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DAYVILLE — Woodstock Academy's Hallie Saracina, dark jersey, attempts a shot on the fast break as Killingly High's Trinity Angel defends on Monday, Feb. 17, at Killingly High School. Woodstock won 49-42. High school sports coverage begins on page B-1 of The Villager sports section.

Killingly High grad serves aboard combat ship

DAYVILLE — Littoral combat ships were first introduced more than a decade ago to the naval fleet to increase forward presence and complete diverse missions. Petty Officer Second Class Janna Mullaly, a boatswain's mate, who is responsible for anchoring, mooring and driving the ship, is one of the sailors serving aboard USS Jackson, homeported in San Diego.

"Being a boatswain's mate forces us to work hard," said Mullaly, from Dayville. "There is a lot of labor work and leadership involved and you have to have the technical expertise. There is a lot of high risk so you have to know what you are doing."

Mullaly is a 2013 Killingly High School graduate and according to her the values required to succeed in the Navy are similar to those found in Dayville.

"Dayville taught me to have close relationships with my family and friends," said Mullaly. "Being in the Navy, you apply that with your shipmates because you don't have any family here."

With more than 90 percent of all trade traveling by sea, and 95 percent of the world's international phone and internet traffic carried through fiber optic cables lying on the ocean floor, Navy officials continue to emphasize that the prosper-



Courtesy photo

Killingly High alumnus Janna Mullaly

ity and security of the United States is directly linked to a strong and ready Navy.

Littoral combat ships are considered the future of the Navy because of their technologically advanced engineering and versatility to deter multiple threats. Jackson is named after the capital city in Mississippi and has a crew of 40 sailors.

Jackson is 418 feet long, 104 feet wide and weighs 3,104 pounds when fully loaded. The ship is equipped with two gas turbine engines, two diesel engines and four waterjets, allowing it to navigate the water at 47 knots.

According to Admiral Mike Gilday, the Chief of Naval

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Expansion planned for Pomfret Public Library

BY KAREN BUTERA
FOR THE VILLAGER

POMFRET — Pomfret Public Library kicked off its planned expansion with an informational session on Feb. 6. The library originated in 1911. Since then times have changed and the population has grown. An expansion was long overdue in order to meet the demands of the town. The anticipated ground-breaking date is hoped for next year.

Attorney Kate Cerrone is chairperson of the expansion. Library Director Laurie Bell offered a visual tour using cards. Cerrone talked about how the Pomfret Library is a resource in town. The Library Board, Friends of the Library, Staff, Town Selectmen and community members were invited to the kickoff.

"With more space our little library can continue to be the fixture we all need," Cerrone said.

"Plans for the expansion started five years ago. Things really started to move forward about six months ago," said Jan May, library clerk.

A grant from the State Library Board was approved in November of 2018 in the amount of \$421,800. From there many behind the scene elements had to be planned. The library has to come up with matching funds. More than half of the money needed has been raised by reaching out to businesses in the community.

"Some additional rooms that are planned will be a lounge area, like a living room space. There will also be a lecture hall, concert space called a great room,"

said May.

The size of the addition is planned to be 2,000 square feet. To prepare in advance, the parking lot had to double from 12 spaces to 24. The lot for the increase was donated by the Pomfret School. A new septic system was also needed.

"I am excited that part of the addition will include a children's activity room. Children's programs are about half of what we do at the library. Right now during story time everyone is practically on top of each other. We have between 15 and 20 children here for story time on Thursdays. Both the noise and children spill out in the main area," said Children's Program Manager Heather Reilly.



Karen Butera photo

Heather Reilly, left, Children's Program Manager, and Jan May, Library Clerk



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Front row, from left, winner Lucas Johnson, second place Cole Russell, third place Chloe Robinson. Standing, from left: Charlie Crowley, Bob Lee, Ray Rochefort, Tom Gaylord, Georgette Rohrig, Bob Kelly, Bruce Kohl, Joanne Crowley, Mark Dauphinais, and George Millette.

DANIELSON — Leo J. L'Homme / William F. Burdick American Legion Post 21 in

Danielson held a high school oratorical scholarship program on Feb. 3 at Ellis Technical

High School entitled "A Constitutional Speech Contest." Three students from Ellis Tech

Danielson Legion names oratorical winners

participated in this highly structured event.

The Constitutional Speech Contest was developed in the 1930's, primarily to instill a better knowledge and appreciation of the Constitution of the United States in high school students, but also to develop leadership qualities, the ability to think and speak clearly and the preparation for acceptance of the duties, responsibilities, rights and privileges of American citizenship.

Each contestant is charged with delivering an eight to 10 minute

prepared oration as well as a three to five minute oration on a randomly assigned constitutional amendment.

Lucas Johnson, a sophomore at Ellis Tech, was the winner, with a speech entitled "The Dangers of Constitutional Ignorance". Second place was awarded to Cole Russell and third place to Chloe Robinson. Post 21 Commander Charles Crowley emphasized that "these three students are all winners by their interest in and willingness to participate in this contest".

Lucas Johnson will now move on to the District competition, which will be held on Saturday, Feb. 22, at 9 a.m. at Woodstock Academy's South Campus/Loos Center of the Arts. The public is invited to the Feb. 22 event. The winner of that contest will compete in the Department Contest on March 7 at the State Police Academy in Meriden, and the winner there will move on to the National competition, to be held in Indianapolis.

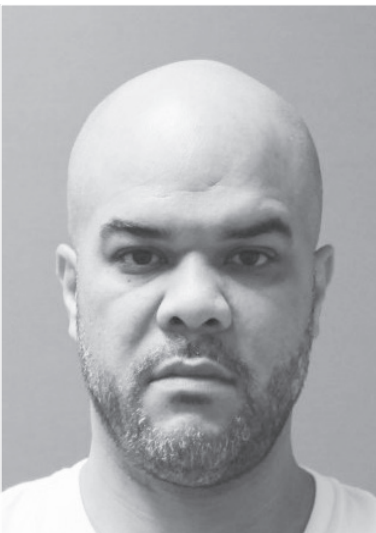
Putnam police nab fugitives from justice

PUTNAM — On Feb. 14 at approximately 7:20 a.m. members of the Putnam Police Department, with assistance from law enforcement officials from Massachusetts, arrested two Putnammen who are currently wanted on outstanding arrest warrants in the Commonwealth of Massachusetts.

Police arrested Brian Perez, 43, of 10 Pomfret Street in Putnam and Michael Nazario, 49, of 8 Pomfret Street in Putnam. Perez and Nazario were taken into custody and charged with being Fugitives from Justice based on the extraditable arrest warrants from Massachusetts charging them with, among other things, Assault to Commit Murder and Aggravated Assault and Battery With a Dangerous Weapon. Both Perez and Nazario were taken into custody without incident



Michael Nazario



Brian Perez

and transported to the Putnam Police Department. Both men were processed and held on a \$500,000.00 cash or surety bond and were presented at the Danielson Superior Court.

POLICE LOGS

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

TROOP D

BROOKLYN

Feb. 4
Branden Tayler, 25, of 90 Mason Road Brooklyn, was charged with operating a motor vehicle under suspension and use of drug paraphernalia.

DANIELSON

Feb. 11
Frank L. Rizer, 51, of 23 Main Street, Apt. 1, Danielson, was charged with failure to respond to a payable violation.

Feb. 12
Andrew Bragdon, 30, of 52 Carol Avenue, Apt. E, Danielson, was charged with failure to appear in the 2nd degree.

DAYVILLE

Feb. 13
Betsy Bransfield, 34, of

157 Breakneck Hill Road, Dayville, was charged with violating property.

POMFRET CENTER

Feb. 12
Heather Crossman, 37, of 65 Freedly Road, Pomfret, was charged with issuing a bad check in the amount of \$500 or less.

NORTH GROSVENORDALE

Feb. 12
Justin B. Scott, 30, of 19 Market Lane, Apt. 7, No. Grosvenordale, was charged with risk of injury to a child, disorderly conduct, assault in the 3rd degree.

Putnam Police Department

Feb. 8
Cheryl Hicks, 60, of 282 Paine District Road, Woodstock, was charged with Operating Under the Influence of drugs/alcohol, Evading Responsibility

Feb. 12
Christopher Meagher, Christopher, 46, of 570 Route 197, Woodstock, was charged with Failure to Appear second degree

Feb. 14
Mallory Kunz, 30, of 86 Wilkinson Street, Putnam, was charged with Assault Third Degree, Disorderly Conduct.

NAVY

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Operations, the focus of today's Navy is squarely on warfighting, warfighters and the capabilities needed for the Navy of the future.

"I am confident we will maximize the Navy we have today while delivering the Navy that our nation will rely upon tomorrow," said Gilday. "And we will do so with urgency. Our fleet will be a potent, formidable force that competes around the world every day, deterring those who would challenge us while reassuring our allies and partners."

There are many opportunities for sailors to earn recognition in their command, community and careers. Mullaly is most proud of getting promoted quickly.

"I worked really hard on the deck plates and studying to be able to get where I am," said Mullaly. "There are peo-

ple who don't advance that fast."

For Mullaly, serving in the Navy is a tradition passed down from generations and one Mullaly hopes to continue.

"I am the fourth generation of my family members to serve in the military," said Mullaly. "Serving means I can make my family proud and carry on their legacy."

As a member of the U.S. Navy, Mullaly, as well as other sailors, know they are a part of a service tradition providing unforgettable experiences through leadership development, world affairs and humanitarian assistance. Their efforts will have a lasting effect around the globe and for generations of sailors who will follow.

"Serving in the Navy means discipline, leadership and honoring my country," said Mullaly.

Eversource conducting aerial inspections

PUTNAM — Eversource power company is currently conducting aerial inspections of high-voltage electrical equipment on rights of way throughout Connecticut through Feb. 28. This semiannual inspection is an important part of the company's ongoing commitment to providing reliable electric service. The work involves the use of a helicopter equipped with heat-sensing, infrared scanning technology which can detect potential equipment issues before they occur. The aerial inspections, weather permitting; will take place from 8 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. The aircraft is a blue and silver helicopter with the tail number N1431W.

The utility rights of way covering the following Connecticut cities and towns: Andover, Beacon Falls, Berlin, Bethany, Bethel, Bethlehem, Bloomfield, Bozrah, Branford, Bristol, Brookfield, Brooklyne, Canton, Chaplin, Cheshire, Chester, Columbia, Coventry, Danbury, Darien, Deep River, Durham, East Granby,

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LEGION HONORS PAST COMMANDER



PUTNAM — Mayotte-Viens American Legion Post 13 recently honored its oldest living Past Commander, World War II Navy veteran Richard Turcotte, with an Honorary Life Membership. Turcotte, a WWII Navy veteran, served as Post Commander in 1966-1967. He's pictured (seated) with his wife of 67 years Jeannette. Standing, from left, Past Commander Alan Joslin, Commander Brian D. Maynard and District #4 Command and Past Post Commander Ronald P. Coderre

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At CT Audubon

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Finding your roots

DANIELSON — With all of the marketing campaigns for Ancestry.com and 23andme, the rate of those desiring to know their DNA and ancestry background has been increasing. Genealogical societies are everywhere. In our own small town of Killingly, a Genealogy Club meets once a month at the Killingly Public Library. The program is run by Jennifer Chretien, Librarian of the Reference Department. “I am of French-Canadian descent,” said Chretien. “My maternal great grandfather was part of the founding families of Arcadia, Nova Scotia. I am related to myself 6 or 7 times.” Her grandparents would tell stories about their younger years and she loved to hear them. “I loved history and hearing their stories throughout the years. I am not sure if I wanted to be a historian and genealogist because of the stories or because of my love for history,” Chretien said. During her college years Chretien went on to earn her Library Master’s Degree and a Bachelors and Masters Degree in History. Shirley Fox Thompson enjoys the club. She was excited about her results from 23andme. “I am English, Irish and German,” she said. She became interested in knowing about her family tree years earlier when her cousin, Steve Fox, did his Boy Scout Eagle Badge while he was in

Middle School. “He went on to College in England. He wanted to learn more about his family history so he started to look up record,” she said. The years that Steve was in College was before computer data so everything was done through paper records. Tim Buchanan is another fan of the club. Buchanan is of Scotch, Irish and English decent. “I am on the first leg of my search,” he said. “I tend to do more research in the winter months.” He found out information about the barber shop that his great grandfather owned in Windsor. While researching information on where it was located, a librarian in Windsor found an article that the daughter of his great grandfather wrote on the barber shop. She described where it was located. Buchanan plans on making a return trip to the area soon to see if it is still standing. The club gathers to share new tidbits of information that they have gathered since their last meeting. They enjoy sharing that information and to also ask questions regarding an area that they want to search. “When we have new people come out,” said Chretien, they ask where they can start to learn about their family tree.”



Jennifer Chretien, left, and Shirley Thompson

Karen Butera photo

NOW gets donation from Killingly Brooklyn Rotary



DANIELSON — Northeast Opportunities for Wellness, Inc. (NOW) received a \$500 donation from the Killingly Brooklyn Rotary Club on Feb. 6. NOW Executive Director Sarah Wolffburg accepted a check for \$500 from Rotary Club President Jeffrey Ives at the club’s weekly meeting. The funds will help support NOW youth scholarships and wellness programs in the region. Northeast Opportunities for Wellness, Inc., 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 and maintain youth wellness, beginning at an early age. For more information on Northeast Opportunities for Wellness, visit: www.nowinmotion.org or call (888) 940.4669.

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NOW Executive Director Sarah Wolffburg accepts a \$500 donation from Killingly Brooklyn Rotary President Jeff Ives.

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McCracken is Westview Employee of the Month

DAYVILLE — Bronwyn McCracken, a licensed massage therapist, was named Westview Health Care Center’s January Employee of the Month. Working her way into their outpatient therapy branch in July 2018, she has firmly placed herself in the range of care offered at the Dayville facility.

Some of McCracken’s clients are referred to her expertise because of a specific back-related or muscle-related issue for which Westview’s Sports Medicine Physical Therapy are treating them. McCracken has earned the admiration of her clients and colleagues.

She has four girls which she proudly considers the ‘center of her everything.’ Now living in Plainfield with her daughters Mariah, Nicole, Meagan, and Madison.

McCracken joined the Westview’s Sports Medicine staff in July 2018 and has built a steady base of clientele within their patient community as well as the broader community. This is hardly her first foray into a medically allied field: for 20 ears she worked in hospice care providing home health visits. She observed how older individuals lacked many of the basic physical contact experiences that younger individuals might take for granted. When something as

simple as a momentary shoulder rub is missing in a senior’s life, it is easy to imagine the profound impact that a dedicated massage may have on their daily life. Her work has a dually beneficial impact; easing the mind as well as relaxing the body. The music she coordinates, the aromas she integrates, the lights she illuminates — all central elements to the meditative escape one hopes to find in a session with McCracken.

“I am beyond surprised and absolutely grateful to be chosen as Employee of the Month—grateful because it shows that all of my efforts are recognized and appreciated! I am so lucky to work in an environment surrounded by so many wonderful people. I am constantly learning something new from my co-workers. Westview is a place that has a reputation for excellence and I am so proud to be a part of that team,” she said.

“Bronwyn is a perfect fit here at Westview,” said David T. Panteleakos, Westview Administrator. “Her outstanding work ethic, amazing dedication to her profession and compassion for her clients is truly commensurate with the essence of the employee of the month distinction.”



Bronwyn McCracken

Courtesy photo

QVCC earns military friendly designation

DANIELSON — Quinebaug Valley Community College announced that it has earned the 2020-2021 Military Friendly School designation, maintaining Gold status distinction. Institutions earning the Military Friendly School

designation were evaluated using both public data sources and responses from a proprietary survey. More than 1,000 schools participated in the 2020-2021 survey with 695 earning the designation.

“It is such an honor to have

been named a Military Friendly School, maintaining our Gold status distinction. Quinebaug Valley Community College is so proud to have been recognized for the level of service provided to the students who have so selflessly served our country. Veteran students are an integral part of our college community, and their successes are indicative in this achievement,” said Annie Hill, QVCC Veterans Associate and School Certifying Official.

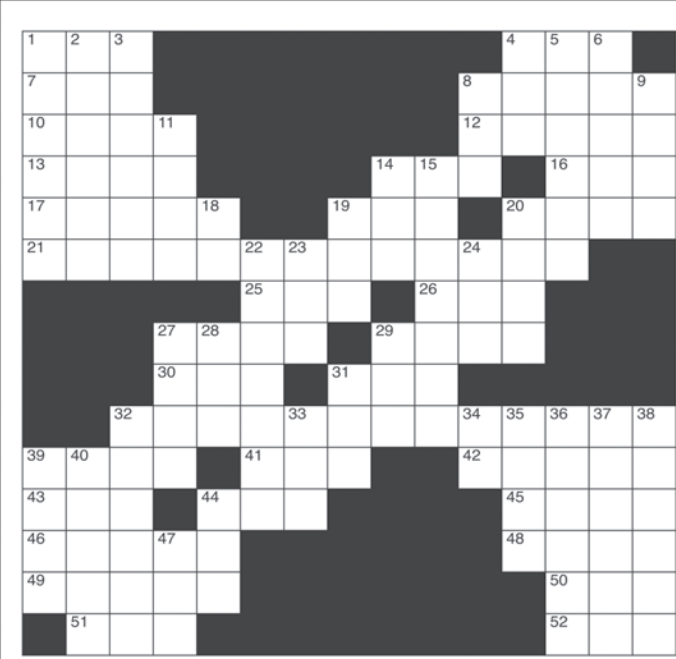
The 2020-2021 Military Friendly Schools list will be published in the May issue of G.I. Jobs magazine and can

be found at www.military-friendly.com. Methodology, criteria, and weightings were determined by Viqtory with input from the Military Friendly Advisory Council of independent leaders in the higher education and military recruitment community. Final ratings were determined by combining the institution’s survey scores with the assessment of the institution’s ability to meet thresholds for Student Retention, Graduation, Job Placement, Loan Repayment, Persistence (Degree Advancement or Transfer) and Loan Default rates for all stu-

dents and, specifically, for student veterans.

“Our ability to apply a clear, consistent standard to colleges creates a competitive atmosphere that encourages colleges to invest in programs to provide educational outcomes that are better for the Military Community as a whole,” said Military Friendly’s National Director, Josh Rosen.

For more information about QVCC’s student veteran programs, visit QVCC’s website at www.qvcc.edu/veterans



- CLUES ACROSS
1. Expression of disgust

4. A place to unwind

7. A type of cooking range

8. Grasp tightly

10. Sea eagles

12. Carb dish

13. Late-night host

14. Revolutions per minute

16. Indicates odd or erroneous

17. FDR’s military chief of staff

19. Swiss river

20. Norwegian district and river

21. A form of motivation

25. Car mechanics group

26. Once a must-have home theater accessory

27. Broken branch

29. Apple and pumpkin are two

30. Skeletal muscle

31. Small Eurasian deer

32. Tight-lipped fellow

39. Comes after a cut

41. A place one lives

42. Cognizant of

43. Albanian monetary unit

44. Carrot’s partner

45. Famed garden

46. Chilean seaport

48. Days (Spanish)

49. Sudden anxiety

50. 100 square meters

51. A type of beer

52. French/Belgian river
- CLUES DOWN
1. Spanish dish

2. Concurs

3. ___ and her sisters

4. Patti Hearst’s captors

5. Used to refer to cited works

6. A state of excited movement

8. Advertising term (abbr.)

9. Nocturnal S. American rodent

11. New York art district

14. Bravo! Bravo! Bravo!

15. Pre-release viewing

18. Northwestern Canadian territory (abbr.)

19. Consumed

20. Falters

22. Radioactive form of an element

23. Catch a wrongdoer

24. Breeze through

27. Thick piece of something

28. Yellowish-brown color

29. “The Raven” poet

31. Rural free delivery (abbr.)

32. Creating

33. Supervises flying

34. Northwestern state

35. Was obligated to repay

36. Diverging in lines from a common center

37. Bleak

38. We all have them

39. Hit with the palm of one’s hand

40. Sea that’s part of the western Pacific

44. Political action committee

47. Famed Spanish soldier El ___

Pomfret’s Opera New England receives grant

POMFRET — Kevin Merchant, president and CEO of Jewett City Savings Bank, has announced that the bank’s charitable foundation has awarded \$2,000 to two non-profit organizations dedicated to arts and culture. Pomfret-based Opera New England of Northeastern Connecticut, Inc., was awarded \$1,000 to help fund the Children’s Educational Opera and Symphony, a program that provides performanc-

es to elementary school children.

Also receiving a \$1,000 grant was the Preston Historical Society, which will use the funds to build and install a railing for the walkway to the Long Society Meetinghouse, one of just a dozen surviving colonial meeting houses, and the only one of its kind in Connecticut. “We’re delighted to have the opportunity to support these local organizations

that help enrich the lives of people in the communities that we serve,” said Merchant.

During this most recent round of funding, the Jewett City Savings Bank Foundation awarded 66 grants totaling \$77,000 to 56 local organizations. With these most recent donations, the Foundation has donated more than \$900,000 in grants since it was established in 2003.

Woodstock to host robotics competition

WOODSTOCK — The Woodstock Academy recently announce that it will be hosting the NE First Northern CT Regional Robotics Competition Qualifier. From Friday Feb. 28 through Sunday, March 1, over 30 high school teams from throughout New England will compete in this week one qualifier.

FIRST is a 25-year-old program which encourages students to pursue careers in science, technology, engineering, and math (STEM). The program has students design and build a robot to compete with and against other teams. The

students have three months to design and build their robot. The event is free and open to the public beginning on Saturday, Feb. 29, at 10 a.m. and Sunday, March 1 at 9 a.m.

“FIRST is one of the largest and best supported robotics events in the Connecticut. Many of the different manufacturing companies in Connecticut support FIRST,” said Peter Sumner, STEM teacher and robotics club advisor at The Woodstock Academy. “Hosting the event is a great opportunity for our students to see how big the event is and provide a chance

to volunteer at the event.”

To make an event of this scale work, FIRST relies on dozens of local volunteers. Opportunities for volunteering are available for high school age students and for adults and include both skilled and unskilled jobs. In particular, there is still a need for some key roles, including control system administrator, safety inspector, and robot inspector. Volunteers receive hot meals during their shifts. Those interested in volunteering can go to <https://nefirst.org/get-involved/volunteer/>



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Woodstock Academy honor roll

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PUTNAM LEGION CONTEST WINNER

PUTNAM — Mayotte-Viens American Legion Post 13 in Putnam held its Oratorical Contest at Putnam High School on Feb. 8. The winner of the 2020 contest was Anna Ionkin (3rd right). Pictured (from left) former Department Commander Everett G. Shepard III of Woodstock, 4th District Commander Ronald P. Coderre, contest chairman Curt Prochowski, Ionkin, Putnam teacher John Allen and Post 13 Commander Brian D. Maynard. Ionkin will now compete on the District 4 level on Saturday, Feb. 22 at 9 a.m. at Woodstock Academy’s South Campus, Loos Arts Center. The public is invited to the Feb. 22 competition.



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Karen Butera photos



Lynda Joly sells tickets at the door



Sandy and Brennan Collins provide entertainment



From left, Nora Robinson, Carol Cooper-Ryley and Clover Cooper is ready to serve the strawberry shortcake



From left, Henrietta Cyr, Norma Mooney and Doris Mackie



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Hearing my father's voice

We needed a dose of snow so we set off for Vermont on our annual visit to Trapp Family Lodge in Stowe. We first visited the place in 1981 when the current building opened to the public. A fire had destroyed an earlier lodge and the new one was a lovely mix of ersatz Austrian and modern conveniences. It is still a fine place to stay, if a bit worn. Most of all, they offer remarkable cross country skiing and that is what we were after. Snow in February is a must.

My father claimed the air, the water and the mountains of Vermont were good for his health and put him closer to God. As he liked to mix the water with a splash of whiskey, tried breath-



NANCY WEISS

ing deeply after a puff on his Lucky Strikes, and claimed that he was a pantheist, a person who sees God in nature, his argument worked perfectly. When I step out of the car at the Vermont Welcome Center, I can hear his voice and his persistent cough in the back of my mind.

Returning to the places that informed our childhood or were important in the lives of our children is a way to hang on to the past and assess what matters now. My husband worked in financial services and often noticed that when people retired or planned for it, they wanted to move to the place where they had vacationed with their families. They had fond memories of days at the beach or hikes in the mountains and they wanted to go back.

Vermont always seems frozen in time, although of course it is not. Looking at the beautiful landscape as well as the tumbled down barns interspersed with charming antique homes or ritzy modern chalets, it is easy to focus on what seems eternal. What seems to be changing most rapidly, other than the amount of snowfall, is the age of the population.

Everywhere we went, we were greeted by people well past retirement age, who were working in local businesses. They were greeters, wait staff, brewery personnel and even a rosy-cheeked ski instructor. Occasionally they were challenged by some aspect of technology associated with their jobs, isn't everyone, but overall, they were friendly, positive, attractive and competent. They also seemed to be delighted to be working. Good thing as Vermont needs them.

There are breweries everywhere. I've visited many of the breweries in our area, and although I am not a beer drinker, I'm happy to taste their products. I like the atmosphere of open seating, family friendly spaces, which often feature interesting artwork and the sense that something new is happening. The beers were fairly pricey but I couldn't resist bringing home some 4-packs for our sons-in-law.

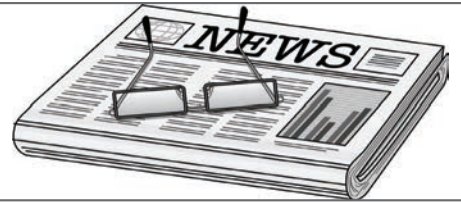
On a chilly afternoon, we strapped on our rental skis and set off on well groomed trails into the woods. The air was crisp. A noisy crow heralded our arrival from an ancient maple. I was enveloped in the dazzling whiteness of sunshine on snow. As I slipped along the grooved tracks of the trail, I felt content, nostalgic for the days when our daughters were small. My mood was broken by delighted screams, the clatter of fast skis and a blur of school children barreling past as part of the public school ski program. Not a bad way to spend an afternoon.

The light changes in February. Perhaps there is another storm or two to come, but winter is waning. Whether at a Vermont lodge or a Connecticut home, there is time to savor snow, sameness and change.

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OPINION

Opinion and commentary from the Quiet Corner

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Redgals not only racist but misogynistic

I am writing about the Redmen/Redgals logo on the front page of the February 14 edition of the Villager.

As if the racist mascot isn't bad enough, referring to our female athletes as "Red Gals" is deplorable. Redmen and Redgals. Men and gals. Racism, meet misogyny.

It was an epic waste of taxpayer dollars to revert to Redmen after Red Hawks gear had already been purchased. It will be an epic waste of taxpayer dollars to move forward with a new Redmen logo, since the State of Connecticut is now considering banning Native American mascots from public schools, just as Maine already has.

Contrary to a statement by the Killingly Town Republican Committee, which was quoted in a January 17 Villager article, the mascot name did not start "100-plus" years ago. It started, as the writer stated, in 1939. When most Native Americans were living in poverty on reservations, near the end of the Segregation Era. Discrimination was acceptable and oppression was rampant. KKK

No fan of Trump

Seem to have hit a nerve with someone in the Trump world locally. As in usual Trumplike fashion (the man and/or his followers) it was a personal rant against people who speak up with facts, they use no sound logical thinking or reasoning but the typical if you do not see things in my way you are no good and it will try to belittle and insult the person instead. If you oppose Trump you better watch out. Even if it is the right thing and just doing your job in the government. Revenge and retribution are the calling cards.

Yes our government has sold the country down the road and it was many years ago, it is not a new thing. We the people have been sold out to special interest groups, foreign nationals and to the upper class (1 percent) for many years. With each passing election it only has gotten worse. We the average hard working Americans have not had a chance. Since most of our representatives are entrenched in the job and have job security beyond what any normal person would. They are in a system that benefits them. What we need is to take back the country with Term Limits, reforms to how much can be collected by a politician or how much is spent, maybe free air time for those who challenge incumbents.

Not likely, to get much change, this is why many Americans get turned off by elections, the electoral college and those running for office. Republicans, mostly is the party that wants to suppress voting at every turn.

Why no early voting? To ask those that benefit from the system to change it will not happen easily. If at all. Mr. Deluca, stated that politicians lie and there is not doubting that, what does that say about Trump who has brought lying to new level, almost like lying on steroids. If you keep repeating the lie over and over again, some people start to believe, even if there is no a bit a truth. If you tell the truth, like Sen Romney and others, he will belittle, bully and try to intimidate. His go to moves. Kudos for Sen. Romney for voting his conscience, that is all we can ask.

Fact is that Trump, in his obituary will read that he was the 3rd president to be impeached and the first to have one member

lynchings were common and that included Natives. It was over a decade before the start of the Civil Rights Era. The Redmen mascot did not start out as a symbol of Native American pride, but instead it was a racist mockery to Native peoples.

Yes, Republicans won the vote in Killingly last November. But, sadly, just 2,870 of 10,724 registered voters went to the polls. Just 2,870 of Killingly's 13,432 adult population.

Congratulations to Killingly Republicans who voted. You won and you are now famous. The entire country has read about the issue. Now prospective businesses and homeowners will forever know your stand on the issue when they Google "Killingly, CT." Google information never goes away. Ever. The damage you have done to our economic development is immeasurable.

The term "Redmen" is racist. Period. And the term "Redgals" is grotesque.

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of his party to vote for it. There will be no change. That is a stain, a mark that no matter how many times he lies and denies it will remain the truth. as far as the impeachment trial goes, without witnesses it really was not a trial. That is what Trump, McConnell and some republicans wanted at all costs. In 1998 Sen, Graham, at the impeachment of Clinton, said on camera a trial without witnesses there is no trial. Move forward to 2019, Sen. Graham said that witnesses were not important. Not important, only if you have no interest in looking for the truth. I wonder what Sen. Grahams' close ally and friend Sen. McCain would have thought about his actions? I know McCain would have wanted to get to the truth. The gentleman from No. Grosvenordale, if there would be no witness who should bring the case to the Senate. Fox News. The Constitution decides that the House of Reps., after voting for impeachment brings the articles to the Senate and tries the case as a Prosecutor, as would it be in a regular trial. Speaker of the House is who brings the case to the Senate. Not Sean Hannity. In a real trial the judges (Senators) and the defendant do not get together to decide the rules of the case of testimony and documents entered. You said get on with it, did you mean bring witnesses to the trial.? Each side is allowed 24 hours to present their case, both ways. History will not look favorably on those who did this. It will look favorably on Sen Romney. You cannot see if your cover your eyes and cannot hear if you cover your hears. As Sgt. Schultz said on the old Hogan Heroes TV show, "I see nothing".

Lastly, I do not belong to a cult and never will, I think for myself. I find most politicians self-centered and self-promoting, mostly very wealthy as well. It was said he has been tortured by the left since he took office, well he used to be one of them. He brings it onto himself and actually enjoys it. Republicans and the Republican party use to stand for principle, law and order, sound fiscal principles, now they stand with a man who has no principles.

DAVID CASSETTARI DANIELSON

When difficult times come, don't miss the dance

We have all been challenged and will be again. Whether it's being denied a raise at work or being fired. You might have been turned down for a date or your spouse has left you. Or maybe you broke your leg playing softball or have been diagnosed with cancer, heart disease or some other life-threatening affliction. Regardless of the hardships we face, we often look back at the worst of times and find the best. It's always hardest to find the blessing in the moment of despair, but with the benefit of time, I surprisingly hear often that the life destroying problem ends up being the life changing blessing.

No matter what the challenge is, if we open our mind and heart to the lessons that we find embedded in tragedy, we can experience bursts of personal growth and wisdom often impossible to experience at any other time.

As you know, I'm experiencing one of these opportunities. For those not aware, I've been diagnosed with a rare disease called Neuroendocrine Tumors (NETs). There are as few as 200,000 diagnoses worldwide each year and it's the disease that killed both Steve Jobs and Aretha Franklin. I've been encountering health difficulties for over a year and was unable to find the cause. It was found during a routine exam that I had a colon blockage, but a few days later, my surgeon removed thirty inches of my colon along with

three large tumors. I thought, "blockage removed, so all is well," until I was laying in my hospital bed and the hospital lab accidentally sent me an email via "My Chart" that was intended for my doctors. I opened the email and was stunned and frightened. The idea that there was a benefit

for self-growth never entered my mind. All I wanted to know was how long did I have to live, and I felt an overwhelming rush of self-pity.

I closed my eyes and prayed. Surprisingly, you, the reader of this column, came to mind. I write a column called "Positively Speaking." I've travelled all over the world as a speaker, extolling the benefits of optimism and positive thinking. I realized that this was an opportunity to model the behavior I've written and spoken about for years ... and this is a perfect moment to prove the model.

It's now six weeks later and here is what I've experienced and learned.

I have a rare form of cancer and the outcome will largely be determined by my optimism and attitude, which will drive my cooperation with my healthcare providers and treatment. No, I do not believe attitude alone will cure me, but I know that my optimism and attitude will be a great asset as I navigate

Tax efficiency with health savings accounts



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As you may recall, this month our focus is outlining tax efficient strategies to help you prepare for the 2019 tax season. One strategy you may consider is a health savings account (HSA) – a potentially beneficial tool for efficiently achieving your financial life goals. This week, we will cover the basics of HSAs, as well as some frequently asked questions regarding them. Changes in the health care marketplace, rising medical costs, and the tax advantages that health care savings accounts offer make them an attractive planning tool for many individuals covered by high-deductible health plans (HDHPs). At Weiss, Hale & Zahansky Strategic Wealth Advisors, we consider many tax-efficient strategies to help our clients achieve their unique and strategic financial life goals.

What is an HSA? An HSA is a tax-favored account used to pay for qualified medical expenses in conjunction with an HDHP. Unlike with flexible spending accounts (FSAs), which are designed to cover current out-of-pocket medical costs, the money in HSAs never expires and can be used to pay for health care expenses now and in retirement. HSAs may be offered through your employer or purchased directly if you are eligible. They can be established at a bank, insurance company, or IRS-recognized third-party administrator.

Please note: You cannot participate in a general health FSA while also contributing to an HSA. Generally, contributions to an HSA are tax deductible. Their earnings accumulate tax deferred, and withdrawals are tax free if used to pay for qualified expenses. If, before you turn 65, you withdraw funds from an HSA that are not used for qualified medical expenses, the withdrawal will be subject to a 20 percent penalty, in addition to income tax. After age 65, withdrawals not used for qualified medical expenses are no longer subject to the 20 percent penalty.

Who is eligible? To establish an HSA, you must be covered by an eligible HDHP. For 2020, this is defined as a plan for which the family annual deductible minimum is at least \$2,800 (\$1,400 for an individual), and the annual out-of-pocket costs are limited to \$13,800 for family coverage (\$6,900 for an individual). Your health care benefit provider can confirm whether your plan is considered an HDHP that is eligible for an HSA.

You are generally not eligible to contribute to an HSA if: You are enrolled in Medicare; You are claimed as a dependent by another taxpayer; You are covered by someone else's non-consumer-directed health plan; You are covered by a general health FSA or a Health Reimbursement Arrangement (HRA) that pays or reimburses qualified medical expenses.

What are the HSA contribution limits? In 2020, the HSA contribution limits are \$7,100 for a family account and \$3,550 for an individual account. If you are 55 or older, you may make an additional catch-up contribution of \$1,000 per tax year. You can contribute to an HSA for the current tax year any time prior to the tax filing date of April 15.

Contributions to an HSA may be made by you, another individual, or your employer. Employer contributions made on your behalf through a cafeteria plan are

A day in the life of Danielson 50 years ago

I thought I would read microfilms from the 1970 Windham County Transcripts to look for articles and ads that might bring back fond memories or remind you what Danielson was like fifty years ago. Some of the businesses advertising in the January 8, 1970 Transcript were Bonneville's Pharmacy, Inc., Berris' Motor Inn (Danielson-Brooklyn Road, now Route 6), Willimantic Trust Company, Danielson office; Mathieu's Jewelry Store; Oliver's Music Shop; R. L. Harwood Jeweler (ad says from 1847-1970 McEwen's); Del Pesco's (shoes); Dowe's Card & Gift Shop, Inc.; Danielson Federal Savings & Loan Association; Navarro Liquor Shoppe, North Main Street; Lavale Furniture Co., Commerce Ave.; Moe's Woodworking, Maurice R. Renaud, 1 Joyce Street; Byrnes Agency, Center Street. There was also a large ad for The Bugbee Corp. Department Store in Putnam. Undeclared with John Wayne was playing at the Danielson Cinema.

"Measles Clinic Set for Jan. 10. The Killingly Brooklyn Nursing and Health Service will sponsor a measles immunization clinic on Saturday, January 10 at their offices in the Danielson Town Hall between 9 and 11 a.m. Children 1 year old and over, who have never had regular measles are eligible. Children should be accompanied by a parent who must sign a permission slip. A charge of 25 cents will be made for each child, not to exceed \$2 for family regardless of number and no one will be excluded because of inability to pay. (WCT 1/8/1970).

"John Paskavitch, proprietor of the Brooklyn Ski Area (Church Street), has announced that the area is open for the season and features new electric tow which is now in operation" (WCT 1/8/70). Bernie Mitchell remembered skiing there once. Joe Chauvin said that Killingly High School had a ski club. The students would practice in East Killingly off of Valley Road, supposedly near the condos and parking lot going up the hill.

Did you attend Brooklyn Junior High School? The following was a caption to a

photo at Brooklyn. "M' Day. As part of project 'M', for move, these junior high students are shown as they officially moved into the new Brooklyn Junior High school on Tuesday, December 9. Having been previously oriented to the new school, the students moved their own books and materials and were prepared to settle down to studies in the recently completed facility." (WCT 1/8/70)

Fifty years ago nary a cell phone was in existence. If you were out and about you probably relied on the pay phone in a phone booth. "New Service Now for Coin Phone Users in Area. Coin telephone users in Danielson are now getting their dime back immediately after dialing the operator, thanks to a service introduced here by Southern New England Telephone. Under the previous system, the dime remained in the coin box, and the operator either deducted it from the charge she quoted to the customer or returned it if there was no charge for the call. With the automatic coin return system, the caller gets his dime back, then the operator quotes correct toll charges. John A. Rickets, local SNET manager, said, 'Over the past five years, there has been a substantial increase in credit card calls and collect calls, and the operator has had to trigger the coin return in each one. By switching to automatic return, SNET is saving time on these calls.'" (WCT 1/8/70). Now you can barely find a pay phone in the area. Bernie Mitchell and Joe Chauvin said that there is one near the corner of Morin Avenue and North Main Street, gas station.

The headline for the editorial for the week was headlined: "Theme for the 70's: Environmental Control." The editorial continued, "Big words: 'Environmental Control'. Learning to live with their



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meaning will perhaps be our biggest challenge of the 1970's.' Those who find themselves repeating the words 'There ought to be a law' will find happiness in a whole new bunch of them... aimed at: Water pollution (it's got us surrounded; Air pollution (when you can see the air you breathe, it's polluted); conscious and unconscious abuse by noise; the contests between congestion and conservation of land areas..." How much progress do you think we've made in fifty years? One that I can quickly think of is that most venues are now non-smoking. What others can you name?

Probably the biggest Danielson news item for January 1970 was the raging fire that destroyed the Keystone Block at the lower end of Main Street. The following extract is from the January 15, 1970 Windham County Transcript.

"Over 100 Firemen Battle Blaze; Police Save Several Lives. Spontaneous action and deeds of heroism prevented a disaster from becoming a tragedy in the early morning hours of Friday, January 9, when the Keystone building on Main Street was destroyed by fire, leaving twelve persons homeless and several business establishments wiped out. It was at approximately 2:15 a.m. that veteran Danielson Police Officer Joseph Pockoski was alerted by an unidentified passing motorist of smoke coming from the three story business apartment building... Chief Burgess said the fire apparently broke out in the vicinity of a stairway leading to the apartments on the upper floors. ...Destroyed in the blaze were two ground-floor businesses, Buddy's Tavern owned by Robert Streich and Ye Old Washboard self-service laundry, owned by Joseph Shiman of Canterbury." Also damaged in the fire was Bargain Supply Company, Harold Blumenthal proprietor. "Pete's Lunch, located in the building adjacent

to the destroyed structure and an apartment above suffered broken windows and some water damage. The near-zero temperatures turned the water streaming from the fire hoses into ice almost as soon as it hit the air and a heavy coat of ice built up in the street, on buildings and firefighting apparatus and even the firefighters themselves. For a photo of the fire-ravaged block see Images of America Killingly Revisited by Natalie L. Coolidge, p. 54.

"Harold Blumenthal was able to salvage a portion of his stock and made plans to reopen his business in the former S & S Electronics Store at the opposite end of Main Street, opposite the Town Hall." How many of these businesses do you recall? Feel free to share your memories on any of the above by emailing me or by contacting the Killingly Historical & Genealogical Center.

The Killingly Historical & Genealogical Society will be sponsoring a Mayflower trip on June 19, 2020 to Plymouth Plantation, the Gristmill, and the Mayflower II replica. Tickets for bus and entrance fees are \$75 for adults and \$60 for children under 12. Meals are on your own. The tour bus (not school bus) will depart from the Brooklyn Walmart at 7:15 a.m. and return at 5:30 p.m. Free parking. For additional information contact 860-779-7250 or director@killinglyhistorical.org for tickets by May 1.

Margaret M. Weaver is the Killingly Municipal Historian. Special thanks to Bernie Mitchell and Joe Chauvin for sharing memories. For additional information e-mail Weaver at margaretmweaver@gmail.com or visit the Killingly Historical & Genealogical Center Wed. or Sat. 10-4 or www.killinglyhistorical.org. or call (860) 779-7250. Like us at Facebook at www.facebook.com/killinglyhistoricalsociety. Mail for the Killingly Historical & Genealogical Society, Inc. or the Killingly Historical and Genealogical Center should be sent to PO Box 265, Danielson, Ct. 06329.



BEYOND
THE PEWS
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Throughout history there have been certain people who seemed to really know God in ways that allowed Him to use them in significant ways. One such man was William Tyndale. We know he was sincere because he would eventually give up his life because of His commitment to God's Word. Tyndale was a prominent figure in the Protestant reformation. He was an English scholar and an Oxford graduate. He was a gifted linguist and became fluent over the years in French, Greek, Hebrew, German, Italian, Latin, and Spanish. He also

attended the University of Cambridge. But, more importantly, he prayed. One of the issues that Tyndale and the other reformers had with "The Church" was that church leaders of his day forbade "common people" from reading the Scriptures. This was one way of trying to control what people believed. One reason authorities could keep people from reading the Bible was because, at that time, the Bible was not easily available in the languages of the common man. Most copies of the Bible were written in Hebrew and Greek, or Latin, which most people could not read.

Tyndale successfully translated some of the OT and all of the NT into English. His was the first English Bible that translated directly from

Prayer for a King

Hebrew and Greek (the earlier Wycliffe Bible had been translated from Latin). He was also one of the first people to actively fight for freedom for the masses to read the Bible for themselves. He believed God's Word could speak to them personally rather than through the voice of the local priest. He believed that a believer should have a personal relationship with God.

After translating the Bible into English, he diligently challenged the church to provide English language copies of the Bible to their parishioners. But the establishment resented his efforts and he was arrested in Antwerp in 1535. A year later he was tried on a charge of heresy and was condemned to be burned to death. As it played out, Tyndale was tied to a stake, strangled to death and

then his dead body was burned. However, just before he died, he was overheard praying this very short, but monumental prayer: "Lord, open the King of England's eyes!"

Tyndale's prayer was eventually answered, and, with the invention of the printing press, his copy of the Scripture was also widely distributed. In 1611, when King James commissioned that his authorized version of the Bible be published, the forty-seven scholars drew 80-90% of their material from Tyndale's work. Today there are millions of Bibles available in almost every language around the globe. Tyndale would probably be shocked to know that one of the largest Christian publishers and Bible distributors in the world is named Tyndale Publishers. He would also have

been surprised last year when one of the three remaining copies of the first printing of his Bible sold at auction for over \$48,000.

Tyndale was obeying the Bible when he prayed for his King. His prayer did not seem to have immediate results. But prayer is never in vain. God answered his prayer, and God will answer the prayer any of us pray, when we pray according to His will. Pray for those who lead your family, your company, your church and your government. It may take years, but your prayers will not be wasted.

Bishop John W. Hanson oversees Acts II Ministries. Visit www.ActsII.org or the church at 1366 Riverside Drive in Thompson.

HALE

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generally not income taxable to you. If you contribute directly to an HSA, the contributions are considered "above-the-line" deductions, which means you can claim them without itemizing deductions on your tax return. Your tax advisor can provide more information on the tax treatment and deductibility of HSA contributions.

What medical expenses are covered? You can make tax-free withdrawals from an HSA for qualified medical expenses for you, your spouse, or other dependents. Eligible expenses include lab fees, prescription drugs, and dental and vision

care, as well as out-of-pocket health insurance deductible costs. You may also use distributions to pay for certain insurance coverage, including: Long-term care insurance (subject to specific limits and guidelines); COBRA health care continuation coverage; Health care coverage while receiving unemployment compensation under federal or state law; Medicare and other health care coverage if you are 65 or older (other than premiums for a Medicare supplemental policy, such as a Medigap policy); Qualified medical expenses are detailed in IRS Publication 502.

Can both spouses contribute to an HSA? Both spouses can contribute to an HSA if they are covered separately under eligible HDHPs.

May I take a distribution from an existing IRA and Contribute It to an HSA? You are permitted to take a qualified HSA funding distribution from your traditional IRA or Roth IRA into an HSA once in a lifetime. This must be a trustee-to-trustee transfer. The amount is limited to your maximum HSA contribution for the year minus any contributions you have made for the year. (Distributions are not allowed for SEP IRAs or SIMPLE IRAs.) A benefit of doing this is that there are no required minimum distributions beginning at age 70½ from an HSA. Plus, withdrawals can be taken income tax free when used for qualified medical expenses.

What other planning considerations should I be aware of?

Because there are no restrictions on when you need to distribute HSA funds, you may wish to pay out-of-pocket health care costs from your current income and allow the HSA to continue to grow tax deferred, reserving those funds to cover medical care in retirement.

HSAs offer several other advantages, including portability, which permits you to take the HSA with you should you leave your current employer. You can also name a beneficiary to inherit the HSA in the event of your death. It's important to note that your spouse can step into your role upon your death and the account will remain an HSA. If you name a nonspouse beneficiary, however, the account will no longer be considered an HSA, and the inherited amount will be treated as taxable income.

Knowing your options can save you money: When it comes to financial planning, there can be so many tax-efficient strategies, but which strategies are right for you? Speaking with your financial and tax advisors may point you in the right direction to help you achieve your unique financial life goals and identify the best strategy to do so. With tax season quickly approaching (the deadline to file is April 15th), make sure to consider all of your options to help maximize your tax-efficiency. Check back next week as we conclude Tax Planning Month and we outline the benefits of tax-advantaged savings vehi-

cles. You can access weekly market highlights, along with additional information, on our website at www.whzwealth.com/resources. If you aren't already, we encourage you to follow us on Facebook and LinkedIn for timely information, just search Weiss, Hale & Zahansky Strategic Wealth Advisors!

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MOORE

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my path back to good health. I've adapted a descriptive statement to my outlook on this health challenge. "I'm going to die of something someday, but it's not going to be this."

I'm experiencing an outpouring of love that I find surprisingly beautiful. I knew I had friends, but the love from my church, my church small group and other friends has been truly heartwarming. Without this diagnosis, I would not have recognized the depth of my friendships.

I've begun a journey of soul-searching that has encouraged me to examine my life in ways that would other-

wise not have happened. This has caused me to reach out to friends I haven't seen in years, talk about old times and in a few occasions, given me the opportunity to apologize where needed.

I've experienced a renewed depth of family relations that I'm finding to be one of the most beautiful and cleansing experiences of my life. There is too much here to go into detail but will in future columns. Arlene and our children have been wonderful, as have been my sisters and their husbands.

And I'm experiencing a renewal of faith and reliance on God that I cannot describe in a few short words. All I can say is that it is a joyful experience.

Believe it or not, I have found

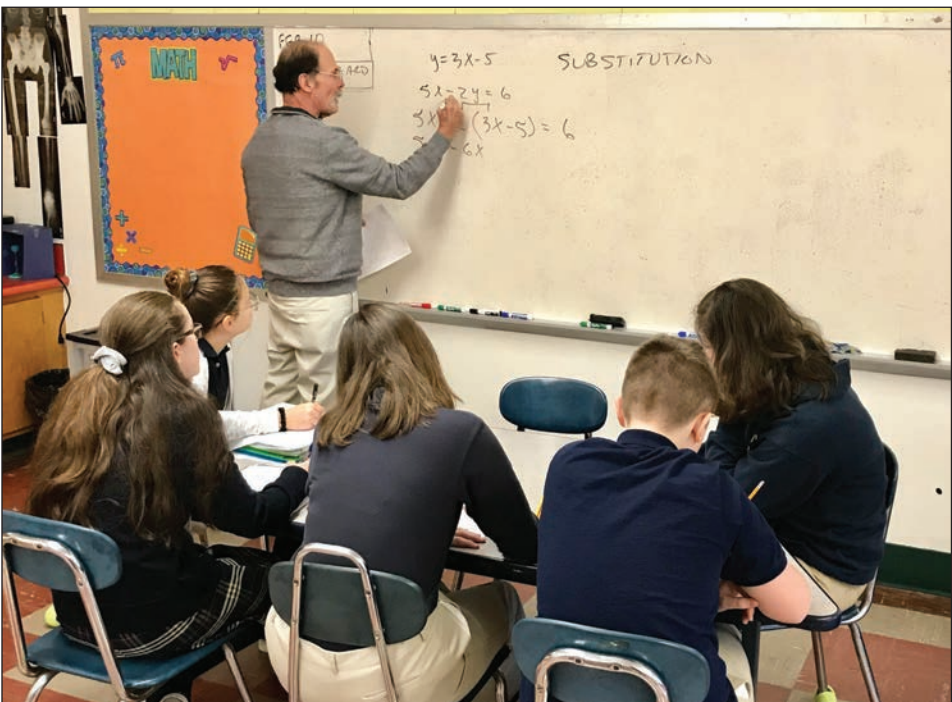
the positive impact of my negative diagnosis to be a profoundly beautiful experience in ways I never could have anticipated or predicted.

Garth Brooks mega-hit song, "The Dance," addresses it best. He sings of a tragedy in his life and how if he'd known in advance, he might have avoided the pain by changing his course. But as the benefit of time often teaches us, avoiding the pain may deprive us of some of our greatest life experiences. The song teaches us: "Our lives are better left to chance. I could have missed the pain, but I'd have had to miss the dance."

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St. Joseph bolsters math and science offerings



Mr. Marshal Eaton teaching Algebra to eighth graders at St. Joseph School.



Mrs. Laura Serrine, left, Middle School Science teacher, standing next to the periodic table of Elements with Bruce and Randy Bouley, retired scientists, who will be introducing a new chemistry curriculum to St. Joseph middle school students.

NORTH GROSVENORDALE — Over the course of the 2019-20 school year, St. Joseph School has taken great strides in making improvements in the subjects of math and science at the middle school level of study, according to a press release from the school. The first step in this process came in Math with the appointment of Mr. Marshall Eaton as the 8th grade Algebra teacher. Eaton taught in the Mathematics Department at the Pomfret School for thirty-nine years, serving as its chairperson for a substantial period during his tenure.

“I cannot tell you how excited I was last August when Marshall agreed to teach 8th Grade Algebra,” said David Sizemore, Principal of St. Joseph School. “Marshall is an institution at the Pomfret School who has positively influenced thousands of graduates. The fact that he was willing to “come out of retirement” and share his expertise in teaching Algebra to our 8th Graders every morning was huge for our stu-

dents and families!”

For his part, Eaton, with great humility, attributes the success of this newly revised Math class to the students, stating that “all five students are handling the transition into Algebra quite well” as well as adding “how proud he is of the soon to be graduates of SJS.”

“Mr. Eaton is one of the best teachers I’ve ever had,” said Kiera MacKenzie, who plans to attend Marianapolis Prep in the fall. “His lessons are interesting and fun, and I am learning Algebra at the level some of my high school friends are learning now.”

“Having Mr. Eaton as my teacher has made my Math class fun and engaging,” said Clayton Lehmann, who plans to attend the Pomfret School during the upcoming school year. “Thanks to him, I look forward to starting each day in Algebra and I feel like I am being well-prepared for Math when I become a freshman.”

In addition to math, SJS is also mak-

ing strides in improving the science curriculum for middle school students. Randy and Bruce Bouley, retired scientists who are also active volunteers for the One Heart Ministry Program for the Diocese of Norwich, along with Science teacher Laura Serrine, will be introducing a new Chemistry curriculum to SJS students to help to show them how this academic discipline effects our lives on a daily basis. The Bouleys have also volunteered many hours to reorganize the school’s science lab in preparation for this new rollout.

“We believe that God calls all of us to share our gifts and talents,” said Randy and Bruce Bouley. “Our goal is to have every student be empowered to better understand and able to challenge how changes in their environment and physiology impact their lives and the world around them. A strong foundation of basic chemistry is the way!”

“As with Marshall, I cannot thank Randy and Bruce enough for sharing their time and talent with the SJS com-

munity,” said Sizemore. “I cannot wait to see the results of the fruits of their labor as the rest of the school year unfolds!”

For more information on the school contact SJS at (860) 923-2090 or e-mail to Sizemore at dsizemore@sjschoolng.com. Additional information about the school can be found on its website, www.schoolfstjoseph.org. You can also schedule a guided tour with Sizemore as well as have your student(s) spend a Shadow Day at SJS.

The next Open House that SJS will host for families will be Sunday, March 29 from 8:30 a.m. to 11:30 a.m. The Open House will be paired with a Sunday Breakfast that will run simultaneously where guided tours will be offered by current SJS families as well as faculty members. Breakfast is complementary for all families of prospective students. Finally, the Easter Bunny will also be “coming to town” on March 29th for special photo opportunities.

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

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

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

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

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

What’s the best part about your town?

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

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

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

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

Favorite Sports Team: Red Sox, Patriots, UCONN Huskies

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Wednesday, Feb. 26
Budget Workshop, 6 p.m., Central Office Community Room
WPCA, 6:30 p.m., Clifford B. Green Memorial Center
Board of Education, 7 p.m., Central Office Community Room
Thursday, Feb. 27
Board of Selectmen, 9 a.m., Clifford B. Green Memorial Center
KILLINGLY
Monday, Feb. 24

Democratic Town Committee, 7 p.m.
Wednesday, Feb. 26
Board of Education, 7 p.m.
Thursday, Feb. 27
OSLA Regular, 6:30 p.m., Room 102
POMFRET
Wednesday, Feb. 26
Board of Education, 6:30 p.m., Pomfret Community School
Thursday, Feb. 27
Agriculture Commission, 7 p.m., Senior Center
PUTNAM

Monday, Feb. 24
Board of Finance, 7 p.m.
THOMPSON
Monday, Feb. 24
Board of Education Budget Workshops, 6 p.m.
Planning and Zoning Commission, 7 p.m., Merrill Seney Community Room, Town Hall
Wednesday, Feb. 26
Board of Education Budget Workshops, 6 p.m., District Auditorium
Recreation Commission, 7 p.m.,

Merrill Seney Community Room, Town Hall
WOODSTOCK
Monday, Feb. 24
AG Commission, 1 p.m., Room A
ZBA, 6 p.m., Room C
Conservation, 7 p.m., Room A
Historic Props, 7 p.m., Room B
Tuesday, Feb. 25
WPCA, 7 p.m., Room A
Wednesday, Feb. 26
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Board of Ed, 7 p.m., Middle School

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Clue: Preparing food

C. 4 17 6 13 24 17
Clue: Food instructions

D. 7 21 4 18 20 16
Clue: Comfortable heat

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3	4	7	9	6	8	2	5	1
2	9	8	4	5	1	3	7	6
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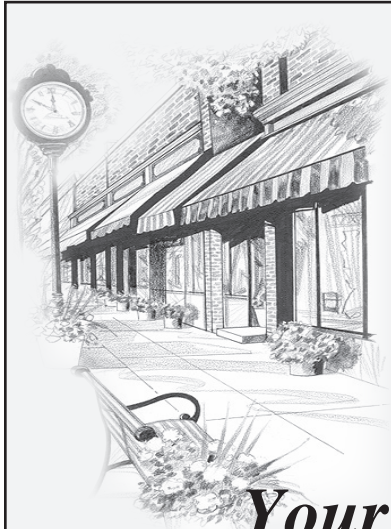
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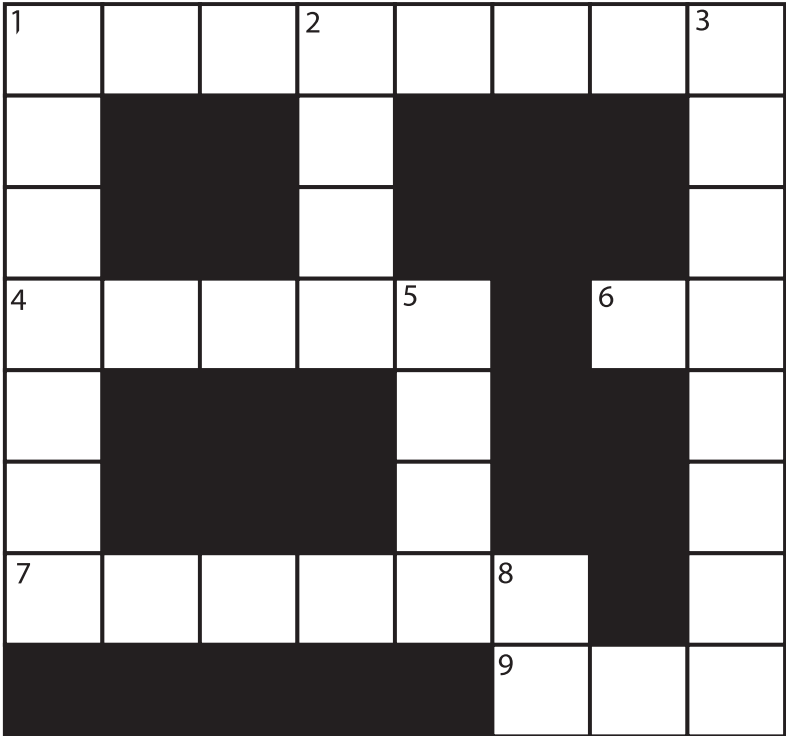
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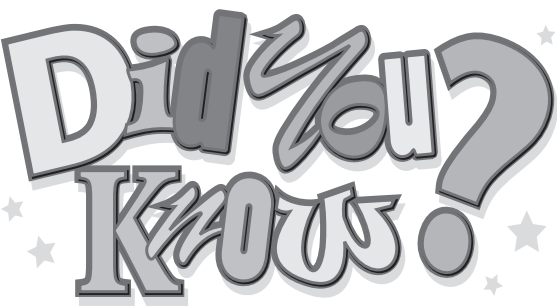
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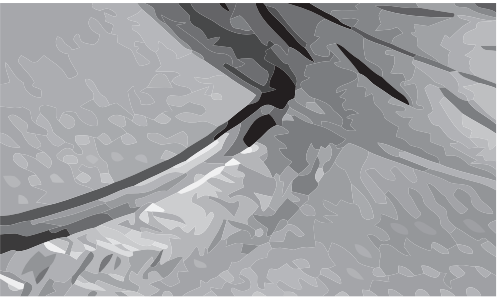
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Last hurrah for Putnam High’s seniors

BY CHARLIE LENTZ
VILLAGER EDITOR

PUTNAM — Kayleigh Lyons remembers starting for Putnam High in her first Clipper Classic tournament when she was just a freshman, thankful for coach Mandi Hogan’s faith in her rookie point guard. She flashes back to all the practices over four seasons — all the work that went into helping Putnam become a two-time Eastern Connecticut Conference Division 4 champion. Lyons played her last regular season game at Putnam High on Tuesday night — scoring a game-high 19 points to help the Clippers defeat Parish Hill 56-40. After the final buzzer she savored the memories that make Senior Night special.

“Coming in on Sundays for practice was definitely my favorite. Coach making sure that we’re up early in the morning, as early as can be, always making us laugh. You know we always have a really fun time,” Lyons said. “I’m just glad I got to call this my basketball team, my family, for four years.”

In December of 2016 she was a diamond in the rough.

“Kayleigh’s come a long way since her freshman year. She’s just grown as a person and as an athlete. I knew eventually she would become that leader and somebody we can rely on,” Hogan said. “And just take control of this squad and lead the ship.”

Lyons’ fellow seniors include Molly McKeon, Jillian Gray, and Haley Cutler. Lyons’ career

went faster than any fast break she’s ever led up the court.

“It feels like it was yesterday, my first freshman varsity game, just being able to play basketball is all I wanted to do in high school but Coach gave me an opportunity to play varsity all four years,” Lyons said. “It was just a really special four years for me. Basketball definitely saved me from a lot in high school and I couldn’t be more thankful.”

Lyons hopes there’s more good times ahead. It’s been quite a ride for her teammates this season. The win over Parish Hill on Feb. 18 lifted Putnam’s record to 17-3. Putnam earned the top seed in the ECC Division 2 Tournament and was scheduled to play host to an ECC Tournament quarterfinal game on Thursday, Feb. 20. The 17-3 mark is the best regular-season record in coach Hogan’s seven-year tenure at the helm.

“This group has come in every day in practice. They’ve worked hard in previous years. The core group is here and we’ve kept it together. It’s coming along for them right now and I’m extremely proud of them,” Hogan said. “They really deserve this. It’s just been a great group to work with.”

Killingly High (15-5) is seeded No. 2 in the ECC Division 2 Tournament and sits on the opposite side of the tourney bracket from Putnam. The tourney semifinals are scheduled for Saturday at Norwich Free Academy. The ECC Tournament championship game is

scheduled for Tuesday, Feb. 25, at Mohegan Sun Arena. If both Putnam and Killingly reach the ECC tourney title game it will be a rubber match. Killingly defeated Putnam 55-35 in the first meeting between the two teams on Jan. 6. Putnam won the rematch 47-33 on Jan. 22. Lyons would love to face Putnam’s backyard rival in the ECC tourney final.

“It would definitely mean a lot to play Killingly. It’s kind of tied, they’ve won one and we’ve won one,” Lyons said. “The best feeling in the world is going to be making it to that Mohegan Sun Arena. You’re just going to look around. You’re going to see everyone there. You’re going to realize how big it really is. I’m really looking forward to that moment. I hope that we get there. We’ve just got to play together, that’s what it takes.”

Parish Hill’s Kaysie Dupuis scored 14 points and Sienna Ortiz added 13 points for the Pirates in the loss to Putnam on Feb. 18. The loss dropped Parish Hill’s record to 15-5. Junior forward Abby St. Martin tallied 16 points for Putnam.

The first round of the Class S state tournament is slated to begin on Tuesday, March 3. Putnam was ranked No. 2 in the state in Class S at the conclusion of the regular season. The Clippers will play host to a first-round state game on March 3 and should they win they will play host to a second round game on Friday, March 6. Putnam finished with



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Putnam High's Kayleigh Lyons drives to the hoop against Parish Hill on Tuesday, Feb. 18.

a regular-season record of 16-4 in the past two seasons — both the 2017-18 and 2018-19 campaigns — and was knocked out of the tourney in the second round in both seasons. Lyons said the goal is to get past the second round of states.

“Hopefully we can show people Putnam’s

not just a small-town team, we can play big teams,” Lyons said.

Coach Hogan seconded Lyons’ sentiment.

“I’m sick of being in the second round,” Hogan said. “So hopefully we move forward and get to the third round. I think we’re capable of doing that. We have the

squad this year to hopefully take that challenge on.”

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Special season for Killingly girls

BY CHARLIE LENTZ
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DAYVILLE — It’s been a couple of decades since Killingly High had a season like this one but who’s counting? Well, would you believe the mathematician is actually coach Gina Derosier. Perhaps it’s easy for Derosier to recall the heyday of Killingly basketball

because she was a freshman guard for the school back in the day.

“When I was in high school Redgals basketball was on another level. My freshman year we won the ECCs and then we lost in the state championship my freshman year to Daniel Hand, 1998. It was quite a good run,” Derosier said. “My four years we had a home state game every single time. If you were

going to tell me there would be such a drop-off after that I wouldn’t have believed it.”

Believe it or not Killingly is back where Derosier says it belongs. While Killingly hit a bump in the road in a 49-42 loss to Woodstock Academy on Monday night at Killingly High School in the final game of its regular season, the loss can’t spoil a remarkable renaissance. Killingly posted an overall mark of 15-5 and captured the regular-season title of Eastern Connecticut Conference’s Division 3 with a perfect 8-0 conference mark. The turnaround

is stunning considering Killingly finished 6-16 overall last season and was blown out by second-seeded Windsor in the opening round of the Class L state tournament.

“The growth from the beginning of the year ‘til now, the fact that we’re 15-5, speaks volumes to what these girls have done,” Derosier said. “I have four freshmen and and four sophomores on the varsity team. At any given time, I have three freshmen on the court.”

Killingly senior forward Trinity Angel scored a team-high 13 points in

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Killingly’s Trinity Angel shoots guarded by Woodstock defenders, from left, Rachel Lambert, Katie Papp, and Kayla Gaudreau, at Killingly High on Monday, Feb. 17.



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Rebuilding year winds down for Tourtellotte boys



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Tourtellotte's Carter Cooper shoots over Lyman Memorial's Zach Dunnack on Feb. 13 in Thompson.

BY CHARLIE LENTZ
VILLAGER EDITOR

THOMPSON — When he took the job six years ago Tourtellotte coach Neil Bernier knew there would be seasons like this. Back in the fall of 2014 Bernier inherited a team that had lost 10 seniors to graduation — including ECC First Teamer and 1,000-point scorer Kaevon Safford. In Bernier's inaugural campaign the Tigers had only one returnee to the varsity and he had played sparingly. Predictably the Tigers went 0-20 in Bernier's first season as head coach but he knew the cupboard was bare and his job was stocking shelves for the future.

Fast forward to this season — when Tourtellotte entered the season after the graduation losses

of its top two scorers, Josh Dodd and Spencer Fullone.

“We don't have replacements for them. And it showed. We don't have replacements for those guys and it showed. Those kinds of kids, you don't get them that often at a school this small,” Bernier said.

With Dodd and Fullone leading the way Tourtellotte finished with an overall record of 9-13 last season, earned the 18th seed in the Division 5 state tournament and fell to 15th-seed Putnam in the opening round of the state tourney. The duo's departure left the cupboard bare once more.

“You're going to have deep canyons to travel through before there's light on the other side,” Bernier said. “Teams like Lyman have to do

it. Wheeler has to do it. And you're always playing teams that are bigger than you so you just kind of have to take your lumps some years and hopefully you have young guys that are coming through that can develop.”

This season has been one of those “deep canyons” for the Tigers, who lost to Lyman Memorial 53-34 on Feb. 13, dropping their record to 1-17. Bernier knows that with one of the smallest student enrollments in the Eastern Connecticut Conference the cupboard often needs restocking at Tourtellotte.

“You're at a school with 120 boys. I get frustrated. You take it to heart when you lose. What can you do better? What can you change? What can each kid work on that's better,” Bernier said. “All kinds of ques-

tions but inevitably this is just what you have to live with.”

Bernier has been busy this season building for the future. Against Lyman Memorial he started four underclassmen who came into this campaign with little or no varsity experience. It's been a trial by fire for many of his underclassmen.

“These guys have gotten a lot of time this year. They've had bad games. They've had good games. I said every game you treat as a learning experience, not something to be frustrated or angry by,” Bernier said. “It's going to happen. You take your lumps. Like I said, your goal one day is to be the team that does this to somebody else.”

To complicate matters junior guard Brady Monahan has missed the entire season with a wrist injury but is expected to return for his senior season.

“Having Brady Monahan back next year will be huge. He's a guy that started last year. He was probably our best player coming back this year. He broke his wrist in the football season so he hasn't played a game. But he comes to the all the games. He's always here. And he is chomping at the bit to play again,” Bernier said.



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Tourtellotte's Ryan Barber goes up for a shot with Lyman Memorial's Zach Dunnack defending.

banged up. He is fearless, almost sometimes to a fault. (Cooper) has a very good offensive skill set. His task from here on out is just learning and understanding the game,” Bernier said.

The tandem of sophomore forwards — Barber and Barbour — have been steady contributors all season.

“They've been the leading scorers for the team in several games during the year,” Bernier said. “There's a lot of upside with the two of them. Ryan (Barbour) is a high IQ guy for basketball. He really wants to work on his shot and develop a full game. Mason (Barber) has been working on his shot but you can see he's very aggressive, a hustler, he got into a little bit of foul trouble tonight because he gets a little over-aggressive sometimes.”

The win over Tourtellotte lifted Lyman Memorial's record to 9-9. Zach Dunnack led the Bulldogs with 21 points. Lyman Memorial is next

scheduled to play host to Killingly High on Friday, Feb. 21. Tourtellotte's Grauer scored a team-high 10 points against Lyman and senior Devin Dalpe added eight points. In their last game of the regular season on Senior Night the Tigers are scheduled to play host to Plainfield High on Friday, Feb. 21, with tipoff scheduled for 7 p.m. at Canty Gymnasium.

Next season Bernier likely expects the Tigers will have more than one win on the eve of Senior Night. The coach sees light on the horizon of the canyon.

“It's frustrating to them but they understand the situation,” Bernier said. “Our goal is one day to be the one that's delivering the heavy beating on somebody else — and not receiving it.”

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Tourtellotte girls on upswing as tourney nears



Charlie Lentz photo

Tourtellotte's Ashley Morin shoots with Griswold's Abby Wing defending on Friday, Feb. 14, at Canty Gymnasium.

BY CHARLIE LENTZ
VILLAGER EDITOR

THOMPSON — Tourtellotte Memorial will likely face an uphill battle when the Class S state tournament arrives but perhaps the Tigers should be heartened with four wins over their last 10 games to close out the regular season. With an untested lineup Tourtellotte got off to a slow start this sea-

son — with a 1-9 mark over its first 10 games — but the Tigers finished strongly and ended the regular season with a 5-15 record, capped by a 44-37 loss to Griswold High last Friday night at Canty Gymnasium.

“I think we're really just gelling as a team and they're starting to believe,” said Tourtellotte coach Carla Faucher. “When we got the win against Wheeler (a 48-46 win on Feb. 4) all of

a sudden they started believing. And you could just see them gelling more in practices. They're kind of more relaxed. They're not as tense. So this is all we can ask for this time of the season.”

Tourtellotte was ranked 27th in class S following its final game of its regular season and the loss to the Wolverines on Feb. 14 was not what coach Faucher would have wanted.



Charlie Lentz photo

Tourtellotte's Leci Snow tries to get past Griswold's Lindsey Van Lanen on Feb. 14.

But considering the Tigers fell to Griswold 53-26 in the first meeting between the two clubs back on Jan. 25 — the close loss in the rematch showed Faucher her team has improved as the season has worn on. Faucher is in her 24th season on the bench and has been through rebuilding phases so she knows the drill.

Among the key players expected to return to the roster next season are junior forward Leci Snow, freshman forward Hailey Johnson, sophomore

forward Zeynep Acun, sophomore guard Alivia Dalpe, sophomore guard Alysha Bugbee, sophomore forward Sarah Duquette, and freshman guard Saydie Cooper. Acun scored a team-high 12 points against Griswold.

“(Acun) has been struggling all year. I know I'm always tough on her. But I know she has the capability so I want to keep pushing her and making her believe in herself. She's had a couple of great games these

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Woodstock girls take momentum into postseason



Charlie Lentz photo

Woodstock's Kayla Gaudreau drives to the hoop with Killingly's Ella Lach, right, and Aila Gutierrez, left, defending on Monday, Feb. 17.

BY CHARLIE LENTZ
VILLAGER EDITOR

DAYVILLE — This season was a tale of two halves for Woodstock Academy. The Centaurs hit the hardwood with only three returnees who played significant varsity minutes last year and managed to win just one of their first 10 games. Sophomore forward Aurissa Boardman led the team in scoring early on but was promptly injured and lost for the season. Things looked bleak but Woodstock didn't give in. The Centaurs made a turnaround, capped by a 49-42 victory over Killingly High on Monday night and posted a 6-4 record over the second half of the 20-game regular-season.

"They just kept their nose to the grind. I also think to be honest nothing fixes you better than a mistake," said Woodstock coach Will Fleeton. "I think some of those early mistakes definitely took care of us at the end."

The Centaurs finished with an overall record of 10-12 last season, were seeded 25th in the Class L state tournament, and fell to eighth-seeded East Hartford in the opening round of the state tourney. Woodstock had to work hard to post a 7-13 this regular season and coach Fleeton said it was the result of diligence on the defensive

end — the same formula it used to shut down Killingly on Monday, Feb. 17. Woodstock led Killingly 35-25 after three quarters with the help of a stifling man-to-man defense.

"Obviously that's where we hang our hat, to be honest we probably spend too much time at practice on the defensive end but I think that pays us back in situations like this," said Fleeton, in his sixth season.

Woodstock held Killingly senior forward Trinity Angel to 13 points. Angel had scored 29 points one game earlier in a win over Waterford. Woodstock senior forward Rachel Lambert was tasked with containing Angel, with help from a defense which rotated deftly all evening — switching to pick up Angel when Lambert was screened or fronted Angel.

"Trinity Angel's a monster in the paint," Fleeton said. "It's definitely a full-team effort on the defensive end, a lot of rotations, a lot of help side. We played our normal defense with a few extra tweaks for Killingly mixed in. It all started and it finished with Lambert. She met (Angel) head on. She fronted (Angel) on wing situations. And that's who Rachel Lambert is. She's a hard working girl, does all of the tough stuff. The team appreciates her."

Senior forward Katie Papp led the



Charlie Lentz photo

Woodstock's Kaitlin Birlin leads the fast break against Killingly on Feb. 17.

way for the Centaurs with 18 points and senior guard Kayla Gaudreau finished with 10 points for Woodstock. Woodstock's seniors — Papp, Gaudreau, Lambert, and Hallie Saracina — had never lost to Killingly High over their high school careers. Coach Fleeton said they wanted to preserve their perfect mark against their backyard rival.

"It's the Northeast Corner. Everybody knows each other. The kids know each other. It was a packed gym tonight," Fleeton said. "I tell my kids 'You've got your friends over there but within those 32 minutes we've got to compete. And then we can be friends again after.'"

Centaurs junior guard Alexa Pechie said she knew the seniors didn't want to end their perfect run against Killingly. Killingly pulled to within four points, 46-42, on a bucket from Ella Lach with 34 seconds left. Pechie sank a free throw with :30 left to push the lead to five points, 47-42, and Gaudreau sank two foul shots with :18 left to complete the scoring.

"Definitely the seniors really just

stepped up tonight and we all had it in our hearts to beat them again so we just really didn't want to lose this one," Pechie said. "Beginning of the season we were off to a really rough start but we definitely have improved and I feel really confident going into states."

Angel scored a team-high 13 points for Killingly (15-5). Woodstock (7-13) was scheduled to compete in the play-in round of the Eastern Connecticut Conference Division I Tournament on Feb. 19. The Centaurs will compete in the Class LL state tournament with qualifying rounds beginning on Thursday, Feb. 27. Fleeton undoubtedly hopes the tale of the season's second half continues to be written.

"Early in the season there was some cans and cant's — and maybe we can't do this and can't do that," Fleeton said. "I'm glad that we stuck to the grind because they definitely can."

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Ellis Tech boys top Vinal Tech



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Ellis Tech's Ben Williams goes up for a shot guarded by Vinal Tech's Luke Gagnon, left and J.J. Fountain, right, at Ellis Tech on Feb. 14.

BY CHARLIE LENTZ
VILLAGER EDITOR

DANIELSON — A late surge by Ellis Tech has supplied some much-needed wins for the Golden Eagles. Ellis Tech defeated Vinal Tech 64-51 last Friday. It was the team's second win over a four-game span. Although Ellis Tech's record was 3-14 through 17 games, coach Dan Piccione was encouraged by the pair of victories late in the season because it told him that his players haven't given up despite a challenging year.

"We're really encouraged, a little bummed out about this year, we were expecting better things," said Piccione, in his

11th season. "But that being said, we're going to finish strong, take a step in the right direction for next sure for sure. Getting wins two Fridays in a row at home is nice."

It has been a trying season for coach Piccione. The Golden Eagles have survived a bout of the flu, which knocked out several players in mid-season. And Ellis Tech lost its sixth man, sophomore Lee Schiavetti, who broke his foot in a game against Grasso Tech on Jan. 10.

"I'm not making excuses but we had a lot of ups and downs, a lot of people sick, battling the flu pretty much all season. Our sixth man broke his foot in game five," Piccione said. "Everyone's going through it. I was wishing things would be



Charlie Lentz photo

Ellis Tech's Darren Swiatlowski, center, drives between Vinal Tech's Luke Gagnon, left and Nate Figueroa, right, at Ellis Tech last Friday night.

better at this point but we're going to finish strong and keep on getting better hopefully."

While the Golden Eagles will lose a number of seniors to graduation, the team has a corps of underclassmen who are expected to return to the roster. Sophomore guard Sam Rebello scored a team-high 19 points in the win over Vinal Tech at Ellis Tech's gymnasium on Feb. 14. Golden Eagles junior forward Antonio Rojas tallied 16 points against Vinal Tech. Along with Schiavetti — Rebello and Rojas will be counted on next season.

"(Rebello and Rojas) just control the game. They attack the hole. They play really good defense. They're both very athletic. (Rebello) can do it all.

He's good off the ball. He can handle the ball. He's a lefty so that helps. He's athletic. I'm expecting big things from him," said Piccione. "We've got a big sophomore class, which is nice. And then we've got a couple freshmen who have some size, one (Kellen Smith) was sick tonight. Caleb Evans, another freshman, is really tall and should help."

Senior forward Ben Williams scored 11 points against Vinal Tech and senior point guard Tom Sherman added seven points. Ellis Tech's seniors include Williams, Sherman, Carter LeBlanc, Darren Swiatlowski, and Dan Sychevsky.

"We've got three left and they're all winnable games.

Hopefully they come ready to go and we finish strong," Piccione said. "They've been working hard all season long. I really want then to finish strong and get as much as they can out of this season."

J.J. Fountain scored a game-high 32 points for Vinal Tech. The loss dropped Vinal Tech's record to 1-17. Ellis Tech (3-14) is next scheduled for a rematch at Vinal Tech on Friday, Feb. 21. Ellis Tech's Senior Night is scheduled for 6:30 p.m. on Tuesday, Feb. 25, when the Golden Eagles are scheduled to play host to Cheney Tech.

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High School Roundup

KILLINGLY 71, WINDHAM 48

WILLIMANTIC — Ethan Preston scored 17 points and grabbed 13 rebounds and Jay Grzysiewicz had 13 points and 10 assists in Killingly’s win over the host Whippets in boys basketball on Tuesday, Feb. 18. Shayne

Bigelow added 16 points for Killingly (12-7). Killingly is next scheduled to travel to Lyman Memorial on Friday, Feb. 21. Jovan Alamodovar had 18 points to lead Windham (3-16).

WOODSTOCK 70, LEDYARD 66



Ellis Tech’s Kalista Lovely scored 20 points in a win over Cheney Tech on Feb. 14.

File photo

WOODSTOCK — Logan Talbot scored 30 points to lead the host Centaurs to the win over the Colonels in boys basketball on Feb. 18. Ethan Davis added 14 points and Aidan Morin scored 12 points for Woodstock Academy (6-13 overall, 2-6 Eastern Connecticut Conference Division II). Dorell Cagle led the Colonels (10-8 overall, 3-5 ECC) with 22 points. The Centaurs close out the regular season with a home game against East Lyme on Friday, Feb. 18, with tipoff set for 7 p.m. at Alumni Fieldhouse.

ELLIS TECH 29, CHENEY TECH 19

MANCHESTER — Kalista Lovely scored 20 points to lead the Golden Eagles over Cheney Tech in girls basketball on Feb. 14. The loss dropped Cheney Tech’s record to 2-18. The win lifted Ellis Tech’s record to 9-11.

WOODSTOCK 6, HOUSATONIC 3

POMFRET — Guerin Favreau and Nick Chubbuck each scored two goals lift the Centaurs to the boys hockey win on Feb. 17 at Pomfret School’s Jahn Rink. Kyle Brennan and Jake Starr each scored one goal for Woodstock. Favreau has scored 33 goals through 19 games. The win lifted Woodstock’s record to 15-4 overall, 6-2 Nutmeg Conference. Housatonic co-op (Housatonic Regional/Northwestern/Wamogo) fell to a mark of 4-10-1. The Centaurs are next scheduled to play host to New Milford on Saturday, Feb. 28, with the puck set to drop at 6:30 p.m. at Jahn Rink.

PUTNAM 49, WINDHAM 24

PUTNAM — Abby St. Martin scored 18 points to help lift the Clippers over the Whippets in girls basketball on Feb. 13. For Putnam: Kayleigh Lyons scored 10 points, Molly McKeon tallied nine points and Alex Hutchins scored eight points. Nicole Peralta scored 11

points and Ady Gonzalez added six points for Windham. The loss dropped Windham’s record to 11-9. The win lifted the Clippers record to 16-3.

STONINGTON 72, WOODSTOCK 35

STONINGTON — Woodstock Academy’s Ethan Davis scored eight points for the Centaurs in the loss to the host Bears in boys basketball on Feb. 14. Zach Scott scored 27 points and Ayden Morrison added 15 points for Stonington (10-8 overall, 4-3 ECC).

KILLINGLY 50, WATERFORD 43

WATERFORD — Trinity Angel scored a career-high 29 points to pace Killingly past the host Lancers in girls basketball on Feb. 13. Sophia Moore added 10 points for Killingly. Milly Walker led Waterford with 19 points. The loss dropped the Waterford’s record to 8-11. The win lifted Killingly’s record to 15-4.

WOODSTOCK 4, EAST HAVEN 2

POMFRET — Guerin Favreau scored two goals and Brendan Hill and Nick Chubbuck each scored one goal in the Centaurs win over East Haven co-op in boys hockey on Feb. 15 at Pomfret School’s Jahn Rink. The loss dropped East Haven’s record to 7-8.

KILLINGLY 60, BACON 44

COLCHESTER — Shayne Bigelow scored 30 points to lead Killingly to victory over the host Bobcats in boys basketball on Feb. 14. Killingly’s Ethan Preston notched a double double with 11 points and 10 rebounds. Nick Tiziani had 14 points to lead Bacon (6-12).

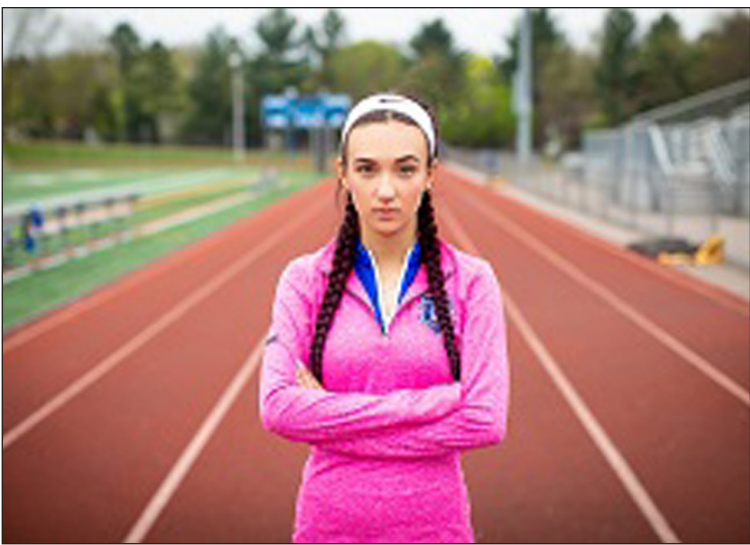
Three girls challenge CLAC’s gender policy



Alanna Smith



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Selina Soule

HARTFORD — Alliance Defending Freedom attorneys representing three female high-school track competitors and their mothers filed suit in federal court on Feb. 12 to challenge Connecticut’s policy of allowing males to compete in girls’ sports — a policy the law-suit contends robs female athletes of opportunities because of the physical advantages of males.

The suit contends that ever since the Connecticut Interscholastic Athletic Conference (CIAC) adopted a policy that allows males who identify as female to compete in girls’ athletic events, boys have consistently deprived Glastonbury High’s Selina Soule, Danbury High’s Alanna Smith, and Canton High School’s Chelsea Mitchell of honors and opportunities to compete at elite levels. Mitchell, for example, would have won the 2019 state championship in the women’s 55-meter indoor track competition, but because two males took first and second place, she was denied the gold medal. Soule and Smith likewise have

been denied medals and/or advancement opportunities.

“Girls deserve to compete on a level playing field. Forcing them to compete against boys isn’t fair, shatters their dreams, and destroys their athletic opportunities,” said ADF Legal Counsel Christiana Holcomb. “Having separate boys’ and girls’ sports has always been based on biological differences, not what people believe about their gender, because those differences matter for fair competition. And forcing girls to be spectators in their own sports is completely at odds with Title IX, a federal law designed to create equal opportunities for women in education and athletics. Connecticut’s policy violates that law and reverses nearly 50 years of advances for women.”

The suit contends that the CIAC policy regularly results in boys out-performing and displacing girls in competitive high-school track events across Connecticut, depriving female athletes of victories, opportunities to compete at a higher level, and the public recognition critical to college recruit-

ing and scholarship opportunities.

The complaint filed in Soule vs. Connecticut Association of Schools with U.S. District Court for the District of Connecticut explains that CIAC’s new policy and others like it pose a concrete threat to Title IX gains because “inescapable biological facts of the human species [are] not stereotypes, ‘social constructs,’ or relics of past discrimination. As a result of these many inherent physiological differences between men and women after puberty, male athletes consistently achieve records 10-20 percent higher than comparably fit and trained women across almost all athletic events, with even wider consistent disparities in long-term endurance events and contests of sheer strength such as weight-lifting.”

“In track-and-field events that do not use equipment, the physiological differences between males and females after puberty are stark in the record books,” the complaint adds. “No one doubts that top male and female high school athletes are equally committed

to excelling in their sport, and train equally hard. Yet boys and men consistently run faster and jump higher and farther than girls and women.

As a result of CIAC’s policy, two males were permitted to compete in girls’ athletic competitions beginning in the 2017 track season. Between them, they have taken 15 women’s state championship titles (titles held in 2016 by nine different Connecticut girls) and have taken more than 85 opportunities to participate in higher level competitions from female track athletes in the 2017, 2018, and 2019 seasons alone.

“In sum, the real-world result of the CIAC Policy is that in Connecticut interscholastic track competitions, while highly competitive girls are experiencing the no doubt character-building ‘agony of defeat,’ they are systematically being deprived of a fair and equal opportunity to experience the ‘thrill of victory,’” the lawsuit notes. “A transgender athlete advocate recently wrote in an op-ed that this should be accepted because part of competitive sports is ‘learning to lose.’ A policy such as the

CIAC Policy that ensures that girls get extra lessons in losing, however, cannot be reconciled with Title IX.”

“Girls deserve the same opportunity as boys to excel and chase their dreams. Allowing boys to compete in girls’ sports shatters those dreams and steals opportunities,” said ADF Senior Vice President of U.S. Legal Division Kristen Waggoner. “Boys have physical advantages over girls. It’s dispiriting to girls competing against boys to know what the outcome likely is before the race even starts. The government shouldn’t rob these girls of the opportunity not only to win, but to earn college scholarships and launch their own careers in athletics, coaching, and more.”

ADF attorneys are also asking the court to halt enforcement of the CIAC’s policy while the lawsuit moves forward. Howard M. Wood III, one of more than 3,400 attorneys allied with ADF, is serving as local counsel in the case on behalf of the female athletes and their mothers.



Courtesy photo
John Naylor

New boys soccer coach at Killingly

DAYVILLE — Killingly High School recently announced a new head boys soccer coach for next season. John Naylor has been promoted to head coach after serving as the junior varsity coach at Killingly for the past six years. John is a 2008 graduate of Killingly High School. Naylor has been involved with coaching in many different capacities in the Killingly community for many years since graduating from Killingly including stints as the junior varsity baseball coach and assistant coach for track and field at the high school. He has also coached soccer and baseball at the youth level in Killingly.

"We are extremely excited to begin the next chapter of Killingly Soccer with John leading the way. It became clear to me during the interview process his love and passion for Killingly and with

the soccer program in particular made him an easy choice. He is invested in the program for the long haul. I have been very impressed with the rapport that he has established with his players and parents throughout the Killingly community and look forward to watching those relations grow," said Kevin Marcoux, Killingly High Athletic Director.



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OBITUARIES

Ethel G. Asselta, 85



PUTNAM—Ethel G. (Baker) Asselta, 85, formerly of Marshall St., died Wednesday, February 12, 2020 at St. Vincent Hospital in Worcester. She was the loving wife of the late Salvatore Asselta, Sr. Born in Worcester, MA, she was the daughter of the late Frederick and Elizabeth E. (St. Germaine) Baker.

Mrs. Asselta was a homemaker and enjoyed country dancing and spending time with her family, especially her grandchildren and great grandchildren.

Ethel is survived by her daughters, Ann Dupre and her husband John of Worcester, Paula Asselta of Worcester, and Carol Harwood and her husband Bill of Charlton, MA; her siblings,

John Baker, Michael Baker, Richard Baker, Frances Brunelle, and Jennie LaBrie; six grandchildren; and ten great grandchildren. She was predeceased by her son, Salvatore Asselta, Jr. and her siblings, Frederick Baker, Joseph Baker, and Mable Peters; and her companion Herman “Sonny” Prince.

Relatives and friends were invited to visit with Ethel’s family on Tuesday, February 18, 2020, at the Gilman Funeral Home & Crematory, 104 Church St., Putnam, CT, from 10:00 a.m. to 11:00 a.m. followed by a service in the funeral home at 11:30 a.m. A grave-side service will be held at 12:15 p.m. in St. John Cemetery, 260 Cambridge St., Worcester. Donations in Ethel’s memory may be made to the charity of one’s choice. For memorial guestbook visit www.GilmanAndValade.com.

David W. Swan, 63



LEICESTER—David W. Swan, 63, died Wednesday, February 12 in his home after being stricken ill.

He leaves two brothers; John V. “Jay” Swan, Jr. and his wife Susan of Woodstock, CT, Fredrick J. Swan of Leicester with whom he lived, two sisters; Helen M. Swan Harris and her husband Richard of Worthing, W. Sussex, UK and Marybeth Bardot and her husband Douglas of Windham, CT, two nieces; Elizabeth Swan and her husband Shane Kegler of East Hartford, CT and Allison J. Swan of Woodstock, CT and several aunts, uncles and cousins.

David was born in Worcester, son of John Vincent and Elizabeth Agnes (Rowe) Swan. He was a lifelong resident of Leicester. He graduated from the Rhode Island School for the Deaf in Providence in 1976. In 1977, he com-

pleted courses at the St. Paul Technical Institute in St. Paul, Minnesota. He was employed in the retail food industry for over 39 years. He initially worked for Iandoli’s Supermarkets, which became Albertson’s and finally Shaw’s. His last position was as a bakery clerk at Shaw’s, Gold Starr Blvd., Worcester. He was a member and a communicant at St. Joseph-St. Pius X Parish.

The funeral was held on Monday, February 17 from the MORIN FUNERAL HOME, 1131 Main Street, Leicester with a Funeral Mass at 11:00 AM in St. Pius X Church, 1153 Main Street, Leicester. Burial in Pine Grove Cemetery will be private and at the convenience of the family. Calling hours were Sunday, February 16 from 4:00-7:00 PM in the funeral home. In lieu of flowers, memorial donations may be made to the Leicester Women’s Club, 196 North Spencer Road, Spencer, MA 01562, in support of the Elizabeth Swan Memorial Nursing Scholarship.

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Gertrude Provost, 90



Gertrude Provost, 90 Mrs. Gertrude (Brousseau) Provost, 90 died January 21, 2020 in St. Hyacinthe, Canada after complications of a fall.

She was a former resident of Sturbridge and Southbridge where she raised her family and then returned to Canada after the death of her husband René Provost.

She was also predeceased, her 2 younger brothers, Claude and Gaetan Brousseau and grandson, Brad

Provost.

She leaves 4 children, Nicole Guyette (Roger) of CT, Richard Provost of MA, Daniel Provost of TX and Marcel Provost of Canada. She also leaves 4 grandchildren: Kenneth Guyette (Wendy Kiss), Kimberly Rzeznikiewicz (Scott), Richard Provost II (Lori Sariva) and Patricia Savard. 11 Great grandchildren: Christine, Robyn, Kyra, Madison, Alyssa, Kaly, Elizabeth, Olivia, Connor, CJ and Isabella.

She also leaves many nieces and nephews and cousins and 1 sister in law, Pauline Brousseau of Radius Nursing Home.

Mrs. Provost worked at the A.O and the Southbridge Nursing Home and was a seamstress for Lucy’s Laundry.

Donations can be made to the Alzheimers Foundation or the Diabetes Foundation.



WEBSTER—Anthony J. “Blackie” Kudzal, 99, died unexpectedly Monday, February 10, 2020 in his home.

He leaves 4 nephews, Frank, Joseph, James and Robert Kudzal; 3 nieces, Anna and Nancy Kudzal, and Patricia Blake; and several grandnephews and grandnieces. He was preceded in death by his brothers Joseph, Charles, Michael, young Felix and a second Felix and by 2 sisters, Mary Kuzdzal and Rose Wojciechowski.

He was born on March 14, 1920 in Dudley, one of the ten children of Francis and Tekla M. (Golob) Kuzdzal. He grew up in the Wilsonville section of Thompson, CT and moved to Webster in 1950.

He was a United States Navy veteran, serving in world War II as a ship’s cook.

Mr. Kudzal worked as a frame spinner at the Millbury Yarn Mill and then at S & D Spinning in Millbury until he retired in 1982.

He was a communicant of Saint Joseph Basilica and attended Mass there regularly. He enjoyed hunting, ice fishing and especially cooking. A favorite activity was preparing homemade noodles for the family holiday gatherings. His nephews and nieces were his family and he spent many hours with them as a regular visitor to their homes. He was a devoted fan of the Boston Red Sox.

His funeral was held Monday, February 17, from the Sitkowski, Malboeuf & Hickey Funeral Home, 340 School Street, with a Mass at 10:00 AM in Saint Joseph Basilica, 53 Whitcomb Street. Burial will be in Saint Joseph Garden of Peace, with military honors provided by the Webster-Dudley Veterans Council. Visiting hours were from 6:00 to 8:00 PM Sunday, February 16, in the funeral home. Donations in his name may be made to Saint Joseph Basilica, 53 Whitcomb Street, Webster, MA 01570.

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Raymond H (Bud) Adams, Jr. 79,

Raymond H (Bud) Adams, Jr. 79, of Thompson, CT died Tuesday, February 11, 2020 at Webster Manor with his loving family at his side .Raymond was born in Worcester, MA. He is the son of the late Raymond and Dorothy (Richard) Adams.

Bud is survived by his wife of 56 years Elizabeth (Kircher) Adams two sons, Charles R Adams(Nicole) of Seekonk, MA and Matthew R Adams(Bambi) of Weeki Wachee FL, one sister, Sylvia Pusateri and her husband Vincent of Holden . Several nieces and nephews,.

Bud loved his family and was a good friend to many.

Bud graduated Worcester Boys Trade School and attended Barrington College in RI and served in the Army during Peace Time stationed at Ft. Lewis

Washington, He was a Carpenter and enjoyed his work. An outdoorsman he enjoyed fishing and hunting in Maine.

He was a member of Charlton Baptist Church and was part of the music program.

The funeral was held 11:00 am on Monday, February 17 at Charlton Baptist, 50 Hammond Hill Rd., Charlton, with Pastor Steve Nordbye officiating. Burial was at 2:30 pm in West Thompson Cemetery Riverside Dr. Thompson CT Calling hours will be Sunday, February 16 from 2 to 4 PM at Bartel Funeral Home and chapel 33 Schofield Avenue, Dudley, MA.

In lieu of flowers, memorials may be made to Charlton Baptist Church 50 Hammond Hill Rd.

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Sean Patrick Brady



PLAINFIELD—Sean Patrick Brady was born on July 25th, 1977 to parents John and Michelle.

Michelle quite often remarks on the arduous nature of Sean’s birth, as it spanned

over some few 32 hours in total. Many might say he wasn’t ready to meet the world yet, but we know better. Sean was smart enough to know how cozy it was to be that close to the ones he loved. This was to become what should be considered one of his most amazing existential characteristics.

Growing up, Sean Loved competing in sports. Baseball, soccer and basketball were his favorites, which he would go on to play in the Killingly and Moosup Little Leagues, the Plainfield and Sterling Recreation Departments, American Legion Baseball and as a student at Sterling Memorial School and Plainfield High. That love of sports was something he would continue into adult life, not just as a spectator, but as a coach to his son Michael and others, and as a competitor in Mixed Martial Arts. He was true to his New England roots and a fan of the Red Sox, Celtics and Patriots.

Sean furthered his academics attending Eastern Connecticut State University. In Higher Education Sean became a member of the Sigma Phi Epsilon fraternity.

His one love greater than sports was his family. He was proud of his Irish American and French Canadian roots. He shared a love with more aunts and uncles and cousins than can be counted. But when it came to brothers, he had only one, Thomas. As the older brother, Sean strove to support and protect his younger

brother. He felt a similar responsibility toward his parents.

In 2008 he married Paula Davis, and gained a family of his own. Sean, Paula, Michael and Zoie became a family. Sean loved being a dad. He loved playing ball with Mikey and attending school events. Being a father was his greatest joy.

Sean also had a love for animals, especially his many cats over the years. We are sure his latest BFF (Best Feline Friend) Nushie, misses him.


“They say Irish Eyes can smile. Sean’s deep blue eyes were a window to his soul.”

Our Sean’s candle flame was one that raged rather than flickered. Even now, in these hours which follow his passing, his warmth can be felt against our cheeks. Even now, amidst the cacophony of emotional waves, we embrace the warmth of his memory. Even now, absorbable is the beauty that is his spirit gazing upon Us.

Sean was a Brother. He was a Son. He was a loving Husband and adoring Father. Yet, to say that these designations could ever amass to adequately capture the True, often times cloaked, essence that was Sean, would levy an injustice to Humanity. May the entirety of his legacy and subsequent message never be forgotten...

Sean joins his grandparents, Paul and Gloria Bessenaire and John and Shirley Brady, Uncles Wayne Bagley and Ira Nadler, and his cousin Keith Brady, in heaven. He is survived by his wife Paula Davis and children Micheal and Zoie Castillo of Plainfield; his parents John and Michelle Brady and brother Thomas Brady of Sterling, and his nephew Elijah Brady and sister-in-law Lydia Brady of Moosup; as well there are many, many close aunts, uncles, cousins, and friends of Bill.

Calling hours will be Friday, February 21, 6-8 pm at Tillinghast Funeral Home, 433 Main St, Danielson, CT; A Memorial Mass of Christian Burial will be held on Saturday, February 22, 2020 at 10 am at St James Church, 12 Franklin St, Danielson, CT. Burial will follow in Holy Cross Cemetery. If anyone wishes to make a donation in Sean’s name in lieu of flowers, they will be gratefully accepted at Friends of Assisi Food Pantry, 77 Water St, Danielson, CT 06239.




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Sharon E. DeCiccio, 75



D A Y V I L L E – Sharon (Richardson) DeCiccio, 75, of Primrose Village, passed away Friday, January 24, 2020 at UMass Memorial Medical Center. Born in Bridgeport, CT, she was the daughter of the late Harry Borg Richardson and Roseanne (Sirois) Richardson.

Mrs. DeCiccio worked as a secretary for the Florida Department of Corrections.

Sharon is survived by her longtime companion, Normand A. Bouchard of Dayville, CT; her daughters, Cheryl Cimelus of Bridgeport, CT, and Marissa DeCiccio; her grandchildren, Christian and Braydon of Jacksonville, FL; her two sisters, Harriette Lanier and her husband Richard, their children Michael, Joseph, Sarah, and

Matthew of Milford, CT; Kathy Reddy and her husband Leo, and their children Erica and Mark of Johnstown, PA; her brother, Harry Richardson and his wife Susan, their children Karen and Brian, of Orange, CT; and her stepdaughters, Lisa Jenckes and her husband Stephen, and their son Jack of Exeter, RI, and Beth -Ann Sylvia and her husband Roland, and their children Courtney, Brooke, Ben of Burrillville, RI.

Relatives and friends are invited to visit with Sharon's family on Saturday February 29, 2020 at 1:00 p.m. with a Funeral Service held at 2:00 p.m. in the Gilman Funeral Home & Crematory, 104 Church St., Putnam, CT 06260. Immediately following her service, all are invited to the Community Room at Primrose Village, Dayville CT for refreshments. Burial will be private. For memorial guestbook visit www.GilmanAndValade.com.

Rhonda Jarmolowicz, 59



PUTNAM – Rhonda (Parmentier) Jarmolowicz, 59, of Chassey St., passed away

unexpectedly on Thursday, February 6, 2020 at Rhode Island Hospital. Born in Putnam,

she was the daughter of the late Leo and Stasia (Malec) Parmentier.

Mrs. Jarmolowicz worked as a personal care assistant for the Center for Transitional

Living where she took special care of her client, Vivian for the last three years. She loved to cook Polish food and bake sweets for her family. She was always trying new recipes. She especially enjoyed spending time with

her grandchildren. She was a devoted wife, mother and grandmother who loved and cherished every moment of her life with her family and friends. She loved unconditionally and had a heart of gold.

Rhonda is survived by her daughter, Heather Jarmolowicz and her friend, Bob Brown of

Putnam; her brother, Randy Parmentier of Gettysburg, PA; and her grandchildren,

Jasmine Charland and Isabella Brown.

There will be a private celebration of life. Arrangements have been entrusted to the Gilman Funeral Home & Crematory, 104 Church St., Putnam, CT 06260. For memorial guestbook visit www.GilmanAndValade.com.

David A. Blais, 61



WOODSTOCK – David A. Blais, 61, passed away suddenly on Thursday, Feb. 13th, at the Day Kimball Hospital, Putnam, CT.

He leaves his beloved wife of 43 years, Marie E. (Padula) Blais; his four children, Anthony Blais and his wife Courtney of Worcester, Melissa Sullivan and her husband Michael of Katonah, NY, Timothy Blais and his wife Diane of Grafton and

Daniel Blais and his wife Laura of Pepperell; his sister, Rita Blais of North Grosvenordale, CT and his two brothers, Keith Blais of Woodstock, Joel Blais of AZ; his eight grandchildren, Isaac, Samantha, Anthony Jr., Kael, Allison, Arya, Finnegan, Emelia, and a granddaughter on the way; and several nieces and nephews. He also leaves behind his best friend, his dog, Buddy. He was born in Southbridge, the son of Eugene L. and Therese M. (Hebert) Blais. He was Salutatorian of

Tantasqua Regional Vocational High School class of 1976.

Dave was a master tool & die maker. He owned and operated Blais Tool in Woodstock, CT, and in recent years he worked for Whitcraft, LLC in Eastford, CT. He previously worked for Stanco Tool & Die in Southbridge and Eastford Tool & Die in Woodstock, CT. He was a member of Fin, Fur & Feather Gun Club in Chaplin, CT and Peacedale Shooting Preserve in Rhode Island. He enjoyed riding his motorcycle, driving his Camaro, and target shooting. Most of all Dave loved being an awesome Pop-Pop to his grandchildren.

He will be sorely missed.

His funeral was held on Thursday, Feb. 20th, from the Daniel T. Morrill Funeral Home, 130 Hamilton St., Southbridge, with a Mass at 10:00am in St. Anne's Church, 16 Church St., Sturbridge. Burial will be private. Calling hours in the funeral home were held on Wednesday, Feb. 19th, from 5:00 to 8:00pm.

In lieu of flowers donations may be made to the Connecticut Children's Medical Center Foundation, 282 Washington St., Hartford, CT 06106 or to the American Heart Association, PO Box 417005, Boston, MA 02241.

www.morrillfuneralhome.com

Theresa R. Gagnon, 90



THOMPSON – Theresa R. (Smalarz) Gagnon, 90, a longtime resident of Webster, MA, died Wednesday, February 12, 2020 in Day Kimball Hospital, Putnam. Her husband of 56 years, Dr. Lionel L. Gagnon, died in 2006.

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

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

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

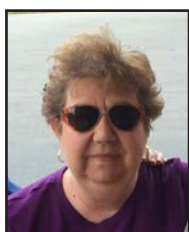
for her husband's optometry practice in Webster, retiring in 1995.

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

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

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

Joyce M. McLean, 74



PUTNAM– Joyce M. (Dion) McLean, 74, of Perry St., died Friday afternoon, February 14, 2020, at Day Kimball Hospital, she was the beloved wife of Michael G. McLean. Born in Putnam, she

was the daughter of the late Bernard and Marie (Peloquin) Dion.

Mrs. McLean worked for many years as a private housekeeper. She enjoyed watching movies and interior

decorating but, above all she cherished the quality time that she spent with her grandson Michael.

Joyce is survived by her beloved husband; her son, Michael J. McLean and his wife Eleanor of Gilbert, AZ; and a grandson Michael A. McLean and his wife Denise of Gilbert, AZ.

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

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com or fax them to (860) 928-5946.

Photos are welcome in JPEG format.

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the loss to Woodstock. Angel has been on the varsity throughout her four-year career but has never played in a state tournament game at home. That will change this year because Killingly was ranked seventh in Class MM at the end of the regular season and will play host to a first-round state game.

"It feels amazing. I'm just really happy that we made it this far," Angel said. "This is like probably the first time in

a while so we're going to get really good support from the community and hopefully we go far in the tournament."

Woodstock's Katie Papp scored 18 points to lead the Centaurs (7-13) to the win over Killingly on Feb. 17 at Killingly High. Last season Killingly was classified in Class L for the state tourney. The CIAC has expanded the girls state tournament field this season with the number of divisions moving from four to five. Killingly resides in the newly created Class MM. Before the state tourney arrives Killingly was slated to compete in the ECC Division II Tournament with a quarterfinal

game set for Feb. 20. The ECC tourney semifinals are scheduled for Saturday, Feb. 22, at Norwich Free Academy. If Killingly should make it all the way to the ECC-DII tourney finals they are set for Tuesday, Feb. 25, at Mohegan Sun Arena.

The first round of the Class MM state tournament will begin on Monday, March 2. Derosier played in plenty of state tourney games back in the day and 1998 was a season to remember. Now she wants her players to make memories of their own.

"I'm so proud of these kids. They work hard every single day. They're

ready for the next challenge," Derosier said. "I think we're seeing the start of something special for Killingly basketball. I don't think this team has a ceiling to be honest. The middle school girls won their championship this year so we've got a nice batch coming up next year too. It's something to look forward to — but right now I just want to take care of business in the state tournament and the ECC's."

Charlie Lentz may be reached at (860) 928-1818, ext. 110, or by e-mail at charlie@villagernewspapers.com.

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last two games and that just builds her confidence because I see that growing in her. She's a little bit more aggressive because her confidence is improving," said Faucher of Acun.

Johnson has been a force inside the paint in her freshman season.

"We tell them when you're a varsity player age doesn't matter. (Johnson) has really opened up to that fact. There are a few times when she has a moment and you've got to say 'Oh my gosh, she is only 14 years old.' But we treat her just like everybody else as a varsity player and she's really come through and I think we'll have a lot of fun over the next three years with her too," said Faucher of Johnson.

Tourtellotte will lose its leading scorer to graduation, senior guard Ashley Morin. Morin, along with senior guard Emily Angelo were both honored on Senior Night prior to tipoff against

Griswold. Coach Faucher said her senior guard duo will be missed.

"I don't want this year to end because Emily (Angelo) and Ashley (Morin) are just great kids and I really loved coaching them the last four years," Faucher said. "It's always tough to see the seniors go. It's good knowing that we have a good core coming back and Ashley and Emily have led them — and this is the way we play Tiger basketball."

Amanda Brehler and Lindsey Van Lanen each scored nine points for Griswold. The win lifted the Wolverines record to 9-11. Tourtellotte's Morin scored 10 points and Johnson and Snow each added six points for the Tigers. Qualifying rounds in the Class S state tournament are scheduled to begin on Thursday, Feb. 27.

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LEGALS

**TOWN OF BROOKLYN
INLAND WETLANDS
COMMISSION
PUBLIC HEARING NOTICE**

The Brooklyn Inland Wetlands Commission will hold a public hearing on Tuesday, March 10, 2020 at 6:00 p.m. at the Clifford B. Green Memorial Center, 69 South Main Street, Brooklyn, CT on the following:
021120B Vachon Brooklyn, LLC, 512 Providence Road, Map 41, Lot 13A/14, PC Zone; Construction of (2) 16 ft. wide access driveways to access proposed new vehicle storage lots. Drive to the larger of the two proposed parking areas will be in an area historically used for an agricultural crossing.
A copy of the application is on file and available for review in the office of the Brooklyn Inland Wetlands Agent located on 69 South Main Street, Suite 23, Brooklyn, CT.
All interested parties may appear and be heard, and written correspondence received.
Jeffrey Arends
Chairman
February 21, 2020

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

ESTATE OF Gary A. Larrow (20-00042)
The Hon. Leah P. Schad, Judge of the Court of Probate, District of Northeast probate Court, by decree dated February 11, 2020, ordered that all claims must be pretested to the fiduciary at the address below. Failure to promptly present any such claim may result in the loss of rights to recover on such claim.

Brenda Duquette, Clerk

The fiduciary is:
Matthew P. George, 156 Country Club Road, Dayville, CT 06241
Patricia A. Larrow
c/o CAROL ALMA BRIGHAM,
BRIGHAM & KULIG, 69 BROAD STREET, DANIELSON, CT 06239
February 21, 2020

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

ESTATE OF Jillian Leigh Bradley (20-00030)
The Hon. Leah P. Schad, Judge of the Court of Probate, District of Northeast probate Court, by decree dated February 11, 2020, ordered that all claims must be pretested to the fiduciary at the address below. Failure to promptly present any such claim may result in the loss of rights to recover on such claim.

Brenda Duquette, Clerk

The fiduciary is:
FREDERICK F WARD, LAW OFFICE OF FREDERICK F. WARD, II, LLC, FREDERICK F WARD II, 433 S MAIN ST- SUITE 226, WEST HARTFORD, CT 06110
February 21, 2020

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

ESTATE OF Edward Francis Meyer (20-00038)
The Hon. Leah P. Schad, Judge of the Court of Probate, District of Northeast probate Court, by decree dated February 12, 2020, ordered that all claims must be pretested to the fiduciary at the address below. Failure to promptly present any such claim may result in the loss of rights to recover on such claim.

Brenda Duquette, Clerk

The fiduciary is:
Nancy A. Vitale, 220 Day Street, Brooklyn, CT 06234
February 21, 2020

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

ESTATE OF Nikos S Agathos (20-00045)
The Hon. Leah P. Schad, Judge of the Court of Probate, District of Northeast probate Court, by decree dated February 12, 2020, ordered that all claims must be pretested to the fiduciary at the address below. Failure to promptly present any such claim may result in the loss of rights to recover on such claim.

Brenda Duquette, Clerk

The fiduciary is:
Anna M Agathos,
c/o GABRIELLE LABONTE, LAW OFFICE OF GABRIELLE LABONTE, 5 VINA LANE, P.O. BOX 709, BROOKLYN, CT
February 21, 2020

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

ESTATE OF David A. Ross (20-00025)
The Hon. Leah P. Schad, Judge of the Court of Probate, District of Northeast probate Court, by decree dated February 7, 2020, ordered that all claims must be pretested to the fiduciary at the address below. Failure to promptly present any such claim may result in the loss of rights to recover on such claim.

Mary Ann Champney, Chef Clerk

The fiduciary is:
William H. Ross, 1985 West Street, Unit #5, Southington, CT 06489
February 21, 2020

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

ESTATE OF Almond A. Upton III (20-00040)
The Hon. Leah P. Schad, Judge of the Court of Probate, District of Northeast probate Court, by decree dated February 11, 2020, ordered that all claims must be pretested to the fiduciary at the address below. Failure to promptly present any such claim may result in the loss of rights to recover on such claim.

Brenda Duquette, Clerk

The fiduciary is:
Judy Upton,
161 Hall Road, Melrose, FL 32666
February 21, 2020

**LEGAL NOTICE
TOWN OF WOODSTOCK**

BOARD OF ASSESSMENT APPEALS
Citizens of Woodstock are hereby informed that the Board of Assessment Appeals for the Town of Woodstock will hold its sessions on the following dates:
Monday, March 2, 2020, beginning at 6:00 PM
Tuesday, March 3, 2020, beginning at 6:00 PM
Appointments must be made by calling the Assessor's Office before February 20, 2020 at 860-928-6929 Ext 326 or Ext 327. or E-Mail: assessorasst@woodstockct.gov
Such sessions are held solely for appeals on REAL ESTATE, PERSONAL PROPERTY AND MOTOR VEHICLE Supplemental Grand List 2018. Sessions will be held in the Selectmen's Conference Room at the Town Hall Office Building at 415 Route 169, Woodstock, CT.
Notice given of sessions held to conform to section 12-110 of the General Statutes of the State of Connecticut.
BOARD OF ASSESSMENT APPEALS
Rebecca Hyde
Ron Cabana
Edward N. Larson, Chairman
February 14, 2020
February 21, 2020

TOWN OF THOMPSON

At the February 11, 2020 meeting of the Thompson Inland Wetlands Commission the following actions were taken: Application #IWA19025 denied, Mark Labonte, 0 Thompson Rd. (Assessor's Map 103, Block 31, Lot 5A) - construct new single family home; Application #IWA20001 approved, Charles Tewksbury, 32 Breaults Landing Rd (Assessor's Map 141, Block 17, Lot 196) - demolition of existing cottage, reconstruction of 26' X 30' single family home, installation of new septic system, new well, and stone retaining wall near Quaddick Reservoir water line.
George T. O'Neil, Chair
February 21, 2020

**PUBLIC NOTICE
TOWN OF BROOKLYN**

On February 11, 2020, the duly authorized agent of the Brooklyn Inland Wetlands and Watercourses Commission approved 021120A Richard Regis - Regrade lot and top with crushed stone surface, within the upland review area at 35 South Main Street, Brooklyn, CT. Map 41, Lot 57, PC Zone.

February 21, 2020

**TOWN OF BROOKLYN
INLAND WETLANDS AND
WATERCOURSES COMMISSION
NOTICE OF ACTION**

Pursuant to Section 22a-42e of the Connecticut State Statute, the Inland Wetlands and Watercourses Commission took the following action at its regular meeting on February 11, 2020:
011420B Evan Sigfridson, 15 Hyde Road, Map 25, Lot 58, VCD Zone; New Commercial Construction-APPROVED WITH CONDITIONS.
011420C River Junction Estates, LLC; South of Rukstela Road, Map 29, Lot 1, Map 30, Lot 16; Grading and restoration of a previously disturbed gravel excavation area. Restoration will establish a vegetation cover on 4+/- acres of disturbed area. The restored area will be used for agricultural crop production – APPROVED.
Any appeals are to be filed with the Superior Court 15 days from the date of the legal notice appearing in the paper. Dated this 12th day of February 2020
Demian Sorrentino
Vice Chairman
Please publish in the Villager Newspaper Friday February 21, 2020. Call Audrey at 860-779-3411 Extension 12 with any questions.
February 21, 2020

**Town of Thompson
Board of Assessment Appeals
LEGAL NOTICE**

Citizens of Thompson are hereby informed that the Board of Assessment Appeals for the Town of Thompson will hold its sessions for appeals for the 2019 grand list on real estate, personal property and motor vehicles on the following dates:
March 19th 2020, 6:00 PM 2nd Floor Town Hall
April 2nd 2020, 6:00 PM 2nd Floor Town Hall
April 7th 2020, 6:00 PM 2nd Floor Town Hall
April 9th 2020, 6:00 PM 2nd Floor Town Hall
The appeal forms are available on the Town of Thompson's website under the Assessor's office. The deadline for appeals is a postmarked date of March 20th, 2020.
Notice of given sessions to conform to Section 12-110 of the General Statutes of the State of CT.
Board of Assessment Appeals
Erica Groh, Chair
Dan Santerre
James Clark
February 14, 2020

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VILLAGER NEWSPAPERS COMMUNITY SPOTLIGHT

“SHINING A LIGHT ON COMMUNITY EVENTS”

February 21, Fri., 5-7pm

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

February 21, Fri., 1pm

LiR, a lifelong learning group located at QVCC in Danielson, is hosting a free Open House in the QVCC auditorium. The presentation will be a road trip exploring all 169 towns in Connecticut by adventurer Martin Podskoch. Refreshments follow. Preview Spring courses learn what we're all about! Lee Felpel Membership and promotion committee 860-774-2502

February 22, Sat., 5:30 & 7pm

Killingly Grange Dinner and Bluegrass the Killingly Grange will host a Meatloaf Dinner followed by two great bands; the ever-popular Shady Creek and Mike Fischman and the radio ramblers, a very popular group on the radio, and recent inductee into the Rhode Island Bluegrass Hall of Fame. Dinner at 5:30 for \$10:00, followed by music at 7:00, for a donation of \$12.00. We are at 801 Hartford Pike in Dayville, CT. For more details - Bruce Kohl 203-731-1750

February 23, Sun., 2pm

BROOKLYN - A Christian Healing Service, formerly held at St. Philip's Church in Putnam, at Trinity Episcopal Church. Prayer teams will be available to pray with individuals for physical, emotional and spiritual healing. The service will include praise and worship music at a celebration of the Eucharist. Trinity Church is located at 7 Providence Road. Healing services are held every fourth Sunday of the month. For information call 860-774-9352, visit www.trinitychurchbrooklyn.org or look for the church on Facebook. All are welcome. Upcoming services will be held March 22, April 26, May 24 and June 28.

February 28, Fri., Noon-7pm

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

February 28, Fri., 7pm

A free popcorn and movie night at First Congregational Church of Pomfret, at 13 Church Road. The movie is entitled "Overcomer" and the event is free and open to the community.

March 6, Fri., Noon-7pm

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

March 6 - 8, Fri, Sat & Sun., 5:30pm

From Friday at 5:30pm (dinner included) until Sunday at 9:00am (breakfast included) at the Windham-Tolland 4-H Camp (326 Taft Pond Rd., Pomfret, CT). Food, games, sledding, hiking, leadership skills and lots of fun for teens 13-17. Fee is \$50.00. Please pre-register by March 1. Call 860-974-3379 to register or email: registrar@4hcampct.org

March 7, Sat., 7-8:30am

The Soldiers, Sailors and Marines Fund (SSMF) assistance is available this Saturday and every Saturday morning, at the Pomfret Senior Center, 207 Mashamouquet Road (Rt.44) in Pomfret. Always free and confidential; call 860-928-2309 for questions. (The SSMF is administered by the American Legion to provide temporary financial assistance to qualified veterans.

March 8, Sat., 2-4pm

Visit the Windham-Tolland 4-H Camp Open HHHouse from 2-4pm at 326 Taft Pond Road, Pomfret, CT. Meet the director & other camp

staff, take a camp tour, registration materials available

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March 20, Thurs., 7-11pm

A "Dam" Fun Time Benefit Concert @Stonehurst at Hampton Valley, Hampton, CT. Silent auction, 50/50 Raffle, Hors d'oeuvres, cash bar. Dancing with music provided by the Great Garage Band Reunion. Sponsored by Stonehurst and Black Dog Bar & Grill to benefit the repair fund for the dam at the Windham-Tolland 4-H Camp in Pomfret. Tickets are \$40 per person and must be purchased in advance. Call 860-974-1122 to purchase tickets.

March 20, Fri., Noon-7pm

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March 27, Fri., Noon-7pm

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April 3, Fri., Noon-7pm

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April 5, Sun., 9:15-11am

Palm Sunday Breakfast will be held at St. Andre Bessette Parish All Hallows Site, 130 Prospect St. Moosup, CT 860-564-3313. Adults \$11.00, Seniors \$9.00.

April 10, Fri., Noon-7pm

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This page is designed to shine a light on upcoming local nonprofit, educational and community events.

Submissions are limited to 50 words or less and are FREE to qualifying organizations, schools, churches and town offices.

To submit your event contact: Paula at paula@stonebridgepress.news

Deadline for submission is Friday at Noon

HERE & THERE → Local Events, Arts, and Entertainment Listings

TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 25

PANCAKE SUPPER ON MARDI GRAS 5 to 7pm at Grace Church 270 Main St, Oxford. Pancakes, sausages, juice, coffee and tea. We are joined by parishoners from St. Thomas, Auburn and Christ Church, Rochdale.



We have been flipping pancakes on Mardi Gras since 1974, so we know how! So wear your beads and maybe a funny hat and come on down! More info? caroll-ee54@charter.net

SATURDAY, MARCH 14

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

FRIDAY, MARCH 21



3RD ANNUAL JOHN PAIRE "BE BETTER" BASKETBALL TOURNAMENT Shepherd Hill Regional High School 64 Dudley-Oxford Rd. Dudley, MA 01571 Registration starts at 8:30am. Games begin at 9am. \$150 per team and \$40 for additional players. For more information contact us at johnpaire-3on3@gmail.com. Visit our facebook page: Friends of John Paire Student Support Fund. All proceeds benefit the John Paire Student Support Fund

Register by March 1 Women Grades 5 to 8 (Co-Ed), High School. Women, Men, Adult Co-Ed. * This tournament is open to anyone who would like to participate

TUESDAY, MARCH 24

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

SATURDAY, APRIL 4,

ROARIN' TWENTIES DANCE at Sturbridge Host Hotel \$35, 5:00pm Tickets @EventBrite.com or at the library

SATURDAY, APRIL 11,

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

SATURDAY, APRIL 18,

HISTORICAL TALK - Ed Londergan - The First and Second Settlements East Brookfield Town Hall 9:30 FREE

SATURDAY, APRIL 25

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

SATURDAY, MAY 2,

EAST BROOKFIELD NATURE WALKS at Pelletier Woods Howe Street, East Brookfield 2:00. FREE

SATURDAY, MAY 9,

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

SATURDAY, MAY 16,

7K RUN AND FUN WALK Timbryard Brewery, East Brookfield 10:0am. \$30.00 adults, \$15.00 kids

SATURDAY, MAY 30

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

SATURDAY, JUNE 6

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

FRIDAY, JUNE 12

COAST GUARD BAND East Brookfield Elementary School, 7:00 FREE

SATURDAY, JUNE 13

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

SATURDAY, JUNE 20,

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

MONDAY, JULY 6



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

SATURDAY JULY 25

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

SATURDAY, JULY 11

INDEPENDENCE DAY CELEBRATION Parade & Fireworks Connie Mack Field East Brookfield

SATURDAY, AUGUST 8

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

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 12

PARADE AND FAMILY FUN EVENT! Route 9, East Brookfield, 9:30 -7:00. FREE. Rain date Sept 13

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 10

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

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 24, 3:30



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

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 7

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

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 14

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

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 12

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

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 12

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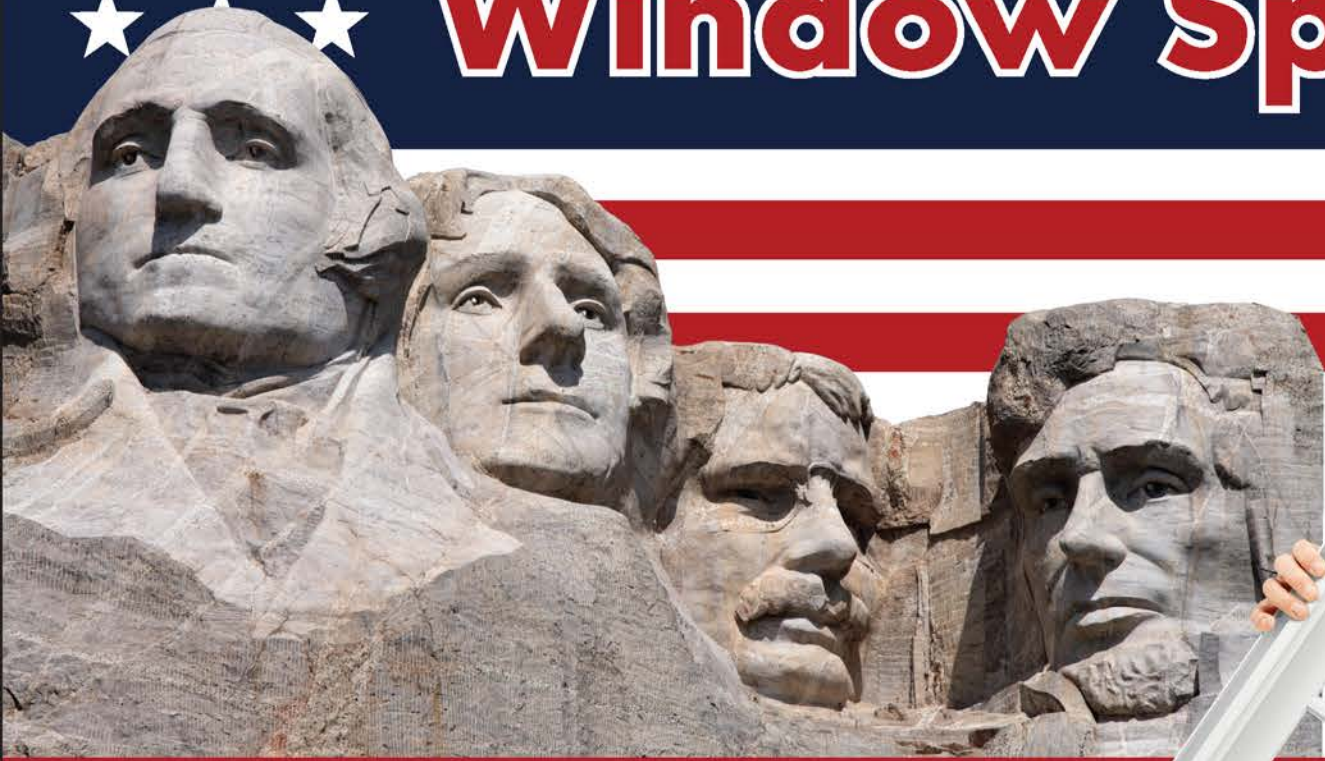
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