days.

I have a friend Dino who doesn't own a single shirt with sleeves; he deliberately rips all of them off. I don't know if it's a Larry the Cable Guy tribute or if he just doesn't like sleeves. Absolutely madness I tell you! I pop a button and won't wear the clothing until I fix it.

So, after breakfast we set out on a screws, bolts, and jeans quest. Sean has been rebuilding his 1975 Harley Davidson Shovelhead so parts are very difficult to find. We went to three different stores trying to find particular bolts he needed! We finally ended up at Runnings, where they

happen to carry what he needed. "They have jeans here you can look through," he said, before heading off into the hardware section, leaving me to wander around the ladies section. I started picking through the racks of jeans determined to replace my holy favorites, when I looked up and saw them... Seeds! I raced over to the racks of perennial and vegetable seeds, ignoring my inner voice that said, "You came here for pants not plants". Before I knew it I had seven packs of seeds in my hand. "Well I can't very well buy the seeds and not pick up the little greenhouse kits so I can start these babies indoors." So I grabbed two greenhouse kits...and a new plant light. I haven't been able to find my old one since we moved into the house three years ago. Oh and, don't forget a bag of seed starter soil with peat moss, perlite, and vermiculite in it.

Arms laden with gardening supplies, I turned to leave the aisle, and there was Sean standing there watching me. "Nice jeans" he said. "Well I saw the seeds and, I kind of lost control after that" I replied sheepishly. "So you can work on your indoor garden but you have no pants," he retorted. "Maybe you can sew all the empty seed packages together and, make a pair." So I spent the rest of Saturday in the basement, lovingly planting sixty little green children and, setting up their nursery light.... and I still have no jeans.

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Staying warm in the colonial era

I'm looking out at a high blue sky and smoky shadows from the trees criss-crossing the coating of snow and ice. It is beautiful — but it is cold! I think I'm ready to tuck my toes under a blanket as I write. At least I am not have the frigid, polar vortex temperatures that my relatives did in Illinois. My brother, who lives near Chicago had minus 25 on January 31. My younger son Gabriel Weaver, who works for the University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign had minus 15. Channel 3 was reporting people in Northwestern Connecticut who reached minus 20. My old house was in the fifties. Brr! Anyway, the temperatures gave me the topic for this column.

The earliest reference that I have for weather in Eastern Connecticut is the Diary of Joshua Hempstead of New London, Connecticut, published by the New London County Historical Society, which spans the years 1711 to 1758. Three hundred years ago, at the end of January and beginning of February 1719, Joshua made a number of entries that provide clues to the weather that winter. "Tuesday, January 27. Snow toward night. Wednesday, fair; Thursday, fair; Friday, it rained Smartly most of the day. Saturday, 31st, fair and moderate. (That day he went to the mill and was in town). Sunday, February 1, fair; Monday, fair and cold; Tuesday, fair; Wednesday, lowering and some snow. That day he "went to Mohegan to the Court at Bradford's

and to Norwich at night. Lodged with Cousen (sic) Wm Hides... (Hempstead was at Court several days) Fryd, 6th Snowy and Cold; Saturday 7th a Pleasant day."

New London County historian Frances Manwaring Caulkins wrote of Hempstead in the introduction to the diary that he was a remarkable man and the "diversity of his occupations marks a custom of the day; he was at once farmer, surveyor, house and ship carpenter, attorney, stonecutter*, sailor and trader. He generally held three or four town offices: was justice o the peace, judge of probate, executor of various wills, overseer to widows, guardian to orphans, member of all committees... Of the Winthrop family he was a friend and confidential agent, managing their business concerns whenever the head of the family was absent." (*Hempstead was known to have carved tombstone inscriptions).

Another diary that I have access to is that of Dr. Edwin A. Hill of East Killingly. January and February entries for 1869 give a glimpse into Killingly's weather that winter. Saturday, January 9. "Cloudy, warm, and muddy. Monday, Jan. 11, Cloudy a.m. and p.m. Rainy evening with snow and sleet. The weather didn't deter Hill and his family from going to town that evening. "Went with Sarah (wife) and Charles (son) to Danielsonville to hear Petroleum V. Nasby and his popular lecture 'Cursed be



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**MARGARET
WEAVER**

Canaan'. Tuesday, Jan. 12. Went fishing in the forenoon in Eddy Reservoir. (He did again on Saturday and "went up with him and skated"). Sun., Jan. 24, Pleasant and warm all day. (There are no entries for early February and few for the month). Saturday, Feb. 13, Pleasant all day. Very muddy. (The Diaries of Dr. Hill 1851-1896, edited and researched by Marcella Houle Pasay).

I live in an old center chimney colonial with five (non-working) fireplaces. While shivering during my many tasks that I could not do under the covers, I was wondering what it must have been like to live in this house in the 1700's. I found the following article quite interesting. "Keeping Warm in the Winter" by Tom Kernan.

"During colonial times, one of the most daunting tasks people faced was trying to stay warm during the cold winter months. Although cast iron wood stoves existed in colonial America, they were generally rare in many households. Settlers in upstate New York typically heated their rooms with fireplaces that, during the

coldest winter months, at times would not even bring the room temperature above freezing. Warren Johnson, while visiting his brother Sir William Johnson at Johnson Hall in Johnstown, N.Y., wrote in his journal: 'December the 28th, 1760. It was so cold as to freeze almost

anything even by the fire's side: The frost is soe intense, that if

you walk in leather shoes & gloves, you are frostbitten.' 'January 11, 1761. That strong Punch in 20 Minutes, is covered

with a Scum of Ice, & Ink on a Table is frozen, before the fire.'

'January 24-25, 1761. The weather soe cold that handling Brass,

or Iron leaves A Blister on the fingers & in Bed People are cold

even with ten blankets on.' "Therefore, it was important to have certain implements in the house to help

[people] stay warm during winter. One of those items was a bed warmer.

A bed warmer is a brass pan and lid attached to a long wooden handle.

By filling the pan with hot embers and running the pan under the covers, colonials could warm up their beds before getting in. Another similar item

was the foot warmer. A small box made of either brass, wood and tin

or just wood with a tin pan inside, it too was filled with hot embers and placed at the feet to keep

one's toes warm. To keep your food warm while eating, hot plates were used. These are deep hollow plates usually made of

pewter or ceramic filled with steaming hot water. To keep the body warm,

people dressed in layers of thick wool clothing starting with long underwear,

which stayed on the body until the weather warmed up in the spring."

(<http://www.doe.mass.edu/mcas/pdf/2017/EL312611RP.pdf>). In historical fiction novels I recall hearing of people heating bricks and wrapping them in cloth to either put in their beds or their sleighs.

I heard that both ground-hogs predicted an early spring. Wouldn't that be a welcome relief! Time will tell.

Feel free to write or email me or call the Killingly Historical and Genealogical Center if you would like to share winter memories from years gone by.

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College news

The following local students have earned academic recognition for the 2018 fall semester at their respective colleges or universities.

MANCHESTER, N.H. — Hayley Schnatter of Danielson has made the Dean's List at Southern New Hampshire University.

BOSTON —Northeastern University Dean's List: Brooklyn resident Shelby Fundin.

TUSCALOOSA, Ala. — Jacob Thomas Antos of North Grosvenordale was named to the University of Alabama Dean's List.

NEWTON, Mass. —Lasell College Dean's List: Evan Tremblay of Woodstock; Timothy Germano of N. Grosvenordale; Julia Pezzano of Thompson; Julia DiNoia of Thompson

CANTON, Mo. —Culver-Stockton College Dean's List: Luke Keller, Woodstock Valley.

NEWARK, Del. —University of Delaware Dean's List: Nicholas Kowalchuk of Pomfret Center; Denali

Johns of Woodstock.
WILLIMANTIC — Eastern Connecticut State University Dean's List:

Reinert Angle '19 of Brooklyn, Jaycen Bizzle '20 of Dayville, Zachary Capron '22 of Dayville, Maxwell Chace '21 of Brooklyn, Analia Correa '19 of Danielson, Ijah Culbert '19 of Danielson, Mia D'Amico '20 of Brooklyn, Cathleen Dunlop '19 of Brooklyn, Shelby Eccleston '19 of Brooklyn, Martha Ennis '19 of Brooklyn, Andrew Ferguson '19 of Danielson, Allie Geilich '21 of Danielson, Morgan Harriott '21 of Danielson, Julianne Harris '18 of Danielson, Robert John '19 of Woodstock Valley, Margalit Kaufman '20 of Woodstock Valley, Timothy Matson '20 of Brooklyn, Courtney Olivo '19 of Danielson, Devon Parker '20 of Danielson, Abigail Roberts '20 of Danielson, Ivy Roy '20 of Brooklyn,

Cameron Schultz '20 of Brooklyn, Anna Whalon '21 of Danielson, Mary Wilterdink '19 of Brooklyn, Hannah Bowen '21 of Putnam, Zachary Cutler '21 of Putnam, Kaitlin Fafard '20 of Putnam, Shannon Fagan '20 of Putnam, Adam Greczkowski '19 of Putnam, Timothy Chisholm '19 of North Grosvenordale, Haylee Olson '19 of Thompson, Alex Rooney '22 of North Grosvenordale, Julie Szamocki '19 of Thompson, Kennedy Brown '22 of Woodstock, Timothy Chisholm '19 of North Grosvenordale, Tyler Clough '19 of Woodstock, Analia Correa '19 of Danielson, Ijah Culbert '19 of Danielson, Christopher Eber '20 of Pomfret Center, Andrew Ferguson '19 of Danielson, Allie Geilich '21 of Danielson, Morgan Harriott '21 of Danielson, Julianne Harris '18 of Danielson, Allen Horn '21 of Pomfret Center, Robert John '19 of Woodstock Valley,

Robert Johnson '20 of Eastford, Margalit Kaufman '20 of Woodstock Valley, Emma Kellermann '21 of Eastford, Mikko Koivisto '20 of Pomfret Center, Emily Lajoie '19 of Woodstock, Tristan Menard '21 of Woodstock, Courtney Olivo '19 of Danielson, Jacquelyn Orlovski '19 of Woodstock, Devon Parker '20 of Danielson, Brooke Peyton '19 of Pomfret Center, Jacqueline Pillo '19 of Woodstock, Leeann Rauls '20 of Woodstock, Abigail Roberts '20 of Danielson, Alex Rooney '22 of North Grosvenordale, Cameron Saracina '21 of Woodstock, Hailey Schofield '22 of Woodstock, Sothea Semmelrock '19 of Pomfret Center, Daniel Simpson '20 of Eastford, Meaghan Strange '19 of Woodstock, Ryan Strange '19 of Woodstock, Anna Whalon '21 of Danielson

Quinebaug Middle College honor roll

DANIELSON — The Quinebaug Middle College honor roll is as follows.
High Honors:
Montana Cook
Maxwell Dionne
Sarah Greenhalgh
Caleb Hogue
Elianna Jimenez Vargas
Nakari Madison
Yasuri Mendez-Hernandez
Casey Millette

Michael Morin
Natalia Reali
Anika Richardson
Isabelle Shead
Honors:
Mandi Beckman
Katerina Belanger
Francesca Biros
Gabrielle Breault
Gabriel Brisson
Alexander Cady
Antonio Carver

Isabela Carver
Shilo Davis-Deer
Alecia Dexter
Emma Dio
Zia Donais
Lillian Freitag
Melinda Giacobbe
Jacob Haugland
Megan Howard
Alicia Jimenez Vargas
Amia Jolie
Peter Kozlowski

Emma LaLumiere
Hallie LaLumiere
Amber Lumbra
Michael Miller
Harrison Moss
Ariana Moulton
John Nash
Jordan Nye
Jennifer Oldroyd
Ariel Ortiz
Jolin Pan
Laura Pudvah

Drew Rivard
Michelle Ryan
Emma Silva
Jack Smith
Luke Steendam
Joshua Tirrell
Lashua Wajer
Bree Weaver
Christina Wynkoop

PSA HIGH HONOR ROLL

Courtesy photo

PUTNAM — The following students earned recognition on Putnam Science Academy's High Honor Roll. Front Row: Breanna Mead, Alex Huchins, Darryl Simmons, Damoni Tucker, Lucie Castagne, Helena Delaruelle, Trinasia Kennedy, Zharria Wilcox, Anna Doroshenko, Michael Kutsanzira, Cristian Mateo, Maya Lidonde, Niya Fields, Fatima Lee, Cindy Xu. Middle Row: Dr. Tiejqiang Ding (President), Amaya Santiago, Marigona Bacaliu, Alvaro Redondo, Jorge Mendo, John You, Maximilian Armstead, Zach Boulay, Izan Garcia, Aidan Muller, Josue De Leon, Nicolas Bregeon, Zoe Furman-Cox, Ariana Koivisto, Abdul Seck, Justin Rodriguez, Augustine Boadi, Mr. Donald Cushing (Headmaster). Back Row: Tristan Erispe, Dillon Hod, Xianna Josephs, Abigail Robinson, Alpha Diallo, Tyson Etienne, John Buggs, Charles Pride, Aboubacar Dibassy, Elliott Germond, Anco Veiga, Daniel Porcic, Nathaniel Stokes. Not pictured. Aaliyah Brittan



PSA HONOR ROLL

Courtesy photo

PUTNAM — The following students earned recognition on Putnam Science Academy's Honor Roll: Front Row: Felipe Luis, Michael Phav, Romulo Pinheiro, Leandro Ribeiro, Paulo Carvalho, Travis Mangual, Jerry Lin, Alejandro Roman, Edgar Gonzales, Mia Garcia, Elisha Clinkscale, Joseph Pezzano. Back Row: Dr. Tiejqiang Ding (President), Russel Tchewa, Hassan Diarra, Lucius Brittan, Pulin Guo, Jaiden Rivera, Kareem Reid, DeMarr Langford, Tyler Henry, Jenluis Henriquez, Marty Silvera, Mohamed Sylla, Mr. Donald Cushing (Headmaster)



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Special Olympics dinner dance set

BY OLIVIA RICHMAN
NEWS STAFF WRITER

THOMPSON — Dance the night away for a good cause at the Quinebaug Valley Special Olympics' Dinner Dance Fundraiser on Feb. 16. From 6 p.m. to 7 p.m. at the Valley Springs Sports Club in North Grosvenordale enjoy a lasagna dinner. Dancing will follow. There will also be raffles and prizes.

"This is a popular fundraiser of ours," said local coordinator Geri White. "It's a fundraiser, but it's just a fun night out. Our folks love to dance."

There are currently 300 people involved with the QV Special Olympics.

"It provides our members with a great quality of life experience. It's something to look forward to in their life," White

said.

While the Special Olympics provides sports all year long, like bowling, soccer, swimming, cycling and their popular Spirit Squad, it's also a chance for people with disabilities to socialize with other people. Members also gain confidence and priceless experiences through various programs the Special Olympics offers.

One participant she knows has learned how to be a public speaker, from writing speeches to delivering them. She travels to events and represents the Special Olympics and herself.

"The Special Olympics changes lives, whether you're an athlete, partner or volunteer," said White. "I might get as much out of it as the folks who participate. I get

so much out of it. It's just a great way to give back and feel good. This is a major part of my life and I'm very passionate about it."

Having a brother with down syndrome, it's always been an area of passion for White. She majored in special education later down the road.

When she went to a Special Olympics event in New York in 1969, and saw how much it meant to the people involved back then, she knew she wanted to be involved.

White started the Windham Special Olympics program 40 years ago, and now she's involved with the QV Special Olympics as well.

The dinner will be one of many fundraisers held throughout the year that

benefit the QV Special Olympics.

"If you like to dance and laugh, come and join us," said White.

Tickets are \$12 per person, and will benefit the QV Special Olympics. The QV Special Olympics are a non-profit, all volunteer program that run year-round sports and recreation activities and competitions. The money raised at this fundraiser will go towards equipment and transportation, as well as many other expenses involved. If you would like more information, or are interested in buying tickets, contact (860) 377-4103.

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Five named to Wall of Honor

BY OLIVIA RICHMAN
NEWS STAFF WRITER

PUTNAM — Putnam High School's Wall of Honor Committee has revealed the names of the five accomplished individuals who will make up the Class of 2019. This Wall of Honor recognizes PHS graduates who have proven successful in their chosen fields after graduation, or have made a difference within their community through spirit, leadership and service.

"I think it shows what Putnam High School is all about. It shows that the education they received at the school helped them be successful in their chosen path," said the committee's Chair, Nelson King. "That's what the

board had in mind when they came up with this idea."

The individuals receiving the honor this year are Steven Bousquet, class of 1964, Craig Gates of '80, Harvey Grinsell, class of '45, and Steven Townsend, who graduated in 1971.

Bousquet was a Putnam High star athlete who went on to serve as alderman, spearheading many fundraisers for the community and contributing to local service projects. Gates has established foundations in Putnam. Grinsell was the founder and director of Day Kimball Hospital's pediatric center, "the first known hospital based program of its kind in the nation. Kennedy logged more than 3,400 flying hours, including combat missions over

Afghanistan, during his time on the Air Force. He also served on the Joint Chiefs of Staff and the Office of Secretary of Defense.

They will be inducted on Saturday, April 27, a ceremony open to the public. Townsend recently established scholarships for Putnam High graduates.

The ceremony to follow is also a way to bring people back to the school and see what has changed since they graduated. The high school recently went through a major renovation.

"Many communities have established halls of fame, which look towards the accomplishments of athletes while they are at the school," said King. "The difference is that this wall is

about what they did with the education once they left."

Nominees must have graduated more than five years ago.

The current inductees are the committee's third class. The Board of Education started the committee four years ago as a way to recognize alumni.

The community has been very supportive of the idea. They currently have over 40 nominations total between the three years, which they will consider next year, along with any new nominations they receive this fall.

While some nominees have been locally famous individuals, like a former governor, and author Gertrude Warner, some are people the board has never heard of. It often leaves them

pleasantly surprised at what PHS graduates are capable of and how much they care for their communities.

"I'm a graduate of Putnam High School and a former principal," said King. "Even though I now live one town over, I still have a high regard for whatever Putnam High School did for me and continues to do for current students. I care about the school and the community."

For more information, contact King at 860-774-4049.

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Day Kimball Valentine's Dance

The Woman's Board of Day Kimball Hospital held its annual Valentine's Dance on Saturday, Feb. 2 at the Stonehurst At Hampton Valley in Hampton. This year the long-standing organization partnered with Day Kimball Hospital to kick off the start of both group's 125th anniversary serving the community as well as introduce the Woman's Board new \$200,000 pledge initiative to redo 14 birthing rooms in the hospital's Burdick Birthing Center.

The inspiration of two sisters, Misses Elizabeth and Gertrude Vinton, wanting to start a local care facility for the sick, Day Kimball Hospital of Windham County opened its doors in Putnam on September 1, 1894. Funds to start the hospital came from Mrs. Moses Day Kimball of Boston who donated \$5,000 for the construction of the original infirmary building, with a request that the institution be named in honor of her recently deceased son, Moses Day Kimball.

Other Kimball family members pledged an additional \$4,000 to the cause, and com-



Courtesy photo

Day Kimball Hospital's Woman's Board.

munity members added another \$1,000. With \$10,000 total donations in hand, Day Kimball Hospital was born. The Woman's Board of Day Kimball Hospital, then known as The Woman's Aid Society was also established at the same time.

The success of the dance came as a result of a coordinated effort between a committee of Woman's Board members, led by Linnea Sarantopolous and Arlene Baril, under the direction of current President, Nancy Dziki, working in conjunction with Director Kirsten Willis and her staff from Day Kimball's

Development Office. The dinner and dance event had over 300 guests in attendance showing support for the woman's group and hospital that has served it's community for 125 years.

Those interested in making a contribution to The Burdick Birthing Center initiative, please send your tax-deductible donation to: The Woman's Board of Day Kimball Hospital, Attn: Kim LeCuyer: Treasurer, 320 Pomfret Street, Putnam, Connecticut 06260 or by contacting incoming Woman's Board President, Valentine Iamartino at (860)-428-1290.

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BROOKLYN

Monday, Jan. 28

Patrick Bernardo, 35, of 559 Canterbury Road, Brooklyn, was charged with disorderly conduct, interfering with an emergency call and threatening

Thursday, Jan. 31

Gary Oliver Girardin, 42, of 250 Rukstella Road, Brooklyn, was charged with larceny

DANIELSON

Monday, Jan. 28

Christian Deslauriers, 21, of 52 Academy Street #C, Danielson, was charged with a warrant

Saturday, Feb. 2

Ralph Pierce, 37, of 148 Furnace Street, Killingly, was charged with violation of a standing criminal protective

order
Wesley Cyr, 29, of 281 Bailey Hill Road, Killingly, was charged with risk of injury to a child and disorderly conduct

PUTNAM

Wednesday, Jan. 30

Gary Beausoleil, 62, of 79 Munyan Road, Putnam, was charged with disorderly conduct

Saturday, Feb. 2

David Nelson, 58, of 794 Five Mile River Road, East Putnam, was charged with a warrant

THOMPSON

Monday, Jan. 28

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Pomfret School exhibit at gallery in Putnam

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Olivia Richman photos



Painting and Drawing class’ collection.



A painting by Preston Pagli.



Historical photos throughout the exhibit showcase Pomfret School’s long-lasting passion for sports.



“Silhouettes and Sports,” by Dylan Weichselbaumer.

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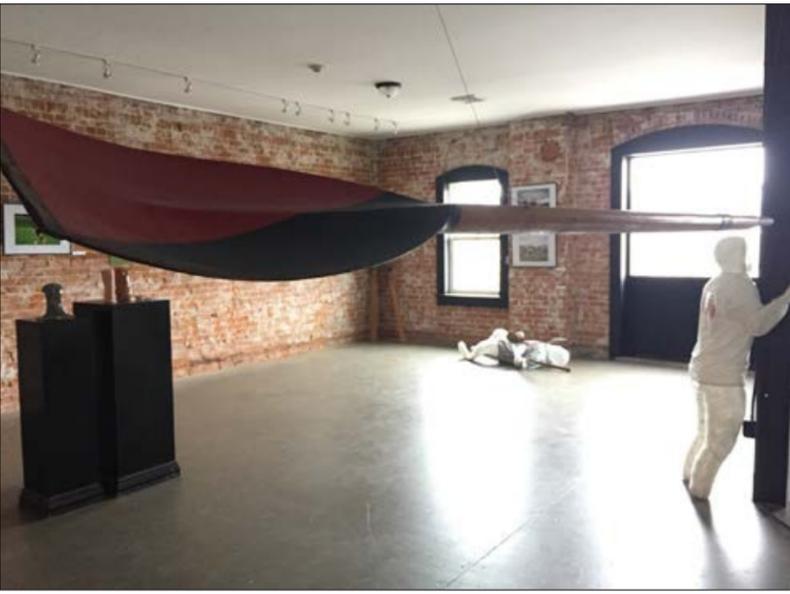
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"Go Griffins Go" is an exhibit in downtown Putnam that shows off Pomfret School's passion for art and sports.



An emotional sports photograph by Anya Button.



Vintage sports equipment was on display.



A sculpture by Emma Aldenburg shows off an old Pomfret School jersey.



A vintage sports jersey from Pomfret School.

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Anderson tops 1,000 as Centaurs beat Redmen



Charlie Lentz photo

Woodstock Academy’s Chase Anderson fires a jumper against Killingly High last Saturday, Feb. 2, in Dayville.

BY CHARLIE LENTZ
VILLAGER EDITOR

WOODSTOCK — Chase Anderson can tell you exactly where he was on March 14, 2014. Just a seventh grader, he was sitting in the bleachers in Windsor High School’s gymnasium, rooting for Woodstock Academy in the quarterfinals of the Class L state tournament. On that Friday five years ago in a jam-packed gym, Anderson watched Centaurs senior guard Chris Lowry score 19 points as Woodstock fell to Windsor 77-64 — the last game of Lowry’s high-school career. It was a bittersweet ending for Lowry because his effort pushed him past 1,000 career points, he finished with 1,004. Anderson never forgot.

“I was at the game when he hit it. It was just such a special moment,” Anderson said. “I just dreamed of it ever since. It was obviously a cool environment.”

That seventh grader imagined a faraway day when he’d join Lowry in the Centaurs pantheon of 1,000-point scorers. Last Saturday at Killingly High School — Woodstock’s 6-foot-2 senior guard proved dreams can come true — provided you mix them with hard work and a deadly jump shot.

Anderson poured in a game-high 31 points including a trio of three-pointers in the Centaurs 67-50 victory over Killingly on Feb. 2 — reaching the 1,000-point plateau on a bucket from close range with 3:39 left in the third quarter. He exited Killingly High with 1,011 points and counting.

He played sparingly on Woodstock’s varsity as a fresh-

man and his father — Otto Anderson — used to needle him about his chances of reaching the milestone.

“I barely saw any varsity time my freshman year. Even my Dad, remembering, he might have said it jokingly, but he was like ‘You’ll never get to a thousand, you don’t have enough time,’” Anderson said. “All love to him but I just would play every day.”

Son was determined to disprove father’s theory — he balanced the equation with hard work.

“I just put my head down, grinded in the gym, and it just came as time went on,” Anderson said.

The achievement was the end product of a long journey for the basketball lifer.

“Ever since I was walking. I have a picture from when I was eight months old, standing — just a ball in my hand and an old Michael Jordan jersey on, from the Bulls,” Anderson said.

The victory over Killingly High was a big one for Woodstock Academy last Saturday, lifting the Centaurs record to 7-7. After getting the win over the Redmen, Woodstock needed just one more victory to gain the required eight victories needed to guarantee a berth in the Division 4 state tournament.

“It’s nice to get here and play one of our rivals on their court and walk out with a ‘W’. The guys fought hard,” said Woodstock coach Marty Hart. “We hope we can start to put together a run. We learned a lot in the first half of the season. We played stiff competition

from top to bottom in the ECC. We talked about just getting better and making the right plays. Lately we’ve been stringing together more of the right plays and more often.”

Needless to say Anderson has been finishing a lot of those plays. Hart saluted his milestone. Anderson is the fifth player in Woodstock’s hoop history to score 1,000 points.

“It’s a team accomplishment. We share it with Chase. He’s our leader. He’s the heart and soul of the team. We appreciate that he works so hard. He’s out front in all of the conditioning. He works hard on defense and rebounding and he’s a very good passer,” Hart said. “When the ball finds him and he takes a great shot in rhythm he’s able to put it in — that makes us go. He’s done it for quite some time at Woodstock and 1,000 points demonstrate that. I’m very proud of him and his teammates for supporting him and working with him. We trust and love playing with him and we couldn’t be happier.”

From now on Chase Anderson can tell you exactly where he was on Feb. 2, 2019. There are at least a 1,000 reasons why he’ll never forget.

“I’m the fifth kid on that list at this school,” Anderson said. “Woodstock’s been around forever. It’s just an honor to be on the list.”

GRISWOLD 54,
WOODSTOCK 51

GRISWOLD — The Wolverines defeated the Centaurs on Tuesday, Feb. 5

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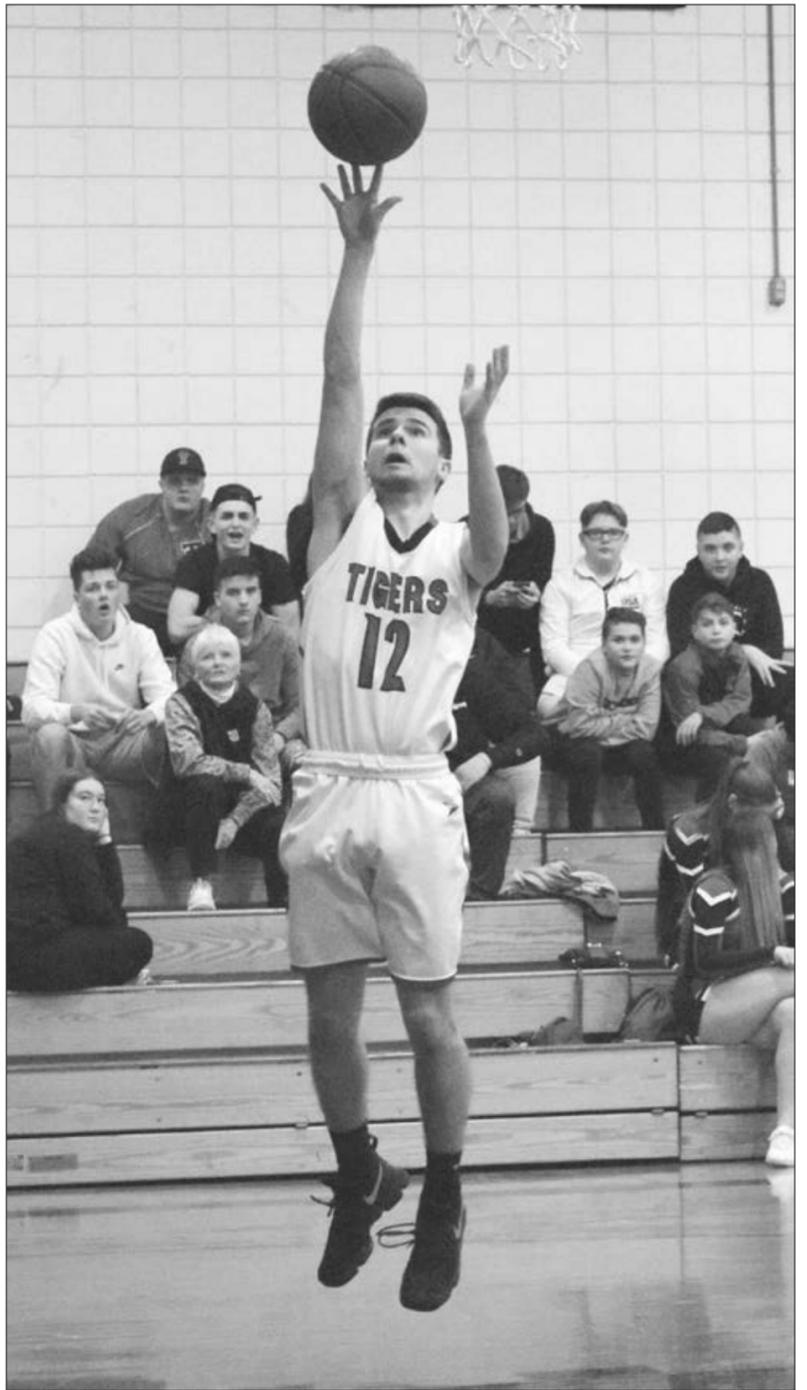


Tourtellotte boys edge closer to tourney



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Tourtellotte Memorial's Devin Dalpe, white jersey, fights for a rebound against Wheeler on Friday, Feb. 1, in Thompson.



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Tourtellotte Spencer Fulone gets a layup against Wheeler

BY CHARLIE LENTZ
VILLAGER EDITOR

THOMPSON — Spencer Fulone knew they were must-win games. This is Fulone's senior year at Tourtellotte Memorial and he wanted to make one last trip to the state tournament before he leaves high school behind.

"My last year, obviously senior year — we know it's in our grasp," Fulone said. "We want it more than anything."

Eight wins were needed to guarantee a berth in the tourney and Fulone's Tigers reached that threshold with a 49-48 win over Lyman Memorial on Monday night, Feb. 4. And three nights earlier on Friday evening Tourtellotte defeated Wheeler, moving it one step closer to a slot in the 32-team bracket for the Division 5 state tournament. Coach Neil Bernier drove the message home to his troops before the tipoff against Wheeler.

"I said there's no option to come out and lose this game, just not even something that should enter into your mind. We have to come out and carry over from the last game. We can't have a letdown. We tend to have a good game and then we have a letdown. We start playing lethargic," Bernier said.

The Tigers didn't let their coach down. With

the help of a third-quarter surge Tourtellotte defeated Wheeler 58-36 at Cauty Gymnasium on Feb. 1.

"I thought in the third quarter is where we really came out and had laser focus finally and did the jobs that people have to do," Bernier said.

With Tourtellotte leading Wheeler 23-21 at halftime, the Tigers put the game away by outscoring the Lions 19-3 in the third quarter. Sophomore guard Brady Monahan sank a pair of three-pointers during the third-quarter run. Junior center Devin Dalpe scored a pair of buckets from inside during the surge. Fulone capped the outburst with a three-pointer at the buzzer to give the Tigers a 41-24 lead going into the final frame.

Monahan and Dalpe have emerged as secondary scorers for the Tigers. Monahan finished with 11 points and Dalpe tallied 14 points against Wheeler. Senior forward Josh Dodd (15 points and eight assists vs. Wheeler) and Fulone (13 points) are the Tigers top two point producers this season. Monahan and Dalpe's complementary scoring has broadened Tourtellotte's offensive attack.

"Brady (Monahan) and Devin (Dalpe), they've really been helping out.

Devin on the interior and Brady giving us a three-point threat, definitely stretches the floor out, makes it easier for Josh and I to get our points," Fulone said. "It's just a better team effort all around."

Dalpe has given the Tigers a strong force in the middle. Monahan has provided the complementary outside scoring the Tigers missed when senior forward Tony Ferraro was lost midway through the season with a fractured right elbow.

"Having an inside presence always adds something to a team no matter who it comes from. Brady gave us something we thought we lost with Tony Ferraro when he got hurt — someone who can be a relatively consistent shooter from the outside and spread the defense out," Bernier said. "It's nice to dial up a few plays and knock down a three once in a while."

The win over Wheeler lifted Tourtellotte's record to 7-7 with six games remaining in the regular season. Fulone said the Tigers are playing well down the stretch.

"We've just been maintaining focus. We kind of caught our groove. It's just been clicking better than it was early on in the season," Fulone said. "We just keep rolling

with it, keeping up the intensity. We stayed consistent from tip 'til the end, definitely one of our better games. Definitely one of the better games we've had as a team from start to finish. We've had some rough patches here and there but definitely not tonight. If we can keep this rolling we've got a good shot at making a run."

Bernier said the Tigers are finally rolling in the right direction. The coach went back to square one after a debacle at the Clipper Classic tournament at Putnam High School back in December. At the Classic the Tigers were blown out by Putnam High 67-42 and crushed by Parish Hill 59-31.

"We went back to the basics after the Christmas tournament. I thought we went there and just put two really dreadful performances together. And I said we're going to go back to the

basics. We're going to go back to everything that I don't think you really have absorbed all the way from middle-school years," Bernier said. "We just did a lot of drills, basic stuff. It started to pay dividends."

The loss to Tourtellotte dropped Wheeler's record to 3-11. Tourtellotte (8-7) is next scheduled to play host to Griswold on Tuesday, Feb. 12. The Tigers hope to keep it rolling.

"When we've had to make the shots and the free throws we've made them. And that's been the big difference," Bernier said. "We want to get to eight (wins) but it doesn't have to be eight. We can go nine, 10 — I don't have a problem with that. It's all up to what we want to bring on the court."

**TOURTELLOTTE 49,
LYMAN 48**

LEBANON — The Tigers qualified for the

Division 5 state tourney with the win over the host Bulldogs on Monday, Feb. 4. The win lifted Tourtellotte's record to 8-7 and avenged a 66-48 loss to Lyman Memorial (10-6) back on Jan. 10. For the Tigers: Dodd had 18 points, six rebounds, and five assists; Fulone scored 11 points, with four rebounds, and two steals; Dalpe notched 10 points and 10 rebounds. Stephen Scrapchansky and Nima Sherpa came off the bench and shut down Josh Perry, Lyman's leading scorer, who scored 26 back on Jan 10. Dalpe hit two clutch baskets and sank two free throws over the final minute and thirty seconds to help lock down the state tourney berth.

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File photo

Woodstock's Heather Converse scored 17 points in the Centaurs win over East Lyme.

HIGH SCHOOL ROUNDUP

**WOODSTOCK 41,
LYMAN 19**

WOODSTOCK — Aislin Tracey scored 10 points and Kayla Gaudreau added nine points in Woodstock Academy's win over Lyman Memorial in girls basketball at Alumni Fieldhouse on Feb. 4. Sidney Pankowski led Lyman with 11 points. The loss dropped the Bulldogs record to 5-13. The win lifted Woodstock's record to 9-7. The Centaurs are next scheduled to travel to Wethersfield on Friday, Feb. 8.

**WINDHAM 55,
TOURTELLOTTE 35**

THOMPSON — Lauren Ramos scored 14 points and grabbed 17 rebounds but it was not enough as the host Tigers fell to the Whippets in girls basketball on Feb. 4 at Cauty Gymnasium. Brianna Loffredo tallied five points, five rebounds, and had three assists for the Tigers. Ceci Hunter led Windham (11-6) with 20 points.

The Tigers record fell to 6-12. Tourtellotte is next scheduled to play host to St. Bernard on Friday, Feb. 8.

**WOODSTOCK 7,
SGWL 4**

POMFRET — Austen LeDonne had two goals and three assists, Doug Newton and Chris Thibault each scored two goals, and Matt Odom tallied one goal in the Centaurs hockey win over Suffield/ Granby/ Windsor Locks co-op on Feb. 4 at Pomfret School's Jahn Rink. The loss dropped SGWL's record to 5-8-1. The win lifted Woodstock's record to 12-4. Woodstock Academy is next scheduled to play host to East Haven co-op on Saturday, Feb. 9, with the puck set to drop at 8 p.m. at Jahn Rink.

**ST. BERNARD 44,
ELLIS TECH 19**

DANIELSON — Sophia Boras scored 19 points to help the Saints down the Golden Eagles in girls basketball at Ellis Tech

on Feb. 4. Kalista Lovely and Alexis Rodriguez each scored six points for Ellis Tech and Viviana St. Jean added five points for the Eagles. St. Bernard's record was 7-10 through 17 games. The loss dropped Ellis Tech's record to 6-12. The Golden Eagles are next scheduled to play host to Prince Tech on Friday, Feb. 8, with tipoff set for 6 p.m. at Ellis Tech's gymnasium.

**WOODSTOCK 51, EAST
LYME 46**

WOODSTOCK — Heather Converse and Katie Papp both scored 17 points to lead Woodstock Academy past East Lyme in girls basketball on Feb. 2. The win was the Centaurs eighth victory of the season, qualifying them for the Class LL state tournament. The loss dropped East Lyme's record to 11-7 overall, 2-3 Eastern Connecticut Conference. The win lifted Woodstock's record to 8-7 overall, 1-4 ECC-Division

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Revamped Killingly girls heading toward tourney



Charlie Lentz photo

Killingly High's Maddie Sumner, left, tries to get past Plainfield High's J'Kyrah Johnson on Saturday.

BY CHARLIE LENTZ
VILLAGER EDITOR

DAYVILLE — The bad news for Killingly High's girls basketball team is that it might not reach the required eight victories needed to guarantee a berth in the Class L state tournament. The good news for the Redgals is that a bunch of Class L teams also won't reach the eight-win plateau. So although Killingly fell to Plainfield High 34-20 last Saturday, dropping its record to 6-11, the 32-team bracket must be filled and the Redgals will likely make the

tournament.

"We're probably going to make the states," said Killingly coach Gina Derosier.

The Redgals will have a revamped lineup when then Class L tourney arrives in the last week of February. With one addition and one subtraction Killingly is a different team than just two weeks ago. Junior forward Trinity Angel, the team's leading scorer and rebounder, is likely out for the rest of the season. Sophomore guard Abbie Burgess missed the first two-thirds of the sea-

son but has returned to the team after starting for the Redgals last year as a freshman. Burgess joins a youthful roster. Burgess will be able to share time running the point with freshman guard Emma Carpenter.

"There's no secret we're a very young team. Not having Trinity obviously hurts us. Offensively, it's going to be a little more difficult for us — defensively, I don't think I've seen a change in stride in defense from my girls," Derosier said. "The girls are going to work hard on defense no matter what. Offensively we're going to have to work a little bit harder and not rely on one person so much."

Burgess, the leading scorer for Killingly High's girls soccer team last fall, spent much of the winter playing for several indoor soccer teams. Burgess's soccer commitments have eased and she was welcomed back to the basketball team with the approval from the Redgals team captains.

"Her schedule has lightened. Defense-wise, there's actually no question, she's going to bring a whole element for us," said Derosier of Burgess. "Offensively, it's going to help alleviate the burden on Emma Carpenter too, because they can split time at the point. We can put Em (Carpenter) to the side, we can get her a couple shots off the wing, which she hasn't been able to have all year because the ball's constantly in her hands. So it will be really nice to give (Carpenter) a break at the point and push her to the side for a second."

And with a young team, the performance down the stretch of this season will also serve as a prelude to next season. The roster includes Carpenter, Burgess, sophomore forward Grace Nichols, sophomore center Maddie Sumner, freshman guard Sage Lamparelli, and freshman guard Makala Dube.

"I had three freshmen and



Charlie Lentz photo

Killingly High's Emma Carpenter drives to the hoop against Plainfield.

three sophomores playing the majority of the game today," Derosier said. "We're in the toughest part of our season right now so it's going to be a learning experience for our girls. But we didn't give up. I preach to my girls 'Just work hard every single game' and they do. The last three games are not going to be any different."

Madison Kelly scored a team-high 15 points to lead Plainfield past Killingly. The win lifted Plainfield's record to 12-5.

Prachi Patel tallied six points and Carpenter notched five points for the Redgals (6-11).

Killingly is next scheduled to play host to Stonington High on Friday, Feb. 8, with tipoff set for 7 p.m. at Killingly High School. The Redgals close out the regular season at Windham High on Tuesday, Feb. 12.

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Tourtellotte girls still in hunt for states

BY CHARLIE LENTZ
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THOMPSON — Lauren Ramos knows it's a long-shot but that's OK with Tourtellotte Memorial's senior forward. The Tigers are fighting for a berth in the Class S state tournament and if they qualify they'll be seeded near the bottom of the field. That means they would play one of the top teams in Class S in the first round of the tourney. For Ramos that's better than staying home. "My freshman and sophomore year we didn't make states. Last year we made states and we ended up going all the way down to Coginchaug," Ramos said.

Last season Tourtellotte earned the 24th seed in the Class S tourney and

traveled to Durham to face No.-9 Coginchaug. The Tigers lost 66-30 — Coginchaug went on to win the state championship. Ramos finished with four points, seven rebounds and six steals in that loss but she'll always be able to say it took the state champs to knock Tourtellotte out of the tourney.

"They ended up winning the state championship. And it was still fun to be a part of it because we still made it there," Ramos said. "I'm still hoping to end on making it to states."

Tourtellotte defeated Wheeler 52-20 last Friday night at Canty Gymnasium. The win lifted the Tigers record to 6-11 with three games left in the regular sea-

son. Eight wins are needed to guarantee a berth in the state tournament but Tourtellotte might sneak in with seven wins because a number of teams in Class S have failed to reach the eight-win threshold as the regular season nears its conclusion. The Tigers were ranked No. 35 before the win against Wheeler. The Class S bracket holds 32 teams.

Like Ramos, Tourtellotte coach Carla Faucher said there's still a chance to make states.

"It's anybody's game. If they play the way they did against Wheeler, they're realizing if the other kids step up it takes a lot of pressure of Lauren (Ramos) and Ashley (Morin)," Faucher said. "They get more relaxed

and more relaxed equals better shooting for us."

Ramos finished with a game-high 16 points with 14 rebounds, four assists and five steals against Wheeler. Morin added 13 points with three rebounds, three steals, and three assists. Junior guard Emily Angelo stepped up and tallied 15 points and hauled down four rebounds. Leci Snow had four points and four rebounds and Zeynep Acun grabbed four rebounds and scored two points for the Tigers.

"It was so good to see Emily (Angelo) be successful," said Faucher of her junior point guard. "She had her chocolate ice cream before the game so I told her that's what you're having before every game now. I'm superstitious, I'll do whatever I have to do. But it's just getting them to believe in themselves."

Faucher's main task this season has been getting her complementary players to believe they can augment Morin and Ramos, who are the Tigers' leading scorers.

"It's life lessons. There are moments in life where you may not succeed, in the classroom or after school you may not succeed in the job, and you can't let that get you down. You can't give up," Faucher said. "You've got to keep fighting. And if there's something you want, you set a goal and you do your best to strive for that goal. When you see those little successes it builds you up. And then you realize there's nothing that can stop you. You can shoot for the moon. It's a great group of kids. It's a team effort."

Ramos battled a knee injury during her freshman and sophomore seasons and during both those years Tourtellotte failed to qualify for the state tourney. She took a trip to states last year and coach Faucher knows how much Ramos and her teammates want to

get back to the tourney.

"They still want that challenge because that's one of the season's goals. We know we probably don't have a chance of winning a league championship but to say you went to the states, not many kids can say that. I keep telling these kids that my 2001 team — we were 3-12 going into the last five games of the season — we got into states and we went to the state semifinals," said Faucher, in her 23rd season. "So you know what? You never know. We could be peaking at the right time now."

The coach hopes the Tigers make it and Ramos doesn't have to stay home.

"I want it just as bad as she does," Faucher said. "If we stay together and we work hard we're going to get that."

The loss to Tourtellotte dropped Wheeler's record to 4-12. Annie Dussault led the Lions with eight points. Tourtellotte is next scheduled to play host to St. Bernard on Friday, Feb. 8. The Tigers close out the regular season at Montville on Monday, Feb. 11. The chance to make states still lives.

"It goes according to your power points. If we can beat these teams here it's going to put us in a much better position I believe," Faucher said. "We could sneak in with seven wins."

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Charlie Lentz photo

Tourtellotte's Lauren Ramos dribbles upcourt against Wheeler last Friday, Feb. 1, in Thompson.



Charlie Lentz photo

Tourtellotte's Emily Angelo tries to get past Wheeler's Annie Dussault last Friday night in Thompson.

Crunch time for Killingly High boys



Charlie Lentz photo
Killingly High's Shayne Bigelow drives with Woodstock Academy's Luke Mathewson defending last Saturday, Feb. 2, in Dayville.

BY CHARLIE LENTZ
VILLAGER EDITOR

DAYVILLE — The Killingly High Redmen didn't do themselves any favors in their drive to earn a state tournament berth last Saturday. They faded in the second half in a 67-50 loss to Woodstock Academy, dropping their record to 5-10 with five games remaining on their regular season schedule. The Redmen needed to win three of their last five games to secure a berth in the Division IV state tournament. Coach Jim Crabtree said three wins were still out there.

"There's a game to be had. The question is 'Do we want them?' The games are there. They can be had. We need to play 32 minutes to win any game," Crabtree said. "Right now my focus over the next 48 hours will be: Find me six guys that want to battle for the next two weeks."

Crabtree said the Redmen must play better than they did in the loss to the Centaurs on Feb. 2 at Killingly High School. Killingly trailed Woodstock by just two points, 28-26, at halftime but was outscored 39-24 in the second half.

"They killed us on the backboards. They killed us with energy. Good game for two and a half, three quarters. They out-hustled us. Basically they just put the gas pedal down and we decided to wave the flag," Crabtree said.

Killingly had several winnable games down the stretch and could gain the three victories needed for a berth in the state tourney. Of the five games remaining on its schedule following the loss to Woodstock, Killingly's opponents included Plainfield High and Bacon Academy, two teams they have defeated earlier this season. Also remaining on its schedule were Windham, Waterford, and Lyman Memorial. Without eight wins the Redmen will stay home come state tournament time in the first week of March.

"It's eight or nothing," Crabtree said. "Waterford's Waterford, the other four — they can beat us and we can beat them. So we have a chance. There's no waving the flag now unless they want to tell me different when we get back on Monday. I'm hoping they want to battle."

Senior guard Luke Desaulnier scored a team-high 13 points in the loss to Woodstock Academy. Junior guard Shayne Bigelow added 11 points for the Redmen. Woodstock senior guard



Charlie Lentz photo
Killingly High's Chris Lackner fires a jumper against Woodstock Academy last Saturday.

Chase Anderson led the Centaurs (7-7) with 31 points. Crabtree will look for leadership from his top players down the stretch.

"Right now we've got to figure out who's going to lead the charge. Our 'A' and our 'B' man, whatever order you want to put them in, we're struggling with that right now," Crabtree said.

Killingly is next scheduled to play at Waterford on Friday, Feb. 8. The Redmen return home to play host to Lyman Memorial on Monday, Feb. 11. Killingly finishes out the regular season at Bacon Academy on Friday, Feb. 15.

Will the Redmen qualify for the Division IV state tournament when it arrives in March? Like the tipoff at the start of any game, that's up in the air right now.

"I'd like to play into March," Crabtree said. "February's too early to put the balls away in my book — but the kids are going to determine that in the next few days."

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Putnam girls look to regroup as postseason nears



Charlie Lentz photo
Putnam High's Abby St. Martin works in the paint against Fitch on Feb. 4 at Putnam High's gymnasium.



Charlie Lentz photo
Putnam High's Molly McKeon launches a jumper against Fitch.

BY CHARLIE LENTZ
VILLAGER EDITOR

PUTNAM — There are times when selective amnesia is a coach's best option. Putnam High coach Mandi Hogan will try to forget the Clippers performance in the second half of a 38-30 loss to Fitch in an inter-divisional Eastern Connecticut Conference game on Monday night at Putnam High School.

"We have to move on from it," Hogan said. "This is a great game for us to go into the last two games of the year and then into the ECC and state tournaments. We needed this type of a game. We just have to move on, work on things, high-pressure situations better, ball securi-

ty — we just need to function better."

The Clippers functioned well throughout most the first half and led Fitch 27-17 after Putnam sophomore forward Abby St. Martin sank a bucket from close range with 6:48 left in the third quarter — but it was the last field goal Putnam would score the rest of way. The Falcons outscored Putnam 21-3 over the final 12 minutes and 15 seconds to pull away for the victory — with the Clippers sinking just three foul shots over that span.

"We have to take care of the ball better. We had too many turnovers. We let them right back in this game. We gave it

to them actually," Hogan said.

Clippers junior guard Molly McKeon scored 10 points and junior point guard Kayleigh Lyons led Putnam with 11 points but Lyons managed just one point in the second half as the Falcons double-teamed her whenever she had the ball. The Clippers will have to find complementary scorers when opponents focus on stopping Lyons.

"They're going to run a lot of triangle-and-twos and box-and-ones and double teams on Kayleigh. Everybody else around her has to make adjustments to help Kayleigh out," Hogan said. "Obviously if there's a double team on her then somebody's open."

Nyseanah Ishmael led the Falcons with a game-high 15 points. The win lifted Class L Fitch's record to 8-11. There is still plenty of time for Putnam to regroup before the ECC Tournament and the Class S state tournament. The loss to Fitch dropped Putnam's record to 14-4. The Clippers travel to St. Bernard on Monday, Feb. 11, and then close out the regular season on the road at Parish Hill on Tuesday, Feb. 12.

Through last Tuesday Putnam was ranked No. 5 in Class S and if the Clippers can win at home in the first round of the state tourney they will also play host to a sec-

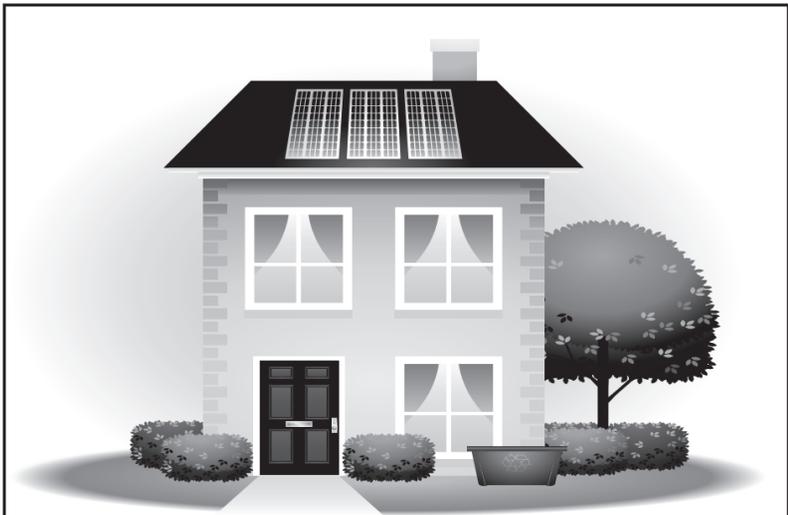
ond-round state tourney game at Putnam High School. The Clippers will look forward to that — and likely try to forget about the second half against Fitch.

"It's just a little fine tuning of some things that we've got to work on and we'll get through it," Hogan said. "The last two games we've been in a shooting slump. Hopefully we'll work our way out of it. We're due."

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David S. Bayer, 91



WORCESTER, MASSACHUSETTS – David S. Bayer, of Briarwood Terrace, died on January 20, 2019 after an illness at age 91.

He leaves his wife of 66 years, Marilyn (White) Bayer; a daughter, Allison A. Bayer and her wife Nancy J. Young of West Roxbury, Massachusetts; and a son, David S. Bayer II and his wife Kimberly of Webster, Mass. He also leaves a sister, Doris Leshar of Scituate, Rhode Island and many nieces and nephews. He was predeceased by his brothers John C. Bayer and Alan E. Bayer, and by his sister Joyce Boutwell.

He was born June 5, 1927 in Putnam, the son of J. Otto and Doris (Carver) Bayer. Mr. Bayer attended schools in Webster, Mass. and was a graduate of the Mt. Hermon School in Northfield and the University of Massachusetts in Amherst. Following graduation from the General Motors Institute (now Kettering University in Flint, Michigan), he joined Bayer Motors Inc., a family auto dealership in Dudley, Mass., founded by his father in 1939. After many years as a co-owner, he became a partner with his son David II.

A man of great warmth, good humor and a desire to be of service, he became actively involved in the Webster and Dudley communities, serving the former Hubbard Regional Hospital as a Director, Vice President and Secretary. He was a Director and Past President of the Webster-Dudley Chamber of Commerce, and received the Lifetime Member Award in 1992. He was the Past President of the Webster Lions Club and past director of the United Way. Service to the Town of Dudley included the Finance, Appropriations and Advisory Committees, Zoning Board of Appeals, Information Technology Committee and Capital and Planning Committees.

As a member of the United Church of Christ, Federated in Webster, Mass. for 79 years, his service included chairmanship of the Board of Trustees, moderator, and many committees.

He was associated with the Webster Five Cents Savings Bank for over 40 years as incorporator, trustee, Chairman of the Board of Trustees and was a member of the Webster Five Foundation. He was a member of the Thompson Road Investment Club. For many years he volunteered with the AARP Tax Assistance program in Worcester, Mass.

After retiring from Bayer Motors,

Dave and his wife became residents of Worcester, Mass., moving to the Briarwood Retirement Community in 2004. He continued volunteering and building friendships as President of the Briarwood Residents Association, taking part in the Briarwood Players and serving as representative of Briarwood to MLCRA (Massachusetts Life Care Residents Association). One of his greatest joys was being on the ocean and deep-sea fishing with the Briarwood Fisherman's Group at any opportunity.

A WWII Navy veteran, Dave served in the Caribbean aboard the USS Huntington CL 107 and was a Huntington plank owner. He retired from the US Naval Reserve as Lieutenant Commander and was an active member of the Worcester County Military Officers Association. Dave and his wife travelled frequently in both Europe and throughout the United States, participating in many adventures together. In 2000, they made a special trip Dave had long wished to take, to the South Pacific, where they enjoyed both the naval history and natural beauty of the famous Midway Islands.

He has donated his body to the Anatomical Gifts Program at the University of Massachusetts Medical School.

A memorial service will be held at the First Unitarian Church of Worcester, 90 Main Street, on Saturday, February 9 at 11:00 AM, followed by a reception at the Church. There are no calling hours. Please omit flowers. Memorial gifts may be made to the Encore Fund of the First Unitarian Church, 90 Main Street, Worcester, MA 01608.

After cremation, his ashes will be held to the appropriate time to be mingled with those of his wife. A portion will be scattered in the Pacific Ocean latitude 28 degrees 13' North and 177 degrees 22' West near Midway Islands, and the remainder will be laid to rest at Arlington Nation Cemetery.

Funeral Arrangements are being directed by Sitkowski & Malboeuf Funeral Home, 340 School Street, Webster, Massachusetts.

Dave's family extends its deepest gratitude to the Notre Dame Hospice team, who cared so compassionately for Dave during the past year, with special thanks to nurse Gary Vacha and the Colleen Amyot.



Robert (Bob) J. Blake, 71



MOOSUP - Robert (Bob) J. Blake, 71, passed away on January 23, 2019. Beloved husband of Diane (VonWiegen) Blake who survives him. Robert was born on February 27, 1947 in Putnam, son of Earl J. Blake and Rose (Lamiotte) Blake. Both parents are deceased.

Robert married Diane VonWiegen on December 28, 1966. They just recently celebrated their 52nd anniversary together.

Robert lived in Moosup for the past 47 years. He worked at the Plainfield Greyhound Park, Kaman Aerospace, working various truck driver jobs, and 17 years at Foxwoods Resort & Casino as a B.J. dealer.

Robert served in the Army in Jacksonville, South Carolina from September 1966 thru September 1968 and Fort Dix, New Jersey, going into the National Guard in Danielson.

Robert always had a smile on his face and always greeted everyone he met. He always had a joke to tell you that would put a smile on your face.

Robert is survived by his son Randy J. Blake (Jessica Stailing) of Moosup, brother Richard Blake (Mary-Ellyn) of Woodstock, sister Rosalie E. Blake (Ted Crandall) of Plainfield, two grandchildren; Ryan Blake of Costa Rica and Nicole Blake of Fresno, California; three great grandchildren; Robert J. Blake of Costa Rica, Ethan C. Miller and Emma H. Burski of Moosup, also numerous nieces and nephews and great friends. Robert was predeceased by a son, Robert J. Blake, Jr., in 2016, and by two brothers, Donald O. Blake and Joseph A. Bourbeau and a sister, Marie Guertin.

Visitation was held on Sunday, January 27, at Dougherty Bros. Funeral Home, 595 Norwich Road, Plainfield. Burial will be private at a later date with military honors. In lieu of flowers, memorial gifts may be made to the family for final expenses or to Backus Hospital, A-2 Oncology, 326 Washington Street, Norwich, CT 06360, or any charity of your choice.



Arnold Lewis Pawlikowski, 82



H A M P T O N -- Arnold Lewis Pawlikowski, 82, of Hampton, passed away January 29, 2019 at Hartford Hospital in Hartford. He was born November 6, 1936 in Windham, son of the late Leon and Sylvia (Koski) Pawlikowski. He was the beloved husband of Eileen (Gaudette) Pawlikowski, they were married on April 11, 1959.

He attended Windham High School and graduated in 1954. Arnold joined the United States Air Force after High School and was honorably discharged in 1958. He then worked with his father, Leon, they were known as the A & L Builders. In 1963 he joined the Connecticut State Police and retired in 1984, after serving 21 years as a

Trooper. Arnold is survived by his wife of 59 Years, Eileen Pawlikowski of Hampton; his daughters, Deborah P a w l i k o w s k i of Worcester, Massachusetts and Diane Smith-Sanders and her husband Paul of Plainfield; his grandsons David Smith of Chicago, Illinois and Alex Sanders of Plainfield. He was predeceased by his son David Pawlikowski and two brothers Raymond Pawlikowski and Leon Robert Pawlikowski.

A Memorial Service will be Saturday, February 9, 2019 at 11:00 AM at the Gagnon and Costello Funeral Home, 33 Reynolds Street, Danielson. Share a memory at www.gagnonand-costellofh.com



Stephen J. (Dixie) Dickson, 60

NORTH GROSVENORDALE, CT - Stephen J. (Dixie) Dickson age 60 died Thursday, January 31, 2019 at the Univ. of MA Health Care Center Hospital, Worcester, MA. He leaves his wife Kimberlie A (Machado) Dickson. He also leaves a son Ryan Beauregard of Webster, daughters; Jessica Dickson, Alysha Dickson and her companion Jacob Cotnoir and Jennifer Beauregard all of Webster. He also leaves a brother, Daniel Dickson of Thompson, CT, sister Cheryl Seymour of Oxford, Melissa Martin of Palmer and Linda Dickson of Southbridge, many aunts and uncles, nephews, nieces and cousins. He was born in Webster son of the late Joseph Dickson



and Marsha (Callahan) Dickson and lived in Thompson area for the past twenty years prior to that living in Oxford, MA. Dixie was an electrician who worked for Loos and Co. He was a life member of the Vigilantes MC of CT, the Bay State Rattlers, Thompson Rod and Gun Club. He enjoyed fishing, hunting and driving classic cars. A celebration of life will be held Friday, Feb. 8, 2019 at the North Grosvenordale, CT Knights of Columbus Hall from 4 PM- 8 PM with a service in the hall at 4 PM. Please omit flowers, donations may be made in his memory to TEEG, 15 Thatcher Rd, North Grosvenordale, CT 06255. The Shaw-Majercik Funeral Home, 48 School St., Webster, MA is directing arrangements. A guest book is available at www.shaw-majercik.com where you may post a condolence or light a candle.

David P. Leduc, Jr., 39



SUMAS, WA – David P. Leduc, Jr., 39, formerly of Oxford, MA and Thompson, CT, died unexpectedly February 1, 2019 in Thompson while on vacation.

He leaves 2 sons, Landon D. J. Leduc of Oxford and Christopher J. Leduc of Northbridge; his mother, Marjorie (Graham) Hell of Sumas, WA; 2 sisters, Claire Leduc of Maine and Charlotte Leduc of WA; nephews and nieces; his former wife of 17 years, Robyn Leduc. He was preceded in death by his sister, Harley Leduc.

He was born in Worcester and raised in Oxford, the son of the late David P. Leduc, Sr. He graduated from Oxford High School in 1997. He lived in Thompson, CT for several years before moving to Washington a year ago.

Mr. Leduc was a truck driver in this area and more recently at Cowden Gravel & Ready Mix in Bellingham, Washington State. He enjoyed hunting, fishing, and farming.

Services will be held privately at the convenience of the family. There are no calling hours. Sitkowski & Malboeuf Funeral Home, 340 School Street, Webster is directing arrangements.

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Jean Barlow, 92



EASTFORD -- Jean Barlow of Eastford, 92, went to be with her Lord on January 31, 2019 ending her long battle with dementia. Jean (Trepal) Barlow was born in the Phoenixville section of Eastford September 27, 1926 to Edward A. Trepal and Leta (Sabin) Trepal. She had three younger sisters; Helen, Dorothy and Elaine. Jean was a 1943 graduate of Woodstock Academy and received a Home Economics degree from UCONN in 1947. After graduating from UCONN she taught Home Economics for two years at Portland (CT) High School. Her life changed in 1950 when she married Herman E. Barlow. Over the next eleven years they had six sons together. Jean's home economics training turned out to be very practical.

For many years Jean enjoyed tending a large vegetable garden; cooking, canning and freezing the produce. She also washed and cleaned milking equipment daily as the family raised cows for their own food. She sewed clothes for her boys and provided for her family in every way. She also helped Herman launch Mansfield Supply in 1954.

Community service flowed out of Jean's life. Early in her marriage, she led a Home Economics Club where she taught other women skills to provide for their families. She served many years as secretary for the Eastford Elementary School Board. She also dedicated time to impart her wisdom to young boys, working both as a Cub Scout leader and a 4-H leader. She started a dairy 4-H Club with Franklyn Buell. Later she led "The Little Rascals," a science-based 4-H Club, with Ralph Yulo. After her boys had grown, Jean enjoyed many years

volunteering at Day Kimball Hospital.

Jean was active in the Eastford Baptist Church for 50 years, participating in the Women's Fellowship, the Ladies' Bible study and the Gideon's International Auxiliary. She always made sure to invite kids to Vacation Bible School, hosting them in her home when necessary. She was unfailingly hospitable, always welcoming extended family members and her boys' friends into her home. Whether they came for a meal, or stayed for a week, they were always made welcome. As she said, "When you're cooking for eight, what difference does an extra one or two make?"

Jean will be missed by her five surviving sons; David (Ruth), Glenn (Su Ann), Bruce (Linda), Herman, Jr. (Diane), James (Kathy Jean), and her daughter-in-law Joan, all of Eastford. She was predeceased by her son Dennis (Joan), and her husband Herman, to whom she was married for 59 years - until his death in 2009. Jean also leaves 17 nieces and nephews, 16 grandchildren and 21 great grandchildren.

Jean will also be missed by her sister Elaine Mannhardt of Keezletown, Virginia. She was also predeceased by her sisters, Helen Yulo and Dorothy Clark.

Calling Hours will be on Sunday, February 24, 2019 at Eastford Baptist Church, 133 Union Road, Eastford, CT from 2:00 to 3:00 PM. A Memorial Service will follow at the church at 3:30 PM.

In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to her son's scholarship fund for Eastford college students. To give, please go to <https://www.cfct.org/Donors/Our-Funds/Give-Now> and select the "Dennis S. Barlow Scholarship Award Fund." Smith and Walker Funeral Home, 148 Grove Street, Putnam, CT www.smithandwalkerfh.com

Warren P. Walsh Jr., 67



THOMPSON, CT -- Warren P. Walsh Jr. age 67 passed away at home, Wednesday, January 30, 2019.

He leaves his former wife of ten years, Tammy Bandy Walsh of Thompson and his step-son James Bugbee, three grandchildren and many nieces and nephews. He is also survived by his sister Roberta Floyd of W. Virginia. He also had a sister that predeceased him, Helena Jones of Cambridge, MA and his step-daughter Tanya M. Bugbee.

He was born in Brookline, MA son of the late Warren P. Walsh Sr. and Barbara (Manley) Walsh and lived in the area for the past 12 years. He was

employed as a roofer working for the John Henry Roofing and US Roofing for the past 13 years. Warren loved camping, fishing, he enjoyed vacationing in Aruba. and was a avid fan of the Patriots and Red Sox. There are no calling hours. A Memorial Service will be private for the family.

A celebration of life will be held Saturday February 16, 2019 from 1-4 pm at the Pointe Breeze Restaurant, Webster, MA. Please omit flowers, donations in his memory may be made for Pancreatic Research. The Shaw-Majercik Funeral Home, 48 School St., Webster, MA has been entrusted with his arrangements. A guest book is available at www.shaw-majercik.com where you may post a condolence or light a candle.

Robert "Bob" Grant Graham



TOWLES POINT -- Robert "Bob" Grant Graham of Towles Point, Lancaster, died peacefully, surrounded by his family in Houston, Texas, on January 3, 2019, at the age of 71.

He is survived by his wife, Melise Roessle Graham; his son, Gregg Roessle Graham and wife, Sarah, of King George; son, Geoffrey Scott Graham; daughter Emily Megan Graham McGinnis and husband Kyle, of Houston, Texas; and three grandchildren, Eric Palmer Graham, Amelia Helene Graham and Henry Thomas McGinnis.

He also is survived by his brother, Bernard "Bud" Graham; and sisters, Karen Graham-Hardell and Rae Ann Graham DesLauriers, all of Connecticut.

Bob was born in Webster, Mass., on July 6, 1947, the son of Raymond Forest

and Doris Bernard Graham.

He graduated with a bachelor's in geology from the University of Miami. After doing graduate work at the Ohio State University and the University of Texas El Paso, Bob worked in the oil and gas industry as a geophysicist. His work took him to London, Tunisia, Algeria, Peru, Argentina, Denmark and Ireland as well as Denver and Houston. He and Melise loved to travel, visiting five continents and numerous cities and countries.

Bob was known for his wit and sense of humor, delighting those who knew him with stories of his adventures. His ability to make everyone laugh will be greatly missed.

A celebration of his life was held January 5 in Houston. A future celebration will take place at Yankee Point Yacht Club, 734 Oak Hill Road, Lancaster. In lieu of flowers, please consider becoming an organ donor.

Joshua Paul Deary, 30



THOMPSON -- Joshua Paul Deary, 30, of Thompson passed away suddenly on Sunday, February 3, 2019. Born in Portland, Maine on April 13, 1988, he was the son of Paul and Eileen

(Boutin) Deary.

Josh's childhood years were spent in Cape May, New Jersey before moving to Thompson, where he graduated from Tourtellotte Memorial High School in 2006. After high school he became a sous chef and worked at The Courthouse Bar and Grille, The Crossings Brew Pub, and Oxford Casual Dining Restaurant. In addition to his love of cooking, he had a passion for music, Boston Sports, golf and spending time with his many friends and family.

In addition to his parents, Josh is survived by his sister, Chelsea Deary of Thompson; his uncle, Daniel and his wife Jennifer Boutin of DeKalb, Illinois; his aunts, Elizabeth Pelletier

of Hope Valley, Rhode Island, Diane and her husband Bruce Lefler of N. Grosvenordale, and Patricia Boutin of N. Attleboro, Massachusetts; many cousins; and close friends who he loved dearly, especially Corey, Liz, Talon, and his Goddaughter Raegan, all of whom he considered his second family. He is predeceased by his brother, the late Niles Deary; and his uncle Donald Deary.

Relatives and friends are invited to visit with Joshua's family from 4:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m. on Sunday, February 10, 2019 in the Valade Funeral Home and Crematory, 23 Main St., N. Grosvenordale. A gathering will begin in the funeral home on Monday, February 11, 2019 at 9:00 a.m. followed by a Mass of Christian Burial at 10:00 a.m. in St. Joseph Church, 18 Main St., N. Grosvenordale. Burial will follow in St. Joseph Cemetery.

Memorial donations may be made to The Community Fire Company, P.O. Box 874, N. Grosvenordale, CT 06255. For memorial guestbook visit www.GilmanAndValade.com.

Ronald John Russo, 76



SOMERVILLE, MASSACHUSETTS -- Ronald John Russo, 76, of Somerville, Mass., formerly of Plainfield, died, January 27, 2019 in Westford, Mass. Born December 6, 1942 in Somerville, Mass., son of the late Joseph and Lillian (Giannino) Russo. He was also raised by his step-mother Barbara. Ronald married Laura Hayden in Greenville, Rhode Island in 2000.

Ronald loved education and he was a scholar. He enjoyed music and was an avid reader. Ronald was a devoted husband and a dedicated father. He retired as a professor teaching computer classes at Johnson and Wales University in Providence, Rhode Island. He also taught in Malaysia.

He leaves his daughters Sherry

Morse of Kenner, Louisiana and Jill Sidelinger and her husband Jason of Westford, Mass., his siblings Robert Russo of Springfield, Mass.; James Russo of Wilmington, Mass.; Barbara McCarthy of Leominster, Mass.; John Russo of Woburn, Mass. and Howard Stacey of Oregon, his grandchildren Gloria Sidelinger of Westford, Mass.; Sydney Morse of Haverhill, Mass.; Benjamin Morse of Haverhill, Mass.; Ava Sidelinger of Westford, Mass.; Gabriella Contranchis of Kenner, Louisiana and Chad Contranchis of Kenner, Mass. Also, several nieces and nephews.

A Mass of Christian Burial was held Thursday, January 31, 2019 at St. Mary Church of the Visitation, 218 Providence Street, Putnam, followed by a burial in Munyan Cemetery, Putnam. Share a memory at www.smithandwalkerfh.com

David George Wolak, 58

David George Wolak, 58, of West Newbury, MA passed away on January 26,

2019 after a courageous fight with cancer.

He will be missed and forever loved by his mother, Theresa Wolak and his brothers and their spouses, Michael and Jane Wolak of Laconia, NH, John and

Renee Wolak of Webster, MA, Donald and Maria Wolak of Northbridge, MA, his

close friends, Catherine Facella and Steve Defina of Bradford, MA and his nephews, Steven, Matthew and Julian Wolak. David was predeceased by his

father, John A. Wolak, of Webster, MA.

David was born in Webster, MA. After graduating from Bartlett High School, David lived in Webster, MA and Thompson, CT before moving to West Newbury, MA.

David loved to ride his Harley Davidson with his friends along the New Hampshire seacoast and his sense of humor will be sorely missed by all that knew him.

The family would like to thank the staff at Mass General Hospital, Hannah Duston Healthcare Center and Holy Family Hospital for the care and attention they provided to David.

In keeping with David's wishes, a private memorial service will be held at a later date.

Priscilla H. Sherman, 92



D A Y V I L L E -- Priscilla H. Sherman, 92, formerly of Primrose Crossing and North Scituate, Rhode Island, died Monday afternoon January 28, 2019, at Westview Rehabilitation and Care Center. Born in Providence, Rhode Island, she was the daughter of the late Thomas Hutchins and Ada (Crocker) Mclean.

Mrs. Sherman worked for over 30 years as an administrative assistant at Bank of America.

She was a member of many local senior citizen centers. She loved her

family and friends deeply, but above all she cherished the quality time that she spent with her grandchildren.

Priscilla is survived by a son, Brad Sherman of Rhode Island; a daughter, Bethany Deschenes and her husband David of Pomfret Center; and two grandsons, Joshua Gravel of Brooklyn and Chad Deschenes of Aubrey, Texas.

Funeral arrangements are private and have been entrusted to the Gilman Funeral Home and Crematory, 104 Church St., Putnam. Memorial donations in Priscilla's memory may be made to St. Jude Children's Hospital, 501 St. Jude Place, Memphis, TN 38105. For memorial guestbook please visit www.GilmanAndValade.com.

LEGALS

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

ESTATE OF Ronald P Chrzanowski (19-00029)

The Hon. Leah P. Schad, Judge of the Court of Probate, District of Northeast Probate Court, by decree dated January 29, 2019, ordered that all claims must be presented to the fiduciary at the address below. Failure to promptly present any such claim may result in the loss of rights to recover on such claim.

Brenda Duquette, Clerk

The fiduciary is:
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c/o Frank G. Hezog, Esq.,
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TOURTELLOTTE 37, WINDHAM TECH 21

THOMPSON — Ashley Morin scored 18 points in the Tigers win over Windham Tech in girls basketball on Jan. 31 at Canty Gymnasium. Lauren Ramos added 13 points with 14 rebounds and nine steals, Emily Angelo notched four assists, five steals, and two points, and Brianna Loffredo finished with five rebounds, four steals and two points for Tourtellotte. Paola Rodriguez led Windham Tech (4-11) with seven points.

WOODSTOCK 7, BURRILLVILLE 3

POMFRET — Guerin Favreau scored

two goals and Matt Odom, Doug Newton, Brendon Hill, Austen LeDonne, and Kyle Brennan each scored one goal in the Centaurs win over Burrillville, R.I., in hockey at Pomfret School's Jahn Rink on Feb. 2. Favreau and Brennan each notched one assist. The win lifted the Centaurs record to 11-4.

ELLIS TECH 46, GRASSO 16

DANIELSON — Kalista Lovely tallied 14 points to help lift host Ellis Tech over Grasso Tech in girls basketball on Feb. 1. Vivianna St. Jean scored eight points and Amber Cutler, Alexis Rodriguez, and Breanna Bentley each added six points for the Golden Eagles. Samarie Delgado led Grasso Tech with nine points. The loss dropped Grasso Tech's record to 1-14. The win raised Ellis Tech's record to 6-11.

PUTNAM 37, MONTVILLE 34

PUTNAM — Abby St. Martin scored 14 points and Lauren Blackmar added 11 points to help the host Clippers defeat Montville in girls basketball on Feb. 2. Maya Hillman led Montville (10-8) with 13 points. The win lifted Putnam's record to 14-3. The Clippers are next scheduled to travel to St. Bernard on Monday, Feb. 11.

E.O. SMITH 81, WOODSTOCK 77

MANSFIELD — Woodstock Aaron Johnson scored 28 points and Chase Anderson added 23 points in the Centaurs loss to E.O. Smith in double overtime in boys basketball on Feb. 1. The win lifted E.O. Smith's record to 5-8. The loss dropped Woodstock's record to 6-7. Woodstock is next sched-

uled to play host to Fitch on Saturday, Feb. 9, with tipoff set for 1 p.m. at Alumni Fieldhouse.

WOODSTOCK GYMNASTICS

NIANTIC — The Centaurs swept a tri-meet vs. Old Lyme, and Killingly/Putnam/Tourtellotte co-op on Feb. 4 at ABC Gymnastics. Team scores were: Woodstock 142.9; KPT 129.0; Old Lyme 119.2. Woodstock's Ali Crescimanno was first in bars (9.55), floor (9.3) and vault (9.1) and took first in the all-around (36.55). Woodstock's Jenna Davidson was first in the beam (9.3) and second in the all-around (35.65) and Centaur Maddie Grube was third in the all-around (35.15) for Woodstock (7-0). Putnam High's Maggie McKeon of Putnam High tallied 34.6 in the all-around for KPT co-op (5-2).

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Woodstock Academy's Cole Hackett shoots from close range against Killingly High.

CENTAURS

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— keeping Woodstock still just one win short of the eight wins needed to guarantee a berth in the state tournament. Aaron Johnson scored 14 points for the Centaurs and Aidan Morin added 11 points. The win lifted Griswold's record

to 12-5. The loss dropped Woodstock's record to 7-8. The Centaurs are next scheduled to play host Fitch (9-6) on Saturday, Feb. 5, with tipoff scheduled for 1 p.m. at Alumni Fieldhouse.

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February 9, Sat., 11am
Cookbook club. Crock pot recipes! If you want to join us, stop by the library for a copy of the cookbook. Bracken Memorial Library, 57 Academy Road, Woodstock.

February 10, Sun., 2:30pm
Community Center, Main St., Hampton, presents DIXIELAND BAND CONCERT, US Coast Guard Band.

February 10, Sun., 4pm
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February 13, Wed., 5pm
The Killingly Grange will have a special Valentine's breakfast for dinner, featuring several kinds of pancakes, with sausage and bacon, eggs, muffins, scones, coffee and tea. All for \$8! Come and enjoy! Corner of Dog Hill and Hartford Pike in Dayville.

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February 16, Sat., 7-8:30am
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