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Prom drive at Putnam High

BY OLIVIA RICHMAN
NEWS STAFF WRITER

PUTNAM — The Real Wives of Windham County held a Prom Drive on Saturday, March 23. Open to the public, the pop-up store at the Putnam High School offered prom dresses of all sizes, colors, and styles for any occasion, with prom as the focus.

Any girl referred to the Real Wives was able to pick out a free dress, along with shoes and jewelry. For everyone else, the dresses were just \$20.

Last year the program was only by referral. Always trying to connect and reach more people, the Real Wives opened it to the public this year.

Just a few nights before, the Real Wives also held a Celebrity Bar Tender Night. They raised over \$2,700 towards tuxedos.

"Most of us have boys, and no girls. The dresses can run a few hundred, but tuxes alone are \$125 and up," said secretary Melissa Haynes on the often-forgotten tuxedo side of the prom programs in the area. "That's a good chunk of money."

The Real Wives of Windham County decided to take on this cause because they have seen first-hand that there's a great need for it in the area. They've seen families in the area struggling.

"We just want to make sure that everybody is able to go to



Olivia Richman photo

Real Wives of Windham County Secretary Melissa Haynes and President Juliane MacDonald said it's always good to help people.

their prom. There's no reason someone shouldn't go," said Haynes.

Some people are waiting for prom their whole lives. And once they're freshmen, it's hard not to see older students prepping for their proms. Seeing their dresses. It's a major event for teenagers.

"I loved my proms. I would hate to know that someone misses out due to a financial situation," said Real Wives President Juliane MacDonald.

The dresses that filled the gym were all donations from people in the area. The Trinket Shop also donated dresses, including brand new ones.

Another shop that closed in the area, Magnolia, donated a lot of its dresses to the cause.

The Real Wives was formed as a way for local mothers to get involved with fundraising with their children six years ago. The Prom Drive was a program they started five years ago, and it's always evolving and growing.

"I just feel like you should always help people in need," said MacDonald. "You never know when it will be you."

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Courtesy photos

NHS members filled an ambulance with the 80 stuffed animals they collected.

Stuffed animal drive at Tourtellotte

BY OLIVIA RICHMAN
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THOMPSON — Tourtellotte Memorial High School's National Honor Society donated over 80 stuffed animals to the town's community fire department. The members have a passion for this cause, and why it's so important.

How did you guys come up with this fundraiser?

Jaylyn Armstrong - Lindsey's mom works at the community fire department in Thompson, on the ambulance. They had a need for stuffed animals, for kids who ride the ambulance. And we needed a winter service project. We felt it was a good idea.

Lindsey Seney - I know my mom always talks about how they need stuffed animals on the ambulance. She works there a few times

a week. It really helps them feel better.

Armstrong - We all know what it's like to be in distress. To have that little piece of comfort is nice.

When did you start collecting?

Armstrong - We started just after Christmas until about mid-February, collecting 80 stuffed animals.

Mary Steglitz - We made a schedule for all 16 members for five days of the week. We would have someone come at 7 each morning to the front foyer of the school with some stuffed animals we already have, to promote our cause.

Armstrong - We got a lot more than I thought we would.

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Putnam First Fridays street festival returns

PUTNAM — The Putnam Business Association First Fridays Committee announced its theme for 2019: "Made in America". This festival, which boasts six consecutive months of events, looks to engage folks of all ages with Art, Music, Entertainment, Artisan Vendor Fair, Activities, Food Vendors, and more.

On May 3, the event highlights American Sports: What's more American than football and baseball? Don your jerseys and join us on Main Street to celebrate All-American Sports! New England Sports excitement abounds and this evening we offer music, munchies and a variety of activities to showcase our American Sports Pride.

June 7 features American Music: American music is a true reflection of the diversity that makes us a rich culture. No matter where you travel in the world you're bound to hear American music. Many styles originated in the US - jazz, country, barbershop, bluegrass, ragtime, hip hop and more. Dress as your favorite singer and join us Downtown to celebrate American Music.

July 5 highlights American Theme Parks and Animation: As Americans, we love amusement parks and many of the world's animated films and characters originated right here in America. With a focus on the many diverse stories and famous characters, July features a spark of American fun from our favorite films and theme parks and offers the opportunity to dress up as your favorite character.

Aug. 2 celebrates Happy 50th Anniversary Woodstock! It's been 50 years since love and peace were celebrated by half a million people in upstate New York. Music, tie-dyes and flowers in your hair are the memories that come along with this fabulous music festival that lives on in spirit and in our culture today. Join us for food, fes-



PUTNAM — Lucy, Ella, Gabby and Paul Shepherd attend the First Fridays downtown street festival on Aug. 3, 2018.

activities and the vibe of peace, love and happiness.

Sept. 6 celebrates ComiCon: What began in 1970 as a one-day comic book convention in San Diego is now one of the largest, most unique events held across the US. It's a showcase for American pop culture - from gaming to comics to movies to art. It's an entertainment epicenter and a "safe haven" for those who revel in being different, nerdy, or are nerd friendly. So get your cosplay ready and express your own sense of super style by dressing up as your favorite character.

October 4 features SteamPunk (A Retro Futurism Party): Retro Futurism is a movement in the creative arts showing the influence of depictions of the future produced in an earlier era. Confused? Don't be - just imagine yourself dressed in an 1800's Victorian outfit then add in a little science fiction twist, like an iPhone powered by steam. Or go in the opposite direction and make your laptop look like an old typewriter. It's Twenty

Thousand Leagues Under The Sea, The Time Machine or Flash Gordon where predictions about the future were made using technology of the time that everyone understood. The trend can be seen in movies, fashion, music and beyond. It's fun and an oh-so-creative way to take today's technology and mix it up with a love of retro.

The Zombie Fashion Show is taking on a life of its own this year in a new location, Rotary Park, on Friday night October 18. Details will be updated on social media and www.discoverputnam.com

Information to submit your artwork for the First Fridays Poster Contest can also be found at www.discoverputnam.com. Vendor Applications for Artists and Food can be found on www.discoverputnam.com. Information for First Fridays can be found on www.discoverputnam.com, First Fridays in Downtown Putnam, CT Facebook page or contact Sheila Frost at coordinator@putnambusiness.org

Road toll forum at Killingly High

KILLINGLY — State Representatives Anne Dauphinais (R-44, Killingly) and Rick Hayes (R-51, Putnam, Thompson) in conjunction with State Representative Laura Devlin (R-134), and Senator Henri Martin (R-31), ranking members of the legislatures Transportation Committee are inviting the public to attend an informational forum on tolls at Killingly High School on Wednesday, April 3 from 7

p.m. to 8:30 p.m. Investing in and improving Connecticut's transportation infrastructure is a priority among all lawmakers. With the Governor's recent budget address including more than 50 tolls expected on all major highways across the state, this event will allow area residents to share their concerns, get their questions answered, and discuss potential alternatives.

Crack cocaine bust in Putnam

POLICE LOGS

PUTNAM — On March 19 at approximately 7 p.m. members of the Connecticut State Police Troop-D Quality of Life Task Force, the Statewide Narcotics Task Force – East Office, the Putnam Police Department and personnel assigned to the Troop D “Danielson Barracks” executed several search and seizure warrants at #23 Hanley Street in the Town of Putnam.

The search warrants were obtained after a lengthy investigation revealed that Ashley Goulet, 35, was selling crack cocaine from her residence. Once entry was made into the residence by police personnel, a systematic search was conducted and approximately 15.3 grams of prepackaged “crack” cocaine, one inoperable handgun, scales, and packaging equipment were seized. Due to a five year old child residing at the residence, the Drug Endangered Child (DEC) protocol was followed. Two Department

of Children and Family Services (DCF) workers were contacted and arrived on scene. A separate case has been initiated by DCF. Goulet was taken into custody and was transported to the Troop D Danielson barracks and charged with Possession of Narcotics 21a-279a, Possession of Narcotics WITS 21a-278b, Operating a Drug factory 21a-277(c) and Risk of Injury to a Minor 53-21. She was released on a \$50,000 cash/surety bond and is to appear in Danielson Superior Court on 04/02/2019.

Members of the CT State Police are committed to combating drug activity in the “Quiet Corner” and anyone with information regarding the illegal sale of narcotics and /or synthetic marijuana are encouraged to call the Troop D QLTF anonymous Tips Hotline at (860) 779-4950 or message the QLTF Facebook page.



Ashley Goulet

Courtesy photo

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

TROOP D LOG

BROOKLYN

Wednesday, March 20

Jeffrey Haines, 55, of 160 Paradise Drive, Brooklyn, was charged with illegal operation of a motor vehicle under the operation of alcohol/drugs

DANIELSON

Wednesday, March 20

Nancy L Lafantasia, 59, of 1017 Providence Pike, Danielson, was charged with a warrant

Andrea Lee Reynolds, 40, of 61 Boys Avenue #A, Killingly, was charged with a warrant

Thursday, March 21

Erin Hausler, 40, of 7 Short Street Apt. E, was charged with evading responsibility – serious physical injury, illegal operation of a motor vehicle under the influence of alcohol/drugs, and following too closely

PUTNAM

Tuesday, March 19

Ashley Goulet, 45, of 23 Hanley Street, Putnam, was charged with possession of narcotics, possession of narcotics with intention to sell, operating a drug factory, and risk of injury to a minor

Friday, March 22

Jeremy Roy Shepard, 36, of 274 Providence Street Apt. #2, Putnam, was charged with traveling too fast (conditions), illegal operation of a motor vehicle under the influence of drugs/alcohol, and failure to drive in the proper lane

THOMPSON

Monday, March 18

Christone Gareau, 33, of 150 Church Street, Thompson, was charged with a warrant

ANIMALS

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Steglitz – We had great support from our principal, who was very enthusiastic about promoting the project. She'd come out with big stuffed animals to help us promote the cause.

Seney - It was nice to put them all in the ambulance, and see how many there were.

How did you feel about the support your cause received from the school and the community?

Seney – I was surprised by how many people cared about this. Usually we only get a couple people when we do these kind of projects.

Steglitz – We were asking for only new stuffed animals, too.

Why is it important for the NHS to do projects like this?

Seney - It feels like school is more than just, well, school. It's something you can take pride in. Instead of just sitting in a classroom.

Armstrong - It makes you feel like you're part of something bigger than just the classroom. You feel involved in the community. Something like this, makes you relate more to public safety. You put yourself in their shoes.



mom's reaction. She was so happy. They had a couple old Beanie Babies before this. We have a better sense of community in the school. After a project like this one, we just feel proud.

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Steglitz - Even seeing Lindsay's

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NEMBA bicycling season on tap

BY OLIVIA RICHMAN
NEWS STAFF WRITER

PUTNAM — The Quiet Corner Chapter of the New England Mountain Bike Association will start their weekly guided group ride season on April 1. There is a ride for every skill level, and more importantly, it's a great excuse to get out in nature and meet new people.

Goodwin State Forest in Hampton are at a social pace, beginners welcome. Wednesday Women's Ride is an intermediate level evening ride with varying locations. Mansfield Hollow State Park is home to the weekly Hump Day Ride, a ride with a pace determined by the group. The Saturday Morning Special is a 20 mile ride for advanced riders, as is the Weekend Warrior Ride on Sundays.

These rides will take place weekly until the end of September, offering a great outdoor activity throughout the spring and summer.

For Quiet Corner NEMBA President, Stacey Jimenez, mountain biking is an escape. And she knows others are looking for that

same opportunity to forget the stress in their lives.

“Many people are looking to get out, but don't know the trails or where to go,” she said. “They don't know what to expect from the trails. It's good to get out with a group for safety reasons, too, since you're out in the woods.”

Jimenez doesn't have a favorite trail. For her, it's more like “flavor of the day.”

For more information, follow Quiet Corner NEMBA on Facebook: [Facebook.com/ QuietCornerNEMBA](https://www.facebook.com/QuietCornerNEMBA).

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Art show at Thompson Library

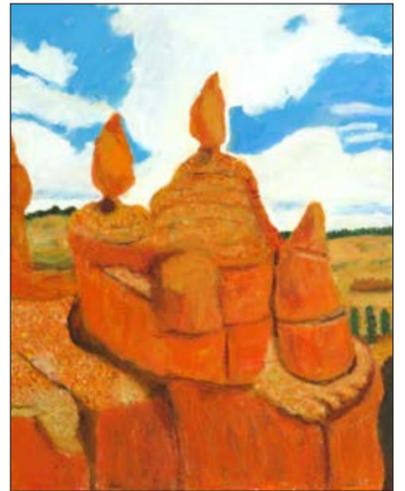


"Piglet Siesta," by Susan Emerson-Hill.



Donna O'Scolaigh Lange's "Nocturnal."

Courtesy photos



Ann C. Rosebrooks work will be featured at the Thompson Community Art Show.



"Untitled," by Frances Kornbluth, a resident of North Grosvenordale who passed away in 2014.



"Charlie," by Nancy Deede

BY OLIVIA RICHMAN
NEWS STAFF WRITER

THOMPSON — The Thompson Community Art Show is coming to Thompson Public Library, on display from April 2 to April 26. Join the community for an opening reception on Wednesday, April 3 at 6:30 p.m.

There will be 101 works displayed, from painting and photography to sculptures. And they are by 68 Thompson citizens, who either work, live, or attend school in town.

The mission of the show is to foster an appreciation of the visual arts, to provide an inclusive venue to showcase creative of Thompson artists, and to enrich the community of Thompson through artistic expression.

"It's wonderful," said committee member Donna O'Scolaigh Lange. "I love being in solidarity with Thompson artists. There's so much talent here. People I know, and people I had no idea, are just so creative."

Along with Lange, there are other people on the Thompson Community Art Show Committee that bring this epic month-long exhibit to life: Nancy Deede, Susan Emerson-Hill, Karen Durlach, Laura DiCarlo, Tricia Dustin, Sarah Zabka, and Al and Lynn Landry.

Working with the Friends of the Thompson Library, the show will also be collecting art supplies for various TEEG programs, and non-perishable food items for their food pantry, during the reception, and throughout the month. It's just another way to bring the community together.

The Thompson Public Library is no stranger to art shows. Each month, the Friends of the Thompson Library support Art @ the Library. This brings a new artist to the library's community room each month.

Unfortunately, art galleries are not a very common thing these days, said Lange. Instead, people are often viewing art online.

"It's so nice to have a gathering place in the community, where we can see original art," she said. "It's the experi-

ence of right next to an original piece of art. It's a more immediate experience. You can see the textures. You can read the artists' statement, and figure out why and how it was made. There's just something about looking at the computer screen separates you from the artwork you're looking at."

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PUBLIC MEETINGS

BROOKLYN

Monday, April 1
Conservation Commission Sustainable Committee, 7 p.m., Clifford B. Green Ethics Board, 7:28 p.m., Town Hall Conservation Commission, 7:30 a.m., Clifford B. Green Memorial Center
Tuesday, April 2
Economic Development Commission, 6:30 p.m., Town Hall
Wednesday, April 3
P&Z, 6:30 p.m., Town Hall Board of Finance, 7 p.m., Town Hall

KILLINGLY

Monday, April 1
Town Council, 7 p.m., Town Hall IWWC, 7:30 p.m., Town Hall
Tuesday, April 2
Town Council, 7 p.m., Town Hall
Wednesday, April 3
Charter Revision, 6:30 p.m., Town Hall Town Council, 7 p.m., Town Hall KCG, 7 p.m., Town Hall Permanent Building Commission, 7 p.m., Town Hall
Thursday, April 4
Killingly Business Association, 7:45 a.m., Town Hall Town Council, 7 p.m., Town Hall

PUTNAM

Monday, April 1
Board of Selectmen, 7 p.m., Town Hall
Thursday, April 4

Democratic Town Committee, 6 p.m., Town Hall

POMFRET

Monday, April 1
Board of Selectmen, 7 p.m., Town Hall
Wednesday, April 3
IWWC, 7 p.m., Town Hall

EASTFORD

Monday, April 1
Board of Selectmen, 7 p.m., Town Office Building
Tuesday, April 2
School Readiness Council, 5:30 p.m., Eastford Elementary School Crystal Pond Park Commission, 5:30 p.m., Town Office Building Conservation & Historic Preservation Commission, 7 p.m., Town Office Building Conservation & Historic Preservation Commission, 7 p.m., Town Office Building Democratic Town Committee, 7 p.m., Eastford Public Library

WOODSTOCK

Monday, April 1
Woodstock Business Association, 6 p.m., Town Hall Economic Development Committee, 7 p.m., Town Hall
Tuesday, April 2
Board of Finance,

7 p.m., Town Hall
Wednesday, April 3
Board of Selectmen, 4 p.m., Town Hall P&Z Subcommittee, 7:30 p.m., Town Hall

THOMPSON

Monday, April 1
Trails Committee, 7 p.m., Town Hall P&Z Subcommittee, 7 p.m., Town Hall Thompson Fire Engine Company, 8 p.m., Thompson Fire House
Tuesday, April 2
West Thompson Independent Fire Association, 7 p.m., West Thompson Fire Station Board of Selectmen, 7 p.m., Town Hall
Wednesday, April 3
EDC Branding Implementation Committee, 6:30 p.m., Town Hall East Thompson Volunteer Fire Department, 8 p.m., East Thompson Fire Station
Thursday, April 4
Board of Finance, 7 p.m., Town Hall

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Killingly High School alumni give back

KILLINGLY — Killingly High School graduates Class of 82' Donna LaHaie, Class of 81' David Panteleakos and Class of 80' Ted Reynolds, combine their efforts to help raise money for Killingly High School Music Programs and Quinebaug Valley Community College Foundation with a benefit concert set for Saturday, March 30 at Killingly High School called "Voices in Concert with The New England Jazz Ensemble."

All three local Northeast Connecticut residents attended Killingly High School and QVCC in the 80's while growing up in Northeast Connecticut and have been actively involved in philanthropic events centered on music and live performance as part of Broadway Live Productions for the past 19 years. David Panteleakos, creator and owner of the production company stated, "Donna and Ted have been so generous

to share their amazing talents with us over the past 19 years and I could not be more excited to go back to where it all started for us, Killingly High School. We will be performing the music of jazz, big band and Broadway with a 24-piece professional orchestra, commissioned musical arrangements; and with professional technical lighting and sound support. It does not get any better than this for a music lover." Ted Reynolds added, "I am so honored to be performing on March 30th with Donna and Dave, as it is our time to give back to a school that gave us so much and to once again be a part of an effort to help to raise money for student scholarships for higher education is so rewarding." All three attended both Killingly High School and attended QVCC at some point in their undergraduate academic experiences. Donna LaHaie stated, "I have so

many fond memories of my high school years because of my involvement with band, choir and stage performance. Reflecting back, I especially remember how impactful Pam Rogers was on my singing experience as our Choral Director and how I look back now with such fond memories."

Broadway Live Productions began in 2000 and has staged hundreds of performers, musicians and actors over 19 years with thousands of people attending one of the many productions at local venues including: Broadway Live 2000, 2001, 2005, 2009 and 2015, Voices in Concert 2003, 2004, Voices and Friends 2003, Encore!, Broadway Live Helping Hands, Broadway Live Christmas 2006, 2009, DIVAS Live, Follow The Fifty Red Dress DIVAS, Les Misérables and The Concert and Michael Dutra "Simply Sinatra." All net proceeds from every

performance have benefited numerous local and National non-profit 501 (c) (3) beneficiaries including: American Cancer Society, American Red Cross, Day Kimball Healthcare, Doctors Without Borders, Eastern Connecticut Performing Arts Association (ECPAA), Habitat for Humanity, Hale YMCA Youth and Family Center, HealthQuest of Northeastern Connecticut, Hurricane Katrina Relief Fund, Putnam Rotary Club, Thompson Lions Club, Thomson Ecumenical Empowerment Group (TEEG), Interfaith Human Services of Putnam and Daily Bread Food Pantry, The Bradley Playhouse, Quinebaug Valley Community College (QVCC) Foundation. Tickets are now available on-line at www.mybroadwaylive.com

Flexer leads passage of early voting proposal

KILLINGLY — The Government Administration and Elections Committee of the Connecticut House of Representatives advanced House Joint Resolution 161 on March 20 at the state capitol in Hartford, a proposal that would create a statewide referendum to amend Connecticut's Constitution on allowing early voting. State Senator Mae Flexer (D-Killingly) is Senate chair of the Government Administration & Elections Committee.

House Joint Resolution 161, "Resolution Proposing an Amendment to the State

Constitution to Allow for Early Voting and No-Excuse Absentee Voting," seeks to amend sections of the Constitution of the State Connecticut to allow for any elector to vote by absentee ballot without an excuse needed and to provide at least three days of in-person voting prior to Election Day.

"Voting is a fundamental right and we should be doing all we can to make it easier for people to exercise that right," Flexer said. "We must create more opportunities for people to vote, through extending the period for in-person voting and allowing for no-excuse absent-

tee voting. Voter participation in our democracy is paramount and we want everybody's voice to be heard."

"I am pleased to see the committee move forward with this critical piece of legislation. With increased civic engagement, citizens want to exercise their fundamental right to vote, and Connecticut's voters must have opportunities to participate in democracy that work with their busy and, sometimes, unpredictable schedules. Early voting would allow increased participation in elections and would ensure voters' interests are fairly represented," said State Representative Dan Fox (D-Stamford) who serves as House chair of the Government Administration & Elections Committee.

"39 states already allow their

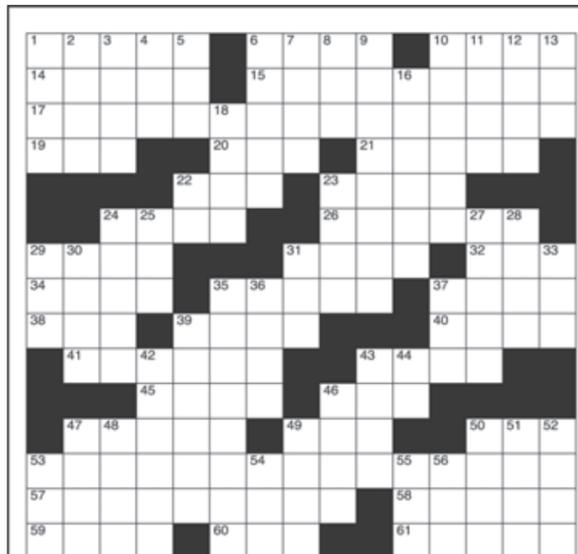
citizens to vote prior to Election Day and more than 40 million voters nationwide did in 2018," said Secretary of the State Denise Merrill. "Connecticut citizens deserve the same opportunity to conveniently cast their ballots. Allowing sixteen year olds to preregister to vote will make voter registration more accessible to young voters, a group that has lower historic participation in the electoral process. Encouraging voting early in life often creates a lifetime voter."

Thirty-nine states and the District of Columbia, offer some form of early voting. Twenty-eight states and the District of Columbia allow any voter to vote by absentee ballot without needing an excuse, while in nineteen states, an excuse is required. Connecticut is one of

twelve states that does not have any provision for early voting and one of nine that requires an excuse in order to vote by absentee ballot. Neighboring states Rhode Island and New Hampshire are also in that group of twelve states that do not have early voting.

"We should be doing all we can to reduce barriers to voting and encouraging civic participation in our communities," said Senator Flexer. "Life is unpredictable and it is unrealistic to have one day to vote in-person and expect everybody to get to the polls on that day. I'm thrilled that we are one step closer to making early voting a reality."

The bill now awaits a vote by the House.



CLUES ACROSS

- 1. Joint
- 6. A group of countries in special alliance
- 10. Stone
- 14. Move with a splashing sound
- 15. Can be fixed
- 17. Giving human characteristics to the nonhuman
- 19. Other side of yang (Chinese)
- 20. Consume
- 21. Gave it a go
- 22. One point north of due east
- 23. Fat used to make puddings
- 24. Turfs
- 26. Not awake
- 29. Not nice
- 31. Frighten
- 32. Political action committee
- 34. Skin problem
- 35. Type of music
- 37. Intestinal pouches
- 38. Eight
- 39. Emerald Isle
- 40. Interpret characters
- 41. Abandon
- 43. Felines
- 45. Energy and enthusiasm
- 46. Resembles a pouch
- 47. Relating to sense of smell
- 49. Swiss river
- 50. Bradley Int'l Airport
- 53. _____ yonder
- 57. Tarred and _____
- 58. Boyish
- 59. This (Spanish)
- 60. Male parent
- 61. Lounge chair

CLUES DOWN

- 1. Sports award
- 2. Monetary unit of Angola
- 3. Some animals live here
- 4. Former CIA
- 5. Global health group
- 6. Male given name
- 7. Opposite of right
- 8. Open Payment Initiative
- 9. Desert plants
- 10. A bird that cannot fly
- 11. Off-Broadway theater award
- 12. Lump of clay
- 13. Barbie's pal
- 16. Seldom
- 18. Noses
- 22. Denotes past
- 23. Selling at specially reduced prices
- 24. _____ Claus
- 25. Comes before two
- 27. Fencing swords
- 28. Nocturnal rodent
- 29. Chinese revolutionary
- 30. Electronic counter-countermeasures
- 31. Enjoyable
- 33. Villain
- 35. Discussed
- 36. Waterfall (Scottish)
- 37. Old television part (abbr.)
- 39. Roughly chipped flint
- 42. Helps change channels
- 43. _____ Sagan, astronomer
- 44. Cooling unit
- 46. Uttered words
- 47. Small integers
- 48. Type of data
- 49. Inspired
- 50. France's first Jewish PM
- 51. Famed sci-fi novel
- 52. Body parts
- 53. Nigerian City
- 54. Amount of time
- 55. Coloring material
- 56. Type of constrictor snake

Danielson employment and training workshops

DANIELSON—The Danielson American Job Center, located at 562 Westcott Road, is offering a variety of Employment and Training workshops to area residents in April. Advance registration is encouraged due to space limitations. Please go to CTHires.com or call (860) 774-4077 to register.

The following seminars are

offered: Computers Made Easy – Learn the basic aspects of how computers work, basic computer operations and terminology for Windows 7. Topics include basic file management, using Help and Support features, Internet searches and how to identify secure sites. Geared for individuals who have never used a computer or need a

refresher on computer use. April 3 (9 a.m. – 12 p.m.)

Get Back to Work – You can overcome job search stress: Stay connected, get involved, and know your next steps. Our staff is here to offer guidance, direction and opportunity. April 3 (10 a.m. – 12 p.m.), April 16 (3 – 5 p.m.) and April 29 (1 – 3 p.m.)

Creating A Job Search "Elevator Pitch" – Learn how to create the perfect 30- or 60-second "elevator pitch" to introduce yourself to potential employers. Explore how to identify or create a networking opportunity and effectively engage during a networking opportunity. Useful for all jobseekers unfamiliar or out of practice with networking, and those using LinkedIn. April 5 (9 a.m. – 12 p.m.)

Word Made Easy – Designed for the beginner. Learn how to create, edit, copy and paste Microsoft Word documents and much more in a fun, stress-free environment. No computer experience is necessary for this hands-on workshop. April 10 (9 a.m. – 12 p.m.)

Metrix Learning – This workshop offers an orientation to online training through the Metrix Learning System. E-Training licenses allow 90 days of 24/7 unlimited access to more than 5,000 courses (IT, desktop computer skills OR healthcare education). Learn new skills or upgrade existing skills to help find a new job or enhance your career. April 10 (1 – 3 p.m.)

Employability Skills for Ex-Offenders – focuses on helping ex-offenders market themselves to potential employers. Learn how to answer challenging questions on applications and interviews. April 10 (1 – 4

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Grand Prix comes to Eastford



Eastford's Grand Prix First Place for Fastest Car was won by Penny York of Pomfret.

EASTFORD — On Saturday, March 23, 16 youngsters competed in Eastford's Grand Prix (also known as a pinewood derby) as 100 folks looked on. The young folks created their wood racing cars in many shapes and designs. And the winners were: Grand Prix Fastest Car category: First Place Penny York of Pomfret; Second Place David Budd; Third Place Owen Budd. The winners

of the Grand Prix in Best Display category were: First Place Abigail Budd; and Tied for Runner Up Brianna Burgess and Hunter Brandriff (all from Eastford). The cars were timed as they slid down a long track located in the Community Room of the Congregational Church of Eastford. The crowd celebrated with a spaghetti dinner.



Eastford's Grand Prix on March 23 drew 16 competitors, 14 of whom are shown here.



Eastford's Grand Prix Second Prize for Fastest Car was won by David Budd of Eastford.

David Barlow photos

Courtney co-sponsors legislation to lower health premiums

WASHINGTON, D.C. — Congressman Joe Courtney (CT-2nd district) became an original cosponsor on March 26 of the Protecting Pre-Existing Conditions & Making Healthcare More Affordable Act, sweeping new legislation that will lower Connecticut residents' health insurance premiums, crack down on junk health insurance plans, strengthen protections for people with pre-existing conditions, and combat attempts to stifle enrollment in health insurance through the Affordable Care Act. The bill was introduced following news from yesterday evening that the Trump Administration asked a federal court to strike down not only the Affordable Care Act's protections for people with pre-existing conditions, but every other part of the health law.

"Last night, in federal court, the Trump Administration argued for the elimination of the Affordable Care Act, and every benefit and protection that comes along with it — including protections for people with pre-existing conditions," said Congressman Courtney. "People in eastern Connecticut do not want to turn the

clock back on protection for patients with pre-existing conditions, but this latest attempt by the President to totally dismantle the Affordable Care Act would do that, and more. I have voted once already in this new 116th Congress to combat attempts to take protections away from folks with pre-existing conditions, because Congress has a responsibility to stand up for Americans and their health care. Introduction of this bill today is another step forward in that fight, and towards meeting our promise of lower health costs for the American people."

The Protecting Pre-Existing Conditions & Making Health Care More Affordable Act of 2019 includes provisions that will: Lower health insurance premiums with strengthened and expanded affordability assistance. Strengthening tax credits in the Marketplace to lower Americans' health insurance premiums and allows more middle-class individuals and families to qualify for subsidies; Ensuring that families who don't have an offer of affordable coverage from an employer can still qualify for sub-

dies in the Marketplace; and, Providing funding for reinsurance, to help with high cost claims, improve Marketplace stability, and prevent the Trump Administration's sabotage from raising premiums. Strengthen protections for people with pre-existing conditions. Curtailing the efforts to give states waivers to undermine protections for people with pre-existing conditions and weaken standards for essential health benefits, which would leave consumers with less comprehensive plans that do not cover needed services, such as prescription drugs, maternity care, and substance use disorder treatment.

Stop insurance companies from selling junk health insurance plans

Stopping efforts to push Americans into junk health insurance plans that do not provide coverage for essential medical treatments and drugs, and that are allowed to discriminate against people with pre-existing medical conditions.

Reverse the GOP's health care sabotage that has needlessly driven up premiums and uninsured rates, and empower states to innovate and invest in enrolling more people in affordable

health coverage. Reversing efforts to stifle participation by requiring open enrollment outreach, education, and funding for navigators; Investing in state efforts to conduct outreach to increase enrollment, educate consumers of their rights, and help individuals navigate the health insurance system;

Empowering states to implement new approaches to increasing enrollment and allows states to set up their own Marketplaces; and Holding the Administration accountable for its use of federal dollars dedicated to increasing enrollment, outreach and running the federal exchange.

In January, Congressman Courtney voted in favor of a resolution to strengthen Congress's position to intervene against the Texas v. U.S. lawsuit, which sought to strike down the entirety of the Affordable Care Act. The resolution passed the House of Representatives and affirmed the House Counsel's authorization to intervene as a party in the Republican-led lawsuit, asserting the House of Representatives' authority to defend laws it has passed and enacted into law.

Murphy joins bipartisan bill to combat Russian influence

WASHINGTON — U.S. Senators Chris Murphy (D-Conn.), a member of the U.S. Senate Foreign Relations Subcommittee on Europe and Regional Security Cooperation, and Ron Johnson (R-Wis.), chairman of the Subcommittee, applauded the passage of their European Energy Security and Diversification Act in the U.S. House of Representatives on Monday night. U.S. Representatives Adam Kinzinger (IL-16) and Bill Keating (MA-9) introduced the House version of their bill.

The European Energy Security and Diversification Act provides new tools for the United States to combat malign Russian influence and create economic opportunities at home and abroad. Specifically, the legislation authorizes \$1 billion in financing to catalyze U.S. public and private sector investment for European energy projects that, paired with increased diplomatic and technical support, will help diversify Europe's energy supply and decrease Russia's hold on the region. Russia uses its dominance of the energy market, along with bribery, corruption, and propaganda, to undermine Western institutions and install pliant governments that are unable or unwilling to counter Russia or its president, Vladimir Putin.

"I'm thrilled the House has sent our

legislation to the Senate. For too long, Vladimir Putin has used Russia's oil and other energy sources to strong arm Eastern European countries. This will boost private and public investments in the region, creating jobs and protecting our national security," said Murphy.

"I'm pleased the House moved expeditiously to pass this legislation that promotes European energy security and supply diversification. I look forward to passing it in the Senate soon to help address Russia's attempts to use its energy dominance to influence other countries in the region," said Johnson.

The European Energy Security and Diversification Act of 2019 would: Authorize financing to catalyze U.S. public and private sector investment in strategically important energy projects in eligible countries from fiscal year 2019 to 2023, including: Natural gas infrastructure such as interconnectors, storage facilities, LNG import facilities, and reverse flow capacity. Electricity infrastructure, including transmission infrastructure, storage projects, and smart grids. Authorize \$5 million per year in appropriations for the U.S. Trade and Development Agency (USTDA) for project feasibility studies, reverse trade missions, pilot

projects, and technical workshops to support projects in the earlier stages of development. Encourage the State Department to ramp up its political and diplomatic support to eligible countries

such as by facilitating negotiations for cross-border energy infrastructure and assisting eligible countries improve their energy markets and regulatory environments.

Woodstock Dems Souper Supper fundraiser set for March 30

WOODSTOCK, Conn., Feb. 18 — Soup lovers rejoice! More than a dozen varieties of soups will be featured at this year's Souper Supper, an annual community fundraiser hosted by the Woodstock Democratic Town Committee. The popular event returns Saturday, March 30, from 5:00 – 7:00 p.m. at the East Woodstock Congregational Church, corner of Woodstock Rd. and Prospect St., East Woodstock.

This year's menu includes the following soups: squash; chicken; vegetable and bean; hamburger with vegetables; onion; matzoh ball; spicy Chinese vegetable; and kielbasa with cabbage, plus Chairman's Chowder; chili; corn chowder and zucchini stew. Additional soups are likely, event coordinator Suzanne Woodward said.

Ticket prices are \$10 for adults and \$5 for children 16 and younger. Tickets are available from WDTC members, at the door, or by calling 860-428-5074.

A special treat at the Souper Supper will be an appearance from members of SINGS! The Quiet Corner Song-Swap. These performers will provide a brief warm-up for their Pete Seeger Tribute "For Pete's Sake," later that evening (7:30 p.m. at The First Congregational Church of Woodstock).

Along with the multitude of soups, the menu also includes appetizers, bread and butter, salad, dessert and non-alcoholic beverages. Vegan, vegetarian and gluten-free options will be available.

"The WDTC welcomes Democrats, Republicans, Independents, unaffiliated voters and citizens of all towns to join us and dine in a friendly atmosphere as we celebrate the democratic electoral process," said Charles Supper, WDTC chair. Funds raised will be used to support upcoming Democratic campaign efforts.

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Earth hour at West Thompson Dam

HOMPSON — Here in The Last Green Valley our starry nights are important. Join us from 7:30 p.m. to 9:30 p.m. on Saturday, March 30 at West Thompson Dam, 162 West Thompson Road, North Grosvenordale, as we honor Earth Hour and our starry nights with a special astronomy program.

Earth Hour is a global effort to turn off the lights from 8:30 to 9:30 pm, March 30, to shine a spotlight on the planet. If you can't join us, you can still participate in Earth Hour.

As part of Earth Hour, TLGV Rangers Kim and Geoff McLean will lead a special astronomy program. During the program the group will observe some distant objects, such as galaxies, clusters of stars, Red Giants and Nebulae. If you have a telescope - bring it. If you

don't know how to use it, come early and the McLeans will help get you started. They will talk about - and answer - all kinds of astronomical trivia during the observations. This is a family-friendly event. Please do not bring white lights of any kind. To see where you are walking, please use a flashlight with a red light.

The program will be held near the overlook shelter or in the field, depending on conditions. Parking is the same for both. Please park in the lot near the maintenance shed.

For more information call TLGV at 860-774-3300 or email Fran@tlgv.org.

The Last Green Valley National Heritage Corridor is the last stretch of dark night sky in the coastal sprawl between Boston and Washington, D.C.

Crandall seminar at Westfield Church

BY OLIVIA RICHMAN
NEWS STAFF WRITER

KILLINGLY — A program on the "Life & Legacy of Prudence Crandall" is coming to the Westfield Congregational Church on May 4 at 1:30 p.m. Sponsored by the Killingly Historical Society, this educational and powerful seminar is presented by former curator of Prudence Crandall Museum Kazimiera Kowlosaki, and Kendal Smith, educator of Prudence Crandall Museum.

This is a program that Smith and Kowlosaki have brought to other historical societies in the area, since Prudence Crandall has made such a huge impact on the area. And the world. Kowlosaki will go into Crandall's background, and the events that happened in the 1830s that made her such an icon and trail-blazer. Smith is writing a book about Crandall, and will discuss the legacy of this woman. It shows that her work is still inspiring people today.

In 1833, Prudence Crandall opened the first academy for young black women in a building that still stands in the middle of Canterbury.

This is the perfect time to discuss this part of the state's history, said Kowlosaki.

"What was going on nationally in the 1830s, with the abolitionist movement and anti-slavery... This is very relevant to today," she said. "The racial animosity going on in the 1830s seems to have reared its ugly head. It never disappeared, but lately a lot of that 'us against them' mentality has resurfaced."

For more information, contact the Killingly Historical Society at info@killinglyhistorical.org or by calling 860-779-7250.

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HACKETT SIGNS WITH BU



Courtesy photo

WOODSTOCK — Woodstock Academy senior Cole Hackett, flanked by his parents John and Brenda, signs his National Letter of Intent to play men's soccer at Boston University on March 20 on the South Campus at Woodstock Academy.

Killingly public school scholarships.

DAYVILLE — Killingly Public Schools 2019-20 Board of Education Scholarship applications will be available starting April 1. Applications can be accessed by logging onto Killingly Public Schools website at <http://www.killinglyschools.org/>

Applications are also available at Killingly High School, 226 Putnam Pike, Dayville and Killingly Public Schools' Central Administration Office, 79 Westfield Ave., Danielson. Students must be grad-

uates of Killingly High School. All applications must be received and in the Central Office, (not postmarked) by 4 p.m. on April 30. There will be no exceptions. Please do not fax or email applications.



College news

Emily Hughes of Eastford, was named to the Dean's List for the First semester at Cornell University. Andrew Hughes of Eastford, a student at Johnson & Wales University in Providence, Rhode Island, just completed an internship in Florence, Italy in Italian business.

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p.m.)
Manufacturing Jobs for Everyone! – Manufacturing jobs are in huge demand. There is a job for just about everyone – from entry level to highly skilled. Find out about job opportunities and how to prepare for a career in manufacturing. Learn about the Manufacturing Pipeline and the free training – classroom or online – offered to help you get a great paying job in manufacturing. April 10 (2 – 3:30 p.m.)

Advanced Word – Bring your Word skills to the next level! Do you know the best résumé format to use for an Applicant Tracking System? Come to Advanced Word and find out! Learn how to create bulleted lists and insert hyperlinks, tables and more. Some experience with MS Word preferred for this hands-on workshop. April 12 (9 a.m. – 12 p.m.)

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

Email Made Easy – Designed for the beginner. Learn how to use email in a fun, stress-free, friendly environment. Create a job search email address, practice composing and replying to emails, and explore the features of Gmail. No computer experience is necessary for this hands-on workshop. April 17 (9 a.m. – 12 p.m.)

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Community Passover at B'nai Shalom

BY OLIVIA RICHMAN
NEWS STAFF WRITER

PUTNAM — The community is invited to Congregation B'nai Shalom's annual Community Passover on April 19. The participatory service and dinner is a time to not only remember the Jew's slavery in Egypt, but celebrate freedom. It's a time for the community to come together.

Community Passover will start with a Seder Service, which includes some special readings and Passover songs. The service also discusses the traditional symbols that adorn each Passover Seder plate, like salt water, which stands for the tears people cried as slaves, and

charoset, an apple-based food that looks like the red clay Jews used when building the Egyptian pyramids. But it's also sweet, like the sweetness of liberty, of being freed.

Even leading up to Passover, traditional Jewish people don't eat bread. They also eliminate all bread crumbs from the house. This is because the Jews that fled Egypt were in such a big hurry that they didn't have time for their dough to rise. Now, when Jews eat kosher, they can only eat Matzot that comes from a factory that finishes each piece in less than 18 minutes, not allowing it to rise.

Children in attendance will also participate in crafts and get goodie bags based on the 10 plagues God brought upon the

Egyptians until they agreed to free the Jews.

Steven Schimmel has been leading this Passover service for years. He said that all of these symbols and songs are a way to remind Jews not only of their freedom from slavery, but of the people in the world who are still enslaved. They pray for their freedom as well.

The food is also a big draw of this important celebration. The main dish is a traditional brisket, paired with all kinds of vegetables. There will also be Matzot Ball Soup.

For many Jewish people, having Passover Seder with family and friends is a tradition.

"It's just fond memories for every-

body who grew up in any kind of Jewish home," said Schimmel.

But the dinner is also open to everyone else in the community.

"Everyone can identify with the celebration of freedom," he continued. "Most people have experienced similar things in their histories. It's a joyous holiday. People love celebrating with other people of different faiths."

For more information on this event, contact Sue Stern at susandstern@gmail.com.

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Show at Memory Lane Café

PUTNAM — Memory Lane Café recently hosted Mike and Beth Silvia for an afternoon of music and humorous stories. Smiles and laughter were plentiful as Mike and Beth encouraged participation from the audience with their joyful songs. "We are fortunate to have this caliber of talent living right here in the Quiet Corner" says

Charla Beattie, MLC Activities Coordinator. "We can't wait to have them return". The Silvias reside in Thompson with their seven children many of whom participate in their family band suitably called Grow Your Own Band. To learn more about Memory Lane Café and/or the Mike and Beth Show call 860-963-1077.



Mike and Beth Silvia entertained at Memory Lane Café.



MARY FISHER ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

April 1, Monday - Hamburger or Cheeseburger OR Vanilla Yogurt-Muffin-Cheese Stick Oven Baked Potatoes Baked Beans ~ Cucumber Wheels

April 2, Tuesday - WG Mozzarella Sticks Dipping sauce OR Sunbutter & Jelly Sandwich Mashed Potatoes~ Fresh Carrots 100% Juice

April 3, Wednesday - Hot Diggity Dog (Hot Dog wrapped in Crescent Roll) WG Cookie OR Vanilla Yogurt-Cereal-Cheese Stick Spinach Salad ~ Cucumber Wheels

April 4, Thursday - WG Cheese Pizza OR Ham/Cheese Sandwich Pasta Salad Fresh Celery & Tomatoes 100% Juice

April 5, Friday - Crispy Breaded Chicken OR Vanilla Yogurt-Muffin-Cheese Stick, WG Mac & Cheese Seasoned Broccoli

POMFRET COMMUNITY SCHOOL

April 1, Monday - Cheesy Pizza Slice, Crispy Celery Sticks, Crunchy Baby Carrots, Ranch Dipping Sauce,

Assorted Fruits, Milk Alt: Chicken Patty, Breakfast: Breakfast Pastry

April 2, Tuesday - Brunch for Lunch - French Toast Sticks, Egg Patty and/or Sausage Tater Tots & Grape Tomatoes, Assorted Fruits, Milk, Alt: Chicken Patty, Breakfast: Mini Pancakes

April 3, Wednesday - Chicken tenders, Seasoned Brown Rice, Steamed Broccoli, Golden Carrots, Assorted Fruits, Milk Alt: Chicken Patty Breakfast: Breakfast Pastry

April 4, Thursday - Cheese Quesadilla, Zesty Tomato Salsa Sweet Steamed Corn, Refried Beans, Assorted Fruits Milk, Alt: Chicken Patty, Breakfast: Mini Waffles

April 5, Friday - Fish and Chips, Oven Baked Potato Wedges Creamy Coleslaw Tartar Sauce and a Roll Assorted Fruits, Milk, Alt: Chicken Patty, Breakfast: Egg and Cheese

PUTNAM ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

April 1, Monday - WG Spaghetti W/ Meatball Dinner, WG Garlic Bread, Seasoned Green Beans

April 2, Tuesday - Zesty Orange Popcorn or Plain Chicken Rice Bowl, WG Chicken Bites Tossed in an Orange Glaze served over a Bed of Brown Rice and Broccoli

April 3, Wednesday - Toasted Cheese Sandwich and Zesty Tomato Soup, Cheddar Goldfish Crackers, Baby

Carrots w/ Hummus

April 4, Thursday - Fiesta Taco, Seasoned Ground Beef, Lettuce, Tomato, Cheddar Cheese, & Salsa, in a WG Tostado Bowl or Soft WG Tortilla, Spanish Rice, Seasoned Corn

April 5, Friday - Putnam Special Pizza, Assorted Fresh Toppings on homemade Whole Wheat Pizza Dough, Fresh Garden Salad w/ Cherry Tomatoes and Cucumbers

PUTNAM MIDDLE SCHOOL

April 1, Monday - WG Spaghetti W/ Meatball Dinner, WG Garlic Bread, Seasoned Green Beans

April 2, Tuesday - Zesty Orange Popcorn, WG Chicken Bites Tossed in an Orange Glaze served over a Bed of Brown Rice and Broccoli

April 3, Wednesday - Toasted Cheese Sandwich and Zesty Tomato Soup, Cheddar Goldfish Crackers, Baby Carrots w/ Hummus

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April 4, Thursday - Crispy Breaded Chicken OR Fish Filet Sandwich WG Mac & Cheese Seasoned Broccoli

April 5, Friday - Crispy Breaded Chicken OR Fish Filet Sandwich WG Mac & Cheese Seasoned Broccoli

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April 4, Thursday - American Chop Suey, Whole Wheat Roll, Wax Beans, Fruit/Milk

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The thief of time

Maybe it's spring fever. Or are we all procrastinators? I'm drawn to a series of recent articles on the topic of procrastination. Is it procrastination when I want to read about distractions rather than get going on my to-do list? Of course it is. While I value self-discipline and getting things done, my mind wanders all over. Perhaps yours does too, especially this time of year.



NANCY WEISS

Nearly every day I take an index card and write down what I intend to do. I start with the most pressing thing and move on. In the middle I bury several items I know I ought to do, but I don't feel like doing. Lately the mid-ground has been taken up with the task of calling a specialist about a pesky tooth. I imagine myself off on a trip that is suddenly interrupted by a tooth ache. That will move me toward making the call.

I wasn't brought up to procrastinate. Just make a decision was the mantra of my family. Shillyshally was a word they used to describe the process of messing around to make up one's mind. Action of nearly any description was always better than evaluation. Whether the activity was reading a book or digging a trench, if done with vigor, it was okay. Don't just sit there. Do something!

Eventually I came to enjoy doing two things at once. I could read a book and scratch the dog with my foot. Now I listen to books in the car so that I can drive and "read" at the same time. I'm especially happy to rev up all household appliances at once: run the washing machine, the dishwasher, the oven and the coffee maker so that I can walk from one to another as if I am an overseer in a great mill building coordinating a project. I've read that we can't multi-task, but I know that most of us can bounce a baby on one hip and stir an actual or figurative pot with the other.

When I procrastinate, I believe I am being lazy. Fortunately, the latest article (NYT 3/25/19) tells me I am procrastinating because I am in a bad mood. I procrastinate to enjoy feeling good right now rather than later when I've accomplished something. When I feel bad about myself for procrastinating, the article tells me, my negativity might lead me to do it even more. Instead of feeling, I use an app on my phone when I sit down to write. I set the timer for 25 minutes and promise myself not to move until it goes off. Often the technique works.

If my natural bias is toward action rather than reflection, it is also a mindset that doesn't allow much for bad moods. If my procrastination doesn't come from an emotional source, it is hard to cure with the recommended procedure, which is "self-compassion".

We may need to forgive ourselves for lapses in judgement, forgetting where we left our keys or being short with a loved one but notable people, such as Henry David Thoreau thought procrastination was just the thing to fuel creativity.

He said: "How vain it is to sit down to write when you have not stood up to live." Sounds like an invitation to take a walk to me.

Charles Dickens put it best. He said: "Procrastination is the thief of time, collar him."

While I'm looking for a way to get a grip on my procrastination, I'll step outside and enjoy my favorite ailment, spring fever.

OPINION

Opinion and commentary from the Quiet Corner

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Climate change scare

I want to thank the two writers who took the time to rebut my climate change scare letter of March 15th. Of course, the writers were quick to judge me wrongly as a denier of climate change when in fact I clearly stated that "every junior high student has been taught throughout the 20th century, that the earth's climate is changing." It has always changed, and it will always continue to change. The title of my letter was about the "scare" that is being perpetrated upon Americans. The "scam," Mr. Day, is the lies that are told to cause hysteria. As much as you might enjoy being right, the world is not going to end in 12 years due to CO2. In 2006, the climate scare mouthpiece, Al Gore, told us all that the oceans would rise by 20 feet in 10 years. He was only off by roughly 20 feet. The hysteria surrounding climate change is what I was referring to when I called it a scam. Americans generally accept that illegal immigration is a greater threat to our country, so the scare tactics are not convincing.

One liberal writer/scaremonger accused me of writing too long of a letter and acknowledged he/she refused to read beyond the first paragraph. But, still managed to criticize me for being a denier of their religion. So much for trying to engage with a democratic socialist. My second liberal inquisitor thought I didn't write enough because I did not answer all his questions and inane opinions. There is just no way to please a liberal unless you bow at their alter. The only thing missing from these types of people is their rallying cry: "Help us stop climate change today. Prove you care by sending a check to the Democratic National Committee immediately." Many democratic socialists, running for president, are making millions doing just this with all their ignorant posturing. They sound like the old joke: "I'm from the government and I'm here to help, trust me."

My question is this, is the climate mostly changing due to man or is the earth just naturally producing more CO2? Yes, I know that our "brilliant" non-biased liberal scientists have concluded that it is "man's" fault. Call me a skeptic! I wonder if liberals exclude themselves from this list of "man" because they are the holy warriors in this crusade to screw America. So, if it is the fault of this group called "man," what does that fully entail? Could it be "man's" fault from the destruction of the rain forest in Brazil (trees naturally absorb CO2) to create more farm land in order to raise cattle for cheaper beef for Americans? Could it be from the mankind of the two other great emitters of CO2, China and India? Two countries that American politicians refuse to hold accountable. Or, is it as I contended previously, the fault of "man" because the world's population has exploded? Get scientists and politicians to stop "mankind" from breeding and the CO2 problem will solve itself. I fully accept all these man-made causes for increased CO2, along with auto, plane and industrial pollution. In the last 45 years the world's population has doubled, mostly in under-developed countries. Of course, a blanket "mankind" accusation always suffices when specifics must be ignored. Again, I ask, what are the chicken littles of this world's plans for these pesky problems? The simple answer: Destroy America's economy.

I stated that I was agnostic regarding climate change not because it may be changing for the worse because of anything mankind may be doing, but rather because it has turned into a scare for the rest of us to buy into. The louder someone yells, the less respect I give them. I am agnostic about climate change because if indeed it is real, there is not a non-harmful thing that the

scientists and politicians can do to stop it. It is impossible that all the renewable energy known to man could ever produce enough power to sustain the 7.5 billion people on this planet. When the liberal lefties in this country choose to resort to scaring us about the dangers of cow flatulence (see the green new deal), I'm done listening to their goofiness, and I refuse to take them seriously.

The climate change scare is nothing more than a new age religion. The only thing missing is the sheet music to accompany their hymns. To these people, Al Gore is their God, scientists are their prophets and politicians are their disciples. I would rather bow to the holy cows of India (for the T-bones of course), than to the lying scaremongers of the liberal lefties in this country. Does anyone ever wonder why approximately 90 percent of scientists and academia contribute solely to the Democrats? I never wonder about it because any reasonable person knows why. As the bank robber Willie Sutton knew, "that's where the money is." It's called pay to play. This scheme simply means that political contributions are made to the "correct" people and grant money is returned to them from the taxpayers.

Anyone who refuses to see the corruption behind the climate scare deserves the fate which accompanies the belief in their false Gods. Worshiping the perceived power of man is a fool's errand. If throwing money at a problem could produce positive results, this country would have the best educational system in the world, rather than the most inept and corrupt. Liberals believe that all their food comes from a grocery store and their kids think that welfare is a career choice. Colleges are producing educated idiots with worthless degrees, so is it any wonder that these same people believe everything a stranger tells them about climate change?

So, let's recap. I am, for the record, all in with the "possibility" that the world is getting warmer even though the signs show that it has leveled off over the last 20 years, according to NOAA. I might even agree that mankind is making it worse, even though NOAA admits that the earth's natural climate variability of El Nino's, La Nina's, solar activity and even volcanic eruptions all play a large part in climate variations. Are you with me so far, liberals? So, let's not lie or misconstrue my words or intent in next week's issue as done previously. Lastly, with all of that being simplified for the Kool-aid drinkers out there, what are you going to do about climate change without making the cure worse than the disease? My faith in liberals is such that, if they could lower the global temperature by eliminating CO2, they would go too far and kill off all life on the planet to prove that they could.

The personal attacks on me by Mr. Day were quite funny and predictable. When you can't defeat the message, shoot the messenger. Apparently, he is a staunch liberal who has bought into and is proud of the left's foolish agenda to destroy our country in an attempt to save the world. Yes, I blame the liberals for all this hysteria because they are the ones screaming constantly about an issue that only they see as a calamity. I did not mean to hit a nerve with this man but apparently, I did. I hear-by humbly apologize to him and his many earthly Gods and overlords (scientists and politicians). Much could be said to criticize Mr. Day's retort, but editorial space is always a concern when you don't own the paper you depend upon to voice an opinion. My many thanks to the Villager and its staff for allowing a civil conversation to be held on this much hyped topic.

GERRY RENAUD
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Cost of not having children

Last week's article in the Village 'What It Costs To Raise Kids Today' highlighted how expensive and burdensome having children is. It mentioned three different studies that point to totals north of \$230,000 lifetime cost for childrearing expenses. Normally, this would have been the article I glimpse over on the way to view the Police Logs, but in light of everything we are seeing and hearing from the media and our political leaders, this begs the question; 'What is the cost of not having children?' To examine this question holistically, it may be helpful to look at a few facts as a starting point:

In developed countries, the TFR (Total Fertility Rate - replacement rate outside of migration) is 2.1. This means we need 2.1 children on average to replace ourselves. In the US, we have dropped to 1.88 TFR, the lowest since the Great Depression. Europe is in even worse shape (sources data.worldbank.org / data.UN.org or www.worldpopulation-review). New England states occupy the dubious honor of being the lowest out of all 50 when it comes to population contribution in the country, aside from Oregon. CT has a TFR of 1.59. There has been a constant drumbeat since the late 60's / early 70's about overpopulation by Malthusian theorists. (see The Population Bomb written by Paul and Anne Ehrlich). There are no shortage of believers that humans are destroying the planet. This religion is taught in our schools and

espoused by the media and most politicians, including the Pope. (We even had two letters to editor on this in last weeks' Villager). Many politicians have moved away from the stance of keeping abortion 'safe, legal and rare' to abortion on demand for any reason, up until the moment of birth

In the last few months, we have witnessed US Senators and Representatives vote against keeping infants' alive that have survived an abortion and we've even had the VA Governor (and others) defend infanticide. New York has taken the unprecedented step of changing the law that calls the death of a pregnant woman a 'double homicide' so as to ensure children in the womb are not considered people

If people of child bearing age have spent their entire lives bombarded in school and via the media with messages like "people are a virus on the planet", "there are too many people in the world", "we are facing an 'existential threat' to life due to our polluting the planet", and "babies are not really people until some point after birth", is it any wonder that they are having less children? The new titular head of the Democratic Party, Alexandria Occasio-Cortez, herself recently asked publicly "Given climate change, is it still ok to have children?" The movement 'Birth Strike' is filled with people that have

Advanced estate planning for women



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In financial planning, women face a unique set of challenges that require a strategic approach to managing their assets so they can achieve their goals. This March, in recognition of Women's History Month, we'll be exploring these unique challenges and strategies to overcome them. Also, be sure to tune-in to our podcast and radio show "You & Your Money" and follow us on social media where we'll be recognizing the smart and talented women of the Weiss, Hale & Zahansky Strategic Wealth Advisors team.

We will continue this month by discussing estate planning for women. Statistically speaking, women live longer than men; if you're married, that means that the odds are that you're going to outlive your husband. That's significant for a couple of reasons. First, it means that if your husband dies before you, you'll likely inherit his estate. More importantly, though, it means that to a large extent, you'll probably have the last word about the final disposition of all of the assets you've accumulated during your marriage. But advanced estate planning isn't just for women who are or were married. You'll want to consider whether these concepts and strategies apply to your specific circumstances.

Transfer taxes: When you transfer your property during your lifetime or at your death, your transfers may be subject to federal gift tax, federal estate tax, and federal generation-skipping transfer (GST) tax. (The top estate and gift tax rate is 40%, and the GST tax rate is 40%.) Your transfers may also be subject to state taxes.

Federal gift tax: Gifts you make during your lifetime may be subject to federal gift tax. Not all gifts are subject to the tax, however. You can make annual tax-free gifts of up to \$15,000 per recipient. Married couples can effectively make annual tax-free gifts of up to \$30,000 per recipient. You can also make tax-free gifts for qualifying expenses paid directly to educational or medical services providers. And you can also make deductible transfers to your spouse and to charity. There is a basic exclusion amount that protects a total of up to about \$11,400,000 (in 2019, \$11,180,000 in 2018) from gift tax and estate tax.

Federal estate tax: Property you own at death is subject to federal estate tax. As with the gift tax, you can make deductible transfers to your spouse and to charity, and there is a basic exclusion amount that protects up to about \$11,400,000 (in 2019, \$11,180,000 in 2018) from tax.

Portability: The estate of someone who dies in 2011 or later can elect to transfer any unused applicable exclusion amount to his or her surviving spouse (a concept referred to as portability). The surviving spouse can use this deceased spousal unused exclusion amount (DSUEA), along with the surviving spouse's own basic exclusion amount, for federal gift and estate tax purposes. For example, if someone died in 2011 and the estate elected to transfer \$5,000,000 of the unused exclusion to the surviving spouse, the surviving spouse effectively has an applicable exclusion amount of about \$16,400,000 to shelter transfers from federal gift or estate tax in 2019.

Indexing for inflation: The annual gift tax exclusion, the gift tax and estate tax basic exclusion amount, and the GST tax exemption are all indexed for inflation and may increase in future years.

Income tax basis: Generally, if you give prop-

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MARGARET
WEAVER

Several weeks ago when I was looking for information on John Keyes, son of Mary who received the first U. S. patent granted to a female, I came across a most intriguing entry on Ancestry.com. "M ? John? Kees in the U.S. Seamen's Protection Index, 1796-1871". The document provided the following information: Declaration date-9 May 1806; Declaration port-New London; age-26; birth year-about 1780; birthplace-Killingly, CT; Certificate Number-3750; Height-5'7;" (<http://library.mysticseaport.org/i>) This John was the right age to be the son of Mary and John Kies, but the staff at the Mystic Seaport were unable to find additional information to help confirm my hypothesis. Even so, this individual had Killingly as a birthplace, so the information has become part of my accumulated store of tidbits. (Special thanks to Sarah Cahill and her staff at Mystic Seaport for assistance with that request).

The document provided food for thought about what was happening nationally at the beginning of the 19th century and about how dangerous it could be for American sailors with the international hostilities. I also was curious about the document itself.

"Seamen's Protection Certificates were usually printed documents, varying in size and style, that were carried by American seamen as proof of citizenship. The certificate was obtained by the individual through the customhouse, public notary, or U.S. Consul when required in a foreign port. It contained the person's name, birthplace, approximate age, height, skin color, eye and hair color, and other distinctive descriptive information, such as the location of scars or tattoos. 'United States of America' was often printed prominently across the top, and the

word 'protection' might also appear. Small engravings of the American eagle often served to decorate and establish the nationality of the document. A serial number was included on every Customs Protection Certificate for record keeping purposes. The wording of the document was standardized, having been transcribed on many examples, verbatim from the Act of 1796. The Act of 28 May 1796, entitled 'An Act for the Protection and Relief of American Seamen', provided certificates for the protection of American seamen from the threat of impressment by the Royal Navy. (American Maritime Documents 1776-1860 by Douglas L. Stein, 1992; <https://research.mysticseaport.org/item/1006405/1006405-c041>).

A second Killingly native also appeared in the Mystic Seaport Database for U. S. Seamen's Protection Certificates — James S. Copp. His declaration date was 9 March 1830; his declaration port was Salem; his age was 21; his birth year was about 1809; his birthplace was Killingly, Connecticut; his certificate number was 11111. I know much more about James S. Copp than John Keyes since Copp was born near me in the Cady-Copp House, which belongs to the Aspinock Historical Society of Putnam, and is on the National Register of Historic Places. Copp and his two wives were buried in the Putnam Heights Cemetery located on the easterly side of Liberty Highway (Route 21), Putnam, adjacent to Wilson Road. I was always intrigued because his first wife Abigail Dresser Copp, born in 1818, died on July 31, 1849 and was buried at sea. The co-ordinates of her burial were engraved on her tombstone (Latitude 30 degrees 10 minutes North; Longitude 67 degrees 33 minutes West). James S. Copp, who died August 28, 1881 in West Dedham, Massachusetts, and his second wife M. Henrietta (Cole) were both interred in the same cemetery.

I recently started an online subscription to newspapers.com so was curious to see if I could find any mention of

James S. Copp. Luck was with me. In addition to several brief mentions of his death, I found a lengthy article about some of his adventures at sea. The Vermont Chronicle of Montpelier, VT carried the following in its December 17, 1881 issue. It was sent to [the paper] by Rev. Dr. Wickham of Manchester, Vermont, who knew Captain Copp very well ...and the article first appeared in the Dedham Transcript of September 17 (1881). 'With a good education in both public and private schools, [James Copp] came, a youth to Salem,... and entered a dry goods store; but health failing, he turned a longing eye upon the large ships then so numerous there, and together with another young friend, applied to the captain of one of them, to be taken before the mast. He was tall and slender, with some indications of lung trouble, and the captain, looking hard at him said, 'Do you think you can stand it to live on salt junk and hard tack, young man?' To which he replied, with the resolution that ever after characterized him until his brain was affected by disease, 'I can stand it, sir, if others can.' The captain again looked hard at him a moment, and then said, 'I'll take you,' and ever after he 'stood whater others did.' After a few severe voyages to Havana for sugar, and then to the north of Europe, Hamburg and St. Petersburg, in a trade now become obsolete through the production of beet sugar in Europe, he became mate, and subsequently embarked in East India voyages from New York. He was mate of the ship Morrison of New York, belonging to Messrs. Talbot, Olyphant & Co., about 1837, during her memorable voyage to Japan." Copp's ship, which held several missionaries, was in Hong Kong harbor when six Japanese sailors, driven there by a gale, came into port. Hoping to gain an entrance into Japan, the Morrison planned to take them into the decidedly unfriendly territory. Soon after arriving at Nagasaki, the ship was surrounded by many small boats; entrance was refused, and cannon were set up by

the Japanese. "Fortunately the twilight, and some little delay by the Japanese in getting the required range with their guns, allowed the anchor to be raised and sails spread, and a light wind most providentially sprang up, and bore the Christian ship and her company steadily away beyond the range of the inhospitable guns, but not until two of the shot had struck the vessel, happily, however only tearing up some of her deck plank and gunwale. Many shot, however, passed over and uncomfortably near them." "Captain Copp returned as master of the Morrison, her captain having died before leaving Chinese waters. He afterward sailed many years for Messrs. Minot & Hooper of Boston, then engaged in the general East India trade, and by them was highly esteemed and implicitly trusted". Copp died in Dedham but was brought back to the family plot on Putnam Heights for burial.

I had planned to write about a third Killingly seafarer in this column but have run out of room. William H. Shippee, who served on the Charles W. Morgan, will have to wait until next week.

If you have relatives who have gone to sea from this inland part of Connecticut, please email me or call the Killingly Historical and Genealogical Center. After all, a sailor is not one of this area's usual occupations.

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Spring please!

Remember how I went shopping for jeans, but instead came home with perennial seeds, seed starter kits, and a grow light? Well they are doing so well! I started them early because I really want them to be established when I replant them outside. My little, green babies are doing well other than having to restart a dozen seedlings because the little cat knocked the lid off of one of the flats, and ate them. Before I forget, I'm sending a big shout out to Ed Bauch of Putnam who called me after reading my last column, and offered to help me program the new fobs for Rachel's car. Thanks Ed! The cold, wet bucket of suck

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we know as winter is hopefully nearing it's end, and that dirty snow is finally melting so we can see the lawn, Our driveway is dirt, and most of it is also on the lawn...pushed there from the plowing. If I wanted a berm in the front yard, it would be perfect...but I don't. So that massive gravel, and dirt mound has to be dragged back into the drive which as of now is a mud pit. The motorcycles in the garage are beckoning to be ridden, and pool cover wants to come off. We went to Dorchester, New Hampshire last weekend to visit Sean's family, and see his brother in a Blue's Brothers tribute group. They currently have four feet of snow around their house,

and it snowed while we were there. In all they've had over one hundred inches of snow this year, and winter isn't even close to being over for them. They can keep it too! I don't ski anymore because I've realized my mortality as I've gotten older, and I've never ridden a snowmobile. I was under one once. My cousin ran over me with his yellow Skidoo when I was five but I've never had the opportunity to be the one doing the driving. I sport a nice, little scar under my chin from the encounter. We enjoyed the snow so much more when we were kids. The storm of seventy-eight was the best...unless you were an adult of course. We lived on Letters street in Putnam, which was a steep hill so the town closed it down it snowed, and all the neighborhood kids got to sled, and ski on it for a few days. I remem-

ber it took my dad four days to shovel out the cars because the snow was up to the roofs. We didn't have power for a week so my brother, and I camped out in the living room with our parents. We had one of those green metal corner fireplaces, and that was our heat source for the week. Blankets hanging in the doorways to trap the heat in our makeshift camp while trips to the bathroom required a coat, and hat because it was on the other side of the house where you could see your breath, because it was nowhere near the heat source. My brother and I loved the new style of living but our parents were probably having breakdowns living in one room with us for a week. I'm sure we ate but I have no idea how Mom prepared anything. When you're a child those things like dinner, and heat just sort of

show up. We made forts with those red snow block makers from Benny's, had snowball fights, created elaborate tunnels through the yard, then marched back into the house in our soaking wet snowsuits so Mom could hang everything up around the fireplace to dry or until John, and I would start fighting, and she would send us outside again. I think we enjoyed snow so much more as kids because we didn't have the responsibility of making sure everything still ran smooth no matter what weird weather chaos is tossed our way.

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erty during your life, your basis (generally, what you paid for the property, with certain up or down adjustments) in the property for federal income tax purposes is carried over to the person who receives the gift. So, if you give your \$1 million home that you purchased for \$50,000 to your brother, your \$50,000 basis carries over to your brother — if he sells the house immediately, income tax will be due on the resulting gain.

In contrast, if you leave property to your heirs at death, they get a "stepped-up" (or "stepped-down") basis in the property equal to the property's fair market value at the time of your death. So, if the home that you

purchased for \$50,000 is worth \$1 million when you die, your heirs get the property with a basis of \$1 million. If they then sell the home for \$1 million, they pay no federal income tax.

Trusts: There are a number of trusts that are often used in estate planning. Here is a quick look at a few of them.

Revocable trust. You retain the right to change or revoke a revocable trust. A revocable trust can allow you to try out a trust, provide for management of your property in case of your incapacity, and avoid probate at your death.

Marital trusts. A marital trust is designed to qualify for the marital deduction. Typically, one spouse gives the other spouse an income interest for life, the right to access principal in certain circumstances,

and the right to designate who receives the trust property at his or her death. In a QTIP variation, the spouse who created the trust can retain the right to control who ultimately receives the trust property when the other spouse dies. A marital trust is included in the gross estate of the spouse with the income interest for life.

Life insurance: Life insurance plays a part in many estate plans. In a small estate, life insurance may actually create the estate and be the primary financial resource for your surviving family members. Life insurance can also be used to provide liquidity for your estate, for example, by providing the cash to pay final expenses, outstanding debts, and taxes, so that other assets don't have to be liquidated to pay these

expenses. Life insurance proceeds can generally be received income tax free.

Life insurance that you own on your own life will generally be included in your gross estate for federal estate tax purposes. However, it is possible to use an irrevocable life insurance trust (ILIT) to keep the life insurance proceeds out of your gross estate.

Plan well: It is important for women to consider the unique parts of their circumstances that could affect their financial plan. For example, women tend to live longer on average and may require more savings for retirement.

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already answered that question in the negative.

Add on top of all this, the notion that children are an expensive cost center and anyone contemplating having a kid or two should be well settled into their career with money saved before starting a family, and it's not at all surprising that most millennials when polled are opting not to have children. (See Forbes June 11, 2018 "Millennials Aren't Having Kids") Children are often seen as burdensome or a box to check off your bucket list after you've lived life and are well established. The messages we get are seldom positive.

A different viewpoint is this. Children are a gift that are as essential for us as people as they are for our society and country. The family is the core

nucleus of society. Our children are the future plumbers, scientists, teachers, first responders etc. in our communities. They are future taxpayers and caretakers for us when we are old and invalid. Not looking at it this way is to risk a future like what the Japanese are living right now. The Japanese, who have 1.44 TFR, are in full panic mode and racing to develop robots as fast as they can to take care of their elderly. (Especially since they eschew any type of immigration) There is no doubt that there is a very strong utilitarian argument for having children - and for legal immigration for that matter.

But beyond the necessity of preserving our society, it's the happiness we receive as people that may be most important when it comes to having children. When people look back at their fondest memories, it's almost always about family. When you read commentary and advice from people

who are dying, it's usually not spending time with loved ones that they mention as their biggest regret. Why? Because loved ones (most notably our children) bring us the most happiness. Science seems to back this up. A study by the Max Planck Institute for Demographic Research found a direct correlation between children and happiness. Other studies show greater mental health, better relationship skills and even lower blood pressure in those that have children versus those that don't. Children cause us to examine things more closely as they ask us questions, to hold ourselves to a higher standard so as to be an example for them and to give and receive love.

If you are contemplating having children and worried about the 'expense', perhaps you shouldn't. It might be better to think of them as an investment in your long-term happiness. (Plus the tax code will also help you by allowing

up to \$3,500 per year in child tax credits.) Don't put pressure on yourself to have a house or material things first, or to equip your kids with every gadget out there. Children can be perfectly happy in a small dwelling with parents who love them. They will benefit more from your attention, as will you, than game consoles, iPhones and the latest fashion. Families most often find a way to make due financially and there is no better structure than the family unit for support.

What last weeks' article failed to examine is the ultimate cost to all of us of not having children. When I reflect on it, I can't think of a single person I've ever met that said "I wish I had less children." Can you?

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April 2, Tues., 6pm

Commission on Aging Meeting, Ella Grasso Community Room, 65 Ballou St. Putnam.

April 3, Wed., 10-10:40am

(& April 10, 17, 24, May 1) Preschool Storytime, Killingly Public Library, A story time held on Wednesday mornings for children ages 3-5. Registration required. To register for children's programs at the Killingly Library go to www.killinglypl.org or call 860-779-5383.

April 3, Wed., 7pm

Bingo every Wednesday night at St. James, 12 Franklin Street. Proceeds benefit St. James School.

April 3, Wed., 6:30-8pm

Thompson Public Library Art at the Library Annual Thompson Community Art Show Reception. (On view April 2 through April 26) Coordinated by the Thompson Community Art Show Committee & the Thompson Recreation Dept. www.thompsonpubliclibrary.org 860-923-9779



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April 5, Fri., noon to 8pm

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April 5, Fri., 5pm

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April 6, Sat., 10:30am-1:30pm

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April 6, Sat., 7-8:30am

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April 6, Sat., 9am

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April 7, Sun., 1-2:30pm

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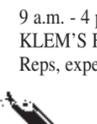
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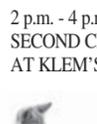
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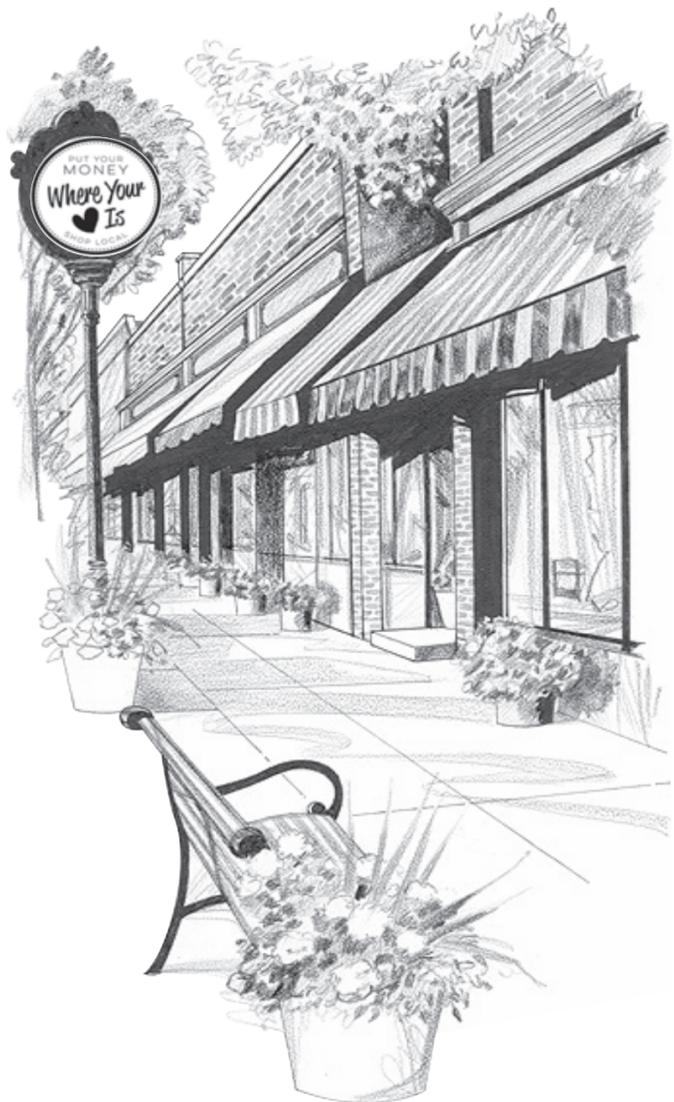


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Putnam baseball set for ECC season



Charlie Lentz photo

Putnam High's Colby Livingston will be counted on for innings.



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Cole Davagian returns to the mound for the Putnam High Clippers this season.

BY CHARLIE LENTZ
VILLAGER EDITOR

PUTNAM — The level of competition will be raised as Putnam High's baseball team joins the Eastern Connecticut Conference this season. The Clippers record might suffer a bit initially but playing in the ECC will likely benefit Putnam over the long haul. Putnam exited the now-defunct Constitution State Conference two years ago and played an independent schedule last season. Now coach Chris Hehir must prepare his young squad for

the rigors of the ECC. "I think they're all excited. It's something new for them. It's apples and oranges comparing the CSC to the ECC. The ECC has bigger schools that we're going to be competing against like Montville," said Hehir, in his ninth season. "It's going to be a challenge but I think they're up to the challenge."

Tommy Derosier will serve as Hehir's assistant coach. In the long run Putnam's association with the ECC should benefit the players.

"My motto every year

is you're only as good as the competition you play," Hehir said. "I think they're up to the challenge."

Most of Hehir's players have to be versatile and will play multiple positions. The Clippers have only two seniors on this year's roster. Senior Cole Davagian will pitch and play first base. Senior Jeff Reed will be a utility man. The juniors on the ballclub included second baseman Tanner Clark and outfielder Nicholas Perreault.

"I'm relying on the upperclassmen to step up

this year," Hehir said.

The sophomores on the team include pitcher and shortstop Colby Livingston, pitcher/outfielder Nathan Barylski, pitcher/infielder/outfielder John Carita, third baseman/catcher John Espinosa, and outfielder Jack Lomax.

Hehir expects his team to take advantage of some speed and play situational baseball.

"I'm looking at being aggressive on the base paths. Again, like last year, small ball — I need to get strong pitching this year," Hehir said.

The freshman on the team include catcher Zachary Belleville, first baseman Ben Northup, utility player Jack Rindge, and utility man Avery Pederson.

Livingston and Davagian will be at the top of the pitching rotation. Barylski and Carita are expected to contribute plenty of innings of well.

Putnam finished 9-11 in the regular season last year. Eight wins are needed to gain a berth in the state tournament. The Clippers will play in Division 4 of the ECC.

"We're looking to score a spot in the ECC tournament our first year and make states," Hehir said. "Our goal is eight wins but if we get more than that it will be the icing on the cake."

The Clippers open the season at Ellis Tech on Saturday, March 30, with the first pitch scheduled for 11 a.m.

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Youthful roster for Ellis Tech softball

BY CHARLIE LENTZ
VILLAGER EDITOR

DANIELSON — With the loss of five key seniors to graduation, this year's softball team at Ellis Tech might be a work in progress for coach Michelle Murray.

"We're young and we're going to take our learning lumps," Murray said. "But I think they're positive together as a team. And I think we're really going to hold our own once they start gaining a little bit of confidence. I'm very confident that we'll build our confidence as the season goes along and do the best that we can."

Ellis Tech finished 12-9 last season. Lyman Memorial defeated the Golden Eagles in

the first round of the Class S state tournament. Murray said the Golden Eagles will likely have to manufacture runs this season and it might take some time to implement her system.

"We're so young that most of them don't understand the small-ball piece of it," Murray said. "I have to get them to understand the game is a small game. It's a lot of bunt-and-run and it's a lot of slap hitting. I just need to give them just a little bit of time and then they're going to see how we make it happen."

Murray said she's starting with the basics.

"A lot of times in rec ball they don't teach the bunt. They don't teach the slap. They don't teach the small game," Murray

said. "I've just got to kind of have to ease them into it and gain their trust and we'll be fine."

Junior Izzy Vajcovec will be in the pitching rotation and play third base when she's not in the pitching circle. Junior Mackenzie Saucier will also pitch. They will be counted on to provide the bulk of the innings from the circle.

"I think (Vajcovec) and Mackenzie (Saucier) are going to feel their way through it. And I have to develop a few more freshmen pitchers, just to kind of keep the flow going, they're just willing to do whatever it takes. They're so coachable and they're a great bunch of girls. I can't wait to see how the season progresses," Murray said.

The seniors on the roster include shortstop Sydney Nault and outfielder Olivia Deveny. The juniors include Vajcovec and Saucier, who will also play in the outfield. The sophomores on the roster include second baseman Vivianna St. Jean, catcher Joceyln Collins, outfielder Natalie Creighton, and outfielder Nydaliz Ramos. The freshmen include first baseman Jordan Daoust, left fielder Mackenzie Dickinson, and infielder Ashlee Luty.

The goal will be to qualify for the state tournament. Eight wins are needed to gain a

berth in the tourney.

"That's still my goal, is to win eight games. Take it game by game and see how we can end up in the tournament. And we just go with it from there," Murray said.

Ellis Tech opens the season on the road at Holy Family on Monday, April 1.

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Izzy Vajcovec will be counted on in Ellis Tech's pitching rotation

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Tough schedule for Woodstock softball



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Mackenzie Leveille returns to Woodstock Academy's rotation.

Hannah Burgess is back at shortstop for the Centaurs.

BY CHARLIE LENTZ
VILLAGER EDITOR

WOODSTOCK — Woodstock softball coach Jason Gerum knows the Centaurs have their work cut out for them with a demanding schedule in Division I of the Eastern Connecticut Conference.

"We've got a gauntlet. We got moved back up to Division I and then after those six games, for the crossovers in Division 2 they gave us Griswold, Waterford, and Stonington — the top three teams. And then for our crossover in Division 3 they gave us Montville, the top team," Gerum said. "Half our schedule is the best teams in the ECC."

The Centaurs finished 9-13

last season and lost to East Lyme in the first round of the Class L state tournament. This season won't be any easier.

"We've got a bit of a gauntlet for a schedule but this is probably the deepest team I've had as far as experience," said Gerum, in his eighth season. "As far as one through 12, they all play a lot of softball. Even though it's going to be a tough schedule I feel pretty good about being competitive."

Gerum said if the Centaurs can survive the ECC and qualify for the state tourney they could make some noise.

"They're good enough, with experience and depth, that I believe if we make the tournament we could make a little run," Gerum said. "If we get

through that gauntlet and win the games that we should, and compete, we could be a pretty good tournament team."

A pair of sophomore pitchers, Mackenzie Leveille and Megan Preston, return to the roster. Leveille started last season and will likely contribute the bulk of the innings from the pitching circle this season. Gerum said his youthful pitchers have some innings under their belts.

"They're still a little young but we got them a lot of games last year, a lot of innings, and they play a lot of softball year-round. Already in preseason they're way further along than they were last year," Gerum said. "They're just getting better and better. We're happy with them and I think they're

going to help us be pretty competitive."

The seniors on the roster include shortstop Hannah Burgess, third baseman Heather Converse, catcher Julianna Nuttall, first baseman Hannah Chubbock, and senior outfielder Maria Scandalito. Gerum said his seniors have been leaders.

"Obviously, Hannah (Burgess) has played all four years. Heather (Converse) is just a great athlete, multi-sport athlete, she's played varsity for us for three years," Gerum said. "Julianna (Nuttall) has played with us for three years and she's been our starting catcher the last two. She's real solid behind the plate. Our seniors are real experienced, very committed, very serious

players. They're great leaders and we have some really good leadership this year. I'm very happy."

The juniors on the roster include outfielder Gabby Barnes, and infielder/outfielder/designated hitter Maia Corrado. The sophomores include Leveille, Preston, and center fielder Camille Corrado, catcher Marissa Mayhew, and utility player Amanda Bond. Brad Favreau will serve as Gerum's assistant coach. The Centaurs open the season on the road at Newington on Saturday, March 30.

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New coach for Tourtellotte softball

BY CHARLIE LENTZ
VILLAGER EDITOR

THOMPSON — First-year coach Paul Faucher takes the reins for Tourtellotte Memorial's softball team this spring. He brings along extensive experience to the dugout including a stint coaching Tri-Town's American Legion baseball

team. Right off the bat he's told his Tigers that he wants to top last year's 7-13 record. Tourtellotte fell one win short of qualifying for the state tournament last season. He has a simple philosophy.

"Our biggest game of the year is the next one we're playing. I'm trying to get

all the girls to buy into the moment," Faucher said. "Today is our biggest day. We've got to be better than yesterday."

He'll face the usual challenges of a first-year coach.

"It's just getting to know the abilities of the girls and putting them in the right situations and the right positions on the field and knowing the combinations out there that's going to work for the team," Faucher said. "Obviously baseball and softball are very similar except for the pitching aspect. It's going to be a work in progress for me to learn that."

Faucher said assistant coach Lexie Lamontagne will be a "huge help" with the pitching staff. The seniors on the roster include shortstop Lauren Ramos, pitcher/outfielder Amanda Bogoslofski, third baseman/left fielder Jolie Wilbur, outfielder Brianna Loffredo, infielder/outfielder Kaileigh Summers, and outfielder Kate Heffernan.

"Your best players need to be your hardest workers. That's what we're looking for from our seniors," Faucher said. "And so far they've shown it."

The juniors on the team include catcher/first baseman Steph Daly and second baseman Emily Angelo. The sophomores on the roster include pitcher/first baseman/outfielder Lindsey Houghton, catcher/infielder Kerrigan LaCasse, and utility player Samantha Worster. The freshmen include outfielder Olivia Dalpe, outfielder Jaycee Castano, pitcher/outfielder Kylie Smith, and first baseman Sarah Duquette.

Spring training has gone well and the team has been working hard.

"They are a loose bunch. They're relaxed. I tell them that I'm going to

be very easy to play for. We want to have fun with what we're doing here but we're going to work hard," Faucher said. "Bottom line, if you're not enjoying what you're doing — it doesn't matter if it's softball, basketball, school, or life — it's going to be an ordeal."

Tourtellotte is in Division 4 of the Eastern Connecticut Conference. Faucher has set high goals, much higher than seven wins. He likened the goals to climbing a rope.

"We're going to have fun out there but we're going to work and not be satisfied with anything. We always want to push forward to achieve higher and higher," Faucher said. "I told them the first day of practice that we have a rope with four knots on it. The first knot, that's qualifying for the state tournament. The second knot is qualifying for the ECC Tournament, the third knot is winning that tournament. And the fourth knot obviously is winning the state championship. I want them to aspire to the highest possible goal. If we win every game, obviously wonderful. But if we lose more than we win but they've given me everything they've got and the other team has to earn it — I'm fine with that. But we just have to keep pushing for the highest goals."

Tourtellotte opens the season on the road at Wheeler on Tuesday, April 2.

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Charlie Lentz photo

Sophomore Lindsey Houghton returns to Tourtellotte Memorial's softball team.

New era for Tourtellotte baseball

BY CHARLIE LENTZ
VILLAGER EDITOR

THOMPSON — Coach Lee Blanchette has great expectations for Tourtellotte Memorial's baseball program. The first-year coach isn't deterred by last season's 3-17 finish.

"In our first meeting, our team goal is to win the whole thing. Our goal is to win the state championship. It should be any team's goal," Blanchette said. "These kids believe it. These kids are working hard. I can't see why we can't win 12, 13, 14 games this year."

He's familiar with the roster and knows the Tigers' potential.

"The good thing is I've coached most of these kids from T-ball up," Blanchette said. "The biggest challenge is just to figure out where guys are going to be playing and getting them into game-shape mode without being able to get out on the field yet — not being able to get outside right away

and get their arms into game readiness."

The seniors on the roster include pitcher Anthony Ferraro, first baseman Matt Grauer, and catcher Dylan Vincent. Ferraro, junior Devin Dalpe, and junior Jack Merrill will all be counted on for pitching. Vincent returns with plenty of experience behind the plate and will steady the pitching staff.

"I definitely feel comfortable with Dylan being in charge behind the plate. He's caught all these kids for the last two years. He knows even some of the newcomers," Blanchette said. "I think we have some good young arms that will be able to give us some innings and take some of the stress off of going deep with some of the older guys."

The juniors on the roster include center fielder Steve Scrapchansky, pitcher/third baseman Jack Merrill, pitcher/right fielder Devin Dalpe, and infielder Nick Sturdevant. The

sophomores include pitcher/second baseman Kaden Strom, pitcher/outfielder Brady Monahan, first baseman John Steglitz, and pitcher/outfielder Garrett Koziak. The freshmen on the roster include catcher Alex Grauer, outfielder Justin Billings, outfielder Coady Bell, pitcher/shortstop Nathan Barber, pitcher/outfielder Ryan Barbour, and pitcher/outfielder Kyle Busha.

The Tigers open the season at home on Monday, April 1, against Windham. The first pitch is scheduled to be thrown at 4 p.m. on Tourtellotte Memorial's field. Blanchette said his players will be ready.

"A lot of these kids, 11 out of 17 kids all play summer ball, so we've got a lot of game experience over this past summer playing American Legion ball against some of the same kids they're going to be facing in a few weeks," Blanchette said. "So we're pretty confident that no matter who we play, once we get on that bus we're pret-



Charlie Lentz photo

Junior Devin Dalpe returns to Tourtellotte Memorial's pitching rotation

ty confident that we can win against any team."

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OBITUARIES

Albert J. Morrell, 81



PUTNAM - Albert J. "Nu-nu" Morrell, 81, passed away on Thursday, March 21, 2019 in his home. He was born in Putnam, CT, the son of the late Albert and Aurore (Remillard) Morrell. He was the

loving husband of the late Joan E. (Berthiaume) Morrell.

Albert Morrell was employed as a truck driver for many years working for Wajer Trucking, American Optical and Frito Lay. In addition, he was also employed as a mason for the State of Connecticut. He was a member of Teamsters Local 493 Montville, CT and enjoyed Golfing and Traveling. He was a faithful communicant of St. Mary Church of the Visitation.

Albert is survived by his son David Morrell and his wife Susan of Canterbury; his two daughters,

Deborah Apostolik and her husband Jack of Leesburg, FL, and Christine Lynch and her husband Bill of Spencer, MA; his sister Claire Lebeau of Woodstock; his grandchildren, Tiffany Chabot, Stephany Daniels, Michael Kroell, Joseph Kroell; three great-granddaughters, Abrielle, Natalie and Ella; and an expected fourth great-grandchild.

The family would like to thank the Day Kimball Oncology Department for all their kind and compassionate care.

Calling hours were held in the Gilman Funeral Home and Crematory, on Monday, March 25. A Mass of Christian Burial was held at St. Mary Church of the Visitation, Putnam. Burial will follow in St. Mary Cemetery, Putnam. Memorial donations may be made to the Oncology Department at the Day Kimball Hospital, P.O. Box 632, Putnam, CT 06260. For memorial guestbook visit www.GilmanAndValade.com

Charles H. Lounsbury, III, 76



PUTNAM - Charles H. Lounsbury, III, 76, of Richmond Rd., died Monday, March 18, 2019, at William W. Backus Hospital. Born in Danbury, he was the son of the late Charles H. Lounsbury, Jr. and

Anne Marie (Ziegler) Lounsbury Ayers.

Charlie was a 1964 graduate of the United States Naval Academy and was a Vietnam Navy Veteran. He worked as an Emergency Medical Technician for American Ambulance, worked as a computer programmer and was an entrepreneur. He was a member of the Canterbury Volunteer Fire Department. He enjoyed skiing and volunteered on the Powder Ridge Ski Patrol for many years.

Charles is survived by his children, Jonathan Lounsbury and his wife Heather of Westmoreland, New Hampshire, Heidi Lounsbury of Southington,

Connecticut, and Gretchen Hamn and her husband Daniel of Rockland, Massachusetts; his sisters, Kathryn Phenix of Melbourne, Florida, and Linda VanEck of Vermont; five grandchildren, Sinead Politz, Addison Hamn, Phoebe Hamn, Anne Lounsbury and Samuel Lounsbury and two great grandchildren, Jaxton Politz and Lorelei Politz.

Calling hours were held on March 23, in the Gilman Funeral Home & Crematory, which were followed by a Funeral Service. An inurnment ceremony at the United States Naval Academy Cemetery in Annapolis, MD will take place in May. For memorial guestbook please visit www.GilmanAndValade.com.

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OBITUARIES

Arthur J. LaFortune, Sr., 96



O X F O R D / WEBSTER – Arthur J. LaFortune, Sr., 96, died Saturday, March 23, 2019, at Webster Manor Nursing Home in Webster. He was predeceased by his wife of 64 years, Anna M. (Cronin) LaFortune of Oxford who died in 2010; his brother, Edward LaFortune who died in 1990; and his granddaughter, Renee LaFortune who died in 2018. He is survived by four

children, Pamela Careau and her husband Paul of Surprise, AZ, Arthur LaFortune Jr. and his wife Kim of Charlton, James LaFortune of North Grosvenordale, CT, and Lois Payne and her longtime companion Kurt Liden of Dudley; six grandchildren and five great-grandchildren. He was born in Dudley, son of the late Romeo and Flora (Randolph) LaFortune, and lived in Oxford for over 30 years before moving to Auburn and Webster. He

was a U.S. Navy veteran of World War II, serving in the European Theater and South Pacific.

Mr. LaFortune was the head custodian at Auburn High School, retiring in 1984. Previously he held various manufacturing jobs. He was a member of the American Legion Post 279 in Auburn.

Although our father served admirably in World War II for which he received the Purple Heart, he in his own words said "I didn't do anything heroic. I just lived an ordinary life." Ordinary yes, but in his own non-heroic way, lived a life of integrity and personal values which we, his children, can only now fully appreciate.

A funeral service was held Thursday, March 28, 2019, at 12 noon at Paradis-Givner Funeral Home, 357 Main St., Oxford. Burial followed at North Cemetery in Oxford. A calling hour was held on Thursday from 11 a.m. – 12 noon prior to the service.

paradisfuneralhome.com



June Beverly (Turner) Ingalls, 86



S E B R I N G , FLORIDA -- June Beverly (Turner) Ingalls, 86, of Sebring, Florida, passed away on March 18 at Good Shepard Hospice after a courageous battle with pancreatic cancer. She was

born on January 17, 1933 in Norwich, the only child of Mildred Turner. She was raised in the towns of Pomfret and Brooklyn. She graduated from Killingly High School in 1950, where she excelled as a basketball and volleyball player and cheerleader. Upon graduation, she enlisted in the U. S. Air Force, in which she served until being honorably discharged in 1953. She moved to St. Petersburg, Florida and married the late James Ingalls Sr., on September 28, 1968. Jim was the love of her life and they had many adventures together, which they shared with the countless wonderful people they met along the way. They worked hard to create a successful machine shop business, Auto-Labe, Inc, while living on a boat at the St. Pete Marina. June was always active. She was a bowler in her earlier years and took up the game of golf, along with Jim, upon turning 50. She loved football and was an avid Dolphins fan. They retired to Golf Hammock in Sebring during 1987, where they made many good, deep, friendships on and off the golf course. Jim predeceased her in 2010. In recent years, "Miss June" could be found sharing her cheery disposition at The Village Inn or Dee's for breakfast and then on a stationary bike at the YMCA; which she joined when it opened in 1991. Her family is grate-

ful to the staff and patrons of these businesses as well as "Dr. Nancy," and her Golf Hammock neighbors; they served as a strong support team during her widowed years. June is survived by beloved cat, Cali, as well as her three children from her first marriage. Two daughters: Deborah Lynn Carver of Wooster, Ohio, her three children Jessica Ward, Jacob and Andrew Herschmann and her grandchildren Daniel, Miley, Timothy, Issac, and Amaya, and Diana Jo Carver and her son Phillip of Bloomington, Minnesota, and a son, Daniel George Carver and his wife Kathryn of Colchester, Vermont and their three daughters Emily, Kathryn, and Molly. On Jim's side, she leaves two children: A daughter, Diane Hope (Ingalls) Blake and her husband Fred, of Friendship, Maine. A son James Edmund Ingalls Jr, his wife Melody of Brooklyn, their daughter Laura (Ingalls) Muollo, her husband Jon and two children Tyler and Rose of Dracut, Massachusetts; their son Eric Ingalls and his wife Young of Queens, New York. A memorial service will be held at Stephenson-Nichols Funeral Home on Tuesday March 26th at 4:00 pm. In lieu of flowers, donations to the YMCA/Thakkar Wellness Center would be appreciated.

Arrangements have been entrusted to Stephenson-Nelson Funeral Home, 4001 Sebring Parkway, Sebring, FL 33870

Online condolences may be left at: www.stephensonnelsonfh.com



Helena B. Witkowski

THOMPSON, CT- Helena B. Witkowski, of Thompson CT, passed away on Saturday March 16, 2019. Helena was born in Thompson, CT the daughter of the late Wojciec (Albert) and Aniela (Skowron) Witkowski on April 17, 1927. She leaves numerous nephews and nieces. Helena was predeceased by 5 brothers, Anthony, John, Stanley, Paul and Walter, and five sisters; Frances Dalterio, Josephine Dabrowski, Mary Walkowicz, Anna Witkowski and Julie Robbins.

Helena graduated from Tourtellotte High School in North Grosvenordale, CT, the Connecticut Institute of Hairdressing and Cosmetology in Hartford, CT, Central Connecticut College in New Britain, CT with a BS in education and the Summer School of Krakow, Poland with a certificate in education. Ms. Witkowski was the owner of Helen's Beauty Shoppe in Putnam, CT. She then was the

department head of 40 years at the H. Ellis Vocational and Technical School, retiring on April 1, 1986. She was a member of the Connecticut State Employees Association.

Ms Witkowski would like to extend a special thank you to Joanne Jolly who was a friend for many years.

In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be made to St. Joseph School, North Grosvenordale, CT for a scholarship for students entering a college to major in education.

The funeral will be announced at St. Joseph Church, North Grosvenordale, CT at a later date followed by burial at St. Joseph Cemetery. There are no calling hours. Shaw-Majercik Funeral Home, 48 School St., Webster, MA has been entrusted with her arrangements. A guest book is available at www.shaw-majercik.com where you may post a condolence or light a candle.

Douglas H. Hopkins, 67



P O M F R E T CENTER -- Douglas H. Hopkins, 67 of Pomfret Center died Saturday, March 16, 2019 at Yale New Haven Hospital in New Haven. He was the beloved husband of Alice (Marcy) Hopkins; they were married September 13, 1969. He was born on August 14, 1951 in Foster, Rhode Island, the son of the late Jason and Viola Hopkins.

Doug was a firefighter and fire policeman for 45 years with the Pomfret Fire Department. He was a veteran of the Vietnam War serving in the Navy as a Corp Man in Newport, Rhode Island. Doug was a truck driver for over 20 years and enjoyed hunting. He was a very creative and artistic man. He enjoyed pumpkin carving, wood burning, airbrushing and screen printing, all while volunteering with the youth group at the Abington Congregational Church in Pomfret Center.

Besides his wife Alice, he leaves his children Kimberly White and her husband Steven of Salisbury, North Carolina, Ginger Rathbun and fiancé Paul Malley of Canterbury, Sandra Sherburne and her husband John of Danville, Vermont, Callie Hopkins and fiancé Shane Field of Plainfield, grandchildren Shawn White, Erica Leatherman, Tricia Barnhardt, Shelby Rathbun, Sam Sherburne, Peyton Field, Max Sherburne and 6 great grandchildren, a sister Kathleen Brackett of Foster, Rhode Island.

Calling hours will be Saturday, April 6, 2019 from 10:00 to 12:00 PM at the Smith and Walker Funeral Home, 148 Grove Street, Putnam. A graveside service will follow at 12:30 PM at the Abington Cemetery, Pomfret, with Military Honors. Share a memory at www.smithandwalkerfh.com



Leon J. Tremblay, 77



SOUTHBRIDGE- Leon J. Tremblay, 77, a lifelong resident of Southbridge, died February 27, 2019, at home surrounded by his loving family, after a courageous battle with cancer.

He is survived by his daughter Michelle Mondor and her husband Normand of Southbridge, his son Todd Tremblay and his wife Kathy of Keene, NH, his grandson Kevin Mondor and his girlfriend Jennifer Pecore of Charlton, and their 3 children John, Averyann, and Bentley, his granddaughter Tarsha Mondor and her two children Kyle (his grandfather was a father-figure to him) and Estella. He also leaves 3 brothers Alfred Tremblay and his wife Gloria of Woodstock, Paul Tremblay and his wife Brenda of Sturbridge, David Tremblay and his wife Ann of Southbridge, 3 sisters Constance Fontaine of Sturbridge, Aline Vosberg and her husband Russell of Sturbridge and Diane Tremblay of Southbridge,

and many nieces and nephews. He was predeceased by his brothers Richard, Roger, Roland, Robert, and his sisters Lorraine Tremblay and Jeanne Lacasse.

He retired in 2013, as custodian from the Brimfield Elementary School, where he worked for 18 years. He previously was the custodian at the former Marianhill Central Catholic High School (Trinity Catholic Academy), where he worked for 10 years as a custodian. He also worked for 20 years at Duralite in Grafton for 20 years as a company foreman. Recently he was an independent carrier for the Worcester Telegram for 4 years, retiring due to illness.

Leon was a Past Exalted Ruler at the former Fraternal Order of Elks Lodge 1864, (B.P.O.E) in Southbridge where he was a member for many years.

There were no calling hours and burial will be private. Please consider a donation to the VNA Hospice of Central MA, 534 School Street, Webster, MA 01570, or to one of the many cancer research and treatment centers. www.sansoucyfuneral.com

Barbara Ann Kondratowicz



DUDLEY- Barbara Ann (D'Alessandro) Kondratowicz, of Dudley, Massachusetts, died peacefully on March 23, 2019 at Lanessa Extended Care in Webster, MA after a long and wonderful life.

She was born on September 12, 1928 in Webster, MA to James and Angelina D'Alessandro. Barbara graduated as class valedictorian from Saint Louis High School in 1945. She married the love of her life Francis "Sonny" Kondratowicz on October 31, 1948, after he was honorably discharged from the U.S. Navy and returned from WWII. They raised their four children in Dudley. Her husband predeceased her in 2000.

She made a point of staying connected to many friends in the community and was an avid Scrabble and card player. Barbara was a perfect homemaker; she loved cooking, baking and gardening. She and her husband cherished time at their summer home on Cape Cod in Wellfleet, MA. She also enjoyed spending time with her fami-

ly, especially her seven grandchildren and twelve great grandchildren.

She leaves behind her loving family: son Michael Kondratowicz and his wife Linda from Dudley and their children Ian Kondratowicz, Robert Christian, Angelina Martin, Josh Christian and Mandy Madore; daughter Lori Kondratowicz and her wife Julie from Thompson CT, son John Kondratowicz and his wife Kathleen from Sandwich, MA and their daughters Brianne and Shea. She also leaves her brother, James D'Alessandro and his wife Barbara from Webster, and brother-in-law, Paul Kondratowicz and his wife Carol from Dudley. Barbara was predeceased by her son, Brian Kondratowicz, and her sisters-in-law, Eleanor Stockhaus and Rachael Tkacik.

Calling hours were held Wednesday March 27 from 9:30 am to 11:30 at Bartel Funeral Home 33 Schofield Ave, Dudley A Funeral Mass followed at Noon in Saint Andrew Bobola Catholic Church, Dudley. In lieu of flowers and in her spirit, please make a contribution to Massachusetts Military Support Foundation PO Box 715, West Barnstable, MA 02668 or www.mass-militarysupportfoundation.org.

Jeffrey J. Horton, 52

DANIELSON, CT- Jeffrey J. Horton age 52 passed away Sunday March 17, 2019 in New London. He leaves his father Willie J. Horton of Danielson, he also leaves a sister Sheri Horton in South Carolina. He was born in Tuscaloosa, Alabama son of Willie J. Horton and the late Willie Ann (Martin) Horton and lived here for fifteen years.

Jeffrey worked at electric boat and

in other shipyards as a laborer. He enjoyed fishing. There are no calling hours, burial will be in Alabama at a later date. The Shaw-Majercik Funeral Home, 48 School St., Webster, MA has been entrusted with his arrangements. Donations in his memory may be made to a charity of donors choice. A guest book is available at www.shaw-majercik.com where you may post a condolence or light a candle.

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OBITUARIES

Elizabeth Heckler, 78



Elizabeth Heckler, 78 of Bradford Corner Road, Woodstock Valley, died on March 19 at home. She was born in New York City, on January 19, 1941 to Lucy (Gorlewski) Kodym and Cashmir

Kodym. She is survived by her husband of 57 years, Norman Heckler and her three sons, Norman, Jr. of Woodstock, Matthew of New York City, Jason of Philadelphia, her sister Celine and her many grandchildren, nieces and nephews.

Lizzie, as she was known to her many friends, was a kind, gentle and thoughtful person. She loved her life and the path that it took. As a teacher for 40 years at Woodstock and Eastford Elementary Schools, she was focused on her students. She saw each one as an individual as was her way with everyone whom she happened to know. Although a city girl by birth, she took to life on Bradford Corner Road in West Woodstock with the same focus she showered on all aspects of her life. She and Norman restored their 18th century home with attention to historic details and a hearty dose of warmth and welcome for family and friends. The giant hearth in the center of the house emitted warmth and charm for decades as a gathering spot, but the kitchen where Liz held sway, was even more engaging. Liz cooked with locally grown foods long before the movement gained popularity.

As Norman C. Heckler & Company gained a national reputation as a premier auction and appraisal house for American antique glass, Liz did her part to build friendships and connections among the many people she met.

She was unflappable and resilient in her professional and personal affairs and, despite a deep aversion to following a recipe, managed to wow visitors to Heckler Auctions as well as at the family table with memorable meals.

In a household full of men, she kept

everyone on an even keel by quietly managing with diplomacy and humor. Adored by her husband, who often liked to stop a conversation and say, "Isn't she beautiful...", Liz was also much loved by her three sons. Grandchildren gave her an additional focus for love and affection. She was loyal beyond measure to her in-laws, Pearl and Charlie Heckler, whose long lives were enhanced by Liz's countless acts of kindness.

Liz had a good eye for a bargain and was known to have cases of random items always at the ready as gifts for any occasion. She never visited anyone without a token that was carefully wrapped and appropriate to the interests of the recipient. She had an equally good eye for items of beauty and proportion and along with Norm created a tasteful home, landscape and lifestyle.

Liz was devoted to Roseland Park and took service as a board member seriously. She was most involved in the restoration of the park lands and the transformation of the barn into an event venue.

Most of all, Liz loved her family and her friends. From her husband and sons, her daughter-in-law, her sister, niece and nephews, her adored grandchildren, her god children, and her friends from teaching, the hundreds of students she lovingly taught, her Bradford Corner Road neighbors and long years of sharing and laughter, she created a network of love and affection that will remain in the hearts of all who knew her.

A memorial service for Liz was held at the Church of the Good Shepard in West Woodstock, on March 23.

In lieu of flowers, the family suggests memorial contributions to the Memorial Sloan Kettering Cancer Center, P.O. Box 5028, Hagerstown, MD 21741-5028. Funeral arrangements have been entrusted to the Gilman Funeral Home & Crematory, 104 Church St., Putnam, CT 06260. For memorial guestbook please visit www.GilmanAndValade.com.

William P. Youngblood, 68



P U T N A M -- William P. Youngblood, 68, passed away, March 16, 2019, at home after a long and courageous battle with cancer, surrounded by his loving family and dog Toby. Bill

was married to Juanita (Langdon) Youngblood, on March 1, 1969 and celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary before his passing. Bill was a welder by trade, carpenter and a do it all guy. Bill was most proud of the accomplishments of his children, grandchildren, great grandchildren and those that were gained through osmosis. He was a member the Elks Club in Putnam, and an avid pool player with APA 8 Ball/9 Ball and had the opportunity to compete in Las Vegas. Bill loved spending time in his wood

shop, building furniture and toys for family and friends, this was a great comfort to him. Bill also enjoyed playing golf, riding his Harley Davidson, driving his Corvette and spending time with his family and friends. Bill is survived by his loving wife, Juanita, three daughters Amy and husband Carlo Key, Traci and husband Michael Scott, Noel and husband Gene Blais, five grandchildren, Joshua, Chelsea, Jon, Drake and Mason, five great grandchildren, Lillian, Riley, Marlee, Audrey and Alexander, five siblings, Tom Youngblood, Elena Digregorio, David Youngblood, Ina Danielle, Sharon Bengner and many nieces, nephews and cousins. Bill was predeceased by both parents, William G. and Elena May Youngblood. Bill's wishes were to have no services, in lieu of flowers, donations can be made to the American Cancer Society.

Richard R. Sarette, 65



D A N I E L S O N -- Richard Robert Sarette, 65, of Danielson, went home to be with the Lord on Friday, March 22, 2019 at UMass Memorial Medical Center in Worcester, Massachusetts. Richard was born in Putnam on August 7, 1953, son of the late Paul R. Sarette and Theresa (Poirier) Sarette Marquette. Richard worked at U.S. Button and later for the former Dempsey Center for many

years. He was a communicant of St. James Church in Danielson where he was a former altar boy. He is survived by his brother Michael Sarette of Brooklyn; sisters, Jeanne Fogg of Gales Ferry, Elaine Wakefield of Dayville, Celia Hancock of California, and Laurie Beauchene of Brooklyn. He is also survived by many nieces and nephews. He was predeceased by his brother Paul R. Sarette Jr. A Memorial Mass of Christian Burial will be held on Wednesday, April 3, 2019 at 10:30 A.M. at St. James Church, Danielson. Burial will be private. tillinghastfh.com

Mary G. Woodcock, 91



WOODSTOCK - Mary passed peacefully at home, surrounded by her family March 14, 2019. Mary was born in Bethel, Maine on September 24, 1927 to Albert Harris Gibbs and Flora

Belle Byrd (Churchill) Gibbs. She attended Gould Academy in Bethel and received a B.A. in Sociology from Bates College in Lewiston, Maine. She married Richard Woodcock after graduating from Bates in 1949. The years immediately following were spent, fulfilling graduate and doctoral degrees for Richard that included moves to Middletown, Connecticut, and then Providence, Rhode Island. They moved to Woodstock in 1956, where they bought their first home and settled down to raise their three girls; Debra, Kathryn and Laura Lee.

Mary always seemed to have time to take on some useful and fulfilling work along with raising her girls. Mary's innate caring nature fit with her choice of volunteer activities and employment. Starting out helping in the Nursery school and Kindergarten, she later worked in the Nurse's office in the Woodstock Elementary school and then in the Nurse's office at Woodstock Academy. Eventually, Mary became an administrative assistant to the director of Community Health & Home Care, the first consolidated visiting nurse and health care agency for northeastern Connecticut. She was dedicated to its initial formation, subsequent growth and resulting moves. She worked during the moves from its base in Woodstock to Putnam and to Pomfret.

As each of the children grew she led three subsequent 4-H groups; one for each of them. Mary maintained an

interest in politics and belonged to the League of Women Voters. She participated in church activities and organizations and was the first woman elected to the board of deacons at the First Congregational Church of Woodstock. Mary enjoyed camping and travel; from wilderness canoe trips in northern Maine to cross-country road trips traversing the United States and up into the Maritimes in Canada. She thoroughly enjoyed music and sang solos as a child in church and in high school drama productions. As an adult she joined the Hill Church Choir and the Northeast Connecticut Concert Choir, gradually getting the rest of the family involved. In retirement the camping tents and station wagon were replaced by more comfortable accommodations and more often travel took them outside the US. Many enjoyable summers were spent at the house in Cushing, Maine, where family and friends were welcomed with open arms.

Mary is survived by her husband, of almost 70 years, Richard, their children: Debra and husband Ray Bard, Kathryn and husband Paul Lynn, Laura Bond and fiancé Glenn Boies, grandchildren: Caleb Shay, Desiree Bard, Justin Bard, Ian Lynn, Meredith Lynn, Zachary Bond and Max Bond.

A service of celebration and remembrance will be held on April 27 at 3:00 pm at the First Congregational Church of Woodstock, 543 Route 169. In lieu of flowers, the family requests donations be made to The First Congregational Church of Woodstock, P.O. Box 147, Woodstock, CT, 06281 or Hospice Care of Northeastern Connecticut, 32 South Main Street, Putnam, CT 06260. Funeral arrangements have been entrusted to the Gilman Funeral Home & Crematory, 104 Church St., Putnam, CT 06260.

Barbara M. Williams, 84



P U T N A M -- Barbara M. Williams, 84, of 8 Genevieve St., passed away on Thursday, March 21, 2019 in her home, after a long illness, surrounded by her family. She is the wife of the late Neal

F. Williams. She was born in Nyack, New York and was the daughter of the late Arthur and Mildred (Conklin) Mathsen.

Barbara was a homemaker raising eight children. She was a classically trained pianist and gave lessons for many years. Barbara loved to read the Bible and was well known throughout the community for sharing Bible knowledge with others. She was an active member of the Putnam Congregation of Jehovah's Witnesses.

Barbara is survived by her five sons, Charles A. Williams of Putnam, Richard F. Williams of Norwich, Michael J. Williams and his wife

Amy of Putnam, Steven G. Williams and his wife Gloria of Norwich, and Christopher M. Williams and his wife Diana of Danielson; her daughter, Annemarie A. Cutler and her husband Russell of East Putnam; her brother, Gordon Mathsen of Hawley, Pennsylvania; her sister, Millicent Diffenbach of Hawley, Pennsylvania; eleven grandchildren, and several great grandchildren. She was the mother of the late Peter J. Williams and Kathleen P. Williams.

Relatives and friends are invited to attend a memorial service on Saturday, April 13, 2019 at 2:00 p.m., in the Putnam Kingdom Hall of Jehovah's Witnesses, 200 Tracy Rd., Dayville. Funeral arrangements and cremation have been entrusted to the Gilman Funeral Home & Crematory, 104 Church St., Putnam, CT 06260. Memorial donations may be made to the Kingdom Hall of Jehovah's Witnesses. For memorial guestbook visit www.GilmanAndValade.com.

Quinn Alexander-Avery Paul, 22



S O U T H B R I D G E - Quinn Alexander-Avery Paul, 22, left this life on March 24, 2019. He leaves behind his father, Christopher Paul, of Southbridge, MA; his mother, Tracy (Dressely) Paul and

her fiancé, Charlie Johnson, of Putnam, CT; his brother Caden Paul and his foster brother, John Vidal, both of Southbridge, MA. He is also survived by his maternal grandmother, Judy Dressely, of Hollister, CA; his paternal grandparents, Wilson and Louise (Avery) Paul, of Southbridge, MA; his closest friends, Diedra Lemay, and his lifelong friend, Andrew Rabbett; and many aunts, uncles, and cousins. Quinn was predeceased by his paternal great-grandparents, Albert and Irene (Lavallee) Avery; and his maternal grandfather, Robert Dressely.

Quinn was born in Sarasota, FL on March 16, 1997. He attended Southbridge High School and Quinsigamond Community College.

He was a loving, kind and caring young man who could change your mood with just a smile. He loved just being with his friends and family. He had a huge heart, loved animals, but most of all, Quinn was funny. No matter how he felt, Quinn would make sure you were laughing and happy. He protected his loved ones ferociously; we were all safe when we were with Quinn. It is said that the brightest stars shine for the shortest time. Quinn was the brightest star in the sky and he will be forever loved and missed.

Because Quinn will be cremated, memorial calling hours will be Friday, March 29, 2019, from 5:30-7PM at Sansoucy Funeral Home, 40 Marcy Street, Southbridge, MA. A Celebration of Life for Quinn will be Saturday, March 30, 2019 from 10-11:30AM. The family asks you to kindly consider making memorial donations to either Second Chance Animal Shelter, 111 Young Road, East Brookfield, MA 01515; or Villalobos Rescue Center, PO Box 771127, New Orleans, LA 10117. www.sansoucyfuneral.com

LEGALS

TOWN OF WOODSTOCK

The Planning & Zoning Commission has scheduled a public hearing for Thursday, April 4, 2019 at the Woodstock Town Hall, 415 Route 169, 7:30 p.m., lower level, for the following proposed amendments: Proposed Text Amendment re: Sign Regulations: 051718-a Article II Definitions - several proposed revisions

051718-b Article V Permit Requirements, A.1. General, c.v - proposed revision

051718-c Article VI Town-Wide Requirements/Standards, G Signs - new text and several revisions.

Chair Jeffrey Gordon, M.D.

March 22, 2019

March 29, 2019

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

ESTATE OF Eleanor W. Strand (19-00081)

The Hon. Leah P. Schad, Judge of the Court of Probate, District of Northeast Probate Court, by decree dated March 13, 2019, ordered that all claims must be presented to the fiduciary at the address below. Failure to promptly pres-

ent any such claim may result in the loss of rights to recover on such claim.

Mary Ann Champney, Chief Clerk

The fiduciary is:

Stephen D. Strand
c/o James N Scheibeler, Esq.
35 Academy Street, PO Box 711,
Danielson, CT, 06239
March 29, 2019

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

ESTATE OF Joanne F. Litke (19-00082)

The Hon. Leah P. Schad, Judge of the Court of Probate, District of Northeast Probate Court, by decree dated March 20, 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.

Mary Ann Champney, Chief Clerk

The fiduciary is:
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March 29, 2019

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

ESTATE OF Gertrude M Latici (19-00049)

The Hon. Leah P. Schad, Judge of the Court of Probate, District of Northeast Probate Court, by decree dated March 11, 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.

Mary Ann Champney, Chief Clerk

The fiduciary is:
Jennifer J Latici
340 Roseland Park Road
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March 29, 2019

State of Connecticut COURT OF PROBATE Northeast Regional Children's Probate Court DISTRICT NO. PD59 NOTICE OF HEARING TERMINATION OF PARENTAL RIGHTS NOTICE TO

JOHN DOE, whose identity and last

known address is unknown to the court,

Pursuant to an order of Hon. Leah P. Schad, Judge, a hearing will be held at Northeast Regional Children's Probate Court, 508 Pomfret Street, P.O. Box 471, Putnam, CT 06260 on April 24, 2019 at 12:00 PM, on a petition for Termination of Parental Rights concerning **Bradley C.**, a minor child born to **Tara H Coppola** on **February 22, 2010** at California. The court's decision will affect your interest, if any, as in the petition on file more fully appears.

RIGHT TO COUNSEL: If the above named person wishes to have an attorney, but is unable to pay for one, the Court will provide an attorney upon proof of inability to pay. Any such request should be made immediately by contacting the court office where the hearing is to be held.

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OBITUARIES

Lorraine Cournoyer, 85



GROSVENORDALE – Lorraine Cournoyer, 85, formerly of Marcy Lane, died Sunday, March 24, 2019, surrounded by her family at the home of her daughter Lisa. Born in Auburn, Massachusetts, she was the loving wife of the late Hector Cournoyer.

On September 8, 1956 in Saint Anne Church, in Oxford, Massachusetts, she was united in marriage to the late Hector Cournoyer, who died on June 1, 2001.

Lorraine worked as an inspector for Putnam Manufacturing and Sanitary Dash in North Grosvenordale. She enjoyed crafting, shopping, going out to eat and visiting the area casinos.

Lorraine is survived by; her son, Richard Cournoyer and his wife Teena of Quinebaug; her daughters, Jeannine WitterandherhusbandJohnofPlainfield, Lisa Phelps and her husband Shawn of N. Grosvenordale, Donna Obuchowski and her husband Dave of Webster,

Massachusetts, and Karen Cournoyer of Cocoa Beach, Florida; her brother, Earl Dusoe of Oxford Massachusetts; her sisters, Nancy Johnson of Webster, Massachusetts; and Barbara Elms of Spencer, Massachusetts; her seven grandchildren, Ryan Cournoyer, Elizabeth Beaudreault, Zachary Tefft, Melinda Hazel, Scott and Chris Johnson, Tanya and Tommy Obuchowski; her six great grandchildren, Jackson and Olivia Beaudreault, Anthony and Alysa Hazel, Calvin Teft and Amber Johnson. She was predeceased by her sisters Dolores Blaine and Phyllis Berthiaume; brother Ronald Dusoe.

Calling hours were held on March 27, in the Valade Funeral Home, 23 Main St., N. Grosvenordale. On March 28, a Mass of Christian Burial was held in St. Joseph Church, 18 Main St., N. Grosvenordale. Burial will follow in St. Joseph Cemetery.

Memorial donations may be made to: Hospice and Palliative Care of NE CT, Hospice Suite Fund, c/o box 632, Putnam, CT 06260

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Shirley M. Smith, 81

DOUGLAS - Shirley M. (Guertin) Smith, 81, formerly of Monroe St., passed away on March 18, 2019 after a brief illness at Webster Manor Nursing Home. She is survived by her loving husband of 61 years, Andrew A. Smith.

She is also survived by 4 sons, Kenneth A. Smith and his partner Belinda Kacmarcik of Putnam, CT, Mark S. Smith of Blackstone, James R. "Jimmy" Smith of Douglas, and Andrew E. and his wife Holly Smith of Thompson, CT; 6 grandchildren, Andrew Smith, Samantha Boucher and her husband Jay, Casey Smith, Althea Smith, Mathew Smith, and Heather Smith; great-grandchildren, Lillianne Boucher, Alex Smith, and Torrey Smith; her sister Carol Muzzy of Auburn, and her half brother Peter Guertin of Douglas. Born in Whitinsville on May 5, 1937 she was

the daughter of Armand and Anita (Perron) Guertin and has lived in the Northbridge /Douglas area most of her life.

Shirley graduated from Douglas High School, and worked as a cafeteria worker for both the Uxbridge and Douglas Public School systems for many years before her retirement. She enjoyed golfing, travelling, vacationing to her favorite Maine beaches, and late night poker games with her family.

According to her wishes, Shirley will be cremated and her graveside service will be held on Sat. March 30, 2019 at 1pm in St. Denis Cemetery, Manchaug St., Douglas. In lieu of flowers, donations in her memory may be made to: The Alzheimer's Foundation of America, 322 Eighth Ave., 7th Floor, New York, NY 10001. To leave a condolence message for her family please visit: <http://www.Jackmanfuneralhomes.com>

Philip J. Breton Jr. age 79

PLAINFIELD, CT Philip J. Breton Jr. age 79 passed away Wednesday, March 20, 2019 at Davis Place, Danielson, CT. He leaves a brother David A. Breton of Brooklyn, CT and two sisters, Joan Bloom of Plainfield, CT and Shirley Maffitt of Moosup, CT.

He was the son of the late Philip Breton Sr. and Elizabeth (Richmond) Breton.

Philip lived in the Plainfield, Moosup area for many years.

There are no calling hours. All services are private. 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.

Amie B. Morse, 50

PUTNAM– Amie B. Morse, 50, of Van den Noort St., died Wednesday, March 13, 2019 at home. She was the loving faithful companion of eight years to Peter N. Longo. Born in Willimantic, she was the daughter of Beverly (Vertefeuille) Twerdy and the late Edward Joseph Twerdy.

She enjoyed making jewelry and was a great lover of dogs.

Amie is survived by her compan-

ion, Peter Longo; her mother, Beverly Twerdy; a son, Joseph Morse; and a sister Jessica Tvordil all of Cedar City, Utah.

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

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OBITUARIES

Michael F. Smith Jr, 62



Michael F. Smith Jr, 62, of North Grosvenordale, CT, son of the late Michael F. Smith Sr. and Vivian Y. Jette Smith, died the morning of March 22nd, 2019, after battling a short-term illness. He passed peacefully in his home, surrounded by his loving family. He was born May 17th, 1956 in Savannah, GA. He is survived by his wife, Maureen McGonagle-Smith and their 7yr old son, Coleson Frederick Smith of North Grosvenordale, CT, his two daughters Stacy L. Smith of Warwick, RI and Maureen Pell, her husband Matthew Pell and their daughter, Jordyn Vivian Pell of North Grosvenordale, CT; his sister and brother-in-law Deborah and Kenneth Warchol of Northbridge, MA, his brother Frederick Smith of Dudley, MA, three nieces and countless lifelong friends.

Mike attended Bartlett High School, joined the Marine Corps and went on to graduate from Quinsigamond College earning an Associates Degree in Business. He loved his country and during his service with the Marine Corps he was stationed in Okinawa. He was extremely proud to be a Marine and believed it was the morals, values and discipline instilled by the Corps that molded him into the man he became.

He spent most of his career in retail, a true salesman, and had lengthy employments with Levi's Outlet by Designs and Zales Corporation. He spent the last 10yrs employed with Lowe's in Hudson, MA where he was known as the "Appliance Giant." He was a jack of all trades and was looked up to by many of his coworkers for being so knowledgeable in every department.

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He loved putting around outside, tending to his property. He took great pride in his home of 37yrs, most of which he built himself. He enjoyed riding his motorcycle, working on projects and spending quality time with his family. He was a dedicated family man who was especially passionate about being a father. He even referred to himself as "D.O.D." (Dear Ol' Dad) and all his children's friends adored him. When his daughters were young he worked long hours, often traveling for business, but made sure he was involved in all their activities. He coached their soccer teams, went to all their band concerts and parades, attended every dance recital and made every holiday special. As they grew older he continued to support them in all their endeavors.

Twenty-five years later Coleson was born and he was thrilled to finally have a son and continue his commitment of being an awesome Dad. In 2017 he was elated to become a "Popi" when he welcomed his first grand child, Jordyn, his "Dollface", into the world. He was looking forward to retirement so he could spend more time with his son and granddaughter.

He was extremely hard working and a loyal friend who always made time to help anyone in need. He was sharp as a tack, witty, and constantly made people laugh with his hilarious antics. Every time with Mike was a good time. He loved hosting gatherings at his home and was truly the life of every party! Mike Smith... The Man, The Myth, The Legend. Gone but never forgotten.

At the request of the family, funeral services will be held privately as Mike would want everyone to remember him for the lively, generous man he was.

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Janet A. O'Rourke, 52

WEBSTER- Janet A. (Marier) O'Rourke age 52 died Thursday, March 14, 2019 at the Rose Monahan Hospice Home in Worcester. She leaves two sons, Reginald O'Rourke III of Boston and Sean O'Rourke and his wife Alexis and a grand daughter. She also leaves three brothers, Leon Marier of Webster, Wayne Marier of CT and Glen Marier of Hurrigan, West Virginia. She also leaves her father Adelard L. Marier of Webster. She was born in Webster daughter of Adelard L. Marier and the late Joan (Woznicki)

Marier living in Webster most of her life. Janet enjoyed travel, animals. She was known as a social caring person. There are no calling hours. Please omit flowers and make donations in her memory to the Second Chance Animal Shelter, 111 Youg Rd. East Brookfield, MA. 01515. Services to be announced. The Shaw-Majercik Funeral Home, 48 School St., Webster, MA has been entrusted with her arrangements. A guest book is available at www.shaw-majercik.com where you may post a condolence or light a candle.

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