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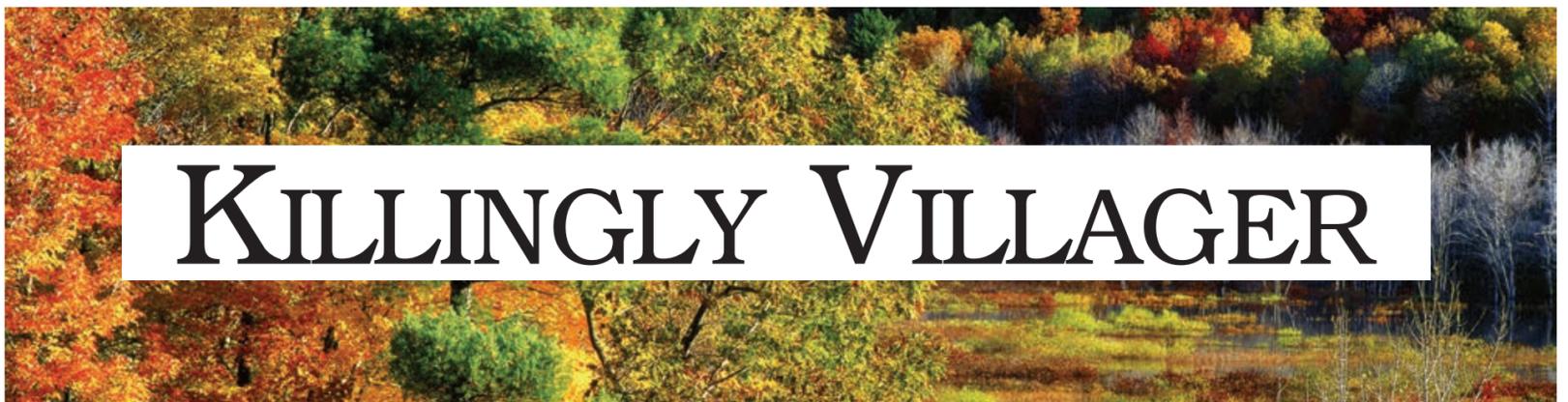
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## Playing it by the book

BY OLIVIA RICHMAN  
NEWS STAFF WRITER

**BROOKLYN/POMFRET** — The Pomfret Public Library welcomed a new Children's Program Manager at the beginning of the New Year: Kim Mather. The Brooklyn resident started just a few weeks ago, and she's already become a huge fan of the library and its patrons.

After spending four years as the Children's Librarian in Windham, she felt it was time to work closer to home. So when the position at the Pomfret Public Library opened up, Mather knew it was perfect for her.

"I still haven't met many people," said Mather, "But everyone I have met seems so friendly. I like that it's a small library. You can get very familiar with your collection. And it's easier to assist patrons that way. You have a smaller community-base, so you get to know people. It's like a family."

Mather got into the library scene when a library aid in Moosup told her to give it a try. So Mather joined her as an aid.

"It seemed like a nice fit," she said. "It was a library I was using anyway and I had young kids at the time. I enjoyed working with the patrons. It's a nice feeling to help people find what they're looking for. Back then, everything was a card catalog."



Olivia Richman photo

Kim Mather is Pomfret Public Library's new Children's Program Manager.

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## QMC STUDENT HOLDS BLOOD DRIVE

Courtesy photo

**DANIELSON** — Kristiana Quintana (pictured), a senior at Quinebaug Middle College, organized a blood drive on Jan. 9, at QMC, on the campus of Quinebaug Valley Community College. Twenty-six pints of blood were collected, exceeding the Red Cross's goal of 21 pints and Quintana's goal of 25. In total, there were 38 donors: 12 QMC juniors and seniors, who donated blood for the first time ever, 16 community members from the Danielson area and 10 QMC staff members



Photos courtesy of Sarah Segesdy

Members of the new women's group, StrengthHerSole, met at Victoria's Station after working out to chat about "being women," said Segesdy. "It was awesome."

## Pomfret woman starts new local club for runners

BY OLIVIA RICHMAN  
NEWS STAFF WRITER

**POMFRET/PUTNAM** — For the past few weeks, women from all over the Quiet Corner have been getting together to run and socialize in Putnam. And the numbers keep growing.

The group is known as StrengthHerSole,

a running club recently founded by Pomfret resident Sarah Segesdy. An assistant athletic director at Pomfret School, Segesdy has been involved with track and field coaching for 12 years. And she's been running since she was younger.

"I fell in love with how strong it made people"

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## TEEG offers new community programs

BY OLIVIA RICHMAN  
NEWS STAFF WRITER

**THOMPSON** — TEEG is hoping to strengthen family bonds and introduce Thompson residents to the endless programs and activities the community has to offer through their new program, Hand In Hand.

Funded by the Glass Foundation, the program's focus will be on increasing the developmental growth of children, age newborn to 5 years. TEEG hopes to do this by exposing families to community resources.

This is done through help of a mentor, which each family is given as part of the program. The mentor brings the family to play groups, library programs, museums, exercise programs, yoga...

"These are any programs that will contribute to bonding, physical health, mental health, community connection, education, recreation... Anything a parent and child can do together in the community that will enrich their lives," said TEEG's Executive Director Anne

Miller. "These programs provide parents with the tools they need to reduce stress."

While many families are aware of the various programs in the area, it doesn't always mean they'll participate. Without the financial resources, many families wouldn't walk into the YMCA alone, or go to a museum. Would they walk into a play group without knowing anyone? What they don't know is how many free programs are out there for them and their children. And that's what Miller feels Hand In Hand will do: Connect families to events and programs they never knew existed. And support these programs by bringing in new participants.

The mentor will also go with the families to TEEG's own Clubhouse, a space with a full kitchen. It has recreational games and art projects. The adults will have coffee.

Hand In Hand doesn't only create a family bond, but gets children ready for school. It gives families the skills to

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# Baking up some potatoes for camp



John Ryan photos

BY OLIVIA RICHMAN  
NEWS STAFF WRITER

PUTNAM — “Try this recipe: Take 100 pounds of potatoes, bake for an hour, add some special home-made Creole and French chilli and a few other toppings, throw in a visit from the Easter Bunny – and you send a Boy Scout to summer camp.”

That’s the quick summary Public Affairs Director John Ryan gave me when discussing Boy Scout Troop 21’s annual Baked Potato Buffet, which will be taking place at St. Mary Church on Providence Street in Putnam, Saturday, Feb. 10 from 5 to 7 p.m.

The Scouts came up with the idea when Committee Chairman Frank Richard – a chef – said he loves making chilli. The Scouts thought, “Why don’t we put it on potatoes and sell the potatoes?”

Last year, the buffet – which sells potatoes for \$5 – made over \$300, proving it was definitely a successful venture. And it’s not only a success because it’s a fun night out, but because it benefits the Scouts in many ways.

“The Scouts do the serving, they bus the tables,” said Ryan. “We need to do something the boys can be involved in. While Frank does the cooking, he shows the kids how to do it. They’re cooking and washing potatoes. Everything we do, we want to make sure it’s a learning experience for character development and leadership. They need to be part of the fundraising.”

Being a part of the community is big for Boy Scouts. But at the same time, the leaders want the boys to have fun doing it.

And the money raised at the buffet is a further benefit for Troop 21.

“We never turn any boy away for financial reasons,” said Scoutmaster Peter A. Lombardo. “And this money will help us to buy needed camping equipment and send our boys to summer camp.”

Right now, Troop 21 – which is chartered to St. Mary’s – is looking for more Scouts to join them. Any boy age 11 to 17 can join. They don’t have to be Catholic. They don’t even have to be from Putnam.

“Right now, Troop 21 needs more Scouts,” Lombardo said. “We have an active, fun program here in Putnam. We do the kinds of things that many boys wouldn’t be able to do otherwise. We help our young men to develop character and leadership and have fun doing it. We’re looking for boys and their parents to come and join us. We’d be happy to have you.”

But Boy Scouts isn’t only about building character, said Ryan. It’s also a chance for local guys to have some fun with other people their own age.

“We are giving young men a chance to do something they normally wouldn’t do,” he said. “Look at what we’ve done this year. We’ve been aboard the USS Constitution for a whole weekend. We were shipmates. We fired a cannon. We didn’t just go on the Boston Freedom Trail. We went to the US Coast Guard Army, learned about electronics and science from the cadets themselves.”

According to a recent press release, the Scoutmaster said there’s even more to come by the time the troop’s program ends with a week of Scout camp in July, with Troop 21 preparing to host a March food drive for Putnam’s two non-profit food banks, an April camping trip to learn outdoor skills from the cadets at the U.S. Military Academy at West Point, N.Y., a May camporee with other area Scouts at Roseland Cottage in Woodstock and a special fishing and wilderness survival program scheduled for June.

For information about joining Troop 21 (or enjoying their buffet), call Lombardo at (860) 963-0171 and leave a message.

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Boy Scouts at last year’s event

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## Murphy calls on Trump to address Russian meddling

WASHINGTON — U.S. Senator Chris Murphy (D-Conn.), a member of the U.S. Senate Foreign Relations Committee, issued the following statement on a new report released by U.S. Senator Ben Cardin, Ranking Member of the Foreign Relations Committee, that outlines extensive Russian interference in at least nineteen European countries. Despite this report and clear evidence of Russian interference in the 2016 U.S. presidential election, the Trump administration has failed to meaningfully address this serious national security threat.

Murphy and U.S. Senator Rob Portman (R-Ohio) introduced the Countering Disinformation and Propaganda Act, which was signed into law last year. The law improves the ability of the United States to counter foreign propaganda and disinformation from countries like Russia through the Global Engagement Center, an interagency center housed at the State Department. Murphy and Portman secured additional support for efforts to counter propaganda and disinformation in the FY 2018 National Defense Authorization Act (NDAA).

“This report needs to be a wake-up call for the Trump administration. The extent of Russia’s interference is not new—we know Russia has brazenly meddled in democracies across the world, including our own,” said Murphy. “Congress passed our Countering Disinformation and Propaganda Act with strong bipartisan support, but the Trump administration has not used the tools given to it in this legislation. Congress needs to support additional anti-corruption efforts, and the Trump administration needs to immediately start using the tools Congress provided them to fight back against Russia’s dangerous propaganda and disinformation crusade.”

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# Pomfret Senior Center keeps things social

POMFRET – The Pomfret Senior Center is chalk full of events every week, from movie showings and seminars to free lunch. Senior Center Director Jim Jutras said that the free lunch – which is on Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday – is part of TEEG’s senior nutrition program.

“This is important. Nutrition is important,” said Jutras. “But it’s mostly a social event.”

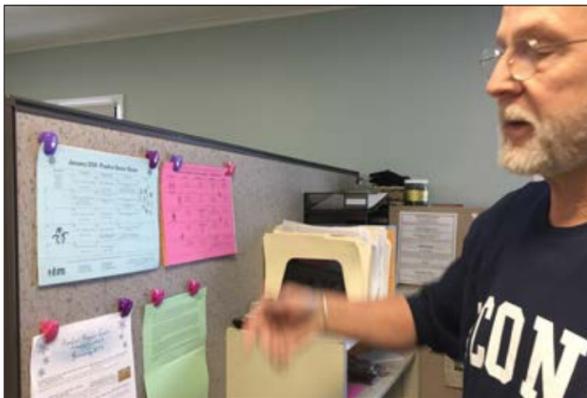


Senior Center Director Jim Jutras said it’s not only about food, but being social.



Olivia Richman photos

What makes Monique Caron-Krug and Jeannett Sullivan come to the Senior Center? “The friendships. The games. And it gets us out of the house.”



Jim Jutras shows the extensive Senior Center schedule, which can be viewed at <http://www.pomfretct.gov/pomfret-community-senior-center>.

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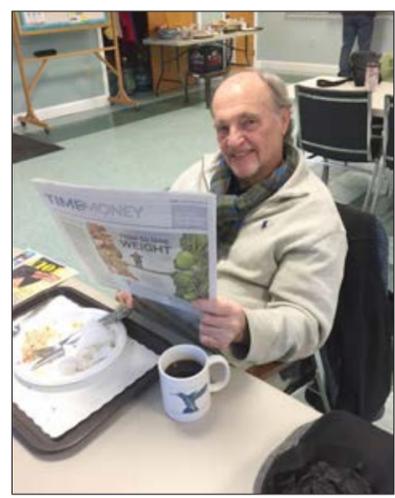
Jim Dugan loves that the Senior Center has holiday parties.



John Carter comes every week to help with trivia games and bingo.



Dan Johnson is a Senior Center regular.



“I come to read the papers and chat,” said Gene Gerun.

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### BROOKLYN

Monday, Jan. 22  
 ZBA, 7 p.m., Clifford B. Green Memorial Center  
 Tuesday, Jan. 23  
 Agriculture Commission, 7 p.m., Town Hall  
 Wednesday, Jan. 24  
 Budget Workshop, 6 p.m., Central Office Community Room  
 Thursday, Jan. 25  
 Board of Education, 7 p.m., Central Office Community Room  
 Board of Selectmen, 6:30 p.m., Clifford B. Green Memorial Center  
 Resource Recovery Commission, 6:30 p.m., Clifford B. Green Memorial Center

Solid Waste Sub-Committee, 5:30 p.m., Town Hall

Board of Education, 7 p.m., Town Hall  
 Thursday, Jan. 25

OSLA, 7 p.m., Town Hall

### POMFRET

Wednesday, Jan. 24  
 Board of Education, 6:30 p.m., Pomfret Community School

### PUTNAM

Monday, Jan. 22  
 Board of Finance, 7 p.m., Town Hall

Facilities Study Group, 7 p.m., Town Hall

### THOMPSON

Monday, Jan. 22

Planning & Zoning Commission, 7 p.m., Town Hall

Wednesday, Jan. 24  
 Recreation Commission, 7 a.m., Town Hall

Thursday, Jan. 25

Transfer Station Advisory Committee, 7 p.m., Town Hall

### EASTFORD

Monday, Jan. 22  
 American Legion, 7:30 p.m., Legion

Thursday, Jan. 25

Union Society Building Committee, 8 a.m., Town Hall

Library Board, 7 p.m., Eastford Public Library

Inland Wetland Commission, 7 p.m., Town Hall

### WOODSTOCK

Monday, Jan. 22  
 Conservation Commission, 7 p.m., Town Hall

Historic Properties, 7 p.m.,

### Town Hall

Tuesday, Jan. 23  
 WPCA, 7 p.m., Town Hall  
 Wednesday, Jan. 24  
 Historic District, 6:30 p.m., Town Hall

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Monday, Jan. 22  
 Board of Recreation, 6 p.m., Community Center  
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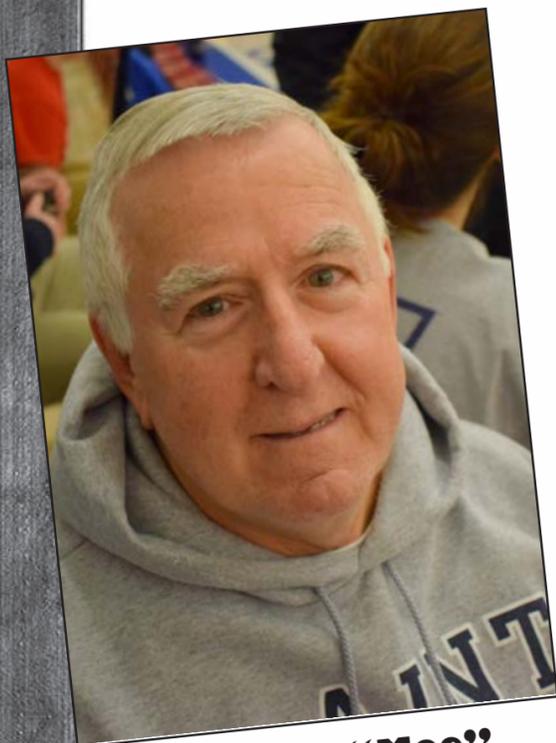
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**Maurice "Moe" Coderre**

**Name:** Maurice R. "Moe" Coderre

**Occupation:** Runs the crematory at the Gilman & Valade Funeral Home in Putnam; Air Force veteran

**Lives in:** Putnam

**Family:** Wife, Pam, two sons: Derek, Lance; 6 grandchildren

**Pets:** Grand dog: Bella

**How long have you lived in the area?** All my life

**Do you have a favorite food?** Prime rib

**What is currently your favorite TV Show?** Seinfeld

**What is your favorite movie?** It's a Wonderful Life

**What is your favorite travel destination?** Italy

**What is the best part of your town?** The people

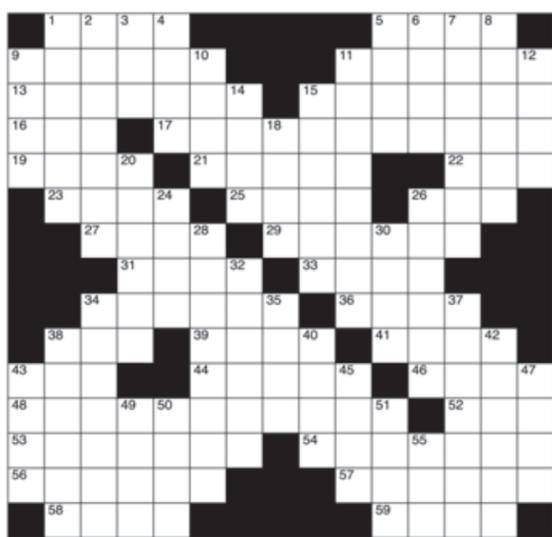
**Who has been the greatest influence in your life?** Father-in-law: Willie Zamagni; brother: Ron Coderre

**Who is your favorite musical artist?** Roy Orbison

**What is the greatest piece of advice you have ever been given?** Be kind to others

**Favorite Sports Team:** Red Sox, Patriots, Celtics, Bruins

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**CLUES ACROSS**

- 1. Methaqualone pill (slang)
- 5. Religious service
- 9. Woodland gods (Greek myth.)
- 11. "Where Is My Mind?" rockers
- 13. Deliberately contrary states of affairs
- 15. Inflection of the voice
- 16. "Great Expectations" character
- 17. Becomes a butterfly
- 19. Spoke
- 21. Tennis player Sharapova
- 22. Midway between northeast and east
- 23. Afrikaans
- 25. No instruction set computing
- 26. Pacific Standard Time
- 27. Relaxing places
- 29. Confiscates
- 31. Gladys Knight's fellow performers
- 33. Witnesses
- 34. Taking place in a series
- 36. Satisfy
- 38. Freshwater fish of N. America
- 39. Laments
- 41. "Girls" creator Dunham
- 43. Indian title of respect
- 44. Cocoa plum
- 46. Network of nerve cells
- 48. Link together in a chain
- 52. Cool 70s crew "The \_\_\_ Squad"
- 53. Persons engaging in energetic pursuits
- 54. Accumulation of glacial debris
- 56. Fastened
- 57. A cotton fabric with a satiny finish
- 58. Whiskey and bread are two
- 59. Scottish tax

**CLUES DOWN**

- 1. Rope used to lasso
- 2. Idyllic places
- 3. Field force unit
- 4. Guitar great Clapton
- 5. Slang for type of skirt
- 6. Figure skating jump
- 7. Innocent
- 8. Mathematical ratio
- 9. Slowly drinks
- 10. Line where edges meet
- 11. Offices of the pope
- 12. Dry or withered
- 14. "\_\_\_ the Man" Musical
- 15. Difficult situations
- 18. Greek goddess of discord
- 20. Marked by smartness in dress and manners
- 24. Habitat
- 26. Annoy constantly
- 28. Full of life
- 30. Great energy
- 32. BBQ and soy are two
- 34. Virtuous
- 35. Not fatty
- 37. Foes
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- 40. Dishonest scheme
- 42. Repents
- 43. Protective crust
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- 49. Bring up
- 50. Birds
- 51. Geological times
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## Broadway Live returns to benefit YMCA



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Brenda Pontbriand performs for Broadway Live.

WOODSTOCK — Broadway Live Productions returns to the stage at the Center for the Arts at Woodstock Academy on April 7-8 for a concert to benefit the Hale YMCA Youth and Family Center.

The benefit, called "The Conncert", features over 30 local and regional vocalists backed up by a 16 piece orchestra and band will perform songs from Broadway, Classical, Jazz, Rock, Pop, Big Band and more. All music is arranged by Walter Gwardyak from the Hartford Symphony and New England Jazz. Keri Danner is the director and Marc Poitras is the music

director. This is now the sixth philanthropic production that Broadway Live has produced at the 1000-seat Woodstock Theater since 2005. Other productions included Encore...2005, Broadway Live...2008 - Helping Hands, Divas Live in 2011, Follow The Red Dress Divas in 2012 and Les Misérables in 2014.

The top corporate sponsors for "The Conncert" production include Gerardi Insurance, Jewett City Savings Bank, Lord Thompson Manor, Putnam Savings Bank, Rectory School, Thomasdorran and Company, Westview Health Care Center, WINY Radio and The Woodstock Academy.

Broadway Live Productions was created in 2000 by David T. Panteleakos as a company to produce live performances to benefit national and local 501 (c) (3) non-profit organizations like The American Cancer Society, Habitat for Humanity, Doctor's Without Borders, The Bradley Playhouse, Day

Kimball Hospital, Day Kimball Deary Fund, QVCC Foundation, HealthQuest, The Arc, Daily Bread, TEEG and Eastern Connecticut Performing Arts Association. The production company has generated over \$700,000 in ticket sales and sponsorships, with all net proceeds from their performances benefitting many worthy non-profit causes. The Conncert will be led by Mistress and Masters of Ceremony; Amanda Kelly, Marc Cerrone and Ronald Coderre, respectively.

The performers slated to appear include: Andre Bessette, Donna Bessette, Yvie Bessette, Jonathan Carpentier, Hannah Chubbuck, Tim Deary, MackenzieDeary, ValHauptman, James Doran Kellaway, Molly Kellaway, Donna LaHaie, Adam Landry, Paul Lucenti, Patrick McCarthy, Alex Mercier, Carl Mercier, Elena Mercier, Lilly Mercier, David T. Panteleakos, Brenda Pontbriand, Sophia Pontbriand, Rachel Pontbriand, Mike Silvia, Beth Silvia, Izaiah Silvia, Elizabeth Silvia, Simon Silvia, Ted Reynolds and Brooke Zahansky. The production team is rounded out by Christie Deary, Stage Manager, Adam Bumpus, Web Designer, Christine Zadora, Producer and James D. Kellaway, Video Director and Writer. Tickets are available at the Hale YMCA in Putnam or on-line at [www.theconnecticutconcert.com](http://www.theconnecticutconcert.com).

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# Year in Review at Silver Circle

PUTNAM – The Silver Circle’s “Year in Review” exhibit features a collection of multi-media art pieces by Pomfret School students, faculty and alumni. The collection is also for sale, with all purchases going towards TEEG’s art therapy program for troubled teens.

Olivia Richman photos



“Sunbathing”



“Almost Home”



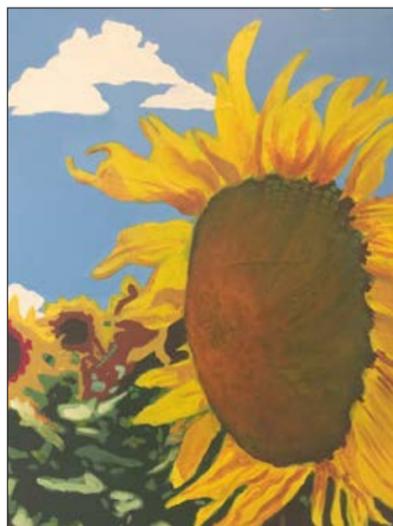
“Ambivalence”



“Selfie”



“Infinity”



“Untitled”



“Untitled”



A collection of photographs.



“X-Ray”



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SCHOOLS AND THE PUBLIC are encouraged to submit items for inclusion on the Learning Page. The deadline is noon Monday. Send all items to Editor Charlie Lentz at [charlie@villagenewspapers.com](mailto:charlie@villagenewspapers.com)

## Winter Wonderland donates to The Arc Quinebaug Valley

DAYVILLE — Amarante's Winter Wonderland was a walkthrough Christmas light display in Dayville consisting of over 160,000 lights. This holiday experience was open to the community for viewing from Thanksgiving until New Years.

A calendar of events for this wonderland dedicated certain charity nights to partner organizations, such as The Arc Quinebaug Valley. Donation boxes were set up nightly at the entryway for each organization throughout the duration of the wonderland season, which helped to secure various magnitudes of donations from the community. Other organizations that benefited from Amarante's Winter Wonderland event included Feed the Need and Make-A-Wish Connecticut.

The Arc provides programs for individuals with intellectual, developmental and other life-affecting disabilities. Vocational, residential, recreation, education, day and retirement services offer opportunities for people with disabilities to reach their goals and be integral members of their community.

Dan Amarante and his family presented two checks to Susan Desrosiers, The Arc's executive director, on Jan. 11, one check in the amount of \$2,350 in which funds were collected throughout the wonderland season from various anonymous donors, and another check from Day Kimball HomeMakers, Inc. in the amount of \$465.

"This gift is a blessing and we couldn't be happier to have the community stand beside us in our mission at The Arc. The people we support are our highest priority and we continuously strive to enhance their quality of life. These funds will be used to help with costs associated with building a Sensory Garden at our agency for all to enjoy," said Desrosiers.



Courtesy photo  
The Amarante family, and Susan Desrosiers, center, executive director of The Arc Quinebaug Valley

## Murphy announces winners in King essay contest

WASHINGTON —In honor of Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Day, U.S. Senator Chris Murphy (D-Conn.) announced on Monday that 15 elementary, middle, and high school students from across Connecticut were selected as winners of his second annual 'Martin Luther King, Jr. Day Essay Challenge.' Approximately 700 students submitted essays to Murphy's office reflecting on Dr. King's dream and their own aspirations. Murphy invited the winners to attend a pancake breakfast celebration. The winning essays will be displayed in Murphy's office. All students who sub-

mitted essays by the Jan. 10, deadline will receive a Congressional gold seal note from Murphy's office thanking them for their participation.

"Dr. King inspired us all to fight for justice and equality. For the second year in a row, I'm totally blown away by the essays and ideas of these students. It was hard to pick just a few winners," said Murphy. "Today, we reflect on Dr. King's legacy, and I hope that students across Connecticut who wrote essays took it as an opportunity to do so. If they stay engaged and fight hard for what they believe in, they can accomplish

anything they set their minds to."

Congressional District #1 Winners: Aarav Mathur - Aiken Elementary School in West Hartford; Zishan Ahmed - John F. Kennedy Middle School in Plantsville; Malik Martin - Connecticut River Academy in East Hartford. Congressional District #2 Winners: Quentin Kuczaj - Windermere School in Ellington; Avni Kabra - East Lyme Middle School; Colleen Keller - East Lyme High School. Congressional District #3 Winners: Rodney Crockett Jr. - Moody Elementary School in Middletown; Maia Quarles - City

Hill Middle School in Naugatuck; Alex Guzhnay - Achievement First Amistad High School in New Haven. Congressional District #4 Winners: Ryan El-ouardighi - K.T. Murphy School in Stamford; Kristopher Flores - Roton Middle School in Norwalk; Latrel Stewart - Brien McMahon High School in Norwalk. Congressional District #5 Winners: Kenneth Konrad Miller - Sandy Hook Elementary School in Newtown. Kyler Kumi - Rochambeau Middle School in Southbury; Karl Daniel Miller - Newtown High School.

## NOW receives donation from Verizon

PUTNAM — The Wireless Zone of Putnam presented Northeast Opportunities for Wellness, Inc. (NOW) with a

donation of \$266.66 on Jan. 9. The funds were generated from sales of Wireless Zone brand PopSockets at the Putnam

store over the fall and winter months.

Wireless Zone Putnam store manager Josh Paul and assis-

tant store manager Patrick Lynch were on hand to present the check to NOW president Allan Rawson. Paul commented, "Wireless Zone is happy to be able to raise money for a great, local organization that is dedicated to providing fitness and wellness opportunities to children in the community."

This is not the first time Wireless Zone has provided support to NOW; in the fall of 2016 the Putnam, Killingly, and North Windham stores teamed up to donate \$610 to NOW in response to money that had been stolen from a NOW fundraising event. As well, the Putnam Wireless Zone has donated various auction items and baskets used at NOW events.

NOW Executive Director Sarah Wolfburg expressed her appreciation for the continued support from Wireless Zone.

"As a non-profit, the sup-

port we receive from the community is truly valued. It is encouraging to see businesses like the Putnam Wireless Zone donating funds, goods, and sharing their success with us," Wolfburg said.

Northeast Opportunities for Wellness, is a non-profit human services organization focused on youth wellness. Serving the 10-town area of Northeast Connecticut, NOW provides children with the opportunity to participate in area athletic programs and activities, offering scholarships to the youth of the community with up to 95 percent of the cost being subsidized by NOW. The mission of the organization is to provide all children, regardless of financial resources, equal opportunities to achieve & maintain youth wellness, beginning at an early age.



From left, Patrick Lynch, Josh Paul, and NOW President Allan Rawson

### Santese on Dean's List

KILLINGLY — Joseph Santese III, a second year student at Nichols College, has been named to the Dean's List with High Honors for the fall semester of the 2017-18 academic year. Santese is from Killingly and is double majoring in Accounting and Finance.

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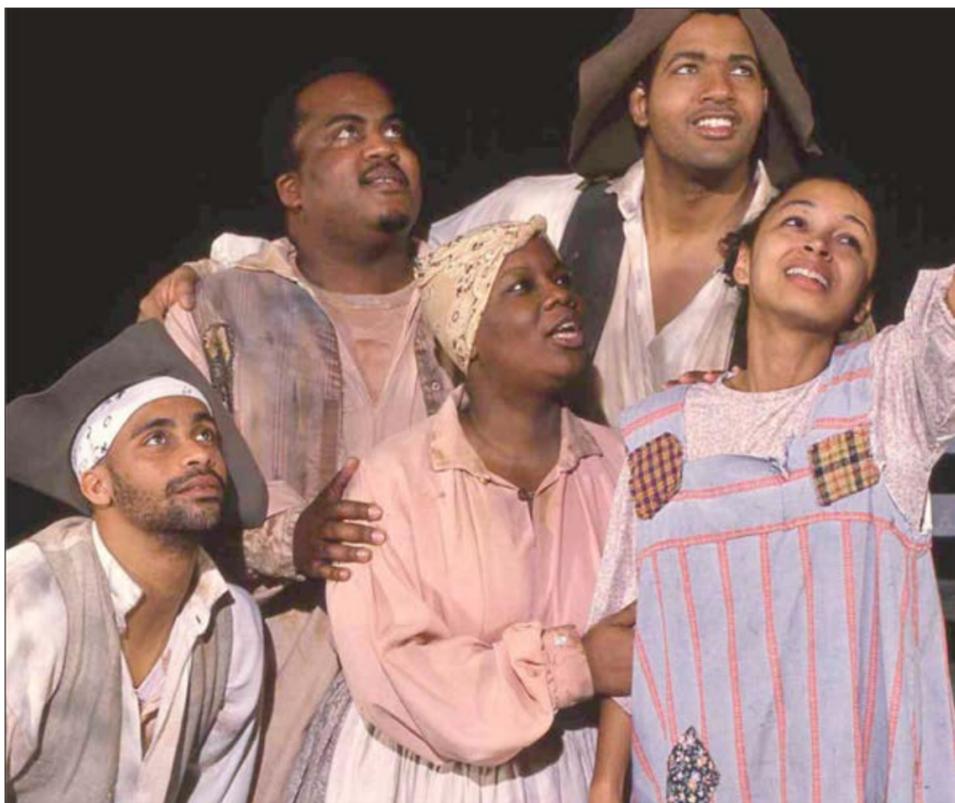
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# Freedom Train coming to Center for the Arts



WOODSTOCK — Harriet Tubman, and the inspiring story of the Underground Railroad, come to life when The Three C's presents Theatreworks USA from New York with their production of "Freedom Train" on Wednesday, March 28, at 10 a.m. at the Center for the Arts at Woodstock Academy, route 169 in Woodstock, Ct.

Harriet Tubman was born a slave, but when she was 25 she made her perilous escape from a Maryland plantation, leaving her family behind. Pursued by dogs and relentless slave catchers, she followed an escape route laid out by Quakers — secret hiding places in churches, barns, cellars and homes.

The escape route Harriet followed soon became known as the Underground Railroad, and she quickly became one of its most celebrated "conductors". Up creek beds, through

swamps, over hills in the dark of night, on 19 secret trips Harriet Tubman guided more than 300 slaves, including her aged parents, to freedom. "I never run my train off the track" she said, "and I never lost a passenger".

Freedom Train tells the thrilling story of Harriet Tubman, the Moses of her people, in a fascinating series of highly theatrical scenes that use dance, dialogue, and music of the period. It is the story of self-sacrifice, dedication and survival, laced with warmth and a sense of humor that celebrates the human spirit — a universal story for all. Tickets are \$4 per person for groups of ten or more, and \$6 per person for under ten. For info email [kidsshows@gmail.com](mailto:kidsshows@gmail.com). Study guides are available.

Courtesy photo

A scene from "Freedom Train"

## Pomfret School's visiting fellow will give lecture

POMFRET — Pomfret School announced Junot Díaz as the 2018 Schwartz Visiting Fellow. He is the author of the critically acclaimed *Drown*; *The Brief Wondrous Life of Oscar Wao*, which won the 2008 Pulitzer Prize and the National Book Critics Circle Award; and *This Is How You Lose Her*, a New York Times best-seller and National Book Award finalist.

"We are very excited to have someone of his stature and writing talent visit Pomfret," said Librarian David Ring, who is coordinating the visit. "It is a wonderful opportunity for students and faculty alike."

Díaz is scheduled to visit the Pomfret campus on Thursday, January 25 and Friday, January 26. During his two-day stay, he is expected to share his unique perspective on literature and the craft of writing with students, faculty, and

the community.

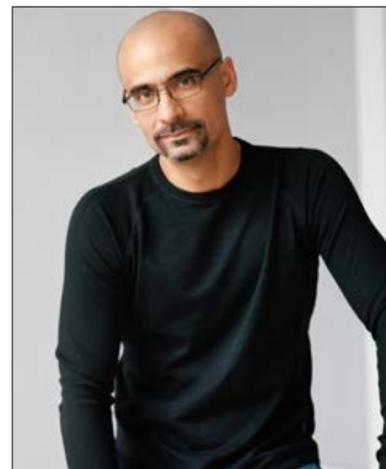
On Friday, January 26, Díaz will deliver a community lecture in Hard Auditorium on the Pomfret campus at 7:00 p.m. This event is free and open to the public, but an RSVP is required. To reserve a seat, visit [www.pomfret.org/diaz](http://www.pomfret.org/diaz).

Junot Díaz was born in the Dominican Republic and raised in New Jersey. Díaz is the recipient of a MacArthur "Genius" Fellowship, PEN/Malamud Award, Dayton Literary Peace Prize, Guggenheim Fellowship, and PEN/O. Henry Award. A graduate of Rutgers College, Díaz is currently the fiction editor at *Boston Review* and the Rudge and Nancy Allen Professor of Writing at the Massachusetts Institute of Technology.

Since 1989, world renowned experts have visited Pomfret School under the auspices of the Schwartz Visiting

Fellow Program. This speaker series is the result of the vision and generosity of Michael Schwartz '66 and Eric Schwartz '69. Past fellows include playwright Cheryl West, marine archaeologist Robert Ballard, author Frank McCourt, and historian David McCullough, among many others.

Founded in 1894, Pomfret School is an independent coeducational college preparatory boarding and day school for 350 students in grades 9 through 12 and postgraduates. Set on a stunning 500-acre campus in Northeastern Connecticut, Pomfret cultivates a healthy interdependence of mind, body, and spirit in its students as it prepares them for college, and to lead and learn in a diverse and increasingly interconnected society. [www.pomfretschool.org](http://www.pomfretschool.org)



Junot Díaz

## The Last Green Valley surveys eagles



An eagle sighted on Jan. 13

DANIELSON — For the eighth year The Last Green Valley assisted the Connecticut Department of Energy and Environmental Protection in its Midwinter Eagle Survey. The Last Green Valley's Chief Ranger, Bill Reid, organizes the group of volunteers in the 26 Connecticut towns of the National Heritage Corridor.

The Last Green Valley, Inc., (TLGV) is the non-profit charged with promoting and advocating for The Last Green Valley National Heritage Corridor's unique resources. On Jan. 13, 29 volunteers surveyed 31 locations. The number of volunteers was down due to weather concerns. Despite decreased participation, the number of eagle sightings increased. There were 26 sightings of eagles along the Quinebaug and Shetucket rivers and several lakes and ponds, up from 12 sightings the year before.

The sightings included adult bald eagles, some of which are known to nest in the national heritage corridor, juvenile bald eagles and at least one juvenile golden eagle.

"This is a great example of citizen science," said TLGV Chief Ranger Bill Reid. "People who love and enjoy the region come together to document the eagles. These birds are good indicators of the health of our waterways and that is critical to all of us."

Reid said TLGV began participating in the survey in 2010 as a way to draw attention to the wonderful attributes of the

National Heritage Corridor while showing in a tangible way how the organization's work on water quality has improved the health of area waterways, making it hospitable to the bald eagle once again.

The Connecticut Department of Energy and Environmental Protection will crunch the information gathered by volunteers to determine the number of individual birds in the area. The detailed data reported by volunteers, such as exact time, location, and movement patterns are all vital pieces of the puzzle. Nationally, the program is a project of the U.S. Geological Survey, Biological Resources Division. Teams across the country observe on the same date and during the same hours to make the Midwinter Eagle Survey a national, state and regional snapshot of the health of the eagle population. Some states, such as Massachusetts, do not participate in the Midwinter Eagle Survey but conduct their own nest surveys in the spring.

The Last Green Valley National Heritage Corridor is green by day and dark by night. It is a National Heritage



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The Eagle survey team

Corridor with a rich history in a surprising rural landscape in the coastal sprawl between Boston and Washington D.C. Still 77 percent forest and farm, The National Heritage Corridor is the last swath of

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## Agree to disagree

I belong to several groups where issues are discussed. People express their opinions and others affirm, disagree or remain silent. Overall the interactions are civil and interesting. Occasionally I either overhear or I am part of conversations that are heated, hurtful, pointless or so convoluted that I walk away shaking my head in disbelief. Certainly politics in our country have become polarized, but I also think we need to learn how to disagree, even argue. The old maxim, "agree to disagree" is needed more than ever.

I come for a family that talked about politics often and loudly. My father had been in the legislature and served as a town selectman. My mother was intelligent and an independent thinker.



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My older brothers were informed and talkative. I had opinions too. At dinner, conversation would drift toward current topics and words would fly. We were exploring ideas, developing strategies, passing on relevant and even false information and generally enjoying ourselves.

Within our own family, my husband and I talk about everything. We share what we read, what we hear and often puzzle over things that we don't understand. He has a strong background in finance and an interest in economics. I don't know much about either, but I am grounded in the humanities and I come at the world from the point of view of a woman, who grew up as part of the second wave of feminism. The differences between us make our conversations more interesting and sometimes more heated. Mostly we know when to stop, rarely do we just walk away.

I don't feel as comfortable kicking around ideas as I once did. Although I often think I can guess what a person's opinion might be, I am amazed at how quickly a conversation can escalate to something personal. I wish I'd taken Latin in high school because I would have been exposed to the term "ad hominin" at an early age. The term means going after the person in an argument rather than their position. When we know people, it is easy to assume we know what they think on a variety of issues. Sometimes we are wrong. Sometimes not.

It is easy to blame the media for the manner in which we talk about issues. At the click of a button on my phone, I can read opinions from all over the world, but can I summarize them in my own mind and come up with an informed opinion? Not without real effort. Personal bias raises its head and it is easy to go with the ideas that are comfortable.

Of course, the problem isn't new. My husband and I listened to "Alexander Hamilton", on a long road trip. The book recounted the invective, the untruths and the ad hominins that characterized many written and spoken communications among early politicians. They were mean and outrageous toward each other. The biggest difference between then and now is how long it takes for the anger to reach our ears and the fact that it was all between educated men. Of course, there was also the matter of dueling...

While we tout the importance of STEM education, I think we need the humanities to help us truly understand the world. Through literature, history, philosophy, religion, art and music, we learn about other places and people. We may even learn how to express ourselves and form cogent arguments. We need debate clubs in schools and training in the rudiments of Robert's Rules of Order.

I look forward to hearing views divergent from my own. I hope I to express what I think without being cut off or discounted. In our region, where so many of us volunteer in civic and municipal roles, I hope we can agree to disagree and sometimes agree to agree.

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# OPINION

Opinion and commentary from the Quiet Corner

## The Quinebaug Gold Company

Recently I asked if anyone knew where the third Michael's Market was situated. Wayne Magao sent an email and passed along the information that someone had shared with him. The third grocery store was located on Main Street in Jewett City. Mike (Pappas) had no children so he "wanted to set his family up: one



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(store) for George, Carl, Trent" (email 1/8/18). Recently we had a woman visit the Killingly Historical Center to do research on a relative who, according to family tradition, had gone to California to the Gold Rush and was part of the Quinebaug Gold Company. Marilyn Labbe had photocopied articles and letters about this company and had put them in a binder so we were able to use that as a resource. Unfortunately, the family member did not appear in the index but she did locate other interesting information. We do know that individuals went at different times, some returning for visits, some returning, and others making their homes in the West.

The Quinebaug Gold Company had left New London in March 1849 on the Schooner Alfred out of New London, J. L. Harris of New London, captain. My Villager Killingly at 300 column of January 31, 1914 listed the names of the men on this maiden voyage.

One of the first things to do once the men reached California was to dispose of their vessel and the cargo. Pomfret resident George W. Spalding, president of the company, wrote the following: "It took about three weeks to dispose of our schooner and cargo. It was sold about the city to different individuals, small quantities in a place. As the waters of the harbor were very rough much of the time, each one as a matter of course tried to shirk the responsibility of unloading upon the others, some by playing sick, and others by going on shore and staying two or three days, some by having business of importance on shore, and others because they would not; for our part we anticipated just such a time, and as badly as we hated to cook, we cheerfully took our turn, which happened to come the week after we landed in San Francisco....We had about half a hoghead of powder on board which had been a terror to us all, but when we saw it rowed off for the shore we thought we were safe, but what was our dismay, when on going up to the second story of a little narrow building where a gentleman kindly offered to lodge us, and after being seated and looking around, lo, and behold! Those same old kegs of powder were in the room, and several of the men were sitting on them and smoking. We left immediately and found a place up town where we got a bunk for our lodging place about as wide as a buttery shelf, and here we endured the night" (Windham County Telegraph, 8/26/1852). If you believe you have relatives who went to the Gold Rush, please let us know. You might want to stop at the Killingly Historical Center and see if there is any information on them. The Center has family files and microfilms of old Windham County Transcripts from about 1848 to 1977 although some years are sparse.

I've been looking at some of the typed Windham County Transcript extracts from--from 1935 this time--and winter that year was also very snowy. (Why am I surprised? That's New England! It's supposed to be snowy and cold). The January 24th paper had the following: "Northeastern Connecticut is today engaged in the task of digging itself out of the drifts after the worst snow storm of the present season. Snow started to fall here Wednesday morning and increased with intensity during the day, with the wind rising to gale proportions and creating a real old-fashioned New England blizzard. Before the weather cleared shortly after midnight, a foot or more of snow had fallen, but in many places it had piled up to a much greater depth, choking highways and practically

paralyzing traffic except on the main thoroughfares. Near zero temperatures followed the storm...Town gangs are engaged today in clearing away great piles of snow, four to five feet deep, formed along Main street by the state plows and sidewalk clearing operations." Snow caused great difficulties for the trains that were trying to get

through and keep to fairly normal schedules. "Arriving in Danielson four hours late, the Northbound State of Maine express, going from New York to Portland, was stalled here for another hour this morning finally getting under way after five o'clock through the efforts of Driver Winthrop E. Short of the Danielson fire Department. Customarily, the 10,000 gallon tank of the locomotive is filled at Norwich and carries the train through to Lowell, Massachusetts. This morning so much steam was used in bucking the heavy drifts that the water supply became low as the express arrived here and the engineer found it impossible to continue to Putnam, where the next tank is located. The train crew got in touch with Acting Chief Cassius A. Hamilton, who notified Mr. Short, the latter securing a length of hose. Attached to a hydrant near the railroad station this carried water to fill the tank of the locomotive and the train once more started on its way to the blizzard-blanketed northern part of New England."

Temperatures that followed sounded like ours sub-zero readings but were much worse. "Following last week's blizzard, Danielson and the surrounding country have experienced an almost unprecedented cold snap, with low records reached during Sunday night and Monday morning, when readings as low as thirty-five degrees below zero were reported at Goodyear (Rogers), with thirty below in Dayville and twenty to twenty-six below in the vicinity of the borough" WCT 1/31/1935).

The Orpheum Theater presented quite a variety of entertainment at this point in time. "The world's only male Siamese twins, Lucio and Simplicia Godino, are scheduled to make a personal appearance at the Orpheum Theatre on Tuesday only, matinee and evening. The Godino brothers, born joined together 26 years ago in the Phillipine Islands, have the added distinction of being the only married Siamese twins, their wives appearing with them in their act. In their younger days they were enthusiastic Boy Scouts, passing Tenderfoot, Second Class, and First Class tests. Those who are familiar with scouting can appreciate what that means for Siamese twins to accomplish. The Godino twins are talented musicians, dancers, and roller skaters, combining these attainments in a rare and spectacular performance" (WCT 1/31/1935).

Winter Weather Closings: In the case of inclement weather, check to see if the Killingly Historical Center is closed.

Volunteers wanted: Are you an accurate typist? Would you like to hone some office skills? If so, the Killingly Historical Center could be the perfect fit for you. Any help would be appreciated. To volunteer, please call the Killingly Historical Center at 860-779-7250, email Director Elaine Tennis at Elaine@killinglyhistorical.org. or stop in at the Center.

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## 5 simple steps for establishing goals

It's a common myth that financial planning is only for people in a certain age group or income bracket.

But financial planning is helpful for people at all stages of their lives. After all, everyone has financial dreams and needs. Financial planning will help you identify your goals and create a strategy for achieving them. But just how exactly do you set financial goals? And how far in the future can you realistically plan them?

Here are five steps to setting financial goals, and Planning Well so that you reach your destination.

Step 1: Figure out what matters to you

Before creating a financial plan, you need to understand your goals. Of course, most of us want to save for retirement. And if you have children, you're likely thinking about a college savings plan. But do you want to buy a home within the next five years? Are you planning to buy a car at the end of this year?

It's important to think about your short-term goals, as well as those long-term, big-ticket items. Perhaps you want to finance a trip to Thailand, or take your parents out for an expensive dinner for their anniversary.

While recording your goals, make sure they are SMART goals: Specific, Measurable, Achievable, Relevant, and Timely. A goal to save for that trip to Thailand can be made SMARTer with a detail-oriented eye. For instance, you could write: "Save \$2,000 total for the Thailand trip by putting \$115 monthly into my travel savings account over the next 18 months."

Step 2: Prioritize Goals needs to be prioritized and quantified. After you've pulled together all of your financial information and you've made a list of goals based on that data, you're ready to prioritize.

If you want to pay off credit card debt, establish an emergency fund, save for retirement, buy a new house, and also create an annual travel budget, all of that may not be possible right away. Thus, the need for prioritization.

Take your list of goals and number them based on your true interests, as earlier defined. Many financial advisors would advise their clients to start with three key measures of basic financial health: Retirement funding, emergency fund savings, and debt repayment. You don't have to approach these one at a time, but you can choose to work on goals simultaneously and "stack" goals by creating a progression of one goal to another. For instance, once you pay off your highest interest debt, you can start saving for a new car. Stacking can help motivate you through the more tedious goals so you can get to the exciting ones!

Step 3: Create a realistic budget

In order to achieve your goals, you need a budget, one that takes all of your expenses into account. It is common that people may know their monthly expenses and overlook the rest. There are other things to take into account such as car insurance, taxes, other periodic expenses.

Financial planning startup LearnVest is known for its 50/20/30 Rule for budgeting, which specifies that no more than 50 percent of your income should go to essential living expenses (like housing, utilities, transpor

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# Woodstock Theft Detecting Society celebrates 225 years



Ann Marie Barrette and Karen Swanburg

between the Constitution reading and the Annual Roll Call. This year's meeting was held at the South Woodstock Baptist Church on Roseland Park Road (interesting side note: 2017 was the church's 225th Year Anniversary). The highly anticipated potluck luncheon is enjoyed by all members, following the roll call and then the business meeting is called to order. It began with the President's message and it welcomed everyone in attendance, discussed the Society's presence on FaceBook with a page started in January 2016. Then discussed how social media is helping town people to be aware of break-ins and suspicious activity and how we all look out for each other. Karen recognized Paul Lynn for being a member of the Society for 50 years. An annual award is presented to the "Most Improved Woodstock Resident Young Rider of Woodstock Fair Horse Show". This is keeping with the equine theme of the Society and it is quite an honor to receive the huge trophy. This year's winner was 11 year old Ann Marie Barrette, daughter of Roger and Becky Barrette of Woodstock Acres Stable. She began showing at the Fair at 4 years old in the Leadline division. Then the meeting moved on to the reading of the 2016 Annual meeting minutes by Clerk, Mary Ellen Blake and then the Treasurer's Annual Report by Everett Cowley. The Nominating Committee lead by Judy Hosmer presented the slate of officers and with no additions from the floor, the officers voted in were: President Karen L. Swanberg, Vice President Paul Larson, Clerk Mary Ellen Blake, Treasurer Everett Cowley and Collector Ann Marie Jette. Members of



Everett Cowley

BY KAREN SWANBERG

WOODSTOCK — In 1793, the Woodstock Theft Detecting Society was formed by Woodstock business and property owners. The very first President was Samuel McClellan. It became incorporated in 1824 and the Constitution of the WTDS was adopted in November 1834. The Society celebrated their 225th anniversary with a celebration on Jan. 13 at the South Woodstock Baptist Church on Roseland Park Road.

All new members must be approved by two-thirds of the members in attendance of a meeting. This year we welcomed seven new members following in the articles of the Society. There shall be one regular meeting held the second Saturday of January each year (this was amended on December 28, 2010 from being on the Tuesday between Christmas and New Years). Article 5.

Nine persons shall be chosen

annually as pursuers who shall furnish themselves with able horses, and shall pursue on the shortest notice all persons guilty of theft by stealing the property of any member of this Society. The pursuers were only called out for Members of the Society. It has been a very long time since the pursuers had to saddle up and chase a thief. An amendment adopted Dec. 30, 1919 that Ladies be eligible to membership in this Society under the same rules and qualifications as the men.

In keeping with the traditions, this year's meeting began at 11:30 a.m. with the reading of the WTDS Constitution and at high noon the Roll Call of members is conducted by the Clerk. This year we were honored with a State of Connecticut General Assembly Official Citation, introduced by Patrick Boyd and Senator Anthony Guglielmo for the 225th Anniversary of the WTDS. Representative Pat Boyd made the presentation to President Karen L. Swanberg

all committees were read and then the business meeting was stopped to allow our esteemed guest speaker, Dexter Young to take the center stage. He gave an incredible talk about his family's long history as Youngs Livery. It was a business of buying and selling Draft work horses and carriage horses in South Woodstock (at the present location of Garden Gate Florist Shop). The antique pictures, business receipts from other related town businesses and the stories kept everyone interested. Then it was back to business. Committee chairs updated the membership on the 2017 activities, 7 new Members were voted in and the President asked all members to please share any old photos they may have from prior meetings and activities. Then the executive committee shared the news about the Book being published this year, thanks to a very generous anonymous donor making it all possible at no expense to the Society. It was shared that the Clerk's

records from 1866-1961 were lost to the Society when the only copies, in a private home, were boxed and sold after the passing of the Clerk. When it was discovered, members of the WTDS tried to locate the buyer but with no luck. The sales of the book will be put towards carrying the Society forward and to place ads in Antique Collector publications and on social media to hopefully locate the missing history. In 2017, we lost our long time member, Robert Holland and held a moment of silence in his memory. The Annual meeting was adjourned by a motion and seconded and another great event becomes history.

Please follow the "Woodstock Theft Detecting Society" page on Facebook. Our activities coming up in 2018 will be shared there along with other pictures and working on a video of the guest speaker's presentation.

## FINANCE

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tation, and groceries), no less than 20 percent should go to your financial priorities (such as retirement planning and an emergency fund), and no more than 30 percent should go toward your lifestyle (things like shopping, clothing, entertainment, fitness, and all the other frills in life).

Your budget should start with comprehensive look at your income and determine the best way to utilize that income on a monthly or weekly basis. Utilize LearnVest's 50/20/30 Rule, come up with your own framework, or plan a budget with an advisor.

Step 4. Automate

After you've figured out your expenses,

then you can figure out how much income you have left to put aside into savings and retirement. One strategy is to automatically deduct that percentage to go into a separate account.

In fact, you're best served by automating as much of your budget as possible so you're not relying on willpower or your memory to stay on track. Most banks and service providers have automated payment systems that you can use to completely automate your financial life. Setting up weekly or monthly payments will not only take off the mental burden and keep you on track, but will also help smooth out your cash flow. If you've ever forgotten a payment, you know that \$100 missed payment this month means a \$200 payment (plus a late fee) next month.

Step 5: Check on your progress

Once you've made a plan, make sure you check in regularly so that you stay on track. Whether you've got an advisor or you're managing your plan on your own, you need to make sure you're staying the course, and be aware of under-utilizing your funds.

Financial is not a one-and-done solution, but rather a base plan that should be reviewed and updated periodically. Financial plans should be revisited annually with a financial advisor, or anytime you've had a big life event. After weddings, graduations, or any other major event, reassessing your budget may be important.

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## RUNNERS

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ple feel," she said.

New to the area, Segesdy is hoping to inspire other women to accomplish their goals, feel strong, and support other local women. Excited by her passion and drive, I spoke with the avid runner about her vision.

**How did StrengthnHerSole begin?**

"It has been a long journey. I originally thought of starting something about 4-5 years ago. I bought the domain names and brainstormed. But I didn't know what it exactly was yet. I kept it on the back burner and daydreamed big about it and what I wanted it to be. But within the last year, I realized there were a couple of things in my life I felt were missing. And I couldn't be the only person who felt that way."

**What did you feel was missing?**

"I have three kids five and under. Stayed home for a while with them. There was a lot of loss of identity in that, being a stay at home mom and a wife. We could never get together because of our schedules and I started to feel very lonely. I didn't feel it was how people were supposed to live."

**That sounds like a feeling many women**



Pomfret resident Sarah Segesdy is hoping to bring women together through her newly formed running and social group StrengthnHerSole.

experience.

"The more I talked to other women, they had also felt similarly, whether they had kids or not. Lost themselves in relationships, taking care of parents. We're the givers. The caretakers. It's something seen as the outside world as a weakness. And I was determined to say it's not a weakness. The things that make us who we are are superpowers. You have to be a superhero to sacrifice yourself. There needs to be this strong powerful community of women who raise each other up."

**And this is how you hope to bring these women together. And fill that void they may be feeling.**

"I want us to feel incredible. I want us

to feel like we matter and we're worth it. And my way of doing that is running. That's what makes me feel powerful and strong. 45 minutes a day where I'm not a daughter, mother, wife, sister, friend... I'm just a woman doing something that makes me feel strong. If I feel that way, there has to be other people that feel that way."

**I get that. As a runner, you just feel amazing after a successful run.**

"There's such a strong correlation between working hard and getting better. There's success at every level. You can feel so good about yourself, even if you aren't the best on the team. Runners just have this closeness about them. It doesn't matter if you run a 10 minute

mile or six minute... If you're running the fastest you can, you feel the same at the end of the race. There's so much support in that community. We're quirky. We're weird. And we just love each other."

**So why not bring all these runners together?**

"I decided that this was a two part. It's a running club. But it's also a community of women. I want it to be women who support each other. Eventually I want speakers. And I want to start our own 5K or at least run a 5K in April as a group. I want to empower women to feel good about themselves."

**You're definitely hoping to keep growing this group. What made you so passionate about finally putting together StrengthnHerSole?**

"I just moved here and kept feeling I wasn't ready. But I got endometriosis, when uterine lining grows outside of uterus. They believe one in 10 women have it, but the treatment is very old school. The average amount of time it takes to get diagnosed is eight to 10 years. It presents itself as other things. I don't have it as bad as other women. I don't have cysts. But this last year my life was really hard. And I needed a support group. I needed people around me. You never know what's going to happen. You



Sarah Segesdy has been running and coaching track and field her whole life. She fell in love with how strong it made people feel. And she wants to use it to bring women in the Quiet Corner together to support one another.

never know when you'll just be down for the count. You can't wait for things to be perfect. I'm just going to do it."

**How has the running group been going?**

"We just started two weeks ago. At the moment, we're meeting at the Putnam Hale YMCA on Sunday morning while the weather is still crappy. On a treadmill, you can all run different paces but be all in one place. Some people can even walk or do the elyptical. Then after went to Victoria's Station. We hung out

and talked about being women. It was awesome. I want to meet Sunday mornings. And we'll grow enough that we can break off into own paced groups. We can all meet up afterwards. Nobody should be left out. We're open to every woman."

If you're interested in joining, find out more on the Facebook Group: StrengthnHerSole.

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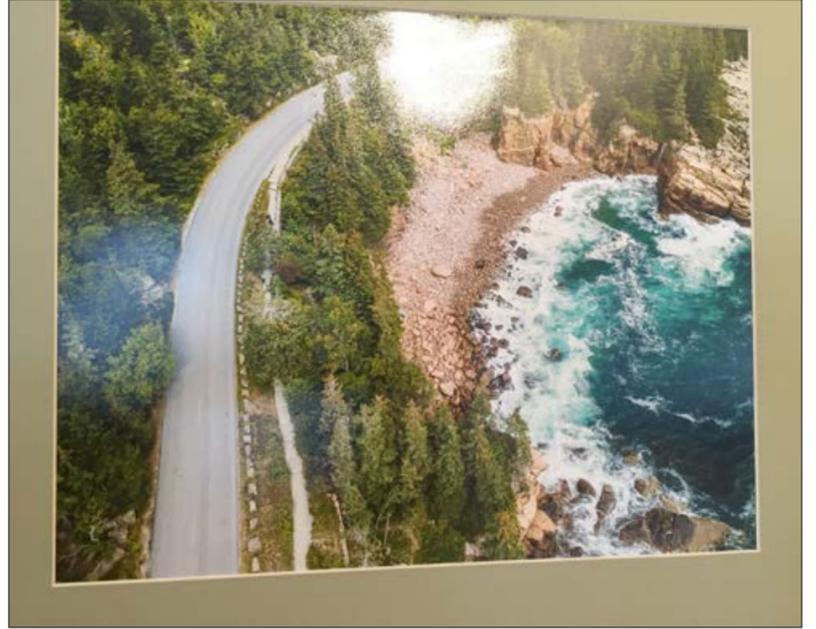
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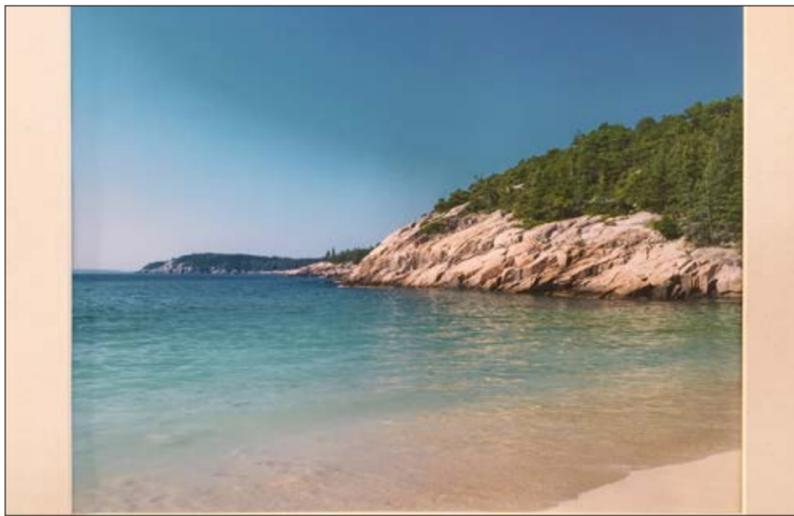
"Red, White and Blue"

POMFRET — Thompson artist Michael Belinski started photographing culture and landscapes while studying abroad in London while attending the Western New England University. The photographs being displayed at the Vanilla Bean Cafe feature many of Belinski's newer work with aerial photography, which helped him "gain a new perspective."

Olivia Richman photos



"Rugged New England Coast"



"Sand Beach"



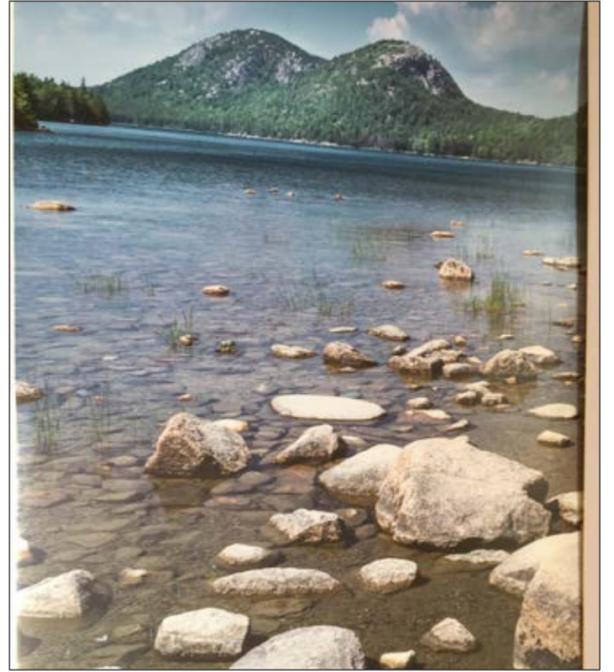
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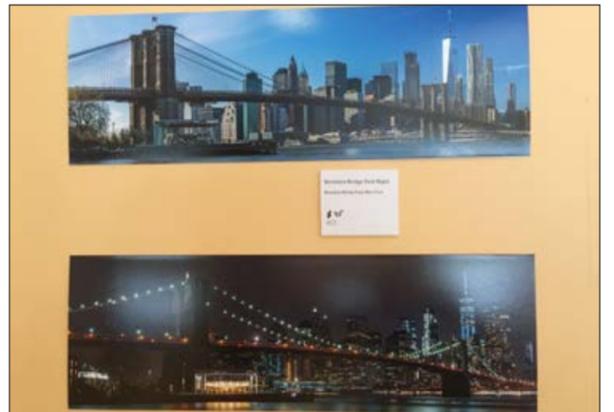
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# Hewitt to retire as bankHometown CEO

PUTNAM — bankHometown announced on Jan. 12 that Michael D. Hewitt, its President and Chief Executive Officer, has decided to retire on June 30.

“We have been very fortunate to have Mike Hewitt as the leader of our Bank since 2013. His vast banking experience and strong leadership will be missed by us all. We wish Mike all the best in retirement,” said Sam S. Pappas, bankHometown chairman of the board.

Hewitt joined the bank in 2011 and was appointed president and chief executive officer in 2013. The bank has more than doubled in size under his leadership and is widely considered to be one of the best performing banks in the region.

“I have truly enjoyed my time at bankHometown. I am grateful for having had the opportunity to work closely with the dedicated professionals on bankHome-

town’s Board of Directors over the past five years. It goes without saying that I will miss my daily interactions with bankHometown’s exceptionally talented staff and management team. With that said, after 40 years in banking, I am excited to turn my attention to spending more time with my family,” Hewitt said.

To provide continuity and maintain the bank’s strategic direction, the bankHometown board of directors has chosen to fill Hewitt’s role with Matthew S. Sosik, the president and chief executive officer of bankHometown’s mutual holding company.

“This decision maximizes our flexibility and leaves many strategic opportunities available to us. Matt formerly served as President and Chief Executive Officer of bankHometown for a period of 17 years up until 2013. We are fortunate to have someone with the familiarity and experi-

ence with bankHometown who can seamlessly fill Mike’s role upon his retirement,” Pappas said.

bankHometown is headquartered in Oxford, Mass. and has \$735 million in assets. In 2016, bankHometown merged its mutual holding company with that of bankESB, a \$1.35 billion bank headquartered in Easthampton, Mass. The two banks are now both subsidiaries of Hometown Financial Group, MHC, a \$2.2 billion mutual holding company. The two banks operate autonomously and share many of their back office and administrative resources.

“We are committed to mutuality and strongly believe in the value of our mutual holding company model. We hope to attract other like-minded banks into our growing and successful company as scale and size have become critical elements of being successful in today’s banking environment,”

Sosik said. “As excited as I am about the future of our mutual holding company and our two affiliate banks, I am truly excited for Mike on his upcoming and well deserved retirement. Mike is a great banker, but he’s an even better person, and all of us wish him the very best in his retirement later this year.”

bankHometown has served its communities since 1889 and operates 13 full service offices; eight in central Massachusetts and five located in northeastern Connecticut including Putnam. Depositors of bankHometown have their deposits insured by the Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation for amounts up to \$250,000 with amounts in excess of \$250,000 insured in full by the Share Insurance Fund, a private excess insurer.



Courtesy photo

Michael D. Hewitt will retire as CEO of bankHometown

## TEEG

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ready their child, encourages them to read with their kids.

A large buzzword in the community right now is ACES, which stands for adverse childhood experiences, said Miller. It describes children who may experience physical or emotional

neglect. It’s educational neglect and failure to provide for a child’s basic needs.

“We want to reduce the ACES score for these children,” said Miller. “We believe if we can reduce these symptoms at an early age, we can increase opportunities for individual as they grow to be successful.”

The program - which was created with help from DCF’s Deputy Commissioner of Operations Dr.

Janice Gruendel and the Harvard Center for the Developing Child - is looking for schools in Thompson to come forward with families who may benefit from the program.

Participants will be offered incentives for enrolling, which include free diapers and wipes, free field trips and free transportation. To learn more about Hand In Hand contact TEEG at (860) 923-3458.

“We’re so extremely grateful for the

Glass Foundation,” said Miller. “It’s been a chance for us to grow as well. And we’re really excited to offer this to the local community, to improve the lives of up to 10 families a year. It fills a gap that’s missing.”

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## LIBRARIAN

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It’s amazing how many people didn’t even know how to use one.”

She slowly worked her way up to a Children’s Librarian in South Windham. And now she’s made the big change of becoming a Children’s Librarian in Pomfret. While South Windham was a more

lower income city environment where Mather often wrote grants towards helping out families in the area, Mather has noticed that Pomfret is a lot more rural.

It will be a big change for her.

But one thing hasn’t changed: Her love of working with children.

“It makes me feel young,” she said. “I enjoy expanding their

minds and helping them to learn and grow.”

Continuing the library’s tradition, Mather will be doing two story times a week. But she has many ideas for expanding the library’s children’s programming, focused on STEM.

“I enjoy doing science experiments with the kids,” she said. “They get kind of excited when they see how things

react or work.”

Outside of school, the library makes science fun, she noted. That big difference really helps children learn.

Some of her ideas include building simple catapults to fling marshmallows. Building things with LEGOs (from her own giant personal collection of LEGO blocks), and creating things with food.

“A lot of kids like to

cook,” she said. “We don’t have the facility for cooking. But we can turn food into something like a cupcake war. Or maybe making a penguin out of a Swiss Roll and some marshmallows and oranges. It’s just being creative with everyday foods. Things they may not have thought of as art before.”

When Mather is not working, she loves

spending time with friends and family, reading, cooking, crafts (beading and scrapbooking). And being with her dog.

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# Thompson Family donates land to Wyndham Land Trust



Susan and Sherman Waldron.

THOMPSON — The Sherman and Susan Waldron family recently donated 191 acres of forested land on Bull Hill in Thompson to the Wyndham Land Trust—the largest single donation in the 42-year history of the land trust.

“We do what we can to influence our little corner of the planet,” said Susan Waldron. “Donating the land was a seamless, straightforward process, and anybody with land should consider it. It wasn’t complicated; you just have to make the decision. Our family had a vision for the land, and I feel the land trust shared that vision—we have a like mind. Now I feel like we’re part of the future and not stuck in the past.”

Susan’s husband, Sherman “Doc” Waldron, was a fixture in the life of North Grosvenordale for almost half a century. He was raised on a large farm in South Windsor, CT, where he learned to love and respect the land. After a brief spell in the Navy, he graduated from Tufts University Medical School in 1950 and joined Dr. Walter Rowson’s established family practice in North Grosvenordale. Sherman planned to train as an orthopedic surgeon, but his plans were thwarted when Dr. Rowson died suddenly, and Sherman found himself running the practice.

Sherman tended to the community for the next 35 years. “He knew the children, the par-

ents, and the grandparents,” explained Susan, who worked as a registered nurse in his office. “These were his people, and he became embroidered into the fabric of the town.”

The region went through some tough times in those 35 years, and some patients struggled to pay their medical bills. Susan remembers the first time Sherman came home with a chicken that he had accepted in lieu of payment. Historically, families in Thompson owned small, landlocked woodlots on Bull Hill, and Sherman found himself accepting these lots to cover medical expenses. By the time he retired in 1986, Sherman owned 16 lots on Bull Hill totaling 191

acres. After his death in 1999, at age 76, the properties sat as a silent monument to his work in the community.

In January of 2017, the Wyndham Land Trust announced they had acquired 254 acres on Bull Hill and were hoping to expand their holdings in this rare, unbroken forest. Susan’s interest was piqued. She made some discreet inquiries about the land trust, and the seeds for a donation were planted. In her heart, Susan knew that Sherman would approve of her plans to keep the land protected in perpetuity through the land trust.

There’s a lot of ledge up there, and it’s too rocky for farming,” said Susan. “It supports trees and wildlife, and Sherman wanted it to stay natural. It was a joy for him to walk up there. It’s God’s natural habitat. The Wyndham Land Trust is doing important work on Bull Hill, and it made me feel good to support their mission.”

Sherman loved to hunt on the properties and introduced his son, Ed, to hunting. Ed inherited his father’s love of the land, and today he oversees the fire suppression operations at Crater Lake National Park in Oregon. Ed and his sister, Flo, a writer and blogger based in rural Pennsylvania, had supported their mother’s decision to donate the land.

“Growing up my dad always told me while we out in the woods hunting or cutting fire wood that they will never make more land, and that if you have land you should keep it and protect it,” said Ed. “That has stuck with me over the years.”

“I know as a family we never wanted to develop the land on Bull Hill. When my mom told me about donating the properties to the land trust, it sounded like a great idea. The land trust is protecting other lots in the same area, and it’s much easier for them to manage continuous parcels of land than a checkerboard of separate pieces.”

“Dad was an old-fashioned Connecticut Yankee through and



The Waldron family and the Wyndham Land Trust held an informal dedication on the day after Christmas. Left to right: Ed Waldron (with his daughter Zoey), Flo Waldron, Susan Waldron, Mike St. Lawrence (land trust president), Andy Rzeknikiewicz (land trust land manager).

through, that’s for sure,” said Flo. “Paradoxically, that made him look to the future when it came to land preservation. He wanted my brother and me to learn to love the land like he did, so we would also want to protect it for future generations. I know he had faith that Ed and I would pass on these same values to our own children. He would be so happy to know that this gift to the Wyndham Land Trust has helped preserve this land for future generations.”

“The generosity and thoughtfulness of Susan Waldron tremendously expanded the scope of our flagship preserve just months after its establishment,” said Steve Adams, a board member of the land trust. “Because of this donation, our Bull Hill preserve now extends from the southernmost end of the ridge near Route 171 on the Woodstock/Thompson/Putnam line to the northernmost end up by Auger Pond. This in itself has been a catalyst for other landowners to enter into conversations with

us to fill in the blanks. Our goal is to create one of the largest blocks of preserved and protected forest land in all of Windham County.”

Jeff Stefanik, also a member of the board of the land trust, has spent much of this winter surveying the 568 acres that the land trust now owns on Bull Hill and is intimately familiar with the property. “It’s all upland mature forest and wetlands. There are very few stone walls; the soil is rocky and poor for farming, and the land was used for wood lots and fire wood for generations. This ridge was never really populated and has very few cellar holes. The Indians called it Pomponagang Hill.”

The Wyndham Land Trust now protects over 3000 acres in ten towns in Northeast Connecticut. The land trust can be reached by emailing [info@wyndhamlandtrust.org](mailto:info@wyndhamlandtrust.org) or by calling (860) 963-2090. More information can be found at [www.wyndhamlandtrust.org](http://www.wyndhamlandtrust.org) or on their Facebook page.



Andy Rzeknikiewicz leads a group on a walk over land trust property on Bull Hill during Walktober.



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Last year's Duck Day in Eastford with Benjamin, left, Micah, center, Isaac and parents Paul and Julia Torcellini.

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Scramble also predicts sports outcomes. Assisting Scramble will be three Torcellini brothers: Micah, 14, Isaac, 12, and Benjamin, 8. To predict the weather, Scramble emerges from a model of the Ivy Glenn building and proceeds down a red carpet where he will tell us whether the next six weeks will bring more cold or more warmth. The boys wear top hats and formal dress in honor of the occasion.

# Dealership collects food, cash, for local pantries

EASTFORD — Bowen's Garage Inc., located at 184 Eastford Road, collected nearly 350 items during its 3rd Annual BGI Holiday Food Drive held throughout the month of December.

All of the non-perishable items were evenly distributed to the Eastford and Woodstock food pantries. Nearly \$100 in cash, all donated by BGI customers, was also divided among the two pantries.

"We want to thank all of our customers that donated to our food drive this

year," said owner Stephen Bowen. "The need is greater than ever. Thank you all for stepping up and for lending a helping hand to our communities."

Woodstock Board of Selectmen Office Manager Julie Woodland accepted the donations for the Woodstock pantry, and expressed her gratitude on behalf of the town, saying that donations are always needed, and every little bit helps.

Steven Broderick, who organizes the Eastford Food Pantry with his wife,

Karen, said the pantry needs all the assistance it can get, regardless of the season.

"The Eastford Food Pantry supplies needy families with monthly food packages year round," Broderick said. "We rely completely on private donations — no tax dollars are used to support our efforts. Every town has families in need, and every town has children and elderly who simply don't have enough to eat at times. Eastford is no exception.

To have such a well-known and respected local business as Bowen's Garage collecting donations is huge for us. It raises the profile of the food pantry and those in need across the town. Part of being a true community is the willingness to extend a helping hand to those who need one, and Bowen's has exemplified this for many years. We can't thank them enough."



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Nearly 350 items were collected over the last month at Bowen's Garage Inc., in Eastford, to benefit the Eastford and Woodstock food pantries.



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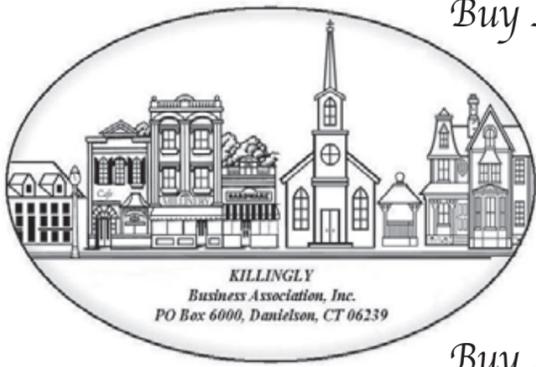


Bowen's Garage salesman Adam Minor with the food donated to the Woodstock food pantry last week.

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# Dauphinais endorses networking support to veterans

HARTFORD — State Representatives Anne Dauphinais (Rep. 44th District, Killingly) recently took part in a veterans and first responders workshop designed to bring case management resources to help them buy a home, gain employment, or learn new career skills in to better prepare them for the

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According to Cristina Mazzoni, Assistant Chairman and daughter of co-owner Chaloult, Base Camp offers many services designed to help identify those next steps for veterans when it comes to their lives and careers as many of them have spent numerous years enlisted and don't feel if they fit, and if they do, how they fit.

Currently Veterans Base Camp are trying to identify funding opportunities and are currently partnering with Project New Hope based out of Wooster, Massachusetts to bring veterans onsite for various military related retreats.

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During the search, Troopers located and seized numerous rocks of crack cocaine each pre-packaged for street level sales inside the vehicle. Troopers arrested Henry "Hank" Tyus, 36, of 160 Farrows Street, Putnam. Tyus was transported to Troop D and charged with Possession of Narcotics 21a-279(a), Possession of Narcotics WITS - 21A-278(b) and Failure to Signal 14-242. Tyus was released on a \$10,000 surety bond and is to appear in Danielson Superior Court on Jan. 24.



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Darnell Delouis, 32, of 861 Riverside Drive Apt. #2, Thompsom, was charged with willful violation of zoning regulations

Putnam Police Department

Saturday, Jan. 6

Jose Ruiz, 29, of 355 School St. unit A Putnam, was charged with Assault 3rd, Disorderly Conduct, Interfering with an Emergency Call, Risk of Injury to a Minor.

Monday, Jan. 8

Matthew Azevedo, 36, of 9 Lyon St. Putnam, was charged with Disorderly Conduct, Assault 3rd, Unlawful Restraint 2nd, Criminal Mischief 3rd.

Jennifer Dyer, 37, of 78 Dufault St. Putnam, was charged with Failure to Appear 2nd.

Thursday, Jan. 11

Jesse Davis, 23, of 6 James St East Putnam, was charged with Possession of Marijuana.

Melissa Hachey, 26, of 332 S. Main St. Putnam, was charged with Possession of Narcotics.

Saturday, Jan. 13

Megan Hassett, 29, of 44 Keech St. Putnam, was charged with Failure to Illuminate Head Lamps, Operating Under the Influence.

Daniel Machado, 27, of 31 Van Den Noort St. was charged with Operating without a License.

Sunday, Jan. 14

Dustin Norman, 35, of 52 Thayer St. Putnam, was charged with Operating an Unregistered M/V, Operating without Minimum Insurance, Operating without a License, Misuse of Plates.

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Thursday, Jan. 11

Jessica Lynn Dessert, 35, of 365 Bailey Hill Road, South Killingly, was charged with failure to carry certificate of registration/insurance, illegal operation of motor vehicle and speeding

DANIELSON

Tuesday, Jan. 9

Gary Ray Vinal, 25, of 64 Broad Street, Danielson, was charged with breach of peace and third degree assault

Thursday, Jan. 11

Robert A Notarianni, 52, of 152 North Street Apt. #B, Danielson, was charged with a warrant

PUTNAM

Friday, Jan. 12

Henry Tyus, 36, of 160 Farrows Street, Putnam, was charged with possession of narcotics

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## Tigers nip Putnam to stay in playoff hunt



Charlie Lentz photo

Tourtellotte’s Ashley Morin goes up for a shot against Putnam High on Tuesday night in Thompson.

BY CHARLIE LENTZ  
VILLAGER EDITOR

THOMPSON — Tourtellotte senior forward Skyla Wesolowski scored only one bucket in the second half against Putnam High on Tuesday night but it might mean the difference between Tourtellotte earning a berth in the state tournament or staying home. With the seconds running down and the Tigers needing a win — Wesolowski grabbed an offensive rebound with a chance to break a 33-33 deadlock against Putnam. She was well aware of the pressure on her shoulders.

“I couldn’t breathe. I was just hoping that it would go in, that was all that was on my mind,” Wesolowski said. “I was just staring at the basket.”

Wesolowski gathered herself and the rebound — and then sank her putback with six seconds left and the Tigers held on for a 35-33 victory over Putnam High at Tourtellotte Memorial on Jan. 16.

“That was all relief,” said Wesolowski of the putback. “My heart stopped beating for a minute. That was major relief.”

Major relief for the Tigers’ postseason hopes as well. The victory lifted Tourtellotte’s record to 6-7 and kept it in the hunt for a berth in the Class S tournament. Eight wins are necessary to guarantee a slot in the tournament.

“This was a huge win. We knew we had to sneak out a few wins, this was one of them. I think we’re going to gain momentum from this win,” said Tourtellotte coach Carla Faucher.

Katey Kwasniewski sank two free throws with :37 left to tie it at 33-33. Wesolowski’s game-winning bucket was perhaps the biggest of her career. Coach Faucher had called timeout with 12 seconds left to set up a shot for the Tigers — but after a miss Wesolowski had the finishing touch.

“We were looking for an outside shot. We had 12 seconds left and set up a play. Skyla read the rebound correctly and just went up — probably the best she’s played this year was tonight,” Faucher said. “She did what she had to do and I couldn’t ask for a better shot than that.”

Wesolowski finished with just four points. Junior forward Lauren Ramos led the Tigers with 13 points, 14 rebounds, and six steals. Kwasniewski added 10 points, 12 rebounds, and two assists. Sophomore guard Ashley Morin finished with seven points for the Tigers. Sophomore guard Kayleigh Lyons scored 10 points for Putnam High (9-2).

“I really rely on our defense to create our offense and I’m so happy the shots fell tonight,” Faucher said.

While the win kept Tourtellotte in the hunt for a playoff berth, it also will likely give the Tigers momentum because of the win over the Clippers. The Tigers always get up emotionally for a game against backyard rival Putnam.

“The girls were really pumped for this game. They always get excited for the Putnam game,” said Faucher.

Tourtellotte senior guard

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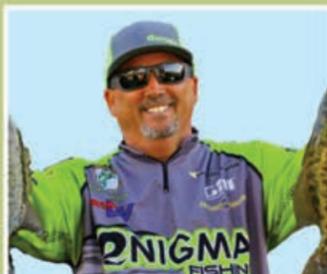
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# Tourtellotte boys seek trip to playoffs

BY CHARLIE LENTZ  
VILLAGER EDITOR

THOMPSON — Tourtellotte Memorial's roster has nine seniors and within that cohort the Tigers have height (6-foot-5 center Jackson Padula), savvy guards (Simon Silvia, Connor Weiss), and burly power forwards (Joe Bogoslofski, Devin Barbour, Ben Leveille). While those upperclassmen have plenty of court experience none of them have ever played a game in the state Class S state tournament. It's now or never.

"These guys, I gave them the opportunity to play over some of the older kids years ago, and I said 'When you take these beatings you have to use that — not only as a motivation but as a lesson of the level that you need to get yourself to,'" Bernier said. "I think we're beyond the moral victory part. We have to start finishing games off."

Coach Bernier, in his fourth season, believes the basketball lessons delivered when his seniors were underclassmen should be learned by now. He won't be satisfied with simply reaching the state tourney.

"I'm not happy with just getting there," Bernier said. "I want to win a game when we get there too."

Eight wins are required to guarantee a berth in the state tourney. The Tigers fell just short last season, earning seven wins.

"We have a goal. We have the numbers up on the wall in the locker room, to get to eight to get in the tournament," Bernier said. "Ten games, eight games, I don't care what it is. We have to get there."

Tourtellotte fell to Griswold 61-47 in an Eastern Connecticut Conference game at Canty Gymnasium on Jan. 11. The Tigers stayed within striking distance until midway through

the fourth quarter, Leveille sank a free throw with 5:42 remaining to pull Tourtellotte within one point, 43-42 — Griswold outscored the Tigers 18-5 the rest of the way to pull out the victory. Coach Bernier said the Tigers have to be able to finish down the stretch.

"(Griswold) made the plays at the end that we didn't make and made the shots that we didn't make," Bernier said. "Sometimes it's just a little more effort. We have a lot of guys but right now we have maybe seven guys who are ready for the speed of this game. (Griswold) had a deeper lineup than we have. Sometimes it's just the effort, energy, the focus — the details. When the ball's bouncing away from you, do you want it more than the next guy? If you want it more than him you'll find a way to get there, I don't care if he's faster than you. That's something we have to get more consistent at."

Bernier hasn't made it easy on his team, scheduling some tough non-conference opponents in hopes of toughening them up for a rigorous ECC schedule. In the season opener Tourtellotte was defeated by Windsor Locks, 62-26, but the game served a purpose.

"Early in the year we could have scheduled this team or that team but we played Windsor Locks because we needed a challenge early on to see where we measured up. We needed to see someone who had speed and pressure — expose our mistakes when we can correct them at the beginning of the year. It's not going to help us when it's too late," Bernier said. "We're to the point now with this group and all this experience that we have — that nothing should be eye-opening to us anymore. We should be able to handle things like that." Bernier was disappointed

with a 69-45 at Lyman Memorial on Jan. 6.

"We weren't ready to play. It was a Saturday. Guys were just kind of walking around, there was no energy," Bernier said. "At least tonight (against Griswold) we had energy, there were just a few plays that didn't go our way."

Padula scored a team-high 12 points in the loss to Griswold. Weiss tallied eight points and Silvia and junior guard Spencer Fulone each added seven points. Max Gregory led the Wolverines with 19 points. Bryce Mileski added 14 points for Griswold. The win lifted Griswold's record to 4-1.

The loss to Griswold dropped the Tigers record to 3-4. Tourtellotte is next scheduled to travel to Plainfield High on Friday, Jan. 19, with the tipoff set for 7 p.m. Eight wins remain the goal for nine seniors.

The coach expects his Tigers to find their stride.

"We can score. Sometimes in the past we lacked the ability to shoot the ball. I'd like to see some of them step up in games and shoot like they do in practice," Bernier said. "Once those shots start dropping, hopefully, then I'll think you'll see this offense go to a different level of play."

Bernier said one more goal remains for a group of seniors who have never made a trip to the postseason.

"I think Tourtellotte's won one game in the state tournament since like 1987," Bernier said. "I said it would be a historical thing for you guys to be able to accomplish that. So that's been the mission all year."

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Charlie Lentz photo

Tourtellotte's Spencer Fulone goes up for a layup against Griswold.

## Putnam girls in command in Class S



Charlie Lentz photo

Ashley Burke goes up for a shot against Tourtellotte on Tuesday night in Thompson.

BY CHARLIE LENTZ  
VILLAGER EDITOR

THOMPSON — While Putnam High exited Canty Gymnasium on Tuesday night with a tough 35-33 loss at the hands of Tourtellotte Memorial — the Clippers still owned a 9-2 record as the basketball season reaches its halfway point. So while the loss to their backyard rival wasn't fun, the Clippers are still in good shape for a high seeding for the Class S state tournament.

"We're just going to work to keep improving and keep getting better but I'm really proud of the kids and what they've accomplished so far," said Putnam coach Mandi Hogan.

The Clippers fell behind Tourtellotte 14-7 after one quarter and trailed 24-14 late in the second quarter. It took them three quarters to get going.

"We came out in the first half and we couldn't find a shot. We had plenty of opportunities we just couldn't finish on any of them," Hogan said. "We had to play catch-up the whole entire game."

Putnam sophomore guard Kayleigh Lyons sank a three-pointer with 3:46 left in the game to give the Clippers a 32-31. Putnam's Molly McKeon hit a foul shot with :53 remaining to extend the Clippers margin to 33-31. Tourtellotte senior guard Katey Kwasniewski sank two free throws with :37 left to tie it at 33-33. Tourtellotte senior forward Skylia Wesolowski scored with six seconds

remaining to give the Tigers the win.

"We had too many turnovers," Hogan said. "We had just too many turnovers right at the end. Every turnover leads to two points in my book. We just need to get better with management and try to finish up some passes and be a little bit more physical in the paint."

Lyons finished 10 points for Putnam High. Senior guard Ashley Burke and sophomore guard Molly McKeon each added eight points for the Clippers. Junior forward Lauren Ramos led the Tigers with 13 points, 14 rebounds, and six steals. Kwasniewski added 10 points, 12 rebounds, and two assists. Sophomore guard Ashley Morin finished with seven points for the Tigers. Putnam (9-2) is next scheduled to play at St. Bernard on Monday, Jan. 22. Tourtellotte (6-7) is next scheduled to play host to St. Bernard on Friday, Jan. 19.

Hogan expects her Clippers to bounce back.

"I lost four senior starters from last year. We're young. We're a team of the future. We have a lot of growing to do," Hogan said. "I have a lot of young kids that I'm turning to and putting the pressure on in games like this. We have a young squad to work with and a team to grow with."

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## Villager Newspapers COMMUNITY SPOTLIGHT

"Shining a light on community events"

January 22, Mon., 12pm

Pomfret Public Library will host a free Robert Frost Lunch. Registration requested but not required at [pomfretlibrary.org](http://pomfretlibrary.org) or call 860-928-3475. Join the Pomfret Library Friends and Avery Tillinghast, who will play audiotapes of Frost reading his works during the lunch. Pomfret Public Library, 449 Pomfret Street, Pomfret.



"Two roads diverged in a yellow wood,  
And sorry I could not travel both  
And be one traveler, long I stood  
And looked down one as far as I could  
To where it bent in the undergrowth;"

- Robert Frost

January 20, Sat., 4:30-6:30pm

Westfield Church, 2018 Third Saturday Suppers, Swedish Meatballs, 210 Main Street, Killingly, Swedish meatballs, vegetable, bread, beverage, and our famous dessert room. \$12 Adults/ \$8 Child (ages 10 and under) Eat in or Take out!

world of simple machines and how to combine them to form chain reactions. 10 Week UCONN Program open to ages 9-13. For information & to register: [www.killinglypl.org](http://www.killinglypl.org) on the events calendar or call 860-779-5383

January 20, Sat., 9:30am

Book Club, Clementine: The Life of Mrs. Winston Churchill. Bracken Memorial Library, 57 Academy Road, Woodstock.

January 23, Tues., 7pm

Bingo every Tuesday at the VFW, 1523 Providence Street, Putnam.

January 22, Mon., 6:30 pm

(Snow date Tuesday, Jan 23, 6:30pm) Film showing: TAPPED, Film and Discussion. Free Admission Explores the bottled water industry and its effects on health, climate change, pollution and reliance on oil. Showing at CT Audubon Center at Pomfret, 218 Day Rd. Pomfret. Sponsored by The Pomfret Green Team. email: [pomfretgt@gmail.com](mailto:pomfretgt@gmail.com)

January 24, 7-9pm

Protecting Family Farms and Forest, Knowlton Memorial Hall, 25 Pompey Hollow Road, Ashford, presented by TLGV. This workshop is to help landowners determine whether they want to ensure some or all of their land remains open space permanently. The workshop is free.

January 23, Tues., 5:30 - 6:30pm (through March 27)

Simple Machines and Chain Reactions at the Killingly Public Library - Explore the

January 26, Fri., noon to 8pm

Knights of Columbus Council 2087 will hold a Friday fish fry, in the Knights Hall, 1017 Riverside Drive, North Grosvenordale. Fish and chips (\$10); fried clams (\$14); scallops (\$11-14); seafood platters (\$17), and more. 860-923-2967, [council2087@att.net](mailto:council2087@att.net).

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# Woodstock icers fall to Housatonic/NW/Wamogo



Charlie Lentz photo

Woodstock's Guerin Favreau, left, and Housy-NW-Wamogo's Jack McAuliffe go after the puck Monday in Pomfret.



Charlie Lentz photo

Woodstock's Jake Black skates against the Mountaineers on Monday.

**BY CHARLIE LENTZ**  
VILLAGER EDITOR

**POMFRET** — Woodstock Academy matched Housatonic/Northwest/Wamogo both early — and late. It's the in-between that led to a 5-2 loss. Woodstock was tied 2-2 with Housatonic in the first period — but the Mountaineers scored three unanswered goals and went on to defeat the Centaurs 5-2 in hockey on Monday at Pomfret School's Jahn Rink.

Woodstock head coach Mike Starr missed the game while battling a case of the flu. Assistant coach Kevin Johns said the Centaurs shut down the Mountaineers in the third period. And Woodstock outshot Housatonic 15-4 in the final frame — but it was too late.

"The third period, we'll have to take away from

that so we can get to the next game and build on for the next game," Johns said. "I think we dominated the third period. Hopefully we can carry that over to the next game.

Avery Riva and Matt Odom each scored first-period goals for Woodstock. Housatonic's Jack McAuliffe tallied at 6:51 of the first period to give the Mountaineers the lead for good, 3-2. Housatonic added goals from Cam Wilhelm and Owen Byrne in the second period to complete the scoring. Jake Black notched two assists and Riva had one assist for Woodstock. Luke Mollica scored two first-period goals for Housatonic.

"We're trying to look for a little leadership right now on the team. I think the team's trying to find its identity right

now. Those guys will emerge soon. Hopefully we can build on that," coach Johns said.

Woodstock led Housatonic/Northwest/Wamogo 35-27 in shots. Woodstock goaltender Dylan Shea had 22 saves. Housatonic/Northwest/Wamogo goaltender Matthew Murray had 31 saves.

The win lifted Housatonic/Northwest/Wamogo's record to 3-4. The loss dropped Woodstock's record to 2-4. Woodstock is next scheduled to play host to Tri-Town, with the puck set to drop at 8:15 p.m. on Saturday, Jan. 20, at Pomfret School's Jahn Rink.

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Woodstock's Dylan Shea guards the net.

# Woodstock Academy girls find their stride

**BY CHARLIE LENTZ**  
VILLAGER EDITOR

**WOODSTOCK** — Jamie Woods and Heather Converse take care of the inside game for Woodstock Academy. Coach Will Fleton refers to Woods and Converse as his "biggs" and knows they work better in the paint when their perimeter partners add to the mix. The blend was working in a 43-33 victory over Waterford last Friday night at Alumni

Fieldhouse.

"Now I've got the guards attacking the rim," Fleton said. "We need that if we're going to pound the ball inside — that's the sister to the inside play. We have to have that balance. That's something that we've worked on, perimeter players getting to the rim, finishing themselves. We're naturally so unselfish, they get to the paint and they look for the biggs. So I told them to be

greedy."

Woodstock's backcourt avarice helped topple Waterford in an Eastern Connecticut Conference matchup on Jan. 12. The win lifted the Centaurs record to 7-3 and put them atop the ECC Division II with a 3-0 conference mark.

"This was a very important win. This puts us up in the ECC standings," said Woods, a senior forward. "We're continuing to move forward and we're excited for the rest of the season."

Woods tallied a game-high 13 points and Converse, a junior forward, added 11 points to lead the Centaurs. Woodstock got a lift from senior guards Madison Brennan and Mackenzie Cayer during two critical runs just before, and after, halftime. The surges helped the Centaurs get some separation from the Lancers.

Woodstock trailed 15-7 early in the second quarter but clawed back with the help of Brennan and Cayer. Brennan connected on a 15-footer with 5:52 left in the second quarter to pull the Centaurs within four points, 15-11, and then Brennan sank a runner in the lane with 5:11 left to get Woodstock within a bucket, 15-13. Woods tallied from close range with 1:11 left in the half to give the Centaurs a 22-19 margin and they led 22-21 at the intermission.

Following the break, Woodstock outscored Waterford 18-2 in the third quarter — Cayer sank a 13-footer with 4:48 left in the third frame to stretch the Centaurs lead to 29-21 and then hit a driving bucket with 3:09 left in the frame to push the margin to 33-21. Woodstock led 40-23 after three quarters.

"(Brennan and Cayer) both played well offensively and defensively. The key was they attacked the rim," Fleton said. "The guards attacked the rim. The biggs always attack the rim."

The Centaurs pulled away in the second half after shutting down Waterford's top-gun — 5-foot-9 junior guard Julianna Bonilla.

"(Bonilla) has to carry the load. They've got some injuries. They had some foul trou-

ble. So I knew that (Bonilla) would have to step it up so we tried to prevent her from stepping it up because she is a quality player and she's capable of winning that game herself," Fleton said.

Bonilla scored 10 first-half points but was limited to just two points on a pair of free throws in the second half for the Lancers (6-4). Woods said the Centaurs defense was key in the second half.

"They had some biggs and we had to front them. We played good 'D'. That's where we take pride, in our 'D'," Woods said.

Fleton was pleased his Centaurs didn't get frazzled after they fell behind 15-7 early in the second quarter, but closed out the first half on a 15-8 run.

"I think I sweating a little more and worried than they were. So it was nice to see that," Fleton said. "I feel really good about that, particularly because it shows their compo-

sure."

Woodstock is next scheduled to play at Bacon Academy on Friday, Jan. 19. Fleton hoped his inside-outside keeps working and the composure they showed against the Lancers continues in the second half of the season.

"That was a young group that's been together for a while. Now they're seniors — on that stage and those moments (tonight) they looked like seniors," Fleton said. "I feel like we're still in a good position to secure our goals. We want to get a home game here for the (state) tourney. The girls set a goal to be in the top of the standings of the ECC for our division — fortunately tonight we're in position one (in the ECC Division II) — so we've got to be happy with that."

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Woodstock's Madison Brennan goes up for a shot over Waterford's Olivia Pacheco on Jan. 12 at Alumni Fieldhouse in Woodstock.



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Woodstock's Mackenzie Cayer distributes past Waterford's Amy Pinch.

# Foucault gives up Tri-Town coaching job



John Foucault

Charlie Lentz photo

PUTNAM — John Foucault recently resigned from the head coaching job for the Tri-Town American Legion Senior Division baseball team. Tri-Town represents American Legion Post 13 in Putnam, Post 67 in Grosvenordale, and Post 111 in Woodstock.

Foucault said business interests and a desire to spend more time with family and pursuing leisure time activities were the primary reasons for the decision to resign. He's been involved with baseball in the Putnam area on a variety of levels for the past 17 years.

"Baseball has been a big part of my life since 2000. Although I'll miss being on the field with the players, I feel it's time to spend more time with my family and investigating business interests," said Foucault.

Foucault joined the Tri-Town program in

2012 as an assistant coach with the Junior Division team. He's spent the past three summers as the head coach of the Senior Division team. During his tenure with the Seniors he led the Towners to the State Tournament in 2016, where they lost in a close contest to West Hartford, an eventual State finalist that year.

Foucault was proud of the young men he's coached during his five-year stint with the program.

"Working with these young men and seeing their development as players has been the most rewarding part of the coaching experience. Not being in the dugout will leave a void in my life, but I hope to take in an occasional game, time permitting," said Foucault.

A 1987 graduate of Ware (Mass.) High

School, he's been married to the former Pam Bianchi for 25 years. They have two sons and a daughter. Alec is a graduate of Wentworth University. Nicholas is a student at the University of Hartford. Morgan plans to attend American International College in September. Foucault's first local involvement with baseball was with the Putnam Little League. He coached the Putnam Junior League All Star team to a district championship in 2012, the first time that had been accomplished in Putnam since 1978. He's also served as assistant baseball coach at Putnam High School for the past six years, a position he is vacating.

"John's been a real asset to our program and American Legion baseball. He's not only developed players on the field but he's been a positive

influence on the players as young men. We'll miss his enthusiasm and energy," said Tri-Town Executive Committee Chairman Ron Coderre.

Coderre said Foucault is leaving the program in great condition. A large number of talented players are expected to return for the upcoming season. He also plans on remaining involved as a member of the Executive Committee.

"The team has a solid pool of players who should provide a winning formula in the upcoming seasons. These kids love baseball and always give 100 percent. This bodes well for the future of the program," said Foucault.

Coderre said the Executive Committee has met to discuss a replacement for Foucault and a successor is expected to be named soon.

# Morin leads Tigers past Stafford girls

TOURTELLOTTE 40, STAFFORD 23

STAFFORD — Ashley Morin scored 17 points and had 12 rebounds to lead the Tigers past Stafford in girls basketball on Jan. 15. Lauren Ramos had four points, seven steals, and six rebounds for the Tigers. Julianna Desantis led Stafford with 12 points.

BACON 56, KILLINGLY 24

DAYVILLE — Trinity Angel scored 10 points and Kylee Mazzarella added eight points for the Redgals in Killingly's loss to Bacon Academy in girls basketball on Jan. 12. Kellie Nudd- 9-2-21 Shea- 0-2-2

WINDHAM 40, TOURTELLOTTE 37

WILLIMANTIC — Tourtellotte's Katey Kwasniewski had 11 points, 10 rebounds, two assists, and four steals in the loss to the Whippets in girls basketball on Jan. 12. Skyla Wesolowski had four points and four rebounds and Lauren Ramos had 11 points and 10 rebounds for Tourtellotte.

NFA 39, WOODSTOCK 25

NORWICH — Heather Converse led Woodstock Academy with nine points in the loss to Norwich Free Academy on Jan. 11.

KILLINGLY 39, TOURTELLOTTE 24



File photo

Killingly's Kylee Mazzarella scored 15 points in a win over Tourtellotte on Jan. 10.

THOMPSON — Kylee Mazzarella scored 15 points and Trinity Angel added 10 points for the Redgals in the win at Tourtellotte on Jan. 10. Prachi Patel

added six points and Reagan Morin had five points for Killingly. Lauren Ramos had 12 points, three steals, and 12 rebounds for Tourtellotte. Katey

Kwasniewski had seven rebounds, two assists, and one steal for the Tigers.



Charlie Lentz photo

Tourtellotte's Lauren Ramos, white jersey, tries to get past Putnam's Kayleigh Lyons.

## TIGERS

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"This has shown them how well they can play. I think it gave them a big confidence booster to go into the next games. It's a great rivalry. Hopefully we can continue growing from here on in."

Putnam (9-2) is next scheduled to play at St. Bernard on Monday, Jan. 22. The win lifted Tourtellotte's record to 6-7. Tourtellotte is next scheduled to play host to St. Bernard on Friday, Jan. 19, with tipoff scheduled for 7 p.m. at Cauty Gymnasium. The Tigers continue their search for two more victories and a state tournament berth.

"We've got to find two wins. We've beaten Wheeler (38-35 on Jan. 9), that was a tough one down there. We get them back here (on Feb. 2) so that's going to be a tough game but we're looking for a win out of that," Faucher said. "We're ending the season with quite a few home games and hopefully that's where we can squeak one out. We're going to look to steal one from either Griswold, Lyman, Windham, or St. Bernard's."

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**BIG MEAT RAFFLE**  
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7:00 p.m. register  
7:30 p.m. start up  
**HILLCREST COUNTRY CLUB**  
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**WISE GUYS TEAM TRIVIA**  
Every Tuesday, 8:00 - 10:00 p.m.  
**CADY'S TAVERN**  
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# OBITUARIES

## Bertram C. Buckley, 92



**DANIELSON** – Bertram C. Buckley, 92, of Danielson died Monday, January 8, at Davis Place in Danielson. He was born in Norwich on January 2, 1926, son of the late Louis Walker Buckley and Evelyn Winifred (Graves) Buckley. He was the husband of the late Beatrice LaBelle Buckley who died in 1991. Bert served with the 441st Army Air Corps Unit as a firefighter during WWII. He worked at Danco and Moldex for over 20 years, retiring in 1988. He is survived by his son Calvin Buckley and wife Merrilee of Danielson; his daughter Janice Franklin and husband Stanley of Putnam; grandchildren, Joshua

Franklin of Putnam and Lindsey Baldiga and husband Keith of St. Marys, Georgia; nephews, Mike Tules and Tom Denny Sr. He was predeceased by his siblings, Helen Tules, Norman Buckley, Raymond Buckley and Robert Buckley. Calling hours were held on Saturday, January 13, which was followed by a funeral service in Tillinghast Funeral Home in Danielson. Burial will be in the spring in Evergreen Cemetery, Central Village. In lieu of flowers, donations in his memory may be made to Quinebaug Valley Senior Citizens, Brooklyn.



## Arthur Lemieux, 87

**PUTNAM** – Arthur Lemieux, 87, of Moosup, passed away quietly on January 13 at Matulaitis Rehabilitation and Skilled Care Center after an accident at home in November. He was born in Dudley, Massachusetts, son of the late Philius and Suzanne (St.Cyr) Lemieux. He was proud of his years as a carrier at the Putnam Post Office and his tenure as President of the local NALC Chapter. He served in the United States Air Force.

He leaves his wife, Lillian, son Philip, daughter-in-law Cheryl, step children Dean Verranault, Cheryl (Stanley Jr.) Klick, Tim Verranault, and Michelle Gutierrez and several grand and

great grandchildren, brothers John Lemieux, and David (Jane) Lemieux, sisters Jacqueline (Donald) Wallen, and Rose (Paul) Bernier, several nieces and nephews. He was predeceased by his first wife Ann (McKenna), brothers Joseph Lemieux, Robert Lemieux, and sisters Theodora Perrone, Helen Dawicki, Theresa Turenne, Beatrice Seraphin, and Rita Czernicki. A memorial service will be scheduled in the near future.



## Robert F. Desrochers, 79



**DANIELSON** -- Robert F. Desrochers, 79 of Danielson died January 13, at home. He was born in Meriden, on February 3, 1938, son of the late Zacharie Eugene and Florette Henrietta (Boulais) Desrochers. Bob was the husband of Barbara (Bellavance) Ledogar Desrochers, they were married on July 30, 2005. He served in the National Guard and was employed at CL&P for many years until his retirement. Bob was an honorary member of the Blue Knights Connecticut Chapter #6 and was an avid motorcycle rider. Besides his wife he is survived by his children Robert Desrochers of Plainfield,

Debra Christos of Harwinton, and Joel Desrochers and wife Stacey of Charlton, Massachusetts. Step children Linda Pratt of Killingly, Frank Ledogar of Orlando, Florida, Marc Ledogar of Orlando, Florida and Richard Ledogar and wife Karolina of Orlando, Florida. Sisters Florette Juriga of Colchester and Pauline Frobel of Pembroke Pines, Florida. Six grandchildren, four step grandchildren, three great grandsons and his former wife Ann DelMastro of Brooklyn. He was predeceased by his brother Normand Desrochers. Funeral services will be private. There are no calling hours. [tillinghastfh.com](http://tillinghastfh.com)



**WEBSTER, MASSACHUSETTS** — Duane A. Drown, 86 died at his home on January 11. He was the husband of the late Glorina (Tootsie) M. (Beaudry) Drown who died in 2010. He leaves two sons, William T. Drown of Kentucky, Scott Drown of Webster and a daughter, Jennifer Taylor and her husband Randy of Putnam and two grandchildren, Connor and Autumn Taylor. He was predeceased by two brothers, Roy and Howard Drown.

He was born in Lyndon, Vermont son of the late Roy J. Drown and Edith J. (LaPointe) Drown and lived here for over 50 years, prior to that living in Athol. He was a foundry worker most of his life, working at Standard Foundry in Worcester. He was a US

Army Veteran during the Korean War. Duane enjoyed cooking, baking and candy making. There are no calling hours. Burial with military honors was held Wednesday, January 17 in Mt. Zion Cemetery, Webster, Massachusetts.

The Shaw-Majercik Funeral Home, 48 School St., Webster, Massachusetts has been entrusted with his arrangements. A guest book is available at [www.shaw-majercik.com](http://www.shaw-majercik.com) where you may post a condolence or light a candle.



## Viola R. (Buck) Buell, 66



**EASTFORD** -- Viola R. (Buck) Buell, 66, Eastford, passed away on Tuesday, January 9, after 38 years on dialysis. Viola was an avid gardener and baker. She loved starting plants in her greenhouse and growing vegetables in the garden. She would bake cookies and deliver them all over Eastford, Woodstock and surrounding areas. Viola is survived by her husband of 46 years, Charles F. Buell, Jr.; a son Ben Buell and his wife Judy, grand-

daughters Melinda and Emily Buell; her sister Barbara Davis and brother Lawrence Buck and many nieces and nephews. She also had many unofficial daughters including Lisa, Karen, Melanie, Rachel and Theresa. There are no calling hours. A memorial service was held on Saturday, January 13, at the Eastford Congregational Church in Eastford. Burial will be held in the spring. In lieu of flowers, donations may be made in Viola's memory to the American Kidney Fund, 11921 Rockville Pike, Suite 300, Rockville, MD 20852. For an online memorial guestbook please visit [www.potterfuneralhome.com](http://www.potterfuneralhome.com).



## Kathleen (Wimmer) Miller, 69

**DAYVILLE** -- Kathleen (Wimmer) Miller, 69, of Dayville, passed away January 4. She was born on September 22, 1948 in Bronx, New York, daughter of the late Alfred Wimmer and Rita (Cruthers) Wolfburg. Kathleen was employed for many years at Glass Container in Dayville, and retired from Plainfield

Greyhound Park in Plainfield. She was a beloved daughter, sister and aunt. She is survived by her sisters Patricia Langlois, Janet Lamirand, Barbara Davis and Cynthia Wolfburg, brothers Michael Wimmer and Arthur Wolfburg, Jr. Richard Wimmer predeceased her. She also leaves behind several nieces and nephews. There are no calling hours and a service will be arranged at the convenience of her family. [www.gagnonandcostellofh.com](http://www.gagnonandcostellofh.com)

## Sarah L. (Auger) Harriott, 43

**CANTERBURY**– Sarah L. (Auger) Harriott, 43 passed away January 9 at Hartford Hospital after a lengthy illness. Born May 6, 1974 to the late George J. and Linda (Coman) Auger, Sarah grew up in Union, CT and had lived in Canterbury for the past 10 years.

She worked as a hair stylist for 23 years at Golden Shears in Central Village.

Survived by a sister Rebecca L. Auger of Danielson, step-mother Eileen Auger of Pomfret, step-sister Nancy (Scott) Boutot and nephews Cameron, Liam & Garrett Boutot, all of Tolland. She will

be sorely missed by her many salon clients, special friends Donald Trahan, Katy Blake, Cindy Hart and Joni Daley and her cats Tut and Viper.

There will be no calling hours and the burial will be private. The Shaw-Majercik Funeral Home, 48 School St., Webster, MA has been entrusted with her arrangements. A guest book is available at [www.shaw-majercik.com](http://www.shaw-majercik.com) where you may post a condolence or light a candle.

To help with funeral expenses a GoFundMe account has been setup: <https://www.gofundme.com/sarahl-final-expenses>

## Vicki Williams



**THOMPSON** — Vicki Williams was born in Putnam, and retired from Drake Petroleum in 2015. She leaves behind her loving husband, Stanley (Stosh) Malek, her sister, friends Jeanne Priest, Jane Donovan and Sandy Wheeler, nephew Justin LeDoux, niece Amber LeDoux, great nephew Conor LeDoux, sisters Robyn LeDoux and Donna Armstrong, and mother, Carol. Predeceased by her memere, Rosamond Chapdelaine, brother, Daniel Williams and father Joseph Williams.

A vibrant, caring, honest, trustworthy, funny person. She enjoyed traveling, gardening, reading, watching movies, spending time by the ocean and taking her grand nephew Conor to feed the horses. She will be remembered for her bright smile, contagious laugh and her beautiful eyes. If you were loved by her, you were a very fortunate person.

A celebration of life will be held this summer. In lieu of flowers please contribute to TEEG of Thompson. The Shaw-Majercik Funeral Home, 48 School St., Webster, Massachusetts has been entrusted with her arrangements. A guest book is available at [www.shaw-majercik.com](http://www.shaw-majercik.com) where you may post a condolence or light a candle.

Vicki will be fondly remembered as

## Muriel R. Baillargeon, 72



**PUTNAM** – Muriel R. (Therrien) Baillargeon, 72, of Van Den Noort Street, died Wednesday, January 10, in Day Kimball Hospital. Born in Woonsocket, she was the daughter of the late Fulgance and Florence (Roberge) Therrien.

Mrs. Baillargeon worked at several area day care centers. She enjoyed volunteering at Community Kitchen. Muriel was fondly known as "The Yard Sale Queen," the biggest flirt, and her family was her primary hobby.

Muriel is survived by two sons; Joe Baillargeon and his wife Debbie of

Pascoag, and Jeff Baillargeon and his wife Kathy of Woodstock; a daughter Joann Wadsworth and her husband Ron of Putnam; a sister, Estelle Royer of Plainfield and Port St. Lucie, Florida; six grandchildren; Kayla Andrews, Nicole Baillargeon, Brittany Benson, Josh Baillargeon, Briana Baillargeon, and Mariah Baillargeon; and seven great-grandchildren.

A Mass of Christian Burial was held on January 16 in St. Mary Church of the Visitation in Putnam. Burial will follow in St. Mary Cemetery. Funeral arrangements and cremation have been entrusted to the Gilman Funeral Home & Crematory, 104 Church St., Putnam. For memorial guestbook visit [www.GilmanAndValade.com](http://www.GilmanAndValade.com).

## Raymond E. Weiss, 76

**NORTH GROSVENORDALE** — Raymond E. Weiss, 76 died Tuesday, January 9. He leaves his son, Marc Weiss and his wife Tracy of Holland, New York, a granddaughter Leah Weiss of Cheektowaga, New York, and his companion and care giver Anne Bayer of North Grosvenordale. He also leaves a brother Robert Weiss of Gunnison, Colorado.

He was born in Webster, Massachusetts, son of the late Raymond

and Theresa (Millette) Weiss and lived in North Grosvenordale, most of his life. Raymond managed the Tilcon Asphalt plant in Wilsonville until the plant's closing.

The Shaw-Majercik Funeral Home, 48 School St., Webster, has been entrusted with his arrangements. A guest book is available at [www.shaw-majercik.com](http://www.shaw-majercik.com) where you may post a condolence or light a candle.

## Edward M. Dunlop, 98

**BROOKLYN**—Edward M. Dunlop, 98 died Saturday January 6, at the Pierce Memorial Baptist Home, Brooklyn. He was the husband of the late Ella Gladys (Robbins) Dunlop who died in 2000.

He leaves five sons; Craig E. Dunlop of Brooklyn, Stephen M. Dunlop, Brian Dunlop both of Hammondsville, New

York, Wayne Dunlop of New York and Christopher Dunlop of Monterey, Massachusetts and one daughter, Janice K. Dunlop of Monterey, Massachusetts, thirteen grandchildren and eleven great grandchildren. He also had a son that predeceased him, James E. Dunlop of Hammondsville, New York.

He was born in Marcus Hook, Pennsylvania son of the late James C. Dunlop and Hannah B. (Liggett) Dunlop, living here a short time coming from Monterey, MA. He was treasurer for Gould Farm for many years. He enjoyed reading.

There are no calling hours and all services are private. The Shaw-Majercik Funeral Home, 48 School St., Webster, Massachusetts has been entrusted with his arrangements. A guest book is available at [www.shaw-majercik.com](http://www.shaw-majercik.com) where you may post a condolence or light a candle

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# OBITUARIES

## Frances C. Nash, 104



**DAYVILLE** - Frances C. Nash, 104, of Dayville, died peacefully Friday, January 12, surrounded by her family. She was the beloved wife of the late Edward Nash, who died October 22, 1966. She was born May 12, 1913 at home in Danielson, daughter of Michael and Karolina (Brzys) Gasiorek. She graduated from Killingly High School in 1931. She was a communicant of St. James Church in Danielson, worked at Arrow Hart Corp. as an assembler. Frances and her husband owned and operated Nash's Garden Center. She enjoyed knitting, baking, golfing, walking, UCONN Women's basketball and loved to dance. The greatest joys in her life were all of her grandchildren who she loved and adored. She leaves her daughters Carol Boynton (Robert) of Derby, Janice Rzeznikiewicz (Mark) of Dayville, grandchildren Heidi Bowden (Jeffrey, Sr.), Kurt Schmidt, Jr. (Michele), Holly

Bunning (David, Sr.) Rhonda Panda, Jill Horan (Thomas) Timothy Boynton (Debra), great grandchildren Jeffrey, Jr., Mandi, Carissa, Anna, Elizabeth, Alexandra, Alyson, David, Jr., John, Jay and Max, great-great grandchildren Chace and Aubrie and many nieces and nephews. She was the heart of her family and will be forever loved and missed by all the lives she touched. She was predeceased by brothers Stanley, John, Joseph, Michael, Henry, Rudolph, Edward, an infant Rudy, and her sisters Alexandra and Helen. A special thank you to Dr. Joseph Botta, whom she adored and the family appreciated, for the outstanding care he gave her and for making her feel young again. A memorial mass will be Friday, January 19, 2018 at 11:00 AM at St. James Church, 12 Franklin St., Danielson, Ct, burial will be private. In lieu of flowers donations may be made to Boston Children's Hospital, Gift Processing, 401 Park Drive, Suite 602, Boston, MA 02215. Share a memory at [www.gagnonand-costellofh.com](http://www.gagnonand-costellofh.com)

## Lillian Bristow, 95



**WOODSTOCK, VERMONT** - Lillian Bristow passed away at the Mertens House nursing facility on Sunday, January 14. She was 95 years old. She was the mother of Leon Bristow and Preston Bristow, Jr. both Killingly High School graduates. She was born Lillian Merritt Farrin in Killingly, on October 15, 1922. Her mother was Grace Elizabeth (Hill) Farrin and her father was Leon Mundell Farrin.

She graduated from Woonsocket (Rhode Island) High School where her father was Superintendent of Schools. She earned degrees from Rhode Island College and the University of Connecticut. She returned and taught first grade in Killingly Central School (Dayville) while her husband Preston Bristow, Sr. taught building trades at the H.H. Ellis Technical High School (Danielson).

In retirement they bought, renovated and sold homes in Tampa, Florida,

Harpwell Maine, East Stoneham, Maine, Niantic and Waterford before moving to the Willow Valley Retirement Community (Lancaster, Pennsylvania). After the death of her husband Preston Bristow, Sr. in 2005 she relocated to Woodstock, Vermont and lived at the Homestead and Mertens House.

Lillian and Preston were both committed Christians and assured in their faith that Jesus Christ is the son of God and Lord of their lives. She died confident that she is now in Heaven.

Lillian was predeceased by her brother Leon Hill Farrin and her identical twin sister Frances Winn, later Frances Stein. She is survived by her two sons, Leon Edward Bristow (Phillipston, Massachusetts) and his wife Lee Ann (Martin) Bristow, and Preston James Bristow, Jr. (Woodstock, Vermont) and his wife Kerilyn Sue (Orcutt) Bristow, and by 6 grandchildren and 8 great grandchildren.

Her long and full life will be celebrated at a private family gathering.

## Lorraine M. A. (Barrette) Bergeron, 85



**NORTH GROSVENORDALE** - Lorraine M. A. (Barrette) Bergeron, 85 died Thursday, January 11, at Davis Place, Danielson. She leaves a daughter, Rhonda Bergeron McDonald of North Grosvenordale, who was her care giver and with whom she made her home, a son Rudy A. Bergeron and his wife Sheri of Webster, Massachusetts, several grandchildren and great grandchildren. She also leaves two sisters, Rachel Nedzweckas of Dudley and Beatrice Navarro of Pompano Beach, Florida. She was predeceased by two sons Raymond and Richard Bergeron, two brothers Pete and Raymond Barrette and two sisters, Claire and Rita.

She was born in Putnam, daughter of the late Alfred Barrette and Doris (Poirier) Barrette and lived in North Grosvenordale all her life. She was retired from the State of Connecticut, working at the Dempsey Center for many years. She enjoyed bingo, cards, reading and the casino. There are no calling hours. The funeral arrangements have been entrusted to the Shaw-Majercik Funeral Home, 48 School St., Webster, Massachusetts. A Funeral mass was held Wednesday in St. Joseph Basilica, Webster, Massachusetts. Omit flowers and donations may be made to The Fund for St. Joseph School, c/o Beth Boudreau, 47 Whitcomb St., Webster, Massachusetts 01570. A guest book is available at [www.shaw-majercik.com](http://www.shaw-majercik.com) where you may post a condolence or light a candle.

## Peter Considine, 68



**BROOKLYN** -- Peter Considine of Brooklyn and Hamden died Wednesday, January 10 surrounded by family members. He was 68.

He is survived by his partner in life Marjorie Gessner, her son Stephen Gessner, his daughters Kathryn Wallace of Waltham, Massachusetts and her husband Gregory Wallace, and Regan Considine of Washington D.C., granddaughter Karoline Wallace, and brother Ray Considine, of Concord, Massachusetts.

Born in New Haven in 1949, Peter spent his early years in Hamden. He was active in Boy Scouting, attaining the rank of Eagle Scout, and was a member of the Hamden High School varsity football team. A graduate of Brewster Academy in New Hampshire he attended Southern Connecticut State University starring on their 1967 undefeated football team. He received his undergraduate degree and two graduate degrees from the University of Connecticut in Storrs.

After college, Peter entered the Connecticut State Police rising to the

rank of Trooper First Class before retiring in 2007. During his 31-year career, he helped rescue individuals in the Bridgeport building collapse, worked with the State Police canine unit and was a hostage negotiator for the department, once persuading a man from jumping off the Gold Star Memorial Bridge in New London.

Peter was an avid dog lover and outdoorsman. He was active in the Connecticut Waterfowl Association, a volunteer instructor at the June N. Webster Boy Scout Reservation, past President of the Shoreline Retriever Club, a board member of the Pomfret Rod and Gun Club, and a member of the Brooklyn Volunteer Fire Department board of directors. Throughout his life Peter was known and respected for his sense of dignity and integrity, his love of the outdoors and his commitment to family and friends.

A private memorial service is planned for family and friends. A celebration of Peter's life will be held on April 14 from 2-5pm at the Mansion at Bald Hill in Woodstock.

In lieu of flowers, donations may be made in his name to the J.N. Webster Scout Reservation and to Ducks Unlimited. [tillinghastfh.com](mailto:tillinghastfh.com)

## Simone R. Ouellette, 97



**PUTNAM** - Simone (Brodeur) Ouellette, 97, formerly of Myers St., passed away peacefully on January 8, at Matulaitis Nursing Home, surrounded by her family and the loving, caring staff of

Matulaitis. Born in Putnam, she was the daughter of the late Ovila and Alexina (Demers) Brodeur. She was a communicant of St. Mary Church of the Visitation.

Simone was a homemaker while her children were young and then was a receptionist at Day Kimball Hospital Pediatric Center for many years until her retirement. She was kind and giving, always putting her family's needs before her own as well as helping her many friends and neighbors along the way. She had a love for children and all animals.

Simone is survived by her daughter, Michelle Szarkowicz (Steve) of Putnam; her son, Paul Ouellette (Kathe) of Norwich; her grandchildren, Erica Ducharme (Kevin), Joel

Szarkowicz (Corrine King), Heather Ouellette (Zach Yaroschuk), and Justin Szarkowicz (Jennifer McGunigal); and her great grandchildren, Oliver and Camden. She was predeceased by her sister, the late Gisele Brodeur.

Simone was a former member of the Daughters of Isabella, Ladies of Ste. Anne and the League of Catholic Women.

The family would like to thank the outstanding and compassionate caregivers at Matulaitis Nursing Home. Such devotion will never be forgotten by the family.

Visiting hours were held January 13, in the Gilman Funeral Home in Putnam, which was followed by a Mass of Christian Burial in St. Mary Church of the Visitation in Putnam. Burial will take place in the Spring at St. Mary Cemetery. Memorial donations in honor of Simone may be made to St. Jude Children's Hospital, 262 Danny Thomas Place, Memphis, TN 38105-3678, or to St. Mary Church of the Visitation, 218 Providence St. Putnam, CT 06260. For memorial guestbook visit [www.GilmanAndValade.com](http://www.GilmanAndValade.com).

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## More Matters: Plant Breeding Innovation Key To Increased Vegetable Consumption

(NAPS)

According to the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, most Americans of all ages consume too few fruits and vegetables<sup>1</sup>, while the United States Department of Agriculture (USDA) recommends that Americans fill half their plate with fruit and vegetables.

A focus on healthier lifestyles is having an impact, though. In 2016, for example, U.S. farmers sold \$390 million worth of cauliflower, a significant increase from 2012 and a trend that can be attributed to the growing frequency with which cauliflower is showing up on menus and being used as a replacement for rice and potatoes.

Seed companies are doing their part to help increase vegetable consumption through plant breeding practices designed to help make vegetables tastier and more convenient to consume. Through breeding innovation, consumers enjoy flavorful tomatoes year-round, helping round out a healthy diet in any season. The consumption of just one medium tomato per day can help provide 40 percent of daily recommend-

ed vitamin C and 20 percent of recommended vitamin A3.

A combination of consumer research and a deep understanding of needs from field to fork, including those of growers, packers, shippers and retailers, helps seed companies to guide their plant breeding programs. Taste, for example, is a complex interaction between taste, smell, color and texture. Shelf life is another area where plant breeding can make a significant difference, developing varieties that stay fresher, longer.

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1 Centers for Disease Control & Prevention, 2013

2 Time, July 24, 2017

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**ACROSS**  
1. Starchy side dish  
4. Mexican-style food in shells  
5. To eat  
6. Food between bread slices

**DOWN**  
1. Meat and vegetable in pasty doughs  
2. Stayed away from  
3. Hot broth

Answers:  
Across: 1. Potatoes 4. Tacos 5. Dine 6. Sandwich  
Down: 1. Pot pies 2. Avoided 3. Soup

**THIS DAY IN... HISTORY**

**JAN 17**

- 1706: BENJAMIN FRANKLIN IS BORN IN MASSACHUSETTS BAY, WHICH WAS THEN A COLONY IN BRITISH NORTH AMERICA.
- 1917: THE UNITED STATES PAYS DENMARK \$25 MILLION FOR THE VIRGIN ISLANDS.
- 1991: OPERATION DESERT STORM IS LAUNCHED AGAINST IRAQ.

**New word**

**HEARTY**  
robust and healthy

*How they SAY that in...*

**ENGLISH:** Noodles  
**SPANISH:** Fideos  
**ITALIAN:** Tagliatelle  
**FRENCH:** Nouilles  
**GERMAN:** Nudeln

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