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TRAFFIC JAM IN PUTNAM

Charlie Lentz photo

PUTNAM — Runners flood Canal Street in Putnam at the start of the Courthouse O'Putnam 5K road race on Sunday, March 11. The event drew 1,346 participants. Story on page B-1 of today's sports section.



John Fulco photo

From left: Tina Aubin, Children's Librarian, Priscilla Colwell, Library Director, Edward Bradley, Annice Bradley Rockwell

The last train to Putnam

BY OLIVIA RICHMAN
NEWS STAFF WRITER

PUTNAM — Sometimes it's the little things. The things you do that may seem simple — or even automatic — could mean a lot to someone else. The Putnam Public Library now has a work of art on their wall that commemorates that, donated by a patron Edward Bradley.

The 74-year-old fondly recalled going to the library to use the copy machines. And as a low tech person, he felt embarrassed that he couldn't use the machines, that he couldn't figure it out.

"And this has happened more than once," said Bradley, from Woodstock. "The women who work at the library would see me struggling. One of them would notice and she would drop what she was doing and come over and help me. When you see that, it's such a positive thing."

And Bradley wanted this to be recognized.

"I want people to know that they've gone above and beyond to help people," he said. "You don't see that too much anymore."

According to a letter written by Bradley's daughter, Annice Bradley, her father donated "East Wind Special," a sketch by

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Oliver's story at Sochor Gallery

BY OLIVIA RICHMAN
NEWS STAFF WRITER

PUTNAM — Almost a staple at Sochor Art Gallery in downtown Putnam, perhaps Tim Oliver's multi-media has become a town favorite. From sheet music to markers, Woodstock resident Oliver has been delighting the gallery's visitors with not only his unique artwork, but interesting stories and insight on the local art scene.

What kind of work are you currently doing?

"I currently doing a lot of pen and ink and marker."

What drew you to that?

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Olivia Richman photos

Tim Oliver's multi-media art collection is currently on display at the Sochor Art Gallery.



COURTHOUSE O'PUTNAM 5K

Charlie Lentz photo

PUTNAM — The Courthouse O'Putnam 5K is a celebration of Ireland, physical fitness, and also a benefit for the Daily Bread food pantry in Putnam. Among the entrants for the event last Sunday, March 11, were: from left, Heather Garosshen, Courtney Grundy, Kelsey Maxwell, and Dawn Combies.



SNOWMAN SIGHTING

WOODSTOCK — Mickey Morgan, from Woodstock, takes a break from shoveling to create a friend to keep him company.

Eversource crews restored power to thousands of customers over the last two weeks

EASTFORD — Working non-stop alongside hundreds of out-of-state utility workers, Eversource line and tree crews continued making progress restoring power to thousands of customers in Connecticut after two nor'easters hit the area over the last two weeks. Since the late storm season hit in March, crews restored power to approximately 232,000 homes and businesses. The company was on track to have the vast majority of its customers have power back on line.

“We recognize how disruptive power outages are to our customers’ lives and we greatly appreciate their patience this week as we rebuild and repair electric system,” said Eversource Vice President of Electric Operations in Connecticut Michael Hayhurst. “Our

crews are doing a tremendous job, working extended shifts around-the-clock since the first storm began on March 2, many of them didn’t have power at their own homes but they were committed to working until every last customer was restored.”

The company reminded customers to be cautious while continuing with their own storm clean up, be careful moving or cutting tree limbs and look for any wires that may be entangled in debris. Customers should always treat any downed power lines as live, stay at least 10 feet away and report it to 9-1-1.

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Eversource crews worked to restore power in Northeast Connecticut.



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Vacancy on Pomfret Board of Selectmen

POMFRET — Pomfret is looking for a third member for its three-member Board of Selectmen after the recently announced planned resignation of Selectman Pam Lewerenz. After just four months into the new administration’s term Lewerenz informed the board of her plans to move to South Carolina.

The board is made up of First Selectman Maureen Nicholson and Selectman Pat McCarthy — both Democrats — and Lewerenz, a Republican. All three were elected in November 2017

for two years. The vacancy will be filled by the remaining two Democratic members of the board. The new member must be Unaffiliated, Republican or a member of another minority party to comply with minority representation statutes, and must be filled within 30 days of the vacancy.

Nicholson stated plans to advertise the open seat to cast a wider net for interested applicants. “We want to take some time to look for a replacement to ensure we give Pomfret residents an opportunity to throw their hats in the ring. This unusual situation gives people the chance to get involved in their community without actually running

for office,” Nicholson said.

The seat will be filled until the next municipal election in November 2019 at which time all members of the board will be up for election. For interested applicants, the Board meets twice a month; the first Monday at 7 p.m. and the third Monday at 8 a.m.

A letter of interest and brief resume should be submitted to: Selectman Vacancy, Pomfret Town Hall, 5 Haven Road, Pomfret Center, Ct., 06259, or maureen.nicholson@pomfretct.gov. Questions may be directed to First Selectman Maureen Nicholson at maureen.nicholson@pomfretct.go or (860) 947-0191.

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Rain barrel workshops planned in Last Green Valley

DANIELSON — The Last Green Valley is among many groups benefitting from additional recent funding. The Eastern Connecticut Conservation District (ECCD) has received funding from the Long Island Sound Futures Fund to conduct workshops, install 100 rain gardens and 100 rain barrels in eastern Connecticut. To implement the project, ECCD is partnering with the Boy Scouts of America, various service organizations at UConn, the Coca-Cola Bottling Company, the Thames River Basin Partnership, the Niantic River Watershed Committee and The Last Green Valley. ECCD anticipates starting the project in early 2018, planning throughout the winter months, then conducting workshops and installing the rain gardens and rain barrels throughout the spring, summer and fall. This grant program combines funds from the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (U.S. EPA), and the Long Island Sound Futures Fund (LISFF).

Rain gardens and rain barrels are a low-cost solution to reducing non-point source pollution from entering our rivers, streams, lakes, ponds and Long Island Sound. Rain gardens are slight depressions in the ground in which a variety of plants are installed. Stormwater runoff from rooftops, driveways and sidewalks is redirected into the rain garden where it infiltrates into the soil and is filtered of contaminants. Rain barrels collect rainwater from rooftops preventing its discharge and waterways while providing water for gardens and flowers around the yard.

This is an exciting new program for the district. ECCD is looking forward to supporting the Boy Scouts from your local communities to participate in the project and improve the water quality and wildlife habitats in Eastern Connecticut. Of course, ECCD would be excited to engage Girl Scout Troops in the project as well, though we do not have a formal agreement in place.

If you are interested in attending a rain garden or rain barrel workshop, or installing a rain garden or rain barrel at your home, school, church or business, please contact Dan.Mullins@comcast.net or call (860) 319-8808, for more information.

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Day Kimball connects overdose victims to recovery coaches

PUTNAM — Day Kimball Hospital has partnered with Connecticut Community for Addiction Recovery (CCAR) in a program that sends trained recovery coaches to Emergency Departments to serve individuals being treated for overdoses and who are ready for recovery. The recovery coaches will be on-call and available to assist patients who are admitted in the Day Kimball Hospital Emergency Department with opioid overdose and other alcohol- or drug-related medical emergencies by connecting them to substance use disorder treatment and other recovery services and providing transportation if necessary, all at no cost to patients.

“There’s no doubt that opioid addiction is a major epidemic. I’ve witnessed, firsthand, the sharp rise in drug addiction and opiate related overdoses and deaths,” said Dr. Steven Wexler, medical director of the Emergency Department at Day Kimball Hospital and national

medical director for NES Health. “The causes of this epidemic are complex and combatting it isn’t going to happen overnight. Day Kimball’s participation in this program is an important step in the fight against the opioid crisis and other substance use disorders in Northeast Connecticut. The program is already exceeding my expectations in the short time we have implemented it.”

Recovery coaches are trained, skilled professionals who support patients, family members and hospital personnel, providing assistance to help people begin recovery or to stabilize recovery. The coaches have also recovered from addiction themselves, allowing them to serve as proof that recovery is possible and to better relate to and connect with those struggling with addiction. The initiative is funded in part through federal funds from the federal Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration (SAMHSA) as part of a \$5.5 million grant awarded to

Connecticut through the 21st Century Cures Act to combat the opioid crisis.

Day Kimball is now one of eight hospitals in Connecticut who offer this program, including Danbury Hospital in Danbury, Manchester Memorial Hospital in Manchester, Lawrence Memorial Hospital in New London, Midstate Medical Center in Meriden, St. Francis Hospital and Medical Center in Hartford, William W. Backus Hospital in Norwich, and Windham Hospital in Windham.

Christine Collins, director of Day Kimball Healthcare’s Family Advocacy Center and implementation coordinator for the CCAR program at Day Kimball Hospital, says the program provides an important bridge to services and a beacon of hope for those it serves.

“In our community, when someone is ready to access recovery they may find so many barriers that it feels overwhelming and may decide not to continue on that path. With this new program,



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an individual is connected with a recovery coach who can immediately assist in overcoming many of those barriers. A recovery coach will be able to locate appropriate programs, provide transportation and become a strong peer support. We are so grateful to be able to offer this to our patients as we believe they deserve the best opportunities to a better future.” Collins said

Last Green Valley sees spring around corner

DANIELSON — The third annual Spring Outdoors event, to be held March 20 to June 21, is shaping up to be a special time in The Last Green Valley National Heritage Corridor. Like Walktober, Spring Outdoors features a variety of adventures from strolls to long distance hikes and paddles to bikes and more.

Spring Outdoors began in 2016 as a way to celebrate nature’s return from its winter slumber in The Last Green Valley National Heritage Corridor. In just its first two years, Spring Outdoors, which is a program of TLGV, bloomed into an event featuring more than 210 adventures attended by more than 18,000 people.

“We live in such a special location,” said Lois Bruinooge, TLGV executive director. “Spring Outdoors is a celebration of what makes the National Heritage Corridor an extraordinary place.”

The Spring Outdoors schedule is now online and will be updated throughout the season. Check back often for new programming and weather updates. Applications to host a Spring Outdoor Adventure are still available. Visit <http://thelastgreenvalley.org/explore-the-last-green-valley/spring-outdoors/> or email fran@tlgv.org to learn more. Hosts must either be members or partners of The Last Green Valley.

“Our partners help make this happen,” said Bruinooge. “The collaboration we create together puts a spotlight on the national heritage corridor and benefits

everyone in it.”

The Last Green Valley is a National Heritage Corridor – the last stretch of dark night sky in the coastal sprawl between Boston and Washington, D.C. The Last Green Valley, Inc. works for you in the National Heritage Corridor. TLGV helps you to care for it, enjoy it and pass it on.



FUTURE BUSINESS LEADERS

Charlie Lentz photo

PUTNAM — Some young entrepreneurs set up shop with sidewalk sales of Girl Scouts cookies on Main Street at the Courthouse O’Putnam 5K last Sunday, March 11. The cookies were offered by Troop 63200 Wolf Den Service Unit, with a sales force of future business leaders from Woodstock, Putnam, Thompson, and Pomfret.

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Bonafe at Danielson vets coffeehouse

DANIELOSON — Melissa Bonafe from Davis Place, will be the guest speaker and her subject will be on caring for our community at the Danielson Veterans Coffeehouse on Tuesday, March 20.

Davis Place is a skilled nursing and rehabilitation facility conveniently located on Westcott Road in Danielson/Killingly, less than 15 minutes from Day Kimball Hospital and about 30 minutes from Backus and UMass Memorial Hospital. They understand the importance of returning home quickly after an illness, injury or surgery, and offer a full spectrum of physical, occupational and speech therapy that is available up to seven days a week and just about 365 days a year to help make that happen.

The coffeehouse is located at 185 Broad Street Danielson. The Tuesday morning meetings are for veterans only. The coffeehouse opens at 9 a.m. and the guest speaker program starts at about 9:15 a.m.

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5:30 - 6:00 p.m.	Putnam Lions Mel Casio, Steve & Leia Faucher, Romeo Blackmar
6:00 - 6:30 p.m.	Putnam Ford Rick Place & friends
6:30 - 7:00 p.m.	DKH Oncology Carolina Starr-Manning, Dr. Alfred Cretella, and the Oncology “All-Starr” Team
7:00 - 7:30 p.m.	WINY Radio Gary Osbrey, Earl Rosebrooks, Jeff Rawson, and Rick Hayes
7:30 - 8:00 p.m.	Gates Auto Group Craig Gates & friends
8:00 - 8:30 p.m.	DKH Diagnostic Imaging Anthony “the Ant” Osborn, Brenda “Bekfast” Houghton, Christine “Crazy Curls” Harpin, Debra “Dallas” Millette, Melissa “The Bartender” Ellis and Roxanne “Red Lips” Davidson
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Jenna Perez

Name: Jenna Perez

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Owner of Sadie’s Sweet Shop

Lives In: Putnam

Family: Married with three children.

Pets: Two dogs and a turtle

How long have you lived in the area?
Most of my life.

Do you have a favorite food?
Brussel sprouts, roasted veggies and pizza

What is currently your favorite TV Show?
The Walking Dead and Blue Bloods

What is your favorite travel destination? Anywhere warm and tropical!

What’s the best part about your town?
I like how Putnam has a lot to offer for people of all ages.

Who has been the greatest influence in your life?
My sister Meaghan. She is kind and very smart. She has an amazing work ethic and I would be lost without her!

Who is your favorite musical artist?
I like all music!

What is the greatest piece of advice you have ever been given?
Do not worry what others think of you because 90 percent of the time, they worry what you’re thinking about them.

Favorite Sports Team:
New York Yankees and the New York Giants

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CLUES ACROSS

1. Unpleasant substance

5. Oil group

10. One-time Yankees rookie sensation

14. Ireland

15. Less easily found

16. Southeast Nigeria people

17. Bridgeline Digital stock designation

18. Play loudly

19. Elegantly fashionable

20. Open sore

22. Frozen water

23. Sacred Islamic site

24. "Kokomo" rockers

27. Follows sigma

30. Cease to exist

31. Cool

32. Doctors' group

35. Less attractive

37. Swiss river

38. Greek sophist

39. Grandmothers

40. Afflict

41. Russian pancake of buckwheat flour and yeast

42. Actress Rachel Wood

43. Not bright

44. Western Asia peninsula

45. Baseball speedster Gordon

46. Golf score

47. Transmits genetic information from DNA to the cytoplasm

48. Diego, Francisco, Anselmo

49. Songs to one's lover

52. Cattle's mammary gland

55. Having ten

56. Fencing sword

60. Scarlett's home

61. Hold valuables

63. Italian Seaport

64. Cain and

65. Bad places to live

66. Large, wading bird

67. Witches

68. Cover with drops

69. Props up the head

CLUES DOWN

1. Philippine province

2. Shallow channel

3. Type of acid

4. Cygnus' brightest star

5. One who buys and sells securities (abbr.)

6. Ill will

7. Plant of the goosefoot family

8. Intellectual

9. Mineral

10. Shiny silicate minerals

11. Ottoman civilian title

12. What you wear when eating BBQ (2 words)

13. Soul and calypso song

21. Advises

23. "The Spanish Tragedy" author

25. Surrounds the earth

26. Paddle

27. Adjusted

28. Succulent plant

29. Forearm bones

32. Belonging to Egyptian ascetic Apollo's colleague

33. Type of mental illness

34. One from Asia

36. 007's creator

37. Direct toward

38. Pie mode

40. Large terrier

41. Hillsides

43. Patriotic women (abbr.)

44. Connects words

46. For each

47. Flower cluster

49. Closes a deal

50. Arabian desert

51. Vaccine against poliomyelitis

52. American state

53. Religion practiced in China

54. Type of sediment

57. Hall of Famer Ruth

58. "Layla" singer Clapton

59. Gamble

61. Sino-Soviet block (abbr.)

62. Midway between south and southwest

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Hauptman returns for Broadway Live concert

WOODSTOCK — “DIVAS Live” entertainer Valerie Hauptman is set to return to Northeast Connecticut to appear at the upcoming Broadway Live...“The Connert” on April 7 and 8 at Woodstock Academy’s Center for the Arts. The show is a benefit for the Hale YMCA Youth and Family Center in Putnam.

“The Connert” is a musical featuring 30 regional singers and a 16 piece orchestra. Formerly Valerie Voccio from Brooklyn, Hauptman has been in a multitude of local shows over the past 10 years including High School Musical and Grease, both at the Bradley Playhouse. She was a headliner in DIVAS Live in 2011 and is a 2011 graduate of Woodstock Academy where she was a member of the band, chorus, and Hill Singers. In 2011, Hauptman was named “The Distinguished Young Woman of Connecticut”, formerly known as “Connecticut’s Junior Miss” where she won top five in the talent portion during the Nationals competition this past June in Mobile, Alabama.

Courtesy photo

Valerie Hauptman

Throughout her college years and after, she competed in the Miss Connecticut Scholarships Organization where she was a top five finalist as well. Hauptman graduated from University of Saint Joseph in 2015 with her Bachelors of

Science in Nursing and has been a Registered Nurse on the cardiology unit at Hartford Hospital. Hauptman currently lives in Colchester.

“I am so thrilled to be back on the stage with so many talented individuals and I am humbled to be a part of this incredible production,” Hauptman said.

“Val is an incredible singer with one of the most powerful voices I have had the pleasure of working with,” stated David T. Panteleakos, executive producer. “Like so many of our amazing performers, her talents are only matched by her kindness and generosity.”

“The Connert” or The Connecticut Concert features music from Broadway, Jazz, Rock & Roll, and Classical music performed by 30 regional vocalists backed by a 16 piece orchestra. The dates of the show are Saturday, April 7 at 7:30 p.m. and Sunday, April 8 at 2pm. Tickets are available at the Hale YMCA Youth and Family Center in Putnam or on-line at www.theconnert.com.

Funding for cleanup efforts from TLGV

DANIELSON — The Last Green Valley is making funding available to nonprofits and municipalities and organizations that wish to organize a cleanup event. In the last six years, 7,789 volunteers have collected 248,516 pounds of trash from parks, rivers, and roadways throughout The Last Green Valley National Heritage Corridor thanks to the funding.

Recipients will be reimbursed up to \$500 for expenses such as publicity, cleanup supplies such as trash bags and work gloves and food and refreshments for volunteers. TLGV will also help publicize your event and work with you to recruit more volunteers. To apply, submit a letter to TLGV, on your organization’s letterhead, at least four weeks before the proposed event. Applications should include: Basic details about your cleanup – what, when, where, and who – plus your contact information, including a phone number, street address, and

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Courtney receives Sea Grant recognition



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U.S. Congressman Joe Courtney (D-Conn.), right, received the Sea Grant Association Special Recognition Award on March 8.

WASHINGTON, D.C. — On March 8, U.S. Congressman Joe Courtney (D-Conn. second district) received the Sea Grant Association Special Recognition Award during a joint Congressional reception for the National Sea Grant College Program and the

Knauss Fellowship Program. The award recognizes Courtney for continued support of the Sea Grant program, including their research, outreach, and education programs that support coastal communities, the economy, and ecosystems. The bipartisan award was also pre-

sented to Rep. Lee Zeldin. “I am proud to support the incredible work that Sea Grant carries out on behalf of fishermen and coastal communities across the country, and I was honored to receive the special recognition award last night during their annual reception,” said Courtney. “The Sea Grant program is dedicated to the sustainable use of our coastal resources while advancing conservation efforts to protect our oceans and waterways. In southeastern Connecticut, Sea Grant is a vital part of our maritime economy and I am glad that we have had a thriving program serving our region for thirty years. I will continue to work alongside leaders, such as Dr. De Guise, to further the reach and effectiveness of this incredible program.” Sylvain De Guise, director of the CTSO College Program, said “The Sea Grant Association Special Recognition Award recognizes special contributions to the concept and spirit of Sea Grant. When the Sea Grant program was zeroed out in the President’s budget, Rep. Courtney stepped in immedi-

ately to leverage bi-partisan support in the House through a dear colleague letter signed by nearly a quarter of the members of the House. To my knowledge, this is unprecedented for a \$73 million program. Further, Rep. Courtney shows up and engages directly with Sea Grant stakeholders to understand their needs and how they are addressed by Sea Grant programs. He really embodies the values and concept of Sea Grant, and I do not know anyone more deserving of the Sea Grant Association Special Recognition Award. We feel lucky to have him in our delegation and proud to count him as a Sea Grant champion.” Last year, Courtney and Zeldin led a bipartisan group of 95 members of the House of Representatives in calling on the House Appropriations Committee’s Subcommittee on Commerce, Justice, Science and Related Agencies to continue their support for the National Sea Grant College Program for the 2018 Fiscal Year. Sea Grant is a national

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Congregational Church of Thompson donates baskets

THOMPSON — On Sunday, March 11, Thompson Congregational church celebrated Saint Patrick’s Day. Thompson Congregational, United Church of Christ is continuing its partnership with Thompson Ecumenical Empowerment Group (TEEG) by donating over 100 baskets each filled with soup, cereal, a vegetable, protein, pasta, and sauce. The season around Thanksgiving and Christmas is known as the season of giving, which of course is wonderful. However, the problem is most food banks and social service agencies have run out of the food they had received by the time we get to February and March. So, the congregation did its part to feed the hungry.



Courtesy photos
Thompson Congregational Church donated baskets to feed the needy.

Murphy alarmed by Tillerson’s ouster

WASHINGTON, D.C. — U.S. Senator Chris Murphy (D-Conn.), a member of the U.S. Senate Foreign Relations Committee, released a statement on Tuesday, March 13, after President Trump fired Secretary of State Rex Tillerson and replaced him with Director of Central Intelligence Agency Mike Pompeo. “Secretary Tillerson was a poor Secretary of State because he systematically and intentionally weakened American diplomacy. But we should all be alarmed by his ouster because President Trump seems to want someone who does the same thing, only faster and while fawning over the president,” said Murphy. “I look forward to hearing from Mike Pompeo about his plans for the State Department, but he’s got a lot of work to do in order to get Democratic votes. The last thing we need is a ‘yes’ man at State who views America’s power exclusively through the prism of military power and covert action.” President Trump ousted Tillerson on March 13 and planned to nominate CIA Director Mike Pompeo to replace him as

the nation’s top diplomat, orchestrating a major change to his national security team amid delicate outreach such as possible talks with North Korea, White House officials said Tuesday. On Friday, March 9, Trump asked Tillerson to step aside, and the embattled diplomat cut short a trip to Africa on March 11 to return to Washington. Tension between Trump and Tillerson has simmered for many months, but the president and his top diplomat reached a breaking point last week, officials said. The reason for the latest rift was unclear, but Trump and Tillerson have often appeared at odds over policies such as the nuclear deal with Iran and the tone of U.S. diplomacy. A spokesman for Tillerson said the secretary of state “had every intention of staying” in his job and was “unaware of the reason” for his firing. Tillerson cut short his trip to Africa to return to Washington. “I felt like, look, I just need to get back,” he told reporters aboard his plane home. The White House, however, had told him that he would be dismissed, accord-

ing to two administration officials. The news was not conveyed in person by Trump. Tillerson refuses to address report that he referred to Trump as a “moron”. Tillerson did not directly respond to an Oct. 4 news report that he referred to President Trump as a “moron.” At the White House on Tuesday, March 13, Trump said the move had been considered for “a long time.” “We disagreed on things ... the Iran deal,” Trump told reporters. “So we were not thinking the same. With Mike Pompeo, we have a similar thought process.”

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LEARNING

Dauphinais joins literacy effort



KILLINGLY — In honor of Dr. Seuss’s birthday, State Representative Anne Dauphinais (R-44th District, Killingly) paid a visit to students at Killingly Memorial Schools, Plainfield Memorial, and Shepard Hill Elementary on March 2 as part of the annual Read Across America Day.

“We all know how much of an important role literacy plays in the culture in which we live,” Dauphinais said. “It was my pleasure to have once again participated in an event that aims to motivate students to read more.”

Read Across America Day was established by the National Education Association in 1997 that takes place annually on March 2, which is Dr. Seuss’ birthday. It has become the largest reading event in the country.

According to its website, The National Education Association seeks to build a nation of readers through its signature program, NEA’s Read Across America. Now in its 21st year, this year-round program focuses on motivating children and teens to read through events, partnerships, and reading resources. For more information about this great event please visit www.nea.org/readacross.

Courtesy photo
Killingly State Representative Anne Dauphinais reads to students on Read Across America Day.

Dziedzic nominated for LifeChanger award

WOODSTOCK — The Woodstock Academy’s social studies teacher and department chair Sara Dziedzic has been nominated for the 2017-2018 national LifeChanger of the Year award. Dziedzic was nominated by a colleague who wishes to remain anonymous. Over 45 current and former students, parents, and community members have already left comments supporting Dziedzic on her nominee profile on www.LifeChangeroftheYear.com. The comments provide additional information and support in the selection process.

Sponsored by the National Life Group Foundation, LifeChanger of the Year recognizes and rewards the very best K-12 educators and school district employees across the United States who are making a difference in the lives of

toward poverty relief and awareness in the “Quiet Corner” of Connecticut. Since the start of FRESH, Dziedzic has spent endless hours after school, on the weekends, over vacations, and throughout the summer helping students give back to their community, and has raised over \$60,000. She also created and organized The Woodstock Academy Gives Back days, where students dedicate hundreds of hours of community service to local nonprofits.

Each school year LifeChanger of the Year receives hundreds of nominations from all 50 states and the District of Columbia. Seventeen individual LifeChanger of the Year awards will be given during the 2017-2018 school year. Winners are announced via surprise award ceremonies held at their schools. The grand prize finalists will also be

honored at a national awards ceremony in spring 2018 in Bermuda, where the Grand Prize Winner will be revealed.

Winners are chosen by a selection committee comprised of former winners and education professionals. Nominees must be K-12 teachers or school district employees. To be considered for an award, nominees must: Make a positive impact in the lives of students; Enhance their school or district’s atmosphere, culture and pride; Demonstrate exemplary leadership at the school and/or district level; Possess a proven record of professional excellence; Show commitment to building a nurturing environment that supports learning; Adhere to the highest moral and ethical standards. To view Ms. Dziedzic’s LifeChanger of the Year nominee profile visit www.LifeChangeroftheYear.com.

Eastern Art Gallery presents Mom & Dad

WILLIMANTIC — The Art Gallery at Eastern Connecticut State University is presenting “Mom & Dad” through April 19. On March 22 from 3 p.m. to 4 p.m. there will be a gallery talk with exhibiting artists Nelson Chan and Kalen Na’il Roach, followed by an opening reception from 4 p.m. to 6 p.m. Both events are free and open to the public.

“Mom & Dad” brings together Chan, Roach and fellow artist Mariela Sancari, who investigate their personal and familial histories through long-term photographic series and installations.

Chan’s photographs follow his parents as they travel back and forth between the United States and Hong Kong, where their business is based. His project is both an intimate portrait of his parents’ lives and relationship and a snapshot of larger processes of globalization and economic migration.

Roach works with and within his family’s archive. By painting, drawing and pasting over family photographs, he searches for the family he knows

beneath the seamless illusion of the photographic surface.

Like Roach, Sancari explores how memory shapes identity and how it shades into fiction. In her photographic series “Moisés,” Sancari confronts the lingering uncertainties surrounding her father’s life and death by photographing men in their 70s—the age her father would be today had he not committed suicide when she was a child.

The Art Gallery is located in room 112 of the Fine Arts Instructional Center, on the Eastern Connecticut State University campus. Gallery hours are Tuesday and Wednesday 11 a.m. to 5 p.m., Thursday 1 p.m. to 7 p.m., Saturday and Sunday 2 p.m. to 5 p.m. Parking is available in Cervantes Garage and in the Student Center parking lot. For more information regarding this and other exhibitions at the Art Gallery, please call (860) 465-4659 or visit on the website at <http://www.easternct.edu/artgallery>.

Manufacturing open house at QVCC

DANIELSON — Quinebaug Valley Community College will host an open house at its Advanced Manufacturing Technology Center Thursday, March 22, beginning at 6 p.m. Advanced Manufacturing is an exciting cutting-edge field that uses innovative technology to improve products or processes. Advanced Manufacturing typically offers competitive wages and career pathways for workers with a wide variety of education and skills.

QVCC currently offers two certificate programs: Advanced Manufacturing Machine Technology and Mechatronics. Each program involves two semesters of hands-on lab and classroom experience. Many students get paid internships often leading to full-time employment, and both certificates qualify for federal and state financial aid. With more than 200 manufacturing companies in Eastern Connecticut, employment opportunities are available in areas such as aerospace, medical, military and defense, telecommunications, electronics and automotive.

The open house will begin with an information session and be followed by tours of the 10,000 square foot Center. Attendees may apply for admission and the application fee will be waived. For additional information, contact Steve LaPointe, program director, at (860) 932-4111.

Scholarship offered for nursing candidates

PUTNAM — The Shirley Bradway Serafin Scholarship is offered by the Community Foundation of Eastern Connecticut for students from Putnam, Woodstock, Thompson or Pomfret who are enrolled in a registered nurse program at an accredited educational institution in Connecticut, Rhode Island or Massachusetts and have financial need. The late Peter Serafin of Putnam established this scholarship as a tribute to his wife, Shirley, who was a dedicated nurse in the area for many years. It was also Mr. Serafin’s way of giving back to the region they called home.

Since the fund was created in 2015, six students have received scholarship assistance totaling \$114,000. Eligible students may be high school graduates entering nursing school, current nursing school students, and nontraditional students who are changing careers or re-entering the workforce and looking to go into nursing. The application deadlines are Friday, March 23 for current college and non-traditional students and Friday, April 6 for graduating high school seniors. Interested individuals are encouraged to apply at <https://www.cfecf.org/Scholarship-Seekers/Apply-for-a-Scholarship>.

DEAN’S LIST

The following students have been named to the Dean’s List at their college or university. The school is followed by the honoree.

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NOW alters route for 7th annual road race



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Runners begin last year's NOW race in Dayville.



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Emily Lachappelle won the women's division of last September's NOW race.

DAYVILLE — Northeast Opportunities for Wellness, Inc. (NOW) recently announced the seventh annual NOW Road Race & Walk is scheduled for Sunday,

Sept. 16. Held annually since 2012, the road race features a scenic run along the quiet streets of Alexander's Lake in Dayville and raises funds for NOW. With the support of Race Day Sponsor,

Putnam Bank, the event will see some noticeable changes for 2018.

For the first time in the event's history, the NOW Road Race will feature an altered race route. Subtitled, "Lap the Lake" the race will be a traditional timed 5K (3.1 miles), starting at The Lake Tavern on Upper Maple Street in Dayville, with one "lap" around Alexander's Lake and finishing back at The Lake Tavern. The event is inclusive of runners and walkers, with individuals of all levels of fitness encouraged to participate. This route is a change from past years, with the event previously marketed as a "3.5ish" mile race, with a 3.76-mile course. "We are excited to offer a traditional 5K for 2018 and think it will be well received by past participants as well as new runners and walkers," said NOW Executive Director Sarah Wolfburg.

The top overall male and female runners will each receive a \$100 cash prize, with medals awarded to the top three finishers in each 5-year age bracket. One feature of the Road Race that will not change is the Kids one-half Mile Race with additional fitness and nutrition activities led by NOW staff members.

"This event is meant to be a day of fun and fitness and for 2018, we are hoping to see more families than ever. Throughout the year, we partner with many youth sports organizations and we would love to see kids of all ages running in both the youth one-half mile race and 5K race & walk," said Wolfburg.

For several years, the Road Race has been sponsored by Putnam Bank, which shows additional support with dozens of employees walking and running in the event. NOW President Allan Rawson expressed his appreciation for Putnam Bank.

"We are very proud to have Putnam Bank as our Race Day Sponsor. They have truly embraced the fitness focus of the NOW organization and are supporting the Race with participation as well as funds," Rawson said.

For 2018, NOW will offer a long-sleeved, moisture wicking tech t-shirt to race participants as a \$5 add-on. The shirt will feature the event logo on the front, with sponsor logos on the back. T-shirt sponsorships are currently available as an opportunity for local businesses to show support for NOW.

NOW is a non-profit human services organization focused on youth wellness. NOW provides children with the opportunity to participate in area wellness activities and athletics programs, offering scholarships to the youth of the community with up to 95 percent of the cost being subsi-



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From left, Putnam Bank's Thomas Borner, NOW's Sarah Wolfburg, and Putnam Bank's Lynn Bourque.

dized by NOW. The mission of the organization is to provide ALL children, regardless of financial resources, equal opportunities to achieve & maintain youth wellness, beginning at an early age.

Registration is current-

ly available online, with early-bird reduced rates offered for the spring of 2018. To learn more about NOW, or to register, visit: www.nowinmotion.org or call (888) 940.4669.



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Luke Lopriore, last year's winner, nears the finish of the NOW race, last Sept. 16 in Dayville.



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March madness

March is mercurial. Overnight there are crocuses and then they are buried in the snow. One day an entire swarm of tiny insects hatched in the warmth by my back door. They were nearly translucent and looked like dryer lint with wings. The witch hazel is in bloom and regardless of the random snow storms, spring is here. The most mercurial month gives us a mirror on life.

After last week's storm, we drove north to visit friends. We'd escaped the power outages and with the nonchalance one assumes when calamity passes by, we thought that everyone must have electricity. In a few miles it was clear that lines still hung precariously over the roadways and many houses looked as if they were beginning to shiver in the cold.



NANCY WEISS

Traffic cones marked dangerous spots. The roar of generators broke the silence. As I drove behind a repair truck, I thought of how tired the workers must be. When multiple storms hit the entire region, help has to come from far and wide. The utility companies on which we depend don't have the number of repair people they once did. For people without power, the days and nights drag on. We need something better than wooden poles connected by wires. It is an early 20th century technology in a 21st century world. I'm not sure what the answer is, but I hope someone working to find it. The storms won't stop coming.

The woods are a tangled mess. The bright wood that glimmers in the sunshine where a tree has broken in half or the amputated branch of an enormous maple tell the story of wind and heavy snow. Throughout the area, many old trees that look fine on the outside reveal a troubling secret. They are almost completely rotten on the inside or their roots are so shallow that they topple over like fallen soldiers. Despite living as we do in the midst of so many trees, the loss of the big old ones is like losing an old friend.

Once things green up, we won't see the toppled trees or the upturned root balls of tall pines. The margins between the settled world and the wild will be filled by random greenery. We will go back to believing we can impose order on nature by mowing the lawn and planting the vegetable garden.

A bright trail of aqua-colored tubing caught my eye recently. It is a system several area maple sugar producers use to gather sap. Many still hang buckets on trees, but regardless of the approach, I've been told that this year is a poor one for making maple syrup. As with every form of farming, there are ups and downs. The people who tap the trees and boil the sap give us such a sweet taste at the end of winter that we urge them to hang on. Perhaps next year will be better.

The cattle across the road from my house follow the same path every day across their pasture. The dark line of muddy soil is their route to a feeder and a view of the valley. Occasionally one kicks up its feet in a little dance. An artist friend sets up her easel outside to capture the changing colors of snow and sky as spring approaches. The top layer of garden soil thaws in the warm sun. Just under the surface are bulbs, bleached and frail but reaching toward the light, just waiting.

March is an oscillating month, where much like life it goes forward and back until it tips inevitability toward the future. The electricity gets restored. The old trees become firewood or habitat for animals. We appreciate the maple syrup a bit more and the green persistent bulbs push their way back into our lives.

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OPINION

Opinion and commentary from the Quiet Corner

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Vote no at Putnam town meeting on March 19

To the editor:

The two proposed amendments in Putnam to the Ash Landfill Revenues are the worst pieces of legislation that I have seen in my 40 years in public service. It's a perfect example of "kicking the can down the road"; except that the can will be empty for future generations.

Currently we use \$3 million of Ash Landfill Revenues to offset the tax rate. (A mill is worth \$600,000 so this represents a 5 mil savings, meaning that without using this money, your taxes would be 5 mills higher). Anything over 3 million is placed into an account to be used, when the landfill eventually closes. This will soften the tax burden in the future.

Putnam Mayor Barney Seney has always looked at these landfill monies as a piggy bank that should be looted now, and not set aside for future generations. He has proposed two amendments. The first is to only use \$2.1 million to offset taxes and place \$900K in a capital account. How do we make up that \$900K? The answer is in his second amendment; forgive the 1.9 million loans that the town has borrowed from the landfill account. Ah, now we have an extra million to offset taxes.

Both amendments need to be rejected. In 2002, the voters of this community agreed to set aside future funds to help offset future tax increases, that will be incurred, when the landfill closes and the revenues disappear. Yes, the voters were looking out for the future generations of homeowners, renters and car owners.

On Monday, March 19, at 7:30 p.m. in the Putnam Middle School Auditorium, I urge voters to reject both amendments.

However, I would like to offer a compromise. I think that the revenue sharing resolution of December 5, 2002 should be revisited. Much has changed in the past 16 years. Revenue have increased and the expected life of the landfill looks promising.

I would suggest that two member of the Board of Selectmen, Jeff Rawson and Scott Pempek (two gentlemen with extensive business experience) be tasked with working out a new revenue sharing agreement of Ash Landfill funds. I think they can put a proposal together that can satisfy everyone.

BOB GARCEAU
PUTNAM

A tuition discount needed for Woodstock

To the editor:

The Town of Woodstock provides certain municipal services—fire protection, EMS and ambulance, public health, constables, and public works (snow plowing, i.e.)—that not only serve town residents, but also benefit Woodstock Academy and its students from many other towns and countries.

Is it fair that while Woodstock taxpayers provide those services, other communities send their students to WA but don't pay for those services? They pay the same tuition rate as Woodstock does. It is time to agree on a tuition discount for Woodstock to end this unfairness.

Since any municipality in Connecticut can negotiate PILOT arrangements (Payments in Lieu of Taxation) with non-profits in its town, Woodstock officials and Woodstock Academy should agree on an equitable solution to this problem.

PILOT payments by a tax-exempt property like Woodstock Academy to the local government help fund the delivery of local services they consume. When real estate (including land, buildings/facilities, and taxable equipment) is exempt from property taxes, the cost

of providing municipal services is spread across a smaller tax base (us). This requires a higher tax rate to collect a given amount of revenue. A PILOT agreement to discount Academy tuition for Woodstock students is certainly one way to hold the line on the town's education spending.

Nationally, PILOTs are the most widely used mechanism for generating income from tax exempt properties. PILOTs exist in all 50 states and municipal PILOT agreements are in place in 28 states because so many people believe that nonprofits should help pay for the public services they consume.

A tuition discount agreement that would help the Woodstock Public Schools education budget should be a top priority.

Remember, properties exempt from paying local property taxes consume public services. Unless they help pay the cost of providing those services, especially for students from outside Woodstock, other taxpayers end up paying a larger share of those costs.

Let's strive for fairness to Woodstock taxpayers.

GREG KLINE
WOODSTOCK

Assault weapons have no place in civilized society

To the editor:

After reading Ben Williams letter regarding the NRA and assault rifles, I felt compelled to write also. Thank you Mr. Williams for your spot-on expression of all the anger and frustration that many of us have been feeling for many years. As a fellow veteran, I agree that assault style weapons belong in the hands of the military and law enforcement only, and have no place in a civilized society. The AR-15 and similar weapons are modeled after the military M-16 rifle, the "signature" weapon of the Vietnam War. The NRA would be quick to point out that the M-16 has both semi-automatic and full-automatic capabilities, while the AR-15 and similar weapons (unaltered) only fire in semi-automatic mode. While that is all true, it misses the point in a couple of important ways. First, anyone with minimal finger dexterity can empty the magazine on a semi-automatic weapon in a matter of seconds, and second, the semi-automatic mode on the military M-16 was not intended to make it less lethal, but to save

ammunition in the heat of battle where fear and adrenaline tend to override training.

The Second Amendment has to be the most misinterpreted document ever written. As Mr. Williams stated, our founding fathers had no way of knowing what lay ahead 200-plus years in the future. I'm always amused by people who are so steadfast in support of their "2nd Amendment Rights", yet they really don't understand what it says, and couldn't recite it if their lives depended on it. The NRA does have millions of members, but I don't believe they all subscribe to the organization's most radical views. Even if they all do, they're still a small minority compared to the general population, as Mr. Williams also pointed out. It's time that we as tax-paying, voting citizens demand that our elected representatives collectively "grow a set", stand up to special interest groups, and do what's right to make this country safer for all citizens, and most importantly, our children.

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Gun violence a spiritual issue

To the editor:

Our holy season of Lent begin on Ash Wednesday with children and teachers being turned into dust by a gunman in Parkland, Florida. Gun violence is a spiritual issue: Parkland, Pulse night club, a Charleston Church, Sandy Hook Elementary School, a one room school house in Lancaster, Pennsylvanai, Columbine, and the tragedy before that, and the one before that, and the one before that.

We pray for grieving families, hug our children a little tighter and shield our joy that it wasn't one of ours. We are moved to tears and righteous anger. We worry about how to keep our safe when they are out of our sight, meanwhile putting too many expectations on our administrators and teachers to come up with solutions. We mourn watching our kids growing up in fortresses and practicing lock down drills that rob them of their moments of childhood innocence.

We mitigate our responsibility as a society. We pretend that each of these tragedies hinge on metal illness or terrorism. Nothing else makes sense to us. Yet we know that there is

rift somewhere deeper in our societal fabric.

We base many of our decisions on fear - fear of losing our guns, fear of political repercussions. The second amendment seems to be a religion unto itself. But the second amendment is not in the Gospels. Our love for our children should overcome any of our fears.

On March 14 at 10 AM, Federated Church Of Christ in Brooklyn (where I pastor), were joined by many other churches and houses of worship through the valley and across the state in tolling our bells once a minute for seventeen in memory of the each of the people who died in Parkland. We coincided this with the national student walk out action.

We have savior that tells us to put down our swords. We must look up the faces of those we have lost. And as painful as it is, we must look, and not turn away again from our societal sin of violence until we find a way to sin no more. Because every time an innocent is killed, Jesus is crucified again.

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Tax reform bill changes landscape

On December 20, 2017, Congress passed a sweeping tax reform bill (popularly known as "The Tax Cuts and Jobs Act") that changes the planning landscape for corporations, small businesses, and individuals. There are significant business tax reforms, including a new deduction to lower taxes on owners of what is known as "passthrough businesses" and a reduced corporate income tax rate.

What is a "passthrough business?" It is less of a "business type" as it is a tax election. It is a business in which the owners have elected to be taxed on their personal income tax returns,

regardless of whether the business distributed the income, rather than the entity itself being taxed on profits. These can be structured as sole proprietorships, partnerships, S corporations, or limited liability companies taxed as partnerships or S corporations.

Prior to the reform, owners of pass-through businesses paid tax at their individual tax rates, which could reach as high as 39.6%, especially for those filing jointly with spouses. Part of what The Tax Cuts and Jobs Act does, is to reduce the effective rate of income tax on most pass-through businesses by providing owners with a 20% deduction on that income. This applies to tax years beginning in 2018 and ending in 2025, when the law is phased out or "sunsets," and the deduction disappears, unless resurrected by Congress.

The 20% deduction applies to qualified business income (QBI) which is defined as the net amount of qualified items of income, gain, deduction, and loss with respect to a qualified trade or business of the taxpayer, and includes business income other than investment income. It does not include wages, dividends, investment interest income capital gains, commodities gains, or foreign currency gains.

When pressed for an example of how this is going to work, you will find your attorney and accountant friends launching into complexities, because for how simple an idea of a 20% deduction may be, the implementation is complex. Here's a simple example:

A married couple has taxable income of \$300,000. The husband is a self-employed contractor and the wife is an administrator at an accounting firm. Half of their income comes from the husband's sole proprietorship. They could deduct the full 20% of the contractor's \$150,000 business income, providing a deduction of \$30,000. This is a very generous deduction, but there are some caveats, which is where further complexities come in. Not every business owner is eligible to receive it, and there are some complex phase-outs depending on the amount of business income and depending upon the industry where the income is earned. There is also a limitation based upon the amount of W-2 wages paid by the entity.

What can you do? Call your legal and tax planning professionals. Although planning techniques will continue to emerge as attorneys and tax advisors design strategies in light of the new law, The Tax Cuts and Jobs Act is the most significant tax legislation in more than 30 years, and there are many tax planning techniques that you can implement immediately.

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Irish-born workers in Danielson in the 1850’s

Since Saturday is St. Patrick’s Day, I thought that I would write about the early Irish in Connecticut and Northeastern Connecticut. Celebrate Connecticut 350 Years 1635-1985 published by the Connecticut Historical Commission had a short summary about their arrival and the discrimination and trials they faced in the State. “In the mid-nineteenth century, Connecticut’s trickle of immigrants became a rivulet when thousands of the Irish began to arrive...In 1850 about 27,000 of the state’s population had been born in Ireland..In 1860, more than 55,000...were Irish-born...The Irish came, for the most part, in search of jobs. They dug canals, laid railroad tracks, filled factory benches, or tended machines...By 1860 about 21 percent of the Hartford population was Irish; by 1870 New Haven had a similar Irish minority. The coming of the Irish aroused deep-seated fears of Catholicism. Even intelligent and educated persons in America believed that only Protestantism was compatible with a democratic, progressive, and prosperous society...The Irish refused to make things easier by disappearing into the woodwork. They organized self-help organizations, like the Hibernians; they organized their own schools where children were taught by nuns, and above all they enlisted en masse in the Democratic party, which provided them with a rapid means of social and economic advance...The Irish were encouraged to leave Connecticut in various sorts of ways including the burning of their churches such as St. Mary’s in Norwalk Holy Trinity in Hartford.

“By 1855, anti-Irish Catholic feeling was so intense that the Know-Nothing party, running on an openly anti-Irish platform, was able to elect a governor and a majority of the General Assembly...The governor,...had six Irish companies in the State Militia disbanded. Anti-Irish prejudice abated during the Civil War, but did not entirely disappear. When another surge of Irish immigration hit Connecticut in the 1890’s, nativist feelings again ran high. Inexorably, however, the Irish continued to arrive, and they became so powerful a voting bloc that few politicians were willing to offend them openly” (pp141-2). In an attempt to gain insight into the early Irish population in Killingly, I looked at the 1850 U.S. Census, which contained a column on place of birth. I was surprised at what I found. The Irish population in town seemed to be quite small. Now that census for Killingly is 109 pages long so my eyes could not take browsing the entire census, but I did scan about fifty pages and came up with a few residents who had been born in Ireland. I also noted the household in which they were living to see if I could detect a trend: Bridget Gallsten, 18; in the house of Elisha Danielson, farmer. Roger C. Allen, 16 and Mary Gatland, 20; both in the household of Charles Allen (born in Canterbury) who was connected with the Foundry (think Furnace Street in Danielson). Bridget Daly, 18; in the house of Thomas C. Leonard, engraver. Jane Gonsby, 18; in the house of Robert Gonsby, printer (his birthplace- England; probably his wife). John Kelly, 20; in the household of Hezekiah



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Danielson, farmer; Danielson’s real estate valued at \$20,000. Mary Barry, 20; in the household of Isaac Briggs, laborer. Mary Comings; in the household of John P. Comings, probably his second wife; children range from age 11 to 1. Mary Ann Cain, 18; in the household of Louis Worden, restauran- teer. Julia Mullin, 20; in the household of Ebenezer Young, lawyer. George Loyd, 18; in the household of Randall Davis, farmer. Michael Ford, 20. In the household of Ezekial Webster, taverner. Maria Dooling, 16; in the household of Samuel S. Sprague, 31, farmer. Patrick Dynen (or Lynen), 18, in the house of Sarah Danielson, 70. Also in the same house was Samuel S. Danielson, 42. Did you pick up on how many Danielson families had Irish-born “servants” in their households? They and Ebenezer Young were among the more prominent members of Killingly in 1850. Thomas Montgomery, 40, spinner was the one person who was born in Ireland who could be described in the 1850 census as working in a mill. However, men who were listed as laborers could also have been working in mills. They included John Coveny, 45; Francis Maden, 40 (wife Elina, 35 also born in Ireland), and John Gortland, 50. His wife

Bridget, 45 and seven younger Gortland members of the household, with ages ranging from 26 to 14, were also born in Ireland. If you are doing genealogical research, it’s important to remember that the 1850 census does not list a person’s relationship to the head of the household. The above might well be children of John Gortland, but more proof should be sought. There likely are a few more Irish-born residents of Killingly in 1850, but my eye began to twitch from all the census work so I’ll have to look for others another time. I knew that Killingly Historical Society volunteer Joe Chauvin had Irish relatives who had lived in the Dog Hill Road (Elmville) section of Killingly so I asked him about when they arrived. He told me that his Caffery relatives arrived in the United States in 1884 and resided in Wauregan and Brooklyn before coming to Killingly. Eventually his family owned ten houses in the greater Dog Hill Road area. His relatives were among those families who altered the spelling of the surname. Originally Joe’s great-grandfather John and his wife Mary were Cafferty. Mary, their fifth child (of ten) had the name Cafferty on her birth certificate. Anna, the seventh, had Cafferty crossed out and Caffery written in. The remaining younger siblings were Caffery. His advice was, “Don’t take the spelling as Gospel.” (conversation 3-10-18). If your family is one of the many Irish families that came to Killingly or this area in the 1800’s, we’d love to hear their story. Please email me or call the Killingly Historical Center. Thank you.

New Bus Tour -- “Mills and Beyond”: The Killingly Conservation Commission is offering a new event in its ‘Back Roads of Undiscovered Killingly’ series. This Back Roads Tour will focus on the mills along the Whetstone Brook, plus some scenic vistas and a historic farm. Planned for March before the leaves pop out on trees, the stone ruins of old mills are more visible. Do you know? Why 15 mills developed along the Whetstone Brook in early 1800’s? Killingly had the most cotton mills in Connecticut in the 1830’s? How many mills are still standing? What ruins are visible now? Join bus tour guides from the Killingly Conservation Commission to learn how Killingly developed during the Industrial Revolution and how some mills have been repurposed. New Back Roads Bus Tour is Sunday afternoon, March 25, at 1 p.m. Limited seating; reservations are required by Wed, March 21, with name, phone and number attending, and find out where to meet. Call 860-779-5311 or email dguertin@killinglyct.gov

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Life insurance at various life stages

Your need for life insurance changes as your life changes. When you’re young, you typically have less need for life insurance, but that changes as you take on more responsibility and your family grows. Let’s look at how your life insurance needs change throughout your lifetime, and how to Plan for life’s milestones. Independent Youth As a young adult, you become more independent and self-sufficient. You no longer depend on others for your financial well-being. But in most cases, your death would still not create a financial hardship for others. For most young singles, life insurance is not a priority. Some would argue that you should buy life insurance now, while you’re healthy and the rates are low. This may be a valid argument if you are at a high risk for developing a medical condition later in life. But you should also consider the earnings you could realize by investing the money now instead of spending it on insurance premiums. If you have a mortgage or other loans that are jointly held with a cosigner, your death would leave the cosigner responsible for the entire debt. You might consider purchasing enough life insurance to cover these debts in the event of your death. Funeral expenses are also a concern for young singles, but it is typically not advisable to pur-

chase a life insurance policy just for this purpose, unless paying for your funeral would burden your parents or whomever would be responsible for funeral expenses. Instead, consider investing the money you would have spent on life insurance premiums. Marriage Married couples without children typically still have little need for life insurance. If both spouses contribute equally to household finances and do not yet own a home, the death of one spouse will usually not be financially catastrophic for the other. Once you buy a house, the situation begins to change. Even if both spouses have well-paying jobs, the burden of a mortgage may be more than the surviving spouse can afford on a single income. Credit card debt and other debts can contribute to the financial strain. To make sure either spouse could carry on financially after the death of the other, both of you should probably purchase a modest amount of life insurance. At a minimum, it will provide peace of mind knowing that both you and your spouse are protected. Your growing family When you have young children, your life insurance needs reach a climax. In most situations, life insurance for both parents is appropriate. Single-income families are completely dependent on the

income of the breadwinner. If he or she dies without life insurance, the consequences could be disastrous. The death of the stay-at-home spouse would necessitate costly day-care and housekeeping expenses. Both spouses should carry enough life insurance to cover the lost income or the economic value of lost services that would result from their deaths. Moving up the ladder For many people, career advancement means starting a new job with a new company. At some point, you might even decide to be your own boss and start your own business. Keep in mind that when you leave your job, your employer-sponsored group life insurance coverage will usually end, so find out if you will be eligible for group coverage through your new employer, or look into purchasing life insurance coverage on your own. Business owners may also have business debt to consider. Single again If you and your spouse divorce, you’ll have to decide what to do about your life insurance. Divorce raises both beneficiary issues and coverage issues. And if you have children, these issues become even more complex. If you and your spouse have no children, it may be as simple as changing the beneficiary on your policy and adjusting your coverage to reflect your newly single status. However, if you



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have kids, you’ll want to make sure that they, and not your former spouse, are provided for in the event of your death. This may involve purchasing a new policy if your spouse owns the existing policy, or simply changing the beneficiary from your spouse to your children. The custodial and noncustodial parent will need to work out the details of this complicated situation. If you can’t come to terms, the court will make the decisions for you. Retirement Once you retire, and your priorities shift, your life insurance needs may change. If fewer people are depending on you financially, your mortgage and other debts have been repaid, and you have substantial financial assets, you may need less life insurance protection than before. But it’s also possible that your need for life insurance will remain strong even after you retire. For example, the proceeds of a life insurance policy can be used to pay your final expenses or to replace any income lost to your spouse as a result of your death (e.g., from

a pension or Social Security). Life insurance can be used to pay estate taxes or leave money to charity. Plan Well – Through all of life’s major points, it is helpful to know how needs for life insurance may change. Presented by James Zahansky, AWMA, researched by Broadridge Investor Communication Services - Copyright 2017. Weiss & Hale Financial Principal/Managing Partner and Chief Goal Strategist, Jim Zahansky offers securities and advisory services through Commonwealth Financial Network®, Member FINRA/SIPC, a Registered Investment Adviser along with Principal/Managing Partner, Laurence Hale, AAMS, CRPS. Fixed Insurance products and services offered through CES Insurance Agency. They practice at 697 Pomfret Street, Pomfret Center, CT 06259, 860.928.2341. The tenured financial team serves individuals, families, businesses & not-for-profit institutions and they are best suited for investment portfolios over \$500,000. Weiss & Hale Financial helps clients put it all together with their unique process to Plan Well, Invest Well, Live Well™. For more information regarding wealth management and customized financial planning with Weiss & Hale Financial, please visit www.weissandhale.com.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Implications to arming teachers

To the editor:

As a response to the increasing number of school shootings in the United States, many citizens desire to arm all of America’s teachers with firearms. While this is an idea that carries many merits, one must take a moment to examine the exact implications of this idea. It is interesting to consider that by arming all teachers in America, we may actually be endangering our children. This is because it is possible that some teachers may have mental health conditions that are unknown to their school, and make it unsafe for them to possess firearms. It is also unfortunately possible that a teacher may accidentally discharge their weapon in a classroom, wounding themselves or a student. Therefore, teachers that are to be given firearms should be carefully screened for safety reasons and competency. Another one of the problems with enacting this idea is the sheer amount of firearms that would need to be purchased and the training required to bring the teachers up to speed with the new firearms. This would add a large amount to the

national budget, and would likely result in tax hikes, which would be extremely unpopular in Congress and with the American taxpayers. However, there is a middle road option, which in my opinion is the best option. This idea is to arm only certain members of the school faculty. This group would consist of the principal, campus security, and any teachers that have served in the military. This would be the perfect blend of security and cost effectiveness. The equipment and training costs would be low, due to the limited amount of firearms that would need to be purchased and some teachers already having military training. The increase in security would be immense, as the school faculty could focus on keeping a shooter at bay until the police arrived to take care of the situation. Therefore, I advise the State of Connecticut and the Government of the United States to seriously and carefully examine the pros and cons of the idea of arming these members of the school faculty.

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Legally Speaking
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One of the greatest concerns for the elderly we serve and their families is that of long term care. There are four basic levels of care available to elders as they age.

The first level of care is adult day care. Adult day care is a supportive group environment for seniors with cognitive and/or functional impairments. The second level of care is home care. Home care consists of either a home health aide or a companion/homemaker. This type of assistance allows the senior to “age in place” as an outside service comes into the home to help. The third level of care is an assisted living facility (ALF). Depending upon the chosen level of care, an ALF may provide services ranging from care management, assistance with every day activities, housekeeping, medication management, security, transportation, meals and social and recreational activities. Finally, the fourth level of care is a nursing home. Nursing homes typically provide a secure environment and services to meet the physical, medical and social needs of their residents, such as: room and board; nursing care; medication management; personal care; and social and recreational activities.

Determining the appropriate level and type of care is one of many challenges facing seniors and their loved ones. Other challenges include figuring out how to pay for the care, knowing what rights the senior has, understanding what Medicare will and won’t pay, and making sure that the right legal documents are in place to carry out the seniors’ wishes. We have helped numerous families overcome these challenges through proper legal planning. If you would like more information or if we can be of assistance to you or a family you are working with, please contact us.

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Woodstock parent says exit from CIAC will leave local athletes behind

On Sunday, March 11 Woodstock Academy released information about their intention to leave the Connecticut Interscholastic Athletic Conference (CIAC), a membership-based, non-profit regulatory agency for high school athletics, to join the New England Preparatory School Athletic Council (NEPSAC), also a membership-based, regulatory agency for high school athletics. The press release suggested that NEPSAC would be a better fit for Woodstock Academy. There are drawbacks to leaving the CIAC to join NEPSAC that I hope the community will consider.

First though, I have to stress the importance of private tuition paying students to Woodstock Academy. Woodstock Academy has always been tuition-based, local sending towns pay this tuition out of their Board of Education budgets. There have also long been private tuition paying students, traditionally day students from the region, and in the past decade there has been the addition of boarding students, both domestic and international. The structure of including private tuition paying students benefits all! Students who want to be at Woodstock Academy have the ability to attend, and with them they bring diversity of experience and most importantly diversity of thought. Additionally, privately paid tuition

dollars fund a disproportionately higher percentage of the operating budget, allowing Woodstock Academy to offer programming well beyond what would be available with sending town tuition.

This isn't a public school versus private school debate. Independent schools have long been members of the CIAC. Leaving the CIAC and joining NEPSAC does have drawbacks. The Woodstock Academy website reports currently offering 14 female, 13 male and three unified sport offerings. Some of these highly successful programs are not offered in NEPSAC, specifically two female programs: competitive cheerleading and gymnastics, and the three unified. This leaves an uneven 13 male, 12 female and zero unified sport offerings for Woodstock Academy in NEPSAC.

Woodstock Academy also reports in its website in that in the 2013-2014 season there were 561 students participating in athletic programs. This is half of current enrollment. Even if every private tuition paying student played a sport (which they don't — Woodstock Academy administration reports that as many as 70 percent of private tuition students participate in athletics) that would still mean that nearly 80 percent of stu-

dent athletes hail from a sending town.

NEPSAC doesn't have state championships, it is a New England playoff competition. And while NEPSAC has multiple levels of competition, for Woodstock Academy to be competitive at the highest levels of this conference, recruiting athletes will be a reality. Championships may continue for Woodstock Academy in the prep school conference; but you can bet that the among the faces of the students hoisting up the trophy, only a very few of those faces will be ones the community watched develop through local youth sports. The reality of NEPSAC for Woodstock Academy is that instead of enriching the experience for all Academy students, sending towns and private tuition based students alike, it will likely leave local students competing for a few spots on teams populated with recruited top talent.

If you are reading this letter, I ask that you take action. Please consider:

Attending the Woodstock Academy forum on the matter on April 2nd at 6 p.m.

Contacting the Woodstock Academy Board of Trustees to express your concern about the direction of this change, and

encourage more community dialog, brain storming and problem solving on this issue.

Requesting of both the Woodstock Academy and CIAC administrations that they make their communications public, and engage an impartial mediator. If Woodstock Academy has conference violations, it should pay the proper consequence. Forcing the Academy out of the CIAC by requiring a reduction in enrollment of private tuition students is unreasonable and unfair, especially when there are other independent programs that have long been members of the conference.

I am a Woodstock Academy graduate, a Woodstock resident and parent of two current Woodstock Academy students, both of whom are varsity athletes. I am so thankful for the experience my children have had at Woodstock Academy to date. The disregard for the fate of the gymnastics program (of which our daughter has been a part for the last two seasons), and the lack of consideration for the impact that an exit from CIAC may have on the majority of students from sending towns is alarming to me. I ask that as a community, we have a conversation about the options and their impact.

Jaime Paris Boisvert lives in Woodstock

Woodstock Head of School says NEPSAC a better option

The Woodstock Academy is a true global community; our students come from 19 countries and seven states. As an independent school, each student who chooses to attend The Academy is a tuition student; the only difference is who pays their tuition.

We pride ourselves on the fact that all of our Academy students have equal opportunity to the activities we offer. This is our mission, and we live it every day. Whether from Pomfret, Chicago, or Shanghai, students have the opportunity to join any club, try out for any sport, or be part of any activity. We are proud of this.

We have been informed by the Connecticut Interscholastic Athletic Conference (CIAC) that if we want to renew our membership next year, the school as we currently know it would have to change. The CIAC is not a state-sponsored entity; it is a non-profit "regulatory agency" that is a "membership optional" organization. If we

want to remain in this organization, we have to abide by its rules. This would require our football team to play in the CIAC, eliminate the currently constructed nationally ranked prep-basketball team, and follow a new rule interpretation and application starting next year requiring all transfer students who have not entered as a freshman to sit out for an extended period of time before playing a sport. These three changes would have a devastating impact on The Academy and not allow us to meet our mission as an institution.

The football team was moved this past year to the Evergreen Prep Football League. Student safety was our first priority and finding a league that met the skills of our program was the second priority. The team has won 22 games since it was reinstituted over ten

years ago. During the Thanksgiving football game, where we played the eventual state-champions; we had seven sophomores start during the game. The Eastern Connecticut Conference (ECC) and the CIAC pairings were not safe for our students.

The prep-basketball program is a new sport we had been discussing for several years. Once we purchased the south campus, we had the ability to start the program with fidelity. This program, and the student-athletes involved with the program, have enriched and strengthened the overall Academy program. It is important to note that, in both of these cases, prep-basketball and football, we received email approval from the CIAC prior to making either of these moves. Actually, CIAC officials spoke positively about the prep-basketball program when

it was announced. However, the CIAC has recently changed its "ruling" on both sports, which has led to this conversation.

There are over 150 boarders living on south campus and over 40-day students who transfer to The Academy each year. Previously, the transfer rule was less stringent. However, the CIAC has strengthened the interpretation and application of the transfer rule. This change would have a significant impact on our recruiting efforts. While we recruit for academics, there are students who arrive at The Academy and end up playing a sport. We encourage this for all students. As we all know research shows that involved students perform and assimilate much better into their school community.


Local sending town tuition covers approximately 60 percent of the total Academy budget, and private tuition pays about 40 percent. The school that we all enjoy and love could be devastated if we did

not allow transfer students to play athletics for an extended period of time. This upcoming year, the entire athletic budget is roughly \$1.2 million. If we make a significant shift in recruiting students, we would have to cut about 40 percent of the athletic budget.

The Academy is not driving this decision. At a recent meeting, the CIAC's Executive Director stated to Associate Head of School, Holly Singleton, "There may be a better league that more fits your school"; ironically, the CIAC may be right. The Academy is currently an associate member of the New England Preparatory School Athletic Council (NEPSAC), the move to full membership may be a better option for The Academy and its student-athletes.


Although it does have a negative impact on gymnastics, and we do believe we have some sort of solution for those student-athletes, it will benefit other sports. Instead of being "locked in" to a league like the ECC, we will have the opportunity to play competitors from a larger pool that matches the appropriate playing level of our teams. The college exposure for our athletes will be significantly increased, and the ability for all students to be able to make an athletic team will be enhanced by having more competitive and participatory options. If The Academy transitions to full NEPSAC membership, local student-athletes will continue to have an array of athletic opportunities and The Academy will continue to make admissions decisions based on academics. The overall NEPSAC rule structure is based on what is best for student-athletes, unlike the current rule structure of the CIAC which is focused on equity of all of the schools who they chose to accept into their organization. There are still NEPSAC league championships for each sport and New England Championships for all the teams that make it, very similar to the current structure. Travel time will increase slightly from our current schedule with most travel under an hour and a half. As student-athletes and families know, we often travel far distances now, such as the shoreline and the other end of Connecticut.


At this point, the administration has met with the Board of Trustees, Academy staff, coaches, and those teams that will be most impacted. We will be holding a parent/family forum on April 2nd at 6:00 p.m. We have several meetings scheduled with the CIAC and the ECC prior to the April 2nd forum, which will provide more clarity in what direction we need to head. We are working to make this a transparent process and to gather as much information as possible so we can make the right decision for The Academy and all of its students.



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PUTNAM — Michael Stadolnik won the overall title at the Courthouse O'Putnam 5K road race for the sixth straight year last Sunday, March 11. Jennie Cohen set a course record in the women's division, story on page B-1 of today's sports section.

Charlie Lentz photos



The Pothier family, Corey, back; front row: Rylie, Mackenzie, and Mary

Back row, from left, Jessie Duchesney, Angela Bailey. Front row, from left, Ryder Benoit and Dominick McIntyre



From left, Valentine Iamartino, State Senator Mae Flexer, and Lauren Falzarano Prause



From left, Alissa Balicki, Dan McPherson, Olivia Balicki, Kate McPherson, and Bill Balicki; Mackenzie Balicki (in stroller)



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From left, Putnam Mayor Barney Seney, Sheila Frost, James Frost, and Caroline Frost



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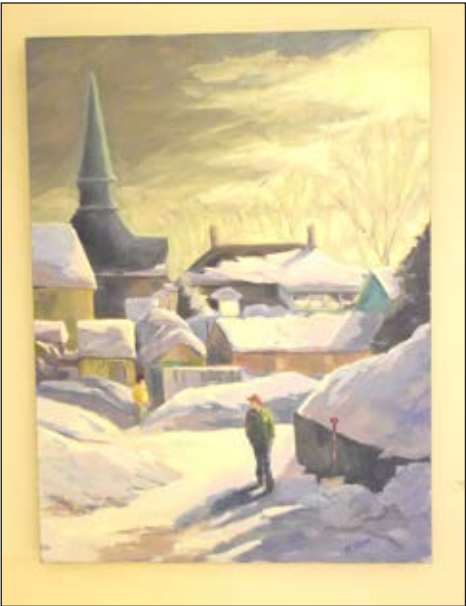
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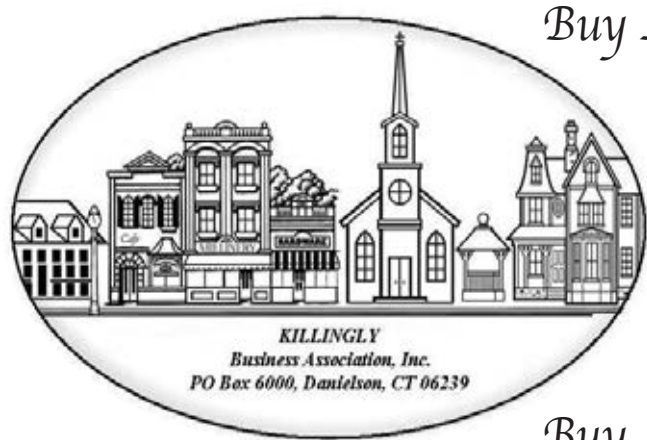
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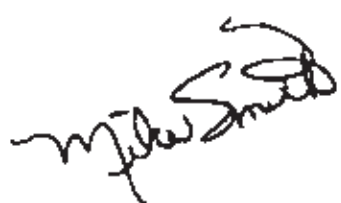


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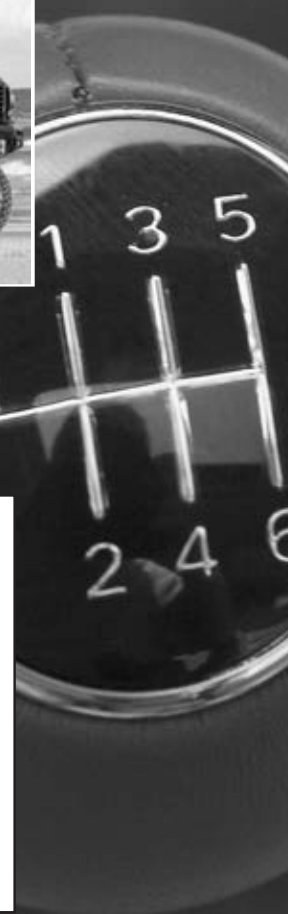
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“If you think this is funny, you should meet my human!” Sadie is loved by Dino Laparle of Thompson.



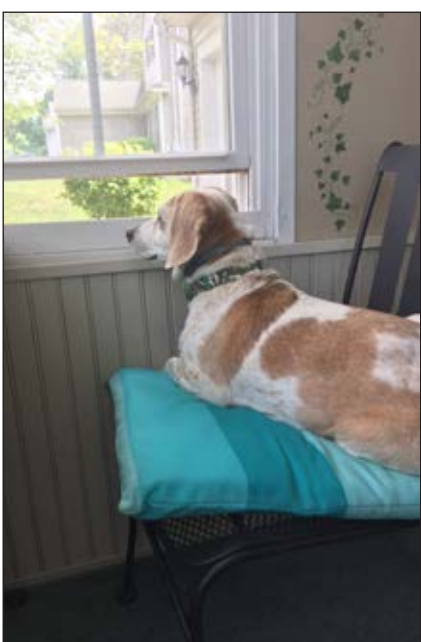
This is king Max looking affronted for being disturbed on his throne. He is served and worshipped by Haley Kimball of Thompson.



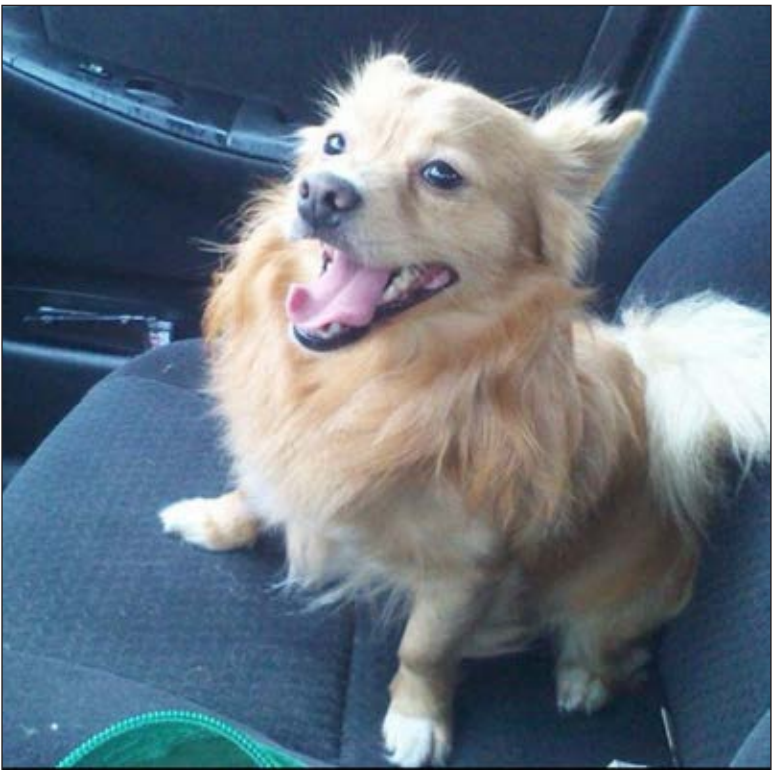
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Honor Roll: Paige Boisvert, Thompson, CT; Julia DiNoia, Thompson, CT; Kortney Drew, Thompson, CT; Michael Hanrahan, Thompson, CT; Thomas Joiner, North Grosvenordale, CT; Ayana Patel, Brooklyn, CT.

PUBLIC MEETINGS

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Board of Education, 7 p.m., TMR	Tuesday, March 20
Wednesday, March 21	
Housing Authority, 10 a.m., Brooklyn Community Center	Board of Selectmen, 7 p.m., Town Hall
	Wednesday, March 21
Board of Finance, 7 p.m., Clifford B. Green Memorial Center	Economic Development Commission, 6:30 p.m., Town Hall

KILLINGLY

Monday, March 12	Board of Selectmen, 7 p.m., Town Hall	Friday, March 23
East Killingly Fire, 6 p.m., 1395 Hartford Pike	Special Town Meeting, 7:30 p.m., Putnam Middle School	NECOGG, 8:30 a.m., 125 Putnam Pike
Community Development Block Grant Public Hearing, 7 p.m., TMR	Wednesday, March 21	
Tuesday, March 13	Special Board of Finance, 7 p.m., Town Hall	Monday, March 19
Town Council, 7 p.m., Town Hall	Thursday, March 22	Clean Energy Task Force, 7 p.m., Town Hall
Wednesday, March 14	Facilities Study Group, 7 p.m., Town Hall	Grove Cemetery Trustees, 7:30 p.m., Town Hall
	THOMPSON	Tuesday, March 20
Agricultural Commission, 7 p.m., Town Hall	Monday, Mach 19	Republican Town Committee, 7 p.m., Town Hall
	Conservation Commission, 7 p.m., Town Hall	Wednesday, March 21

Board of Selectmen, 7 p.m., 9 a.m., Town Hall	Agricultural Commission, 1 p.m., Town Hall
Recreation Commission, 4:30 p.m., Town Hall	Tuesday, March 20
Thursday, March 22	Board of Finance, 7 p.m., Town Hall
Inland Wetlands & Watercourses Commission, 7 p.m., 7 p.m., Town Hall	Wednesday, March 21
Library Board, 7 p.m., Eastford Public Library	Quasset School, 4 p.m., Town Hall
	Garden Club, 6:30 p.m., Town Hall
	Thursday, March 22
	Board of Education, 7 p.m., Town Hall

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Carole Davidge photo

PUTNAM — Three generations of Ellsworths, all from Eastford, participated in the Courthouse O’Putnam 5K road race last Sunday, March 11, in downtown Putnam. With Mary Ellen Ellsworth, left, placing second in her age category (75 years and over), along with granddaughter Hannah and daughter Liz. Other Ellsworths who participated in the event included Rob and Ashlyn Ellsworth and their sons Robert and Charles.

EASTFORD

Monday, March 19	Special Board of Selectmen, 9 a.m., Town Hall
Clean Energy Task Force, 7 p.m., Town Hall	Recreation Commission, 4:30 p.m., Town Hall
Grove Cemetery Trustees, 7:30 p.m., Town Hall	Thursday, March 22
Tuesday, March 20	Inland Wetlands & Watercourses Commission, 7 p.m., 7 p.m., Town Hall
Republican Town Committee, 7 p.m., Town Hall	Library Board, 7 p.m., Eastford Public Library
Wednesday, March 21	

WOODSTOCK

Monday, March 19	Board of Education, 7 p.m., Town Hall
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POLICE LOGS

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DANIELSON	ment second degree.
Sunday, March 4	
Steven Wooten, 39, of 14 Leander St., Danielson, was charged with disorderly conduct; assault third degree.	Tinamarie Bonneau, 47, of 108 North Frontage Road, Danielson, was charged with operating under the influence of drugs/alcohol.
Jason M. Tworzydio, 37, of 78 Dyer St., Danielson, was charged with injury, risk of injury, impair morals of children, child selling, reckless endanger-	THOMPSON

Tuesday, March 6	THOMPSON
Martin Reid Taylor, 20, of 855 Thompson Road, Thompson, was charged with speeding, operating under the influence of drugs/alcohol, stop sign violation, improper use of high beams/red lights/flashign lights.	Tuesday, March 6
BROOKLYN	
Tuesday, March 6	
Jason Pelletier, 35, of 166 B South Main St., Brooklyn, was charged with disobeying an officer, making an improper turn, interfering with an officer, disorderly conduct.	

POMFRET CENTER	Carly Funk, 19, of 5 Smith St. Putnam, was charged with Possession of Cannabis-type Substance
Wednesday, March 7	
Jeffrey Collard, 42, of 157 Boston Turnpike, Pomfret Center, was charged with risk of injury to a child; disorderly conduct/threatening; threatening; reckless endangerment first degree.	Alex Garcia, 19, of 110 Lilli Bridge Rd. Plainfield, was charged with Disorderly Conduct, Breach of Peace, Criminal Mischief, Conspiracy to Commit Assault 2nd
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Thursday, March 8	Derin Labonte, 32, of 345 School St. Putnam, was charged with Failure to Drive Right, Operating Under the Influence
Jessica Lynn Dessert, 35, of 365 Bailey Hill Road, South Killingly, was charged with violation of protective order.	Sunday, March 11

PUTNAM POLICE DEPARTMENT

Saturday, March 10	William Cole, 33, of 175B School St. Putnam, was charged with Operating Under Suspension, Failure to Keep Narcotics in Original Container, Failure to Illuminate Tail Lights
Joselyn Magrey, 26, of 244 Goreman Road, Brooklyn, was charged with Failure to Renew Registration	Jonathan Demers, 31, of 45 Athol St. Danielson, was charged with Operating an Unregistered vehicle

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“I like that you have to have complete control. And you can’t make any mistakes.”

Especially with Pointilism, art made of all small dots. And it seems you have some pieces like that. One called, “Crab.”

“I was just drawn to pointilism, because I love the idea of a ton of little dots, but from a distance you don’t see any at all.”

Why a crab?

“I don’t know. It was a photo I took of a crab on the beach because of the colors. The background I used watercolor crayon and sprayed it and the crab and sand was made out of Sharpies. I love Sharpies because you don’t think of them artistic. You think of them as a tool.”

What got you into art?

“I’ve just been an artist my whole life. I’m drawn to all different kinds of things.”

You have a collection of sheet music pieces at the gallery, where you draw art directly on the sheet music. The one here, ‘Alice Blue Gown.’ Tell me about that.

“That’s the first one I did. I had an image of an elegant debutant. And I wanted to see how that image would look on music. And it evolved from there. I don’t know anything about music. Can’t read it. Can’t play it. But a lot of times customers will tell me the stories behind the music. And we’ll realize what I drew matches the story.”

That is very interesting. It’s like you could really just feel the story behind the music. Just by seeing

the title and movements. What were you doing when you started creating art?

“Typical drawing and coloring. I ended up doing my first mosaic in retrospect when I was eight. It was made of felt. It was a brick wall with a puppy dog and a little cat with big sad eyes in front of it. I still have it. It’s all moth-eaten. It’s pretty funny. But I’m one of nine kids and she saved two things from each of us and that was one of the two of mine.”

That is amazing. Somehow she knew it would mean a lot to you. Why do you love art?

“I just love creating. It’s in there and it has to come out.”

Do you do it full time?

“It is now, full time. I was an upholsterer for 38 years.”

Wow. That sounds

like an interesting line of work.

“I lied my way into the job.”

How did you manage that?

“I took a class. I went to two classes. The guy teaching us was hopeless but I learned some terms. There was an ad in the paper and I dropped those terms. At the time I had real long hair and a big cross hanging off my ear. He said, ‘If I had seen you first I wouldn’t have hired you.’”

That is quite the story. What do you think of the local art scene?

“I love it.”

Why is that?

“I find a lot of people are down to earth and once you let them know you don’t have to have an art degree to understand art... You either like it or you don’t. If



Sheet music art from Tim Oliver.

you like it enough you buy it. That’s it. That’s the criteria.”

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local artist Gina Papen. Made in 1990, the “special piece is a commemoration of the last steam train to Putnam at the Putnam Train Station.”
“For a small town in northeastern Connecticut, this event was widely attended and this enthusiasm was captured by the artist. The framed art is


now on display for all to enjoy in a place where no one is ever in too much of a hurry to be kind,” Annice said.
Bradley was at the train station himself when the train came through. There was a huge gathering. It seems like it was just yesterday to Bradley, who said it’s something that “used to be so common” that will now “never be seen again.”
Except on the Putnam Library’s wall.

“This was so generous. And we appreciate his sentiment,” said the library’s Director Priscilla Colwell. “It’s another part of Putnam history. People who live here really enjoy visiting the past. Their parents, grandparents... There’s a lot of pride of place here in Putnam. It’s nice to have these depictions of the past so people and places and events can be remembered.”
And that’s not all the art will help the patrons remember.

“Now when they look at it, shows that somebody recognizes what they’re doing. I think they’re doing a very great job. Oftentimes people are not recognized for their work and the things they do,” said Bradley.

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Record setting day at O’Putnam 5K



Charlie Lentz photo

Runners begin the Courthouse O’Putnam 5K road race last Sunday, March 11, in Putnam.



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Michael Stadolnik crosses the finish to win his sixth-straight Courthouse O’Putnam 5K on Sunday.

BY CHARLIE LENTZ
VILLAGER EDITOR

PUTNAM — Michael Stadolnik didn’t need the luck of the Irish at the Courthouse O’Putnam 5K, just his running shoes. For the sixth consecutive year he took no blarney from his rivals. On Sunday the 44-year-old Plainfield resident once again found a gold medal at the end of the rainbow with a clocking of 17 minutes, 27 seconds. It’s a familiar routine for the veteran runner.

“It’s a great race. It’s like the beginning of the race season for me,” Stadolnik said. “I love it.”

While Stadolnik is an old-timer here, Jennie Cohen was a newbie who made an auspicious impression at her first appearance at the Courthouse O’Putnam 5K. Cohen captured first place in the women’s division in a record finish of 19:11, snapping the course record (19:49) set by Victoria Cronin last year.

It was the sixth consecutive year Stadolnik crossed the finish line ahead of the pack. The festive event includes a post-race beer garden on Main Street for those who’ve worked up a thirst over the 3.1-mile distance — but at the starting line Stadolnik was surrounded by a sober assortment of leprechauns and runners clad in Irish-themed outfits.

“I love it. It’s just like camaraderie,” Stadolnik said. “It’s like the race culture. It’s great.”

With temperatures in the low

and uses the inclines at the Courthouse O’Putnam 5K to break his opponents.

“I train a lot on hills so it works to an advantage for me,” Stadolnik said. “Against young speedsters, I work the hills.”

His familiarity with the Courthouse O’Putnam race route allows him to time his breakaway for an optimum demoralizing effect on challengers.

“I know exactly where to push it and I know where I can get some time,” Stadolnik said. “I burn people out on hills and then it flattens out and then I stride it out — that’s where I make my gains right there.”

With one mile to go on Sunday he allowed himself a glance over his shoulder and had some breathing room between himself and Balkus and Kostyk.

“I saw them behind me, maybe 200 feet,” Stadolnik said. “Then it’s a long gradual downhill so I just give it everything I’ve got. I’m tired by then so I just try to hang on.”

With about one-half mile to go he allowed himself a final glance over his shoulder and knew victory was within his grasp — he led by 300 feet.

“I gained a little bit,” Stadolnik said. “I felt like I could hold it from there. If I could hold them at that distance it’s really hard in a 5K to make it up.”

Stadolnik’s winning clocking of 17:27 gave him an 18-second cushion over Balkus, from Ashford, who took second place in 17:45. Kostyk, from Bethel, finished in third place in 17:48.

Cohen, 33, had an easier time en route to a comfortable victory. She led from start to finish in her record-setting time of 19:11 in the women’s division. Stella DiPippo, from Brooklyn, finished in second place in 20:07. Linsey Arends, from Brooklyn, took third place in 20:10. Cohen trains “35, 40” miles per week and went to prep school at Loomis Chaffee in Windsor, where she ran cross country and track. She did not run competitively while attending Washington University

in St. Louis, but is an avid runner. She moved to New York City after college and now belongs to the Dashing Whippets running club. Cohen wasn’t surprised that she established a course record. Her clocking of 19:11 shattered Cronin’s previous course record by 38 seconds.

“This isn’t my fastest (5K) time by any measure but I’m really happy to break the record,” Cohen said. “It’s hard course.”

Her record-breaking performance was not the result of a detailed plan. Cohen was visiting her mother in Bloomfield last weekend. Cohen and her boyfriend, James Kelly, were both in search of a race and settled on the Courthouse O’Putnam 5K.

“We were looking at races on the internet and this one looked fun. We liked the gloves,” Cohen said. “So we made the trip to Putnam. We just thought it would be something fun to do.”

A mystery unravels any time a runner tackles a race course for the first time but Cohen was undaunted.

“You know when it’s a 5K that no matter what is thrown at you, you can pretty much handle it,” Cohen said. “There’s not as much strategy, I think, that goes into a 5K. But I did, at the starting line, ask as the course officials where the hills were so I just could mentally prepare myself.”

Cohen said she entered the Courthouse O’Putnam partly for the gloves but she left with the course record — a nice secondary benefit.

“Maybe I’ll try to come back next year and break it



Charlie Lentz photo

Jennie Cohen broke the course record en route to victory in the women’s division Sunday.

again,” Cohen said. “In New York I’m just one of many, many fast people — and not even that fast — but here it feels good to break a record and have all that training be rewarded.”

Stadolnik’s training regimen was rewarded for the sixth-straight year. He didn’t need the luck of the Irish last

Sunday — but he’s not a disbeliever — lucky number seven awaits next March.

“I don’t want to jinx myself for next year,” Stadolnik said. “But I feel good about it.”

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Senior All-Star game on tap at Putnam High

PUTNAM — Putnam Rotary Club's annual Ray Brousseau Senior All Star basketball game is scheduled for Monday, March 19, at Putnam High School. The contest features area senior boys and girls high school basketball players.

Tipoff of the the girls game is scheduled for 5:30 p.m. The boys game follows the girls game. Participants are expected from all area schools including Putnam High, Plainfield High, Killingly High, Ellis Tech, Griswold High, Tourtellotte Memorial, Woodstock Academy,

Marianapolis Prep, Pomfret School, Parish Hill High, Windham Tech, and Griswold Hgih.

Brousseau was a local business man who owned and operated a clothing business in downtown Putnam for more than 50 years. He was a member of the Putnam Rotary Club for more than five decades, achieving perfect attendance for 41 years. He also served as the Club's President in 1941 and was honored with the Paul Harris Award, the highest recognition in Rotary International.

The Putnam Rotary Club has been

organizing the high school senior boys and girls all-star basketball games for more than two decades. The event provides a showcase for the players who have been performing on the hardwood the past four years. Admission is \$3 for adults and \$1 for senior citizens and students. The National Anthem will be sung by Putnam's Maurice "Moe" Coderre. All players and coaches will receive a memento symbolic of their participation in the games. There will be selection of Most Valuable Players from each of the four teams immedi-

ately following each contest. The organizing committee includes Rotarians Jonathan Tremblay, Dick Loomis, Monique Mailloux, Doug Porter and Ron Coderre. Rotary President Rick Place will be on hand to present awards and offer congratulatory remarks. Concessions for the evening will be handled by the Putnam Lions Club under the direction of Annie Russo and Mel Cassio.



Charlie Lentz photos
Killingly's Reagan Morin is among the players invited to the Ray Brousseau Senior All Star game at Putnam High on Monday, March 19.



Putnam's Ashley Burke



Woodstock Academy's Kali Dingui



Tourtellotte's Kali Dingui



Putnam's Connor Holloman



Killingly's Gavin Turner



Tourtellotte's Simon Silva

Farmington ousts Woodstock from Class L tourney



Woodstock's Jamie Woods was one of six seniors on the Centaurs roster.

File photo

BY CHARLIE LENTZ
VILLAGER EDITOR

FARMINGTON — Third-seeded Farmington defeated sixth-seeded Woodstock Academy 52-44 in the quarterfinals of the girls Class L state tournament on March 9. The loss ended the Centaurs season with a record of 17-7. Farmington (21-3) went on to defeat Wethersfield 45-40 in the semifinals and is scheduled to face top-seeded RHAM (23-1) in the state championship game set for this weekend at Mohegan Sun Arena.

"We had a slow start. They jumped on us early," said Woodstock coach Will Fleeton of the loss to Farmington. "We went into the half down by 10. So it was comeback time from that point on. I thought my kids did a good job. They cut the deficit. We got it down to three in the fourth quarter but we couldn't get it any closer because they were such a quality team."

Against Farmington, Woodstock senior guard Mackenzie Cayer scored a game-high 19 points including five three-pointers. Senior

forward Jamie Woods scored 11 points and junior forward Heather Converse added nine points for the Centaurs. Emma Novajesky led Farmington with 14 points.

The loss ended the high school careers of six Woodstock seniors including Kali Dingui, Woods, Madison Brennan, Olivia Perry, Cayer, and Ciri Miller. Those seniors were freshmen three years ago when Woodstock coach Will Fleeton took over the junior varsity. Fleeton was promoted to the varsity coaching job when the group were sophomores and he's coached them throughout their varsity careers.

"They all moved up from jayvee to varsity that sophomore year with me. So for them to be the foundation of this program and to see it through and watch them finish is just a great moment, a great feeling," Fleeton said. "They'll be greatly missed. They'll hold a special place in my heart forever."

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Woodstock sixth at New England Gymnastics meet

DERRY, N.H. — Woodstock Academy finished in sixth place at the New England Gymnastics Championships on March 10 at Pinkerton Academy. The combined team of Bridgewater/Raynham/West Bridgewater from Massachusetts edged Greenwich High for the New England title, posting a score of 145.150. Greenwich scored 144.250 points. In the team

standings, Pinkerton Academy was third with a score of 143.025. Trumbull High placed fourth (142.750), followed by Masconomet/Lynfield (140.750) and Woodstock Academy (138.625). Eleven teams competed in the New England Championships.

McKeon 20th at State Open

SOUTHBURY — Putnam High's Maggie McKeon finished in 20th place overall (33.45 points) at the State Open Gymnastics Championships at Pomperaug High on March 3. McKeon finished in 20th place in the vault (8.55), 29th in bars (7.9), 13th in beam (8.5), and 24th in the floor exercise (8.5).

Courthouse O’Putnam 5K road race

PUTNAM — Main Street was overflowing with runners for last Sunday’s Courthouse O’Putnam 5K road race. The event drew 1,346 participants. The race benefitted the Daily Bread food pantry in Putnam.

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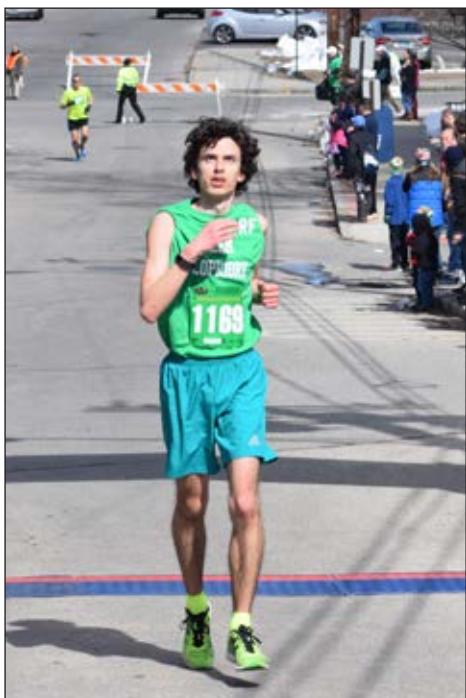
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Courthouse O'Putnam 5K road race

PUTNAM — Michael Stadolnik won the men's division of the Courthouse O'Putnam 5K road race for the sixth straight year and Jennie Cohen set a course record in the women's division last Sunday, March 11.

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March 18, Sun., 8:30am-12pm

Easter Bunny Breakfast-St. Joseph School, 26 Main Street North Grosvenordale. Adults \$10, Seniors, \$8, Children \$6. Price includes photo with the Easter Bunny. French Toast Casserole, scrambled eggs, pancakes, steak, corned beef hash, sausage, bacon, roasted potatoes, fruit salad, muffins, beverages.

March 20, Tues., 11:30am-1pm

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March 24, Sat., 10-11am

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Michael Peter Markowitz, 75



PUTNAM , CONNECTICUT and INGLIS, FLORIDA - It is with great sadness that the family of Michael Peter Markowitz announces his passing after a hard-fought battle with cancer, at home on March 4. Michael was born in Putnam, to Peter and Ida Markowitz. He attended college at the University of Connecticut- Agricultural Studies. For 36 years he and his wife, Stacia owned and operated Mike's Concessions. He is survived by his loving wife, Stacia; his mother, Ida Markowitz of Putnam; his children, Steven Markowitz of Rocky Mount, Virginia, Ginny and son-in-law, James Friedman of Brookline, Massachusetts, James and daughter-in-law, Elizabeth Markowitz of Mechanicsburg, Pennsylvania, Elizabeth Buzalski, of Thompson, and Patrick Markowitz of Rocky Mount, Virginia; his brothers, Paul and wife Cookie Markowitz of Boise, Idaho and Max and wife, Janet Markowitz

of Attawaugan; his sister, Merrie Chartier of Putnam and his brother-in-law, Joseph Eber of Brooklyn; eight grandchildren, Brandon, Jeremy, Mia, Hallie, Cayla , Samantha, James and Julia, one great grandson, Dax, and many cousins and nieces and nephews. He is preceded in death by his sister, Joyce Eber and father, Peter Markowitz. Michael will be remembered as a kind, strong, helpful man. He will be missed by his family and the many friends he made throughout his life. The family would like to thank Dana Farber Center in Boston for their constant, attentive treatment and care, Moffitt Cancer Center in Tampa, and Citrus County Hospice for the excellent work and loving care. At Michael's request, a private memorial service is under the direction of the Gilman Funeral Home & Crematory. In lieu of flowers, the family asks that you consider a donation to St. Jude Children's Research Hospital. For Memorial Guestbook, visit www.GilmanAndValade.com

Samuel F. Young, 84



POMFRET CENTER -- Samuel F. Young of Pomfret Center, died March 10, at Davis Place in Danielson. He was 84 years old. He was the beloved husband of Maria (Guardiani) Young. They were married in 1955. He was born May 20, 1933 in Webster, Massachusetts, son of the late Walter and Laurianna (Duclos) Young. Sam worked for many years for the State of Massachusetts Employment Office as a Job Counselor, which he thoroughly enjoyed, retiring in 1997. He also was employed as a Merchandising Manager for WT Grants in Putnam and at David Lenti in Southbridge, Massachusetts. Formerly of Southbridge, Massachusetts, he had made his home in the Woodstock-Pomfret area after his retirement and attended South Woodstock Baptist Church. Sam was a veteran of the Korean War serving with the US Army. He enjoyed woodworking and

was a Bible teacher for many years. He leaves his wife Maria; his children Donna Kozakowski and her husband Raymond of Quinebaug; Michael Young and his wife Jacqueline of Southbridge, Massachusetts; Tricia Renaud and her husband Gary of Pomfret Center; Tina Young and her wife Malea Rhodes of Northampton, Massachusetts; nine grandchildren, Krystyna and Stephan Kozakowski, Elizabeth, Rachel and Jacob Young, Taylor, Evan, Brooke, Jordan and Lucas Renaud; two great grandchildren, Quil and Oakley Renaud. Calling hours were held on March 15, at the Smith and Walker Funeral Home in Putnam, which was followed by a Memorial Service. In lieu of flowers, donations may be made in Sam's memory to a charity of one's choice. www.smithandwalkerfh.com



Francis A. "Pee Wee" Pellerin, 80



NORTHBRIDGE, MASSACHUSETTS - Francis A. "Pee Wee" Pellerin, 80, of Sutton St. died Tuesday, March 6, at Milford Regional Hospital after an illness. He is survived by his wife of 56 years Priscilla G. (Bilodeau) Pellerin; his four children Ann Marie Dawes and her husband Michael of Douglas, Massachusetts, JoAnn Caldwell and her husband Dale of Northbridge, Massachusetts, Arthur J. Pellerin and his wife Brenda of Carthage, New York, and CarolAnn Wescott and her husband Eric of N. Attleboro, Massachusetts; seven grandchildren; Patrick Dawes, Ashley Dawes, Jenée' Lachapelle, Tyler Pellerin, Jennifer Jordan, Briann Wescott, and Anthony Wescott; two sisters, Lillian Belcher of N. Smithfield, Rhode Island, and Shirley Grover of Danielson; and many nephews and nieces. He was predeceased by his grandson Brandon Pellerin in 2012. Born in Woonsocket, Rhode Island on November 30, 1937, he was son of Arthur J. and Nellie (Bielat) Pellerin and lived in Northbridge most of his life. Mr. Pellerin worked at the former General Motors Co. in Framingham for

25 years, retiring in 1988 when the plant closed. He then worked at Perry's Auto Sales selling vehicles and attending the car auctions. He served in the US Navy and raced stock cars at the former Westboro Speedway. He enjoyed NASCAR, the Red Sox, yard sales, clamming, fishing, casino trips, and Father's Day. He was a member of St. Peter's Church and the Mumford Council Knights of Columbus in Whitinsville. His family wishes to thank the 5th floor nurses and staff at Milford Regional Hospital for their compassionate care. His funeral was held March 12 from Jackman Funeral Home, Whitinsville, which was followed by a Mass in St. Peter's Church, Northbridge. Cremation burial in St. Patrick's Cemetery will be at a later date. Calling hours at the funeral home were held March 11. Memorial donations may be made to the Mumford Council Knights of Columbus, 77 Prescott Rd. Whitinsville, MA 01588. To leave a condolence message for the family please visit www.jackmanfuneralhomes.com



Ronald D. Briere, 58

DAYVILLE -- Ronald D. Briere, 58 of Dayville died March 5, at Day Kimball Hospital in Putnam. Ronald was born in Putnam on September 16, 1959 the son of Doris (Rondeau) Mackie of Dayville and the late Ernest Briere. He was the husband of Patricia (Beaudette) Briere. Ronald worked for the Town of Killingly Sewer Authority for 15 years and later as a pest control technician for Griggs and Brown. He was a member of the Dayville and Attawaugan Fire Departments. Besides his wife

Patricia and his mother, he is survived by his stepmother Carol Briere of Dayville; stepson Allen R. Paradis of North Carolina; siblings, Brian Briere of Dayville, Darren Briere of Rogers, Myles Racine and Dee Racine. Grandchildren Connor, Deven, Aiden, Allen Jr. and Ryder Paradis and Ashley Carpenter. Funeral services will be private. Tillinghast Funeral Home 433 Main Street Danielson is in charge of arrangements.

Rev. Richard L. Archambault, 88



PUTNAM -- The Reverend Richard L. Archambault, retired priest of the Diocese of Norwich, died March 8, in Putnam. He was 88. As both educator and pastor, Father Archambault is fondly remembered as a compassionate and giving priest. Father Archambault, son of Joseph A. Archambault and Bernadette (Coderre) Archambault, was born in Putnam. He prepared for the priesthood at St. Thomas Seminary in Bloomfield, and St. Bernard Seminary in Rochester, New York, and pursued further theological studies at St. Sulpice in Issy, France. He was ordained to the priesthood by the Most Reverend Bernard J. Flanagan, D.D., Bishop of Norwich on July 2, 1955 at St. Joseph Church in North Grosvenordale. Following his ordination, Father Archambault's first parish assignments were at St. Patrick Cathedral, Norwich, St. Mary in Putnam and Sacred Heart in Taftville. His service to the Diocese of Norwich as educator broadened in 1963 when he was appointed Assistant Superintendent of schools. In 1965, he would become the Superintendent of Diocesan Schools. In 1972, Father was appointed Pastor, St. Patrick Church in Mystic, where he would serve the faithful for six years, before returning to Putnam to serve

at the Holy Spirit Provincial House. While serving there, Father became Chaplain and Director of Project Northeast, an organization dedicated to providing food assistance to individuals and families in need across a wide circle of communities. Project Northeast is part of the living legacy of caring of Father Archambault. Father Archambault is survived by his brothers, Reverend Monsignor Henry N. Archambault, J.C.D., P.A., Diocese of Norwich, Charles Archambault of N. Grosvenordale, J. Paul Archambault of Pennsylvania; a sister, Denise Hutchinson of N. Grosvenordale, and numerous nieces and nephews. He was predeceased by three brothers A. Leon Archambault, Maurice Archambault, and J. Bernard Archambault, and a sister Jeanne Brodeur. The Vigil for the Deceased with Reception at the Church took place on Tuesday, March 13, in the Chapel of the Holy Spirit Provincial House in Putnam. Following that ceremony, a Mass was celebrated for his repose in the Chapel. The Funeral Mass was celebrated on Wednesday, March 14, at St. Joseph Church in N. Grosvenordale. Burial will follow in St. Joseph Cemetery. Funeral arrangements have been entrusted to the Gilman Funeral Home & Crematory, 104 Church St., Putnam. For memorial guestbook visit www.GilmanAndValade.com. Memorial donations in Fr. Richard's memory may be made to Project Northeast, 81 Church St., Putnam, CT 06260.

Richard J. Moylan Sr., 90



EAST HARTFORD -- Richard Moylan Sr., 90, of Timrod Trail, died peacefully on Sunday, March 11, at the Hartford Hospital. He was the husband of the late Gertrude (Plantier) Moylan. Born in Hartford, he was the son of the late William and Margaret (Edhardt) Moylan, he was their last surviving child. Richard was a veteran of the United States Army and served during the Korean War. He was an auto body technician working for several auto dealers. He was a member of the American Legion Montville Post 112. Richard enjoyed gardening and fixing things around his house. He was very proud of and loved to work on his 1998 Chevy S-10, which he customized and "pimped out." Richard is survived by his son, Dennis Moylan of Manchester; seven daughters, Pamela Bartolomei and

husband John of Woodstock, Theresa Moylan of Vermont, Linda Johnson Moylan and husband Gary of Broad Brook, Diane Moylan-Cooke and husband Steven of Woodstock, Jo-Ann Moylan of Sprague, Amy Beaudoin and husband Patrick of East Hartford, Erin Moylan and her companion Kelly Viveiros of Rhode Island; eleven grandchildren, and seven great grandchildren. Richard was predeceased by his son Richard Moylan, Jr; daughter Nancy Moylan and a granddaughter, Ayla Moylan. Funeral services are private and have been entrusted to the Gilman and Valade Funeral Home and Crematory, 104 Church St. Putnam. Memorial donations may be made to the St. Jude Children's Research Hospital, 262 Danny Thomas Place, Memphis, TN 38105. For memorial guestbook visit www.GilmanAndValade.com.



Carol A. Figueroa, 64



PUTNAM -- Carol A. (Gayewski) Figueroa, 64, of Church Street, died March 5, in Day Kimball Hospital. Born in San Diego, California, she was the daughter of the late Richard and Ellen (Belanger) Gayewski. Mrs. Gayewski worked for many years in data collections for Crossmark. She enjoyed listening to music, watching old Western movies, crocheting, and playing cards. But, above all she cherished the quality time that she spent with her family and friends.

Carol is survived by her children, Tyler Marie Figueroa and Jordan Figueroa both of Putnam; two brothers, Robert Gayewski of Massachusetts and Richard Gayewski of Florida; three grandchildren Tanya, Tyrone, and Xavier, three great grandchildren, Taveon, Skylar, and Evangeline, and several nieces and nephews. She was predeceased by a sister Lynne Gayewski. Funeral arrangements and cremation services are private and have been entrusted to the Gilman Funeral Home & Crematory, 104 Church St., Putnam. For memorial guestbook visit www.GilmanAndValade.com.

Jeffrey B. Collins, 39



SOUTH KILLINGLY -- Jeffrey Collins, 39, died on Friday, March 9, at home. He was the loving husband of Rhonda (Roy) Collins and proud father of two sons Waylin and Dakota Collins. Born in Middletown, he was the son of John "Jack" Collins and Tammy (Anderson) Wish of Woodstock. He graduated from Ellis Tech in Danielson in 1997. Jeff was a Union Brick Layer with Local Union 1 for twenty-one years. He was also employed with Ritchie Bros Auctioneers as an Inspector. Jeff enjoyed antiquing, woodworking, trav-

eling/camping, being outdoors and had an enduring passion for music and dancing. Jeffery was especially fond of spending time with and enjoying the company of his two sons, of whom he was most proud of. He will be dearly missed by his family and friends. Jeffrey is also survived by three brothers, John Collins, James Collins and Joel Collins; his sister Amanda Wish; his father's wife Glenda; his mother's husband Theodore; and his maternal grandmother Carolyn Anderson and Uncle Butch "UB" of Kentucky, and his dear birthday buddy Doris Roy "Mem." He was predeceased by his paternal grandparents Conrad and Viola Collins; and his maternal grandfather Raymond Anderson. Funeral services have been entrusted to the Gilman and Valade Funeral Home and Crematory, 104 Church St. Putnam, CT. 06260. For memorial guestbook visit www.GilmanAndValade.com.

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Peter Michael Orr, 60



T H O M P S O N -- More than 1,000 people attended a "Celebration of Life" on March 11 for Peter Michael Orr, 60, co-owner of Fort Hill Farms, a member of The Farmer's Cow and Agri-mark dairy cooperatives. He died unexpectedly at home on March 5.

He was born May 24, 1957, in Norfolk, Virginia, son of the late James F. Orr and Dorothy Lunas Orr. He grew up in Hadlyme, Connecticut, and graduated from Xavier High School. He majored in Agronomy at the University of Connecticut and earned a Masters degree at Penn State.

He was employed as a research scientist by Pfizer until 1992 when he and his wife, Kristin O'Leary Orr, founded Fort Hill Farms, one of six eastern Connecticut dairy farms in The Farmer's Cow cooperative.

At the "Celebration of Life," eulogies were given by Connecticut Commissioner of Agriculture Steve Revitzky; Connecticut state veterinarian Bruce Sherman; Cricket Jacquier,

vice chairman of Agri-mark; Jim Smith, president of The Farmer's Cow; Hank Holden, senior research scientist at Pfizer; Howie Sternberg, a geologist who was Peter's UConn roommate; and Thompson neighbors and friends Bill Knipe and Jane Vercelli.

In his eulogy, Smith said that Orr was "a walking encyclopedia who loved nothing more than he loved farming."

In a letter to the family, Rep. Joe Courtney, (D-CT), wrote, "I always learned something from Peter every time we met, and it was clear to me that he always was focused on ways to help others. He made such a positive impact on the agricultural community." Orr leaves his wife of 37 years, Kristin, and their daughters, Kies Orr, and Lily Truman Orr, both of Thompson; a brother, James, of Moline, Illinois, a niece, two nephews and cousins.

Donations in his memory may be made to the Thompson Congregational UCC, PO Box 308, Thompson, CT, 06277 or the Peter Orr Scholarship Fund, PO Box 447, Thompson, CT, 06277. The scholarship fund will benefit students majoring in dairy or plant science.

Roger C. Baker Sr. 89



C H A R L T O N : Roger C. Baker Sr. 89, of Freeman Rd. died Saturday, March 3, 2018 after being stricken ill at home. His wife Sophie (Porra) Baker died Dec. 26, 2003. He leaves his daughters, Rachel and her husband Michael Manseau of Quinebaug, Ct., Donna and her husband Jay Walker of Thompson, Ct. Grandchildren: Roger C. Baker III, Kurt Baker and his wife Maria, Meara Baker, Jenifer LaBarge, Keenin Walker, Timothy Lemire; 5 great-grandchildren: Roger IV, Adriana, Victoria, Brandon, and Christian; and 1 great great-grandchild, Bryce. He was predeceased by 2 sons Roger C. Baker Jr. in 1998, Arthur

L. Baker in 2015, and a sister Edna Grant.

He was born in Charlton the son of Melvin and Emily (Chaffee) Baker and lived in Charlton all his life. Roger retired from the Charlton Housing Authority after 19 years of service, he was also a custodian at Bay Path Technical High School for 17 years and worked at Camosse Brothers as a truck driver, mechanic, and machine operator. He could fix or repair just about anything. Roger was a man of great knowledge with a passion for learning and reading. He enjoyed gardening and odd jobs. At Roger's request all services are private Belanger-Bullard Funeral Home, 51 Marcy St. Southbridge is directing arrangements. An online guestbook is available at www.BelangerFuneralHome.com

Chrystene L. Zarazinski, 68



W E B S T E R -- Chrystene L. (Noel) Zarazinski, 68, died Thursday, March 8, 2018 at Brookside Rehab and Nursing Center after an illness.

She leaves 2 daughters, Sonya Tebo and her husband David of N. Grosvenordale, CT and Crystal Kinney and her husband David of Danielson CT; 4 grandchildren, Tyler Tebo and his wife Katie of Brooklyn, CT, Brian Kinney of Danielson, CT, and Alfredo and Anthony Tebo of N. Grosvenordale, CT; a great-grandson, Bentley Tebo; 2 brothers, Bill Noel of Anchorage, AK and Mark Noel and his wife Cherie of Dudley; a sister, Patricia Gavin and her husband Dan of Millbury; a long-time friend, Patty Couhig, of Worcester; and nieces and nephews.

She was born in Worcester and raised in Grafton, the oldest of the 4 children of Ernest J. and Virginia M. (Dunn) Noel and graduated from Grafton High

School in 1968. She lived in Dudley and then in Webster for over 25 years before moving to N. Grosvenordale in 2017. Chrystene worked as a dispatcher for the Commonwealth of Massachusetts in Westboro State Hospital and then in Worcester State Hospital, retiring last year. She was very involved in the state employees' union AFSCME #1153 for many years where she served as vice-president and then as president. She enjoyed collecting and displaying zebra-themed articles. She was a CB enthusiast and was known by her handle name "Crazy Lady." Visitation will be held from 2:00 to 4:00 PM on Sunday, March 18, in Scanlon Funeral Service, 38 East Main Street, with a service to celebrate her life at 3:30 PM during the visiting hours. Funeral arrangements are under the direction of the Sitkowski & Malboeuf Funeral Home.

www.sitkowski-malboeuf.com

In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to the Zarazinski Scholarship, c/o Sonya Tebo, 46 First Street, North Grosvenordale, CT 06255.

Robert S. Marshalkowski, Jr., 64



T H O M P S O N -- Robert S. Marshalkowski, Jr., 64, of Hill Road, died Thursday, March 8, in his home, after a 10-year battle with syringomyelia. He is survived by his wife of 32 years, Pamela L. (Bedard) Marshalkowski of Thompson; his son, Benjamin L. Marshalkowski and his wife Cecilia of Wethersfield; his grandson, Leo J. Marshalkowski of Wethersfield; and several nephews and nieces. He was predeceased by his sister, Mary Ann Marshalkowski who died in 1972. He was born in Webster, Massachusetts, son of the late Robert S. and Genevieve A. (Ostrowski) Marshalkowski, and lived in Thompson and South Windsor, before moving back to Thompson in 2014. He graduated from Bartlett High School in Webster in 1971 and received his associates degree in industrial

engineering from Worcester Junior College in 1975.

Mr. Marshalkowski was a salesman for Judge Tool Company in Stratford, for 3 years before retiring in 2009. Previously, he owned and operated H.C. Hook Company in Auburn for 6 years, and was in machine tool sales throughout his life. He was a member of St. Joseph's Church in North Grosvenordale. Mr. Marshalkowski was an avid golfer. He was a member of the Topstone Golf Course in South Windsor and Pine Ridge Country Club in North Oxford.

A funeral Mass was held on March 14, at St. Joseph's Church in North Grosvenordale. Burial will be private at a later date at North Cemetery in Oxford. Calling hours were held March 13 at Paradis-Givner Funeral Home in Oxford, Massachusetts. In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be made to St. Joseph's Food Pantry, P.O. Box 897, North Grosvenordale, CT 06255.

Dawn Adella Chartier, 63

W O O D S T O C K -- Dawn (Adams) Chartier, 63, of Underwood Road, died peacefully at her home surrounded by family on March 5. She was the loving wife of Gerard R. Chartier. Born in Willimantic, she was the daughter of Harriet (Colburn) Chartier of New York and the late Paul Adams.

For many years, Dawn was a self-employed homemaker. Both Dawn and her beloved husband enjoyed traveling and were proud of the fact that together they had traveled around the United States visiting 47 out of 50 states. She was a passionate animal lover, who had many pets of her own, and her true love was the love and pride she felt for her son and beautiful grandchildren.

Dawn is survived by her son, Andrew Marquette and his wife Pamela of Thompson; three brothers, Ernest Chartier of Tennessee, Steven Chartier

of New York, and Thomas Chartier of Georgia; two sisters, Regina Chartier of Willimantic and Lorrie Chartier of New York; three beautiful grandchildren, Madison, Nathan and Drew. Dawn is predeceased by her brother, James Chartier.

Relatives and friends are invited to visit with Dawn's family from 1:00 pm to 3:00 pm on Saturday, March 17, in the Gilman Funeral Home and Crematory, 104 Church Street, Putnam. Burial will be scheduled for the Spring in the Abington Cemetery Pomfret.

Memorial donations may be made to P.A.W.S., P. O Box 248, Eastford, CT 06242 and the Our Companions Animal Sanctuary Inc., 46 Floeting Rd. Ashford, CT 06278. For memorial guest-book visit www.GilmanAndValade.com.

Laura J. Zipkin, 65



D A N I E L S O N -- Laura J. Zipkin, 65, of Danielson, died Saturday, March 3, surrounded by her family at Day Kimball Hospital in Putnam. Laura was born in Providence, Rhode Island on February 17, 1953, daughter of Estelle (Okun) Zipkin of Danielson and the late Joseph Louis Zipkin. She had been employed at the Killingly Public Library for 39 years and was the assis-

tant director prior to her retirement. Laura was a Killingly High School graduate and received her Bachelor's Degree from Connecticut College and her Master's Degree in Library Science from The University of Rhode Island. She was an animal rights advocate and an avid sports fan especially The New England Patriots. Besides her mother she is survived by her siblings, David Zipkin of Danielson, Donna Zipkin of Danielson and Alan Zipkin of Woodbridge. A Celebration of Life Service will be announced at a later date. tillinghastfh.com

Joseph A. DiMatteo, 32



E A S T F O R D , CT- Joseph A. DiMatteo, 32, passed away on Monday, March 12th, in the Bay State Medical Center, Springfield, after an illness.

He leaves his fiancée, Desiree Chase of Eastford; his parents, Dr. Anthony G. and Judith B. (Seifert) DiMatteo of Eastford; his brother, Philip G. DiMatteo of Eastford; his aunt and uncle, Carolyn and Russell Peloquin of Southbridge; and his six cousins, Todd Peloquin, Brenda Peloquin, Barry Peloquin, Jeff Peloquin, Nathaniel Peloquin and Jonathan Peloquin. He was born in Southbridge on April 12,

1985.

Joseph worked construction with Scott Horton Builder before his illness. In his youth he was a Boy Scout and achieved Eagle Scout status. He was an avid outdoorsman, enjoying hunting, fishing and skiing.

Calling hours for Joseph will be held on Saturday, March 17th, in the Daniel T. Morrill Funeral Home, 130 Hamilton St., Southbridge, from 9:00am to 12:00 noon with a funeral service to follow in the funeral home at 12:00 noon. Burial will follow in the Oak Ridge Cemetery, Southbridge.

In lieu of flowers donations may be made to the Boy Scouts of America, PO Box 152079, Irving, TX 75015-2079 or online at www.scouting.org.

www.morrillfuneralhome.com

JoAnn M. Byrnes, 87



P O M F R E T CENTER -- JoAnn M. Byrnes, 87, of Pomfret Center, died at home on March 7. She was the wife of James J. Byrnes, Jr. They were married in 1953, until he died on February 11, 1991. She was born July 10, 1930 in Worcester, Massachusetts, the daughter of Joseph James and Nina (Vendetti) Molinari. JoAnn was raised in Norwich, and was a 1948 graduate of Norwich Free Academy. She received her BS in Nursing in 1952 from Skidmore College.

JoAnn made her home in Pomfret Center and was a communicant of Most Holy Trinity Church in Pomfret for most of her life. She served as Chairman of the Pomfret Library Board and was a longtime member of Day Kimball Hospital Women's Board. She volunteered for the American Red Cross and Day Kimball Hospital. JoAnn traveled extensively

to Europe and throughout the US and the Caribbean. She loved her pets and enjoyed caring for them.

She leaves five children: Christopher Byrnes of Acton, Massachusetts; Amy Simek of New York City; Mary Ann Smith and her husband Tom of Pelham, New York; Sally Tanner and her husband Brad of Concord, New Hampshire; Jay Byrnes and his wife Susan of Woodstock; and her beloved grandchildren, Zachary, Molly, Zoe, Kevin, Kelly, Victoria, Jack, and Abigail. Besides her husband, she was predeceased by her son-in-law Karel Simek.

A Mass of Christian Burial will be held on Saturday, March 24, at 11:00 AM at Most Holy Trinity Church, 568 Pomfret Street, Pomfret. In lieu of flowers, donations may be made in her memory to the Hale YMCA, 9 Technology Park Dr., Putnam, CT 06260 or PAWS, 244 Rte. 171, Woodstock, CT 06281. Arrangements by Smith and Walker Funeral Home, Putnam, CT. Share a memory at www.smithand-walkerfh.com

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NOTICE TO CREDITORS

ESTATE OF Robert D Eliasson (18-00088)

The Hon. Leah P. Schad, Judge of the Court of Probate, District of Northeast Probate Court, by decree dated March 6, 2018, ordered that all claims must be presented to the fiduciary at the address below. Failure to promptly present any such claim may result in the loss of rights to recover on such claim.

Brenda Duquette, Clerk

The fiduciary is:
Richard M Eliasson,
36 Lakeview Drive,
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March 16, 2018

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

ESTATE OF Richard W. Haselton (18-00029)

The Hon. Leah P. Schad, Judge of the Court of Probate, District of Northeast Probate Court, by decree dated February 13, 2018, ordered that all claims must be presented to the fiduciary at the address below. Failure to promptly present any such claim may result in the loss of rights to recover on such claim.

Brenda Duquette, Clerk

The fiduciary is:
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65 Elantras in stock!

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• Fuel Efficient • Bluetooth • 17" Alloy wheels • Back-Up Camera

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SAVE \$8,000 MSRP: \$26,395

Brand Spankin' New 2017 Hyundai Accent #H7350

15 Accents in stock!

• 4 cyl Economy • SE Trim • iPod Input • Power Package

BUY FOR: **\$10,577**

PAYMENTS AS LOW AS **\$29**/WK. MSRP: \$16,890

Brand Spankin' New 2018 Hyundai Elantra GT #H8222

• 8" LCD • Front Wheel Drive • 17" Alloy Wheels • Bluetooth • Back-Up Camera • Hatchback • Spoiler

BUY FOR: **\$13,577**

LEASE FOR **\$189**/MO. 36 MOS. • \$2,999 DOWN 12,000 MILES/YEAR

SAVE \$5,300 MSRP: \$23,655

Brand Spankin' New 2017 Hyundai Sonata #H7346

80 Sonatas in stock!

• Back-Up Camera • iPod Input • 16" Alloys

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LEASE FOR **\$189**/MO. 36 MOS. • \$2,399 DOWN 10,000 MILES/YEAR

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10 Ioniqs in stock!

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BUY FOR: **\$17,777**

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65 Elantras in stock!

• SE Trim • 4 cyl economy • iPod Input • Power Package

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Back-Up Camera, Navigation, Turbo, 185" Alloys, Only 34K Miles.

RETAIL PRICE: ~~\$17,855~~

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SAVE \$2,000 OFF OF RETAIL PRICE!

2011 CHEVY CRUZE LT #17118A • GREAT ON GAS, TURBO, 16" ALLOY WHEELS

RETAIL PRICE: ~~\$9,988~~

WHOLESALE PRICE: **\$8,944**

SAVE \$1,044 OFF OF RETAIL PRICE!

2017 CHRYSLER PACIFICA #D865R • NAV, LEATHER SEATS, MOONROOF, 18" ALLOYS

RETAIL PRICE: ~~\$39,977~~

WHOLESALE PRICE: **\$32,377**

SAVE \$7,600 OFF OF RETAIL PRICE!

2016 RAM 1500 EXPRESS #D888S • QUAD CAB, BEDLINER, 20" CHROM WHEELS, 4X4

RETAIL PRICE: ~~\$26,977~~

WHOLESALE PRICE: **\$24,977**

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2015 NISSAN ROGUE SL #H7297A • HEATED LEATHER, NAV, ALL-WHEEL DRIVE

RETAIL PRICE: ~~\$23,988~~

WHOLESALE PRICE: **\$18,899**

SAVE \$5,089 OFF OF RETAIL PRICE!

2015 CHEVY SILVERADO #38126AL • DOUBLE CAB, IPOD INPUT, 4X4, 18" ALLOYS

RETAIL PRICE: ~~\$33,544~~

WHOLESALE PRICE: **\$26,944**

SAVE \$6,600 OFF OF RETAIL PRICE!

2016 FORD F-150 4X4 #H11060 • SPORT, 17" ALLOYS, BEDLINER, SUPERCREW

RETAIL PRICE: ~~\$35,855~~

WHOLESALE PRICE: **\$27,977**

SAVE \$7,878 OFF OF RETAIL PRICE!

2017 BUICK LACROSSE #38427 • MOONROOF, NAV, HEATED SEATS, ALLOYS

RETAIL PRICE: ~~\$33,955~~

WHOLESALE PRICE: **\$23,844**

SAVE \$10,111 OFF OF RETAIL PRICE!

2016 BUICK ENCLAVE SUV #38259L • MOONROOF, NAV, PREMIUM TRIM, 20" ALLOYS

RETAIL PRICE: ~~\$39,544~~

WHOLESALE PRICE: **\$29,877**

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2017 HYUNDAI TUCSON #H0171L • ALL-WHEEL DRIVE, 17" ALLOYS, BLUETOOTH

RETAIL PRICE: ~~\$25,999~~

WHOLESALE PRICE: **\$18,499**

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2011 HYUNDAI ELANTRA #H0032A • LIMITED TRIM, ALLOYS, HEATED LEATHER, MOONROOF

RETAIL PRICE: ~~\$10,999~~

WHOLESALE PRICE: **\$7,499**

SAVE \$3,500 OFF OF RETAIL PRICE!

2008 NISSAN SENTRA #D8628A • 2.0 TRIM, IPOD INPUT, GREAT ON GAS, PWR PKG

RETAIL PRICE: ~~\$6,988~~

WHOLESALE PRICE: **\$5,988**

SAVE \$1,000 OFF OF RETAIL PRICE!

2015 CHEVY SONIC LT #S117589A • ONLY 7K MILES, BACK-UP CAMERA, ALLOYS

RETAIL PRICE: ~~\$15,944~~

WHOLESALE PRICE: **\$9,944**

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2014 RAM 1500 LARAMIE #D8704L • QUAD CAB, LEATHER, 4X4, MOONROOF, NAV SYSTEM

RETAIL PRICE: ~~\$36,977~~

WHOLESALE PRICE: **\$29,877**

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2014 FORD F-150 4X4 #17479A • SUPERCAB, TURBO, TRAILER HITCH, ALLOYS

RETAIL PRICE: ~~\$30,855~~

WHOLESALE PRICE: **\$28,855**

SAVE \$2,000 OFF OF RETAIL PRICE!

2013 FORD FIESTA SE #P11192A • BLUETOOTH, GREAT ON GAS, PWR PKG, IPOD INPUT

RETAIL PRICE: ~~\$10,855~~

WHOLESALE PRICE: **\$8,955**

SAVE \$1,900 OFF OF RETAIL PRICE!

2017 CHRYSLER 300 #D8728R • LIMITED TRIM, HEATED SEATS, 19" ALLOYS

RETAIL PRICE: ~~\$27,977~~

WHOLESALE PRICE: **\$25,477**

SAVE \$2,500 OFF OF RETAIL PRICE!

2016 FORD EXPLORER #38234A • MOONROOF, 4X4, NAV, HEATED LEATHER SEATS

RETAIL PRICE: ~~\$41,944~~

WHOLESALE PRICE: **\$34,944**

SAVE \$7,000 OFF OF RETAIL PRICE!

2014 HYUNDAI ACCENT #H7343A • GLS TRIM, IPOD INPUT, GREAT ON GAS

RETAIL PRICE: ~~\$10,999~~

WHOLESALE PRICE: **\$8,999**

SAVE \$2,000 OFF OF RETAIL PRICE!

2017 GMC ACADIA SUV #38521R • SLE-2 TRIM, ALLOYS, BACK-UP CAMERA, ONSTAR

RETAIL PRICE: ~~\$28,944~~

WHOLESALE PRICE: **\$23,444**

SAVE \$5,500 OFF OF RETAIL PRICE!

2012 HYUNDAI GENESIS #H0160 • MOONROOF, NAV, HEATED/COOLED SEATS

RETAIL PRICE: ~~\$18,999~~

WHOLESALE PRICE: **\$11,999**

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