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Last Green Valley looks for volunteers

BY OLIVIA RICHMAN
NEWS STAFF WRITER

DANIELSON — The Last Green Valley is always looking for volunteers. According to Chief Ranger Bill Reid, volunteers are important to the lifeblood of what The Last Green Valley does. And the ranger program is one of the main departments in need of volunteers.

Volunteer rangers assist with the organization and development of programs and

events held throughout the 35 towns the Last Green Valley serves. By attending community events and setting up booths with information they inform the public about the things they do throughout the region and provide maps of local recreational areas. The rangers also help put together the Walktober schedule.

"They are our feet on the street, representing The Last Green Valley and teaching people who live here or visit here



about what makes the region so special," said Reid.

Last year, The Last Green Valley rangers attended over 70 small

community events (like Positively Pomfret Day and the Woodstock Fair) and engaged with the general public.

Volunteers are also

needed for the LGV's water quality monitoring program. By testing the lakes, ponds, rivers and streams in the area, volunteers provide data that helps experts understand what is happening within the water bodies within the LGV's communities.

There is also a need for Universal Trail Assessment Program volunteers, who use sophisticated equipment to record the "slope on a given trail," said Reid. It's important to test

airline trails and boat launch areas, to see how accessible they will be for people with mobility impairments.

As a one time volunteer for the LGV, Reid is well aware of what goes into putting together the Walktober programs. When an opportunity arose to work for the LGV full time, Reid jumped at it.

And he's loved it ever since.

"This is where we live," said Reid. "I have

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Taylors perform at Scottish celebration



Courtesy photos

Lexi and Julia Taylor loved performing together for the first time earlier this month. They are hoping to keep performing.

BY OLIVIA RICHMAN
NEWS STAFF WRITER

WOODSTOCK — Earlier this month, 11 year old Lexi Taylor and her eight year old sister Julia performed at Mechanics Hall at the Worcester Kiltie Pipe Bands Burns Night Celebration Dinner. With Lexi on the fiddle and Julia singing opera-style, it was definitely a first performance to remember. And the two girls are hoping it's not their last. I visited the young performers at their home to discuss their first big performance and find out more about their passion for music.

So what is Burns Night?

Patty (mother) — It's a Scottish tradition, celebrating the life of poet Robert Burns. It's a big thing to go to these dinners in Scotland at

the end of January. The people who attended this celebration were wearing plaid and kilts. It was fabulous to see the way everyone dressed. And there were traditional Irish dishes.

How did the girls end up performing at this?

Patty — Over Christmas, the gentleman in charge of the drum corp, Colum Lundt, heard Julia sing

"Skye Boat" when we were over for Christmas. She has a pretty powerful voice.

How did you like performing at the dinner?

Lexie — It was a lot of fun. I just loved the experience of being up there playing with my sister. We have done that all the time for friends and family, but that

crowd was just amazing. It was so cool because we were performing in this huge hall in front of all these people. I thought it was awesome.

Julia — Really good. At first I was nervous, but when I saw the people and saw how nice they looked, I just didn't feel scared or nervous anymore.

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Olivia Richman photo

PUTNAM — Theresa, Travis and Jennifer Coomey at Boy Scout Troop 21's baked potato buffet benefit on Feb. 10.



Olivia Richman photos

PUTNAM — Inessa and Thieramin Soulama with an ice sculpture of a squirrel at the Fire & Ice Festival on Saturday, Feb. 10.

Thompson student honored for writing

THOMPSON — Remus Green, from Thompson, was among 17 students at EASTCONN's Arts at the Capital Theater (ACT) magnet high school in Willimantic who won 26 awards for their writing and poetry from the 2018 Northeast Regional Scholastic Art and Writing Awards, a national program that has supported teenagers' artistic development since 1923.

"There are thousands upon thousands of submissions each year and the judging is very competitive, but many of our students shined amidst the deep competition," said ACT Creative Writing teacher John Wetmore.

Six of ACT's 17 student winners earned seven Gold Key Awards, Scholastic's highest honor, in the first round of regional writing competitions among Northeastern states. ACT's Gold Key winners are senior D.J. Hettinger, from Willimantic, winner of two Gold Key awards for poetry and humor; senior India Arriola, Hampton, poetry; senior Mae Santillo, Lebanon, flash fiction; sophomore Kasi Hernandez, Willimantic, poetry; freshman Remus Green, Thompson, short story; and former ACT student Cormac Nocton, poetry. Their works will now compete with regional Scholastic Gold Key winners from across the United States. Winners of the national Gold Key Awards will be announced later this spring.

Other ACT students



Courtesy photo

ACT students honored for art and writing.

whose work was honored by Scholastic with Silver Keys and Honorable Mentions include: senior Alex Castro, Hebron, poetry; senior Grace Ellis, Norwich, poetry; senior Mary Neal, Windham, poetry; senior Therese Weigland-Watkinson, Norwich, critical essay; sophomore Ellis McGinley, Ashford, poetry; sophomore Eevee Stinson, Mansfield, poetry;

sophomore Hannah Bentley, Willimantic, poetry; sophomore Ian Harris, Plainfield, poetry; sophomore Rachel Charron, Plainfield, poetry; sophomore Sonya Surface, Willimantic, poetry; and freshman Mykaila Hills, Stafford, poetry. Gold Key winners who also received Silver Keys and Honorable Mentions include Remus Green, short story and poetry; D.J. Hettinger, short story and critical essay;

Cormac Nocton, poetry; and Mae Santillo, poetry.

EASTCONN's ACT arts magnet high school is currently enrolling students in grades 9-12 for the 2018-2019 school year. Located in EASTCONN's historic Capitol Theater in downtown Willimantic, ACT offers a full-day high school program that focuses on rigorous core academics and a rich variety of arts disciplines. The 94-year-old Scholastic

Art and Writing Awards is the longest-running, most prestigious recognition program for creative teens in the U.S., and the largest source of scholarships for young artists and writers. Begun as a small writing contest with six winning applicants in 1923, the contest today draws nearly 320,000 works of art and writing in 29 categories from students in grades 7 through 12 from across the United States.

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Red Cross offers free smoke alarm installations

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The smoke alarm installations are part of the Red Cross Home Fire Campaign to reduce the number of home fire deaths and injuries, this event is in partnership with the Northeast Connecticut Medical Reserve Corp and Northeast Corner Fire Departments. Residents in the Northeast Corner

can schedule a visit by visiting www.soundthealarm.org/Connecticut or by calling (877) 287-3327 and choosing option 1 on the menu to request a smoke alarm installation.

Teams making visits to homes will share fire safety and preparedness information and install smoke alarms in homes as requested. Volunteers will help families understand the importance of fire safety and help them develop personalized family escape plans to use in the event a fire breaks out in their home.

"Our mission at the American Red Cross is to prevent and alleviate human suffering caused by disasters," said Mario Bruno, CEO, American Red Cross Connecticut and Rhode Island Region. "Home fires are the biggest disaster threat faced in the U.S. On average, in our region, we respond to about two home fires each day. Our goal is to reach as many homes as we can with this program to help ensure people know what to do and are prepared in the event they experience a home fire. We want people to be safe."

In addition to providing free smoke alarm installations and education, the Red Cross is also looking for volunteers to help install smoke alarms for this event and in their community throughout the year. Home Fire Campaign Volunteers are trained by the Red Cross, can volunteer during the day or on weekends and can help make a difference in their community.

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Courthouse O'Putnam 5K kicks off food drive



Charlie Lentz photo

Runners begin last year's Courthouse O'Putnam 5K. This year's race is scheduled for Sunday, March 11. Registration is now open for the race.

PUTNAM — The Courthouse O'Putnam 5K, scheduled for Sunday, March 11, is expected to draw more than 1,000 runners and walkers. The event helps kick off the Hartford Marathon Foundation's race season. Event participants encouraged to donate non-perishables to local food pantry.

The St. Patrick's Day themed race series also includes the O'Shenanigans 5K, Southington, on March 10; the O'Niantic 5K in Niantic, March 17; and the O'Hartford 5K, in Hartford, March 18

Runners are encouraged to bring nonperishable

food donations to each race for HMF Can, an ongoing initiative that encourages runners to support the needs of communities where race events are held. Donations at the Courthouse O'Putnam 5K on March 11 will benefit Putnam's Daily Bread Food Pantry.

The Courthouse Bar & Grille has been a partner since the event's inception in 2012. Before the 5K, participants can cheer on future runners (ages 2 and over) at the HMF FitKids quarter-mile or half-mile races. All Wee Mile participants receive a finisher's medal and a festive knit O'hat. The race starts and finishes in picturesque downtown Putnam in a loop course along the Quinebaug River.

"We are pleased to have hosted this fantastic event for seven years now," said Courthouse Bar and Grille owner Sheila Frost. "It brings the community together, families and friends create new memories and runners get their competitiveness geared up! It's a great way to kick off the spring season. The Irish theme is fun, we take pride in our corned beef sandwiches and get so much enjoyment in seeing the community come together for a big green party year after year."

"We're grateful for the continued partnership with Courthouse Bar & Grille to bring hundreds of runners, walkers and spectators from across the state to the quiet corner for a festive celebration," said Beth Shluger, CEO of the Hartford Marathon Foundation. "We encourage participants to donate non-perishables to support the food pantry and then shop, eat and enjoy the community after they cross the finish line."

Those who take on HMF's "Lucky Challenge" by completing all four races in the series will be rewarded greatly with the big bling: a medal in the shape of Ireland. All participants will earn Irish-inspired custom swag at every race, including mittens, sunglasses, socks and hats.

The 2018 HMF race calendar is available and registration for races in the St. Patrick's Day series is open at www.hartfordmarathon.com.



Charlie Lentz photo

Michael Stadolnik, from Plainfield, crosses the finish line to win last year's Courthouse O'Putnam 5K.

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an opportunity to help the people that live in this beautiful region and help them find ways that they can get more involved in preserving and protecting natural cultural resources we have. It's a gorgeous place to live. That's what makes it so great."

The Last Green Valley has a lot of resources in state parks and forests, like Bigelow Hollow and Pachaug State Forest. Those are places that Reid will go for a hike. The LGV's land trust are also "beautiful places to

go," said Reid. Places like the Windham Land Trust, Wolf Den Land Trust or Opaccum Land Trust are great places to go, as well as the West Thompson Dam and other United States Army Corp of Engineers locations.

"Going to these places helps renew the spirit," said Reid. "If you want to be amazed at who we are as a people, go to a museum. Learn about our history and who we are as a country. Go to Clara Barton Homestead in Oxford and learn about one of the most important women in US history. If you want to see amazing art, go to Slater Museum in Norwich. Want to learn about what it was like in early years

of American Republic, go to Old Sturbridge Village."

And to reconnect with nature, said Reid, go for a walk in the woods. Walk along the River Trail in Putnam. You might see an otter, noted Reid, or even an eagle. That's what "forest bathing" is all about.

If you're interested in volunteering for the Last Green Valley visit <http://thelastgreenvalley.org/join-tlgv/volunteers/>.

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The Eagles

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Silvia family to perform



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Grow Your Own Band: the Silvia family, will perform at the Concert.

THOMPSON — Grow Your Own Band. It's good advice. It's also the name of one of the acts performing at “The Connert” Broadway Live's latest production benefiting the Hale YMCA Youth and Family Center. The event is scheduled for April 7-8 at the Center for the Arts at Woodstock Academy.

The members of this troupe are the Silvia family, and they are delighted to be joining the efforts

of this fundraising endeavor. You'll see “family” as a theme woven throughout this celebration. It is something important to the beneficiary (the YMCA) and it is something important to the benefactors (sponsors and performers).

The Silvia family ensemble features Mike and Beth Silvia on vocals, banjo, and parenthoed. Ranging between ages 18 and 28, daughter Elizabeth and sons Izaiah, Jacob, and Simon play multiple instruments including guitar, bass, drums, and piano. As a collective group they work around a wide array of musical genres, and they do this with a variety of different family arrangements. When they play together as a six-piece ensemble, they really find their groove.

Their set list for the upcoming show includes: Elizabeth remixing a Britney Spears song for guitar, Beth's rendition of “Find Your Grail” from the Broadway smash Spamalot, and a full-fam-

ily, full-orchestra jam covering “Uptown Funk” by Mark Ronson and Bruno Mars. The last number described as their “take-down-the-house” song.

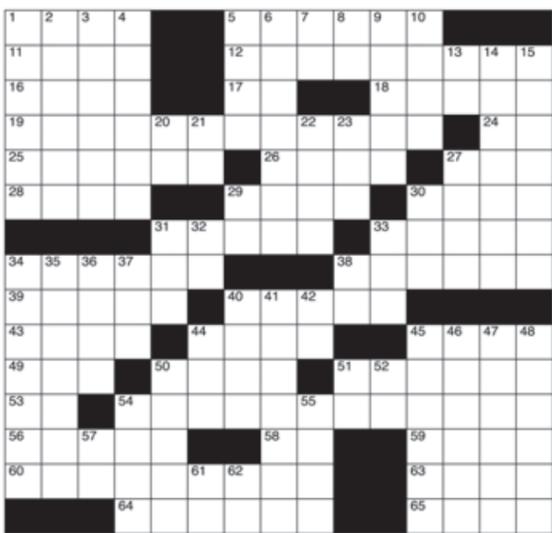
James Doran Kellaway, executive producer for The Connert, said he first learned of the Silvia family talents when he and Beth worked together on a production of Spamalot.

“I heard Beth's powerful vocals before, and she showcased classic talent. I just had no idea that musical skill is shared as strongly as love in her family,” Kellaway said.

The Silvia family's excitement for this benefit concert comes from genuine appreciation for the YMCA organization. In addition to their four children listed above, Mike and Beth have three adopted children. Although everybody is much older and mature now, they can recall times when various YMCAs in Massachusetts, Rhode Island, and Connecticut provided hubs of activity for a growing group.

“We used to go 3 times a week,” said Beth Silvia. “With 7 kids there's not a lot you can always do as a family. The kids could swim, we would use the open gym, grab a meal together—we could do things all together, or we could do separate activities comfortably. I'm thrilled to be doing this event for the Y because we raised our family there. The YMCA is family.”

Tickets are available at the Hale YMCA or on-line at www.theconnert.com.



CLUES ACROSS

- 1. Elaborate silk garment
- 5. Fleet
- 11. Egyptian deity
- 12. Hundredth anniversary
- 16. Chew the fat
- 17. Doctor of Medicine
- 18. Large, edible game fish
- 19. Revitalization
- 24. Personal computer
- 25. Unfettered
- 26. Clumsy persons
- 27. Japanese classical theater
- 28. Part of a ship
- 29. Rate of movement
- 30. How much
- 31. Image taken with a camera
- 33. Sharp mountain ridge
- 34. Czech capital
- 38. One who treats poorly
- 39. By right
- 40. Relating to odors
- 43. As soon as possible
- 44. Israeli Olympic swimmer
- 45. Scored perfectly
- 49. Financial ratio (abbr.)
- 50. Unpleasant emotion
- 51. Sign of the zodiac
- 53. Promotional material
- 54. Your parents' parents
- 56. Monetary unit
- 58. Farm state
- 59. One of Hollywood's Bridges brothers
- 60. Not the plaintiff
- 63. “Night Train” novelist
- 64. Martens valued for their fur
- 65. Discount

CLUES DOWN

- 1. Bone in the lower back
- 2. Goddess of wisdom
- 3. Comedic honors
- 4. A way to grasp
- 5. Apex
- 6. British soldier
- 7. Manganese
- 8. Indicates position
- 9. Decompressions in scuba diving (abbr.)
- 10. Soon
- 13. Blood type
- 14. Clever reply
- 15. One who travels by luxurious boat
- 20. Once more
- 21. Rural delivery
- 22. Mexican dish
- 23. Nigerian City
- 27. Is not (Span.)
- 29. Italy's longest river
- 30. Grand __, vintage
- 31. Monetary unit
- 32. The man
- 33. Basics
- 34. Poster
- 35. Small remains
- 36. Gelatinous substance
- 37. A narrow opening
- 38. Artificial intelligence
- 40. Algerian coastal city
- 41. Canned fish
- 42. Milligram
- 44. Carrot's partner
- 45. Single-celled animals
- 46. Movie theater
- 47. Necessitate
- 48. A state of not being used
- 50. Small folds of tissue
- 51. Gallium
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Sheldon named nursing liason at Bay Path

THOMPSON — Lori Sheldon, LPN, from Thompson, was named Bay Path RVTHS Practical Nursing Academy IV Edu Liaison. In a meeting with Jan Stephanos RN, CRNI of Intravenous Edu and Gretheline Bolandrina, Bay Path Practical Nursing Academy Director, Sheldon was notified of her designation. The designation is due to her active interest in Intravenous therapy and past excellent academic performance. To be eligible for this honor, a designee must have current IV Certification. Sheldon will be assisting in the planning and implementation of the first IV Certification course at Bay Path Practical Nursing Academy in Charlton, Mass.

Sheldon is a 2017 Bay Path Practical Nursing Academy student, where she was a nominee for Clinical Excellence Award, a member of Panel Interviewers, a student nurse substitute, and a volunteer for multiple events. Sheldon received high praises and commendation from Clinical Coordinator Jamie McCullough RN, WCC of Harrington HealthCare, Wound Care and Hyperbaric Center during a clinical observation. She was a scholarship recipient and attendee to the prestigious 2017 Partners in Perinatal Health Conference in Norwood, Mass. Additionally, Sheldon is a Mental Health First Aid Certified healthcare professional.



Courtesy photo
Lori Sheldon

TAYLORS

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Patty - She was jumping up and down in excitement before she went on. I thought it was great. I loved it. What a great opportunity for two up and budding musicians. I thought they were terrific. They nailed it. Julia had been sick the days prior.

Lexi - We had to tell Julia not to talk leading up to the performance. It was very hard for her!

Patty - She got a standing ovation.

So what is "Skye Boat?"

Lexi - There's a story behind it. We're singing it from the theme of the show "Outlander." It's not the original words, but that's the way we heard it first and how we learned it. It's talking about Bonnie Prince Charlie and he had to flea the country. He had to go to a deserted island, and that island was Skye. It describes his journey. It pinpoints where he is, mentioning islands surrounding it. It kind of describes what's going on with him.

Patty -It's sung from perspective of woman who was accompanying him. It was a kid-friendly version. It's a beautiful song.

Julia - It's a pretty song.

So what got you into singing?

Julia - It's fun to sing. I like fluttering my voice.

Patty - As soon as she started talking, she started singing all over the house. She's most



Lexi (on the fiddle) and Julia (singing opera-style) performing at Mechanics Hall for the Worcester Kiltie Pipe Bands Burns Night Celebration Dinner.

interested in opera. She sang it with this big vibrato, holding long notes, opera-style. Since she's done this we realized we should invest in her voice to learn opera.

Julia - It's fun to sing in front of other people. It's fun to go on stage and sing a song you love to sing.

And you accompanied her on the fiddle. How long have you been playing that, Lexi?

Lexi - Since I was five.

What got you interested in playing that instrument?

Lexi - My mom got a fiddle. For her first Mother's Day. She took two lessons. But that was pretty much it. But she loved it. She got me into

it. I actually started out with Suzuki and it was very, very strict. I stayed with that until I was nine. It started me off with a very great foundation. But it wasn't me. I like more of a flowing, less-strict style of playing.

How do you feel now that you can play in a style you enjoy?

Lexi - It's amazing. I wasn't interested in violin until I started playing the fiddle. It's just so much more relaxed and it has beautiful songs. It's just so much fun. It's more bouncy and bubbly.

Patty - With the fiddle, you're jamming. You're relaxed.

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Pomfret Lions Club eye screenings

POMFRET — The Pomfret Lions Club screened 391 students at Pomfret Community School from grades K-8 on Dec. 4-5. The club utilized an advanced camera system that rapidly evaluated each child's vision and reported back any detected issues for followup with an eye care professional. Thirty-seven children received a screening which indicated the potential need an appointment with an eye doctor. The club extended an offer of financial assistance through the school nurse for students who may not be able to afford follow up care. Pomfret Lions look forward to the opportunity to serve the students at the school in the coming year with additional screenings.

The cost of the camera system and follow up care was funded through several fundraisers the club conducts during the course of the year; most notably the cow chip raffle held each November. A special thank you is extended to all of the contributors and volunteers who make these events so successful. Your actions had a significant impact on the wellbeing of our neighbors.

The Pomfret Lions Club actively serves the local community through service projects and events. If your group or organization is interested in hosting a vision screening please contact to club to make arrangements.

FASCAR coming to Putnam Baptist Church

PUTNAM — A FASCAR event will be held on Feb. 24 at 1PM at Putnam Baptist Church at 170 Church St in Putnam. The event will feature fun, snacks and prizes. The FASCAR event is an exciting, fun-filled evangelical event geared to children in grades 1 to 6 but open to all. The racing event uses Matchbox or Hot Wheel cars on a six-lane wooden track. Racers can bring their own cars or one can be provided to them at the event. Using an electric eye at the end of the track, speeds are recorded to the thousandths of a second. The results are tracked by computer and displayed on a large screen so everyone can see who is racing next and what the scores are. Four classes of racers will compete against each other. A final race will determine the grand prize winner. For additional information please contact Chuck Blagburn at (860) 928-0273 or cwblagburn@yahoo.com.




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Murphy comments on infrastructure proposal

WASHINGTON, D.C. — U.S. Senator Chris Murphy, (D-Conn.) a member of the U.S. Senate Appropriations Transportation, Housing, and Urban Development (THUD), and Related Agencies Subcommittee, released a statement on Monday after President Trump unveiled an infrastructure plan that relies heavily on state and local funding, not federal investment.

"In Connecticut, few things matter more to people than the quality of our roads and rail lines. It's not an exaggeration to say that the future of Connecticut's economy depends on how easy it is to move people and products around the state," said Murphy. "President Trump campaigned on the promise of making huge federal investments in transportation and infrastructure. And on the morning after the 2016 election, I announced I was ready and willing to work with the White House to get it done.

"But the president today turned his back on the promises he made. This proposal provides pennies to infrastructure projects while cash-strapped communities are forced to spend money they don't have or else sell off highways and railroads to Wall Street," Murphy added. "If the president truly wants a \$1.5 trillion infrastructure plan, I'm all for it. Let's repeal his giant tax giveaway to the rich and use that money to start rebuilding America."

After convening Connecticut commuters, business owners, and transportation leaders last month for a summit at the University of Bridgeport on improving Connecticut's transportation infrastructure, Murphy called on the Trump administration to provide long-term federal investments across all modes of transportation, especially rail and bus transit.




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PSA HIGH HONORS

PUTNAM — Putnam Science Academy recently announced its high honor roll students: Front Row: Ariana Koivisto, Niya Fields, Mia Garcia, Grace Ding, Abrial Murray, Kira Clinkscale, Habera Yu, Zachary Boulay, Darryl Simmons, Kayla Robinson, Maximillian Armstead, Alexander Morrow, Sergi Estany. Back Row: Kyle Lofton, Cameron Gooden, Abigail Robinson, Marigona Bacaliu, Nick Brennen, Jose Perez, Osun Osunniyi, Gabriel McGlothran, Paula Barghout, Daniel Porcic, Aislynn Flynn, Sharaya Haines, Hassan Diarra.



PSA HONORS

PUTNAM — Putnam Science Academy's honor students for the fall semester: Front Row: Aiste Vaitekunaite, Daniel Ampofo, Fatima Lee, John You, Madison McCall, Seth Thomas. Back Row: Aboubacar Dibassy, Lucius Brittian, Joshua M'balla, Kareem Reid, Stephan Jean, Demarr Langford

WOODSTOCK MIDDLE SCHOOL

HONOR ROLL

The Woodstock Middle School second quarter honor roll is as follows:

High honors, grade 6: Summer Espeseth, Sophia Hernandez, Sydney Lundt, Sophia Petrella, Evan Rhault, Ava Simoes, Kaelin Soukaloun

Honores, grade 6: Claire Beck, Natalie Bell, Peyton Bentley, Madison Brown, Campbell Fraser, Richard Grendell, Allison Griswold, Ava Hovestadt, Kayla Leite, Emma Massey, Samantha McDowell, Rayne Norman, Scarlett Pierce, Reegan Reynolds, Noah Sampson, Madison Whitehouse

Recognition, grade 6: Kyle Anderson, Anthony Buckner, Emily Cournoyer, Joaquin Fraga, Gavin Grant, Grant Hart, Amelia Haynes, Joel Koleszar, Kaitlyn Lanctot, Dylan Lewis, Connor MacLeod, Seamus McDermott, Timothy O'Sullivan, Summer Saine, Olivia Saraidarian, Maeson Soderstrom, Lana Syriac, Lucas Therique, Talia Tremblay, Henry Wotton

High honors: grade 7: Charlotte Adase, Carah Bruce, Gabrielle Couture, Shannon Cunniff, Caroline Da Silva, Lennon Favreau, Brian Jameson, Annika LeBoeuf, Bryn Miller, Paige Owens, Kylie Quercia, Sophia Quinn, Wyatt Robbie, Alexandra Taylor

Honors: grade 7: Maxwell Aufer, Brooke Bergevin, Morgan Bonin, Tessa Brown, Summer Chaput, Amanda Currie, Kristina Cutting, Bodie Defocy, Kirsten Deorsey, Antonina Dinges, Baden Eaton, Katie Fortin, Magnolia Hart, Dylan Mayo, Makala McDermott, Abigail Morse, Ellie Nunes, Amelia Racicot, Fiona Rigney, Braiden Saucier, Adam Thompson, Matthew Wasielewski, Bella Webb, Liam Wilcox

Recognition: grade 7: Aaron Allard, Ava Basak, Nicholas Betschmann, Mitchell Child, Ethan Craig, Alexis Danila, Jade Desmond, Kara-Lynn Hebert, Randall Rawcliffe, Lillian Rossi, Wyatt Thienel, Dominick Tocci

Armstrong, Annarose Avery, Emmaline-Hope Ebbeling, River Favreau, Scout Favreau, Liam Hagan, Gwenith Hendrickson, Dhruvi Patel, Hans Rynhart, Mia Ruggeri, Vincent Tocci

Honors: grade 8: Hannah Bell, Morgan Bentley, Carleigh Boisvert, Ava Coutu, Nicholas Dahl, Margaret Ebbeling, Olivia Grant, Madelyn Groves, Samuel Hagan, Ryan Hanlon, Ashton Lanning, Sarah Lucas, Jillian Marcotte, Isabella Miller, Thomas Musumeci, Gianna Nichols, Ian Palmerino, Tegan Perry, Lily Pierce, Lucas Reardon, Sydney Schuler, Jonathan Smith, Ainslie Tschamler

Recognition: grade 8: Hamilton Barnes, Liam Bates, Peter Bennett, Alexander Bissonnette, Ethan Campbell, Eli Felt, Marrin Gorgone, Kyara Harper-Zulli, Grace Herindeen, Cassandra Klingensmith, Madison Nichols, Bethany Noe, Logan Reynolds, Morgan Rice, Robert Saraidarian, Kadin Shepherd, Chase Young

PUTNAM HIGH SCHOOL

HONOR ROLL FOR THE SECOND QUARTER

PUTNAM — The following is Putnam High School's honor roll for the second quarter.

CLASS OF 2018
HIGH HONORS: Summer Cutler, Scott Davagian, Natalie Ionkin, Jesse Lamontagne, Monique Lefebvre, Nicole Steinbrick, Samantha Tilley

FIRST HONORS: Tara Auger, Mitchel Barylski, Hayden Belliveau, Lauren Carita, Aidan Ciquera, Ashley Danis, Doria Daviau, Morgan Foucault, Jaidyn Gillette, Dekoda Gray, Justin Haynes, Aliceya Labonte, Jasmin Montpelier, Alyson Morris, Andrew Pedersen, Stephanie Penrod, Courtney Stott, Louis Thorstenson, Brianna Worden

RECOGNITION: Kali Baranski, Payne Bates, Joshua Belleville, Hailey Bocash, Tristin Courteau, Victoria Delacruz, Tyler Fitts, Sophia Glaude, Connor Holloman, Brianna Long

CLASS OF 2019
HIGH HONORS: Victoria Dias, Kaitlyn Eddy, Kira Fontaine, Angelina Gould, Violet Khoshtariya, Sierra Mainville, Katy Maryanov, Maggie McKeon, Jeffrey Reed, Adriana Santos Bravo, Jane Vongvirath

FIRST HONORS: Morgan Blackmar, Cole Davagian, Gabriel Desrosiers, Dawnielle Dowd, Eryka Kittrell, Savannah Lavoie, Thomas Masso, Chelsea Minaya-Torres, Simon Morente Uz, Zachary Robinson, Mohamed Sano, Megan Shippee, Alexa Steinbrick, Madison Toutant, Mariah Travisano, Christian Yorz

RECOGNITION: Jordan Alexander, Trinity Bailey, Karissah Broughton, Jacob Clinkscale, Selena Cordero, Ian Daviau, Michael DiColella, Jewelia England, Kayleigh Gauvin, Tyion Harris, Kyle-Annamarie Kupiec, Julia Loomis, Mya Meadows, Sebastian Ramos, Megan Sessums, Kaitlin Slivkoff-Zamora, Cora Turner, Jillian Williams, Samuel Williams

CLASS OF 2020
HIGH HONORS: Anthony Navedo
FIRST HONORS: Samantha Barylski, Tanner Clark, Haley Cutler, Nathaniel Dolbey, Autumn Fikter, Jillian Gray, Zoe Hetrick, Emily Langlois, Molly McKeon, Janete Morente Uz, Ellie Morissette, Edward Perry, Jordyn Poole, Hannah Smith, Justin St. Martin

RECOGNITION: Jorge Ajqui Portuguese, Gabriel Archeval-Herrera, Matthew Chzaszcz, Jordan Dolbey, Patrick Franks, Reece Gardiner, Abigail Gardner, Madison Hayes, Kyle Haynes, Samantha Huff, Ryan Metivier, Andrea Prochowski, Cheick Sano, Melayna Titchen, Noah Tomkins

CLASS OF 2021
HIGH HONORS: Haddijatou Mbye, Brooke Peloquin, Mackenzie Peloquin, Emma Rudman, Abby St. Martin
FIRST HONORS: Greyson Anderson, Emma Braithwaite, Laylah Chavez, Charisma Farrington, Anna Ionkin, Adriana Maltais, Lesbia Morente-Mendez, Julie Morris,

Mackenzie Oleszewski, Jamie Petre, Haley Syrjala, Morgan Toutant

RECOGNITION: Nathan Barylski, Johnathan Carita, Samantha Enders, Harley Field, Chad Flick, Brenna Fowler, Alex Hutchins, Sarah Keith, Alexis Kurtyka, Ethan Latendresse, Colby Livingston, Jack Lomax, Abigail Pelletier, Jillian Robidas, Tyler Shippee, Kyle Simpson, Bethany Smith, Alexis Thompson, Natalie Vagnini

COLLEGE HONORS

The following students were either named to the Dean's List or President's List for the fall semester at their respective colleges and universities. The student who was honored follows the school he or she attends.

University of Connecticut: Eli Majek from Brooklyn

University of Maine at Farmington: Kimberly Day, from Brooklyn; Caitlyn Noll, from Brooklyn

Merrimack College: Ryan Baronowski of Thompson

Framingham State University: Gabrielle Costello of Dayville

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Bates is in Tourtellotte's spotlight

THOMPSON — Each month, Tourtellotte Memorial High School's Student Spotlight program recognizes a student who has demonstrated outstanding achievement, character, leadership, attitude, and/or contributions to the school and community. February's Student Spotlight honoree is junior Megan Bates. Bates was nominated by Bella Zola and Samantha Plasse.

"Bates is a caring, loving, and hardworking student. She is always there when someone needs help," Plasse said.

"The thought that I'm doing things to better myself and the people around me motivates me greatly. Knowing that I've made someone's day better, even if it's just my own, it gives me a sense of satisfaction that's honestly hard to be put to words," Bates said.

Bates actively participates in the TMHS community. In school, Bates is a member of the Modern Music Ensemble, which performs at various events in the community.

"I plan on going into education, most likely to become a music or English teacher. I've also thought about going into early childhood education," Bates said.

Outside of school, Bates volunteers at various events including the fundraiser breakfasts held by the TMHS Music Department at the American Legion. Throughout her four years at Tourtellotte, Bates was elected one of the band librarians, auditioned for the CMEA Eastern Region High School Music Festival, and has had a hand in mentoring middle school clarinet players. Bates gave a personal message to the school and community.

"I would like everyone to keep trying their best at whatever it is that they do. Effort really does go a long way in the future," Bates said.



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Megan Bates



Courtesy photo

Sophia Quinn, Ethan Adams, and Katie Fortin, students at Woodstock Middle School, helped collect funds for a new playground

Woodstock Middle School holds penny fundraiser

WOODSTOCK — Students at Woodstock Middle School raised almost \$700 for the WMS playground by participating in a Penny War contest. Unlike traditional coin fundraisers, this one had a twist. Each penny, bill, or check counts as positive points. A penny equals 1 point, a one dollar bill equals 100 points, a five dollar bill equals 500 points and so on. Silver coins count as negative points that take away from the total of positive points. A quarter dropped in another grade's bucket takes 25 points away from their total. A dime takes away 10 points, and so on.

For two weeks each grade at the middle school had a marked coin collection jar on a table in the lobby. Students eagerly placed pennies, bills and checks in their own grades jar, and silver coins (sometimes rolls of them) were placed in other grades jars. Grades were competing for the chance to play a life-sized game of "Human Foosball" one day during recess.

On February 9 sixth grader Ethan Adams and seventh graders Katie Fortin and Sophia Quinn helped bring the coin jars to Bank Hometown in Woodstock to be sorted and counted in the coin counting machine. The three students worked to lift the jars and pour coins into the machine. They also helped to retrieve dollar bills and a few checks from the jars. After checking and double-checking the figures, the seventh grade emerged as the winners, followed by the sixth, fifth, and eighth graders. A "Human Foosball" game is being planned for seventh grade students to enjoy.

Ethan Adams was amazed at how much money students raised for the playground.

"It was fun to see the jars fill with pennies and silver coins," said Adams.

The Playground Committee is pleased to report that it now has less than \$35,000 to raise in order to reach their \$100,000 goal. They have a full calendar of school and community fundraisers, including their upcoming Walk Across Woodstock. For more information or to make a donation, please visit <https://wmsplayground.wordpress.com/>

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Woodstock Little League hosts open house

WOODSTOCK — Woodstock Little League is holding an Open House and Fun Fair Feb. 23. Attendees will be able to participate in baseball/softball stations run by current WLL coaches and players. Stations will include throwing, running, hitting and catching. Participants will earn tickets at each station, which will be used to purchase prizes upon completion of the Fun Fair. WLL Coaches and Board Members will be on hand to answer any questions from players and their families. A registration table will also be set up to allow families to register for the upcoming Spring Baseball & Softball Little League seasons.

The event is set for Friday Feb. 23, from 6 p.m. to 8 p.m. at Woodstock Elementary School Gymnasium, 24 Frog Pond Rd, Woodstock (parking and entrance will be in the bus parking lot closest to the playgrounds and fields). The event is for players ages 4 through 8 (boys and girls), or new players interested in playing Little League baseball or softball (Woodstock residents and/or Woodstock students only)

More information about the event and Woodstock Little League, as well as online registration, can be found on the league website (<http://woodstocklittleleague.org/>).

Woodstock student selected by NSHSS

The National Society of High School Scholars (NSHSS) recently announced Aaron M. Blanchflower, from Woodstock, was selected to become a member of the organization. The Society recognizes top scholars who have demonstrated outstanding leadership, scholarship and community commitment. The announcement was made by NSHSS Founder and

Chairman Claes Nobel, senior member of the family that established the Nobel Prizes.

"On behalf of NSHSS, I am honored to recognize the hard work, sacrifice and commitment that Aaron has demonstrated to achieve this exceptional level of academic excellence," said Nobel. "Aaron is now a member of a unique community of scholars – a community that represents our very

best hope for the future."

"We are proud to provide a lifetime membership to young scholars to support their growth and development," stated NSHSS President James W. Lewis. "We aim to help students like Aaron build on their academic success by connecting them with unique learning experiences and resources to help prepare them for college and meaningful careers."



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OPINION

Opinion and commentary from the Quiet Corner

Mona Lisa defaced

A little sweetness

Most of the people who stopped to buy chocolate at one of the pop-up retail shops my husband held recently were eager to buy. They asked questions about the ingredients and where the product was made. Some wanted a pretty little bag, some not. They were perfectly confident consumers until asked if the box was for them or someone else. Suddenly they became apologetic if the candy was for themselves. Often they said they were buying a bigger box as a gift and a small one to eat. "It's only a box of chocolates", I thought, what's the big deal in treating yourself to a little pleasure?

Perhaps its engrained in what we think of as a "Yankee" ethic to do without, postpone rewards, not get too indulgent, especially when it comes to our own preferences and desires. Chocolate ranks high in the pantheon of treats and as Valentine's Day was approaching, the holiday was a good reason to buy. Many of the customers were women. Most said they love dark chocolate, which I felt the added to the complexity of their decisions.



NANCY WEISS

We've been told that chocolate, especially dark chocolate, may be good for us. The hype about chocolate goes back to at least the 18th century, where according to an article in the Wall St. Journal, a physician, one Dr. Sloane, claimed that chocolate dissolved kidney stones, among other things. He sold his recipe for hot cocoa to Cadbury and the rest is history.

The health claims focus on the bitter, concentrated real cocoa beans, not chocolate mixed with other things. My husband has a chocolate pot and a frother from Mexico that is filled with raw cocoa beans. I put them out as a bit of decoration. A man walked by, snatched up a small handful and as he was popping them into his mouth, my husband shouted at him not to chew and swallow the raw beans as they were not edible in that form. He spit them into his hand and looked annoyed.

Cocoa is potentially more healthful as the percentage goes up, but the taste can be a bit off putting, because it is bitter and earthy. I have a very unsophisticated palate, tasting merely salty and sweet, so the subtleties of chocolate are lost on me. The customers, however, claimed they could taste the 75 percent with ease. Good thing, as that is where the health claims begin to kick in and as a culture ostensibly health obsessed, it is good for the chocolate business.

After reading many claims for the benefits of chocolate, which included a piece on the fact that much of the research is funded by chocolate companies, it is easy to see that like claims for red wine, we like to think that what we prefer may also be good for us.

But what about the guilty part? In the middle of February in the heart of New England, why feel the least tinge of remorse for liking what we like, eating what tastes good, and feeling a bit special at least while the candy melts in your mouth? Buy gifts. Buy for yourself. If shopping locally feels good, do it. If the candy bar at the supermarket calls out to you, toss it in the bag. A little sweetness for one's self and everybody else is certain to make us healthier, a claim based on my own observations.



Courtesy photo

MEMORY LANE CAFÉ

PUTNAM — Friends at Memory Lane Café celebrated Mardi Gras on Feb. 9 with feathered masks and French croissants. Mary Morse from Marlborough joined the festivities with her many accordions and concertinas from all over the world. Attendees were encouraged to participate with singing, dancing and the playing of percussion instruments. For more information regarding activities at Memory Lane Café, call (860) 963-1077. The café is located at 6 South Main Street in Putnam.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Woodstock alumnus laments whittling of woodshop

To the editor:

As a parent of a Woodstock Academy student, alumnus of the Academy, and a lifelong Woodstock resident, I am disappointed with the current administration's decision to remove the traditional woodshop classes. They are claiming they will be changing the woodshop space into a "maker space". Headmaster Sandford has written an article claiming the current woodshop enrollment has been declining. I have spoken to several students, one of which has started an online petition (which can be accessed through Facebook) to keep the traditional woodshop classes going. They are saying there is a waiting list for woodshop classes. While I applaud the Academy for looking forward in adding STEAM classes to the current curriculum to better prepare students for life after the Academy, I would hope they would do this without removing other classes that will also help students in their future life.

The Woodstock Academy has recently acquired the former Hyde School campus, thus greatly enlarging the campus size. They are now in a position to offer many more classes to the students. This being said, why are they reducing class selection? They already have the woodshop equipment and space set up, and a teacher with knowledge of the craft. I cannot see the downside in keeping the current classes and merely adding

their "maker space" classes in addition.

Teaching young adults the knowledge of wood crafting is a very valuable skill. This knowledge can enable them to create unique, artistic items which could be passed down to their children. Creating with wood is an art form similar to drawing, painting or even cooking. I know of many successful, intelligent people in the surrounding communities who do woodworking as a stress reliever from their highly successful jobs.

Even if these young adults never become career carpenters, knowing how to fix a broken door in their home, put up trim or moldings, redo their kitchen cabinets, or merely understand what the professional carpenter is telling them needs to be done so they don't get "taken" by a con artist is a valuable skill for adults to have.

I am hoping the Woodstock Academy's administration can see their way into finding a way to keep the traditional woodshop alive as the students are asking. As members of the community, if you see the value of letting students craft and form wood into special items with their own hands, please add your voice to the students and help them save their wood shop classes.

GAIL WHITE
WOODSTOCK

Tribute to Woodstock's Dave Hosmer

To the editor:

On August 22, 1974, six miles out off Point Judith, a helicopter carrying three CBS media personnel, filming an America's Cup event, crashed into the water and flipped upside down, leaving only the bottoms of the pontoons visible. Several boats raced to the scene. The pilot came to the surface by himself, two did not. Others at the scene could have done it, but it was Lt. Dave Hosmer, U S Coast Guard, who dove into the water and saved a life.

Others could have done it, but it was Dave who did it. This incident, now many years ago, characterizes Dave's selfless life of service. His contributions of time and thought have been of benefit to the town in many ways, consistently, since he moved here from Quinebaug.

He has served 20 years on our Board of Finance (many as chair), 20 simultaneous years in the Bungay Fire Brigade, in many leadership roles, and on the Republican Town committee. His participation list includes specific project planning and oversight responsibilities of the Highway Garage

Building Committee, Open Space Acquisition Committee, and Benzene Coordination Committee. All of the service and time that Dave gave to the citizens of Woodstock fits the description of those who are the most respected- that of unpaid and continuous volunteer service.

We, on the Woodstock Board of Finance, thank Dave and have lasting respect for his efforts. It does not do justice to Dave's contribution to mention only his commitment to our Board; we include the list above to give perspective to the magnitude of service of this fine man who saw needs and jumped in the water- many times. Thank you, Dave Hosmer; you are an extraordinary example to us all.

From the Woodstock Board of Finance: Michael Dougherty, Frederick Chmura, David Fortin, Ronald Cabana, Glen Lessig, Jeffrey Kelleher, Michael Bernardi, Roy Bradrick, David Richardson

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Suppose tomorrow's lead news story read as follows:

"Pandemonium broke out yesterday afternoon at The Louvre in Paris, France, when a 33-year-old aspiring artist disabled a security guard, shattered the 1.52 inch-thick protective glass, and immediately began painting a bigger smile on the face of the Mona Lisa! The culprit was apprehended and jailed, but not before doing incalculable damage. Experts are not certain that the painting can be restored."

Can you imagine the sorrow and outrage? While some may not care, much of the world would be up in arms, demanding that the perpetrator be punished to the full extent of the law. The Mona Lisa was painted by Leonardo da Vinci between 1503 and 1506 A.D. It is one of the most widely recognized paintings in the world. Wikipedia claims that "It holds the Guinness World Record for the highest known insurance valuation in history at \$100 million in 1962, which is worth nearly \$800 million in 2017."

To deface such an invaluable piece of art would be reprehensible indeed. Most reasonable people would likely agree that only the creator of such a valuable masterpiece should have the right to change it. Even if another more-talented artist should some day be discovered, it would still not be appropriate for them to "fix" or "improve" upon such a masterpiece.

You and I are also masterpieces. Moses described our origin like this: "So God created human beings in his own image. In the image of God he created them; male and female he created them. Then God blessed them and said, "Be fruitful and multiply. Fill the earth and govern it. Reign over the fish in the sea, the birds in the sky, and all the animals that scurry along the ground." Then God said, "Look! I have given you every seed-bearing plant throughout the earth and all the fruit trees for your food. And I have given every green plant as food for all the wild animals, the birds in the sky, and the small animals that scurry along the ground—everything that has life." And that is what happened. Then God looked over all he had made, and he saw that it was very good! And evening passed and morning came, marking the sixth day. (Genesis 1:27-31 NLT)

God created mankind just the way He wanted them, and then He gave them the responsibility of overseeing everything that was created. He would eventually provide a user handbook—more commonly known as The Holy Bible. When mankind tries to reinvent himself or change the prescribed rules of operation, we should all be appalled. To deface or devalue mankind is to mar the most beautiful and significant creation of all time. No other creation was designed to be at one with the Creator. No other creation can create, love and forgive like mankind. And no other creation was built to live forever. We are God's handiwork.

When individuals or people groups arbitrarily decide to "redesign" mankind, they become just as destructive and scandalous as the culprit described at the beginning of this article. They have no right. Their actions prove that they lack wis-

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Killingly once the greatest cotton manufacturer in state

Since I'm writing this before Valentine's Day, the letter "V" is still on my mind. I thought I'd begin this column by checking to see what Natalie Coolidge had under "V" in the Killingly Business Encyclopedia. The very first entry was for V.A.M. Construction (Vilho A. Majonen) 15 Main Street Dayville with a registration date with the Killingly town clerk of August 16, 1982. That was the sole entry for the business. If anyone can add to our knowledge of that business, please email me or call the Killingly Historical Center. Next came a business I'm sure many of you will recall--V.I.P. Catalog Showroom on Commerce Avenue in Danielson. Cross-references were listed for Joseph Connor & Sons, Inc., H. E. Wilson & Co., R. S. Lathrop Company, Lavallee Furniture Co., and Buster Mahoney's. V.I.P. opened August 8, 1973 and was then owned by Louis and Richard Legare. Louis Seigel, former owner of Lavallee Furniture, was the manager of the new store.

There were a few entries for members of the Vachon family including Armados Vachon who became the "new French clerk" at Woodward's Drug Store in 1889. Since there were many French-Canadians who did not speak English, this was a real boon to them. Arthur Vachon and Edmond Vachon of Dayville were both conductors (perhaps on the trolley).

How many of you have heard of the Valley Mill? One of the early textile mills along the Whetstone Brook, it helped make Killingly the greatest cotton manufacturing town in Connecticut in 1836. Built in 1830 for Killingly's Captain Asa Alexander, brother of the noted artist Francis Alexander, this wooden mill was thirty feet wide, 110 ten feet long and had four floors. Later owners included Norman Kelly then William and Edwin Robinson. In 1903 it was removed to make room for the trolley from Providence, which connected

at Elmville with the north-south line.

Perhaps Valley Mill was new to you. However, you might recall Vandale's News Stand. This variety store was established at 16-18 Main Street in Danielson by Paul A. and Claire L. Lambert in 1948.

Others associated with the business included Claire T. Jacobs and Joseph H. Baton.

"V" is for Veilleux. The earliest entry for Arthur T. Veilleux's real estate office in the Killingly Business Encyclopedia listed the business as located at 15 School Street in Danielson and was taken from the 1946 telephone book. This long-time resident died in March 2007.

If you lived in Attawaugan the name Verraneault might be familiar to you. In 1958 Alfred E. Verraneault registered Attawaugan Calso Service; the next year the name was changed to Attawaugan Chevron Station. In 1955 Raymond J. Verraneault owned Ray's Esso Station in Attawaugan. According to Killingly Historical Society vice-president Bernie Mitchell, it was located on the westerly side of Route 12 going southerly past the bridge. Later it became Adams Gas Station. Bernie noted that Ray's Texaco was located where Golden Greek Restaurant now is situated. Ray Verraneault's name was also associated with Rita's Luncheonette in Attawaugan (1961). Please feel free to share memories of these or any of the above-mentioned businesses by emailing me or by calling the Killingly Historical Center.

My son Michael and several of the volunteers at the Killingly Historical Center have been watching the History Channel's The Curse of Oak Island on



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Tuesday nights. Each episode features new discoveries, and setbacks, as the team searches for the treasure that has reputedly been buried on this island, which is part of Nova Scotia. Since I also have been watching the program, it made me wonder if

you had heard about the pirate's treasure, which according to tradition, had been buried in the remote woods of Northeastern Connecticut.

In the 1970's the late Harry Chase of Pomfret gave me a small booklet by William J Prendergast entitled The Best of Know Your State. Harry marked several articles for which he had contributed information. One was about the treasure of Blackbeard the Pirate, which I will summarize. Edward Teach, alias Blackbeard, "didn't believe in burying his loot along the shore like Capt. William Kidd and some of the other pirates. He hauled his hoard through the country to the backwoods of Connecticut...It isn't certain whether Blackbeard ever anchored off New Haven but he did tie up at New London," Harry Chase, historical researcher, of Pomfret Center said. Chase has, for years, scoured the woodlands in the northeast section. He found the site where Blackbeard supposedly buried his treasure. 'Unloading much of his portable booty at New London, the pirate began the long trek up the Nipmuck Trail, which led to Providence. Why he went into Rhode Island instead of straight up into Connecticut isn't clear, but it is assumed he was being pursued and he wanted to loose his pursuers by traveling out-of-the-way trails. At Providence he turned west and crossed over into Connecticut, and when he arrived near the Hampton-Brooklyn

line he went into the dense woods and buried his treasure.

"As late as 1938, a stranger to this area, who said his name was Barney Reynolds, asked permission to go into the woods and dig. He said he had a map which clearly showed where the pirate treasure was buried...Reynolds finally admitted he was a descendant of Blackbeard and had inherited the map, and he was told that among the treasure was a string of rare and valuable black pearls.

"In about three weeks Reynolds found the spot he was looking for; he dug for long hours even into the night by the light of a lantern. When Reynolds failed to show up at the farmhouse after several days, . . . went into the woods to see him. But all he found was a pair of muddy boots in a huge hole in the woods, and tools thrown all over the place. Reynolds was never seen again. No one ever knew whether he had found the treasure or where he went" (pp. 100-102).

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

Margaret M. Weaver Killingly Municipal Historian, February 2018. Special thanks to Bernie Mitchell. For additional information email me at margaretmweaver@gmail.com or visit the Killingly Historical Center Web. or Sat. 10-4 or www.killinglyhistorical.org. or call (860) 779-7250. Like us at Facebook at www.facebook.com/killinglyhistoricalsociety. Mail for the Killingly Historical & Genealogical Society, Inc. or the Killingly Historical Center should be sent to P.O. Box 265, Danielson, Ct. 06239.

Taxation of investments

It's nice to own stocks, bonds, and other investments. Nice, that is, until it's time to fill out your federal income tax return. At that point, you may be left scratching your head. Just how do you report your investments and how are they taxed?

Is it ordinary income or a capital gain?

To determine how an investment vehicle is taxed in a given year, first ask yourself what went on with the investment that year. Did it generate interest income? If so, the income is probably considered ordinary. Did you sell the investment? If so, a capital gain or loss is probably involved.

If you receive dividend income, it may be taxed either at ordinary income tax rates or at the rates that apply to long-term capital gain income. Dividends paid to an individual shareholder from a domestic corporation or qualified foreign corporation are generally taxed at the same rates that apply to long-term capital gains. These rates are 0 percent for an individual in the 10 or 15 percent marginal tax rate bracket, 15 percent for an individual in the 25 percent, 28 percent, 33 percent, or 35 percent tax rate bracket, and 20 percent for those in the top (39.6 percent) tax bracket. But special rules and exclusions apply, and some dividends (such as those from money market mutual funds) continue to be treated as ordinary income.

The distinction between ordinary income and capital gain income is important because different tax rates may apply



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and different reporting procedures may be involved. Here are some of the things you need to know.

Categorizing your ordinary income

Investments often produce ordinary income. Examples of ordinary income include interest and rent. Many investments — including savings accounts, certificates of deposit, money market accounts, annuities, bonds, and some preferred stock — can generate ordinary income. Ordinary income is taxed at ordinary (as opposed to capital gains) tax rates.

But not all ordinary income is taxable — and even if it is taxable, it may not be taxed immediately. If you receive ordinary income, the income can be categorized as taxable, tax exempt, or tax deferred.

Taxable income is income that's not tax exempt or tax deferred. If you receive ordinary taxable income from your investments, you'll report it on your federal income tax return. In some cases, you may have to detail your investments and income on Schedule B.

Tax-exempt income is free from federal and/or state income tax, depending on the type of investment vehicle and

the state of issue. Municipal bonds and U.S. securities are typical examples of investments that can generate tax-exempt income.

Tax-deferred income is income whose taxation is postponed until some point in the future. For example, with a 401(k) retirement plan, earnings are reinvested and taxed only when you take money out of the plan. The income earned in the 401(k) plan is tax deferred.

Understanding what basis means

Let's move on to what happens when you sell an investment vehicle. Before getting into capital gains and losses, though, you need to understand an important term — basis. Generally speaking, basis refers to the amount of your investment in an asset. To calculate the capital gain or loss when you sell or exchange an asset, you must know how to determine both your initial basis and adjusted basis in the asset.

Usually, your initial basis equals your cost — what you paid for the asset. However, your initial basis can differ from the cost if you did not purchase an asset but rather received it as a gift or inheritance, or in a tax-free exchange.

Next, adjusted basis. Your initial basis in an asset can increase or decrease over time in certain circumstances. For example, if you buy a house for \$100,000, your initial basis in the house will be \$100,000. If you later improve your home by installing a \$5,000 deck, your adjusted basis in

the house may be \$105,000. You should be aware of which items increase the basis of your asset, and which items decrease the basis of your asset. See IRS Publication 551 for details.

Calculating your capital gain or loss

If you sell stocks, bonds, or other capital assets, you'll end up with a capital gain or loss. Special capital gains tax rates may apply. These rates may be lower than ordinary income tax rates.

Basically, capital gain (or loss) equals the amount that you realize on the sale of your asset less your adjusted basis in the asset. If you sell an asset for more than your adjusted basis in the asset, you'll have a capital gain. For example, assume you had an adjusted basis in stock of \$10,000. If you sell the stock for \$15,000, your capital gain will be \$5,000. If you sell an asset for less than your adjusted basis in the asset, you'll have a capital loss. For example, assume you had an adjusted basis in stock of \$10,000. If you sell the stock for \$8,000, your capital loss will be \$2,000.

This is for informational purposes only and should not be construed as tax advice. Please contact a tax professional regarding your specific situation.

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dom, discretion and taste. A respectable society would quickly take measures to restrain their destructive behavior, so that all mankind can enjoy the beauty and integrity of God's prized creation. Protect mankind; insist that we hold to the Creator's original design.

Bishop John W Hanson oversees Acts II Ministries in Thompson. For more information, please visit www.ActsII.org.

Relief on the way for local dairy farmers

WASHINGTON D.C. — After Congress passed a two-year bipartisan budget deal, U.S. Senator Chris Murphy (D-Conn.) a member of the U.S. Senate Appropriations Committee, applauded the victories for Connecticut dairy farmers included in the agreement. The deal provides \$1 billion in immediate relief to dairy producers, makes significant improvements to the Margin Protection Program-Dairy (MPP) — a program to help farmers when the price of milk drops — and allows for the development of new insurance products for dairy farmers. Murphy has advocated for changes to MPP and has been fighting in Congress along with Senator Richard Blumenthal (D-Conn.) and Representatives Joe Courtney (Conn. 2nd district), John Larson (Conn.-1st district), and Elizabeth Esty (Conn.-5th district) to provide additional assistance to dairy farmers grappling with declining milk prices.

"The changes included in the budget deal are great news for Connecticut's dairy producers. Falling milk prices have hit farmers in my state hard, and these policy reforms and financial investments will help them start to pick up the pieces," said Murphy. "There's more we need to do in the 2018 Farm Bill, and I'll keep visiting with farmers

across Connecticut to get their ideas and bring home the real, tangible support they deserve."

Connecticut's dairy producers contribute nearly \$1.3 billion and 4,286 jobs to the state annually. However, farm milk prices are forecasted to drop in 2018, and Connecticut's already struggling dairy farmers would be in dire straits without immediate federal action. Last month, Murphy launched his 2018 'Our Farm Bill' listening campaign and online portal to hear firsthand from Connecticut's agricultural community about their ideas and goals for the upcoming 2018 reauthorization of the Farm Bill.

The two-year bipartisan budget agreement includes the following major victories for dairy farmers: Reduces MPP premium costs by nearly 70 percent for small and medium sized farmers and makes more farms eligible for these lower premiums; Makes the MPP more responsive to market conditions and farmer needs by allowing for a monthly payment calculation, instead of a bimonthly calculation; Waives the MPP's \$100 administrative fee for underserved producers, such as beginning farmers, veterans and socially disadvantaged farmers; Directs the USDA Secretary to reopen the signup for MPP in 2018 under these new program terms, thus giving dairy farmers who want to access the program under these new terms the immediate opportunity to do so; Removes the \$20 million cap on USDA's underwriting costs for the Livestock Gross Margin (LGM) program.

Legally Speaking
by Kathleen Cerrone
Attorney at Law

MAKING YOUR CASE

Before you try to prove a civil case to a judge or jury, your lawyer should be providing good advice as to whether your case has merit. Any discussion of this matter should include an assessment of your ability to prove your case, as well as an examination of the defendant's interest in settling out of court to avert protracted litigation. Analysis should also be conducted as to whether the defendant has sufficient assets to pay damages in the event that you win your case. There is no sense in pursuing a case if the defendant is not able to

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Bradley Playhouse presents *The Glass Menagerie*



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Julianne McGourty (Laura) and Michael Pray (Jim) star in *The Glass Menagerie*.



Sean Gardell (Tom), Diane Pollard (Amanda)



Sean Gardell (Tom), Julianne McGourty (Laura)

PUTNAM — The Theatre of Northeastern Connecticut at the Bradley Playhouse continues its 2018 season with *The Glass Menagerie*, Tennessee Williams' semi-autobiograph-

ical masterpiece of memory, home and family. The show opens on Feb. 23 and runs for two weekends.

Tennessee Williams is considered by many to be one of

the leading playwrights of post-World War II America. His other well-known plays include *A Streetcar Named Desire*, *Summer and Smoke* and *Cat on a Hot Tin Roof*.

The Glass Menagerie is thought to have strong autobiographical elements, drawing on Williams' memories of his youth, his mother and mentally fragile sister. At times there is a sense of unreality, much like many of our memories. In fact, son Tom, who is also the narrator, cautions the audience that what they are seeing may not be precisely what happened.

The TNECT production of

The Glass Menagerie is directed by Kathleen Atwood. Diane Pollard plays Amanda, the faded southern belle who is raising her children in poverty after being abandoned by her husband, who worked for the telephone company and "fell in love with long distance". Son Tom, portrayed by Sean Gardell, works to support the family while dreaming of being a writer. Julianne McGourty appears as Laura, the physically challenged daughter, who lives in her own world symbolized by her collection of glass figurines. Jim, a high school acquaintance who works with Tom, is played by Michael

Pray. He becomes Laura's "gentleman caller" when Tom invites him to their home.

Performances are Feb. 23, 24 and March 2, 3 at 7:30 p.m. and Feb. 25 and March 4 at 2 p.m. The Bradley Playhouse is located at 30 Front Street (Route 44) in Putnam. All seats are reserved. Reservations may be made at www.thebradleyplayhouse.org or by calling (860) 928-7887. Tickets may be purchased at the theater box office, either before the performance or at the door. Purchasing your tickets ahead of time is recommended.

United Services sets benefit event

WOODSTOCK — The 17th annual "Irish Night" to Benefit United Services Children and Family Programs is scheduled for Friday, March 16 at The Mansion at Bald Hill in Woodstock.

Irish Night includes a gourmet corned beef and cabbage dinner, with fish and vegetarian options available.

Live music with Irish sing-alongs will be performed by Eastern Connecticut's own Kala Farnham, an award-winning performing songwriter and multi-instrumentalist.

Irish Night's silent auction features many exciting items, including sports, music and movie memorabilia — this year featuring signed items from the epic series *Star Wars*, music legend B.B. King and billionaire entrepreneur Elon Musk — and a six-day African Safari for two. Packages of local gift certificates, tickets and passes will also be included.

All proceeds will benefit United Services Children and Family Programs. These include:

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Family Programs, including parent education and support groups such as Grandparents Raising Grandchildren

The region's only Domestic Violence Program, providing 24/7/365 emergency crisis, shelter and supportive services to women and children.

Wraparound clinical care and support services for Autism Spectrum Disorders at the Center for Autism.

Youth Service Bureau and Juvenile Review Board, coordinating youth service programs and juvenile justice intervention.

Opportunities to support Irish Night are still available and appreciated through sponsorships or auction item donations. For more information, contact John Goodman at (860) 774-2020.

Tickets are \$40 per person or \$350 for a table of 10 and can be purchased through March 9 by visiting united-servicesct.org/events/irish-night or by calling (860) 774-2020 or emailing info@united-servicesct.org

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United Services, Inc. is a private, non-profit and comprehensive behavioral health center, creating healthy communities throughout northeast Connecticut for nearly 50 years through mental health and social service programs, chemical abuse treatment, domestic violence programs, and community behavioral health prevention and education programs. With 12 locations and a staff of over 250, United Services operates more than 30 separate behavioral health programs, including the only domestic violence shelter for women and children in the region. United Services is also the designated Youth Service Bureau in 10 towns within its service area, and its Center for Autism has recently brought specialized treatment and programs for children and adults with Autism Spectrum Disorder and their families to eastern Connecticut and surrounding areas. United Services, Inc. is a 501(c)3 nonprofit organization. To learn more, visit www.UnitedServicesCT.org.

Windham County 4-H Foundation offers challenge

POMFRET — The Windham County 4-H Foundation was recently awarded a three year challenge grant from the Jeffrey Ossen Family Foundation. The award is for a one-to-one match up to \$12,000 a year for three years to support camperships for Windham boys and girls to attend overnight summer camp at the Foundation's Pomfret location on Taft Pond Road. Board members and Camp Director Heather Logee, worked throughout 2017 to raise matching funds prior to the end of the year. The last contribution for 2017 was received on December 13, just in the nick of time to hit the \$12,000 challenge amount to the penny! This amount of money will allow the camp to offer 25 weeks of camp to those youngsters from the Greater Windham area who wouldn't be able to attend without this support.

"Our camp program is designed to empower. It is our desire for campers to learn about themselves while they are at camp. Camper choice is a key component we offer to help them become more independent. That means trying new things, going home with new found confidence in a new skill, or displaying some new talent developed such as horseback riding, kayaking, or canoeing, improved swimming, new interests, and gaining new friends from other towns," Logee said. "Every camper takes part in team building, whether it is through role playing exercises, sports, singing with the cabin during meals or the entire camp around the campfire. Contributing, participating and having fun are all encouraged, to the best of the camper's abilities. Leadership is encouraged in every way and all are urged to try to develop new skills and interests. The camp experience can be a life changer."

The camp is extremely grateful to the Jeffrey P. Ossen Family Foundation for this support. The challenge continues in 2018 and 2019. Contributions are encouraged, please send a check made out to Windham County 4-H Foundation, 326 Taft Pond Rd., Pomfret Center, Ct., and note "Ossen Matching Grant" in the remarks section of your check.

Flexer to address Danielson vets

DANIELSON — Connecticut State Senator Mae Flexer will be the guest speaker at the Danielson Veterans Coffeehouse on Tuesday, Feb. 20, and will talk about issues coming up this session in the Connecticut Veterans Committee. Senator Flexer is a member of the Connecticut Senate representing the state's 29th District which includes the towns of Brooklyn, Canterbury, Killingly, Mansfield, Putnam, Scotland and Windham. She is also Co-Chair of the Veterans Affairs Committee.

If you want your veterans issue questions answered make sure you attend this meeting. Senator Flexer is always willing to answer questions. Remember due to increased attendance the Tuesday morning coffeehouse is now veterans only. You can no longer bring your spouse or a guest. As always the morning coffeehouse is at 185 Broad Street, Danielson, and opens at 9 a.m. The guest speaker starts at approximately 9:15 a.m.

QVCC hosts free celebration of African American poets

DANIELSON, CT — Quinebaug Valley Community College will host the Core Ensemble's performance of "Of Ebony Embers: Vignettes of the Harlem Renaissance" on Thursday, Feb. 22, at 12:30 pm in the Robert E. Miller Auditorium.

A chamber music theatre work, *Of Ebony Embers* celebrates the lives of the great African American poets, Langston Hughes, Countee Cullen, and Claude McKay, as seen through the eyes of the great muralist and painter Aaron Douglas.

The musical score includes works by jazz giants Duke Ellington, Jelly Roll Morton, Billy Strayhorn, Thelonius Monk, and Charles Mingus, as well as concert music by Jeffrey Mumford and George Walker.

Of Ebony Embers features actor Dracyn Blount as Aaron Douglas, Claude McKay, Langston Hughes, and Countee Cullen, with Byron Sean on piano. A question and answer period with the performers concludes the program.

This Black History Month performance is sponsored by On Cue: Culture and Conversations at QVCC. The public is invited to attend and admission is free.

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NOVEMBER 24: Small Business Saturday
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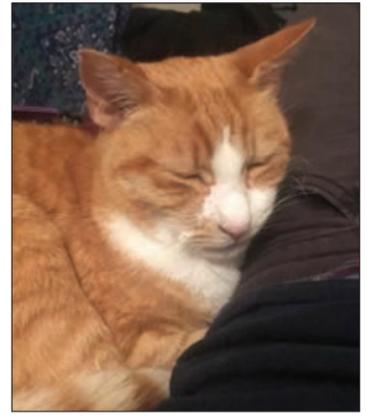
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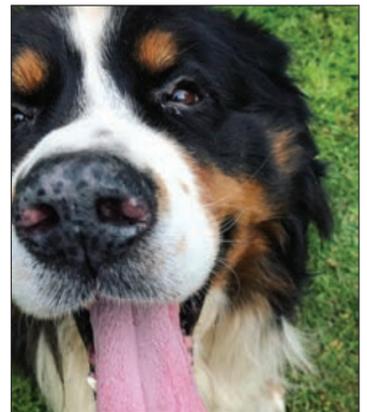
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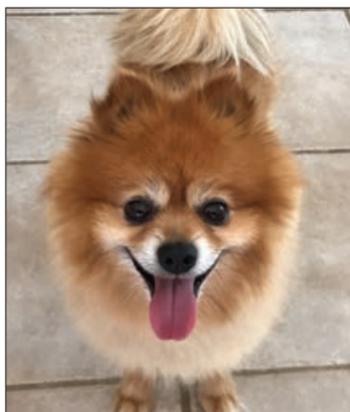
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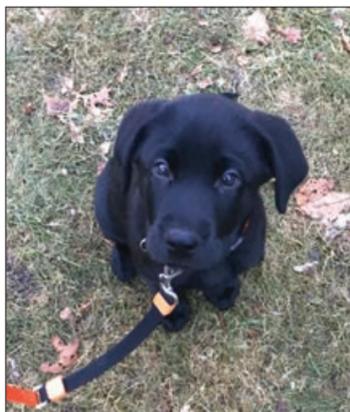
Sweet, little Daisy is relaxing. She is loved by Nichole Boyle of Woodstock



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Courtney approves of bipartisan budget accord

WASHINGTON, D.C. — Congressman Joe Courtney (Conn. 2nd district) voted for the bipartisan budget agreement that was reached to avoid a government shutdown and provide a two-year framework for funding the federal government. The agreement will increase funding for a number of key non-defense discretionary programs like community health centers and the opioid crisis, while also increasing military funding to help meet strategic needs globally, such as the increased aggression by Russia, China, and North Korea. The final vote in the House of Representatives was 240 to 186.

lack of a budget agreement has repeatedly brought Congress to the brink of shutdown and a near permanent stalemate over a range of important issues," said Courtney. "When I voted for the continuing resolution in January to reopen the government, I did so with the expectation that House and Senate leaders would negotiate a bipartisan agreement to end the stalemate and allow us to finish the job of funding our defense and domestic priorities. The agreement I supported today, however imperfect, does just that."

"With this agreement in place, Congress should move quickly to debate and pass legislation that will provide

a path to citizenship for the Dreamers," Courtney added. "President Trump, Speaker Ryan, and Senate Majority leader McConnell have all repeatedly and publicly stated their intent to help Dreamers - and the American people expect them to follow through on their commitments. Now that we have set aside the overarching budget crisis, we will hold their feet to the fire and ensure that they keep their pledge to bring a Dreamers fix to the floor for an up or down vote. History and the entire nation will be watching."

Key provisions contained in the bipartisan agreement:
Budget Caps: Eliminates

across the board "sequestration" budget cuts and increases the budget caps for defense and non-defense programs for two years.

Defense funding: lifts defense budget caps to provide overall funding levels consistent with the 2018 National Defense Authorization Act passed late last year.

Community Health Centers: Extends and increases funding for Community Health Centers for 2 years from \$3.6 billion per year to \$3.8 billion in 2018 and \$4 billion in 2019.

Children's Health Insurance Program: Further extends the funding for CHIP for an additional 4 years, funding the program through 2027.

Opioids: \$6 billion in funding to prevent and treat opioid addiction.

Dairy Farms: invests \$1 billion to support small and mid-sized dairy farms, and includes needed reforms to improve affordability and stability of the Margin Protection Program (MPP).

Veterans Health: allocates \$4 billion (\$2 billion each year) for improvements to

VA hospitals and clinics to help reduce the VA healthcare maintenance backlog.

Closing the "Donut Hole": Closes the Medicare Part D "Donut Hole" a year early, saving seniors thousands on prescription drugs.

National Health Service Corps: Extends funding for the National Health Service Corps for 2 years at the current rate of \$310 million per year.

Medicare Dependent Hospitals: Extends the Medicare Dependent Hospital program for 5 years to ensure hospitals like Windham are reimbursed appropriately.

Home Visiting Program: Extends funding for the Maternal, Infant, and Early Childhood Home Visiting Program for 2 years.

Mortgage Debt Forgiveness Deduction: Retroactively extends the deduction for income from mortgage debt forgiven through 2017.

Disaster Relief: Provides \$89 billion in disaster relief funding for areas hit by last year's hurricanes and wildfires, as well as additional support for Puerto Rico's recovery.

Thompson students team up for food security

BY OLIVIA RICHMAN
NEWS STAFF WRITER

THOMPSON — "The Weekend Warrior" program will be providing Mary R. Fisher Elementary students with bags filled with "easy-to-make meals" to bring home on Fridays after school, meant to last for the whole weekend. This program is being organized by local organizations, including the Thompson Business Association and TEEG.

In fact, this program was the idea of TBA's president Charlene Langlois, who said that other districts have implemented similar programs and its improved students' attendance rates and grades.

"That's the unique thing about Thompson," said Superintendent Melinda Smith. "I noticed that Thompson residents care for one another. The Thompson Business Association stepped up, and so have other residents in the community. People really do care about each other here. It's truly inspiring and uplifting to be a part of."

That connection to the community, she said, is "vital" for the students.

In Thompson — like with many local towns — many of the students have food insecurity issues. In school, these families are offered a free break-

fast program. And while Smith is hoping to implement a free lunch as well, she knows it will take some time. And meanwhile, students may have access to nutritious foods Monday through Friday, but they are not sure about the weekend.

The program will provide students with a bag of food that has easy to make items, like peanut butter and jelly, mac and cheese, and tuna fish sandwiches, just in case the family can't afford it on their own.

This program started in January and will be the first time Thompson will provide a program like this.

"We're all about educating the whole child," said Smith. "The whole child means we have to reach out to the families as well. It's very important for us to have a connection with the families and connect them with organizations."

Right now, there are about 20 families participating in the program. The goal is to expand that. Students that qualify for the free and reduced price lunches are eligible to receive the packages, which will be given out for the remainder of the school year. To get involved, call (860) 942-4758 or email thompsonbusinessassociation@yahoo.com.

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Audubon Society in Pomfret offers options

BY OLIVIA RICHMAN
NEWS STAFF WRITER

POMFRET — Spring weather is just around the corner, and it's the perfect excuse to explore the Connecticut Audubon Society's 700 acres of sanctuary in Pomfret. If you're not sure where to begin, join the Wednesday Walks at noon.

"It's providing people with an opportunity to get outside and really appreciate Mother Nature and the great outdoors," said director Sarah Heminway. "And enjoy likeminded company."

For the past 10 years, the Connecticut Audubon Society has been offering these walks as a way to introduce visitors to the beautiful land the sanctuary has to offer. But the two hour walks also highlight something very near and dear to the sanctuary: Bird life.

There are over 210 documented bird species at the Connecticut Audubon Society. The sanctuary itself has been recognized, said Heminway, as an "important bird area."

The mission of the Audubon Society is to educate the state on Connecticut's birds and their habitats. It's all about appreciating the birds and where they live.

"Birds are the indicators of the quality of our environment," said Heminway. "When you start seeing bird populations decreasing, it's an indication that our air and water quality is going down. If we don't have habitats for birds, we're losing a lot of our natural resources in the area. We need to pay attention."

Not only that, but birds are "just plain beautiful," Heminway said. People have bird feeders in their yard because there's a certain joy that comes with bird watching. So why not spend a morning exploring their habitat and seeing how many birds you can spot with other bird enthusiasts?

"They're a wonderful treasure we should all slow down and appreciate," said Heminway.

The Audubon Society offers a huge variety of programs highlighting their bird species, including owl walks on the weekends, art exhibits that showcase the local wildlife and bird walks in the spring.

So a two hour Wednesday morning stroll is a great way to start getting involved.

There is a small group of people who never fail to come to a walk week after week. But there are also some people who pop in every now and then to get their dose of nature. Everyone is welcome, regardless of age or exercise level. You don't have to sign up. You just simply show up.

"We do whatever people want to do. Whatever they want to see, how far they want to go. It really depends on the crowd," said Heminway. "You'll be with people who are familiar with the trails. They have knowledge about what you might be seeing, the prints and animal tracks."

For the Audubon Society, it's important to get people outside, whether it's at the sanctuary or somewhere else in the Quiet Corner.

"We just want to encourage folks to get outside and enjoy nature," said Heminway.

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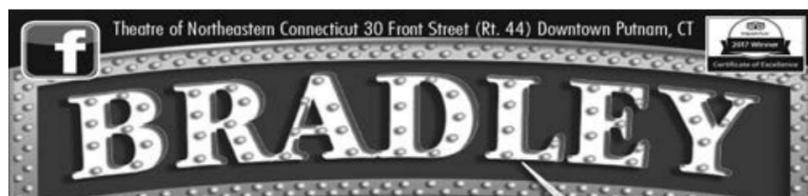


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Downtown Putnam's Fire & Ice Festival



PUTNAM — The Fire & Ice Festival wouldn't be complete with, well, ice. The streets of downtown Putnam were flooded with ice sculptures on Saturday, Feb. 10, after an entire day of ice carving demonstrations by professional, amateur and group ice sculptors.

Silver Circle Art Gallery's squirrel sculpture was a huge hit.



Matulaitis Rehab & Skilled Care created this cute snowman ice carving.



Wonderland Comics' Batman and Superman-inspired ice sculpture.



Bank Hometown's ice display.



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Olivia Richman photos

Above: Sasha the Fire Gypsy wowed the crowds with breath-taking fire performances.

At left: "I love it," said Linda and Steve Champagne. "It's such a beautiful night."

It was Shiler Mohammed and Ahmed Rasool's first time in Putnam. They came for the ice sculptures and fire show.



At left: "The ice sculptures are great," said Wanda and Phil Therrien, who were excited to visit Putnam for the first time.

At right: Head of Putnam Science Academy's Art Department Colyn Petre (pictured with Corey Pion and dog Reptar) helped carve this ice sculpture.



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Gerri Kowolenko, Janet McDonald and Tom Veilleux enjoyed viewing art in downtown Putnam.



"I love the people," said Ken Giella.



Above; Kathryn and Margaret Phelan enjoyed checking out the ice sculptures.



At right: The Cummings-Nicholson family struck a pose with a picture frame made out of ice.



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Putnam Boy Scouts fundraiser nets funds

PUTNAM – Boy Scout Troop 21’s baked potato buffet was not only a fun night out for local families, but a great way to raise money for the troop’s camping trips. In fact, with just potatoes and (160) candy bars alone, the Boy Scouts raised over \$700. For just \$5, hungry families were able to buy a giant baked potato and top it with cheese, diced ham or any other toppings they desired.



Frank Bichard, Troop Leader Peter Lombardo, Hunter Breyette, Brendin Adams, Joseph Coquet, Nathan Olson and Gwen Bichard helped serve the potato toppings.



Olivia Richman photos

Marion, Laura, Mason, Kirsten and Stephen Varga enjoyed spending a night out together.



Richard LaBonte (who became an Eagle Scout last year) came to support the Boy Scouts with his parents Vikki and Rick.



“We’re here to help the Boy Scouts,” said Beth Champany and Barbara Charron. “We want to support them.”



“It’s delicious,” said Hannah Guilani, pictured with mother Linda. “I was dying for a baked potato!”



Diana Breyette with grandson Keegan Warner.



“This was very good,” said Shirley Wright, pictured with A.J. and Jaiden Maddan.



Clayton Wright devoured his loaded baked potato.



John and Elaine Trudo, Prischilla Dowd and Ellen Knight had a great time socializing at the potato buffet.



MARY FISHER ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

Monday, February 19 -- NO SCHOOL
 Tuesday, February 20 -- NO SCHOOL
 Wednesday, February 21 -- Strawberry yogurt parfait, warm pretzel, Sunbutter & jelly sandwich, cheese stick, Cucumber Wheels, Garden Salad 100% Fruit Juice
 Thursday, February 22 -- Taco Salad w/ chips baked beans, turkey/cheese sandwich, broccoli crowns, garden Salad
 Friday, February 23 -- Cheese pizza, fresh baked "cookie," Danimals yogurt, muffin-cheese stick, baby carrots, garden salad

POMFRET COMMUNITY SCHOOL

Monday, February 19 -- NO SCHOOL
 Tuesday, February 20 -- NO SCHOOL
 Wednesday, February 21 -- Sloppy, Sloppy Joe, served on a roll with oven baked fries, and a sweet green peas
 Thursday, February 22 -- Crispy chicken sandwich,

served on a roll w/ lettuce and tomato, with a side of sweet potato fries
 Friday, February 23 -- Lasagna rolls ups, served with marinara sauce, garden salad and a dinner roll

PUTNAM ELEMENTARY SCHOOL & PUTNAM MIDDLE SCHOOL

Monday, February 19 -- No school, President's Day
 Tuesday, February 20 -- WG chicken patty sandwich, plain or BBQ sauce, side of lettuce & tomato, potato smile fries
 Wednesday, February 21 -- Supreme Beef Nachos, Seasoned Ground Beef, crispy WG tortilla chips, cheese and salsa, sour cream, seasoned corn
 Thursday, February 22 -- Crispy chicken tenders, WG breaded chicken tenders served with gravy, whipped potato, carrots & whole wheat roll
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 Thursday, February 22 -- Meatball grinder, roasted green beans. Alt. main hamburger or cheeseburger (lettuce, tomato, onion)
 Friday, February 23 -- Popcorn chicken (zesty or plain), Mexican rice, roasted broccoli

WOODSTOCK PUBLIC SCHOOLS

Monday, February 19 -- NO SCHOOL
 Tuesday, February 20 -- NO SCHOOL
 Wednesday, February 21 -- Popcorn chicken, mashed potato, corn, fruit/milk
 Thursday, February 22 -- Pasta & meat sauce, green beans, fruit, milk
 Friday, February 23 -- Pizza, spinach salad, fruit, milk

AUTOMOTIVE

Three Reasons Not To File A Claim For That Fender Bender

(NAPS)
 Although you'll almost certainly want to have your insurance company cover the cost of a car accident involving multiple cars and serious damage, with plenty of other crashes, you may want to simply cover the cost yourself. Here are some conditions and situations when that option can make sense. The more of these that apply, the more you should consider simply paying the damage yourself.

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Any damage you do to another vehicle is covered under the liability component of your policy, while damage you inflict on your own car will be handled through your collision or comprehensive insurance, assuming you have such coverage (some people drop it for older vehicles).

If you estimate the damage inflicted to your car to be below your deductible, or even slightly above it, you should just handle the repairs out of pocket. If the damages are \$300



You don't always need to involve your insurance company after an auto accident.

but the deductible is \$200, you would save just \$100 by filing a claim and your premiums could easily rise by more than that in the long run.

YOU ALONE ARE

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In an accident with no more than two drivers, where neither is injured and the damage appears to be minimal, you can both agree to not call

the insurance company. There are, however, several reasons to be cautious about doing that.

The first is that the other driver can at any time renege on the agree-

ment to not involve the insurance companies. A second is that even seemingly minor fender benders involving two cars can be far pricier to fix than most drivers would

expect—in the thousands of dollars, for even a slow-speed (say, 10 mph) collision.

The upshot here? Not involving the insurance company is best reserved for mishaps that involved your vehicle alone, or one in which you know, or have other reason to trust, the other driver.

YOU'VE FILED FOR OTHER ACCIDENTS

Going it alone on a minor solo crash can spare you long-term pain. That's because filing too many claims through your insurer can cause your rates to soar, possibly costing you hundreds if not thousands over the years following the claim.

The effect of making a claim varies by the state, the insurer and how long it is since you submitted a claim, if at all. But the hikes can be hefty—20 percent or more, according to research by the finance experts at ValuePenguin.

For more information on auto insurance, as well as other personal finance advice, visit www.ValuePenguin.com.

America Is Seeing A Flood Of 'Flood Cars'

(NAPS)
 Recent research suggests drivers may be behind the wheel of more than 325,000 previously flooded vehicles. That's a 20 percent increase from 2016 and a stark reminder to consumers to do due diligence when used-car shopping.

One Woman's Story
 "I bought a car last year and the seller never told us anything about it being a flood car," said Charlene Geiger from Pennsylvania. "When we got home and ran a Carfax, there it was—a flood car from Hurricane Sandy. It showed that the seller bought it as a salvage car and the title was washed when he brought it to Pennsylvania. We lost \$16,000 over all of it."

Where To Be Most Wary
 Vehicles reported as flood damaged by a state's Department of Motor Vehicles (DMV), insurance companies and more have washed up in every state. These 10 have the most:

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2. Louisiana—29,000
3. Pennsylvania—20,000
4. Florida—19,000
5. Kentucky—16,000
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7. South Carolina—13,000
8. Virginia—13,000
9. North Carolina—13,000
10. Michigan—11,000.

In addition, several hundred thousand more flooded cars may emerge from Hurricanes Harvey and Irma.

Historically, about half the vehicles damaged by floods end up back on the market. Flooded cars rot from

the inside out as water corrodes the mechanical parts, shorts the electrical system, and compromises safety features like air bags and anti-lock brakes. Health concerns are an added problem, as mold and bacteria permeate the soft parts of the car.

"Our data shows there's still much work to be done in helping consumers avoid buying flood-damaged cars," said Dick Raines, president of Carfax. "They can, and do, show up all over the country, whether it be a few miles or hundreds of miles from where the flooding occurred. With two devastating storms like Harvey and Irma, it's vital for used-car buyers everywhere to protect themselves from flooded cars that may wind

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Editor's Note: Localized flooded vehicle statistics are available upon request.

An infographic is also available for use at www.carfax.com/press/resources/flooded-cars.

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TROOP D

KILLINGLY
Monday, Feb. 5
Shannon Evans, 41, of 7 Country Club Road, Killingly, was charged with possession of narcotics, possession of narcotics with intent to sell and failing to obey a stop sign

DANIELSON
Friday, Feb. 9
James David Clements, 45, of 40 Hutchins Street, Danielson, was charged with risk of injury (forcible sexual contact) and sexual assault (forcible fondling)
Saturday, Feb. 10
Colton Asa Fuqua, 28, of 38 King Street, Danielson, was charged with failure to respond

BROOKLYN
Monday, Feb. 5
Robert Nordin, 53, of 96 Christian Hill Road, Brooklyn, was charged with disorderly conduct
EASTFORD
PUTNAM

Tuesday, Feb. 6
Dominique N. Gremo, 32, of 21 Franklin Street Apt. #3, Putnam, was charged with violation of probation

WOODSTOCK
Wednesday, Feb. 7
John Platek III, 57, of 190 Senexet Road, Woodstock, was charged with disorderly conduct and third

degree assault
POMFRET
THOMPSON

Saturday, Feb. 10
Derick Labonte, 21, of 712 Quinebaug Road, Thompson, was charged with risk of injury to child, disorderly conduct and fourth degree sexual assault

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Sunday, Feb. 4

Marissa Burgos, 19, of 34 Sunnyside Ave. Putnam, was charged with Failure to Yield Right of way, Possession of Marijuana, Possession of Alcohol by a Minor, Possession of Drug Paraphernalia, Failure to carry License

Richard Remillard, 66, of 347 School St., Putnam, was charged with Threatening 2nd, Disorderly Conduct

Donald Leighton, 49, of No Certain address, was charged with Criminal Trespass 1st, Disorderly Conduct, Assault 3rd to an Elderly Person

Monday, Feb. 5

Richard Enders, 47, of 101 David Circle Putnam, was charged with Breach of Peace, Assault 3rd

Renee Waselik, 45, of 101 David Circle Putnam, was charged with Breach of Peace

Wednesday, Feb. 7

Buddy Hatchery, 29, of 160 Farrow St. #6 Putnam, was charged with Failure to Illuminate Headlights

Jennifer Cicarelli, 43, was charged with 43 Picabo St. Putnam, Failure to Drive Right, Failure to Produce a Valid Insurance Card

Friday, Feb. 9

Jacob Rodrigues, 24, of 43 Phillip Lane, Dayville, was charged with Disobeying the signal of an Officer, Driving to Endanger, Failure to Carry Insurance Identification, Failure to Carry Registration

PUBLIC MEETINGS

BROOKLYN

Wednesday, Feb. 21

Lighthouse, 6:30 p.m., Town Hall

Board of Finance, 7 p.m., Clifford B. Green Memorial Center

Thursday, Feb. 22

Board of Selectmen, 6:30 p.m., Clifford B. Green Memorial Center

Resource Recovery Commission, 6:30 p.m., Clifford B. Green Memorial Center

Lighthouse, 6:30 p.m., Town Hall

KILLINGLY

Tuesday, Feb. 20

Board of Education Fiscal Subcommittee, 7 p.m., Town Hall

PZC, 7 p.m., Town Hall

Wednesday, Feb. 21

KCC, 7 p.m., Town Hall

Board of Education Fiscal Subcommittee, 7 p.m., Town Hall

Thursday, Feb. 22

OSLA, 6:30 p.m., Town Hall

Friday, Feb. 23

NECCOG, 8:30 a.m., 125 Putnam Pike, Dayville

PUTNAM

Tuesday, Feb. 20

Board of Selectmen, 7 p.m., Town Hall

Thursday, Feb. 22

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

THOMPSON

Tuesday, Feb. 20

Board of Selectmen, 7 p.m., Merrill Seney Community Room

Conservation Commission, 7 p.m., Town Hall

Wednesday, Feb. 21

Economic Development Commission, 6:30 p.m., Town Hall

EASTFORD

Monday, Feb. 19

Clean Energy Task Force, 7 p.m., Town Hall

Wednesday, Feb. 21

Recreation Commission, 4:30 p.m., Town Hall

Thursday, Feb. 22

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

Inland Wetlands & Watercourses Commission, 7 p.m., Town Hall

Library Board, 7 p.m., Town Hall

WOODSTOCK

Wednesday, Feb. 21

Garden Club, 6:30 p.m., Town Hall

WRTC, 7 p.m., Town Hall

Thursday, Feb. 22

Board of Education, 7 p.m., Woodstock Middle School

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Tigers punch tournament ticket for states



Charlie Lentz photo

Tourtellotte’s Jackson Padula rises for a shot between Ellis Tech defenders Logan LeBlanc, left, and Brennan Young, right, at Cauty Gymnasium in Thompson on Feb. 8.

BY CHARLIE LENTZ
VILLAGER EDITOR

THOMPSON — Jackson Padula doesn’t care if Tourtellotte Memorial has to travel to the base of the Berkshires in northwest Connecticut for the first round of the Division V state tournament. The Tigers senior center probably wouldn’t mind if the game was played in Timbuktu. For the first time in his high school career he’ll have travel plans this postseason.

“I’m looking forward to that three-hour drive,” Padula said. “Hey, we made it, so might as well live it up.”

The Tigers punched their tournament ticket with a 62-45 win over Ellis Tech on Feb. 8 at Cauty Gymnasium. The victory gave Tourtellotte its eighth win, the minimum number of victories needed to guarantee a berth in the state tourney. The last time the Tigers qualified for the state tourney was the 2013-14 season, when Padula and his fellow seniors were in eighth grade.

Senior forward Ben Leveille knew the Tigers had prolonged the playoff drama, not gaining their eighth win until the 18th game of the 20-game regular season.

“It’s a relief. There was a lot of close battles, games against Windham, Griswold the first time,

really close battles but it’s good to just be there,” Leveille said. “We’ve just got to focus now. Really just focus, just practice for states now at this point.”

The Tigers roster has eight seniors who’ve been working for this since middle school.

“We’ve been playing since seventh grade together so this is something we’ve always been waiting for and it finally came together this year,” Padula said. “It took a long time. We had a long stretch of just bad, bad games. We lost the chemistry. Griswold, that win, helped huge. We finally gave it our all, didn’t choke in the fourth quarter.”

Reaching the eight-win plateau was a struggle for the Tigers, the win over Ellis Tech lifted their record to 8-10. Their magic number came within reach after a hard-fought 62-60 victory on the road at Griswold on Feb. 5, giving the Tigers seven wins. Tourtellotte lost to Griswold 61-47 in the first meeting between the teams on Jan. 11 at Cauty Gymnasium.

“We lost by 14 here. I knew if we played well we could at least compete with them,” said Tourtellotte coach Neil Bernier. “Against Griswold we came out and we hit the shots we needed to hit. We ran the plays. We scored. So we

executed. We finally had the game where when we had to have execution, we had execution. That was the difference. It was so huge to come out of there, the whole demeanor of these guys had changed. They went from being in desperation mode to being we’re-here mode, we’re on the doorstep. We just have to get one more win against a team we’ve already beaten.”

The game versus Ellis Tech was the last realistic hope the Tigers had of gaining eight wins and qualifying for states. Following the Ellis Tech game, Tourtellotte closed out its regular season with a Feb. 13 matchup against St. Bernard and a Feb. 16 game versus Plainfield. The Tigers lost to St. Bernard 88-39 in the first meeting between the teams on Jan. 19, and Tourtellotte fell to Plainfield 69-22 on Jan. 24.

“It would be punching above our weight to beat someone like that,” Bernier said.

Back in the day Bernier played his high school ball at Putnam High School, Class of 1996, and his teams always made the state tournament.

“Playing all those years in Putnam I never realized how I took getting to this point for granted because it was just something that always came — like Christmas,” Bernier said.

After a three-year drought — Christmas has arrived at Tourtellotte. It’s Bernier first trip to states as Tourtellotte’s head coach as well.

“Going all these years without it, it’s been hard,” said Bernier, in his fourth season. “I’m happy and proud that we got it done.”

Like Padula, coach Bernier said the destination doesn’t matter when the first round of the tournament arrives.

“I told them I don’t care where we go,” Bernier said. “If we have to go to Litchfield, or who knows where? That’s fine. I’ll do it. It doesn’t matter. I don’t care where we go. Let’s get on the bus. I hate bus rides. But let’s go.”

Senior Joe Bogoslofski will be one of those eight seniors making their first trip to a state tournament game. However long the bus ride — he’ll likely enjoy every mile.

“It means the world to us. That was our goal, even from freshman year,” Bogoslofski said. “It was just, ‘Get this team together, get to states.’ And we did it. And it just feels amazing. We haven’t played in a real tournament game since middle school. It’s going to be something.”

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Woodstock girls primed for postseason run



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Jamie Woods is Woodstock's top scorer and one of six seniors on the roster.

BY CHARLIE LENTZ
VILLAGER EDITOR

WOODSTOCK — The six seniors on Woodstock Academy's varsity were freshmen when Will Fleeton took over the job coaching them on the junior varsity. After a promotion Fleeton is now in his third season at the helm of the varsity so his upperclassmen are a special bunch — he's guided them full circle from raw recruits to seasoned seniors.

"Essentially we all moved up together," Fleeton said. "We had a very good jayvee year that year because of their determination. As sophomores on the varsity they got us to the state tournament for the first time in years and then we began to build from there."

The coach and his players have grown together and the results were evident following a 40-34 win over Stonington last Friday in the regular-season finale at Alumni Fieldhouse — lifting the Centaurs record to 15-5 overall. This year's accomplishments follow last season's win in the championship game of the ECC-D2 tournament followed by two wins in the state tourney before Woodstock was knocked out by eventual state-champion Daniel Hand in the quarterfinals, finishing with an overall record of 17-9.

"Each year got better with this group and it's definitely attributed to the hard work that they put in," Fleeton said. "I put programs in place. We have weight training. We spend a lot of time in the

film room. There's a lot of extra basketball time where we're not actually on the court. So I put this in place but they are the ones who took a hold of it, embraced it — and believe it or not — they enjoy putting in that extra effort and the hard work that it takes."

The victory over Stonington on Feb. 9 in the regular-season finale secured the Eastern Connecticut Conference Division 2 championship for the Centaurs.

"Once we got a taste of success I tried to sell it to them that this is what we need and this is what you have to do to be successful," Fleeton said. "They accepted that and took off with it and they ran with it. To win the ECC Division 2 title at the end of the deal when they're seniors is tremendous and it's a huge deal. But it feels even better knowing everything that they went through the last four years to get to this point."

Woodstock finished 8-2 in the ECC-D2 to claim the conference's title and ended this regular season with an overall record of 15-5 — earning them a ranking of No. 6 in the state in Class L. Woodstock is a legitimate threat to win the state Class L crown. RHAM is the top-ranked team in Class L with a record of 19-1. Woodstock narrowly lost at RHAM, 34-32, in a road game back on Dec. 16.

Woodstock's six seniors include Kali Dingui, Jamie Woods, Madison Brennan, Olivia Perry, Mackenzie



Charlie Lentz photo

Woodstock Academy coach Will Fleeton has guided the Centaurs to a 15-5 regular season record and a No. 6 ranking in the state in Class L.

Cayer, and Ciri Miller. Attaining a 15-5 regular season record and a .750 winning percentage didn't come easy.

"The (ECC) is very tough. Our division is very, very competitive. I attribute our success to the kids I have. To have a group of warriors that continue to put the work in through the bumps and the grinds and to compete — they've played three varsity years consecutively — they've been there before and I think that prepared them for this senior year, this going-out party per se," Fleeton said. "Their determination and their hard work got them to the 15-5 record. That attributes to the kids. I don't think that's me. I think that's them."

Woodstock will play in the ECC Division 1 postseason tournament this season by virtue of its overall finish in the conference. The Centaurs were scheduled to play host to Bacon Academy in an ECC D-1 tourney first rounder on Thursday, Feb. 15. Should they beat Bacon, the ECC semifinals are set for Saturday, Feb. 17, at Norwich Free Academy.

The first round of the Class L state tournament is scheduled to begin on Tuesday, Feb. 27. With a No. 6 seeding in the state tourney, Woodstock would be guaranteed a home game in the first two rounds — assuming it can win the opener. Having perhaps a pair of home games in the state tourney would obviously favor the Centaurs chances of

reaching the quarterfinals.

"For any sport anyone would love to be at home for a winner-take-all type of situation. So to have the opportunity to have the first one at home is important. But it we can win that one and secure another one I think it just creates more comfort — the longer we can stay home I feel like the better chance we have," Fleeton said.

Fleeton likes their chances and he knows this group pretty well — all the way back to coaching them as freshmen when they were on the junior varsity. They're seniors now and this is their moment.

"For the last couple years I've been preaching that when you get to the finish line, by that point, we have to have it all together. We've had some successes while we've been trying to put it all together. But for the last couple years we've been talking about this year. Now it's time," Fleeton said. "Most coaches put the friendly reminder out that this is your last year and you want to make the most of it. But I don't think that was necessary for this group. I think they approach every day like this is their last. I think that's what got us to where we are."

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Long break for Putnam girls before states



Charlie Lentz photo

Putnam High coach Mandi Hogan talks it over during a timeout in a game against Wheeler High on Monday.

BY CHARLIE LENTZ
VILLAGER EDITOR

PUTNAM — Putnam High's girls basketball team will likely end up with the No. 4 seeding for the Class S state tournament. But the Clippers will have to wait a while before they get a chance to see if they live up to their ranking — with an 11-day layoff between their last game of their regular season and the first round of the state tourney.

"I think that we might be a little rusty. I hope we can maybe get a scrimmage in," said Putnam senior guard Ashley Burke after the Clippers defeated Wheeler High 33-29 on Feb. 12. "Hopefully we can get a scrimmage in and keep going strong."

Putnam's record was 15-4 through its first 19 games. And the Clippers were scheduled to play host to Grasso Tech on Thursday, Feb. 15. Considering the Clippers defeated Grasso

Tech 66-7 on Jan. 11 in the first meeting between the two teams, it's likely that Putnam will end the regular season with a mark of 16-4. The first round of the Class S state tournament doesn't begin until Tuesday, Feb. 27.

"Twelve days is a long time. We'll take the few days we need to recover. We're battling some illnesses and some injuries so it's a good time to have some time off," said Putnam High coach Mandi Hogan. "We've got to just keep them motivated and working hard in practice."

Since the Clippers will be seeded among the top eight team in the Class S state tournament, they will play host to two home games in the tourney assuming they can win the opener.

"I think that's really important. I know while I've been in high school I've only had one home states game that we won. And it was really exciting to

have a huge crowd in the states game so I would love for that to happen again," Burke said.

Burke knows it won't be easy to make a deep run in the state tournament.

"A lot of hard work, keep staying strong. I'm sure we can pick off our first game and I hope we can pick off a second too and at least make to the third round," Burke said. "That would be a first for me in high school so I think that would be really great. It's pretty important for me because I want to end my senior year knowing that we put everything in and went far. Because I know this season we have the best record that we've ever had since I've been in high school too."

Hogan hoped to keep the Clippers sharp during the lay-off.

"We have some things we're working on to keep the kids fresh, we can't let them get rusty," Hogan said.



Charlie Lentz photo

Putnam High's Kayleigh Lyons shoots against Wheeler on Monday. Lyons tallied a team-high 12 points in a 33-29 win over Wheeler.

But Hogan knew it was a huge advantage to have a No. 4 seeding for the Class S state tournament, ensuring a pair of home tourney games if they can win in the opener. And she knows as a senior that Burke wants to cap her career with a deep run in the tourney.

"Any time you play at home in front of your crowd and your community, it's motivation. You don't want to be on the road that often with those long bus rides to wherever we go," Hogan said. "Home games would be great. Getting to the second round would be wonderful for this team."

But Hogan is taking nothing for granted.

"I try to keep them just focused on what we have on our plate now," Hogan said. "Ashley's right, this is probably the best record we've had and I know she wants to go far. I think she's been to the second round in one of her years out of her four years at Putnam. She's focused, just have to keep her grounded, level headed — one game at a time."

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Killingly High boys prepare for postseason



Charlie Lentz photo

Killingly High's Sean Johndrow goes up for a layup against Waterford.

BY CHARLIE LENTZ
VILLAGER EDITOR

DAYVILLE — Coach Jim Crabtree wonders which Killingly High basketball team will show up when tournament time arrives.

The Redmen have two games remaining this regular season, traveling to New London on Friday and then returning home to play host to Putnam High at noon on Saturday, Feb. 17. Next week Killingly will play in the Eastern Connecticut Conference Tournament with an opener set for

Feb. 22 — and after that comes the first round of the Division III state tournament, scheduled to begin on March 5. When the postseason arrives coach Crabtree hopes his Redmen show up like they did at Montville High on Feb. 6, where they won a 56-51 battle in overtime.

"I give them a lot of credit. They battled down in Montville. We didn't have a good first half," Crabtree said. "They fought back in the third quarter. It ended up going to overtime, which we withstood."

He'd prefer not to see the team that fell behind Waterford High 23-4 after one quarter and lost 86-41 on Feb. 9. Crabtree also hopes Killingly shows the motivation it displayed in a 42-40 win over Woodstock Academy on Jan. 31.

"We know there's three or four weeks of basketball left, whether we want to play like we did tonight (against Waterford) or we want to play like we did with the intensity up at Woodstock," Crabtree said. "Hopefully the boys will let me know tomorrow morning (in practice) when we get together again."

Killingly's Sean Johndrow scored a team-high 16 points in the loss to Waterford. Mikey Buscetto led Waterford with 17 points. Waterford High lifted its record to 16-2 after defeating Killingly on Feb. 9. The Lancers were ranked No. 4 in the state in Division III after the victory. Killingly was without its top scorer, junior guard Luke Desaulnier, who missed the game because of illness.

"(Waterford) is a very good team. They're outstanding. But we knew that going in and we were down a man. But I just don't like to see the shoulders shrug when you're down 10. Too many guys just wave it in and say 'Hey, we give up. They're better than us.' If that's your mentality it's going to be a long life, never mind basketball — in the classroom, in the work world — you can't quit. You've got to fight," Crabtree said.

The loss to Waterford dropped Killingly's record to 8-9. The Redmen were ranked No. 18 in Division III following the loss to the Lancers on Feb. 9. If Killingly stays



Charlie Lentz photo

Killingly High's Gavin Turner drives to the hoop against Waterford on Feb. 9 in Dayville.

near that No. 18 ranking at the conclusion of the regular season it will likely play an opponent with a comparable record in the state tournament. Crabtree is hoping to finish with at least a .500 record. Finishing with a No. 16 ranking in Division III would mean Killingly would play host to a first-round game in the state tournament.

"If we can find two wins and get to 10-10 we

may even be blessed with being a 16 (seed) and getting a 16-17 home game," Crabtree said. "We could finish anywhere between 16 and 22. If we hold serve here in our gym and get to 10-10, and stuff falls our way, 10-10 may be a magic home game."

The magic has been missing thus far. It's been an up-and-down season for Killingly High. The postseason arrives next week. Coach Crabtree

isn't sure which version of the Redmen will show up — but they earned their way in and he'll take it.

"Pleased — and amazed — after some of these nights we've played," Crabtree said.

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Putnam girls rolling into states

PUTNAM — Kayleigh Lyons scored a team-high 12 points to help Putnam High defeat Wheeler High 33-29 in girls basketball on Monday, Feb. 12, at Putnam High School. Ashley Burke added seven points and Alex Hutchins and Molly McKeon each scored four points for Putnam. Emma Morgan led the Lions with 12 points. The loss dropped Wheeler's record to 6-14. The win lifted Putnam's record to 14-4. The Clippers are next scheduled to play host to a first-round game in the Class S state tournament, slated to begin on Tuesday, Feb. 27.

WOODSTOCK 40, STONINGTON 34

WOODSTOCK — Madison Brennan scored 13 points to lead the Centaurs past the Bears in girls basketball on Friday, Feb. 9, at Alumni Fieldhouse. Jamie Woods scored 10 points for Woodstock. Mackenzie Cayer added eight points, and Ciri Miller scored seven points for Woodstock. The victory wrapped up the Eastern Connecticut Conference Division 2 regular season championship for Woodstock Academy, finishing the regular season with an 8-2 league mark, 15-5 overall. Woodstock was seeded No. 3 for the ECC-Division 1 tournament and faced No. 6 Bacon in an ECC tourney game on Thursday, Feb. 15. If Woodstock defeats Bacon in first-round play, the Centaurs would advance to the ECC-D1 semifinals at 4:30 p.m. on Saturday, Feb. 17, at Norwich Free Academy and face the winner of the quarterfinal game between No. 4 Stonington and No. 5 East Lyme. Woodstock is scheduled to play host to a Class L state tournament game on Tuesday, Feb. 27.



File photo

Woodstock's Madison Brennan led the Centaurs with 13 points in a win over Stonington on Feb. 9.

LEDYARD 48, KILLINGLY 42

DAYVILLE — The Redgals fell to Ledyard at Killingly High on Monday, Feb. 12, in their regular-season finale. The loss dropped Killingly's record to 7-13. The win lifted Ledyard's record to 9-10. Only 25 teams in Class L girls basketball attained the eight-win plateau, needed to guarantee a berth in the state tournament. With seven wins, Killingly was among four teams in Class L that gained seven victories this regular season and the Redgals will likely earn a berth in the Class L state tournament to fill out the bracket, with qualifying games

scheduled to begin on Saturday, Feb. 24.

WOODSTOCK 7, S. HADLEY 4

HOLYOKE, Mass. — Jake Black and Guerin Favreau each scored two goals to help Woodstock Academy defeat South Hadley, Mass., on Feb. 6 in hockey. Avery Riva and Jake Starr each notched three assists and Doug Newton earned two assists. Woodstock is next scheduled to play host to E.O. Smith/Tolland on Saturday, Feb. 17, with the puck set to drop at 8:15 p.m. at Jahn Rink on the campus of Pomfret School.

Villager Newspapers COMMUNITY SPOTLIGHT

"Shining a light on community events"

February 18, Sun., 2pm

A Christian Healing Service will be held at St. Philip's Church. Prayer teams will be available to pray with individuals for physical, emotional and spiritual healing. The service, which is held on the 3rd Sunday of the month, includes praise and worship music and a celebration of the Eucharist. St. Philip's Church is located at 63 Grove St. on the corner of Pleasant Street. For information call 860-928-3510.

February 23, Fri., noon-8pm

Knights of Columbus Council 2087 will hold a Lenten fish fry, in the Knights Hall, 1017 Riverside Drive, North Grosvenordale. Fish and chips (\$10); baked haddock (\$11); fried clams (\$14); baked or fried scallops (\$11-15); seafood platters (\$17), and more. 860-923-2967, council2087@att.net.

February 23 & 24, 7pm

(also Feb. 25 at 2pm) Footloose, the winter musical at Hard Auditorium at Pomfret School, 398 Pomfret Street Pomfret. www.pomfret.org/calendar

February 24, Sat., 5pm

Empty Bowls, a soup-tasting to benefit local food banks, Main House, Pomfret School, 398 Pomfret Street, Pomfret. www.pomfret.org/calendar

February 24, Sat., 9:30am

Book Club, The Guernsey Literary & Potato Peel Society, Bracken Memorial Library, 57 Academy Road, Woodstock.

February 24, Sat., 9:30am

Book Club, book to be determined. Bracken Memorial Library, 57 Academy Road, Woodstock.

February 24, 5:30pm

Killingly Grange will have a meat loaf dinner with mashed "taters," veggie, salad, rolls, and dessert for \$8, starting at 5:30, followed by Nick Anderson and Shady Creek and 81 South for a donation of \$12. Music starts at 7pm. Come and enjoy.

February 24

Cat in the Hat stops by to play at Aldrich Free Public Library (299 Main St. Moosup). We will celebrate his creator's birthday! We will be reading One Fish, Two Fish, Red Fish, Blue Fish and then creating our very own red and blue moving fish. Bring your camera and smiles and enjoy the fun

REGISTER BY 2/23:

For March 2 - 4 Spring Teen Weekend. From Friday at 5:30pm (dinner included) until Sunday at 9:30am (breakfast included) at Windham-Tolland 4-H Camp (326 Taft Pond Rd., Pomfret). Food, games, sledding, hiking, for teens 13-18. \$50. Bring a friend that has not been to camp or teen weekend and one of you can come for \$30. Pre-registration required by February 23. 860-974-3379 or registrar@4hcampct.org

Vendors wanted:

For Indoor Yard Sale, Saturday April 14 from 8am-1pm at the Atwood Hose Fire Station, Rte. 205, Wauregan. Table rentals \$20 each or 2 for \$30.00. Call 860-774-5194.

This page is designed to shine a light on upcoming local nonprofit, educational and community events. Submissions are limited to 50 words or less and are FREE to qualifying organizations, schools, churches and town offices. To submit your event contact: Teri Stohberg at 860-928-1818 ext. 105, or teri@villagernewspapers.com. Deadline for submission is Friday at Noon

Woodstock hockey nears critical stretch



Charlie Lentz photo

Woodstock's Jake Black gets off a shot against the Redhawks last Saturday at Pomfret School's Jahn Rink.

BY CHARLIE LENTZ
VILLAGER EDITOR

POMFRET CENTER — Pre-dawn practices before the school day begins. Interminable bus rides on Saturday nights. Endless drills. Mike Scott knows the ritual because he's lived it over the past four years while he's toiled in the shadows for Woodstock Academy's hockey program.

"Every single day I wake up and look forward to coming on the ice," Scott said. "No matter what time it is."

Content to be a supporting member of the cast — taking advantage of whatever ice time he gets — the tangible rewards had been slim going into the 14th game of Scott's senior season. But perseverance made an appearance at one minute and forty seconds into the third period of Woodstock's game against the Redhawks last Saturday night.

"Avery Rivera kind of just sauced the puck over in the perfect spot. If I missed it, it would have been in my head all night," Scott said. "I was on the right side of the net. I was almost at the crease. I was thinking upper corner, upper right corner."

Scott found that corner — netting the first goal of his high school career in Woodstock's 12-0 rout of the Redhawks at Pomfret School's Jahn Rink on Feb. 10.

"Finally," Scott said. "It took long enough."

Coach Mike Starr said it was a fitting reward for a dedicated player.

"Mike Scott's a senior and we definitely wanted to try to get him a goal," Starr said.

Starr said Riva and Jake Black begged him to send Scott out on a line along with them — and they were both credited with an assist on his goal.

"It's funny, Avery and Jake Black said 'if you put him out with us we'll get him a goal.' And sure enough. It was a beautiful play, nice tap-in, so good for him," Starr said.

Scott's goal came on Senior Night at Jahn Rink. Scott, along with fellow seniors Aidan Boisvert, Pat Delaney, and Ryan Wojciechowski were honored in pre-game ceremonies for their contributions to the program over the course of their high school careers. With a comfortable lead late in the game, coach Starr was able to give extended ice time to play-

ers who have paid their dues but don't normally get to hear the cheers of the home crowd at Jahn Rink.

"They show up at every practice. They're at every morning practice. They work just as hard as other kids," Starr said. "It's great to see them in the game. The kids on the bench get excited. The coaches get excited. The parents get excited. Even the fans tonight, when we put the kids in we heard them cheering for the kids who were on the ice. It's rewarding for us as a team. It's rewarding for the kids in general."

Black ended the evening with six assists. The win lifted Woodstock's record to 7-7. The sophomore winger said there would not be any more games where the Centaurs would net a dozen goals so it's time to concentrate a playoff drive.

"We started the season off pretty slow, we lost a lot of games. But I think we're playing good hockey right now," Black said. "If we keep it up I think we can make the top 10 in (Division II) and go pretty far in states. We just have to keep working hard, forecheck hard. I think if we all do that I think we have a good chance."



Charlie Lentz photo

Woodstock's Ryan Wojciechowski chases down the puck against the Redhawks on Feb. 10 in Pomfret Center.

Jake Starr finished with two goals against the Redhawks. Scoring one goal each for the Centaurs were Riva, Doug Newton, Guerin Favreau, Pat Delaney, Matt Odom, Nick Chubbuck, Tom Catsam, and Aidan Boisvert. Earning assists for the Centaurs were Favreau, Starr, Riva, Odom, Boisvert, Scott and Newton (2).

"They just had some fun with it," coach Starr said. "I don't want to use the word 'relax' but it's nice to see them with a little bit of pressure off. Just go out there and have fun."

The Centaurs outshot the Redhawks 40-20. The Redhawks (comprised of players from Norwich Free Academy, Montville, Bacon Academy, St. Bernard, and Lyman Memorial) fell to a record of 4-12 after the loss to the Centaurs. Woodstock (7-7 through 14 games) embarks on a critical three-game stretch at home that might determine if they finish above .500. Woodstock plays host to E.O. Smith at 8:15 p.m. on Saturday, Feb. 17. The Centaurs entertain Watertown/Pomperaug at 11 a.m. on Monday, Feb. 19 and conclude their regular season on Tuesday, Feb. 20, against East Haven with the puck set to drop at 10 a.m. at Jahn Rink on the campus of Pomfret School.

"We do have some tough games coming up. We're still

not guaranteed a playoff spot yet and we've got to work for it," coach Starr said. "This game's over. Let's move on. East Haven's a strong team. Their coach is the second winningest coach in Connecticut history. He knows what he's doing. The message after this game was kind of the same. We've got a tough stretch of games. Let's start playing playoff hockey. East Haven's a team that we could face in the first round (of the Division II state tournament) — actually, so is Watertown, who we play on Monday. Sandwiched in there we play E.O. Smith on Saturday night. We've got some tough games coming up. But if the kids play like they can play, we'll be OK."

No doubt Scott will likely be prepared to do his part. Pre-dawn practices. Endless drills. He knows the ritual by now. It took four years for the payoff to arrive. You never know when perseverance is going to make an appearance.

"A good way to end my senior year with a goal," Scott said. "I'll remember it for the rest of my life."

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Ellis Tech hoopsters moving forward

BY CHARLIE LENTZ
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DANIELSON — Ellis Tech's basketball program took a small step forward this season, with the Golden Eagles finishing the regular season with a record of five wins and 15 losses. Last season Ellis Tech earned just one victory and two years ago the team went winless. Five wins represents improvement under trying conditions — coach Dan Piccione must assemble a squad from players who have not teamed together until they reach Ellis Tech.

"We went through some growing pains," said coach Dan Piccione after a loss to Tourtellotte Memorial on Feb. 8. "The kids are definitely playing harder, it's just I'm not really happy with the effort tonight."

The Golden Eagles fell to Tourtellotte Memorial 62-45 in Thompson. The Eagles were without three starters: senior captain Nico Cummings (broken hand), junior Jamie Talbott (broken foot), and junior Moises Alvarez. Among the graduation losses Ellis Tech will have this June are Cummings and senior guard Brennan Young, who scored a team-high 13 points including four three-pointers against Tourtellotte. But the Golden Eagles should return a solid group of players next season.

"We've got a lot of juniors coming back, all them played probably 20 minutes a game on the varsity," Piccione said. "We definitely have some promise but it's how much the kids want to work in the off-season."

Among the promising juniors are Alvarez, Talbot, Logan LeBlanc, and

Joe Long. Piccione encourages them to play in summer leagues to make up for the lost time they never had together in middle school.

"We have to do more of it. We have to get them playing together," Piccione said. "We had a freshman out there tonight, Antonio Rojas, I thought he looked good. He's going to help us definitely next year. We've just got to learn how to improve and play together."

Ellis Tech hung with Tourtellotte early, trailing 15-14 after Young canned a three-pointer with 6:13 left in the second quarter. But Tourtellotte closed the half on a 16-5 run and led 31-19 at the break.

"When things go bad I feel like we've got five players with their own agenda, instead of coming together and figuring it out," Piccione said.

And yet the coach said his players are improving despite losing several winnable games this season.

"We definitely took steps in the right direction, it's just that we left a few games out there that I felt like we could have easily got if we worked a bit harder," Piccione said. "But we'll get there."

Piccione hoped they take another step forward next season.

"I'm looking forward to next season," Piccione said. "We're just looking to get where we need to be for the off-season, get them improved, get them playing together, and then move forward."

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Charlie Lentz photo

Ellis Tech's Antonio Rojas gets a shot off with Tourtellotte's Spencer Fulone defending on Feb. 8.



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Ellis Tech's Brennan Young tries to get past Tourtellotte's Simon Silvia.

Brooklyn Bobcats win QVJC hoop title

BROOKLYN — The No. 1 seed Brooklyn Middle School Lady Bobcats completed their season by winning the Quinebaug Valley Junior Conference large division school girls basketball championship with a 52-30 win over the second-seeded Thompson Tigers on Feb. 8.

The Lady Bobcats finished the season a perfect 12-0 and are the 2018 QVJC Girls large division basketball champions. The championship game was tied 10-10 at the end of the first quarter. The Bobcats pulled away to a 28-17 lead with a pressing defense. The Bobcats were led by co-captains Emma Carpenter (22 points) and Aurissa Boardman (19 points). Thompson was led by Brianna Mead with 20 points. Bobcats Aila



Courtesy photo

Brooklyn Bobcats, front row, from left: Ella Davis, Lily Guterrez, Aila Guterrez, Liz Lovrien, Emma Carpenter, Aurissa Boardman, Ella Lach, Molly Crabtree, Ana Davis. Back row, from left: coach Arturo Guterrez, Peyton Rosen, Marisa Kazantzis, Emma Korsu, Megan Lucier, Alyson Neimiec, Sydney Crabtree, Kendall McCormick, coach Alan Carpenter.

Guterrez played well defensively and Ella Davis and Liz Lovrien each pulled down 10 rebounds for BMS. The 2018 QVJC title was the first for the

Lady Bobcats since 2012. Arturo Guterrez is the team's head coach and Alan Carpenter is the Bobcats assistant coach.



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SIGNING DAY

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PUTNAM — Putnam High School held a signing day on Feb. 8. Members of the Clippers soccer team signed their letters of intent to attend the following colleges next fall and play for their soccer teams. From left, Jaidyn Gillette (Albertus Magnus College), Aliceya LaBonte (American International College), Morgan Foucault (American International College, Aly Morris (Rhode Island College). Behind the group is Putnam High School's Molly Panteleakos, who coached the girls through their junior season.

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Brian E. Recko, 56



D E N V E R , COLORADO – Brian Edward Recko, 56 of Denver, Colorado, formerly of Webster, Massachusetts, and Thompson, passed away on January 15, in his home with his wife Elizabeth (Beth)

by his side, after a tough and courageous battle with Amyotrophic Lateral Sclerosis “ALS.”

In addition to his wife Beth, Brian is survived by his parents, Charles J. and Elizabeth J. (Nachajko) Recko from Thompson, brother Charles C. (Chris) Recko and his wife Denise from Thompson, and their daughter Loni Recko Decelles and her husband David from Brooklyn, his sister Karen J. Grzyb and her companion Joseph Kabala from Webster, Massachusetts, and her daughter Keli Farrand and godson Christopher Grzyb and his wife Jasmine from Webster, Massachusetts, his brother James A. Recko and wife Donna from Webster, Massachusetts, and their daughters Jessica Recko and her companion Kerrin Ryan, goddaughter Jenna Recko and Jillian Recko all of Webster, Massachusetts.

He also leaves grandnephews Dyllan, Mason, Tyler, Ethan, and Noah, and a grandniece Lily, all of Webster, Massachusetts.

Brian was a graduate of Tourtellotte Memorial High School in Thompson, Wentworth Institute of Technology, and Boston Architectural Center.

Brian worked for over 25 years as a Project Manager and Facilities Planner for UMass Medical Center in Worcester, Massachusetts, and Beth Israel Deaconess Medical Center in Boston, Mass. He then joined Paulien & Associates, Inc. of Denver, Colorado, where he was a Senior Associate involved in institutional facilities/campus planning and was responsible for the creation of a facilities space inventory system to allow for better understanding of campus use. He also managed many complex multi-million dollar projects prior to retiring in September 2017 due to his illness.

Brian was an avid golfer, candlepin bowler, and softball player, playing in various leagues.

Brian donated his body to the ALS Foundation in Denver, Colorado, with hope that a cure might be found to end the pain and suffering caused by this horrible disease.

Brian's family and friends are invited to attend a funeral mass to honor his life, which will be held at Saint Joseph Basilica, 47 Whitcomb St., Webster, Mass. on Saturday, March 3, at 10:00 am. There are no calling hours. Brian's final resting place will be in the Fairmont Cemetery in Denver, Colorado.

Memorial donations may be made in Brian's name to the ALS Association, 10855 Dover Street, Ste 500, Westminster, CO. 80021, or online at www.alsa.org. Brian will be dearly missed by all who knew him. “To Tee or not to Tee.” Rest in peace Brian.

Kathleen M. (Kane) Cushing, 74



D U D L E Y , MASSACHUSETTS – Kathleen M. (Kane) Cushing, 74, of Dudley died February 9, at UMass Memorial HealthCare of Worcester after a brief illness.

She was the beloved wife for 52 years of Donald F. Cushing, her college sweetheart and the loving mother of Maura Hackenson and her husband Todd of Charlton, Massachusetts, Colleen Towle and her husband Derek of Hingham, Massachusetts, and Patricia Espinosa and her husband Thomas of Putnam, the devoted sister of Margaret Shivick of Rochdale, Massachusetts, an the caring sister-in-law of Richard Cushing and his wife Helen of Oakham, Massachusetts. She is also survived by nine adoring grandchildren: Reagan, Ryleigh and Rory Hackenson; Margaret, Madeline and Benjamin Towle; Thomas Jr., Bryce and Teagan Espinosa. Kathleen will also be greatly missed by many nieces, nephews, cousins, friends, and former colleagues and students.

Born in Worcester, Massachusetts, Kathleen was the daughter of the late Gerald K. and the late Jane M. (Bergin) Kane. She graduated from Leicester High School and received her Bachelor's and Master's degrees in Secondary Education from Worcester State University and her Religious Education Certification from Assumption College.

Kathleen dedicated herself to teaching, coaching, religious education mentoring, and raising three strong daughters. She taught in the Leicester School System and later at Shepherd Hill Regional High School in Dudley, Massachusetts. Kathleen

was very active in athletics, both in the school systems and in championing one of the first girls' soccer programs in the Town of Dudley. She served as Director of Religious Education at St. Anthony of Padua in Dudley, Massachusetts and Our Lady of Loreto in Worcester, Massachusetts. Kathleen went on to work in the Chancery Building for the Roman Catholic Diocese of Worcester as the Religious Education Coordinator. In addition, she worked for the Office of the Diaconate assisting with the formation program. Kathleen's final position was as Director of Religious Education at Christ the King Parish, Worcester, retiring in 2010.

An avid learner, Kathleen enjoyed reading and following current events. Ever active and social, Kathleen took pleasure in playing tennis with friends, walking, visiting the Spencer Abby, and attending countless sporting events.

In recent years, Kathleen truly cherished her time with her nine grandchildren.

Kathleen always put others first. Her care, love and concern will be missed by all. Lost is the Matriarch of a beautiful family.

A Mass of Christian burial will be held at 10 AM on Friday, February 16 at St. Anthony of Padua Church, 24 Dudley Hill Road, Dudley, Massachusetts. Burial will follow in St John's Cemetery, Worcester, Massachusetts. In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be made to the St. John's Food for the Poor Program, 20 Temple Street, Worcester, Mass.

Calling hours were held Thursday, February 15 at Bartel Funeral Home and Chapel in Dudley, Massachusetts. www.bartelfuneralhome.com

Deborah A. LeBeau, 69



BALTIC -- Deborah A. LeBeau, 69 of Baltic, died February 9, in Norwich, after an illness. She was born September 13, 1948 in Webster, Massachusetts, daughter of Joseph and Joan Harris.

She had made her home in Baltic for many years, formerly of Putnam and Webster, Massachusetts. She had a passion for animals and spent her retirement years caring for the many she rescued.

She leaves her children Michelle

Mackin, Polly Kirk, Tammy LeBeau, Brian Marcotte. She also leaves her beloved grandchildren, Laura Perkins, Meagan Perkins, Shaine Bonin, Ricky Kirk, Kim Sparkman, Justin Higgins, Randy Higgins, Kyle LeBeau, her great grandchildren Jackson Sparkman, Cason LeBeau, her siblings Dianne, Donna, Denis, Danny of Webster, Massachusetts. She was predeceased by her son Craig LeBeau in 1998.

A memorial service was held February 14 at the Smith and Walker Funeral Home, in Putnam. There are no calling hours. Share a memory with his family at www.smithandwalkerfh.com

Gerald F. Sivret, 69



D U D L E Y , MASSACHUSETTS — Gerald F. Sivret, 69, died February 6, at his home surrounded by his loving family. He leaves his wife of 50 years, Gail I. (McCarthy) Sivret, a son, Jerry Sivret and

his wife Kimberly of Austin, Texas, two daughters, Lisa Armstrong and her husband Frank Evanski of Oxford, Massachusetts, Leah McDonald and her husband Andy, also of Oxford, Massachusetts. He also leaves grandchildren, Richard Renaud, Melissa Renaud, Robert St. Laurent and his wife Ashley, Brittany Walsh and her husband Shane, Jonathan McDonald and his fiancée Brittney and Sydney Kenner, great grandchildren, Landon, Tristan, Kylee and Jordyn. Gerald also leaves a brother Kenneth Sivret of Dudley, Mass., a sister Gayle Gaboury

of Putnam. He was born in Webster, Mass., son of the late Russell and Bernice (Raymond) Sivret and lived in Dudley, Mass. for the past 42 years, prior to that living in Webster, Mass. He was retired from Borggaard Const. in Grafton, Mass. where he was an operating engineer. He was a 50 yr. member of the International Union of Operating Engineers Local #4. Gerald's joy was his family. There are no calling hours. A Mass of Christian burial was held February 10, in St. Anthony of Padua Church, Dudley, Mass. with burial with military honors in St. Anthony Cemetery, Webster, Mass. Omit flowers, donations may be made to the St. Jude Children's Hospital. The Shaw-Majercik Funeral Home, 48 School St., Webster, Mass. is directing arrangements. A guest book is available at www.shaw-majercik.com where you may post a condolence or a memory.

Elizabeth L. LeClair, 88



N O R T H GROSVENORDALE – Elizabeth “Betty” (Willett) LeClair, 88, of Main Street, died February 7, at Day Kimball Hospital. She was the loving wife of the late George S. LeClair.

They were united in marriage on July 8, 1950 in St. Stephens Church. Born in Quinebaug, she was the daughter of the late George And Jane (Rivers) Willett.

Mrs. LeClair received her bachelor's degree from Anshurst College and went on to receive her master's degree in teaching from Worcester State College. She worked as a high school business teacher for eight years with the Thompson school system, and seventeen years with the Southbridge Public School system in Southbridge, Mass. She was a member of the Massachusetts Teachers Association, the National Teachers Association,

the Thompson Historical Society, Tourtellotte Alumni Association, and the Thompson and Putnam Senior Citizens. She enjoyed reading, knitting and traveling locally and internationally.

Betty is survived by her son, Richard LeClair of Phoenix, Arizona; her daughter, Alicia J. LeClair of Quinebaug; and her close friend Vickie Revet of N. Grosvenordale. She was predeceased by her son, the late Peter R. LeClair and her brothers, the late Robert and Richard Willette.

Calling hours were held on February 12, in the Valade Funeral Home & Crematory in North Grosvenordale. A Mass of Christian Burial was held on February 13 at St. Stephen Church in Quinebaug. Burial will follow in St. Joseph Cemetery, 18 Main St., N. Grosvenordale.

Memorial donations may be made to the Quinebaug Volunteer Fire Dept. P.O. Box 144, Quinebaug, CT 06262. For memorial guestbook visit www.GilmanAndValade.com.

Joan E. Morrell, 80



PUTNAM -- Joan (Berthiaume) Morrell, 80, of Elvira Heights died February 7, at home. She was the loving wife of Albert J. Morrell for 62 years. Born in Putnam, she was the daughter

of the late Aldege “Dave” and Edith (Diggins) Berthiaume.

Joan worked for American Optical in the safety division. She enjoyed reading and traveling.

Joan is survived by her son, David Morrell and his wife Susan of Canterbury; her daughters Deborah Apostolik and her husband Jack of

Leesburg, Florida and Christine Lynch and her husband Bill of Spencer, Massachusetts; her grandchildren, Tiffany Chabot, Stephanie Daniels, Michael Kroell, and Joseph Kroell; and her two great-granddaughters, Abrielle and Natalie Rose.

Calling hours were held February 12, in the Gilman Funeral Home & Crematory in Putnam, which was followed by a Mass of Christian Burial in St. Mary Church of the Visitation in Putnam. Burial will follow in St. Mary Cemetery. Memorial donations may be made to the Oncology Department at Day Kimball Hospital. For memorial guestbook visit www.GilmanAndValade.com.

Jesse R. Remillard, 37



PUTNAM – Jesse R. Remillard, 37, of Bibeault Street, died February 8, as the result of an automobile accident. Born in Farmington, he was the son of Jacalyn (Chesser) Remillard and the

late Richard W. Remillard.

Jesse was a graduate of Putnam High School. He worked as a self-employed lawn care operator. He enjoyed play-

ing video games, fishing, and spending time with his friends at the VFW playing pool. He was a Buffalo Bills Fan.

In addition to his mother Jacalyn, Jesse is survived by his sons, Caleb M. Remillard and Trevor R. Remillard; and his brother, Robert “Rob” Remillard and his wife Angela of Stafford Springs.

Calling hours were held on Wednesday, February 14, in the Gilman Funeral Home & Crematory in Putnam. For a memorial guestbook visit www.GilmanAndValade.com.

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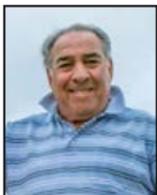
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Rosario "Tom" Thomas Musumeci



BOYNTON, FLORIDA -- On February 2, 2018, Rosario "Tom" Thomas Musumeci of Boynton Beach, Florida passed away peacefully with his loving wife and four children at his side in the TrustBridge Hospice in Boynton Beach. Tom was born in Mellilli, Sicily Italy on Nov. 26, 1942 to the late Giuseppe and Vincenza (DiMauro) Musumeci. Tom arrived at Ellis Island on August 17, 1948 with his father while his mother and older sister, Sebastiana (Nella), had come to the USA the year before. Tom lived in Middletown, where he played Little League Baseball, becoming a member of the Connecticut Allstar Championship Team in 1953. He was a member of the Middletown High School Class of 1962, where he earned 11 varsity letters in football, basketball, and baseball. He was awarded the Connecticut Scholastic Art Gold Key for his water color painting of the Charles W. Morgan Whaling Ship at Mystic Seaport. As a state winner, his painting was on display at the Metropolitan Museum of Art Scholastic in 1960. Tom began college in the Fall of 1962 at Becker Jr. College where he earned an Associate Degree in Accounting and met the love his life, Jeri Lee Carpenter of Woodstock. They were married on December 5, 1964 at St. Sebastian Church in Middletown. While working and raising a young family, Tom earned his Bachelor's Degree at Nichols College in Dudley, Massachusetts graduating in May 1970. With some free time, he volunteered to coach local area Senior and Little Leagues in Putnam and Woodstock. He coached for over 20 years, starting before his children were old enough to play ball. He knew he could make a difference to the community by offering equipment and transportation to disadvantaged youth. All were welcome on Tom's teams as long as they could put on a baseball cap over their long hair! It was the 70's! His love of art never dwindled, he would stop at any or all art galleries no matter where he traveled, especially during a trip to Italy in 2005. It was a must to see

the work of his favorite artists, from Sicily to Rome to Florence, Venice, and Milan, all the while providing his dear wife, Jeri with a rich history lesson from each. Tom was a forty-eight-year member in the BPO Elks Lodge 574 in Putnam, and a member of the Knights of Columbus for many years as well. In retirement Tom's passions were golfing and writing, having completed three novels.

Tom is survived by his wife Jeri of 53 years, his three sons Brian (Selena) and Joseph (Karen) of Woodstock, Scott of Orlando, Florida, and one daughter Gina (Jason) Werner of Hartford. The family lived in Woodstock where they raised their four children. Tom is also survived by seven grandchildren: Mikayla, Shealyn, Thomas, Ella Rose, Giulia & Gianna of Woodstock and Nicholas of Palm Coast, FL; his three sisters, Sebastiana (C. Richard) Rose of Florida, Ann Marie (Robert) Rogers, and Santina (Dale) Aldieri of Middletown; his father-in-law, Walter E. Johnson and wife Doris of Daytona Beach, Florida; brothers-in-law Richard (Jeanne) Johnson of Thompson, and Alan (Donna) Johnson of Brunswick, Georgia. He also had many nieces, nephews, aunts, uncles, cousins, grandnieces and grandnephews. A truly large and loving family, as well as so many friends and church groups along the East Coast that have all shared their love and prayers over the past year as Tom courageously fought with cancer-glioblastoma brain tumor.

Calling hours will be Friday, February 23, from 5:00 to 8:00 PM at the Smith and Walker Funeral Home, 148 Grove Street, Putnam, CT. The Funeral will be Saturday, February 24, from the Funeral Home at 10:15 AM with a Mass of Christian Burial at 11:00 AM at Most Holy Trinity Church, 568 Pomfret Street, Pomfret. In lieu of flowers, to honor Tom and his love of art and athletics, his family has established the Rosario "Tom" Musumeci Memorial Fund for the Arts and Athletics to benefit students and/or programs in these areas. Donations can be mailed to: The Woodstock Academy Office of Advancement, 57 Academy Road, Woodstock, CT 06281 www.smithandwalkerfh.com

Jamin L. Cusson, 50



Jamin L. Cusson, 50, passed away unexpectedly on January 26. Please join his family and friends for a Celebration of Life on February 18, from 1-4pm at the Thompson Road &

Gun Club.

Along with his family and friends, Jamin has left behind his beloved rescue pit, Sage. In lieu of flowers, pet store gift cards for Sage would be graciously accepted.

Food will be served, bar will be open, and memories will be shared in Jamin's honor. All are welcome to join.

Nathan David Millette, 22



PUTNAM - Nathan David Millette, 22, of Putnam, and formerly of Melbourne, Florida, died unexpectedly Monday February 5. He was born December 26, 1995 in Tulsa,

Oklahoma, son of David and Cindy (Blake) Millette of Melbourne, Florida.

Nathan worked as a cook while furthering his education and pursuing his career. Calling Hours and a Memorial Service were held on February 10 at Smith and Walker Funeral Home in Putnam. www.smithandwalkerfh.com

Guiseppe "Joe" Mancini, 75



PUTNAM - Guiseppe "Joe" Mancini, 75, passed into Heaven on February 9. He was born September 10, 1942 in Pontelandolfo, Italy, son of Orazio and Maria Mancini.

Joe served in the U.S. Army as an MP in Germany. He worked at Boudreau's welding until he retired. He leaves behind his wife Linda (Gould) and two stepchildren, Shanna Wrobel who helped care for him, Shawn Wrobel and his wife Kristie and granddaughter Charlie and also his daughter Angela, two brothers

Giambattista "John" and his wife Elaine and Vito and his wife Anna.

Calling hours will be Monday, February 19, from 6:00 to 8:00 PM at the Smith and Walker Funeral Home, 148 Grove Street, Putnam. In lieu of flowers donations may be made in his memory to NECCOG Animal Services, 125 Putnam Pike, Dayville, CT 06241. Share a memory at www.smithandwalkerfh.com



Rose L. Madelle, 72



STURBRIDGE, MASSACHUSETTS - Rose L. (Kearns) Madelle, 72, formerly of Woodstock, passed away peacefully on February 10, with her only son Steven by her side after a brief struggle with cancer.

Her husband of 43 years, Wilfred N. "Butch" Madelle, died in 2013. She leaves her son, Steven K. Madelle of Sturbridge; her two grandchildren, Madison and Evan Madelle; a sister-in-law, Patty Madero of Florida; a brother-in-law, James Madelle, Sr. and his wife Tess of Virginia; her longtime friend, Leona Thibeault and many nieces and nephews. Rose was born in Spencer, Massachusetts on September 1, 1945. She was the daughter of the

late Ernest and Marion (Mae) Kearns. Rose retired from Russell Harrington in Southbridge after many years of service. She will be deeply missed by those whom were blessed to have known her.

A graveside service for Rose will be held on Saturday, February 17 at 11:00am in Worcester County Memorial Park, Paxton, Massachusetts. There are no calling hours.

In lieu of flowers Rose's family requests that memorial donations be made to Brigham and Women's Hospital, 116 Huntington Ave., 3rd Floor Boston, MA 02116 or Dana-Farber Cancer Institute, P.O. Box 849168 Boston, MA 02284.

Daniel T. Morrill Funeral Home, 130 Hamilton St., Southbridge is directing the arrangements.

www.morrillfuneralhome.com

Pamela L. (Flagg) Lameira, 66



KILLINGLY -- Pamela L. (Flagg) Lameira, 66, passed away peacefully February 6, at home in Killingly. Beloved wife of the late Manuel Lameira, he died November 2, 2017. She was born June 1, 1951 in Plainfield, daughter of the late John and Juliet (Cote) Flagg.

Pamela worked at Matulaitis Nursing Home as a CNA in Putnam for many years. She will be missed

and forever remembered by her children Linda Duff and her husband Kenneth, Miguel Lameira and his wife Stephanie, Angela Bunn, sisters Deb Flagg, Joeann Tivnan and seven grandchildren.

A Mass of Christian Burial was held February 9, in St. James Church in Danielson. Calling hours were held at Gagnon and Costello Funeral Home, also on February 9. Burial will be in Holy Cross Cemetery, Danielson. Share a memory at www.gagnonandcostellofh.com

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Stephanie K. Fattman
Register of Probate

February 2, 2018
February 9, 2018
February 16, 2018

Court of Probate, District of
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NOTICE OF HEARING

IN THE MATTER OF Johanna Elizabeth Rodrigues, minor (18-00018)
Pursuant to an order of the Court dated February 6, 2018, a hearing will be held on an application for Paternity Claim as in said application on file more fully appears, at the Court of Probate on March 1, 2018 at 10:00 AM

Mona Fournier, Clerk
February 16, 2018

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It's A Myth That Only New-Car Dealers Can Service Vehicles Under Warranty



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(NAPS)

True or false: Until your vehicle is out of warranty, it must be serviced by the new-car dealer or the factory warranty will be void. Although many people would have answered "true," the correct answer is "false," according to the Car Care Council.

By law, independent repair shops can also provide services to maintain your new-car warranty. Consumers are protected by the Magnuson-Moss Warranty Act, enforced by the Federal Trade Commission (FTC), which pro-

hibits a manufacturer from voiding the vehicle warranty because service was done by a nondealer.

According to the FTC, "It's illegal for a dealer to deny your warranty coverage simply because you had routine maintenance or repairs performed by someone else. Routine maintenance often includes oil changes, tire rotations, belt replacement, fluid checks and flushes, new brake pads and inspections." It's also important to note that the "Magnuson-Moss Warranty Act makes it illegal for companies to void

your warranty or deny coverage under the warranty simply because you used an aftermarket or recycled part."

When using a nondealer, independent aftermarket shop to maintain your vehicle, the council strongly recommends you keep records and receipts for all maintenance done to the vehicle and adhere to scheduled maintenance requirements. If a warranty claim arises, these records will provide proof that maintenance has been performed in accordance with the manufacturer's recommendations and requirements.

"It's a common misconception that only car dealers can perform the routine maintenance and repairs on a newer vehicle that is under warranty," said Rich White, executive director, Car Care Council. "The truth is that consumers can have routine repairs performed by their local independent repair shop or do the work themselves without affecting the warranty."

The nonprofit Car Care Council is the source of information for the "Be Car Care Aware" consumer education campaign promoting the benefits of regular vehicle care, maintenance and repair to consumers.

Learn More

For information from the FTC about auto warranties and routine maintenance, visit www.consumer.ftc.gov/articles/0138-auto-warranties-routine-maintenance. For a copy of the council's "Car Care Guide" or for further facts, visit www.carcare.org.

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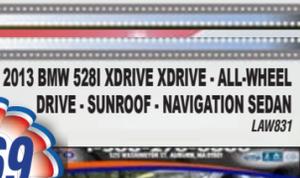
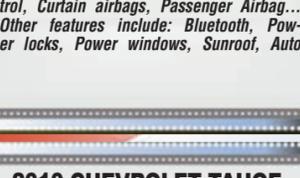
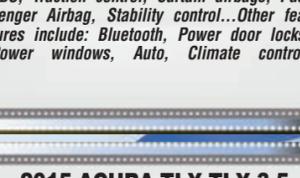
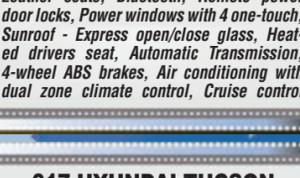
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<p>2016 NISSAN SENTRA SV SEDAN LAW1181</p> <p>\$159 PER MONTH</p>  <p>\$10,925</p> <p>ABS, Traction control, Curtain airbags, Passenger Airbag, Stability control... Other features include: Bluetooth, Power locks, Power windows, CVT Transmission, Air conditioning</p>	<p>2016 HYUNDAI SONATA SE SEDAN LAW1064</p> <p>\$159 PER MONTH</p>  <p>\$10,925</p> <p>38 MPG Hwy!! Safety equipment includes: ABS, Traction control, Curtain airbags, Passenger Airbag, Daytime running lights... Other features include: Bluetooth, Power locks, Power windows, Auto, Air conditioning</p>	<p>2016 FORD FUSION SE SEDAN LAW1202</p> <p>\$193 PER MONTH</p>  <p>\$12,925</p> <p>ABS, Traction control, Passenger Airbag, Curtain airbags, Signal mirrors - Turn signal in mirrors... Other features include: Bluetooth, Power door locks, Power windows, Auto, Air conditioning</p>	<p>2015 CHEVROLET MALIBU LT W/1LT SEDAN LAW975</p> <p>\$193 PER MONTH</p>  <p>\$12,925</p> <p>ABS, Traction control, Passenger Airbag, Curtain airbags, Knee airbags - Driver and passenger... Other features include: Bluetooth, Power locks, Power windows, Auto, Air conditioning</p>
<p>2016 NISSAN ROGUE S SUV LAW1243</p> <p>\$259 PER MONTH</p>  <p>\$16,925</p> <p>ABS, Traction control, Curtain airbags, Passenger Airbag, Stability control... Other features include: Bluetooth, Power locks, Power windows, CVT Transmission, Air conditioning</p>	<p>2014 FORD ESCAPE TITANIUM SUV LAW1199</p> <p>\$286 PER MONTH</p>  <p>\$18,925</p> <p>4 Wheel Drive!!! 4X4!!! 4WD!!! PRICE DROP. Safety equipment includes: ABS, Traction control, Curtain airbags, Passenger Airbag, Front fog/driving lights... Other features include: Leather seats, wireless phone connectivity, Power door locks, Power windows, Heated seats</p>	<p>2015 CHEVROLET EQUINOX LT W/1LT SUV LAW1188</p> <p>\$276 PER MONTH</p>  <p>\$17,925</p> <p>ABS, Traction control, Curtain airbags, Passenger Airbag, Daytime running lights... Other features include: Bluetooth, Power locks, Power windows, Auto, Air conditioning</p>	<p>2014 BMW 320I XDRIVE XDRIVE SEDAN LAW1163</p> <p>\$296 PER MONTH</p>  <p>\$19,235</p> <p>ABS, Traction control, Curtain airbags, Passenger Airbag, Front fog/driving lights... Other features include: Bluetooth, Power locks, Power windows, Auto, Turbo</p>
<p>2013 BMW 528I XDRIVE XDRIVE - ALL-WHEEL DRIVE - SUNROOF - NAVIGATION SEDAN LAW831</p> <p>\$269 PER MONTH</p>  <p>\$17,225</p> <p>ABS, Xenon headlights, Traction control, Curtain airbags, Passenger Airbag... Other features include: Bluetooth, Power locks, Power windows, Sunroof, Auto</p>	<p>2014 FORD TAURUS SEL SEDAN LAW1236</p> <p>\$249 PER MONTH</p>  <p>\$16,425</p> <p>ABS, Traction control, Curtain airbags, Passenger Airbag, Stability control... Other features include: Bluetooth, Power door locks, Power windows, Auto, Climate control</p>	<p>2011 CADILLAC SRX LUXURY COLLECTION SUV LAW12224</p> <p>\$249 PER MONTH</p>  <p>\$16,425</p> <p>Leather seats, Bluetooth, Remote power door locks, Power windows with 4 one-touch, Sunroof - Express open/close glass, Heated drivers seat, Automatic Transmission, 4-wheel ABS brakes, Air conditioning with dual zone climate control, Cruise control</p>	<p>2014 GMC ACADIA SLT-1 SUV LAW1225</p> <p>\$399 PER MONTH</p>  <p>\$24,925</p> <p>Radio: Color Touch w/Navigation & IntelliLink, Dual SkyScape 2-Panel Power Sunroof, Trailing Equipment, Front License Plate Bracket... Standard features include: Leather seats, Bluetooth, Remote power door locks, Power windows with 1 one-touch, Heated drivers seat, Automatic Transmission, 4-wheel ABS brakes, Rear air conditioning</p>
<p>2010 CHEVROLET TAHOE LT1 SUV LAW1187</p> <p>\$359 PER MONTH</p>  <p>\$22,925</p> <p>ABS, Traction control, Curtain airbags, Passenger Airbag, Front fog/driving lights... Other features include: Leather seats, Bluetooth, Power locks, Power windows, Auto</p>	<p>2015 ACURA TLX TLX 3.5 V-6 LAW969</p> <p>\$359 PER MONTH</p>  <p>\$22,925</p> <p>AT P-AWS with Technology Package Sedan. One Owner - Sunroof - Leather - Navigation - Loaded Traction control, Leather seats, Navigation system - With voice activation, Bluetooth, Remote power door locks, Power windows with 2 one-touch, Sunroof</p>	<p>017 HYUNDAI TUCSON LIMITED SUV LAW1167A</p> <p>\$424 PER MONTH</p>  <p>\$26,925</p> <p>ABS, Traction control, Curtain airbags, Passenger Airbag, Front fog/driving lights... Other features include: Leather seats, Navigation, Bluetooth, Power locks, Power windows</p>	<p>2011 CHEVROLET SILVERADO 1500 LT CREW CAB LAW1161</p> <p>\$339 PER MONTH</p>  <p>\$21,925</p> <p>ABS, Traction control, Curtain airbags, Passenger Airbag, Stability control - Stability control with anti-roll... Other features include: Power locks, Power windows, Auto, Air conditioning, Cruise control</p>

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