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Going to the dogs

BY OLIVIA RICHMAN NEWS STAFF WRITER

DANIELSON — East Coast Canine Rescue held an adoption event at Performance Fitness last weekend as a way to adopt out their rescue dogs and raise awareness of what the rescue does for dogs across the country.

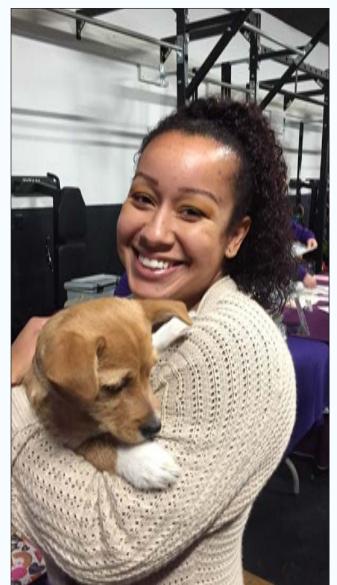
While adopting a dog gives that deserving pet a home, it also helps to fund East Coast Canine Rescue's efforts. On average, said President Vicki Gagne, it costs around \$600 to rescue a dog. This includes the fee for pulling the dog from a shelter, getting treated by a vet, being put in quarantine, and being transported. Once the dogs are rescued, they go with a foster family. Gagne supplies the foster families with food, pee pads, toys and additional exams.

Rescuing dogs is a lot of work. But it's worth it for Gagne, and the two co-owners, Paula Lundstrom and Nicole Weinstein.

"They have no voice for themselves," said Gagne. "In most shelters, these dogs only have two weeks left to live. I am here to save them and give them the life they deserve."

Gagne started ECCR a few years ago after spending some time running

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Olivia Richman photo

Sade Young adopted Nile.

Tea and sympathy



Olivia Richman photo

Steve Veilleux is among those who gather weekly for poetry readings.

BY OLIVIA RICHMAN NEWS STAFF WRITER

PUTNAM — "Coffee, Tea & Poetry" is a group that meets a Victoria's Station every second Wednesday of the month from 7 to 9 p.m. to, well, grab a drink and share poetry. Everyone is invited to come in and read a poem, or even just stop by and listen, whether you're a writer, poet, script writer or musician. Sarah St. George, a Putnam resident, and member Steve Veilleux, from Thompson, talked about their experience with Coffee, Tea & Poetry.

So this isn't just a group for poets.

Veilleux - We are open to anybody who wants to join us. You come in and you're given about 10 minutes to read some of your poetry. Or you can just come in and listen. We've also had people read short stories, plays, and some people sing.

St. George - It's mostly poetry, but we like all creative

expression.

What made you decide to start this group?

St. George - I've been writing poetry since I was 12 years old. It's my primary way of expressing myself, getting things out there that are uncomfortable to talk about. I flt there was a need for a poetry community around here, where we can get together and share our poetry.

What got you started writing poetry?

St. George – I started in 7th grade English class. I remember writing my first real poem after September 11. It was my response to how I felt about it. I had had always been really shy. I didn't have a lot of friends in school. I felt awkward about communicating anything meaningful. So this gave me an outlet if I liked a boy or was mad at my parents.

Why is it important to

have a poetry group like this in the Quiet Corner?

St. George - I think it's a huge mood booster.

Veilleux - I haven't been a poet since I was 12. But I was a poet for longer than Sarah was alive! I've been in poetry groups in the past, when I lived in the Hartford area. When I moved out here there wasn't any poetry group I heard of. But I met Sarah at an event and she mentioned it. For me, I have no discipline. But these other people are writing a poem or eight a day! I can barely get one out a month. But when I know I'm coming in next week, I'm more likely to produce something.

What got you into poetry?

Veilleux - In high school I took creative writing, and in college. I probably wrote more prose back then. But I did take a few poetry classes. And there were some incredible 21st century poets I read.

What got you hooked to poetry?

Veilleux - For me, it's all about using the clay of poetry – words and pictures – and bringing emotion into play. It's about creating layers of meaning. One of my favorites is a poem I wrote called "Van Gogh." It's a narrative about an experience I had about someone I was with and myself walking through a Van Gogh exhibit. We saw people using these portable devices, and we decided we would be Van Gogh experts and were going to talk about his paintings for people visiting the museum. We talked about his madness and alcoholism tinging "Starry Night."

Quite interesting

Veilleux - As you move towards the end of the poem, the very last thing I see is "Crows in the Field," the field in this painting representing

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No rust on this Ironman

BY OLIVIA RICHMAN

POMFRET — Quiet Corner Triathlon Club president Denny Dean has completed one Ironman, a long-distance triathlon. But that's not enough for this athlete. Dean is currently training for his second Ironman, which will be at Lake Placid at the end of July.

An Ironman, like a triathlon, has three parts: Swimming, cycling, and running. But an Ironman's distances are unlike any other race: The swim is 2.4 miles, the biking is 112 miles, and the run is a staggering 26.2 miles. The participants are timed for the entire race, including transitions.

Dean completed one back in 2017. But right when he started to forget how tough it was, he decided it was time to set a new goal: Improve his time.

What has made you decide to do a second Ironman?

The real question is 'Why did I want to do one in the first place?' I actually never wanted to do one. I just wanted to have a healthy, fit, useful body and mind, and knew exercise was the way to get there. I also wanted to be a good example for my kids, showing them you can set big goals. If you asked me right after the first one, I'd probably say I'd never do that again. But over time you forget how hard it was. I have an ambition to do better than I did last time, that's why I chose the same venue.

So for you, the Ironman is a personal milestone.

But it's also social. I've settled into a group of people



Courtesy photos

Denny Dean competing in his first Ironman in 2017.

that I really care to be around. Exercise is a good way to keep us all together. There's a bunch of us doing the race together. It's become a great social experience. We can bring our friends and family. It'll be a big party afterwards!

That's awesome. How do you train for something like an Ironman?

There's a wrong way to do it and the right way. The right way is to gradually increase your capability over time. You are training your body and mind to accept the day when it comes. You don't do Ironmen as practice. You practice the disciplines separately, increasing the exertion and time gradually over about a 12-month period ahead of the event. You can end up hurting yourself or not finishing if you do it the wrong way.

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DRIVE TIME

Charlie Lentz photo

PUTNAM — Putnam High's Hunter Touchette goes in for a layup against Tourtellotte Memorial in a Division 5 state tournament game on Tuesday, March 5. High school sports coverage begins on page B-1 of The Villager sports section.

Bias program at Killingly High

BY OLIVIA RICHMAN NEWS STAFF WRITER

KILLINGLY — Killingly High School recently introduced a new training for and faculty called Understanding Implicit Bias. A program founded by The Ohio State University's Kirwan Institute, the training is meant to help staff better interact with each other and students by recognizing beliefs and values they may subconsciously have. Being aware of these, said Principal Elise Guari, will help build more trusting relationships between the school and the community.

was brought in to talk about identifying implicit bias within oneself, and how to remove it from interactions with other people once you recognize it happening.

Implicit bias is influenced by attitudes and stereotypes that we all hold based on our experiences. It can impact how we treat others without even realizing it. We tend to favor our in-group, says the study, and this may cause us to misunderstand, mis-categorize, and stereotype other groups.

Research suggests that negative racial association is so

Attorney Leander Dolphin powerful it can lead people to see danger or a weapon where none exists. It also controls who are friends are, who we vote for, where we live, and who our children's friends are. It limits some people's opportunities, when stereotyping keeps them from buying property or getting a job.

"An example may be assuming that a family can't afford something based on how they present themselves," said Dolphin. "It's an assumption based on how we have been raised. We want to help people overcome those biased thoughts while interacting with people within the community and help them think more broadly.'

As educators and school faculty, the staff interacts with parents and families from all over the community. It helps to be empathetic towards other's situations and stories, creating stronger relationships between the school and community. This results in helping attending students.

"We're going to continue to explore and have conversations with faculty and staff about what this means, reflecting on our actions, being able to use this language as we grow

and develop as a faculty," said Dolphin.

Some teachers are even implementing the program into their classes. One sociology teacher is having students read "The Hate U Give," a book that deals with racial implicit bias in schools.

Said Dolphin: "It's important that we are able to reach all students and that they feel as comfortable here as we want them to. So they can be successful."

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New safety measures at Day Kimball Hospital

PUTNAM — Day Kimball Hospital will begin using a new visitor and emergency management system to ensure patient safety and security. MitchellTrac, a visitor and emergency management solution built on Real-Time Location System smartphone technology, will be rolled out at DKH over the next few months.

MitchellTrac will enable DKH to meet federally mandated regulatory standards for visitor management, security, and emergency communication. This new system will allow DKH to know who is coming into the hospital and the reason for their visit in real-time, adding an extra layer of protection to keep patients, visitors, and staff safe.

"This program will improve the security at Day Kimball Hospital," said Anne Diamond, President and CEO of Day Kimball Healthcare. "We need to ensure that our patients are receiving the highest quality of care in the safest environment and the new visitor and emergency management system will allow us to further protect and welcome everyone who visits our campus.'

Emergencies can happen when least expected. As a place dedicated to healing, DKH remains continually vigilant in providing the highest level of preparedness, safety, and security possible.

"The safety of our patients, visitors, and staff is a top priority for Day Kimball Healthcare," said Diamond. "However, when it comes to natural disasters, senseless attacks, and intruders, all hospitals are a vulnerable tar-

Recent high-profile tragedies in both rural and urban areas across the country have emphasized the need for expansive, high-capacity environments, such as school campuses, event venues, and hospitals, to maintain an effective and thorough security system and a coordinated emergency management plan.

we recognize that our patients seek the comfort of family and friends during times of hospitalization," said Diamond. "Allowing visitors onto our premises and into private rooms is highly desirable and appreciated by our patients, and must be done in a safe manner.

Thankfully, advancements in technology have made it easier for healthcare organizations and security officials to maintain a welcome and open atmosphere, while providing a safe environment. "We continually evaluate our security protocols to provide the safest environment possible for our patients and visitors," said Brian Fulton, Public Safety Manager for Day Kimball Healthcare. "We're excited to be incorporating this advanced technological visitor and emergency management system in our hospital.'

Day Kimball Healthcare will mandate all visitors of inpatients and vendors, and encourage all staff and patients, to enroll. Upon arrival to the hospital, patients, visitors and vendors will receive a badge to wear while on Day Kimball Hospital premises.

The system also allows security officials to utilize what matters most in emergency response: real-time communications to all those on the campus.

Using smartphones that send a signal through an existing Wi-Fi connectivity, active emergency messages can go out to patients, visitors, and first responders, providing important information that's immediate. Real-time location features can also be activated during an emergency on campus.

This coordinated visitor and emergency management system facilitates collaboration and enhances response and investigation capabilities, bringing emergency situations to a faster conclusion and with better outcomes. For questions or concerns about the new visitor and emergency management system, please emailmitchelltrac@daykimball.org or visit daykimball.org visitors

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Parks and Recreation, 7 p.m., Town

Tuesday, March 12

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

Thursday, March 14

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Board of Assessment Appeals, 6:30 p.m., Town Hall

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Tuesday, March 12

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Town Council, 7 p.m, Town Hall

Wednesday, March 13

Agricultural Commission, 7 p.m., Town Hall

Board of Education, 7 p.m., Town

Thursday, March 14

ZBA, 7 p.m., Town Hall

PUTNAM

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Monday, March 11

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Tuesday, March 12

Economic Planning & Development Commission, 8 a.m., own Hall Library Board of Trustees, 7 p.m.,

EASTFORD

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Tuesday, March 12

Planning Commission, 7 p.m., Town Office Building

Wednesday, March 13

Registrar of Voters, 7 p.m., Town Office Building

Thursday, March 14

Board of Education, 7 p.m., Eastford **Elementary School**

Friday, March 15

Special Board of Selectmen, 1 p.m., Town Office Building

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BROOKLYN

Tuesday, Feb. 26 Branden Tayler Langlois, 24, of 90 Mason Road, Brooklyn, was charged with possession of heroin and crack cocaine

James Wyatt Fitzgerald, 23, of 70 Franklin Street,

Sunday, Feb. 24

DANIELSON

Danielson, was charged with criminal mischief, disorderly conduct, and an arrest warrant Tuesday, Feb. 26

Armand E. Guimont, 51, of

37 Cardinal Drive, Killingly,

was charged with speed-

ing and illegal operation of a motor vehicle under the influence of alcohol/drugs

Wednesday, Feb. 27

Amber Rose Phillips, 22, of 1210 Hartford Pike, Killingly, was charged with larceny

Thursday, Feb. 28 Shane L Werner, 34, of 523 Hartford Turnpike, Danielson, was charged with

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AT CT AUDUBON

Bird sightings at the Connecticut Audubon Society Center at Pomfret and Wyndham Land Trust properties for the week of March 1: Turkey Vultures, Raven, Fox Sparrow, Bluebirds, Red-winged Blackbird, American Kestrel, Robin, Red-tailed Hawk, Carolina Wren, Brown Creeper, Purple Finch, Goldfinch, American Tree Sparrow. Visit ctaudubon.org/pomfret-home

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NOW running clinic at Tourtellotte





THOMPSON — Northeast Opportunities for Wellness, Inc. (NOW) partnered with Tourtellotte Memorial High School's Track & Field coaches and student athletes for the fourth annual Youth Running and Track clinic on March 3. Forty-six children participated in the clinic, learning a variety of skills in track and field events. This clinic is a part of a series of free events hosted by NOW designed to introduce sports and wellness activities to children in the 10-town area of Northeast Connecticut.

First held in March of 2016, the concept behind the annual Running & Track Clinic was to introduce proper form and technique to children interested in running activities. Early on, Tourtellotte's Track & Field coaches were quick to express interest in partnering with NOW on the clinic, with the goal of promoting the sport to elementary and middle-school aged children. With a program planned by TMHS Coach Beth Ten Eyck, student athletes from the TMHS Track & Field teams led six dynamic "skill stations" including: Acceleration Skills, Pacing for Distance, Jumping, Throwing, Relays, and Hurdling. The clinic continues to be a success due to the outstanding efforts of Coach Ten Eyck and the talented students of Tourtellotte Memorial High School. NOW is grateful that they are willing to volunteer each year, all in the spirit of inspiring future athletes. The high school volunteers are fantastic role models for the kids that come out to the clinic and help make the day

A signature element of the clinic is additional skill stations run by NOW staff, focused on nutrition and fitness. For the Running & Track clinic, NOW Program Coordinator Lindsay Lussier led participants through an agility obstacle course station, and NOW staff KILLINGLY VILLAGER
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Tayler Shea and Alexandra Billings taught children the importance of a balanced diet with the NOW "My Plate" nutrition station. Children were also offered a healthy snack of clementines or raisins during the nutrition station.

Throughout the year, NOW hosts several clinics focused on such sports as, soccer, football, cheerleading, lacrosse, hockey, and basketball. The next clinic in the series is a Yoga Clinic that will be held at the Yoga Farm in Central Village, CT on April 7.

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

Registration is currently available online for the April 7 Youth Yoga Clinic. For more information on NOW programs and events, or to sign up for a clinic, visit: www.nowinmotion.org.

Courtesy photos

NOW held a free running clinic at Tourtellotte Memorial High on March 3.

IRONMAN

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What was your goal going into the first Ironman?

My primary objective was to finish strong and healthy. I didn't pay attention to my time. I didn't care when I finished, as long as I did. I ended up beating my goal by 28 seconds.

How long did it take you?

It took me 12 hours and 59 minutes and 32 seconds.

How did it feel to complete something like that, exercising for about 13 hours?

It was the most aggressive thing I've ever done, for sure. It did help me reach a mental barrier about what I could and couldn't do. Before that, the longest thing I'd done was half that length. It was as opportunity to get past my mental naysayer.

And what is your goal this time?

This time, I want to do the same things I did last time. I want to enjoy it. I want to finish healthy and strong. And I do want to shave time off my previous effort. I've picked a goal to shave off an entire hour.

You can do it! What do you recommend for people curious about getting into Ironmen and triathlons?

If it's going to be a short triathlon you want to practice before you compete and have fun. You want to find a group of people who are like-minded. It's easier to work out when you have people working with you. Don't be afraid to take that first step.

What made you first decide to start working out at all?

I got fat in my 30s. I had been an ath-



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What kept you motivated?

As I started to get into it, the first thing I did was go to the local YMCA. I found myself in the company of other swimmers who soon became my friends. Eventually I ended up president of the Quiet Corner Triathlon Club now and an active member of the QV Velo Club. Both of them have been a huge influence on my training and reaching my goals.

Do you have to be interested in competing in triathlons to join?

No, in fact anyone who is interested is invited. We are focused on making group workouts fun and interesting. We run twice a week, swim twice a week, and have many bike activities. If you're interested, don't be afraid to begin. Set some goals that will motivate you to get off the couch or out of bed in the morning.

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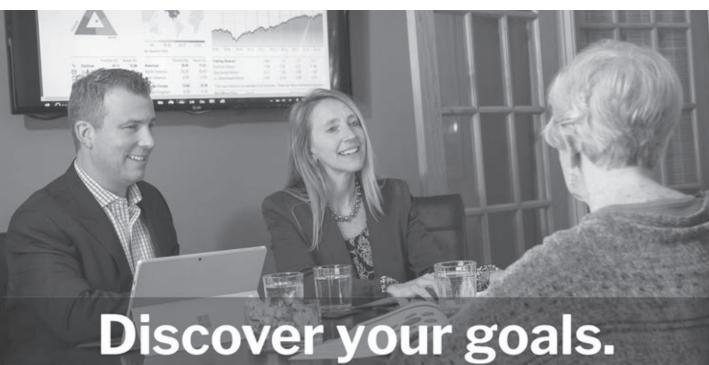
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What is currently your favorite TV show?

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What is your favorite movie? Godfather trilogy

What is your favorite travel destination?

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What's the best part about your town?

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Who has been the greatest influence in your life? My father

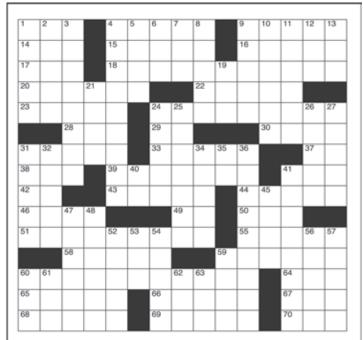
Who is your favorite musical artist? Tom T. Hall

Favorite book? Killing Kennedy

What is the greatest piece of advice you have ever been given? Don't sweat the small things, this too will pass.

Favorite sports team: Boston Red Sox

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Ray Brousseau All Star game set for March 12

PUTNAM — As the local high school basketball season heads toward postseason play, the Putnam Rotary Club is preparing for its annual Ray Brousseau Senior All Star game. The contest, which features area senior boys and girls basketball players, is scheduled for Tuesday March 12 at Putnam High School.

Tipoff of the opener, featuring the girls' teams, is scheduled for 5:30 p.m. It will be followed by the boys' game approximately a half hour after the final buzzer of the girls' game. Participants are expected from all area schools, including Putnam, Plainfield, Killingly, Ellis Tech, Tourtellotte, Woodstock Academy, Parish Hill, Putnam Science Academy, Windham Tech, and Griswold.

Among the seniors who will be showcasing their skills are Heather Converse and Chase Anderson of Woodstock Academy, Josh Dodd and Dylan Vincent of Tourtellotte, and Sebastian Ramos of Putnam High School. Killingly will be represented by the quintet of Nolan Marcoux, Josh Montpelier, Luke Desaulnier, Andrea Gottari and Ryan Axtell. Also making their final appearances are Prachi Patel and Kera Crossman of Killingly and Ari Koivisto of Putnam Science Academy. Tourtellotte will be represented by Mary Steglitz, Lauren Ramos and Brianna Loffredo.

"The game, which honors the memory of former Putnam Rotarian Ray Brousseau, has become a standard of Northeastern Connecticut. The players enjoy the spirited competition and the fans have an opportunity to see some of their favorite players in final action as high schoolers," said Putnam Rotarian Jon Tremblay co-chairman of

Brousseau was a local business man who owned and operated a clothing business in downtown Putnam for more than 50 years. He was a member of the Putnam Rotary Club for more than five decades, achieving perfect attendance for 41 years.

He also served as the Club's President in 1941 and was honored with the Paul Harris Award, the highest recognition in Rotary International.

The Putnam Rotary Club has been organizing the high school senior boys and girls all-star basketball game for more than two decades. The popular event is generally the finale of the local





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basketball season and provides a showcase for the

players who have been performing on the hardwood the past four years. Admission is \$3 for adults and \$1 for senior citizens and students. The National Anthem will be sung by Putnam's renowned tenor Maurice "Moe"

> All players and coaches will receive a memento symbolic of their participation in the games. There will also be selection of Most Valuable Players from the four teams immediately following each contest. The awards are provided compliments of the Byrnes Insurance Agency.

The coaches for the boys' game are Jim Crabtree of Killingly and Tom Espinosa from Putnam Science Academy. Gina Desrosiers of Killingly and Carla Faucher of Tourtellotte will be on the coaching line for the girls' contest. 'We're hoping that fans will turn out to cheer

on the players and show their support for these young athletes. One guarantee is, it will be a great evening of excitement-packed basketball," said Chairman Jay Sinha. The games will be officiated by members of Board

#35, which represents the school of Northeastern Connecticut. Since the inception of the games, officials have donated their services as a way of giving back to the players and schools as well as to the Putnam Rotary Club.

Working with Sinha and Tremblay on the organizing committee are Rotarians, Dick Loomis, Doug Porter, Jon Strudevant, Elizabeth Williams, Andrew Morrison and Ron Coderre. Rotary President John Miller is expected to be on hand to present awards and offer congratulatory remarks. Concessions for the evening will be handled by the very adept hot dog handlers and pizza distributors of the Putnam Lions Club under the direction of Annie Russo, Romeo Blackmar and Mel Cassio.



FIRST CONGREGATIONAL **CHURCH**

Homer Grenier photo

Homer Grenier, from Woodstock, snapped this photograph of the First Congregational Church of Woodstock.



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Putnam Boy Scouts Troop 21 camps out

PUTNAM — Boy Scout Troop 21 from Putnam recently spent a successful weekend camping in Stafford Springs.

"It's fun to get the kids out and show them they can camp and have fun in the winter," said Scoutmaster John D. Ryan, of Putnam. "We made sure the boys had the right equipment for winter, and the tents go up just like in the summer. It was a really good time."

With permission from the landowner, last weekend Troop 21 pitched their tents and set up their kitchen and gear along the pond and woods on private property at the Quatrano Farm in Stafford Springs. Ryan and other adult volunteer Scout leaders spent the weekend teaching the boys how to camp in the snow, including, among a number of activities, fire building, camp cooking, building emergency survival shelters and animal tracking in the snow.

"Scouting helps to build character and leadership in young men," Ryan 'said. "We show boys they can have self-confidence and do things they wouldn't otherwise challenge themselves to do, just like we did this weekend. We'd love to have more Scouts in our troop and show them the fun we have."

Among other activities, Troop 21 started its annual program with a week at Scout camp in July, followed by a hike on the Airline Trail in Thompson, a weekend helping out at the annual "Circle of Fun" carnival at St. Mary's, a wilderness survival camping trip, two winter camping expeditions and a special local-history hike in Putnam.

After a month-long March food drive, a fishing trip and separate rifle, archery and climbing wall weekends are planned, before Troop 21 heads back to its annual week at summer camp this July.

Troop 21 is looking for boys 11 to 17, is open to all faiths, welcomes boys with special needs and never turns any boy away for financial reasons.

For information about Troop 21, visit the troop's Facebook page: www.facebook.com/Boy-Scout-Troop-21-623300507859093, or call Scoutmaster Ryan, at (860) 928-7241.



Troop 21 Boy Scouts (left to right) Joseph Vergoni, Raihden Albino, Assistant Patrol Leader

Timothy Maltais, Quartermaster Hunter Breyette and adult volunteer Neil Maltais.

Troop 21 Boy Scout Joseph Vergoni broke a tree branch.



Troop 21 Boy Scout Raihden Albino (left) and Assistant Patrol Leader Boy Scout Troop 21 Quartermaster Hunter Breyette (left), Assistant Timothy Maltais built a winter survival shelter.



Scoutmaster Casey Dundon and Scout Joseph Vergoni cooked lunch.



Troop 21 Assistant Patrol Leader Timothy Maltais stood on a large tree stump while on



Troop 21 Boy Scout Cody Keene (foreground) and Scribe Joseph Choquet built a winter survival shelter.



Boy Scout Troop 21 Patrol Leader Jared Jordan used an existing rock formation to build a winter survival shelter.



Troop 21 Quartermaster Hunter Breyette cut a tree branch with a hand saw.

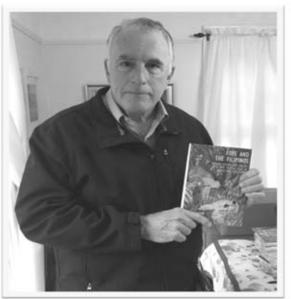
Boy Scout Troop 21 Outdoor Skills Instructor Terence Ryan showed Quartermaster Hunter Breyette a coyote track in the snow.



Troop 21 Quartermaster Hunter Breyette (left) and Patrol Leader Jared Jordan ate breakfast.

BRACKEN MEMORIAL LIBRARY **AUTHOR SERIES**

Tuesday, March 26 at 7:00 p.m. **Richard Foye**



The Woodstock Academy, will be at the library to talk about his new book, Foye and the Filipinos. This book chronicles his father's story of bravery and survival after his plane was shot down over the Philippines during WWII. He survived 4 months in the jungle after being rescued, hidden, and fed by Filipino guerillas and local

Rich Foye, former headmaster of

citizens who supported the United States. Rich

will have copies of his book available for purchase and signing at the event. This event is free and open to the public.



Bracken Memorial Library is located on the North Campus of The Woodstock Academy. Parking is available on Hill Cemetery Rd, or in the staff parking lot behind the school. If you have any questions, or would like more information, please contact the library at brackenlib@gmail.com or 860-928-0046. We hope to see you there!

SCHOOLS AND THE PUBLIC are encouraged to submit items for inclusion on the Learning Page. The deadline is noon Monday. Send all items to Editor Charlie Lentz at charlie@villagernewspapers.com



QUEST MARTIAL ARTS

Grandmaster Mike Bogdanski and Master Kristin Duethorn of Quest Martial Arts in Putnam recently announced the newest graduates and promotions. Yellow Belt: Wyatt Bembenek, Owen Carpenter, Huxley DeSouza, Charlotte Donovan, Dakota Hicks, Kaeden Mayo, Seamus Segesdy. Tiger Belt: Aaliyah Winsey. American Dragon: Lana Powell. Black Dragon: Adam Lafleur. Orange Belt: Josiah Asselin. Orange-Blue Belt: Olivia Barker. Blue White Belt: Kennedy Collier, Vivien Fisher, Allyson Gagnon, Alisa Libby, Jude Sargent. Blue Belt: Larry Cote, Keegan Morrison, Reagan Murphy, Tessa Riendeau. Blue-Green Belt: Emma Fournier, Mason Needham, Thomas Needham Jr. Blue Black Belt: Roswell Souvigney. Green Red Belt: Olivia Orthmann. 2 Stripe Blue 8 Gup: Laurie Cashman. 1 Stripe Blue 7 Gup: Gannon Siddall. 3 Stripe Green 6 Gup: Troy Potter.

Wizard of Oz on tap in Thompson

THOMPSON — Thompson Public School Students will present the Wizard of Oz theater production under the direction of Adam and Jessica van der Swaagh. This experienced theater couple is working with the faculty of the Thompson Music Department; Kate Anderson (Tourtellotte Memorial High School), Justin Leclerc (Thompson Middle School), and Carol Rossetti (Mary R Fisher Elementary School) to restore theater production in the school community. All three teachers will also provide the musical accompaniment along with other musicians including

our own Mary R. Fisher Principal, Noveline Beltram.

The Wizard of Oz was selected as the initial revival production to be dedicated to the memory of Mary R. Fisher, former principal of the elementary school. Ms. Fisher's last school production in 1989 was the Wizard of Oz. In her memory, the students would like to invite the original cast members of that show to be recognized on opening night Friday April 5, at 7 p.m. in the Thompson Public Schools Auditorium. Original cast members will have reserved seats and will be brought to the stage at the start of the show to be recognized. Please contact Danielle Pederson at (860) 923-9581 to confirm your attendance.

The show will star students from elementary through high school. Some of the lead roles are performed by: Dorothy Gale, Hallady Glode; Aunt Em, Trinity Davis; Uncle Henry, Natalie Polsky; Zeke/Cowardly Lion, Cole Coderre; Hickory/Tin Man, Channing Boss; Almira Gulch, Rae Hazard; Glinda, Laura Fournier; Professor Marvel/Oz, Ashton Rocha

Additional shows will also be per-

formed on Saturday April 6, at 7 p.m. and Sunday April 7, at 2 p.m. Ticket are \$10, \$5 for seniors and students. Children under 3 are free. The proceeds will offset the expenses associated with putting on the production. It is the goal of the district to expand the theater program in Thompson and introduce more opportunities for our students to experience the arts. The administration urges the community to come out and support the talented students.

WOODSTOCK LITTLE LEAGUE REGISTRATION

WOODSTOCK — Woodstock Little League registration for the 2019 Spring season ends March 15th. We offer divisions from T-Ball (4 and up) to Juniors/Seniors. Registrations can be submitted online at http:// www.woodstockctlittleleague. org/. Registration through March 15 will be \$80 per player plus participation in the league fundraiser. Registrations received March 16, or later will include a \$25 late fee. No Registrations accepted for Majors division after March 15.

TICKET PRICES

25 Tickets = \$20

50 Tickets = \$35

100 Tickets = \$65

200 Tickets = \$100

400 Tickets = \$175

COLLEGE

The following students have earned academic nonors at their coi lege or university during the 2018

SOUTH ORANGE, N.J. — Seton Hall University Dean's List: Alex Belinski of Quinebaug.

FARMINGTON, Maine —The University of Maine at Farmington Dean's List: Brooklyn: Kim Day, Ca itlyn Noll; Wauregan: A.J. Saulnier

SPRINGFIELD, Mass.: Western New England University Dean's List: Calvin B. Wentworth, from Eastford; Joseph Bogoslofski of Thompson.

PROVIDENCE, R.I. — Rhode Island College: Kayla Spooner of Danielson has been accepted to the National Society of Leadership and Success, Sigma Pi.

Quiet Corner is environmentally friendly

BY OLIVIA RICHMAN

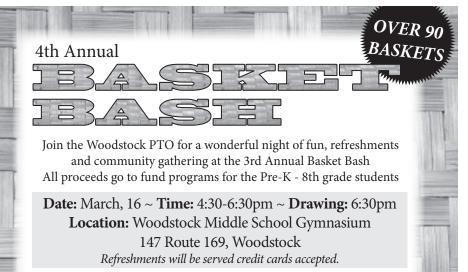
The Quiet Corner is loud when it comes to the environment. We have The Last Green Valley. We have protected spaces, nature observatories, forests, and parks. We have nature photographers.

The Aquarion Water Company is inviting eastern Connecticut residents to nominate themselves, their organizations, or someone they know to the ninth annual Aquarion Environmental Champion Awards. These are individuals or organizations that have done their part in protecting and improving the environment, whether it be water, wildlife, open space, or habitats. There are six different categories this year:

Student (9-12 grade), adult, non-profit, small business, large business, and communications/media. Winners of each category win \$2,500 to go towards their own non-profit, or a non-profit of their choice. The deadline to enter is May 1.

The simple application can be found at http://www.aquarion.com/CT/2019awards. Only volunteer projects are eligible, and people must explain how the project significantly contributes to the improvement of environment quality through the protection, conservation, restoration, communication, and/or stewardship of natural resources (air, water, soils, plant and wildlife).

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DOGS

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the puppy division for another rescue. Because of her love of animals, Gagne felt compelled to start her own rescue in 2016, a way to get more abused and neglected animals into stable homes. She went through the lengthy 501c3 process, and continued to make connections in the area.

Currently, Gagne has saved over

1,800 dogs in the past 2.5 years. "It feels great," she said. "People say we're angels, but we actually get a lot out of doing this. It's wonderful to feel like you've helped an animal. You see a scared animal, shaking, wounded. And then you see their transformation. It's very rewarding, especially for the foster parents."

A rescue differs from a shelter in that shelters don't have the funding to treat wounded dogs, and don't have

the room to keep abandoned dogs for more than two weeks. A rescue comes in and adopts the dog, brings it to get treatment, and puts it in a foster home. Shelters do their best, said Gagne, but they just don't have the resources.

"We had a dog, Reba, who got hit by a car," said Gagne. "She was wandering the streets with her leg dangling off. She was taken to a kill shelter down in South Carolina. We stepped in and brought her to the emergency room. We then transported her up here."

All of these efforts are funded through donations and adoption fees.

Gagne herself has five dogs, all res-

You can learn more about ECCR through their website, www.eastcoastcaninerescue.org. They're always looking for foster homes.

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Must Be Present To Win!

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East Coast Canine Rescue adoptions

DANIELSON — East Coast Canine Rescue held an adoption event at Performance Fitness last weekend as a way to adopt out their rescue dogs and raise awareness of what the rescue does for dogs across the country.



Kristine Kuhl, dog trainer and behavior modification, volunteered at Cassidy Worden poses with a pup.





Volunteer Page Sears with a 12-week-old

puppy.







Janet McDonald cuddling with Nimh.



Gerri Kowolenko with six year old Arlo.



Performance Fitness proved to be a very popular spot for the dog adopting event.



Aiden Stewart with some foster puppies.



Professional dog walker Gerri Kowolenko enjoyed the event.



Olivia Richman photos Matt Lamoureux gets to know a hound mix.





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What We Need the Most

What are the most essential things in life? What can we absolutely not live without? Some would say health, love and laughter; others might value freedom, family and friends. Happiness, success and wealth might also make the list. But how about....bread, milk and toilet paper?

If you've ever been to a grocery store in the 24-hour period before a forecasted storm, you know that this is exactly what, apparently, constitutes the most important things in life.

It seems to happen every time: the weather forecasters predict the mammoth storm of the century and within hours, a simple trip to the supermarket becomes an episode of a survival reality show. Shelves are emptied, there's not a single cart available and people roam the aisles with a look of both determination and desperation. The bread shelves are depleted; the milk cases are emptied; the paper products aisle is a wasteland (so to speak).

Our daily routines give life a shape and a focus, and when that routine is disrupted, we instinctively insulate ourselves with comforts and necessities. Weather forecasters have a knack for triggering that instinct, but almost any 'out of the ordinary" event can do the same thing (remember Y2K?)

If our day-to-day living is threatened in any way, however temporarily, we batten the hatches and lay in the provisions and huddle around our devices (all fully charged as a precaution) and wait for the impending doom.

Our long-term plans are put on hold in favor of making sure, immediately, that we have what it will take to get through The Storm. The focus is on managing, feeling safe and secure and not wanting to be caught without some essential thing. Toilet paper clearly makes that list for reasons that are very obvious; bread and milk are more of a head-scratcher but obviously symbolize comfort to many. In some households, beer and wine might be the focus; in others, potato chips or cookies.

While catastrophe-related veniences are usually temporary, the build-in need for security, safety and comfort doesn't waver. The empty store shelves prove that we are in good company with one another during these events. Ultimately, everyone has something that they can't imagine being without, even for the duration of a storm.

From the Publisher

The stories we tell

It's a tradition. On Sunday night, my husband, the cat and I settle down on the couch to watch Masterpiece. Through the years it has been one



NANCY WEISS

of the most consistent things we do. Even the cat knows when it is time for the familiar music and opening logo to draw us in for another episode. We watch to be entertained by stories that fill

our lives. read up Ι on Masterpiece, once called Masterpiece Theatre. It

premiered on January 10, 1971, "making it America's longest running prime time drama series". I recall that Rebecca Eaton, the long-time executive producer, came to our area to film or do research before she was named to her current post in 1985. She went to the Golden Lamb in Brooklyn, where Jimmie and Bob Booth hosted her. Perhaps someone remembers more clearly the details of our area's brush with fame.

Through the years, some of the programs have captured me so completely that they seem real. The drama of "Jewel in the Crown", which takes place at the end of the British Empire was an early one. Who can forget "I, Claudius" with the scary mother figure, lisping Claudius and the corruption of power?

Then came "Upstairs, Downstairs", the most popular and longest running show. Because I live in a town that has an historic upstairs-downstairs narrative, I found it especially engaging. It made me realize that few have written about the families in our area who came here as servants in the big houses, at the private schools, or as support staff, such as gardeners or dressmakers. Although the story focused on a family in London, aspects of the tales could have happened

Opinion and commentary from the Quiet Corner

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR No fan of Trump

And you conservatives that are supposed to be so honest, so upright, so God-fearing. so law abiding and so critical of wrong-doers, how can you turn your back on your basic principles and support someone who lies to you every day and proves everyday he does not have America's interests at heart?

To the attendants at the conservative conference, he said, "(they) are on the front lines of protecting America's interests, defending America's values and reclaiming our nation's priceless heritage." Exactly what heritage is he talking about that has to be reclaimed? Which of America's many heritages have we lost? The Irish, the Polish, the black, the Pilgrim, the one-person-one-vote, the freedom of religion, the political corruption, the xenophobia, the avarice? We have lost heritages, for instance, many of those of native Americans. Is he talking about regaining these? I doubt it.

No, no, I am not going to accept some vague 'sound-good' statement. Give us the specifics. Trump cannot. He has just made up another bit of pabulum that goes down so easily with those who refuse to chew things over.

So many say that "Trump says it like it is." There is no question that Trump lies all the time, so are these people agreeing that his lies are the truth? Yes, they are. Why doesn't that bother them? How can they belong to a cult based on idolizing someone instead of questioning how the Constitution is being raped?

Trump "says it like it is" but he never gives any support to his claims. I'm talking about specific, verifiable facts - not vague aspersions. When I challenge Trump supporters, they are adept at changing the subject to such things as "crooked Hillary" or Cohen's lying. They do not, and indeed cannot, defend Trump as a person or what he says with spe-

Of course I could extrapolate something from all this, i.e., that conservatives could only continue to support Trump unless they were in agreement with his corrupt way of doing things.

Was Cohen lying when he called Trump a con man and cheat? Definitely not. I have a good friend who is a lawyer in New York City. He said that the vast majority of lawyers there will not work for Trump because he does not pay them. Indeed, Trump has a proven history of cheating contractors. It has been reported that in thirty years of business, Trump has been involved in anywhere from 2500 to 3500 law suits. That comes to anywhere from 7 to 10 suits A MONTH. About 2 every week! How can a reasonably honest man be in so much trouble? Unless he is not reasonably honest.

I found an article on Rantt.com which will infuriate Republicans. The story looks into which party has been more corrupt since Reagan's election covering 5 Republican and 5 Democrat administrations up to Trump's. The article lists, by administration and by name, those who were indicted, convicted or did jail time. The author acknowledges that an exact counting is difficult because of specific circumstances, but he is definite on one set of numbers that can be definitely ascribed. Over 56 years, 126 Republicans have been indicted against 7 Democrats. 113 Republicans have been convicted vs. 3 Democrats. 39 did jail time vs. 1 Democrat.

To me is it says that Republicans are basically willing to bend or break the law in pursuit of power or agenda. They talk about the moral high ground of basic conservative values but then allow, indeed condone, unscrupulous activity. How deceitful.

Oh yes – about Trump. In only 2 years, his administration has racked up 39 indictments, 9 convictions and 2 jail terms. Only Nixon had more indictments at 47, but he had 5-1/2 years to get there. Trump is setting a record for corruption. So why does anyone continue to support this poor excuse of a leader who has included so many amoral people in his government?

You know, a leader sets the tone and rules for an organization. If that organization is rife with corruption and wrong deeds, then the blame must be set on the leader. Truman had a motto on his desk, "The Buck Stops Here". That means the one in charge is ultimately responsible for what and why things happen in his administration. Republicans have proven themselves to be hypocrites to their own heritage.

STEPHEN ETZEL PUTNAM

Improve voting

Would you like voting to be easier, more democratic and fair? There are bills before the Connecticut Legislature and the US Congress that could help. In Connecticut, one proposal (SJ 14) would provide for early voting. This would require a constitutional amendment. Secretary of State Denise Merrill has a package of proposals to make voting better, reduce wait-times, improve ballots, and allow young people to pre-register before they turn 18. A proposed Connecticut constitutional amendment would empower an independent commission to draw rational district boundaries, in place a party-controlled committee of the

A bipartisan bill (#5820) encourages "ranked choice voting" (RCV). Under this system you would pick your first choice candidate, and then, if you wish, list your preferences among the other candidates, in order. With this "instant runoff" or "preferential voting" procedure, voters' first preferences are tallied and if a candidate receives over 50%, he or she is declared the winner. But if no candidate receives the majority in the first round, in an automatic second round the candidate with the lowest number of votes is removed from contention, and if your first preference was eliminated in the prior round, your second choice is counted as your vote. This process is repeated until a candidate receives the majority of the vote.

Ranked choice voting (RCV) is a proven voting method that has been used for major elections in the U.S. and other countries for over a century. Maine just made it their statewide system, and eleven states are considering it. The group Equal Citizens is proposing RCV in presidential primaries in 2020, our options were exhausted, to winnow out candidates in crowded fields. Although RCV does take a few minutes to dorm where she waited outunderstand at first, from then on it is simple; side until someone leaving to use. Studies show that voters using RCV are pleased with it.

RCV is better than our current system. You will be able to vote for the person you most want, not for the lesser of two evils. It provides voters more choice, eliminates the risk of spoiler candidates, discourages negative campaigns, and ends up with the candidate who is preferred by a majority of voters.

In the U.S. Congress, HR1 now has a provision to require that states funded to replace voting systems must include the ability to hold ranked choice voting. You can ask your representatives in Congress to support this by calling one number, 1-844-USA-0234.

As for Connecticut, let your state leaders know your views. Rep. Pat Boyd is at 860-240-1372. The most important leaders on these issues are the co-chairs of the General Administration and Elections Committee, Senator Mae Flexer, Mae.Flexer@cga.ct.gov, 860-240-8634, and Representative Dan Fox, Dan.Fox@cga.ct.gov, 860-240-1372.

> JOCK McClellan WOODSTOCK

Sunday gun hunting a bad idea

I am grateful to Steve Sokoloski for his letter to the editor printed March 1, "Against gun hunting on Sundays".

His arguments against the proposed bill HB-5310, "An Act Authorizing Sunday Hunting on Public and Private Lands by Shotgun and Rifle" make perfect sense.

As a member of a family that enjoys walk-

ing, bicycling, kayaking and plein aire painting on Sundays, I absolutely want to feel safe from an errant gunshot while enjoying these activities.

> JUDITH DOYLE DANIELSON

Thanks to St. James and Davis Place

The family of Dorothy Beausoleil wishes to thank the priests at St. James Church, the Sisters of the Blessed Sacrament for their support. Also, the staff of Wing 1 West at Davis Place for the care they provided Dot during her stay at the facility.

RENE AND LORI BEAUSOLEIL, ANN PHILIPP

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Please turn to A9, & A10 for more Letters to the Editor

The Problems Get Smaller But The Prices Get Larger

KILLINGLY VILLAGER

I was just pushing up the left sleeve on my sweatshirt so I could wash the dishes, when the phone rang,

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Red's Word **BRENDA PONTBRIAND**

through the chorus "I'm blue, da-ba-dee da-ba-die" which is my oldest daughter's ring-

tone. Rachel was crying on the other end. "Are you okay?" I choked out. "Mom, I lost my car fob!" She tearfully explained how she rode on the shuttle from college to the bar for "Thirsty Thursday" the night before, and somehow between the bathroom, and the table, her key ring with her dorm, house, and car keys attached had disappeared. "What the heck is Thirsty Thursday?" I asked. "All the drinks are fifty cents for college kids' she said. "They bring everyone who's over twenty-one by bus then bring us back to our dorms afterward." I must admit not having them drive is a good idea, and I am pretty sure that if the drinks are fifty cents, then they are watered-down, bottom shelf stuff that couldn't create a buzz if it had wings. "So where did you lose them?" I inquired. "If I knew where

I lost them then I would still have them" she mused. Point taken. Why do people say, "Wouldn't you know, it was in the last place I looked." Well naturally. You wouldn't find it then keep looking would you?

Sean and I drove to the college the next day, and picked the blue haired imp up to go on a key ring hunt. We checked the bathrooms, the toilets, trashcans, the floor, the parking lot, and had the manager help us in the fruitless key quest. After all of we arove her back to her or entering would open the door so she could bolt inside. Her car didn't come with two fobs, which is typical, and it's a keyless start just to make things more difficult. Sean checked on prices, and the car would have to be towed to a dealership, new fobs purchased, then programmed, and I would have to sell one of my arms, and part of a foot to pay for it. There go my tickets for the United Services Irish Night, or that facial I wanted from Woodstock Massage and Wellness! For the parents out there with young children, the problems typically get smaller as your kids grow up but they get way more expensive.

Sean ordered two fobs last week, and they just came in. As a matter of fact, they arrived the same day Rachel called to tell me that she found her keys. Some college girl found them on the restroom floor, and then vapidly sat on the knowledge for two weeks before mentioning to anyone she had them. So now we have three fobs, but at least we didn't reach the towing, and programming part or I would have flipped my noodle. When the girls were younger, the problems were not as expensive but a whole lot scarier. Tonsils, stiches, fevers, and ER trips in the middle of the night. You instill your children with good morals, and values then pray to God they use them when they are out of your sight. You never stop worrying, and parent-DANIELSON ing does not end when they are eighteen. It's a life long job, but it's the most rewarding position you will ever hold. My goodness I just got sappy! Go hug your kids, and have a great week!

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The earliest Spaulding in Killingly



KILLINGLY at 300

MARGARET WEAVER

I spent quite a bit of time this past month doing genealogical research for a query the Killingly Historical & Genealogical Center had received about Benjamin Spaulding of Plainfield. The Center not only contains materials from Killingly but also from all over Northeastern Connecticut, Rhode Island, and Massachusetts so such requests are not uncommon. However, the early date was; Benjamin was one of the earliest settlers of Plainfield and died about 1713. The Spaulding surname reminded me to tell you a little about the earliest Spaulding in Killingly. Jacob Spaulding, son of Edward of Plainfield, according to Ellen Larned's History of Windham County, Connecticut, was considered the earliest settler of South Killingly. He and his young wife Hannah carved a homestead out of the wilderness about 1721 on the 21st lot in the Plainfield Purchase, which he had received from his father. "The difficulty of procuring supplies in this remote settlement was a serious annoyance to these young settlers. In the first summer they broke up land, raised grain and stock but ere the winter was over there was nothing left for themselves or their cattle, and the snow was so deep that supplies could not be brought to them, and their only recourse was to return to Plainfield---'so

starting the oxen ahead to break out a path, the cows followed and then Mr. Spalding and his family." (Vo. I, p. 171-

Ellen D. Larned also related the tale of how Hannah Spalding defended herself and her small children when her husband was away getting supplies. "The only accessible grist-mill was that on the Moosup, five miles distant [in Plainfield], a whole day's journey through the winter snow drifts, so that Mr. Spalding was obliged to pass the night when he carried his grain there. On one such occasion the family was very short of provisions. An enormous beef bone, which had perhaps served as basis for many messes of bean-porridge. was given over to the children, picked clean and scraped over and over, and again laid up lest every particle of flesh or gristle had not been removed. Night came on. The children went to sleep; the anxious mother watched and listened. Indians had been around through the day unusually insolent and troublesome, and she had given them what food she could spare through the window---a square hole, closed with a sliding-board---but had not suffered them to enter. Now she was sure she heard them prowling about the house. She listened more intently. After a time, she was certain that she head some one climbing up to the window, intending doubtless to break in and assault her and her sleeping children. She looked around the room for some defensive weapon and her eye caught the great beef-bone. Quick as a flash she seized it, opened the window and hurled it with all her strength into the face of an advancing Indian. He gave a most horrible howl, dropped to the ground and fled with all the company, frightened out of the wits by this most extraordinary projectile, and fearing worse things were in store for them" (pp.172-3). I don't think I would have been so quick-witted or so brave. Being a first generation settler in Killingly was not easy!

The Killingly Historical & Genealogical Center has been a busy place this last month. A number of residents have stopped in and generously donated treasured photos and memorabilia that younger family members are not interested in having. Their stories are priceless glimpses in our past. Others have come seeking information about Killingly

families and houses.

Dave Griffiths has been in for information about the Killingly Grange No. 112, located at the corner of Route 101 and Dog Hill Road (up the hill from Aldis). Those of you who are newer to the area may not realize that this building was once the Killingly Center oneroom school that served the fourth school district, that area and Elmville (near the Dayville Post Office). Designated an historic property by the Town of Killingly in 1988, the school was built in 1848 when the area had several textile mills including the Killingly Centre Mill (vicinity of Provost Road and Whetstone Brook). Tenements from that mill are still standing east of the Grange. The school was enlarged in 1877 since the newer Sayles woolen mills had been constructed and had greatly increased the area's population. The Killingly Grange purchased the former school in 1948 with plans to use it for meetings and rent the hall for dances and weddings. (Journal Transcript article 6/6/1988; Grange Scrapbook at the Killingly Historical Center). Perhaps some of you went to school at the old Killingly Center School. If so. please share your memories by emailing me or by calling the Killingly Historical Center.

To raise money for ongoing expenses and future community service projects, the Killingly Grange No. 112 will

you aren't prepared

for it. As previously

stated, women make

up 78% of the wid-

be holding a Fish Fry from 5-7 p.m. each Friday during Lent. Fried and Baked fish will be available. Price for the meal is \$10. Take out is available. The Fish Fry will be co-sponsored by the Danielson Lions Club.

In honor of Women's History Month I will be doing a program on Mary Kies, Her Life and Times, at the Killingly Public Library, 25 Westcott Road on Saturday, March 9 at 1:30 p.m. The presentation will last about 45 minutes with time afterwards for questions. Mary Kies is considered the first woman in the United States to receive a patent in her own right (1809). A sample of the original weaving will be on display. All are welcome. The building is handicap acces-

Margaret M. Killingly Municipal Historian, March 2019. Special thanks to Dave Griffiths and Terry Barton for information used in this column. For additional information e-mail her at margaretmweaver@gmail.com or visit the Killingly Historical & Genealogical Center Wed. or Sat. 10-4 or www.killinglyhistorical. org. or call 860-779-7250. Like us at Facebook at www.facebook. com/killinglyhistoricalsociety. Mail for the Killingly Historical & Genealogical Society, Inc. or the Killingly Historical and Genealogical Center should be sent to P.O. Box 265, Danielson,

Aging Boomers aren't prepared for widowhood

In financial planning, women face a unique set of challenges that require a strategic approach to managing their assets so they can achieve their goals. This March, in recognition of Women's History Month, we'll be exploring these unique challenges and strategies to overcome them. Also, be sure to tune-in to our podcast and radio show "You & Your Money" and follow us on social media where we'll be recognizing the smart and talented women of the Weiss, Hale & Zahansky Strategic Wealth Advisors team.

To start off this month, we'll be discussing the ageing of America. This is something we may be aware of, but what we are much less tuned into is the widowing of America. And that has big financial repercussions.

As people are living longer, there's a startling lack of discussion and preparation among couples, even retired couples, about what will happen to the other when one of them dies. A new study conducted by Age Wave, consisting of more than 3,300 respondents, "Widowhood and Money: Resiliency, Responsibility, and Empowerment' reveals some important information to help you Plan well, invest well, and Live well: Three-quarters of the married couples surveyed say they would not be financially prepared for retirement if their spouse passed away. In addition, the majority of widows and widowers say they didn't have a financial plan in place for what would happen if they became widowed.

As one woman said in the focus groups, "It's not something either of us want to think about, so we don't.'

The research shows that the majority of widows and widowers (64%) who had not done any planning were burdened by worries about supporting themselves financially while dealing with their immense grief.

Our study shows that problem is particularly pronounced among women. According to the U.S. Census Bureau, there are 20 million widowed individuals in America

today, most (78%) of whom are women. Despite the fact that more women are taking control of their finances, many of today's widows aren't experienced in making independent financial decisions prior to becoming widowed, our survey found. Widows say one of the biggest challenges they face is making financial decisions on their own, often for the first time ever or the first time in many years. A mere 14% say they were making financial decisions alone before their spouse died.

But this survey also found that there is light at the end of the dark tunnel. Over time, most widows and widowers (77%) say they discover an inner courage and resiliency they never knew they had. They are forced to jump into complex financial matters from the start of their journey and adjust to making their own financial decisions.

In fact, most widows and widowers (72%) say they now consider themselves more financially savvy than other people their age. That is empowering.

Plan well: No couple wants to talk about the day one of them departs and leaves the widowed with all of the memories left behind to remember alone. It can be a difficult situation to talk about, but unfortunately, it is more often the case of when, not if it happens. It can only make hard times worse if

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owed individuals in America. Planning for wid-INVESTMENT owhood is a more ADVISER unique issue to women that couples should discuss when

they are creating a strategic financial plan together. Higher life expectancy is one of the main reasons women need to think about how they will handle finances when their other half is no longer with them.

The women at Weiss, Hale & Zahansky: There are many more complex situations for women and their overall strategic financial picture. Widowhood my not be something easy to talk about, but the important thing is being prepared for the unexpected and being able to fulfill your goals. Throughout this month we will continue discussing financial planning topics for women and how the amazing women in our office are exemplary figures this month that we are so proud of.

In alignment with Women's History Month, Weiss Hale & Zahanksy Strategic Wealth Advisors would like to recognize and share the women who work in our organization to deliver the best experience for you.

Heather O'Rourke, has been with Weiss Hale & Zahanksv since it was founded. Heather was lead operations for a long time and is now the lead for financial planning. She works with each of the advisors to develop cohesive and integrated financial plans for our clients.

Leisl L. Cording CFP is the Vice

President of the firm. Leisl joined the firm at the end of January to lead financial planning for our clients. She comes from a background in wealth management advisory in the banking industry. Her skills will elevate the experience of our plan well phase of the process.

Rebecca Lewis also joined the team at the end of January as the client services associate. She brings a smile to the face of our clients who walk through the door to help them with any need they may have. You will most often hear her voice if you call the office and she will help you get wherever you need to go.

Kelly Graves joined the operations team in October of 2018, supporting Shandy Chen and bringing an invaluable skill of client service. She worked as a paralegal for more than 17 years.

To learn more about the Women at Weiss, Hale & Zahansky and how their role in the team can help you achieve your financial goals, visit www. whzwealth.com/learn-about-us or listen to our upcoming radio show which will also be distributed via podcast.

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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

In support of Sunday gun hunting

I am writing to express my support of the recent proposal to allow Sunday firearms hunting in Connecticut. Hunters and non-hunters have an excellent record of safely sharing public lands the other six days of the week and Sundays will not be any different.

Hunting in Connecticut is a safe, well-regulated sport with strictly defined game seasons based on monitored wildlife populations. Connecticut hunters are required to complete a course in safety and ethics before they can qualify to buy a license. Firearms hunters are required to wear safety orange clothing while so are very visible to other hunters and non-hunters alike.

I hunt on public lands and on private lands where I have permission from the landowner.

On public lands my Labrador and I frequently encounter hikers, bikers, joggers, paddlers, and people walking with their families and pets. We make ourselves known to each other, say hello as we pass, and stay out of each other's way so each can enjoy the land in their own way.

Like fishing and gardening, hunting has long been a way for people of all incomes to bring healthy, sustainable, locally-sourced food into their home. It suits our area and the rural way of life that is valued in northeast Connecticut. I support the option of pursuing my outdoor activity on both weekend days like everybody else.

> DEREK MAY Pomfret

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We often referred to our former home as Cold Comfort Farm, because of the eponymous series. The writers captured the humorous things that happen when one keeps livestock and the challenges of living in antique buildings. It makes me laugh to remember it just as it makes my skin crawl when I recall "House of Cards". The power mad politician used the innocent, ambitious reporter to further his career, all at her

Who didn't love "How Green Was My Valley" and because I am mostly Welsh, I chose to love it even more. "The Duchess of Duke Street" was a lovely glimpse into what the stylish Brits do in the city, although years later when Helen Mirren scared us to pieces with "Prime Suspect", urban life took on a gritty, violent aspect that often made it hard for me to sleep on Sunday night.

"Downton Abbey" took up several years of our lives, but what other show opens with a shot of the backside of a yellow

The clothes were glorious and the interiors were memorable. It also noted the intelligence and power of older women, examined sibling rivalry and exposed the oddity of primogeniture. Who knew a male heir mattered so much!

Lately we've been glued to "Victoria" with the interesting love story between the Queen and Albert and the sidebar stories of British politics, the jealous half-sister, and the royal children, who lived to see the complexity of the 20th century.

We love stories. The stories we tell ourselves, the stories other people tell and the stories we absorb through books, radio, television and movies. Living though Masterpiece has broadened our experiences, made us feel as if the characters were old friends or dangerous enemies. The programs give us insight into our own world. Besides, it is a fine way to spend a Sunday evening, curled up on the couch.

Gun hunting would spoil Sunday walks

My dog and I have just returned from a Sunday walk that took us into the woods. It was a crisp and sunny March Sunday when we could rejoice that the sun is higher in the sky and illuminates the bare trees and snowy ground in the distinctive pattern of late winter. I reflected ruefully that a bill before our state legislature might end such a peaceful pastime. How ironic that contemporary interpretations expanding the meaning of the Second Amendment and narrowing the intent of the Fourth Commandment have clashed. Can we no longer choose to have Sundays for quiet

reflection and doggy joy? Opening the woods to hunters seven days a week does not bode well for the environment.

> CAROLINE SLOAT THOMPSON (EDITOR'S NOTE: STATE REPRESENTATIVE

RICK HAYES HAS INTRODUCED A BILL IN THE CONNECTICUT LEGISLATURE TO ALLOW HUNTING WITH FIREARMS ON SUNDAYS ON PUBLIC AND PRI-

VATE LANDS)

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Home rule is best

Kudos and many thanks to Representative Pat Boyd for his commentary recently on the proposed bills in the legislature to strip more freedom and responsibilities from home rule to the command and control bureaucrats in Hartford. Apparently we either do not have the education, ability, or wisdom to handle such affairs ourselves.

He states that a proposed bill SB-431 wants to "repeal the municipal car tax and replace it with a state wide tax" and place a "one mil increase on your residence that goes to the state". This is nothing short of a money grubbing raid on our already dwindling Home Rule resources. The state of CT is a state that has lost population leaving the rest of us to pick up the tax bag they left behind. Now, our legislature is considering adding yet even more to our Home Rule tax burden.

Further proposed is SB-453 that wants to consolidate small schools into large consolidated schools probably miles and miles from our home town. We have already lost a great deal of control of our schools because our local board of education must conform and submit to the dictates of the state board of education. Apparently we also cannot be trusted to educate our own children without their approval and help. The state board of education issues thousands of pages of directives to our towns to enforce. Especially egregious an dastardly are the host of unfunded cowardly mandates that the state directs us to obey and pay. Many years ago I requested the state government, through a town hall meeting, to appoint at least one member to the State Board of Education from the Northeast Corner. We have yet to have our representation. Remember how the Educational Reform Act years ago was meant to solve our educational problems and all additional costs were promised to paid by funds from the state. As soon as financial stresses happened these reimbursements were suspended leaving us with the additional cost bag. How about the casino cash. That too has disappeared. Seems «reform» and «improvements» in Hartford means more money for them to distribute to their latest legislative programs not the promised ones to relieve our ever increasing Home Rulel

We have already seen the loss of home rule at Quinebaug Community College, the local board of trustees was

dissolved and subsumed into the State Board of Regents. And, of course, I do not see a representative from our region on that board either. Now, shockingly, we face to real possibility of the State Board of Regents to actually close or consolidate QVCC because of the power the State Board of Regents to "reform" and "improve' etc. the state community college program. Hopefully, all our local representation in Hartford can stop this further encroachment of home rule by Hartford bureaucrats.

As if we don't pay enough taxes to support home rule, our own Day Kimball Hospital has been taxed on their gross receipts since 2011 with the "promise" to return all these taxes once they received funds from the federal government. It turned out to be a Ponzi scheme as we received one full payment. Yes one in over 18 years. This is a tax on gross receipts because the hospital is a non-profit and you can't tax what doesn't exist. The result is that every patient is paying a stealth tax every time they avail themselves of hospital services. I don't know why the hospitals don't add a line for this CT tax right below the total charges for the visit. Make it obvious that even when you're sick the state demands more of your money. When you're born, get sick, and die, you pay the hospital tax. I'm surprised we don't have a grave site tax. Oh right, they can't reach us there. We also get taxed when we are unemployed and retired. No rest for the taxpayer.

Home rule is becoming an increasingly small privilege and freedom for taxpayers to control. Greater and greater command and control is residing in Hartford and their bureaucrats. These two bills are a two-fer for Hartford. They get to increase our local taxes and they get more power, command and

I appreciate Representative Pat Boyd for alerting us to these proposals by the President Pro-Tempore of the state senate who represents the city of New Haven. And I really appreciate his standing firm on home rule even against his own party. I sincerely pray that he doesn't receive punishing political payback because of his stand on our behalf.

> RONN BRAATEN WOODSTOCK

Climate change is real

Helmut Eisele's letter of last week, dismissing the threat of Climate Change, is a welcome excuse to revisit the misunderstood basics of the issue. I don't expect to convince Helmut, but it's dangerous to our children and theirs to let such ignorance stand.

Any correction to his errors begs to be the kind of full-page letter that even I often don't read, so I'll take his scatter-gun blast a few pieces of shot at a time. I hope to continue.

His first argument is: guy, I've seen nonsense like this before and I love my children too. Ironic that Helmut should use his decades of life in Pomfret as his badge of authority. My farmer friends who were born here and whose livelihoods depend on climate stability notice major, consistent, disturbing trends. Biologists and records of flora and fauna going back centuries

I also believe that concern for our children should give them more authority in this argument, they who will see and suffer from the accelerating changes in the lifetimes still ahead

His second argument is: doomsday warnings didn't come true. Warnings of overpopulation and famines were not unfounded, but the Green Revolution of more productive seed varieties and fertilizers and pesticides have, for a time, kept pace with that increase from one billion, in 1800, to 7.6 billion, now. More productive farming and livestock and fishing technologies have only served to put us on a more precarious and unstable foundation, easily tipped by changes in weather patterns caused by the change in cli-

Helmut ridicules warnings of mas-

sive flooding and storms. But when 100-year storms are happening every ten or two years, it's gotten the attention of folks on the Gulf and Atlantic coasts, parts of Pennsylvania, the Northwest and coastal California. I

guess in Pomfret things are still OK.

Helmut, like many climate deniers,
discredits the science by citing the false warnings of a new ice age, which generated many doomsday articles the popular press in the 70s. But scientists also noted startling increases in carbon dioxide and, even at that time, papers warning of warming outnumbered iceage papers by a factor of six. Climate science was new and lightly studied in the 60s but, like many other disciplines, climate science has grown in sophistication and scope. NOAA and NASA have orbital and terrestrial tools to measure global effects and much more powerful computers to crunch the data. Newsweek's science editor, Peter Gwynne, who penned the ice age article, says, "climate scientists now know that [the data was] seriously incomplete. Our climate is warming not cooling, as the original story

Helmut also confuses weather with climate. It's Senator Inhofe's "See, I have a snowball, so Climate Change is a hoax" misunderstanding. Simply put, weather is what happens locally, climate is a global study and will, in the end, affect local weather trends in predictable ways.

Next week: Helmut argued that it's not happening, it's just a natural

change and it's actually good for us. We respond.

> G. LESLIE SWEETNAM WOODSTOCK

Democratic politicians are America's biggest threat

Seriously. Someone please tell me what the heck's wrong with all the peo ple that run this country! We can't help our own seniors, veterans, or homeless etc. but we take care of illegals and give America, a counthem everything. try where we have homeless without shelter, children going to bed hungry, elderly going without needed meds, and mentally ill without treatment but give all this to illegals who invade our country. Imagine if the government gave America the same support they give to other countries. Sad isn't it? We have politicians that are more interested in getting rid of President Trump than taking care of America. And now we have the Democratic politicians blocking the "Born Alive Abortion Survivors Protection Act" where 80% of Americans have spoken out that they do not support infanticide. Fortyfour members of Congress blocked a bill ensuring medical care to living, newborn babies who survive an abortion, including our Connecticut Senators Blumenthal and Murphy. Picture a

outside the womb gasping for air. That's the only thing that today's vote is actually about. We're talking about babies who have already been born and this has nothing to do with the wom-en's rant, "my body, my choice"...... it's plain murder and this is absolutely unconscionable. Every Democrat who made remarks on the Senate floor before the vote was claiming that this bill was an attack on a woman's right to abortion when nothing in this bill touches abortion. We're talking about after abortion. American politics today proves we need term limits on all Washington politicians. And where is the Catholic Church on this, where are all the civilized religions on this? We are more concerned about dogs being put down this American genocide happening.

And then we have the current Democratic politicians who are America's biggest threat today.

> TOM PANDOLFI WOODSTOCK



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Gardner is Day Kimball Employee of the Year

PUTNAM — Michelle Gardner, Intake and Outreach Coordinator for Day Kimball HomeMakers, a division of Day Kimball Healthcare at Home, was named Employee of the Year for 2018 by Day Kimball Healthcare.

Gardner's selection was announced at the annual meeting of the DKH Corporators on February 13. She was a guest of honor at the event along with fellow 2018 Employees of the Month. DKH President and CEO Anne Diamond and DKH Chairman of the Board Joseph Adiletta presented Gardner with the award.

"Michelle is so deserving of this award. Her true passion for homecare, exceptional work ethic, and positive attitude, are admirable qualities we all strive for every day across our organization," said Diamond.

After nine years of employment at CVS, and following her mother's cancer diagnosis Gardner chose to pursue a new career path as a Certified Nursing Assistant through the Community College of Rhode Island. Gardner joined the Day Kimball Healthcare at Home team as a full-time health and hospice aide in 2002.

In 2017, Gardner accepted a new position as Intake and Outreach Coordinator at Day Kimball HomeMakers and in this role is responsible for processing new client referrals ensuring the plan of care meets each client's individual needs. She performs home visits to existing clients to ensure that changes in status and client needs are reflected in the plan of care, and to evaluate the quality of care provided by HomeMakers'



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DKH Employee of the Year for Michelle Gardner, center, with fellow DKH 2018 Employees of the Month.

Gardner also works per diem as a home health and hospice aide for DKH at Home and is a certified personal care assistant trainer for HomeMakers.

"I have spent almost half of my life working alongside Michelle, first in the field when I was a nurse and she was a home health aide caring for patients together, and now in our current roles," said DKH Home Executive Director Renee Smith. "I am not surprised that Michelle was chosen as Employee of the Year for 2018 and that is because she has demonstrated all of the very same qualities that earned her this award since the first time we walked into a patient's home together. Not only does Michelle put her heart and soul into everything she does, she has always put the needs of our patients, clients, and organization before her own. Michelle works hard to foster positive staff morale and team cohesiveness. Watching Michelle grow and blossom in her current position has been one of the most rewarding experiences I have had as a leader."

"I am thankful for the accolades of being chosen as Employee of the Year. Since joining DKH in 2002 I felt a sense of belonging; a family of sorts and a very tight knit community. DKH at Home is just that. A sense of community within our organization all striving to keep our residents of the Quiet Corner in their homes and that is something I've always wanted to be a part of since losing my Mom to cancer who used the Hospice services in Rhode Island. I am so appreciative of what DKH has given me throughout the years knowledge, friendship, and team building, Gardner said.

In 2017, Gardner

received the "Hero for Homecare" award which recognizes a healthcare partner who advocates for homecare and promotes collaborative patient care across the continuum.

"The ability to help our clients stay at home gives me the most satisfaction. I also enjoy my interactions with clients, listening to their stories and learning more about who they are," Gardner

Gardner was born and raised in Woonsocket, R.I. with her five siblings. She now lives in Tolland with her husband, Steve. The couple also resides with their 16-year-old cat, River. When not at work, Gardner can be found running a 5K or spending time with her friends. She is also a member of the Tolland Chapter's "Buy Nothing Project."

The 2018 employees of the month who were honored include: Lindsay Ferrer; Matthew Kenney,; Heather Gormley, Jennifer LeClair, Jessica Provencher, Jillian Mancini, Stacey Jones, Michelle Dickinson, Chris Lavallee, Sherry Fitzgerald, and Leslie Taylor.

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him. He finished it two days before he died. In the poem, everyone now turns to listen to us. The people removed their devices to listen to my last day with "you," the relationship with the person I went with.

So it wasn't only about the death of Van Gogh, but the death of that relationship.

Veilleux - That's my favorite things that I have written. There's a lot of feeling, a lot of emotion. It works on so many levels.

Why is it important to share poetry, especially when it's so personal?

St. George – I think it's a very beautiful thing. It feels like church in a sense. It's a spiritual community for us. We've laughed together. Cried together. We've all written about very personal things. Some uplifting, about survival and recovery. We've all shared some very brave pieces about traumatic experiences. It's been a healing experience.

Veilleux - Some people are really in a state of transition. Divorcing an abusive spouse. Or going through a major injury.

St. George – Someone had a traumatic brain injury. She'd never written poetry before. This was her first time writing and reading poetry.

Veilleux – We've seen her progress. The things she first wrote were strong. But she started to really develop her skills. I think that was kind of cool as well. We try to be nonjudgemental and supportive. It's a rowdy group. It's very visceral.

It's all about expression

St. George – We're very open about the content because we want people to express themselves freely. We've all become braver in terms of what we've shared. And we've all grown from that. We're with these people who don't judge us. Who trust us.

Veilleux – We have a Vietnam Vet who has written books of poetry about his experience overseas.

St. George – We have a cancer survivor who comes three hours from New York.

Veilleux – He's been amazing to listen to

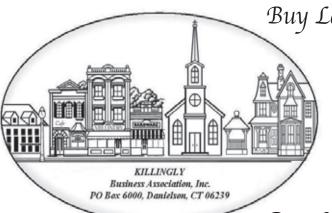
If someone is interested in joining, or just seeing what you guys are all about, what can they do?

Veilleux – You can come to the meetings.

St. George – Absolutely. There's space for everyone who wants to share or listen.

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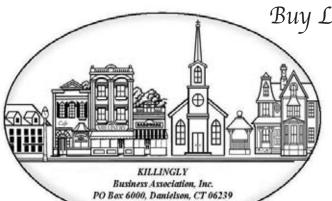
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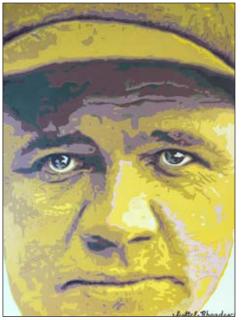


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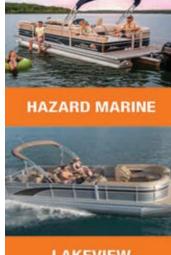








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Career night for Ramos in state tourney



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Putnam High's Mike DiColella goes up for a bucket with Tourtellotte's Spencer Fulone defending on Tuesday, March 5, at Putnam High School. BY CHARLIE LENTZ

PUTNAM — Sebastian Ramos had a bag of ice strapped to his right shoulder following Putnam High's 77-42 win over Tourtellotte Memorial in the opening round of the Division 5 state tournament. That ice bag was the only thing that could cool off Ramos at Putnam High School on Tuesday night. Putnam's senior point guard sank a school-record 10 three-pointers and finished with 39 points to help propel the Clippers past the Tigers.

'We had a crowd here. We love big crowds. The intensity was high on both sides," Ramos said. "We were all psyched. We all knew it was going to be a big game coming in. We knew the crowd was going to be big. We were prepared for his moment."

His momentous moment included 10 three-pointers and surpassed Tylor Genest's previous school record of eight treys in a single game. Genest, Putnam High Class of 2014, was in attendance on Tuesday night, sitting a few rows above the team's bench. Clippers coach Shawn Deary is in his 11th season and he spotted Genest in the bleachers and kidded him before the start of the third quarter -Ramos sank six three-pointers in the first half.

When we came out at halftime I looked up at him and I said "He's got six. He may be coming for your record tonight.' Tylor said 'Yeah, I three-pointer with 7:48 left in the fourth quarter to surpass the previous record — shortly thereafter he acknowledged Genest.

"When I broke his record I did glance at him," Ramos said. "He just smiled."

Clippers assistant coach Dino Porcic gave a rousing pre-game speech in the locker room. Putnam High and Tourtellotte are backyard rivals and Porcic is a member of Putnam High's Class of 2012. Porcic told the players his best memory came when the Clippers beat Tourtellotte in the 2011 state tournament.

"Having Dino here was great because in his junior vear we played Tourtellotte away in the tournament we were the 26 seed and they were seventh. Dino went on to play at Nichols College but the No. 1 game he remembers throughout his whole career was the states game against Tourtellotte," Deary said. "He built up our momentum before the game — told them how important it is to play your best on states night and you'll remember it forever. They took it to heart."

Now Ramos and his teammates have a special night to savor.

"It's going to be a memory that I'll never forget," Ramos said. "It's always going to be cherished within me. I'll keep it in my heart forever."

The Clippers led 21-10 after one quarter and outscored Tourtellotte 20-12 in the sec-

know. We'll see,' "Deary said. ond quarter. Ramos kicked Ramos sank his ninth off the second quarter surge off the second quarter surge with a three-pointer with 7:39 left in the half and connected on his another trey with 2:21 remaining before halftime to push the Clippers' lead to 41-20. Ramos said the big lead buoyed the Clippers confidence. Tourtellotte never cut Putnam's cushion below 18 points in the second half.

"When you lead by so much you get to go out there and have fun," Ramos said. "You get to play the game of basketball and have fun with it."

This was the third meeting between the two teams this season. Putnam defeated Tourtellotte 67-42 on Dec. 21. Tourtellotte topped Putnam in overtime, 70-65, on Jan. 29. The state tourney win on March 5 lifted the 15th-seeded Clippers record to 11-11. Eighteenthseeded Tourtellotte finished the season with a record of 9-13. Putnam advanced to face second-seeded Somers High (16-4) in second-round action at Somers on Thursday, March 7.

Ramos banged up his right shoulder in the second quarter but no one in Putnam High's packed gymnasium would have suspected his injury on Tuesday night — the only incriminating evidence was a bag of ice — the only thing that could cool off the Clippers senior point guard.

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Bloomfield ousts Putnam girls from tourney



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Putnam High's Abby St. Martin, white jersey, battles Bloomfield's Leigh-Ann LaBad for a rebound on Feb. 28 at Putnam High School.

BY CHARLIE LENTZ

PUTNAM — It is perhaps no exaggeration to say Bloomfield High literally knocked out Putnam in the second round of the Class S state tournament. Referees Dan Tammaro and Ray Pompano allowed a physical style of play on Feb. 28 at Putnam High and among the results was a 59-40 victory for Bloomfield and a battered bunch of Clippers — including junior point guard Kayleigh Lyons, who absorbed a body blow and spent a couple minutes on the court writhing in pain before limping to her corner to watch the final minute of play from the relative safety of Putnam's bench — where she viewed teammate Molly McKeon getting knocked to the deck with 17 seconds left.

"The mismatch was the refs just weren't on our side tonight and they're not always going to be. Being mentally tough, that's where that comes in," Lyons said. "Right now my ribs hurt. It's hard to breathe. It just gets to you mentally and physically. You're not getting those calls where you're getting smacked to the ground and getting pushed around down there. You know you can't blame everything on the refs. (Bloomfield) was definitely just a good team. We came and we played our game still so I'm proud of us."

While the refs seemed to swallow their whistles, Putnam coach Mandi Hogan had no problem making her own call after the final buzzer.

"Physical play and having people get hurt are two different things. So the inconsistency with the refereeing this year is by far . . . it just amazes me," Hogan said. "A lot of hard driving-to-the basket fouls, you can't let that stuff go. These kids are making a move and working hard to get to the basket. And you go up for a layup and you get drilled and there's no call. I'm just dumbfounded about it."

Eleventh-seeded Bloomfield mixed a half-court trapping

defense with full-court pressure throughout the game. The sixth-seeded Clippers had trouble handling the physicality and the defensive pressure. Putnam hung close for the first eight minutes, trailing 14-11 after one quarter. The Warhawks ratcheted up their relentless pressure and Putnam committed 25 turnovers in the first half.

"Definitely it was probably the hardest, fastest team we've seen all year," said McKeon, Putnam's junior shooting guard.

Lyons allowed that the Warhawks' pressure defense was the best they've faced this season.

"I definitely think we should take some notes from that team. Having that aggressiveness definitely we'll get us far next year in ECCs and states," Lyons said.

Bloomfield outscored Putnam 19-4 in the second quarter to put the game away—leading 33-15 at halftime. The Warhawks turned Putnam's miscues into buckets—scoring seven layups off Clipper turnovers in the first half.

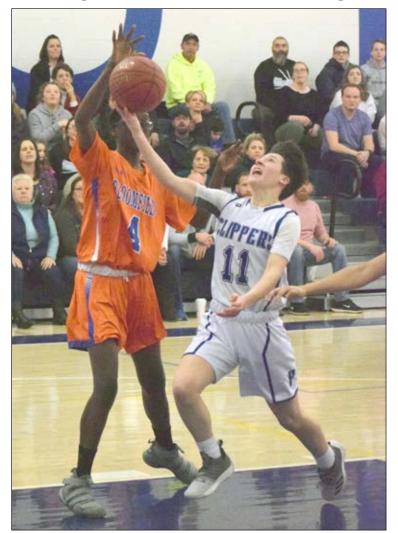
"We came in prepared for turnovers, maybe not that many, we came in and we played hard and that's all I care about," Hogan said. "Obviously turnovers were a factor but we battled until the last second of the game and I'm proud of them for that."

It was the second-straight year Putnam has been knocked out of the state tournament at home in the second round of the tourney. Bloomfield's scrappy defense was the key. McKeon said aggressiveness and intensity are integral to making a deep run in the tourney and the Clippers could take note.

"It's getting us tougher for next season," McKeon said. "It's getting us tougher and stronger so we can go even farther next year. I think it's what we needed. It kind of shows us what really is out there and what we could face. So next year hopefully we'll get past this round and we'll see more of these teams and we'll be ready for them."

Sophomore forward Abby St. Martin led the Clippers with 12 points.

"It was definitely one of the most physical games this year. The refs definitely did let some fouls go. But since it's states we have to work and earn each of our fouls. That's



Charlie Lentz photo

Putnam High's Kayleigh Lyons drives for a bucket with Bloomfield's Jayanna Whitt defending.

how it goes I guess," St. Martin said. "They were very physical and we needed a good physical game. It was good practice for us. Because next year it's going to be tough."

With each round of the tourney the stakes get higher.

"Definitely an amazing experience. They were a good group of basketball players, something we haven't seen in the ECC obviously. Also the refs were more lenient. It's almost like watching a boys game, that's what it felt like," Lyons said. "Definitely we have to be more mentally strong and physically strong next year."

Lyons and Jillian Gray each finished with eight points and McKeon added with seven points for Putnam. The loss ended Putnam's season at 18-6. Leigh-Ann LaBad led the Warhawks with 24 points. The win lifted Bloomfield's record to 16-6 and advanced the Warhawks to a quarterfinal game at No.-3 seed St. Paul of Bristol, a 73-27 winner over Parish Hill in second-round

action.

While the Clippers were disappointed with the result against Bloomfield, coach Hogan said they had much to be proud about this season — including 18 wins and the regular-season crown in Division 4 of the Eastern Connecticut Conference. Among the players expected to return to the lineup next season are Lyons, St. Martin, McKeon, and sophomore guard Laylah Chavez — all starters against Bloomfield.

"We're solo champs of Division 4, I'm just proud of the kids. They're a young team. They have a whole year to grow and get better in the off-season," Hogan said. "This is the kind of game that these kids needed. Because this is the kind of basketball you would love to have every time and play at this caliber. You show up and you play hard."

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Tourtellotte senior duo cap career in states

BY CHARLIE LENTZ

PUTNAM — Tourtellotte Memorial's Josh Dodd and Spencer Fulone never won a state tournament game over their high school careers. Putnam High made sure of that on Tuesday night, defeating the Tigers 77-42 in the opening round of the Division 5 state tournament. But the Tigers likely never would have qualified for states without their senior duo

— Tourtellotte's one-two scoring punch. This was Tourtellotte's second-straight trip to the state tourney after a three-year drought. Last season the Tigers earned the 23rd-seed in Division 5 state tournament and were edged by 10th-seed Shepaug Valley 59-57 in the first round. This season the Tigers were seeded 18th and the loss at Putnam High finished their season with a record of 9-13.



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"I'm glad we were able to get back to states, kind of wish we were able to do more out of it, especially this year being a senior," said Dodd, the Tigers leading scorer. "It's tough to go home like this. But I'm glad this team was able to make it to states and accomplish our goal successfully.

Putnam senior guard Sebastian Ramos tallied 39 points including 10 three-pointers to lead fifteenth-seeded Putnam (11-11) past the Tigers. Putnam raced to a 41-22 halftime and never looked back.

"It takes a toll on you. Mentally you really just start to give up. It's just how it happens some nights. Teams will shoot the lights out. That's just how it is," Dodd said. "Seb had an awesome performance tonight and good for him."

Fulone scored a team-high 14 points for Tourtellotte. Dodd sprained his right ankle with three minutes left in the first quarter and finished with just six points on a hobbled joint.

"It was tough. It's an ankle that I sprain a lot," Dodd said. "It's rough to get it at such an unfortunate time. Playing through it was tough but I did the best I could."

Tourtellotte coach Neil Bernier said Putnam's Ramos was virtually unstoppable.

"Somebody shoots like that they're going to be hard to guard. There's not much you can do when somebody's making shots from three steps off the three-point arc and in that quantity," Bernier said of Ramos. "Sometimes guys have career nights and there's not much you can do about it."

The Tigers trailed 7-6 with 3:00 left in the first quarter when Dodd left for the remainder of the quarter after spraining his right ankle. Putnam closed out the first quarter on a 14-4 run with Dodd on the bench.

"Once he came out all of a sudden we went down double figures. He really didn't have the same mobility for the rest of the game," Bernier said. "When we played well this year it was because when (Dodd) got going the defense had to key on him, and then he found other guys."

Dodd and Fulone will both be missed.

"Irreplaceable guys," Bernier said. The Tigers ran into a buzz saw in the opening round of the Division 5 state tournament. Over their high school careers neither Dodd nor Fulone experienced the thrill of winning a state tournament game. But without them the Tigers never would have made it to Putnam High on Tuesday night.

"I love those guys. They've given us everything they could. This year, without them, we were like a rudderless ship," coach Bernier said. "I feel bad for them. I would have liked those guys to have one more game — to at least go out that way — and do something special that hasn't really been done here very often. But it wasn't meant to be."

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WOODSTOCK TEAMS FALL IN STATE TOURNEY

NORTHFORD — Robert Lionetti scored three goals to lead fourth-seeded Branford past Woodstock Academy 6-2 in the opening round of the Division II hockey tournament at the Northford Ice Pavilion on March 4. The win lifted Branford's record to 15-3-3. Doug Newton and Liam McDermott scored for 13th-seeded Woodstock. The loss ended the Centaurs season at 12-7-2

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DANBURY — Tenth-seeded Abbott Tech (17-4) ended the 23rd-seeded Centaurs' season in the opening round of the boys Division 4 state basketball tournament on Tuesday, March 5. Chase Anderson scored 24 points and Cole Hackett added 16 points for Woodstock (10-

Tourtellotte's Spencer Fulone shoots with Putnam High's Colby Livingston defending on Tuesday, March 5, at Putnam High School.

Fans flock to backyard rivalry

PUTNAM — Putnam High played host to Tourtellotte Memorial in the opening round of the boys Division 5 state tournament on Tuesday, March 5. The backyard rivalry filled Putnam High School's gymnasium with fans from both Putnam and Thompson. The Putnam High Clippers sent their fans home happy with a 77-42 victory over the Tigers.



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Helen Mongeau, 96



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John and Bronisla (Pogooa) Milas and beloved wife of Louis Mongeau who died in 1999.

Helen was a Communicant of St. James Church in Danielson. She was active with the Brooklyn Senior Center helping out in the kitchen. Helen loved raising her family and family meals were important. She enjoyed sewing, gardening and bingo.

She leaves her sons, Louis Mongeau and his wife Doris of Brooklyn, and Fred Mongeau and his wife Gail of Brooklyn; a sister Josephine Kulis of Webster, Massachusetts; grandchildren Charlotte Mongeau of Willington, Scott Mongeau and his wife Amy of Woodstock, Beth Nunes

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Apostolos "Paul" Xanthopoulos, 87



WEBSTER "Paul" Apostolos Xanthopoulos, 87, entered Paradise on Saturday February 23, 2019, with his loving wife and family by his side.

Paul was born on March 27, 1931 in the mountain region north of Drama, Greece called Lefkovia. He later moved to the village of Lidia in the region of Kavala, where he met Eleni, the woman who would eventually become his wife of 57 years. Paul and Eleni were married on August 20, 1961, and shortly thereafter moved to Germany, where Paul attended college in pursuit of a degree in Physical Education. Paul always enjoyed and excelled in athletics (track & field events, Greco-Roman wrestling) and was the top athlete in his region, where they called os", or "rubber man" in his him " younger years.

In 1967, Paul and Eleni left their native Greece and moved to the United States, were they settled in Webster. and he took a job at the now-defunct Cranston Print Works. In 1969, Paul and his brother-in-law opened Rainbow Pizza on Main Street in Webster, before leaving in 1978 to open his own shop. Paul's Pizza, which Paul ran with his family for the next 20 years, was a beloved icon in Webster, and is remembered fondly by many even to this day. In addition to running Paul's Pizza with his wife Eleni, Paul also managed several residential and commercial properties in Webster.

Paul was an avid golfer, and was also on the bowling and softball leagues in Webster. Paul's biggest passion, however, was competing in the Masters and National Senior Olympics all over the country, which he did for more Cape Cod, and in Naples, Florida. Paul and Eleni were honored by the Sts. Constantine & Helen Greek Orthodox Church at the Metropolis of Boston Ministry Awards in 2014; he was a devout and active member of Sts. Constantine & Helen Greek Orthodox Church in Webster and served on the Parish Council for many years, during which time he served as Vice President. Paul was also a member of A.H.E.P.A.

Paul was a joker with a wonderful sense of humor. He was a self-taught musician who could play almost any song on the lyre and the harmonica, and his music captured your soul! He especially loved Pontian music and dancing the complicated traditional "Pontiaka" dances.

Paul will be deeply missed by his loving wife Eleni (Koulax) Xanthopoulos; his daughter Sophia Foisy and sonin-law Stephen Foisy; his daughter Alexandra Xanthopoulos; his daughter Constantina Biondo and his son-in-law Frank Biondo; and his grandchildren Louisa Foisy, Alexandra Biondo and Nicolas Biondo. Paul also leaves many relatives here in the United States, in Greece and in England, as well as all of his dearest friends.

"May his memory be eternal"

Visitation will be on Thursday February 28, 2019 from 4:00 - 7:00 pm at the Sts. Constantine & Helen Greek Orthodox Church, 35 Lake Parkway Webster, MA. The Funeral Service will be held on Friday March 1, 2019 at 11:00 am at the Church; Committal will follow at Mount Zion Cemetery in Webster, MA.

The Shaw-Majercik Funeral Home is honored to have been entrusted with Paul's funeral arrangements. To share a memory or to offer condolences, a guestbook is available at www.shaw-majercik.com In lieu of flowers, Memorial Contributions may be made to: Sts. Constantine & Helen Greek Orthodox Church, P.O. Box 713, Webster, MA. 01570.

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John E. Joyce, Sr., 79



DUDLEY – John E. Joyce, Sr., 79, died Tuesday, February 26, 2019 in Harrington Memorial Hospital with his family by his side. He was predeceased by his wife of 39 years, Barbara J. (Carlo) Joyce who

passed in 2011.

He leaves 4 children, Gretchen A. & James Scott of Bethpage, TN, James T. & Heidi Hoover of Thompson, CT, Beth-Anne Hoover of Webster and John E. Joyce, Jr. & his wife Faith of Dudley; 7 grandchildren, Kellie Hoover, Madeline Joyce, Cody Stahl, Tim Rumrill, Andrea Tetreault, Joshua Gomes, and Zachary Remillard; 3 great-grandchildren, Gracie Rybacki, Aria Rybacki and Willow Stahl; 1 brother, Richard & Susan Joyce; 4 sisters, Anne & John Jennette, Mary & Jim Carter, Ellen Vellios and Kathy & Larry Brown. He was preceded in death by his grandson, Sr. Airman Nicholas J. Hoover in 2015 and by his brothers Thomas Joyce and Francis

John was born and raised in the Roslindale section of Boston, a son of Festus and Ellen (Reilly) Joyce, both formerly of Ireland. He graduated from Boston Technical High School and attended numerous trade classes including oil burner and appliance repair.

Mr. Joyce worked as an oil boiler technician and then as the owner and operator of Webster Appliance and Appliance Service

Company for 35 years. Additionally, he was employed by Garelick Farms in Franklin, MA and Wright Line Manufacturing in Worcester, MA. He was technically proficient in many trades and took pride in a job well

John served our country in the U.S. Marine Corps, stationed at the 8th & I Streets Marine Barracks in Washington, D.C. He had the honor of being posted as a Presidential Guard during the Eisenhower administration.

He enjoyed reading, working on his home and was an avid Red Sox fan.

The funeral was held Saturday, March 2, from Scanlon Funeral Service, 38 East Main Street, with a Mass at 10:00 AM in Saint Louis Church, 14 Lake Street. Burial with military honors was in Calvary Cemetery, Dudley. Donations in his name may be made to the Wounded Warrior Project, PO Box 758517, Topeka, Kansas 66675-8517.

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William R. Hansen, 97



DANIELSON, William Hansen age 97 passed away peacefully at home, Wednesday, February 2019. He leaves his Jacqueline Hall Hansen of seventy-one years and

three children: son Peter C. Hansen and wife Dianne, son Jon W. Hansen and wife Jody, and daughter Susan L. LaGrow. He also leaves five grandchildren and three great grandchildren. He was predeceased by his mother Sylvia Hansen, his father Jul Hansen, sister Lillian Hansen and son-in-law Clayton LaGrow.

Born in 1921 to Sylvia Nilsen and Jul Hansen, he grew up in Brooklyn, NY where his father owned Hansen's Boat Yard. In 1943 he enlisted in the US Coast Guard and served on LST 791 in the Pacific theater during WWII. Upon his return from the war, he attended the University of Michigan, Ann Arbor and later became an aerospace engineer. In the 1960s he worked for Grumman Aircraft as one of the design engineers on the Apollo Lunar Module which landed the first men on the moon. He loved sailing and belonged to the Sheepshead Bay



Yacht Club where he met the love of his life—Jacqueline Hall. There he raced Star class sailboats and was fleet champion in 1949. He also built a thirty-foot cabin cruiser named "Jacky" which he later kept in Wethersfield Cove, Ct. He was always known for his sunny disposition. In lieu of flowers, donations can be made to the US Sailing Foundation, https://www. ussailing.org/about/ussf/donate/. All services are private. The Shaw-Majercik Funeral Home, 48 School St., Webster, MA has been entrusted with his arrangements. A guest book is available at www.shaw-majercik. com where you may post a condolence or light a candle

Anita (Denno) Jacques, 85



SOUTBRIDGE-(Denno) Anita Jacques, 85, of Fairmont Saturday, died March 2, 2018 in Southbridge Rehab and Healthcare.

She leaves husband of

years, Normand Jacques, 4 daughters Carol Worth and her husband Brian of Southbridge, Debra Jacques of Plainfield, CT., Nancy Comeau and her husband Jeffrey of Dudley, Peggy Harrington and her husband Charles of Pomfret Center, CT., a step-brother Donald Cote of Southbridge, 12 grand-

daughter of Raymond and Florence (Hebert) Denno. She graduated from Mary E. Wells High School.

Anita worked for the American

Gentix in Dudley after 10 years of service. After her retirement she was a school crossing guard at Wells Junior High.

She was a member of Notre Dame Parish part of the St. John Paul II Parishes.

Anita kept her house in meticulous order and was the meeting place for all family events and holidays.

She enjoyed the company of her pets, flower gardening, but her family was the most precious to her.

Her calling hours are 5 to 7PM, Monday March 11, in the Belanger-Bullard Funeral Home, 51 Marcy St. Southbridge.

Burial in Notre Dame Cemetery will be private.

contributions Memorial be made to Summit Eldercare 108 Thompson Road, Webster, MA 01570

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He died peacefully, surrounded by his al. He loved working children and 9 great grandchildren. on outdoor projects Born in Southbridge Anita was the Paul Jr. was born July 18, 1936 in

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Anna T. Sielawa, 91



DUDLEY – Anna T. Sielawa, 91, died Tuesday, February 26, 2019 in Harrington Hospital, Webster.

She leaves 12 nephews and nieces, Norman Sczepanski Newton, Patricia Gerhard of Manchester, CT,

Melanie Geotis of Brookfield, Norine Reingold of Pomfret Center, CT, Leon Sielawa of Webster, John Sielawa of Dudley, Christine Roy of Dudley, Sharon Livingston of Windsor Locks, CT, Joseph Sielawa of Chicopee, Paul Sielawa of Springfield, Susan Sielawa of Hampden and Edward Sielawa of Jacksonville, FL; grand nephews and nieces; great-grand nephews and nieces. She was preceded in death by her two triplet siblings Joseph Sielawa and Marie "Mania" Sielawa and brothers and sisters Jessie Wisniewski, Leon Sielawa, Theresa Sczepanski, and Regina Sielawa.

She was born and raised in Dudley, one of triplets of Ignatius and Helen (Kozlowski) Sielawa. She was a graduate of Saint Joseph Grammar School and Bartlett High School class of 1944.

Miss Sielawa was the personnel manager at Webster Lens for 25 years retiring in 1992.

She was an active member of Saint Andrew Bobola Church, belonging to the Holy Rosary Sodality, Senior Choir, 120 Club and a member of the church's Festival Committee.

The funeral was held Monday, March 4, from the Sitkowski & Malboeuf Funeral Home, 340 School Street, with a Mass at 10:00 AM in Saint Andrew Bobola, 54 West Main Street. Burial was in Saint Joseph Garden of Peace. Calling hours were held Sunday, March 3, from 3:00 to 6:00 PM in the funeral home. Donations in her name may be made to Susan G. Komen, 5005 LBJ Freeway, Suite 250 Dallas, TX 75244 or to Tri-Valley Elder Services,

10 Mill Street, Dudley, MA 01571. www.sitkowski-malboeuf.com

Wethersfield where he graduated from Wethersfield High School in 1954. He excelled in athletics in his student years and went on to letter in soccer for the University of Connecticut Huskies. He received his Bachelor of

Paul Jr. also shared his father's love for flying and enlisted in the US Air Force officer candidate school program as a pilot candidate in 1958. Paul Jr. loved flying with his father, and he talked fondly about the times they would fly to Long Island to land and have a cup of coffee and then take off and navigate their way to any other

Arts degree from UConn in 1960 and

was a lifelong Huskies fan.

New England spot they wanted to visit that day before returning to Brainard

successful career as a human resource professional, working for several large corporations until his retirement. Mr. Berk enjoyed raising his family in the quiet corner of Woodstock

and was very involved in his boys'

activities, including a youth basketball program he co-founded as well as

Paul Jr. went on to build a long and

the Woodstock Little League. He delighted in watching his boys and grandchildren build things and compete in the classroom. on the athletic field, and in life in gener-

Paul D. Berk, Jr., 82

WOODSTOCK

Berk, Jr., 82, died

Thursday, February

7, 2019, at his home

in Woodstock after

an extended illness.

Daniel

Paul

family.

Fullerton, Pennsylvania and was the

son of the late Paul and Alda (Meckes)

Berk. In 1941 when Paul Jr. was

five years old, the family moved to

Connecticut when his father Paul D.

Berk Sr. accepted a position as an

experimental test pilot for Pratt and

Whitney Aircraft. Paul Jr. resided and

went to school in West Hartford and

with his family. Paul was a longtime member of the Woodstock Lions Club and he also re-certified as a pilot and flew with the 43rd Flying Club. In his retirement years Paul enjoyed occasional cruise vacations with his wife Kathy and he especially treasured time shared with his loved ones at the family cottage in the Berkshires.

Mr. Berk is survived by his wife, Kathleen (Lannon) of Woodstock; three sons, Daniel and Jennifer Berk of Woodstock, Brian and Deborah Berk of Wake Forest, North Carolina, and William and Andria Berk of Sherborn, Massachusetts; two sisters, Eileen Perry of Simsbury and Shirley Vallieres of East Hampton; a brother, Gary Berk of Portland. He also has six grandchildren, Patrick and Trisha Berk of Woodstock; Trevor and Dylan Berk of Wake Forest, North Carolina: and Eddie and Charlie Berk of Sherborn, Massachusetts.

Visitation was held on Sunday February 10. A funeral service was held on Monday, February 11, at the Gilman Funeral Home, followed by burial at the Elmvale Cemetery on Roseland Park Road in Woodstock. In lieu of flowers memorial donations may be made to the St. Jude Children's Hospital, 501 St. Jude Place, Memphis, TN 38105 or the Shriners Hospital for Children, 110 Conn Ter., Lexington, KY 40508. For memorial guestbook please visit www.GilmanAndValade.

Gloria Margarita Geissler Glenn, 84



Gloria Margarita Geissler Glenn passed away in her ĥome on February 25, 2019, surrounded by loving family. Gloria was born on March 31, 1934, in the mining town of

Chuquicamata, Chile, in the heart of the Atacama Desert, to parents Rupert C. Geissler and Leonor Mu oz Marin. Her father, an American from Thompson, Connecticut, was an engineer at Anaconda Copper who married Leonor, from Copiapo, Chile. Gloria left Chile on her own when she was 15 to attend Putnam High School, where her nickname was "Chuqui." A few years later, her parents, with younger sister Nora Elena, settled in Putnam, and Gloria graduated from University of Connecticut School of Nursing, where she also later received her Master's Degree. She met and married her soulmate, Robert E. Glenn III in 1957, and they settled in Pomfret.

Gloria's nursing career encompassed Yale New Haven Hospital, the Visiting Nurses Association, Day Kimball Hospital, and Pierce Memorial Baptist Home. Her husband, Bob, passed away in 1992 from a long and devastating illness. Gloria selflessly cared for him, and after he died, she held the family together through their grief. Gloria was a gourmet cook, talented photographer, and avid gardener who loved nature, Cape Cod, and Tanglewood. In her retirement, she spent her winters in Chile with her cousins and in Florida with her sister. She is survived by her children, Robert Glenn, wife Heidi Glenn, their children Robby, Charlie, and Kate; her daughter Mary Glenn, husband, Bert Yaeger, their son, Anton; her daughter Jane Glenn and her son Diego Briones- who lovingly cared for her during her final years; her sister Nora Lussier, husband, Richard, and children Mark and Christina. Her loving family includes cousin Gloria Francis Espinoza who predeceased her,

nieces Paulina and Francis Torres, and her large extended family and friends in Chile. The motto for her 8th grade graduation at the Chuquicamata Foreign School, where she was the sole class member, was "The brightest star shines alone." She was

our brightest star. Memorial and Service Reception be held at the Connecticut Audubon Society Center in Pomfret, May 11, 2019 at 3PM.

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John W. Chagnot, 61



BROOKLYN - John Chagnot passed away on February 21, 2019 at Yale New Haven Hospital with his family by his side. He was suffering from an exhausting battle with a rare form of Pulmonary Fibrosis.

He was the loving husband to his wife Amy and the father of two children, Ben and Sara. John followed his father, Rene, into the insulating profession and worked for heat and frost insulators for twenty years. Due to a neck injury, John had an early retirement at the age of 44. This allowed him to be a stay at home dad and enjoy many summers with his

children at our late summer home on Alexanders lake in Killingly CT. Here he was able to express his love for bass fishing and being on the water with his family and friends. He also had a strong connection with our family dog Penny and she helped serve as a friend and comfort John during his illness. John also had a strong passion for the White Mountains in New Hampshire. Here he spent countless days fishing with his long time friend on Spofford Lake, as well as vacationing with his wife and family. John was one of only three cases of this disease that have been seen in our area. This inspired him to donate one of his lungs to the pulmonary research team at Yale New Haven Hospital in the hopes that it will give information to develop new treatments and help others suffering from this disease. Anyone who would like to help support local individuals suffering from pulmonary diseases can send donations to Cardiopulmonary Rehab at Daykimball Hospital (320 Pomfret St. Putnam CT, 06260).

Jared L. Trucheon 34



SOUTHBRIDGE-Jared L. Trucheon 34, of Village Drive Monday, died, February 25.

He leaves his father and mother David and Linda (Normandin) Trucheon

Southbridge, his children Ethan Trucheon, Kayleb Trucheon, Gage Trucheon, Angel Trucheon, Olivia Trucheon, Hannah Gendron, two sisters Tara Trucheon of Southbridge, Lyndsay Trucheon of Southbridge a step brother Justin Gendron of

Southbridge, aunts, Uncles, cousins fiancée Robin Curtis.

He was born in Southbridge and lived here all his life. He attended Bay Path Regional High School.

He worked for several companies including La Framboise Drilling in Thompson, CT, Johnson Corrugated Company, in Thompson.

He enjoyed video games and watching Walking Dead.

Calling hours were Tuesday, March 5, in the Belanger-Bullard Funeral Home, 51 Marcy St. Southbridge.

An online guestbook is available at http://www.BelangerFuneralHome.

Gloria M. Dery, 93



DAYVILLE Gloria (Boudreau) 93, forof North merly Grosvenordale, passed on Wednesday, February 27, 2019 at Westview Healthcare Center. She was the

loving wife of the late Maurice L. Dery. Born in Dudley, Massachusetts, she was the daughter of the late Theodore and Dora (St. Marie) Boudreau.

Gloria worked as an office worker

for Colts Plastics for 29 years.

She is survived by her children, Adele G. Dery-LaPrey of Dayville, and Ronald M. Dery of Bonita Spring,

A Funeral Mass of Christian Burial for Gloria was held on Thursday, March 7, 2019 in St. Joseph Church in N. Grosvenordale. Burial will follow in St. Joseph Cemetery. Gilman Funeral Home & Crematory has been entrusted with her arrangements. For memorial guestbook visit www. GilmanAndValade.com.

Kenneth R. DesRosiers, Sr., 67



UTNAM Kenneth DesRosiers, Sr., 67, of Providence Street, passed away on Thursday, February 2019 at Day Kimball Hospital. He was the loving husband of 49 years

to Cathy (Haley) DesRosiers. Born in Worcester, Massachusetts, he was the son of the late Raymond and Pearl (Guerard) DesRosiers.

Kenneth was a self-employed handyman and also worked as a machinist. He enjoyed old cars, attending car shows, and antiquing.

In addition to his wife, Kenneth is survived by his son, Kenneth R. DesRosiers, Jr. of Clearwater, Florida; his daughters Michelle Stafford of Putnam, and Kimberly Roach of Putnam; his sister, Charlene White of Oxford, Massachusetts; seven grandchildren; and five great grandchildren.

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

Hazel Edwards, 94



PUTNAM -- Hazel Edwards, 94, passed Putnam, peacefully January, 23, 2019 after a brief illness at Matulaitis Nursing in Putnam. Born in Putnam January 10, 1925, daughter of

Matthew and Mary Jane (Pennington) Edwards.

She lived in Putnam all her life, a lifelong member of the Congregational Church of Putnam. She worked at Putnam Woolen, Beldings and volunteered at Day Kimball Hospital. She loved being with her family and friends and traveling.

She leaves her nephew Robert Bernier (Sandy) of Paso Robles, California, niece Janice Kennette (Allen) of Punta Gorda, Florida, great nephew Jeff Bernier of Texas, great nieces Allison Langevin (James), April Thomas (Chris), Madison, McKenzie, Taylor, Noah.

She was predeceased by her parents and sister Hilda Bernier (Omer).

Services will be at a later date.

Peter Vercelli, 90



Peter J.B. Vercelli, 90, an award-winning architect who combined historic restoration and new design in commercial and residential projects in Washington D.C. and Connecticut, died February 18 at his home in Thompson.

He fell into a coma on February 14 and never regained consciousness.

Vercelli was the 1980 recipient of the First Design Award for Historic Restoration and Architectural Design given by the American Institute of Architects. The award was for the Flour Mill, a \$36 million mixed-use project on the Georgetown waterfront in Washington D.C.

As the architect for the Embassy of Mexico at 1911 Pennsylvania Ave., N.W., in the nation's capital, Vercelli designed a new building that preserved the exterior of two 18th century buildings in a ground-breaking example of what has become known as Facadism.

Peter John Biagio Vercelli was born June 30, 1928, in London, England, the son of Clotilde Coletta Vercelli and Luigi Benedetto Vercelli, the director of the Savoy Grill at the Savoy Hotel in

London for 50 years.

As a young child spending summers in his father's village, Mombercelli, Italy, Vercelli learned Italian before English. He was also fluent in French. In London, he attended Mercer's School and was a British Evacuee during Operation Pied Piper which began in

After serving in the Royal Air Force, he graduated with honors from the University of London in 1954 with a B.A. Architecture degree. He was awarded a King George VI Memorial Fellowship and came to the United States to attend Harvard Graduate School of Design. He earned his Master's degree in Architecture and Urban Design in 1956.

At Harvard, he met architect Walter Gropius who invited him to work at The Architects Collaborative in Cambridge, Massachusetts. When Paul Rudolph asked him to become an assistant pro-fessor of design at Yale University's new Architecture School, he moved in 1958 to New Haven, and opened his own architectural office.

projects Among other Connecticut, he designed the Paier College of Art, Hamden; St. Thomas Convent, Southington; and the Science Building at Western Connecticut State University, Danbury. While designing Nonnewaug Regional High School in Woodbury, he met his future wife at a Woodbury to meeting.

In 1969, he was a founding principal of the International Consortium of Architects (ICON) in Washington, D.C. The firm's first commission was the design of a major building at 11 DuPont Circle.

In addition to residential work in the

Washington D.C. area, ICON Architects designed projects in Brazil, Africa and the Middle East where Vercelli was the chief architect of a new city in Kuwait for the resettlement of 35,000 Bedouin nomads.

From 1982 to 1989, he served on the U.S. Commission of Fine Arts' Old Georgetown Review Board which oversaw proposals for alterations, new construction and demolition visible to the public ranging from multi-million dollar projects to modifications to a garden gate in the historic district of Georgetown. In 1982, Vercelli established a solo practice in Washington D.C. until 1989 when he moved to Connecticut. In northeast Connecticut he designed new houses and renovated existing buildings to combine restoration and new construction.

A long-distance ocean swimmer, he bought a cottage on Block Island, Rhode Island, in 1973 where he loved to spend time with his family.

He leaves his wife of 46 years, Jane Anderson Vercelli, of Thompson, and Block Island, Rhode Island; two sons, Anders (and Lydia) Vercelli and Lars (and Laura) Vercelli, both of New York, New York; three grandchildren, Kate, 3, Luke, 2, and Ivy, 1; two brothers-in-law, Rolf Anderson of Montgomery, Vermont, and Kurt Anderson and his son Ivan of Roxbury, and cousins in

England and Italy.
A memorial gathering will be held on Saturday, May 4, 2019 at 12:00 pm in the Pomfret School's Clark Chapel. Burial in the Leroy Anderson family plot in New North Cemetery, Woodbury, will be private.

He was a longtime active member of the Village Improvement Society of Thompson, the volunteer organization which has maintained Thompson Hill Common for 150 years, and of the Thompson Historical Society, designing t-shirts, sweat shirts and notecards with pen-and-ink drawings of Thompson buildings for the Old Town

Hall Museum Shop.

For many years he was a member of the Board of Trustees of the Thompson Congregational Church which owns Thompson Hill Common. When the church steeple was replaced after the 1987 fire, he worked behind the scenes to insure the new steeple would be the same design as the steeple that burned.

Memorial donations may be made to the Thompson Historical Society, Peter Vercelli Memorial Fund, P.O. Box 47, Thompson, CT 06277.

Arrangements have been entrusted to the Gilman and Valade Funeral Homes & Crematory, 104 Church St. Putnam, CT 06260. For memorial guestbook, please visit www.GilmanandValade

Herbert P. Young, 52



N O R T H Manoli of Westboro, Mass.; three chil-GROSVENORDALE The Lord took Herbert Paul Young, age 52, to be his angel on February 7, 2019. Herbert's death was sudden. He is pre-deceased by his par-

ents, the late Herbert Arthur Young and Margaret Mary (Trudell) Young; his brother, Alfred Roy Germain, Ella "Patsy" Germain, and Louise Sandra Young.

Left with broken hearts are his wife, Laura (Perreault) Young; two brothers, Raymond Young of Spencer and Rainell Young of Worcester, Mass.; two sisters, Margaret Alvarado of Worcester, Mass. and Carol Ann Young dren, Paul Young of Norwich, and Samantha Latham of Norwich, and Thomas Millott; eleven grandchildren; and many nieces and nephews.

Herbert loved hunting, fishing, R.C. cars, fish tanks and was an avid collector of vintage model cars. His greatest iov was seeing and playing with his grandchildren, they were his whole world. Herbert attended Worcester public schools and grew up in the Vernon Hill area. He will be sadly missed by family and friends.

Services have been omitted and arrangements have been entrusted to the Gilman Funeral Home & Crematory, 104 Church St, Putnam, CT. For memorial guestbook, please visit www.GilmanandValade.com.

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The fiduciary is: Christina Dina c/o William H. St. Onge, Esq., St. Onge & Brouillard, PO Box 550, Putnam, CT 06260 March 8, 2019

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March 8, Fri., 7pm

Rick Spencer with Dawn Indermuehle performing "From Seneca Falls to the 19th Amendment: Songs of the American Women's Suffrage Movement" hosted by Canterbury Historical Society. The program starts 7:30. Free program & refreshments. Community Room of the Canterbury Town Hall, 1 Municipal Drive, Canterbury

March 8, Fri., 7pm

The Guess Who at the Center for the Arts, 150 Rt. 169, Woodstock, CT. Tickets start at \$39. Purchase tickets at wacenterforthearts.org

March 8, Fri., 5pm

Killingly Grange will offer either a baked fish or a fried fish dinner with baked potato or fries, and coleslaw every Friday though Lent. \$11. Located at corner of Dog Hill and Hartford Pike in Dayville. Available for take-out or eat in.

March 8, Fri., noon-8pm

Club 2087 will hold a Lenten fish fry from in its hall at 1017 Riverside Drive, North Grosvenordale. Fish and chips (\$10); baked haddock or fried shrimp (\$11); fried scallops (\$12, \$15); fried clams (\$16); seafood platter (\$17), and more. 860-923-2967, council2087@ gmail.com.

March 9, Sat. 9am

Mr. Joseph DeAngelis of DeAngelis Counseling presents a seminar entitled "Understanding Mental Illness" presentation at Creation Church, 47 W. Thompson Rd, Thompson (near the damn) www.creationchurch.org

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The EC-CHAP Acoustic Series presents an evening of authentic blues and Americana flare with Eric Sommer in The Packing House. Showcasing his amazing guitar stylings, he is a musical force of nature. Tickets \$20. "BYOBF" (wine & beer only). Info and table reservations: 518 791 9474. 156 River Road, Willing $ton.\ www.the packing house.us$

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March 9, Sat., 1:30pm

You are invited to the Finnish American Heritage Society's Culinary Delights. This annual food demonstration and tasting event is free! The 2019 theme is "Finnish Family Favorites" and includes meat, salmon and vegetable dishes at the Finn Hall, 76 North Canterbury Road (Rte 169). For info, ellenmbuffington@ gmail.com; or find us on Facebook.

March 13, Wed., 10-10:40am

(& March 20, 27, April 3, 10, 17, 24, May 1) Preschool Storytime, Killingly Public Library, A story time held on Wednesday mornings for children ages 3-5. Registration required. To register for children's programs at the Killingly Library go to www.killinglypl.org or call 860-779-5383.

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March 14, Thurs., 7:30 p.m.

In honor of Women's History Month, the Brooklyn Historical Society will sponsor Yours for Humanity---Abby, a one-woman show featuring award-winning actress Lynne McKenney Lydick who will portray the $19^{\text{th}}\,\text{century}$ radical abolitionist Abby Kelley Foster at Brooklyn's Trinity Episcopal Church Parish Hall, 7 Providence Road (Route 6). For info: 860-774-7728.

March 14, Thurs., 1-2pm

Commission on Aging trip club meeting at St. Mary's Church Hall, 218 Providence St., Putnam. Bingo afterward from

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March 15, Fri., 6pm

United Services Annual Irish Night, at The Mansion at Bald Hill in Woodstock featuring a corned beef & cabbage dinner (or fish and vegetarian options), live music, Irish sing-a-longs, and a silent auction. Tickets are \$40 each or \$350 for a table of 10 by visiting unitedservicesct. org/events/irish-night or call 860-774-2020 or email info@usmhs.org.

March 16, Sat., 11am

Cookbook Club, 5 ingredient recipes! Bracken Memorial Library, 57 Academy Road, Woodstock.

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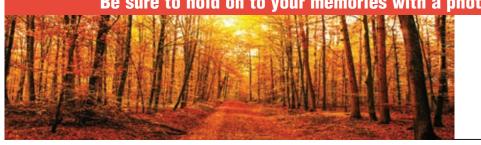
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