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## ALL RISE



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**DAYVILLE** — Killingly High's Shayne Bigelow goes up for a layup against Ledyard last Saturday, Jan. 11, at Killingly High School. Killingly is scheduled to travel to Woodstock Academy on Martin Luther King Jr. Day on Monday, Jan. 20, with tipoff set for 1 p.m. at Alumni Fieldhouse in Woodstock. High school sports coverage begins on page B-1 of The Villager.

## “Redmen” return as Killingly mascot name

BY CHARLIE LENTZ  
VILLAGER EDITOR



Charlie Lentz photo

**KILLINGLY** — Killingly High School's mascot name for its athletic teams is once again “Redmen”. By a 5-4 vote in its meeting on Jan. 8 Killingly's Board of Education reinstated the name. The action reversed a decision to rescind the name in July of 2019 by the former Board of Education. That decision last June was made without input from the town's voters.

Some in town view “Redmen” as racist while others say it simply honors a Native American heritage. Election day last Nov. 5 was viewed by many in town as a referendum on the school board's unilateral decision to rescind the mascot name last July — “Redmen” had been in place as the mascot name at the town's high school since 1939.

Before election day last November, Board of Education candidate Doug Farrow — in response to a questionnaire from The Villager — said: “I also believe that the BOE needs to be more inclusive and responsive to the taxpayers of Killingly. A great example is the recent vote by six members of the BOE that allowed for the Redman name change.”

Killingly High School's athletic team logo and mascot name appears on a folding chair in the school's gymnasium. By a 5-4 vote on Jan. 8 Killingly's Board of Education reinstated the mascot name “Redmen” for the school's athletic teams.

In last November's election Republicans swept the open slots on the Board of Education — shifting control to the Republican Party. Newly elected to the school board to full terms were Farrow and fellow Republicans Jason Muscara and Norm Ferron. Republican Karen Fremuth was elected to fill a two-year vacancy on the school board.

Voting “yes” on Jan. 8 to reinstate the Redmen name were Republicans Craig Hanford, Farrow, Fremuth,

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## Author's parents survive the Holocaust

BY KAREN BUTERA  
FOR THE VILLAGER

**DANIELSON** — The Friends of Killingly Public Library welcomed author Deborah Vadas Levison last Saturday. Levison is the author of “The Crate, A story of War, a Murder, and Justice.” The book has won multiple literary awards.

Although she is an award-winning writer in national and international media this non-fiction book her first. This crime story is riveting as Levison entwines both the story of a murder victim that was buried on the family's lakeside property in Canada and her parents' experiences during the Holocaust. She described some events from her childhood and went into some of the atrocities that took place during the war.

“When I was young my mother or father would say things I did not understand,” said Levison, from Trumbull. “My family was originally from Hungary and were of Hungarian Nationality.” Her mother was from the Budapest region and her father from an area that bordered Slovakia. “One time my mother wanted to make me a beach robe and made it out of two towels. I would watch her make these little stitches and I asked her if my grandmother taught her. She told me she used to sew a lot of patches. I later found

out that the patches were the Jewish stars. Not until I was older did I learn about what happened,” said Levison, from Trumbull, near the southwest corner of Connecticut.

Her mother had a normal childhood, going to a mission day school until the German occupation in March, 1944. Her father also had a normal childhood, until they made his town a Jewish Ghetto. He was sent to a labor camp with other boys that were rounded-up.

“They were put in cattle cars for a five-day trip. It was so crowded that everyone stood so close together that they had to keep their arms by their side and they could not move. When they arrived at the camp, the first thing they saw were prisoners that tried to escape by climbing over an electrified fence. It was a gruesome scene meant to send a message,” she said.

Her father was in three camps during the occupation.

“One of the camps my father was in was Mauthausen. It was surrounded by high granite walls. The prisoners were forced to put boulders on their back and climb over and over. It was known as Parachutists wall, minus the parachute,” she said.

The final camp her father was in was Gunsirchen when was liberated in May, 1945 by the 71st Infantry Division.

“My dad was grateful to the Americans. At first some pris-

oners did not believe it but they saw that the Germans had left the camp and some of the prisoners were in the kitchen eating,” she said.

Even though her father wanted to leave, it took three months of being in the infirmary before he was strong enough go. Steven Spielberg started the Spielberg Foundation and videotaped the testimonies of many of the victims. There are two sites; <https://sfi.usc.edu/full-length-testimonies> and <http://www.youtube.com/user/USCSHoahFoundation>.

It took awhile for her to learn about some of her parents' experiences. In her book she discusses her mother telling her about some of their awful experiences, but she learned about her father from the testimony he gave to the Spielberg Foundation.

After talking about some of the Holocaust experiences, she spoke of how her mother and father met.

“My mother and father met and married in 1949. My brother Peter was born in 1953 and they escaped Communist Hungary in 1956, escaping to Canada,” she said.

Levison wasn't born until after that. From there she spoke of the murder that came too close to home for comfort. The family settled down and was able to build a cottage on a lake where the family spent many pleasant summer weekends. As both Levison and her broth-



Karen Butera photo

From left, Claudette Stockwell, Director of the Killingly Public Library and author Deborah Vadas Levison.

er got older, married and had children, they built an addition on their small cottage. At one point Peter called her and told her that he found a trunk under the outside staircase in a crawl space. He opened it up and found a body. At first her brother was a suspect and then they found the actual killer. Their cottage on lake

Muskokathe was a serene place where they could relax. After going through such a horrific existence during the Holocaust and setting down roots in Canada, they finally felt safe. The discovery took away some of their peace. International Holocaust Remembrance Day is Jan. 27.

## Pomfret receives \$187,250 to acquire land parcel

**POMFRET** — State Representative Pat Boyd (D – Brooklyn, Eastford, Pomfret, Union, Woodstock) recently announced the Town of Pomfret will receive \$187,250 to acquire the 131-acre Frankfurter Project.

“Open space is essential to environmental protection and conservation. In the wake of increased development

activities in our state, it is critical that we secure and protect natural lands and resources,” said Boyd. “Open space conservation helps preserve wildlife habitats, offers passive recreation, and buffers against climate change.”

The Frankfurter project is accessible from the Airline Trail as well as from Wolf Den Road and the New England

Forestry Foundation's trail system. Bass fishing will be permitted on the property's pond.

Connecticut Governor Ned Lamont announced the state of Connecticut awarded a total of \$9.1 million for the purchase of 2,466 acres of land in 24 communities. The grants are authorized under the state's Open Space

and Watershed Land Acquisition program, administered by the Connecticut Department of Energy and Environmental Protection.

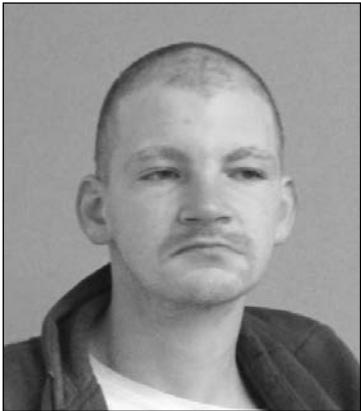
The program assists municipalities, land trusts, and water companies in purchasing land for open space and preserving it in perpetuity.



# Troopers make cocaine bust, nab fugitive



Troy Pipkin



Anthony Falzone

PUTNAM — On Jan. 10 Connecticut State Police Troopers assigned to the Troop D Quality of Life Task Force were in an undercover car driving through Putnam.

As they passed by Powhattan Street, Troopers spotted Anthony Falzone, 27, make what appeared to be a hand-to-hand drug deal with another unknown individual. Troopers pulled the car onto Powhattan Street and approached Falzone and questioned him about their suspicions. Falzone admitted to having crack cocaine in his pocket. The crack cocaine was seized as evidence and Falzone was placed under arrest for Possession of Crack Cocaine. A patrol officer from the Putnam Police Department assisted Troopers with this incident. Falzone was transported back to Troop D, processed and placed on a \$5,000.00 bond

and is scheduled to appear in Danielson Superior Court on Jan. 29. On Jan. 9 Connecticut State Police Troopers assigned to the Troop D Quality of Life Task Force were contacted by the Massachusetts State Police Violent Fugitive Arrest Section (VFAS) who requested assistance locating a fugitive believed to be in the Putnam area. At approximately 6:11 p.m., Troopers assigned to the Troop D Quality of Life Task Force and Officers from the Putnam Police Department went to an address on Battery Street in Putnam. Upon arrival, Troy Pipkin, 29, was located and taken into custody as

a Fugitive from Justice based on a Massachusetts arrest warrant for Aggravated Assault and Battery. Pipkin was transported to Troop D where he was charged with Fugitive From Justice and held on a \$150,000 cash/surety bond and appeared in Danielson Superior Court on Jan. 10. Members of the Connecticut 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.

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

## TROOP D LOG

### BROOKLYN

Jan. 4

Benjamin Douglas Hippert, 19, of 59 South Street, Brooklyn, was charged with criminal mischief in the 3rd degree and breach of peace in the 2nd degree.

**Jan. 7**  
Destiny Fell, 25, of 110 Clearview Drive, Brooklyn, was charged with disorderly conduct and assault in the 3rd degree.

Nathan Souza, 28, of 110 Clearview Drive, Brooklyn, was charged with disorderly conduct.

**Jan. 9**  
Sherry Lowe, 53, of 19 Elm Street, Brooklyn, was charged with disorderly conduct and assault in the 3rd degree.

## POLICE LOGS

### PUTNAM POLICE DEPARTMENT

**Jan. 7**  
Mariah Moriarty, Mariah, 24, of 23H Putnam Pike Charlton, Mass., was charged with Violation of Protective Order; Disorderly Conduct; Criminal Trespass 1st degree.

**Jan. 8**  
Destiny Fell, 25, of 110 Clearview Drive, Brooklyn, was charged with Violation of Conditions of Release.

**Jan. 9**  
Jennifer Stromberg, 44, of 24 Wilkinson Street, Putnam, was charged

with Violation of Probation.

**Jan. 10**  
Cody Lamay, 28, of 84 Sunset Hill Road, Thompson, was charged with Disorderly Conduct, and Strangulation in the Third Degree

**Jan. 11**  
Tomasz Zajac, 35, of 505 Beacon Park, Webster, Mass., was charged with Larceny Sixth Degree

**Jan. 12**  
Roger Hunt, 30, of 112 Eagle Drive, Douglas, Mass., was charged with Interfering with an officer, Assault on a police officer (two counts), Criminal Trespass First Degree

Christopher Fernandez, 39, of 10 Beacon Street, Westerly, R.I, was charged with Disorderly Conduct, Violations of Conditions of Release Second.

# Brooklyn revaluation continues


BROOKLYN — Residential data collection for the Brooklyn 2020 Revaluation will begin in the southwest section of town. Postcards were mailed to those property owners scheduled for inspections by Vision Government Solutions, Inc. Not all properties require an inspection. If an interior inspection was done for the 2015 Revaluation, then an inspection is not necessary for the

2020 Revaluation. Streets in this section include: Almada Drive, Anderson Road, August Drive, Bailey Woods Road, Bass Ln., Blackwell’s Landing, Canterbury Road, Creasey Road, Cricket Ln, Eino Drive, Fairgrounds Rd, Kara Road, Mason Hill Road, Mason Road, Maynard Road, Paradise Drive, Pierce Ave., Preston Road, Stetson Road, Sunset Drove, Sunset Drive Ext., Tatnic Hill

Road, Tatnic Road, and Tripp Hollow Road Data Collectors are Diane Casey and Dave Boehm. Casey will be driving a red 2017 Ford Focus with Connecticut license plate AP59861 and Boehm will be driving a grey 2016 Nissan Rogue with Rhode Island license plate B468. They will also have photo identification badges and their information is filed

with Connecticut State Police Troop D.

We respectfully request property owner’s cooperation in order to obtain accurate data for a fair and equitable assessment. For more information, you may contact the Assessor’s Office at 860-779-3411.



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# Bowen’s Garage hosts food drive

EASTFORD — During the month of December, Bowen’s Garage customers donated 221 items as well as \$410 in cash donations, to help those less fortunate in Eastford. It’s a timely donation that is always well appreciated according to food pantry coordinators Steve and Karen Broderick. For more information on the food pantry and to find out how you can help year-round, contact the Brodericks by e-mail at sbrod-


erick@charter.net. Anyone wishing to make a donation can drop items off at the Selectmen’s office or call Karen or Steve for pick up at (860) 974-1618. Items most needed are canned fruit, canned meat, tuna fish, peanut butter, jam, pasta, macaroni and cheese, spaghetti sauce, sugar, flour, cereal, oatmeal, rice, instant potatoes and toiletries.

Eastford residents in need who would like to avail themselves of the food pantry can place a confidential call to Karen at (860) 974-1618. Bowen’s Garage Inc. thanked its customers for their participation in its fifth annual Holiday Food Drive to benefit the Eastford Food Pantry.



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Bowen’s Garage sales manager Adam Minor, center, Eastford First Selectmen Jacqueline Dubois, left, and food pantry co-coordinator Steve Broderick at the food pantry, with the items collected by BGI customers.



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### At CT AUDUBON

Bird sightings at the Connecticut Audubon Society Center at Pomfret and Wyndham Land Trust properties for the week of Jan. 6: Bluebird, Northern Harrier, Red-winged Blackbird, Song Sparrow, American Tree Sparrow, Junco, Yellow-bellied Sapsucker, White-throated Sparrow, Tufted Titmouse, Mockingbird, Wild Turkey. Visit [ctaudubon.org/pomfret-home](http://ctaudubon.org/pomfret-home)



# Windham-Tolland 4-H Camp open house

BY KAREN BUTERA  
FOR THE VILLAGER

POMFRET — With temperatures almost 70 degrees last Sunday the Windham-Tolland 4-H Camp had a successful open house — the first one this year for its summer camp program.

Everyone who showed up was given a tour of the grounds.

“Some of the tours can take 20 minutes and depending on how far and how much they want to see, it can take as long as an hour,” said Heather Logee, Camp Director. Logee is on her 29th year at the camp. She started as a camper at the age of 7 and has been the director for 14 years.

“The open house gives people a chance to see what the camp has to offer before signing up. We have a lot of activities that the kids can do. We have horses, zip lines, swimming, canoeing, kayaking, drama, dance, art, archery, sports and self-defense,” she said.

There is something for everyone to enjoy. Most of the participants enjoy it all, but most have their personal favorites.

“We also have Environmental Education, Hiking and Survival Training. Today we have the kids and staff as tour guides,” she said.

Families from Massachusetts and Rhode Island came out to check the

camp out. There was also a family from Sandy Hook and Wallingford. The camp will run from June 21 - August 14. Campers can sign up for one week or for the whole summer. The camp is for ages 6 through 17. “For the fifteen through seventeen year olds there is a Leadership Program that teaches them how to be leaders in the camp and also in the community” said Logee.

There will be an early-bird discount for campers who sign up and pay before the end of January.

“The kids love to make new friends and also connect with kids from last year. We have international staff from other countries and the kids enjoy learning about the different cultures. We have an International Week and an International Food Day,” said Logee.

The 4-H Camp doesn’t start and end with just summer camp. They also have other activities. From Jan. 17-19 There will be a Winter Teen Weekend for ages 13-17. On Feb. 4 there will be a Teen Republic for grades 9-12. A Spring Teen Weekend is coming up on March 6-8. The popular Camper Scamper 5K Run/Walk with kids to raise money for the Jim Logee Campership Fund will be held on April 18. For more information on Summer Camp or their other programs, go to <https://www.4hcampct.org/events/>



Karen Butera photo

From Left, Heather Logee, 4-H Camp Director, and J. Ruiz and Theresa Lambert

# Scholarship to be established at Killingly High



From left, KHS Alumni Association members: Tom Singleton, Co-President; Betty Sears, Treasurer; Glenn Parent, Executor; Lisa Parent; Donna Guillot, Co-President

DAYVILLE — The Killingly High School Alumni Association, founded in 1896, recently received a \$50,000 bequest from the Estate of Arthur H. Parent, of Parent Sanitation in Dayville. The interest earned on this money will fund an annual scholarship known as the “Arthur E. Parent Scholarship” and will be managed by the Killingly High School Alumni Association. The scholarship is intended for a graduating senior who is handicapped or disabled, with preference to a deserving candidate who has a hearing impairment. This scholarship is particularly spe-

cial to the Parent family as Arthur E. Parent struggled with this disability. The Alumni Association thanked Mr. and Mrs. Glenn Parent for making this bequest possible. This is the largest single gift received by the Alumni Association in its existence.



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Arthur H. Parent (pictured) establishes scholarship funds in memory of his father, Arthur E. Parent.

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# Boeing Boeing opens at Bradley Playhouse



Scenes from “Boeing Boeing”, which opens on Jan. 24.

PUTNAM — The 2020 season opens at the Bradley Playhouse with Boeing Boeing, a comedy that will have audiences laughing in no time. The show opens Jan. 24 and runs for only two weekends.

The TNECT performance of Boeing Boeing is co-directed by Kathleen Atwood and Scott Guerin. They are assisted by Jonathan Demers. Dan Healy plays Bernard and his three lovely fiancées are Christine Healy as Gloria, Kelly Madenjian as Gabriella and Alison Wiza as Gretchen.

The cast is completed by Dave Ring playing old friend Robert and Tonya Brock appearing as Berthe, the housekeeper. It’s cold, we’ve had snow, the holidays are over and winter has set in with a vengeance. It’s time for TNECT at the Bradley Playhouse to present a ray of sunshine that will lift your spirits. Performances are Jan. 24, 25, 31 and Feb. 1 at 7:30 p.m. and Jan. 26 and Feb. 2 at 2 p.m.

Boeing Boeing was the creation of French playwright Marc Camoletti and was translated by Beverly Cross and

Francis Evans.

Self-styled playboy Bernard, an American living in Paris, has three fiancées, each a beautiful airline hostess with frequent “layovers.” Gloria is an American who flies with TWA, Gabriella is Italian on, of course, Alitalia and Gretchen is a German working for Lufthansa. He keeps “one in the air, one on the ground, and one pending”, with the help of Berthe, his housekeeper, who never forgets to change the photographs. Then, unexpected schedule changes bring all three to Paris, and Bernard’s apartment, at the same time. Add an unexpected visit from an old friend and what could possibly go wrong?

The Bradley Playhouse is located at 30 Front Street (Route 44) in Putnam. All seats are reserved. Reservations may be made online at [www.thebradleyplayhouse.org](http://www.thebradleyplayhouse.org) or by calling (860) 928-7887. Tickets may be purchased at the theater box office, either before the performance, or at the door if available.



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## CLUES ACROSS

1. Recurring TV show

7. Throws out

13. Iberian Peninsula microstate

14. Gossip

16. Atomic #20

17. Ivy League institution

19. Of I

20. “He Is \_\_\_!”: Scripture excerpt

22. Musical genre

23. Heavy cavalry sword

25. Ancient Olympic Site

26. Satisfies

28. Popular flower

29. Shared services center

30. Drain

31. A way to attack

33. Urban Transit Authority

34. Spiritual leader

36. Postponed

38. N. American plant with edible purple-black berries
40. Gazes unpleasantly

41. Gets up

43. Capital of Ukraine

44. Returned material authorization (abbr.)

45. Golf score

47. Superhigh frequency

48. Swiss river

51. Felons

53. Succulent plants

55. Soluble ribonucleic acid

56. Deliberately setting fire to

58. Infamous singer Zadora

59. Anwar \_\_, Egyptian statesman

60. Influential sports mag

61. Aromatic Mediterranean plant

64. Sixth note of a major scale

65. Unit of explosive power

67. Large watertight chamber

69. Popular street

70. A way of watering

## CLUES DOWN

1. Mollusks

2. \_\_, denotes past

3. Anchor ropes

4. Large Middle Eastern country

5. To make a mistake

6. Ancient governor

7. Extends

8. Chinese surname

9. NYC subway “residents”

10. Essential oil used as perfume

11. A way to treat injuries (abbr.)

12. Session

13. Units of land areas

15. Goes over once more

18. Where wrestlers work

21. Italian islanders

24. Avenue

26. \_\_ Adams, U.S. President

27. Rest with legs bent

30. Type of flour

32. The Golden State (abbr.)
35. More (Spanish)

37. Stinging, winged insect

38. The use of irony to mock

39. Arsenals

42. Pouch

43. 22nd letter of the Greek alphabet

46. Violent seizure of property

47. Restrict

49. Something comparable to another

50. Punishment device made from stems

52. Soul and calypso songs

54. Formerly OSS

55. Athabaskan language

57. \_\_ bene: observe carefully

59. Six (Spanish)

62. Read-only memory

63. Chinese philosophical principle

66. American conglomerate

68. Tin



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# Putnam Lions induct four members



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From left, Erin Van Dam, Barbara Chubbuck, Debra Rajaniemi, Greg King, Mikayla Van Dam, Al Cormier, Patricia Faucher and Steve Faucher.

PUTNAM — The Putnam Lions inducted four new members at its monthly meeting on Jan. 9. Patricia Faucher, Debra Rajaniemi, Mikayla Van Dam and Erin Van Dam were welcomed into the Putnam Lions club in a ceremony led by Lion Greg King. The new members were presented for membership by their sponsors, Lions Steve Faucher, Al Cormier and Barbara Chubbuck. During the ceremony they were given a history of the club and they were welcomed into the world’s largest and most active service club organization.

The Putnam Lions Club meets on the first Thursday and third Wednesday. For more information on the Putnam Lions please visit their Facebook page. Lions Clubs International is the world’s largest service club organization with more than 1.3 million members in approximately 45,000 clubs in more than 200 countries and geographical areas around the world. Since 1917, Lions clubs have aided the blind and visually impaired and made a strong commitment to community service and serving youth throughout the world. For more information about Lions Clubs International, visit the Web site at [www.lionsclubs.org](http://www.lionsclubs.org).

# Rondini is Day Kimball Employee of the Month

PUTNAM —Cindy Rondini, lead patient services representative for Day Kimball Healthcare’s outpatient behavioral health department, was named employee of the month for December.

Rondini, who has been in the healthcare field since 1995, began working for DKH in February 2017. Prior to joining DKH, she worked as a certified nursing assistant with dementia patients for over twenty years and held a managerial position at an assisted living facility. In her role as lead PSR, Rondini is responsible for clerical duties, processing insurance, as well as daily operations of the front desk.

“Cindy has been the driving force behind the operations of our outpatient behavioral health center. We are able to see more patients and manage more clinicians’ schedules than we have in several years due to her organizational skills and leadership with the front office staff. Cindy brings an upbeat and enthusiastic energy, which is appreciated by patients and their families, as well as her colleagues. She is an advocate for our patients, working with our patient accounts personnel and insurance providers to make sure patients can afford their treatment and get their needs met. We are lucky to have her,” said Rondini’s supervisor, Peter Neal, Ph.D., LPC, director, behavioral health, Day Kimball Healthcare.

“This recognition is beyond amazing. Words cannot describe how happy this achievement has made me,” Rondini said. “I love being able to help others. I also enjoy learning new things.”

Originally from New Britain, Rondini currently resides in Brooklyn with her husband, John. She has two children, Shawn, 23, from Bristol and Elizabeth, 20, from Waterbury.



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From left, Andre Bessette, Ph.D., Janice Thurlow, Cindy Rondini, Peter Neal, Ph.D., LPC, and Joseph Adiletta.

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# LEARNING

## Hernandez earns Gatorade Award

WOODSTOCK —Woodstock Academy senior Paula Hernandez was named Gatorade Connecticut Volleyball Player of the Year on Jan. 13. It was the second straight year she earned the Gatorade honor.

“It’s just so well deserved,” said Woodstock Academy coach Adam Bottone. “We all know she is a tremendous athlete but she is also a really bright young lady who excels in the classroom as well. It’s a great honor for her especially considering everything she has been through and had to overcome. All the adversity that she has faced. It’s just awesome.”

Hernandez led the Centaurs to the Class L state tournament semifinal this past season (2019) and finished with 500 kills, 622 digs, and 230 service points including 66 aces. Woodstock fell to Guilford in the 2019 state semifinals. Hernandez led the Centaurs to the Class L state final in 2018, where Woodstock fell to Joel Barlow in the championship match. She had over 1,000 career kills and 1,000 career digs over two and one half years at Woodstock. Hernandez was also named Connecticut High School Coaches Association Player of the Year last season.

Charlie Lentz photo

Paula Hernandez competes against Killingly High last season.



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## Riptides compete at Splash

PUTNAM — The Hale YMCA Riptides swim team recently competed at the KCY New Years Splash swim meet at McDermott Pool in Warwick, R.I., on Saturday Jan. 4 and Sunday, Jan. 5. Members of the Hale YMCA Riptides gold medal winning 9/10 year old Freestyle Relay were: Mary Kate Barnwell, Amelia Dietzel, Rowan Frazier, and Faith Muga. Barnwell collected Four gold medals on Sunday, which included victories in the: 200 Individual Medley (3:08); 100 Freestyle (1:15); and the 50 Freestyle (:30.95). Lydia

Gosselin, Isabella Congdon, Riley Stankiewicz, Carolina Ahern, Lillian Bertram, and Mary Battersby also swam well for the Riptides. For the boys, Ben LaChance placed 2nd in the 100 Freestyle and Will Colebourn placed second in the 100 Backstroke and 4th in the 100 Individual Medley. Barnwell, Colebourn, and LaChance each swam times which bested the qualifying standards for the New England YMCA Championships. Next up for the Riptides is a home swim meet on Saturday, Jan. 11.



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From left, Mary Kate Barnwell, Amelia Dietzel, Rowan Frazier, and Faith Muga.

## Pomfret Community School food drive



Phyllis LaBelle photos

The National Junior Honor Society of Pomfret Community School recently coordinated its annual food drive at the school. They collected boxes of canned goods and nonperishable items for local people in need.

## COLLEGE NEWS

The following students have earned academic honors or have graduated from their respective college or university.

**NORTHFIELD, Vt.** — Cahan Quinn, from Putnam, was named to the Dean’s List at Norwich University for the fall semester.

**ITHACA, N.Y.** — Conner Quinn, from Putnam, was named to the Dean’s List at Ithaca College.

**BURLINGTON, Vt.** — Julia Chute, from Woodstock, was named to the Dean’s List at the University of Vermont.

**DELAWARE, Ohio** — Will French, from Woodstock, earned a Bachelor of Arts degree from Ohio Wesleyan University.

**NEWTON, Mass.** — Alexandra Chitwood, from Dayville; Matthew Walker, from Thompson; and Spencer Fulone, from Thompson, were named to the fall 2019 Dean’s List at Lasell University.

**PLYMOUTH, N.H.** — Plymouth State University President’s List for the Fall 2019 semester: Emily King, of Brooklyn; Tiana Terre, of Danielson; Michael Andronic, of Danielson; Castor Ward, of Danielson. PSU Dean’s List: Halladay Glode of North Grosvenordale, Aidan Boisvert of Woodstock.

**CLEMSON, S.C.** — Samantha Anne Slotnick of Pomfret graduated from Clemson University with a Master of Education in Teaching and Learning.

**WORCESTER, Mass.** — Assumption College Dean’s List: Ethan Canova of Danielson, Taylor Kent of Brooklyn, Alexander Boligan of Thompson, Samuel Roy of Thompson, Jacques Bergeron of Woodstock, Ellie Jellison of Pomfret Center.

**PEORIA, Ill.** — Justin Roireau of Brooklyn (06234) was named to the Bradley University Fall 2019 Dean’s List

**NASHVILLE, Tenn.** — Coleen Solitro from Woodstock qualified for the Fall 2019 Dean’s List at Belmont University.

**ROCHESTER, N.Y.** — Nazareth College: Mackayla Thompson of Woodstock was named to the Dean’s List.





# Pomfret Rod and Gun Club dinner

POMFRET — Pomfret Rod and Gun Club hosted its second Friday of the month Steak Dinner Fundraiser on Jan. 10 to a sold out crowd. It was a happy atmosphere as the guests dined on steak, baked potatoes, pasta and

other items. Funds collected go to the club to help pay for maintenance and other miscellaneous expenses.

*Karen Butera photos*



From left, Jim Schaefer, John Dinsdale and Dan Bastura



From left, Herb Cooke with his wife Rise and their grandson Travis



From left, Ryan Bates, Tyler Young, Lauren Brennan, Paul Johnson, Dylan Duval, Lindsey Weigand, Tori Bates and Skip Bates, Treasurer of the club



Nick Beams with wife Jen and their daughter Addie



Front, Kim Buteau and John Malarkey, back, Hunter Cargene and Jake Cargene

Bill Ireland with wife Jessica and their son Christian



From left, Paul Smith with daughter Ally, Bill Basch and Ashleigh Martino



From left, Bob Malarkey, Al Choquette, Pete Cargene and his wife Heather



From left, Barbara Labbe, Donna Corbine and Howard Edwards



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# On thin ice

Although unseasonably warm weather has prevented local ponds and lakes from freezing, ice skating drifts toward the roster of activities that fill my winter thoughts. Hanging on a nail are two pairs of skates, white figure skates that belong to me, and a black pair that my husband liked to lace up on winter afternoons. Both of us grew up skating. In January everyone did.

A friend lent me a copy of a book by Putnam native, William Lychack. Cargill Falls, the title of his latest novel, follows two boys as they grow up in a barely fictionalized version of Putnam. Their families, their friends, and Mr. Achtermeier, their high school English teacher, and the social fabric of the community in the 1980's, are described through memories that jump back and forth. One of the best scenes involves ice skating, possibly at a real place, King's Pond.

One day as I was driving home, I spotted four Canada geese standing on a pond in my neighborhood. Ice had formed on the edges, but the middle was open water. The geese stood on the frozen surface looking down.

They seemed transfixed by their reflections and confused by the difference in the surfaces around them. I understood their confusion. I remember lying face down on a pond staring into the deep water beneath. It seemed the distance to the bottom was infinite and, like the geese, I was enraptured by the juxtaposition.

Years ago I skated on Alexander's Lake one especially cold winter. It was thrilling to venture far from shore, to the middle, on a surface so smooth it seemed groomed by a Zamboni. The feeling of complete freedom and the taste of danger made the late afternoon magical.

My friend and I were the only people on the lake and as we dug the toes of our figure skates into the ice, we were teenagers again, speeding away at skating party, a long forgotten boy in pursuit. Suddenly there was a loud noise and a long crack spread just beneath the surface. We shrieked and skated toward the shore. In seconds the dreaminess was over. I pictured my children, left motherless by my foolishness. We exchanged a few nervous laughs once we reached dry land.

Drowning while ice skating is a dominant image in New England storytelling. In the new movie version of Little Women, jealous Amy follows her extraordinary sister, Jo, on to a frozen river and, of course, falls in. Jo and Laurie, the wealthy boy next door, save her by hauling her out with a tree branch. It's trite, but so powerful as an image, that I held my breath until the rescue was complete. We are all frightened by the thought of going through the ice.

We are lucky there is a local ice rink for hockey leagues and family skating. Indoors, there is no wind, no cracks and no chance of falling through. Local kids learn ice hockey early, including girls, and perhaps go on to compete or develop a lifelong skill. The cold air of an arena on a winter day can cleanse the brain of anxieties generated in overheated classrooms.

In a final scene in his novel, William Lycheck recalls an afternoon when he and his friends skated on a frozen brook that ran through the woods. He recalls what fun it is to skate over tree roots and move deeper into a swamp. The narrator waits for his friends to return and find him. Like him, we treasure the cold, the freedom and the promise of the frozen shore.

## LETTERS POLICY

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# OPINION

Opinion and commentary from the Quiet Corner

## LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

### Flexer isn't fit to serve on BOE

After being witness to Hoween Flexer's outrageous outburst, disregard for learning disabled people in general and her past poor behavior, I wonder if she is fit to serve on the Killingly Board of Education and make rational decisions for our children. I think it is questionable after the last few months of her behavior.

This letter comes from the parent of a learning-disabled young man who went through hell as a child. I know many parents with the same feeling towards this word. I speak on behalf of all of them. The word "retard" shaped much of my son's intimidation, bullying incidents, depression and overall public school childhood experience due to an ignorant, inconsiderate small minded thought process. That same small minded, callousness was on display at the BOE meeting Wednesday night (Jan. 8). This incident perpetrated by Ms. Hoween Flexer brought me back to a very bad place and reminded me how important it is to make sure this does not go unnoticed and unchecked.

To those of you who claim to be offended by the Redmen logo; listen up. If you have been responsible for labeling neighbors, alumni and town officials as racist, white supremacist sympathizers or worse but find nothing amiss about Miss Flexer's comments then you are the problem. I would like to know what your opinion is of a BOE member using the word "retard" in any context? There is no justification.

If you don't think that it is offensive, if you don't think her actions should qualify for removal from the BOE or face strong consequences then you might actually be the problem. As a lifelong member of this community, I am beyond shocked that the media was waiting in the hallway to chat with Ms. Flexer after the name change when she stormed out of the meeting. I thought for sure, WFSB Channel 3 would take her to task on her use of the word "retard" but they failed to question her on this disgusting theatric outburst. I wonder why the media is so quick to converse with someone who portrayed characteristics of an insolent, indignant child who didn't get her way? How unprofessional to storm out of a meeting while it is still in session. It would seem she is more involved with the cameras than the work that needs to be done to improve our schools.

I had reserved my public opinion for the most part until now. I understand the sensitivity around the Redmen issue that has befallen our town for close to a year. I will not, however, let it stand that a person elected to our Board of Education chooses to act in such an unbecoming manner and have it be ignored.

Not only does Ms. Flexer hold an elected position on the BOE, but works for NECCOG; a State agency that works with Killingly and other municipalities in the region. Her position is the Regional Director for Health and Human Services according to their website. I state this only to point out Ms. Flexer is a well recognized member of this community through her work with NECCOG and being an elected member of the BOE. She should be held to a certain standard.

That brings me to my next point. Not only has she used the word "retard" in a public

## On mascot names

There once was a fairly small town in a fairly small state where, for the most part, everyone got along with each other. Over time the town changed, Main Street business closed and were replaced by shopping centers, neighborhood took on a new flavor as people moved away while new ones moved in. But one thing remained constant: unity in support the school and its athletic team. From alumni who were proud of their alma mater to present day students and their parents cheered the athletic teams and encouraged them on to victory by shouting the mascot name. These people supported the school by wearing hats, jackets and hoodies emblazoned with the name and logo. The reveling in the teams victories, suffered the agony of their defeat. They likened it to supporting let's say, the Washington Redskins in football or perhaps the Cincinatti Reds in baseball.

One day a student decided to take a survey to see if the students were happy with the team name. 59 percent were. Being a democratic society where majority rules, it all should've ended there. But the teachers also took the survey and 58 percent didn't like the name and logo. This coincided with some school committee personal beliefs and that where the trouble started.

At a well attended school committee meeting about changing the name, the majority of townspeople voiced their opinion that the name should be kept and pleaded for a town wide vote. They questioned the opinion of teachers who wanted change stating that some don't live in the town and employees shouldn't have any voice in the name of the institution that employs them. They pointed out 59% of the students wanted to keep it. Instead, the committee, with some proclaiming they must follow the students wishes, gave the chore to decide the fate of the name and logo to an out of state group of people who made it known at the meeting they wanted it changed.

The obvious happened, good bye to the name that was part of the school for 70, maybe 80 years and welcome to the new name.

forum on video but she also flipped the bird to Republican candidates on election day with at least half a dozen witnesses. At the last BOE meeting held at Killingly High School there is video of Mr. Rioux asking a man of color from our community, to move from his seat to the back of the room because he was 'intimidating' one of the BOE members. I was told Mr. Rioux was speaking with Ms. Flexer prior to that interaction. I guess you can surmise who wanted this gentleman removed. This latest incident using the word "retard" crossed a line and action needs to be taken. I don't believe Ms. Flexer has made any effort at a public apology which should be step one. Her continued misconduct leads me to believe her arrogance far outweighs her intellect. This outburst is not an isolated incident but one of many. She called one of our recently elected BOE members, Mr. Norm Ferron, a racist during his BOE interview. This is a perfect example of the double standard we see daily based on which side of the aisle we sit on.

I have had really good people whom I respect and think of as pretty wise, make excuses for her behavior. "Oh, she didn't mean it as derogatory, she was comparing". Yes, she compared a logo to what is one of the top 10 most disgusting words in the English language. With each of these conversations, those folks hadn't looked at it that way until I pointed it out. I say to anyone who feels the way I do, you should contact the BOE, NECCOG, ARC, CPAC or whichever agencies you are familiar with who would be appalled by this behavior by a public official and let your voices be heard. Any representative of a municipality or government agency should be held to a higher standard. You can be sure, if it was someone that Ms. Flexer opposes, their positions would be in jeopardy.

I am penning my complaints today. Someone who uses the word "retard" in any manner is ignorant to the damage that word does. I am so tired of hearing about the Redmen logo being racist. It is a status. Learn your history! Look it up. We tend to listen to people's views and try to be objective. With that said, some on Ms. Flexer's side of the argument choose to attack those they don't agree with and actions we saw at the BOE meeting are a fine example of that. I find it difficult to take anyone seriously who claims to be offended by the Redmen name yet calls his company Savage Systems, even though this individual represents the Nipmuc Tribal Council. Let that sink in. This level of hypocrisy is equivalent to Ms. Flexer claiming to be offended by The Redmen name, yet throws around the word "retard" without a second thought or an apology. Hoween Flexer, should have been removed from the BOE when she called Mr. Norm Ferron a racist. She was not. This time, there is no excuse to keep someone who displays such small minded ignorance yet again. If her rationale is to storm out of a meeting or notify the media in one fashion or another every time she doesn't get her way, is she really fit to serve on a board where the majority rules? Time to go!

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# Planning with SECURE Act



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On December 20, 2019, the SECURE Act was signed into law. The SECURE Act contains 29 provisions, encompassing many aspects of financial planning and retirement saving. Once treasury regulations are released, nuances in interpreting this new law will become clearer. Until then, individuals are left to interpret the law's effects based on the language of the law itself. This article will address what the SECURE Act entails and who it affects, as well as provide suggestions on how to plan for the changes that have been instituted.

Key Provisions of the SECURE Act: Repeal the prohibition of retirement contributions after the account owner reaches age 70½.

Delay the age for required minimum distributions (RMDs) from 70½ to 72.

Eliminate the lifetime "stretch" IRA option, requiring non-spouse beneficiaries of IRAs to deplete the inherited balance within 10 years of the decedent's death (with exceptions; see below for more details).

Permit penalty-free withdrawals of up to \$5,000 from retirement accounts to help pay for childbirth or adoption expenses.

Expand permitted expenses for 529 college savings plans to include apprenticeships, as well as up to \$10,000 of qualified student loan repayments for the beneficiary and \$10,000 for each of the beneficiary's siblings (an aggregate lifetime limit, not an annual limit).

Reinstate the "kiddie tax" to pre-Tax Cuts and Jobs Act rates. (Excess income will be taxed at the parents' rate rather than the trust and estate rates.)

Allow graduate students to count stipends and non-tuition fellowship payments as compensation for IRA contribution purposes.

Many of the provisions adopted into the Internal Revenue Code as part of the SECURE Act allow individuals more time for tax-deferred savings and growth before distributions are required. The provisions deemed advantageous to individuals and businesses may result in less tax revenue to the government, however. So, the SECURE Act also includes requirements designed to account for this loss of revenue by accelerating the withdrawal and taxation of inherited retirement accounts.

Planning for the Loss of the "Stretch" IRA Option: Although there are many ways in which the SECURE Act will change how individuals save for retirement, the provision with the greatest effect is the elimination of the lifetime "stretch" option for IRAs. Prior to the SECURE Act, individual beneficiaries were entitled to stretch out the withdrawal of their inherited retirement account in accordance with their life expectancy. Now, beneficiaries are required to withdraw their entire inherited retirement account within 10 years of the original owner's death.

There are some exceptions to this rule, however. The individuals who remain entitled to the lifetime "stretch" option include: The surviving spouse of the employee. A child of the employee who has not reached the age of majority (account would need to be distributed within 10 years of reaching the age of majority). Disabled individuals. A chronically ill individual. An individ-

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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Surprised on Redmen issue

So happy to read Gary Moore's Positively Speaking "In 2020, be an encourager" and John Hanson's Beyond the Pews "Uncommon Unity" in last week's Villager. Fabulous messages that blessed me and many readers, I'm sure.

Surprised, but accepting of keeping the Redmen moniker. I see it as an awakening and speaking out against the names the good people of Killingly and surrounding towns have been called. I am appalled that what many of our own elected and employed positions in our town have created — this so-called "laughingstock" Killingly — racist, too white to appreciate diversity, not educated enough, redneck, it's ridiculous and just not true. You see, most times, it's not what you say, but how you say it.

No fan of Trump

Breaking news, Trump has lied to the American people again. Specifically, this time, deals with the killing of an Iranian general on another country's sovereign soil. Diplomatic protocol between countries were not followed. Yes, the General was a bad man and has enough blood on his hands of Americans and others, no sympathy for his death at all. Countries do not kill, even murders, on another country's soil without providing some kind prior knowledge, in this case Iraq. These action does not make Americans safer and provide additional security. Not in the area of the world that exports terrorism. This is why countries have diplomats and diplomatic channels to inform each other of these things. It is proper diplomatic protocol and it only makes the U.S. more of an enemy to other countries. In not providing the an informational heads up to our allies and to our own leaders in the Congress, just shows the world that Trump is either ignorant or arrogant. Maybe both. Also, it is testimony that no one in the Trump cabinet is the adult in the room, that can provide sage advice, and a compass on how to do things on the world stage. He might go off anyone who would. Lying is so much easier.

What should really concern people is the hodgepodge of reasons why it was done now, that came out of 1600 Pennsylvania Ave. There seem to be conflicting stories/reason for the why the killing was done at this moment. The lack of that was evident at the briefing of Congress people both Republicans and Democrats at a meeting following the action. Worse, a couple of days later another reason came to light about the blowing up of embassies, that was debunked by even members of his cabinet. Can we at least get together and get the lies straight. It brings the word imminent into play, no concrete definition of what that meant in doing at this moment in time.

This little problem of the Cults' leader possibly being impeached, maybe a bigger reason why it was done. Get it off the front page. According to those at a 75-minute briefing there was no mention of the embassies being under possible attack. Gets into that word imminent and its meaning. Feeling less safe and secure. Wonder what our allies think of all this, they must worry about the mental state of the American president. Guess which country benefits from the action taken by Trump, the country that wants to destabilize the

On Redmen name

So, now that the name Redmen has returned to the Killingly Schools, let the process of education about American and most especially Native American History begin, a curriculum that has been sorely lacking in the area as so clearly illustrated by the amazing ignorance of history by those opposing the name. 1. Redmen is not a race or a natural skin color, a fact that should be obvious to all sighted persons. 2. Throughout history, schools have never picked a name based on selections from groups that they wish to ridicule.

School names are chosen from groups that are respected, in this case, Native American warriors. This position in

Flexer has negative effect on BOE

In a disgraceful display of immaturity, Killingly Board of Education member Hoween Flexer lost a vote and stormed out before the conclusion of a meeting to cry and whine to the press about the vote. She seemed to be actually expressing the wish that the town that she is supposed to represent gets embroiled in civil litigation, really nice and so professional. Earlier, her anger at the very thought that the board would not vote her way on the "Redmen" name, led her to blurt out a disgustingly vulgar insult to disabled people with her word "retard". The fact that she represents close to 100 special needs students in the Killingly Schools did not dissuade her from using it to try and argue her point, a victory for

They started this and behaved badly. No matter what the Hartford Courant and the enlightened ones among us say, this community has spoken through fair elections and public comment that "No, we have honored Native Americans for a very long time. We are proud of our history and many of us have Native American ancestry in our family tree."

As a bonus, I've been doing some house re-organization, due to a precious one year old granddaughter and a cat, and came across a beautiful book entitled "Native Americans." What a wonderful, middle of the day treasure.

Wishing you peace, joy, good health. Keep it going! A beautiful America!

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world and therefore increasing its presence on the world stage. Becoming a world player, Begins with R and ends in ussia, Seems most roads with Trump lead there. Wonder why? Safe and secure.

In talking and discussing with people in my age bracket, most of them feel very good about their rise in the 401K's and stock portfolios, they may not like Trump, most find him rude and cooky, but they are happy with their financial status at this time. Paul & Coop. Discuss with them that they should thank their children, grandchildren and their great grandchildren, for financial situation , they become puzzled. I point them to our ever growing and the pace is quickening of the federal debt. The debt in many ways is supplying their lifestyle at the moment. At some point the debt will rear its ugly head. You better leave all some money to the those that follow because somebody is going to have pay the debt down. Just a reminder, the debt grows at a rate of 206 billion yearly, 17 billion a month, 550 million a day and 22 million an hour, in an eight-hour sleep the debt grows about 176 million. This is at good employment levels and low interest rates level. What happens when a slight recession hits. More money is going into the Treasury, with people working, what happens when an increase in both unemployment and interest levels rise, the amount of money collected goes down and the debt grows like nose on the doll in those Geico commercials. This should make your financial less secure and safe. Remember we never ever have had a recession in this country.

Lastly, why won't Trump release his taxes. One thing he thinks we are all stupid and that his taxes are too hard for us to get our minds around them. Year 6 or 7 of the audit. Really do audits last that long? Maybe he is not as rich as he claims to be. Since U.S. banks do not loan him and his daughter money, where and who are they getting loans from. Also for every quarter point of interest rate decline, his daughter has saved like \$5 million a month of her loans to run her businesses. Chaching. Nice benefit. Also, he has gone or filed three times for bankruptcy, can countries go bankrupt to eliminate their debt?

Have a nice day. God bless and sleep well.

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Native American tribes was also occupied by several whites over the years, chosen for the honor by their personal display of bravery. This obvious fact can be proven by two simple observations. Number one, name a school name based on contempt for the animal, group or object selected. Number two, the large number of native and reservation schools with native themes such as Redskins and Redmen. It's hard to imagine a group selecting a name for the purpose of ridiculing themselves.

BEVERLY FERRON  
KILLINGLY

herself at all costs appears to be her all consuming goal. This woman should resign or be removed from the board in all haste. The town does not need a drama queen with a bloated ego that feels perfectly comfortable pursuing a scorched earth policy against our town and our disabled students. She has made vulgar gestures to other Board members at the time of voting. What are people thinking voting for a person like this as a BOE member? While I do not live in Killingly, a person like this has a negative effect on schools and mentally challenged students.

TOM PANDOLFI  
WOODSTOCK

Thanks to Muddy Brook FD

On my way home late on Jan. 9 from a meeting, and about a half mile from my driveway, my trip came to an abrupt halt when I came upon a roadblock and flashing red lights.

As I impatiently sat in my warm car wondering how long a delay would follow, a friend and neighbor, Mark Puliafico – bundled against the cold in his Muddy Brook Fire Department turnout gear- came to the window and assured that it would only be five minutes, or so, while he and his fellow volunteers cleared away some tree debris that came down in the road during the blustery cold winds across our region that evening.

I feel fortunate that this unanticipated delay gave me pause from the day, and an opportunity to reflect and appreciate how lucky I and my family are to have friends and neighbors; like Mark, and all his fellow volunteer emergency fire and first responders; who selflessly

serve our communities, throughout the year, no matter the time or clime, and assist in emergencies in ways we come to expect as just 'part of the deal'.

When consideration is given to not only the time (which is truly the most valuable thing people have to give to others), but the hours of mandated training, and personal expense, that volunteers like, Mark; and all others in our communities who serve to assist and protect us all in times of emergency and similar needs; give to us, it is very humbling.

Thank you, again, Mark and all your fellow Volunteers, for all you have done and continue to do help to your fellow citizens in times of need and keeping us safe. We are most fortunate.

ED HIGGINS  
WOODSTOCK

Redmen were honored warriors

In regards to the long running controversy in Killingly over the use of the name Redmen as a school symbol, simply put, the Redmen were not a race or a skin color. The Redmen were honored warriors or medicine men of various native American tribes. The name comes from the practice of preparing for battle, or sometimes a ceremony, where they would signify their willingness, if necessary, to exit the world of the living and enter the spirit world. If they were killed in battle, they would leave this world as they had entered it, bald and bloody. They would shave their heads and apply red paint to convey this. It had and has absolutely nothing to do with skin color or tone. All rational humans should easily be able to comprehend this, unless myself and all the people that I have asked have a peculiar type of color blindness, naturally red people do not exist. For anyone to claim that they do is either disingenuous or moronic. As recently stated in a Killingly BOE meeting, an Annenberg policy center poll, the only one of it's type, has determined that a full 91% of Native Americans do not feel that the name Redskins, and therefore, Redmen is problematic. The names are used

liberally on reservations and majority native schools. The US Supreme Court ruled in 1954, that it is unconstitutional to ban their use in other schools based simply on the racial makeup of the student body. In other words, removing these names from other schools simply based on a quota of the racial identities of the students violates their Civil Rights, and is blatantly discriminatory. The very fact that these names are common for Native schools should tip off the public to the fact that Native Americans have no problem with the name, in fact, it is honored and revered in the Native American community. If the Annenberg policy center poll was not enough, this very fact should be. If the names were an insult, would they use them liberally and commonly themselves? Has any school ever named themselves for a group that they despise? The name Redmen honors a status of greatness in Native American tribes and was also conveyed to deserving white men that impressed the native warriors and chiefs with their bravery.

LISA DANBURG  
DAYVILLE

On Woodstock Academy per pupil spending

Each year the Connecticut State Department of Education releases its annual per-pupil expenditure report. The 2017-2018 results were released on December 2nd. The data, which can be found on the state Department of Education website, is interesting as it always is. At The Academy, we use this data to benchmark our program and our per-pupil tuition rate, as compared to many of the secondary schools in the region. While it is almost impossible to compare districts since we all have unique programming, demographics, priorities and governance, it does provide some points of comparison.

What this data highlights, is the incredible value The Academy is for those towns who partner with our institution. The per-pupil tuition charged to our partner communities by The Academy for the 2017-2018 school year, the most recent data available on a state-wide level, was \$13,676. This rate is much lower compared to other secondary schools in our region.

Let us look at a few other schools, using the 2017-2018 data. As mentioned above, these numbers are not a value statement about the program or district. We all work together to provide our students the best possible education and we respect the work that anyone in the world of education does. Killingly High School was \$17,310, Putnam High School was \$17,843, EO Smith was \$18,575, Tourtellotte Memorial High School was \$20,404, and Parish Hill was \$23,424. While these are the reported per-pupil expenditures, there is a lot more data included on the website.

The value provided by The Academy is indisputable. Even though we are a less expensive option, our independent structure allows us to provide an unmatched education in this region. Our over 250 courses and over 100 different co-curricular activities (athletics and clubs) provide those students who choose The Academy an unmatched experience.

Our program prepares students well for whatever path they choose after they walk across the stage at

Commencement in June. For the last several years we have had a 100% graduation rate, something we are very proud of. Our students go on to continue their education at many different institutions. While we are proud that our students are accepted at Ivy League schools on a regular basis, we are just as proud that we have been one of the largest "feeder" schools to QVCC. We are also very proud that we typically have over five students from each graduating class enter the military or join an ROTC program. Over 85% of our students continue their education after The Academy.

As mentioned above, it is very difficult to compare per-pupil expenditures because each school is unique. For example, our per-student rate does not include transportation, as that is provided by towns or families. However, our tuition rate includes debt, which does not exist in all of the per-pupil expenditures above as this cost is typically covered by the towns. In addition, local communities get state and/or federal funds to assist with education costs (transportation, special education, etc.). The Academy does not receive any state funding for operations, but we have applied for and received competitive grants. The Academy is also not eligible for state funding for construction without the development of a special process through the legislature. Unlike many of our neighbors who receive state reimbursement for projects or new buildings, The Academy is not eligible for those funds.

We are very proud of what The Academy offers. We could not do what we do without our supporters in the region, around the country, and around the world. We will continue to provide an outstanding educational program at a per-pupil expenditure rate that represents an extraordinary value and exceptional opportunities for students in the region.

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HEAD OF SCHOOL  
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# Small pox epidemic in Danielson in 1913

Recently I've been doing research in old newspapers and came across a few interesting tidbits that I'd like to share. If you read between the lines, you'll have much food for thought about how different the lifestyle was in the early decades of the Twentieth Century. "About the library. Books can now be selected direct from the shelves by patrons and the room formerly known as the librarians room will be given up to women and will be called the Conversation Room until a better name comes along. It is designed to be a popular meeting place for women, where they can talk with more freedom than in the reading room; where they can meet one another by appointment; where committee meetings may be held." (Windham County Transcript, 6/12/1913). Since the Killingly Historical Center is now housed in the former Bugbee Library, I keep trying to figure out which room was the Conversation Room.

While looking for information about the Danielson Equal Franchise League in extracts of the 1913 Windham County Transcript, I came across several articles about a smallpox epidemic in Danielson and vicinity. The October 23, 1913 Transcript had the following, "Small pox situation in Danielson well in Hand. Twenty-eight cases now in borough, confined to eleven buildings, only twelve cases in East Brooklyn, four special police maintaining strictest quarantine...no one can enter or leave a house where there is small pox, in any form, except the Borough Health Officer.

"The arrest of Frank LaRoche Sunday night for leaving a house that is under quarantine and refusing to return to his house upon the demands of the officers, has had a salutary effect, so that Officers

Bretschneider and Franklin, who constitute the day force, and Officers Withey and Hamilton, who constitute the night force, have had little or no trouble from those quarantined in the effected district. ..There are two cases at Williamsville in one house, one at the Borough Farm on Dyer St., and one on the Wauregan road near the Plainfield line. (Did you know that there was a Borough Farm? I didn't).

A list of the families affected by small pox was included in the article. I was intrigued by the treatments that were mentioned. Four children were stricken with small pox in the Trahan family, which lived in the house adjacent to the old fire house on Water St. "It is expected that Mr. Traham will receive the anti-septic bath and have all of his clothing fumigated today so as to allow him to go to work and support his family. He will not be allowed to return until all of the cases are well and the house fumigated. Madame Cyr's building on Franklin Street and the Bedard Block on Franklin Street were both quarantined.

In East Brooklyn "thirty-four houses have been fumigated and seventeen have been give bi-chloride baths." "Nearly 1600 people have been vaccinated."

Did you know that there were once horse sheds at St. James Church? "At the St. James church property on Franklin Street an added convenience for the parishioners who drive to service from distant parts of the town, and from nearby villages is a line of horse sheds erect-



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ed in the rear of the convent and near the stables on the property. The sheds have been completed with the cooperation of the parishioners to be benefited." (WCT4/2/1914). Does anyone recall these horse sheds or the stable?

Did you realize that Dayville once had a hotel? "William H. Campbell and company have applied to the county commissioners for the transfer of the license at the Dayville Hotel, recently acquired from Frank S. Kennedy" (Norwich Bulletin 9/5/1916, Newspapers.com).

"The annual field day and picnic of the local lodge of the Fraternal Benefit League was held at Quinebaug Lake on Labor Day" (Ibid.). If anyone recalls relatives who were members of this league or knows anything about it, please let me know.

"The Danielson Building and Loan Association now has an income of more than \$700 a month, and the indications are that this will be taken as rapidly as it comes in for the erection of new homes or as loans with which to take over available property." (Ibid).

"Edwin Bennett and E. C. Babson are the republican delegates from Brooklyn to the state convention that is being held today at New Haven. The Killingly delegation to the republican convention today is made up of Ralph S. Young, E. L. Darbie, Harry E. Back, and Charles E. Ayer. Attorney S. S. Russell, clerk of the last senate, will also attend, the party making the trip in Mr. Young's touring

car" (Ibid.). Today we think nothing about a reference to an automobile, but note the year, 1916, and keep in mind the only such vehicles in the area at the time were owned by wealthier individuals. Most individuals still relied on their horses or used the trains and trolleys that were a regular sight and convenience.

(You may feel as though I've omitted capital letters in a number of places in the above article. That is the way they appeared in the papers).

Do you know which Putnam woman was arrested and jailed in Washington, D.C. in 1917 for her suffragist activities? Learn the answer in next week's column.

The Killingly Historical & Genealogical Society will be sponsoring a Mayflower trip on June 19, 2020 to Plymouth Plantation, the Gristmill, and the Mayflower II replica. The bus will depart from the Brooklyn Walmart at 7:15 a.m. and return at 5:30 p.m. Free parking. For additional information contact 860-779-7250 or director@killinglyhistorical.org for tickets by May 1, 2020.

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There are many things I enjoy in life. I'm a drummer and love to play music. I'm a fan of Drum Corps International and love keeping up with The Cavaliers, the corps I marched with in my teens. I love writing and I love splitting firewood. Surprised? Like the titles says, I'm a lumberjack and I'm okay.

Monty Python fans will immediately recognize the title of this column as also the title of one of Monty Python's most famous and enduring bits. At the time, it was very politically incorrect. Today, it seems quite in line with current sentiments. Go to YouTube and search, "Monty Python Lumberjack song" and you will see what I mean. Regardless, I am not that kind of lumberjack.

There is something about going out into the woods and

## I'm a lumberjack and I'm OK

cutting lumber. We don't cut down trees but find fallen trees and chain saw them into sixteen-inch sections then split them into firewood. I cannot describe the enjoyment. We always split a few by hand, but quickly turn to a motorized splitter.

My friend Jeff, a local restaurateur, a former collegiate athlete is the strongest guy I know. He hooked me on splitting wood. When he picks up an ax, the wood trembles in fear and often splits itself. Me? The wood giggles behind my back and mocks me when I pick up my ax.

2019 was a tough year for me. I have pushed through a few serious and quite unexpected health problems and am facing a couple of surgeries. One of them is this week on Monday. Jeff called my wife yesterday and asked her if he could come by Sunday and cut wood. He says he needs wood, but I know it is his way

of helping me keep my mind off the surgery the following day. I'm grateful for his hidden act of kindness. Jeff knows that I love being in the woods. It clears my head.

So, I put on my boots and red plaid shirt, pick up my ax and walk out of the garage. There is something that feels so manly about it. The only thing that rivals the feeling is picking up a baseball bat and walking to the plate. They are both incredible feelings. The truth is I was not a good hitter and probably a worse lumberjack, but that's okay. I enjoy it anyway.

Last winter, I decided to split some wood. I put on my lumberjack clothes, picked up the ax (in this case called a rail-splitter) and walked out the door. Suddenly two women began screaming! They were lost and turned into my driveway. I live out on forty acres. When I walked out of the garage with an ax, they thought I was coming

for them. Once I calmed them down, they told me they were from the city and had never seen a man with a real ax before and asked if they could take my picture. My testosterone began to flow. They both got out of the car and took turns posing with me. They then asked if they could film me splitting a log. Proudly, I set up the log, pulled my ax over my head ... and with a mighty swing ... I missed the log completely and drove my ax into the dirt. Once again, I heard the muffled giggles of the log and now my visitors joined in. Oh well, it was all fun and games until I missed the log. I, unfortunately, revealed myself as only a lumberjack wannabe.

So ... as for my surgeries, no problem. The human body has five feet of colon. I won't miss the three feet they are removing. Maybe the missing parts will readjust my center of gravity and make me better with both my bat and my ax ... or maybe

not. All I know is after the colon I have one more final surgery then I can pick up my ax and improve my aim. It's my goal to never miss the log again.

Some guys enjoy golf and they don't understand why I don't. To each his own. All I know for sure is, if there is ever a contest between a man in plaid knickers holding a putter and a man in a plaid shirt holding an ax, I'm betting on the man with the ax every time.

I guess that splitting wood for me is not about doing but about being. I can buy a load of wood and save myself the trouble. It's not about doing the work but about being in the nature and being with a friend. I'll go into this surgery with the heart and attitude of a rail splitter, even if I don't have the aim.

I'm a lumberjack and I'm okay.

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# Windham Tolland 4-H Camp open house



4-H staff- Front, Katy Cooley, Miranda Pechie, back, John Renzi and Jacob Chaimovitch



Camp leaders, from left, Isaiah Benoit, Michaela Pechie and Tallie Benoit

POMFRET — The Windham-Tolland 4-Camp in Pomfret held its first Open House for Summer Camp on Jan. 12. Average Connecticut temperature on this date is in the mid 30's but this year the temperature climbed to almost 70

degrees. The day was so pleasant that many folks came out to take a tour of the camp and to see what it had to offer.

*Karen Butera photos*



Kelly Stetson with daughter Aubrey and son Owen



Steven White with wife Michelle and daughter Olivia

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ual who is not more than 10 years younger than the employee: In most instances, withdrawal of a beneficiary's retirement account over a 10-year period (rather than over the course of his or her lifetime) will result in substantially less tax-deferred growth, as well as more taxes due on withdrawal from the account. To help mitigate the potential negative ramifications of these changes, below are a few strategies to consider when planning for the loss of the beneficiary "stretch" IRA option.

Roth conversions. With tax rates at historic lows and uncertainty surrounding their future, it could be a good year to coordinate with a CPA to potentially accelerate Roth conversions, so that beneficiaries may avoid being taxed rapidly on distributions. This is an especially applicable strategy if the beneficiaries are in a higher tax bracket than the account owner.

Alternatively, individuals with legacy priorities may not be motivated to accelerate Roth conversions under the SECURE Act because a grandchild (for example) will not receive the long period of tax-free growth from the inherited Roth.

Going forward, account owners should be sure to ask these key questions before making a Roth conversion: Will the individual need the money within five years of conversion? Will the individual be in a higher or lower

tax bracket in the future? Are the beneficiaries expected to be in a higher tax bracket? Where will the individual get the money from to pay the taxes owed because of the conversion?

Charitable remainder trusts (CRTs). An account owner could consider naming a CRT as the beneficiary of an IRA. These trusts are structured so that a beneficiary would collect a stream of income from the assets of the CRT for a specified time. At the end of that period, the charity would collect whatever is left. The CRT isn't taxed on the distribution from the IRA or the income it earns; however, the beneficiary will be responsible for any taxes owed on distributions from the CRT.

Life insurance. Individuals may want to explore whether taking a withdrawal from the retirement account to pay premiums on a life insurance policy is more advantageous than leaving the retirement account to the beneficiaries. Beneficiaries typically receive life insurance money tax free. Depending on the insurability of the individual, the total death benefit payable to the beneficiaries may exceed what they receive as beneficiary of an IRA. This analysis should be performed by a qualified financial professional.

Qualified charitable distribution (QCD). If an individual is older than 70½, he or she is entitled to make tax-free gifts of up to \$100,000 per year from their IRA payable directly to charity. QCDs may become more advantageous after the SECURE Act because IRAs will become a less attractive inherited

asset. Therefore, tax-free depletion of the IRA may be more beneficial than the dissipation of other nonqualified appreciated assets, which could pass to beneficiaries at a stepped-up basis.

Account owners will need to coordinate with their CPA if they are planning to contribute to their IRA after age 70½, as such contributions may affect the QCD treatment.

Trusts. The SECURE Act decreases the amount of complexity and risk involved in naming a trust as a beneficiary. The cost-benefit analysis of tax deferral versus control of distributions will shift, as the stretch would be no more than 10 years.

It is imperative that individuals who named a trust as the beneficiary of an IRA prior to the implementation of the SECURE Act review their current estate plan with an attorney to determine how the SECURE Act may affect the distributions from the IRA to the trust. In some instances, trusts drafted prior to the SECURE Act may be obsolete, resulting in a distribution pattern that works against the original intent of the trust.

Estate planning. It may make sense for account owners to revise their estate plan to take a more comprehensive "asset-by-asset" approach, rather than to continue splitting assets by percentage. For example, the account owner might earmark IRA assets to be distributed to minors or individuals in lower tax brackets and designate a larger proportion of non-retirement assets to those with higher incomes.

Who Is Not Affected by the SECURE

Act? This new legislation will not affect the following individuals: Those who turned 70½ prior to December 31, 2019 (Individuals who were 70½ or older as of December 31, 2019, will continue with RMDs under the pre-SECURE Act rules.)

Surviving spouses of IRA owners. Beneficiaries of IRA owners who died before December 31, 2019. Beneficiaries of some owners of existing qualified annuities.

Secure your future: As more information becomes available regarding the interpretation of the SECURE Act, it's important to continue to review all aspects of your financial plan and beneficiary elections to ensure that you understand how you and your family have been affected. Be sure to reach out to your tax professional or contact our office for help navigating your situation.

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## REDMEN

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Muscara, and Ferron. Voting “no” and were Democrats Hoween Flexer, Lydia Rivera-Abrams, Chris Viens, and Republican Gregg Biggs.

In a statement issued on Jan. 9 on behalf of the Killingly Republican Town Committee, KRTC Chairman Chris Dillon wrote: “To ignore last November’s election, is to ignore our representative democratic process and the BOE majority that was elected to represent the citizens of our town.”

During the fall sports season of 2019 Killingly High’s athletic teams were referred to by the mascot name “Red Hawks”. On Jan. 9 Keely Doyle, executive assistant to Killingly Public School Superintendent Steven Rioux, issued the following statement: “On January 8, 2020, the Killingly the Board of

Education reinstated Redmen as the name to be used by its athletic teams, effectively immediately. Please use Redmen for any reference regarding Killingly High School athletics in the press or on social media moving forward.”

The statement issued by the Killingly Republican Town Committee on Jan. 9 also read: “The intellect and warrior ethos of Native Americans and their American history are to be preserved and shall continue to be honored. The motion that passed: The 100-plus year Redmen legacy shall be reinstated with the following stipulations:

“1. Any imagery used shall not portray Native Americans in a negative stereotype and are displayed with cultural sensitivity and in a historically correct manner. 2. A requisite educational experience is to be developed and provided to students to ensure students do not form the idea that it is acceptable

to stereotype any group.

“The stipulations proposed are based on learning from the recent Pennsylvania v. Neshaminy School district court decision in a similar situation where the school district fought and won to retain their proud Redskins Native American legacy. It is the goal of Republican BOE members to educate students and our community about our Native American heritage, not eradicate that heritage.”

The statement from the Killingly Republican Town Committee continued: “The four Republican BOE candidates were elected with a huge 900 vote margin of 2,700 cast; a clear mandate from town citizens and taxpayers to overturn the decision to eliminate the Redmen legacy. Those are votes cast by town citizens and taxpayers, not outsiders or children.”

The KRTC statement recognized that the reinstatement of the mascot name

“Redmen” might cause disagreement among the town’s citizens and concluded: “The Killingly Republican Town Committee and Republican BOE members recognize there are disagreements and differences of opinion on this matter. However, it was clear from the November 5th, 2019 election that the citizens of the town overwhelmingly disagreed with the June BOE’s decision to eliminate the 100-plus year Redmen legacy. This was a mandate election to reinstate the Redmen legacy. Promise made, promise kept. Changing the identity and heritage of a community shouldn’t be taken lightly. It was wrong for the previous BOE to rush to such a decision without proper town discussion to eliminate our Redmen legacy. The elected Republican BOE members kept their campaign promise and are implementing the mandate of voting town citizens and taxpayers.”

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**Wednesday, Jan. 22**  
Solid Waste Sub-Committee, 5:30 p.m., Town Hall, Room 204  
Board of Education, 7 p.m.  
**Thursday, Jan. 23**  
OSLA Regular, 6:30 p.m., Room 102

### EASTFORD

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Transfer Station Committee, 1 p.m., Town Office Building  
**Wednesday, Jan. 22**  
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IWWC, 7 p.m., Town Office Building  
Library Board, 7 p.m., Library

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Board of Selectman, 8 a.m., Senior Center  
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Zoning Board of Appeals, 7 p.m., Senior Center

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### THOMPSON

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Board of Selectmen, 7 p.m., Merrill Seney Community Room  
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## Woodstock boys on a roll

BY CHARLIE LENTZ  
VILLAGER EDITOR

WOODSTOCK — With a slew of first-year starters Woodstock Academy opened the season with three straight losses. It would have easy for the Centaurs to hang their heads — instead they hung in there.

“We were discouraged and we knew that we had to fix some things,” said Woodstock coach Marty Hart. “So we galvanized together. We put in two weeks of very hard work.”

The shots started falling, the fast break got cranked up — it all started on the defensive end with solid work off the glass.

“I’ve got to give it to the kids. They bought into team defense, team rebounding, and then ball movement,” Hart said. “We’ve made a strong commitment to rebounding. That’s helped us get more opportunities for our team.”

After those three season-opening losses the Centaurs turned it round — winning four straight games. The Centaurs topped Stonington 67-62 last Saturday at Woodstock Academy’s South Campus gymnasium and then took their fourth straight win with a 42-35 victory over Griswold on Monday night at Alumni Fieldhouse.

Junior guard Logan Talbot has been a big part of the turnaround. Talbot scored a career-high 34 points in the win over Stonington on Jan. 11.

“I was just kind of shooting them and hoping they’d go,” said Talbot of his hot hand.

“But it felt great.”

Talbot credited his teammates but he said much of Woodstock’s success lies on the defensive end with the ability to clear the boards and start the transition game.

“Pushing the ball and rebounding really, and defensively we’re playing a lot better,” Talbot said.

The rebounding has been key in jumpstarting Woodstock’s fast break attack and giving Talbot open looks.

“Whenever we get a board I try and leak out. It was there a lot today and that’s where a lot of my points came from,” said Talbot after the win over Stonington. “They’re starting to find me more but it’s a team sport and everybody’s really contributing to it.”

Coach Hart said the Centaurs are finding Talbot in rhythm and he’s delivering.

“It’s through great leadership in our captain Aidan Morin (11 points vs. Stonington) — it’s really facilitating a lot of things. He can work inside. He can go out to the wing and he can play the point. He’s been able to get the ball and defer some of those points. Fortunately for us Logan is really stepping up in that regard,” Hart said.

Talbot, a first-year starter, said he’s become more confident as the season nears its midpoint.

“It’s way higher, way higher, I think our team’s is too,” Talbot said. “To start off at 0-3 and come back to a 3-3 record — it’s a great feeling.”

Coach Hart said the half-court offense has improved in



Charlie Lentz photo

Woodstock Academy’s Logan Talbot drives to the bucket against Stonington last Saturday, Jan. 11. The Centaurs are scheduled to play host to Killingly High at 1 p.m. on Monday, Jan. 20.

tandem with team’s confidence level.

“We found a good way to get ball movement, going inside and out, and then keeping the floor spread and attacking at all times,” Hart said.

Woodstock led Stonington

25-21 at halftime and cranked up its running game in the third quarter — outscoring the Bears 23-14 in the frame. With much of the credit going to transition buckets started with strong work off the defensive boards.

“The start of every break is a rebound. And so when we match up and lock in on guys we can extend the floor and get out with the fast outlet,” Hart said. “We’ve drilled really

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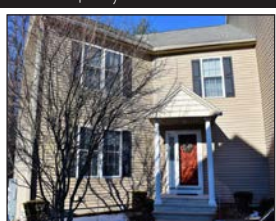
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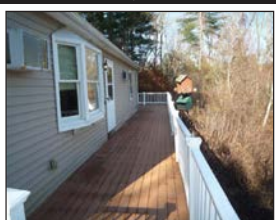
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# Killingly boys need a finishing touch



Killingly High's Yianni Baribeau, left, battles Ledyard's Cam Reynolds for a rebound last Saturday, Jan. 11.

**BY CHARLIE LENTZ**  
VILLAGER EDITOR

DAYVILLE — After just seven games the bad news for Killingly High freshman Yianni Baribeau is he's a bad fit for the junior varsity basketball team. The good news is that Baribeau is too valuable for the varsity to spend any more time with the jayvees.

"He had a good jayvee career at Killingly. It's over," said Killingly coach Jim Crabtree.

In his brief varsity career Baribeau has emerged as a reliable rebounder, shot blocker, and scorer. He scored 11 points, grabbed eight rebounds, and blocked five shots in a 63-48 loss to Ledyard last Saturday night at Killingly High School. Now coach Crabtree has to find a way to incorporate his

freshman forward into a lineup that has had trouble finishing games.

"We got exactly what we expected out of (Baribeau) in the preseason. Now I can't hold him back. He's just too athletic. You're going to live with his mistakes being a freshman but he does too many great things," Crabtree said. "He's dominated at all ages. He's 14 years old, playing against 18-year-olds. He's not scared. We'll feed him some more (on offense) and I'm sure he'll accept it. I expect big things out of Yianni Baribeau."

Despite a solid effort from Baribeau, Killingly could not finish against Ledyard on Jan. 11.

"We executed our game plan for 27 minutes," Crabtree said. "If we figure out how to piece it all together on the same night I think good things will happen."

Killingly trailed the Colonels 46-40 with under five minutes remaining but faded down the stretch.

"Two-possession game, they had the ball. A little bit of our youth showed up. We panicked and chased the ball because they were killing some time," Crabtree said. "We went coo-coo, extended the zone, they hit a bomb. We were right where we wanted to be until the kids thought they were smarter than the coach."

The "bomb" was a three-pointer by Ledyard's Jayden Luther with 4:42 remaining — it kicked off a 17-8 run by the Colonels to finish out the game and secure the victory. Although Crabtree was displeased with the finish he gave his players credit for matching up with a much bigger Ledyard lineup, one that included 6-foot-7 center Daryl McGraw.

"The effort was there. We just have to learn how to finish the game. I think we had half of our turnovers in the last five minutes of the game," Crabtree said. "Hopefully we learn and



Killingly High's Cole Lavigne, right, and Ledyard's Daryl McGraw fight for a rebound last Saturday.

we move on."

The win lifted Ledyard's record to 4-4. Dorell Cagle led the Colonels with 17 points. Senior guard Shayne Bigelow scored a team-high 17 points for Killingly. Killingly (3-4) is next scheduled to play host to Windham on Friday, Jan. 17, at 7 p.m. at Killingly High School.

Killingly travels to Woodstock Academy on Monday, Jan. 20, with tipoff set for 1 p.m. at Alumni Fieldhouse in Woodstock. Killingly defeated Woodstock 54-32 back on Dec. 27 but Crabtree doesn't expect an easy win against

Centaurus. He said Killingly can't afford another poor finish against Woodstock.

"If we think we can just show up and win that game because we beat them in the first week of the season I think we'll go home with a loss," Crabtree said. "Teach them how to finish. Teach them that the game's 32 minutes and if you only play 27 good teams will beat you."

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# Tourtellotte girls struggling with injuries

**BY CHARLIE LENTZ**  
VILLAGER EDITOR

THOMPSON — With Tourtellotte Memorial's small roster an injury can cause a ripple effect and the waters have been rough for the Tigers early this season.

"It's kind of like a falling cards dominoes effect," said Tourtellotte coach Carla Faucher. "Where one person makes a mistake and they put their head down and the others kind of follow suit. So we really need somebody out on the floor who's going to step, take charge, and say 'C'mon let's do this.' We haven't really found anybody like that. We have Ashley (Morin) but she wasn't able to play tonight."

The Tigers were without senior guard Ashley Morin against St. Bernard on Jan. 9 and it didn't help in a 44-26 loss to the Saints at Canty Gymnasium. Three days before the St. Bernard game Moring banged her head in a game against Ledyard.

"She got taken out, hit her head pretty hard," Faucher said. "Just precautionary, no concussive symptoms, but we really want to make sure. It's not worth her health to push her."

The ripples were felt against St. Bernard.

"They missed Ashley out there. Ashley's usually the one who takes over, brings the ball up to help set up," said Tourtellotte coach Carla Faucher. "We weren't able to set up our offenses because we didn't have a strong dribbler out there."

Tourtellotte stayed with St. Bernard early on — leading 9-8 after one quarter and trailing 15-14 at the half. But the Saints cranked up their defense with a full-court press in the second half and the Tigers were rattled. Tourtellotte was outscored 16-6 in the third quarter.

"The pressure came on the girls. With the full-court pressure we forget to run the plays. We just put our head down and dribble and that's not how you beat a full-court press," Faucher said. "Ashley's probably our best ball handler. And we can't always rely on her, which was obvious today. I think we just fell apart and folded under their pressure."

The loss to St. Bernard dropped Tourtellotte's record to 1-8. The Tigers committed 36 turnovers against the Saints.

"That's 36 chances we didn't have to

score," Faucher said.

The Tigers could not keep St. Bernard off the glass. The Saints hauled down 24 offensive rebounds leading to several second-chance buckets. In Morin's absence, senior guard Emily Angelo tried to pick up some of the slack. Freshman guard Saydie Cooper and sophomore guard Alivia Dalpe both contributed valuable minutes against St. Bernard.

"Dalpe's a sophomore. She's started the last two games for us. She's really coming into her own. She's a tough nut. I love that about her. I want some of the other kids to take that and go run with it," Faucher said.

Sophomore forward Zeynep Acun led the Tigers with eight points. Angelo finished with six points. Acun was assertive when she got the ball but Tourtellotte had trouble feeding her in the paint.

"(Acun) did very well. I was pleased with the way she played," Faucher said. "We knew we had the height advantage. And we told them yesterday in practice we were going to go right at them and get it in the post. We tried to get it into the post but it's tough when you can't get (the ball) over halfcourt."

Carly Potts scored 20 points and Sophia Boras added 14 points to lead St. Bernard (3-3). Tourtellotte is next scheduled to travel to Ellis Tech on Friday, Jan. 17, with the game scheduled to begin at 5:30 p.m. The Tigers return home on Monday, Jan. 20, to play host to Portland, with tipoff set for 5 p.m. at Canty Gymnasium. Morin was expected to return. Despite the slow start Faucher is looking forward to a healthy team and was encouraged that the Tigers stayed close with St. Bernard for one half until the ripples — along with full-court pressure — rocked the boat.

"We're very young. We've got two seniors who've had four years of varsity experience," Faucher said. "We keep working at it. They're fighters."

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## WOODSTOCK

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hard on boxing out and matching up so they've bought into that. So now in the last three games that's the result — rebounding the ball cures a lot of the other challenges that we have."

The Centaurs led 48-35 going into the fourth quarter. Stonington made a fourth-quarter run, outscoring Woodstock 27-17 in the final frame — but the Centaurs held them off thanks to 12 fourth-quarter points from Talbot along with Woodstock canning 9-of-12 from the foul line in the fourth quarter.

Cole Devoe and Zach Scott each scored 13 points in the loss for Stonington (4-5). Woodstock is next scheduled to travel to Ledyard on Friday, Jan. 17. The Centaurs return home on Monday, Jan. 20, to play host to Killingly High, with tipoff set for 1 p.m. at Alumni Fieldhouse. Woodstock is looking to avenge a 54-32 loss to Killingly back on Dec. 27. Perhaps this is different team than the one that fell to Killingly back in December — a group of Centaurs that hangs in instead of hanging their heads.

"We're a young team but we're growing up very quickly," Hart said. "I love their energy and their togetherness and the way they work together and share the ball."

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Tourtellotte's Hailey Johnson tries to get past St. Bernard's Amber Caldwell in Thompson on Jan. 9.

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# Second time around for Ellis Tech coach



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Ellis Tech's Kalista Lovely tries to get past Grasso Tech's Sophie Byrne on Friday, Jan. 10, in Danielson.

BY CHARLIE LENTZ  
VILLAGER EDITOR

DANIELSON — John Murdock took a seven-year leave of absence after his first stint coaching the Ellis Tech girls basketball team. When he returned to the bench this season he inherited a veteran group and he intends to catch up on lost time by pushing the pace this season.

“We’re run-and-gun and we’re just trying to get layups,” Murdock said. “Our goal is to get to the foul line as many times as we can.”

Murdock coached the team from 2004 to 2012. He teaches in the electrical department at Ellis Tech and the coaching position opened up last fall.

“I figured ‘You know what, I missed the job. Might as well go back for

it,’ ” Murdock said.

Anthony Formiglio is Murdock’s department head at Ellis Tech and he will serve as Murdock’s assistant coach this season.

Murdock didn’t have a family during his first stint but has a wife and two children now.

“I will say it’s a lot different now. It’s fun. The adrenaline’s going again,” Murdock said.

The Golden Eagles were in high gear against Grasso Tech last Friday night, racing to a 40-16 halftime lead en route to a 58-22 victory. The win lifted the Golden Eagles record to 3-5.

Ellis Tech has an experienced group returning led by junior forward and captain Vivianna St. Jean. St. Jean scored 19 points versus Grasso Tech.

“Offensively (St. Jean)

is a beast on the boards. There’s really no one else that’s going to outwork her,” Murdock said. “She’s giving 110 percent at all times in the paint. She owns the paint.”

Senior forward Kalista Lovely returns to the starting lineup. Lovely scored 14 points against Grasso Tech including a pair of three pointers. Lovely is the Golden Eagles most accurate threat from beyond the three-point arc. In the half-court game Murdock likes to get the ball to Lovely on the wing.

“We always try to swing the ball around. Sometimes we do it better than others,” Murdock said. “But when (Lovely) is open she’s a big-time threat. She’s one of our senior captains and definitely somebody all the girls look up to.”

Senior guard Breeanna

Bentley is also a captain returns to the starting lineup.

“(Bentley) is the point guard. Offensively we just look for her to get those open shots,” Murdock said. “Layup-wise she brings it in hard. She’s a very physical player and enjoys contact.”

Senior guard Mackenzie Saucier also returns to the starting lineup.

“(Saucier) has upgraded her shooting this year. Physicality-wise she’s not afraid to get down there and dirty — rebounding, boxing out, all that good stuff — she does all the little things,” Murdock said.

Junior forward Amber Cutler returns to the roster.

“(Cutler) is one girl I never see her put her head down. She makes a mistake, her head goes back up and she’s busting her butt to get back on defense,” Murdock said.

Seniors Jalissa Aguiar and Lexi Rodriguez are expected to contribute minutes as well. The roster also includes sophomore Jordan Doust and freshman Casey Rekowski.

Murdock hopes his second stint on the bench is as rewarding as his first time around.

“I enjoyed it when I was here. Now I’m enjoying it just as much,” Murdock said. “My big thing is changing the culture. I want it to be loud. I want support from the bench and they’re really starting to show that. Practices are getting loud. When I first got here they were just so quiet in the practices. I’m trying to work on that because if we can come together as a team we can do some great things.”

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Ellis Tech's Vivianna St. Jean shoots over Grasso Tech's Leslie Menendez on Jan. 10.



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Ellis Tech coach John Murdock returns to the bench after a seven-year hiatus.

## HIGH SCHOOL ROUNDUP

### PUTNAM 41, TOURTELLOTTE 22

THOMPSON — Kayleigh Lyons scored 11 points and Abby St. Martin added 10 points to lead the Clippers past the Tigers in girls basketball on Tuesday, Jan. 14, at Canty Gymnasium. Ashley Morin scored nine points and had nine rebounds for the Tigers. The win lifted Putnam’s record to 7-2. Putnam is next scheduled to travel to Killingly High on Wednesday, Jan. 22, with tipoff set for 5:30 p.m. at Killingly High’s gymnasium. Tourtellotte’s record fell to 1-9. The Tigers are next scheduled to play host to Portland at 5 p.m. on Monday, Jan. 20.

### LONGMEADOW 39, WOODSTOCK 23

WOODSTOCK — Woodstock’s Katie Papp had nine points for the Centaurs (1-9) in the girls basketball loss on Jan. 14. With the win Longmeadow, Mass., lifted its record to 6-3. The Centaurs are next scheduled to travel to Bristol Central on Saturday, Jan. 18.

### NEW LONDON 79, KILLINGLY 49

KILLINGLY — Rhodia Perry led the Whalers (4-5) with 31 points in the boys basketball win on Jan. 14. Shayne Bigelow led Killingly with 19 and Yianni Baribeau scored 12 points. Killingly (3-5) is scheduled to travel to Woodstock Academy (4-3) on Monday, Jan. 20, with tipoff set for 1 p.m. at Woodstock’s Alumni Fieldhouse.

### WOODSTOCK 42, GRISWOLD 35

WOODSTOCK — Logan Talbot scored 14 points and senior Nick Bedard added 12 to lead the Centaurs (4-3) past Griswold in boys basketball on Jan. 13. C.J. Mattson led the Wolverines (5-2) with 10 points.

### ELLIS TECH 58, GRASSO TECH 22

DANIELSON — Vivianna St. Jean scored 19 points to lead the Golden Eagles past Grasso Tech in girls basketball on Jan. 10 at Ellis Tech’s gymnasium. Kalista Lovely added 14 points and Breeanna Bentley scored nine points for Ellis Tech. Sophie Byrne scored nine points for Grasso Tech (1-6). The



Charlie Lentz photo

Woodstock Academy’s Andrew Johnson goes up for a layup against Stonington last Saturday, Jan. 11.

win lifted Ellis Tech’s record to 3-5. The Golden Eagles are next scheduled to play host to Tourtellotte Memorial on Friday, Jan. 17, with tipoff set for 5:30 p.m. at Ellis Tech’s gymnasium.

### MONTVILLE 54, WOODSTOCK 36

MONTVILLE — Woodstock’s Aurissa Boardman scored nine and Victoria Garcia added seven points in the Centaurs loss to Montville in girls basketball on Jan. 11. Montville lifted its record to 5-3.

### KILLINGLY 47, PLAINFIELD 37

DAYVILLE — Trinity Angel scored 22 points and Ella Lach added nine points to lead Killingly past the Panthers in girls basketball on Jan. 9 at Killingly High School. Chloe LaPierre scored 12 points for Plainfield (2-5). Killingly lifted its record to 6-1. Killingly’s next scheduled to play host to Ledyard at 12:30 p.m. on Saturday, Jan. 18.

### WOODSTOCK 1, OAKMONT 1

POMFRET — Eliza Dutson scored the lone goal for the Centaurs in girls hockey on Jan 11 at Pomfret School’s Jahn Rink. Woodstock’s record is 3-2-2 overall, 1-0-2 Central Massachusetts League. Alex Lee notched an assist for Woodstock. Abby Shea scored for

Oakmont Regional, Mass., (0-4-2, 0-1-2 CML).

### WOODSTOCK TRACK

SOUTH KINGSTOWN, R.I. — Woodstock Academy Greg Weber set a school record in indoor track as he jumped 21 feet, 3 inches in the long jump to finish first at the University of Rhode Island Invitational on Jan. 11. Joe Zhou also set a school mark in the triple jump with a leap of 42 feet. Ethan Aspiras finished second in the two-mile race. Senior Julia Theriaque was second in the girls high jump (4-10) and the girls four-by-800 meter team relay team of Lauren Brule, Meg Gohn, Iris Bazinet and Linsey Arends finished in second-place finish.

### PUTNAM 52, WHEELER 34

PUTNAM — The Clippers defeated the Lions 52-34 on Jan. 9 in girls basketball at Putnam High School. Despite early foul trouble and struggles finishing around the basket, Abby St. Martin paced Putnam with a game high 23 points. Molly McKeon added 11 points for the Clippers. Wheeler’s record fell to 5-3. The win improved Putnam’s record to 6-2, 4-0 in ECC Division IV.

### NEW LONDON 65, WOODSTOCK 30

NEW LONDON — Katie Papp scored nine points and Victoria Garcia scored six points for the Centaurs in the loss in girls basketball on Jan. 10. Woodstock’s record fell to 1-7 overall, 0-3 Eastern Connecticut Conference-Division I. New London lifted its record to 8-1 overall, 3-0 ECC.

### WOODSTOCK 3, SGWL 2

ENFIELD — Jake Starr scored in overtime to give Woodstock the win over Suffield/Granby/Windsor Locks in boys hockey on Jan. 10. Guerin Favreau scored two goals and Doug Newton notched an assist for the Centaurs (5-3, 2-2 Nutmeg Conference). SGWL’s record fell to 2-4.

### WOODSTOCK 59, WATERFORD 50

WOODSTOCK — Woodstock’s Logan Talbot scored 21 points, Andrew Johnson added 15 points, and Ethan Davis scored eight points to help the

Centaurs (2-3) defeat Waterford (2-4) in boys basketball on Jan. 9.

### WOODSTOCK SKIING

SOUTHINGTON — Woodstock’s Zach Brody placed 12th, Stu Edgren was 49th, and Davis Simpson placed 57th in a field of 205 in a Connecticut Interscholastic Ski League at Mt. Southington on Jan. 9.

### WOODSTOCK GYMNASTICS

DANIELSON — Woodstock (137.25) defeated Killingly/Putnam/Tourtellotte (122.0) and Ellington (118.6) in a tri-meet at Deary’s Gymnastics on Jan. 13. Taylor Markley (37.1 in the all-around) and Jenna Davidson (35.05) led the Centaurs (6-1, 2-1 ECC). Kiera O’Brien (33.8) was best for the KPT. In a meet on Jan. 8, Stonington defeated the Centaurs 136.75-131.15. The Bears (3-1, 3-0 ECC) also defeated Killingly/Putnam/Tourtellotte (120.05). The Centaurs were led by Emily Arters led Woodstock Academy in the all-around (33.65). Jadyn Williams and Olivia Lamoureux each finished with as 29.6 in the all-around for KPT (3-2, 1-1 ECC).

### WOODSTOCK 4, LYMAN HALL 0

NORTHFORD — Doug Newtown scored two goals and Guerin Favreau and Austen LeDonne each scored one goal for Woodstock in boys hockey on Jan. 8 at the Northford Ice Pavilion.

### WOODSTOCK TRACK

STURBRIDGE, Mass. — Woodstock beat Quaboag Regional, 53-32, and lost to Tantasqua 47-39 in a boys indoor track meet at Tantasqua High School on Jan. 8. Woodstock’s Ethan Aspiras won the 1000m and 1600m races for the Centaurs (4-1). Jackson Dias was best in high jump for Woodstock and Adam Schimmelpfennig was second in hurdles and 300 meters.

In the girls meet on Jan. 8, Woodstock defeated Quaboag Regional, 62-20, and Notre Dame Academy, 64-17, but lost to host Tantasqua High School, 48-38. Woodstock’s Linsey Arends won the 1000 and 1600 meters for the Centaurs (5-1), and Meg Gohn won the two-mile race and Julia Theriaque finished first in the high jump.



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# OBITUARIES

## Joseph L. Paglione, 92



2008. They are FINALLY “Together Forever!”

He Leaves 5 children, Diane Paglione of Tucson, AZ, Joan Juszczuk and her husband Joseph of Warren, Marty Paglione and his wife Nicole of Plainfield, CT, Nancy Tobin and her husband, Robert (retired colonel USMC) of Chester, VA and Lori Gomez and her husband Jack of Dudley; 12 grandchildren, Joshua, Ariana, Cristina, Matthew, Alyssa, Kara, Michael, Catherine, Ashley, Nathan, Trent and Isabella; 3 great-grandchildren, Dalton, Amelia and Reese; 2 brothers, Richard Paglione of North Carolina and Carmen Paglione who has been his live-in companion for the last 7 years. They shared many good childhood stories, debated daily events, and truly enjoyed each other's company. He was preceded in death by his sister Antoinette Bangs and by his brother Ralph and Alfred Paglione.

He was born in Dudley on July 20, 1927, a son of James and Serafina (Vegnone) Paglione and lived there all his life. He graduated from Bartlett High School in 1945 where he excelled at basketball and baseball. He later earned an Associates Degree in Accounting from Becker Junior College in Worcester.

He was an Army veteran of World War II, serving as a military policeman in Panama.

Mr. Paglione worked for

## Dawn E. Kimball, 61



in 2008.

She leaves a daughter, Amber L. Malm and her husband Seth Baker of Swamscott; a granddaughter Violet; 5 siblings, Charles Gonyea of Liberty, NC, Arthur Gonyea of Spring Hills, FL, Luann Coghlin of Center Conway, NH, Elizabeth Dumaine of North Grosvenordale, CT, and Darshan Malher of Oxford, her twin sister; her partner of 7 years, Donald Laroche; nieces and nephews.

She was born on January 8, 1959 in Bridgeport, CT, the youngest daughter of Arthur and Ruth (Babson) Gonyea. She graduated from Auburn High School in 1977 and attended Worcester

Massachusetts Electric Company in Worcester for 30 years, retiring as a foreman in 1989.

He was devoted member of Saint Anthony of Padua Church where he once was an usher, counter and bingo volunteer. He was a life member of the Auburn-Webster Lodge of Elks #2118. In his younger years, he enjoyed golfing, bowling in leagues, and tending his annual vegetable garden. He still enjoyed crossword puzzles and visiting local casinos. He was a loyal fan of the New York Yankees and enjoyed all sports and statistics associated with them.

His children were devoted to fulfilling his wish of aging at home which he built with his wife when they married. They shared responsibilities to bring this to realization.

Special thanks to Deacon Bill White who visited frequently, administering communion and engaged Dad in lively sports discussions and also to his caregivers: his niece Lisa, Anne, Kelly, and Heidi.

His funeral was held Saturday, January 11, from the Sitkowski, Malboeuf & Hickey Funeral Home, 340 School Street, Webster, with a Mass at 10:00 AM in St. Anthony of Padua Church, 24 Dudley Hill Road, Dudley. Burial will be in St. Anthony's Cemetery, Webster, with the Webster-Dudley Veterans Council performing military honors. Visiting hours were held from 5:00 to 8:00 PM Friday, January 10, in the funeral home. Donations in his name may be made to St. Anthony of Padua Church, 24 Dudley Hill Road, Dudley, MA 01571.

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MA and was predeceased by his parents Wilfred and Malvina (Forcier) Guillette and brother George Guillette.

Edward is survived by his beloved wife of 62 years Nancy (Tupaj) Guillette; a son Alan and his wife Timalynn Guillette of Thompson, CT; a daughter Amy and her husband Glenn Orn of Dudley, MA; siblings Lorraine Drobot of Webster, MA; Bernard and his wife Dorothy Guillette of North Grosvenordale, CT; five grandchildren; Jake and his wife Amanda Guillette of Killingly, CT, Kyle and his wife Sarah Guillette of Chelsea, MA, LTJG James Duhamel of Key West, FL; Jillian Duhamel of Dudley, MA; Laura Orn of Dudley, MA; and a great grandson Logan Guillette of Killingly, CT. He also leaves several nieces and nephews.

Edward proudly served in the United States Army and went on to be employed as an Auto Mechanic

## Edward L. Guillette, 87



at Bancroft Motors in Worcester, MA for 25 years. He retired at the age of 60 and enjoyed spending time with family and friends, playing cards, listening to Polkas and going to the casino. Edward was a member of Saint Joseph Church, 18 Main St., North Grosvenordale, CT 06255.

The family wishes to express their appreciation to the staff of Pierce Baptist Memorial Home in Brooklyn, CT. The love and care they provided for Ed will not be forgotten and is greatly appreciated.

Funeral arrangements have been entrusted to the Valade Funeral Home and Crematory, 23 Main St. N. Grosvenordale, CT. 06255. A Funeral Mass will be held on Friday, January 17, 202 at 12:00 p.m. at Saint Joseph Church, 18 Main St., N. Grosvenordale, CT. 06255. Upon request of the family burial is private. Memorial donations may be made to the Thompson Lions Club Inc., 30 Whittemore Ave., P.O. Box 28, Thompson, CT. 06277. For memorial guestbook visit [www.GilmanAndValade.com](http://www.GilmanAndValade.com).

## Joseph V. Gibbons, 82



His daughter Elizabeth and loving family and many friends whom he adored survive him.

In the 1950's, Joseph served in the Strategic Air Command in Rabat, Morocco. His military experience allowed him to expand his understanding of other cultures and was instrumental to his desire to seek out intellectual pursuits. Despite a lack of formal training, he possessed a remarkable knowledge of literature, art and religions.

Joseph was committed to actively engaging in community issues such as public works in Thompson. Most importantly he shared his life long love of music and beginning in 2003

Joseph introduced the great works of opera to the LiR community at Quinebaug Community College. He will be deeply missed by those who came to know him and experience his wisdom, humor and generous spirit.

As he wished, Joseph will be cremated. His loving family will share a celebration of his life at a later date. To leave a condolence message for his family please visit: [www.Jackmanfuneralhomes.com](http://www.Jackmanfuneralhomes.com)



## Richard P. Croteau Jr., 54



Lisa Vigeant and children Heather, Sean, Nicole, Corinne and granddaughter Erin. He is also survived by his parents, Richard P. Croteau Sr. and Frances (Flannery) Kosciusko, step-parents, Nancy Davis and Ray Kosciusko and sister, Sheila Hathaway.

Rich was born on July 23, 1965, in Putnam, CT. After graduating from Wachusett Regional High School in 1983 he fulfilled a long held ambition and proudly entered service in the United States Army, serving overseas before returning home to earn his Bachelor's degree from Worcester State College.

The patriotism and call he felt early on in life led him to reenlist in 2003 serving his country again in Iraq for one

tour with the 1060th National Guard unit out of Framingham, MA. Rich was an enthusiast for military history that fueled his longtime passion for historical reenactments and was an early member

of the LARP community for which he became a self-taught craftsman, painstakingly creating chain-mail for many events and is remembered fondly by his LARP brethren for his contagious energy and enthusiasm.

He was known to all for his excitement and passionate commitment for whatever he turned his mind to.

In lieu of flowers, please celebrate Rich's life by donating to your local veteran's organization, Disabled American Veterans Charitable Service Trust or Fisher House.

A Celebration of Life for friends and family to gather will be held at the American Legion Hall, 17 Thompson Hill Rd. North Grosvenordale, CT at 12:00 PM on Saturday, February 29, 2020. [www.bartelfuneralhome.com](http://www.bartelfuneralhome.com)



## Frances Mildred Johnston, 96

Frances Mildred Johnston, 96, died, Wednesday, January 1, 2020 at Saratoga Hospital in Saratoga Springs, New York. She was born October 2, 1923 in Bowdoinham, ME, daughter of the late Frank and Lucy (Partello) Johnston. Frances worked as a supervisor at The Southern New England Telephone Company in Putnam,

during her 20's. Frances was an active member of the Putnam Baptist Church and sang in the choir. She had a real affinity for Putnam and had made lots of friends while she lived here.

Frances worked for the Gazette Newspaper as a secretary. She leaves a daughter Lucy Johnston of Scotia, NY, grandchildren Matthew Powell of Rotterdam, NY and Justin Powell of Duaneburg, NY. She was predeceased by her sister Lucille Ferry and brother Leslie Johnston.

Graveside services were held in Grove Street Cemetery Putnam, CT.

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## Melanie (Safford) Saran, 55

WAUREGAN CT – Melanie (Safford) Saran, 55, passed away after a chronic illness on Thursday January 9, 2020 at the Day Kimball Hospital in Putnam;

She is survived by three sons: Nicholas Bourque of Wauregan, Joshua Bourque of Danielson, and Skyler Saran of Wauregan; her mother Beverly Safford of Plainfield; her brother Marvin Safford of Plainfield; her sister Wendy Arther of Torrington, CT; and her grandchild Onna-Allyse Bourque.

Melanie was a loving and caring person who enjoyed life's simple pleasures, such as spending precious time with her family on camping trips in the great outdoors where she would enjoy cooking for everyone over the open fire. Melanie was always mindful of the needs of others, for many years she would make blankets and sweaters, donating them to local churches to help those less fortunate amongst us.

Private funeral arrangements have been entrusted to the care of the Shaw-Majercik Funeral Home, 48 School Street Webster, MA.

In memory of Melanie please do a random act of kindness; volunteer at a soup kitchen or shelter, visit an old friend or relative in a nursing home or hospital, or make a blanket, coat, or scarf and bring it to your local church or charitable organization just as Melanie did many times to offer help to someone in need.

A guest book is available at [www.shaw-majercik.com](http://www.shaw-majercik.com) where you may post a message of condolence or light a candle in remembrance of Melanie.




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## Cynthia Whitehead Cole



Beloved by family, friends, Pomfret School faculty, students, alumni and clients from her real estate career, Cici Cole died peacefully at Westview Health Care Center in Dayville, Connecticut, on December 21st. She was 90. She survived the death of her husband, Charles "Chick" Cole by three years. He had been the love of her life, and it gave her great peace to imagine rejoining him.

Hers was a life rich in community, steeped in education, art and people she loved.

Born in New York City to Cathleen Gruner Whitehead and Lyman Tibbles Whitehead in 1929, she was a striking and impactful presence from the beginning of her life. Even as a child, she had the maturity and beauty of a teenager and towered above all the students in her grade. Raised in Oyster Bay and Syosset, Long Island she graduated from The Fox Hollow School in Lenox, MA with a love of literature. After entering polite society as a young debutante, she moved to New York City and developed a career in modeling. There she caught Chick's eye. They married, and in 1951 they moved to Pomfret School where Chick became a faculty member and Director of the Art Department. They raised their four children there: Susan, Lindsey, Charlie and Willie. All of the children attended and graduated from Pomfret School.

She was a dedicated faculty wife and opened her heart and home to many students over the years. She was a natural with them. Described by Izzie Burch, the one grandchild who attended Pomfret: "She could make any situation fun. All my friends wanted to go over to Granny and Chick's house. She was ageless, vivacious, sassy, and told wonderful stories; she saw the best in people and had strong values; she was beautiful, opinionated beyond belief, funny, interesting."

To those who knew her, her opinion mattered. And let it be known: she was not shy in giving it.

"Is THAT your haircut?" she would ask. "Take the tarts when passed" she would say, and "you're so smart you can do anything you want. You just

better do it!" And "the world hates a slow leaver" as she coerced Chick out the door of many a hostess's front hall. Those on the receiving end of her wisdoms felt thrilled when she was pleased, and when not, well... she was generous in bestowing second chances.

She was the kind of person you wanted to do right by. Part of that was her laugh: arch, mellifluous, and dry. It was the kind that made you feel like you'd won.

As a young mother, Cici was hired by The Pomfret Community School to be the "nurse" for the students. Despite the fact that she was not a nurse and that she only made \$2.00 an hour she always felt it was the sweetest job she ever had. She had an enormous heart for other people's children. She then went on to become a highly successful and renowned real estate agent in Northeastern Connecticut. Initially, she was employed by The Byrnes Agency; subsequently by the T.R. Preston Company and eventually, Coldwell Banker. As an agent, she was known for her integrity, her honesty, being caring to a fault, with a tireless, versatile and charming energy. And boy, could she sell houses. Quite often, the same house more than once - to ordinary people, famous athletes, and even movie stars. She loved connecting the right people to the right house. She said she always felt fortunate to get to know so many different families and individuals over the years. They became her friends and she was thankful for it.

She lived life with energy, wit and elegance. "Be a good grandson and fetch your granny a vodka sandwich."

She had a larger-than-life personality, and a heart to match. She left part of herself in all four

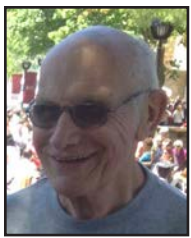
of her kids and all nine of her grandchildren. She will be with us all for the rest of our lives,

but still, we will miss her every day.

Contributions in her memory may be made to: The Chick and Cici Cole Scholarship at Pomfret School.

There will be a Memorial Service in her honor on May 2nd at noon in the Pomfret School Chapel, 398 Pomfret Street, Pomfret, CT 06258. Share a memory at [www.smithandwalkerfh.com](http://www.smithandwalkerfh.com).

## Ernest A. Moore, 84



ERNEST A. THOMPSON, CT - Ernest A. Moore, 84, passed away December 3, 2019 at the Overlook Nursing and Rehabilitation Center in Pascoag, Rhode Island.

His wife of 52 years, Shirley Mary (Pieper) Moore died November 19, 2006, he was also predeceased by a daughter, Robin Conroy.

Ernie leaves behind 2 daughters, Debra J. Silva and her husband John D. Silva of Chepachet, R.I. and Barbara A. Kimball and her husband Daniel T. Kimball of Dudley.

He also leaves a sister, Marilyn wife of Donald Bernier of Webster, 12 grandchildren and 8 great grandchildren.

Ernest was born in Worcester, April 19, 1935, son of the late Ernest H. and Velma (Mrzlik) Moore, was raised in Webster and graduated from Bartlett High School.

He enjoyed camping and was also a member of the Kosciuszko Society.

Ernie worked in the textile industry all his life and his last job was in sales for Grant Industries.

There are no calling hours, services will be private.

In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be made to: Alzheimer's Association, 100 North Parkway, Suite 105, Worcester, MA. 01604.

THE ROBERT J. MILLER FUNERAL HOME and LAKE CHAPEL, 366 School St., Webster is assisting the family with arrangements.

To leave an on-line condolence, please visit: [RJMillerfunerals.net](http://RJMillerfunerals.net)

## Gertrude M. (Livernois) Meredith, 94



SOUTHBRIDGE- Gertrude M. (Livernois) Meredith, 94, died Friday, January 10th, at The Overlook in Charlton after an illness. She is survived by her husband of 62 years, Arthur J. Meredith.

They were married on May 25, 1957.

She is survived by her son Brian Meredith and his wife Deborah of Warren, and daughters Mary Ann Welsch and her husband Jochen of Hardwick, and Margaret Sbordy and her husband Barry of Woodstock, and three grandchildren Meredith Sbordy, Lauren Sbordy, and Madeleine Welsch. She also leaves 2 sisters Theresa Capistrand of Charlton, and Louise Lavallee and her husband Robert of Torrence, CA., many nieces and nephews. She was predeceased by 2 brothers Joseph and George Livernois.

Born in Southbridge, daughter of Armand and Lorina (LaRochelle) Livernois, a lifetime member of Notre Dame Church, and a graduate of the

former Mary E. Wells High School, and for 4 years, she attended the Moore Institute of Art in Phila, PA. Mrs. Meredith was a draftsman working at the American Optical Company, Pratt & Whitney Aircraft, Hyde Mfg. Simonds Machine, and later as a school secretary at Mary E. Wells H.S. She enjoyed painting, quilting, gardening, but loved spending time with her family.

The funeral was held Wednesday, January 15th, from Sansoucy Funeral Home, 40 Marcy Street, Southbridge with the funeral mass at 10AM at Notre Dame Church, 446 Main Street, Southbridge with Rev. Leo LeBlanc, officiating. Calling hours were Tuesday, from 5-7PM at the funeral home. Burial will be at New Notre Dame Cemetery, 746 N. Woodstock Road, Southbridge, MA 01550. In lieu of flowers, please consider making a donation to St. John Paul II Parish (Notre Dame Church Restoration Fund) 279 Hamilton Street, Southbridge, MA 01550. . [www.sansoucyfuneral.com](http://www.sansoucyfuneral.com)

## Eleanor E. Chobot, 79



WEBSTER - Eleanor E. Chobot, 79, passed away peacefully at home on Sunday December 29, 2019 with her loving family by her side.

Eleanor is survived by her husband of thirty-two years, John Chobot; two daughters: Connie Gibeault and her husband Michael of Brooklyn, CT, and Tammy Morris and her husband Matthew of Glenside, PA; three grandchildren: Daniel Gibeault, Wyatt Gibeault and his fiancée Shannon Papuga, and Gage Gibeault; her twin great-grandchildren: Riley and

Camden; she was predeceased by her brother Irving Estes of Caribou, ME.

Eleanor was born in Caribou, Maine on April 28, 1940, daughter of the late John and Rose (Parker) Wright; she worked for many years as the manager at the Woolworth's lunch counter and greatly enjoyed working at the Polish Picnics at the Webster Fish and Game. Eleanor also enjoyed crossword puzzles, and crocheting.

Private funeral arrangements have been entrusted to the care of the Shaw-Majercik Funeral Home, 48 School Street Webster, MA.

Eleanor's family kindly requests that memorial contributions be sent to the Community Cat Connection, 289 Thompson Road Webster, MA 01570

## Dr. Jake L. Stymiest, PhD



Foster, RI- Dr. Jake L. Stymiest, PhD, born in North Bay in Ontario, Canada and resident of Foster, Rhode Island, died unexpectedly on January 2, 2020.

Jake is survived by his wife, Alessandra Folz; his parents, Lynne and Don Stymiest; his brother, Andrew Stymiest; his nieces and nephews, Taylor, Hayley, Breanna, Grace, Parker, Ronan and Marguerite as well as his dear family and friends: Patricia and Ronald Folz, Sosanna Folz and Todd O'Malley, Shawn Gilmore, Jaime and Bill Ford, Miranda Stymiest and Julie and Lonn Rider.

Jake was born July 2, 1977. He graduated from the University of Alberta with a PhD in Organic Chemistry and pursued Postdoctoral studies at the University of Bristol in the United Kingdom. A published research scientist, his work was important to the field and he was valued for his contributions and his friendship by his many colleagues.

Jake was devoted to his family and friends - he loved to gather with those dear to him and share a toast and a

story. He had a beautiful sense of humor, a great intellect and a joy for life. He was an avid outdoorsman and incredibly proud of his Canadian heritage and the life skills taught to him by his parents.

Jake married Alessandra in 2013 and they shared a life of much love, joy and laughter. We were blessed to have him as family. He became a dual Citizen in 2017 and leveraged his standing to celebrate all holidays in both countries and to improve his options for sports teams.

There aren't enough words to describe how important he was to so many people. "The loss is immeasurable, but so is the love left behind."

A visitation and blessing is scheduled for Wednesday, January 15, 2020 from 2:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m. at the Gilman Funeral Home and Crematory, 104 Church St, Putnam, CT. In lieu of flowers, we ask that you consider a donation in Jake's name to the Ronald McDonald House in Toronto, Canada: <https://2060.thankyou4caring.org/pages/tribute-gift-form>. For memorial guestbook, visit [www.gilmanandvalade.com](http://www.gilmanandvalade.com).

## James H. Staplins, Jr., 85



James H. Staplins, Jr., 85 of Putnam, CT passed away Monday, January 13, 2020 at Davis Place in Danielson, CT. He was born July 6, 1934 in New London, CT. Son of the late James H. Staplins,

Sr. and Emily (Biltcliff) Staplins. He was the beloved husband of Adele Rita (Tetreault) Staplins they were married on April 18, 1960 in St. Mary's Church Putnam, CT. James was employed by the State of Connecticut D.O.T. as a heavy machine operator for over 30 years. James loved his family and enjoyed his time with his wife, his children, his grandchildren and his great grandchildren.

He leaves his wife Adele Staplins of Putnam, CT; his son James J. Staplins and his wife Darlene of Pomfret

Center, CT; his daughter Denise Staplins of Putnam, CT; his grandchildren Eric Staplins of Pomfret Center, CT, Amanda Bernier of Putnam, CT, Angela DiPasquale and her husband Josh of Pomfret Center, CT and Andrea Bernier of Putnam, CT. His great grandchildren Savana, Axton, MacKenzie and Ryder. His sister Emily Allard and her husband Richard of Putnam, CT. He was predeceased by a grandson Christopher Staplins in 2008 and his sister Margaret Tupplin.

Calling hours will be Friday, January 17, 2020 from 6:00 to 8:00 PM with a prayer service at 7:00 PM at Smith and Walker Funeral Home, 148 Grove Street, Putnam, CT. In lieu of flowers donations may be made in his memory to the American Kidney Fund, 6110 Executive Blvd., Suite 1010, Rockville, MD 20852. Share a memory at [www.smithandwalkerfh.com](http://www.smithandwalkerfh.com)

## Loretta Despatie, age 97



Loretta Despatie, age 97, of Brooklyn, CT, died Thursday, January 9th 2020 at Day Kimball Hospital in Putnam. She was the loving wife of the Gerard P. Despatie since 1941,

who passed away in 1989. She was born April 22, 1922 in Manchester, NH, daughter of Alfred and Alexina (Beaulieu) Bergeron. She was raised in Canada before moving back to North Grosvenordale at the age of ten where she attended St. Joseph School. She worked for Cluett Peabody in N. Grosvenordale, Powdrell & Alexander in Danielson and for Hale Manufacturing in Ballouville before retiring in 1984. Loretta enjoyed baking knitting, crocheting and sewing. She was a communicant of St. James Church in Danielson, a member of the QVCC Senior Citizens, the Daughters of Isabella and volunteered for R.S.V.P. Loretta & Gerard raised their family at their house on Rosedale St. in Danielson and she has made her home with family in Brooklyn for the last 15 years. Predeceased by her

daughter and son-in-law Marie Joyce and Richard Holowaty. She leaves her granddaughters Charlene Hammond and her husband Joshua of Oxford, MA, Laura Miller and her husband Daniel of Brooklyn, CT, as well as 5 Grandchildren; Austin Hewko USN, Connor Harnois USAF, Mackenzie Miller-Holowaty and Daniel J. Miller of Brooklyn, and Owen Hammond of Oxford. Calling Hours will be Thursday, January 23, 2020 from 5:00 to 7:00 PM at the Gagnon and Costello Funeral Home, 33 Reynolds Street, Danielson, CT, a Prayer Service will be at 6:00 PM. Burial will be in St. Joseph Cemetery, North Grosvenordale, CT. [www.gagnonandcostellofh.com](http://www.gagnonandcostellofh.com)

# LEGALS

### NOTICE TO CREDITORS

ESTATE OF Bernard O Bessette (20-00008)

The Hon. Leah P. Schad, Judge of the Court of Probate, District of Northeast probate Court, by decree dated January 6, 2019, ordered that all claims must be pretested to the fiduciary at the address below. Failure to promptly present any such claim may result in the loss of rights to recover on such claim.

Brenda Duquette, Clerk

The fiduciary is:  
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# OBITUARIES

## Shirley A. Goodno, 85



PUTNAM – Shirley A. (Ayotte) Goodno, 85, of Thurber Rd, passed away on Thursday, January 9, 2020 at Day Kimball Hospital, with family by her side. She was the loving wife of the late Robert Goodno who passed in 1987. Born in Hamlin, ME, she was the daughter of the late Warner and Arlene (Gorey) Ayotte.

Mrs. Goodno worked for Danco in Putnam as a machine operator until her retirement. She enjoyed reading, puzzles, crossword puzzles, bingo, and playing cards. She passed her love of reading down to her children and grandchildren. Rummy was her favorite card game and she usually beat everyone she played which made her chuckle and say, "better luck next time". Before Bob passed, they would play penny poker with the entire family and it didn't matter if you won or lost because you were guaranteed a night of endless laughter. She often talked about those memories with joy in her heart. She and Bob spent most of their lives together on Quassett Lake where they raised 7 children, creating wonderful memories. She enjoyed spending time with family and watching her grandchildren and great-grandchildren grow up. She loved listening to the voices of the little ones and their stories which always made her laugh. She enjoyed big family dinners and cookouts. She loved sitting outside doing her crosswords from sunup till sundown even in the

middle of winter. Once she became a resident of Matulaitis Nursing home Wednesdays & Saturdays were her favorite days, that meant Bingo!

Shirley is survived by her three sons, Michael Goodno and his wife Ruth of Hilliard, FL, Glenn Goodno and his wife Dawn of Putnam, CT, and Jeffrey Goodno of Groton, CT; her three daughters, Jayne Wilcox and her husband David of Apopka, FL, Valerie Goodno of North Palm Beach, FL, and Susan Gardner and her husband Dale of Putnam, CT; three brothers, Richard Ayotte of Salina, KS, Patrick Ayotte of Montreal, Canada, and James Ayotte of Windsor Locks, CT; three sisters, Loreen Udall of Enfield, CT, Carole Theriault of Bristol, CT; and Lynn Dufault of FL; eleven grandchildren; and 8 great-grandchildren. She was predeceased by her daughter, the late Claudette Berthiaume, three brothers Harold Ayotte, Donald Ayotte, and Joseph Ayotte and three sisters Pauline Tuttle (Ayotte), Regina Parris (Ayotte), and Joyce Seymour (Ayotte).

Services will take place in the Spring. Arrangements have been entrusted to the Gilman Funeral Home & Crematory, 104 Church St., Putnam, CT.

Memorial donations may be made to IHSP (Interfaith Human Services of Putnam) food bank/diaper bank mail checks to PO Box, Putnam, CT 06260 or Dystonia Medical Research Foundation, 1 E Wacker Dr Ste 1730, Chicago, IL 60601-9553. For memorial guestbook visit [www.GilmanAndValade.com](http://www.GilmanAndValade.com).

## Theresa M. Magiera, 91



WEBSTER – Theresa M. Magiera, 91, passed away on Monday December 2, 2019 at the UMass Memorial Medical Center;

She is survived by two sons: David Notis of FL, and Mark Notis and wife Kathleen. Theresa also leaves seven grandchildren; she was predeceased by her husband Charles Magiera, her son Stephen Notis and by two brothers.

Theresa was born in Webster, MA on November 11, 1928 daughter of the

late Charles and Alexina (LaFlame) LaFontaine. Coming from North Grosvendordale, CT Theresa has resided in Webster for over forty years; she enjoyed assembling puzzles and spending quality time with those she loved and cared for.

A Celebration of Theresa's Life will be held on Saturday January 18, 2020 from 11:00 am - 12 noon at the Shaw-Majercik Funeral Home, 48 School Street Webster, MA.

A guest book is available at [www.shaw-majercik.com](http://www.shaw-majercik.com) where you may post a message of condolence or light a candle in remembrance of Theresa.

## Virginia "Ginny" Marchand



DAYVILLE - Virginia "Ginny" Marchand of Dayville, was born in 1944 in Whittier, North Carolina. She passed away at the age of 75 on January 6, 2020. She was predeceased by her parents William Lloyd Moulton Jr. and Ruth (Kerley) Moulton as well as her brothers Leonard Moulton, Kerly Moulton, and Paul Moulton. She is survived by her husband Gary Marchand, mother in law Lillian Marchand, brother in law, Greg Marchand, and her children; Crickett Sherrill, Angela Duerr, Lori Hepton, Ed Zimmerman, Julie Wyatt, Shanna Mesick, Dana

Burkey, and Chris Marchand. She also leaves behind twenty grandchildren and thirteen great-grandchildren. Ginny loved reading, watching game shows, and playing scrabble, as well as spending time with her family. Ginny will be remembered for her endless compassion and generosity. Her captivating storytelling and laughter will be greatly missed by all that knew her. Calling hours will be held on Friday January 17, 2020 from 6:00-8:00PM at Tillinghast Funeral Home, 433 Main Street Danielson. A Funeral Service will be held on Saturday January 18, 2020 at 11:00AM at Tillinghast Funeral Home. Burial to follow at Holy Cross Cemetery Maple Street, Danielson. [tillinghastfh.com](http://tillinghastfh.com)

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**January 23, Thurs, 11-1pm**  
First Congregational Church of Pomfret Ladies Knitting Group will resume meeting on Thursday of each week in our Fellowship Hall. All ages welcome, no experience needed! Yarn is provided. Contact Penny Bennett at 860-412-9811.

**January 24, Fri., 5-7pm**  
Club 2087 will hold a fish fry in the Knights of Columbus Hall, 1017 Riverside Drive, North Grosvenordale. The menu: fish & chips (\$11); baked haddock (\$12); fried bay scallops, fried shrimp (\$13); fried clams (\$16); seafood platter (\$18). 860-923-2967, council2087@gmail.com.

**January 25, Sat., 5-7pm**  
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**January 26, Sun., 2:00pm**  
Concert and sing-a-long by Dulcimea, a local dulcimer group, at the Danielson United Methodist Church, 9 Spring St. Sponsored by the Killingly-Brooklyn Interfaith Council. Free will offering to benefit KBIC’s homeless fund. Snow date is February 9.

**January 29 Wed., 5:30-6:30pm**  
Choosing Kind Book Club. Killingly Public Library. CT Humanities Council Book Voyager Program. The characters in these books face challenges that set them apart from their classmates. How others treat them as well as how they view themselves impacts their success and they find that kindness is the key! We will meet the last Wednesday of the month. January 29: El Deafo by Cece Bell. February 26: One for the Mur-

phys by Lynda Mullaly Hunt. March 25: Wonder by R.J. Palacio. April 29: Rules by Cynthia Lord. For ages 8 - 12. Participants will receive a copy of each book to keep! Registration is required! Register once for the 4 part series at times.

**February 3, Mon., 6:45pm**  
The Quiet Corner Garden Club presents “Using Native Shrubs for Pollinators” presented by Dr. Jessica Lubell, Professor of Horticulture at UConn Dr. Lubell will review pollinator-friendly native cultivars that home gardeners can use to protect, encourage and increase the effects of the diminished pollinator populations that threaten our vital ecosystems. South Woodstock Baptist Church’s Fellowship Hall, 23 Roseland Park Road, South Woodstock, CT. Following the program, attendees can enjoy refreshments, meet the speakers,

and ask follow-up questions. Open to the public (A \$5 donation is requested of non-members)

**February 7, Fri., 8-11am**  
Coffee and Card Games. All are welcome Senexet Grange. 628 Route 169, Woodstock, CT 06281. Come spend time with other Senior Citizens in our community while enjoying free coffee and snacks every 1<sup>st</sup> Friday of the month. The Grange will be open for a time of fellowship and provide decks of cards for multiple games so invite all your friends! Choose which game you would like to play and enjoy the morning. For more information contact: Amy @ 860-455-8844, grange40ct@gmail.com or friend Senexet Grange on Facebook.

**February 19, Wed., 2-4:30pm**  
Senior social Afternoon Tea. All are welcome Senexet Grange. 628 Route 169, Woodstock, CT 06281. The Grange is offering a time of Senior Fellowship for our Quiet Corner community. Enjoy free tea or coffee and snacks every 3rd Wednesday of the month. Please join us as we are looking to offer optional programs of your interest during this time as well. Hope to see you soon with your program suggestions and friends! For more information contact: Amy @ 860-455-8844, grange40ct@gmail.com or friend Senexet Grange on Facebook.

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**Deadline for submission is Friday at Noon**



# HERE & THERE



## Local Events, Arts, and Entertainment Listings

**SATURDAY, JANUARY 25**

PASTA & MEATBALL DINNER with entertainment to follow. – Serving 4p.m -7 p.m. Oxford VFW Post 5663, 20 Federal Hill Road, Oxford. There are a limited number of tickets! Tickets are available at the post - open at 1:00 p.m. Thanks in advance for your faithful, continued support of the Oxford VFW Post 5663! \$10 Donation

**SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 8**

EAST BROOKFIELD’S 100TH ANNIVERSARY 2:30 Presentation 3:30 Skating “The Lake in Winter” Event. Ken Ethier: Ice harvesting; ice skating; a bonfire with DJ and concessions Town Hall; Lake Lashaway Town Beach FREE -snacks for Sale

**SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 9**

FISHING DERBY 6 AM - 2 PM - Details to come! See Facebook @EB100th or tinyurl.com/EB100th!

**Open House**

**SATURDAY, MARCH 14:**

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

**TUESDAY, MARCH 24**

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

**SATURDAY, APRIL 4**

ROARIN’ TWENTIES DANCE at Sturbridge Host Hotel ; 6:00 • \$35-\$40

**SATURDAY, APRIL 11**

OPEN HOUSE at Hodgkins Building (Museum/ RR)

1:00-3:00, 108 School Street, East Brookfield FREE

**SATURDAY, APRIL 18; 9:30**

HISTORICAL TALK - Ed Londergan - The First and Second Settlements at East Brookfield Town Hall. FREE

**SATURDAY, APRIL 25**

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

**SATURDAY, MAY 2**

East Brookfield Nature Walks at Pelletier Woods 2:00. FREE. Howe Street, East Brookfield

**SATURDAY, MAY 9**

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

**SATURDAY, MAY 16**

7K RUN AND FUN WALK Timberyard Brewery, East Brookfield 10:00 \$30.00 adults, \$15.00 kids

**SATURDAY, MAY 30**

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

**SATURDAY, JUNE 6**

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

**FRIDAY, JUNE 12;**

COAST GUARD BAND EBES \$2.00 pp 7:00

**SATURDAY, JUNE 13**

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

**SATURDAY, JUNE 20;**

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

**MONDAY, JULY 6**

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

**SATURDAY JULY 25;**

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

**SATURDAY, AUGUST 8**

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

**SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 12**

PARADE AND FAMILY FUN EVENT! 9:30 -7:00. Route 9, East Brookfield. FREE Rain date for Parade and Family Fun Day Sept 13

**SATURDAY, OCTOBER 10**

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

**SATURDAY, OCTOBER 24**

BUS AND CEMETERY TOUR, ending in dinner at Podunk Chapel. Meet at East Brookfield Town Hall 3:30. \$15-\$20.00 pp

**SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 7**

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

**SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 14**

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

**SATURDAY, DECEMBER 12**

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

**SATURDAY, DECEMBER 12**

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

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A271801A  
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### 2014 Honda CR-V EX-L



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A5646C  
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### 2016 Toyota Prius v Three Wagon



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A274289B  
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A5791XX  
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### 2016 Toyota Highlander XLE



SUV, AWD, 6 cyl, auto, Silver Sky Metallic, 36K miles,  
A5782XX  
**\$27,998**

### 2017 Toyota Highlander Hybrid XLE



SUV, AWD, 6 cyl, auto, OOH LA LA Rouge Mica, 64K miles, A274268A  
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### 2017 Toyota Tacoma SR5



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A274099A  
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### 2015 Toyota 4Runner Ltd



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A274057B  
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A274177A  
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A274135A  
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# OBITUARIES

## Constance Noon, 81



GLASTONBURY — Constance (Bransfield) Noon, 81, of Salmon Brook Dr., died peacefully surrounded by her husband and family at the Salmon Brook Rehabilitation and Nursing Home on Friday, January 10, 2020. Born in Putnam, she was the daughter of the late Albert and Lea (Duso) Bransfield. She was the loving wife of Alan F. Noon.

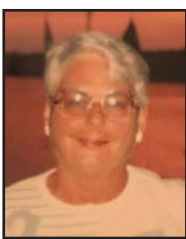
Constance was employed as a Payroll/Benefits Clerk for the Town of Killingly. She retired in 2003 giving her time to enjoy her family, especially

her grandchildren.

In addition to her husband, Constance is survived by her son, Michael Noon; daughter, Sherry Holmes; and her beautiful granddaughter, Kaitlynn Holmes who she quite often called “my little angel.” Now Constance is an angel watching over her family.

Funeral services and burial will be scheduled in the Spring. Funeral arrangements have been entrusted to the Gilman Funeral Home and Crematory, 104 Church St. Putnam, CT. 06260. Memorial donations may be made to the Alzheimer’s Association, 200 Executive Blvd, Southington, CT 06489. For memorial guestbook visit [www.GilmanAndValade.com](http://www.GilmanAndValade.com).

## Helen M. Cotnoir, 87



THOMPSON — Helen (Gawlik) Cotnoir, 87, of Thompson Rd., passed away on Tuesday, January 14, 2020 at Day Kimball Hospital. She was the loving wife to the late Arthur W. Cotnoir until his death in 1993. Born in Killingly, she was the daughter of the late Joseph and Katherine (Zurowski) Gawlik.

Mrs. Cotnoir was a bank teller for Hartford National, Shawmut and Fleet Bank for 25 years. She volunteered her time at Valley Springs. She enjoyed cookouts with family, crocheting and trips to Foxwoods and traveling and exploring new places with her late husband and her son Brian. She also enjoyed dancing to Polka music, and especially enjoyed spending time with

her family.

Helen is survived by her son, Brian Cotnoir of Thompson; her grandchildren, Michelle Teague, Christopher Cotnoir, Jamie Aubin, and Zachary Cotnoir; and her great-grandchildren, Justin, Austin, Dakota, Kaden, Isabelle, Emmalin, Ashel, Bodhi, and Lukas. She was predeceased by her sons, the late Joseph Cotnoir and Wilbur “Wayno” Contoir.

Relatives and friends are invited to visit with Helen’s family from 9:00 a.m. to 10:00 a.m. on Monday, January 20, 2020 in the Valade Funeral Home and Crematory, 23 Main St. North Grosvenordale, CT. A Mass of Christian Burial will then take place at 10:30 a.m. in St. Joseph Church, 18 Main St., N. Grosvenordale, CT. Burial will follow in St. Joseph Cemetery. For memorial guestbook visit [www.GilmanAndValade.com](http://www.GilmanAndValade.com).

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