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Pomfret Chocolate's founder Jim Weiss.

## Pomfret Chocolate just in time for Valentine's Day

BY OLIVIA RICHMAN  
NEWS STAFF WRITER

POMFRET — Just in time for Valentine's Day, Pomfret Chocolate will be available at Victoria's Station on Saturday for downtown Putnam's Fire & Ice Festival.

Pomfret Chocolate was started by Jim Weiss because of his love for chocolate, and his desire to learn something new.

After traveling around

Europe and tasting very high end chocolate, Weiss felt it was time to bring the divine flavors to the Quiet Corner. Using high quality fine chocolate, this is chocolate with an even higher standard than Hershey and Godiva.

With a family background in cooking and baking, Weiss is no stranger to being in the kitchen. While it brings

him back to those family memories, working out of Click (a community kitchen in Windham) is also about creating brand new flavor profiles and chocolate creations unlike anything else in the area with the help of Johnson & Wales graduate Johannah Mcnaboe.

And even with the help, Weiss still can't create chocolates fast enough.

It's always in high demand.

Right now, Pomfret Chocolates creates decorative truffles in six flavors, bon bons, and caramels dipped in chocolate.

"It's a combination of what I like, what we find interesting and what the public wants," said Weiss on their selection. "It's also food trends. We experiment in the chocolate kitchen. We do tastings. We work it out until we get it right. We want the public to be pleased and transformed by the



Pomfret Chocolates offers high quality, creative chocolate to the Quiet Corner one pop-up at a time.

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## Killingly artist explores human condition

BY OLIVIA RICHMAN  
NEWS STAFF WRITER

THOMPSON — Tattoos. Sword swallowing. Prison. These are just some of the shocking topics in Killingly painter Adolph Rutkin's collection of work on the "human condition," now on display at the Thompson Public Library.

I spoke with Rutkin about the inspiration behind his unique pieces, his fascination with tattoos, and mystery scars.

So what do you mean by the human condition?

The human condition is people and their lives. Most of these people are on the outer limits. The circus, the outer fringe.... Think about how many tattoos you have..."

Just one.

"Ask yourself why you got a tattoo. And ask yourself why would someone get a dozen tat-



Olivia Richman photos

Painter Adolph Rutkin with some of his paintings about the human condition.

toos on their body?"

So it's about looking at why they got the tattoos. How they ended up where they are now. And why do you think they have so many tattoos?

"I think these people are under a lot of stress. And the stress shows a lot of the human condition. Trouble. Trouble in paradise. I find it exciting,

the idea — for instance this lady juggling knives — why would someone want to do that? What is her life like? The sword swallower, what brought him to this place?"

What is the story behind the knife juggler?

"I don't know. It's changed quite a bit. There's the ocean in the

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## KEEPING THEIR COOL

Charlie Lentz photo

POMFRET CENTER — Mark Mangelinkx, left, and Earle Smola, right, race in the fourth annual February Freeze 5K on Saturday on the campus of Pomfret School. Story in today's sports section.

## Thompson students help with food security

THOMPSON — Local organizations are teaming up with Thompson Public Schools to ensure food security for children and their families in town with the "Weekend Warrior" program. The program is organized through The Thompson Ecumenical Empowerment Group (TEEG) and sponsored by Thompson Business Association (TBA), providing students at Mary R. Fisher Elementary with a bag filled with food and easy-to-make meals

to bring home on Fridays after school which will last the weekend.

Elementary school faculty members and student volunteers from Tourtellotte Memorial High School work to deliver the bags to Mary R. Fisher children, donated by the Thompson Business Association.

Superintendent Melinda Smith said students that qualify for free and reduced price lunches are eligible to receive the packages. The program, launched recent-

ly, will continue for the remainder of the school year.

"While children here are being well fed during the school day, we want to also make sure they have food security when they go home on the weekend," Smith said. "(The program) gives students a sense of comfort."

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## ST. JOSEPH POT LUCK

Olivia Richman photo

THOMPSON — St. Joseph School held its annual Pot Luck Dinner on Jan. 29. Diane Lacroix with her daughter Autumn Hibbard attended.

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# Flexer opposes QVCC consolidation

**DANIELSON** — On Jan. 30, State Senator Mae Flexer (29th district: Brooklyn, Killingly, Putnam, Thompson) a graduate of Quinebaug Valley Community College in Danielson and member of the QVCC Foundation, questioned a proposal that would consolidate Connecticut's community college system into a single college with multiple campuses. As Vice Chair of the Connecticut General Assembly's Higher Education and Employment Advancement Committee, Flexer argued that the consolidation proposed by Connecticut's Board of Regents for Higher Education would diminish the quality of education that QVCC students receive while also weakening the local identity.

"I am proud to have a diploma from Quinebaug Valley Community College hanging on my wall. If this proposal were in effect when I graduated, I would not be able to say that," said Flexer. "This proposal would consolidate our multiple community colleges into a single college with many campuses. No other state has ever consolidated a system of this size into just one institution. We must proceed with great caution before we risk losing institutions that meet the unique needs of students, businesses and whole communities throughout our state. I don't believe this plan will generate the cost savings that the Board of Regents is looking



Courtesy photo

**Heather Vogt, Student Government Association President at QVCC, testifies on Jan. 30 in opposition to a plan to consolidate Connecticut's community college system into one college with multiple campuses.**

for, but I do believe it will sever the community relationships that make our community colleges great."

QVCC student Heather Vogt testified in opposition to the proposal.

"To cut the 'non-student-facing' positions would be detrimental to our students. There is not a position at our school that is not student facing," said Vogt, Student Government Association President at QVCC. "I've worked with our Director of Marketing, who got me an internship. Other directors have helped me solve problems and further my education. These positions are easily accessible because of their location on campus, and also because of the relationships they have built with students like me. Without those relationships I'd be just

another name on a list. The consolidation just isn't going to do what they think. It isn't a students-first plan and ultimately I do not believe it will save as much money as is being said."

"I feel that this consolidation is going to negatively affect students. We are already running lean staff at all the community colleges and having a net reduction in staff is ultimately just going to reduce the quality of education," said Devon Harris, a graduate of QVCC. "Students need more than just an education. We need guidance and mentorship. The people that give that to us are the people that are going to be removed under this plan. Senator Flexer really represented the northeast corner in her statements today, and we thank her for her advocacy."

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# DKH Woman's Board Valentine's Dinner Dance

WOODSTOCK — The Woman's Board of Day Kimball Hospital held its annual Valentine's Dinner Dance on Saturday evening, Feb. 3, at The Mansion At Bald Hill in Woodstock. Over 170 guests attended the event in support of the long standing volunteer group whose efforts benefit the hospital and its's programs. Proceeds from this event will be used to pay down a pledge for new baby security monitoring equipment for the hospital's Birthing Center.



The Woman's Board



Valentine lamartino photos  
Rachel and Christian Sarantopolous



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Sarah Medlyn, Elizabeth Hutchinson, Jeff Hutchinson and Jennifer Heath having great fun on the dance floor



Day Kimball Hospital CEO and Woman's Board Member, Anne Diamond and her husband Craig



Mother Jackie Croteau attended the Valentine's Dance with daughters Lynn Bergeron and Kristen Willis



Woman's Board President, Nancy Dziki with Deborah Cornman and Jessica Cornman-Homonoff, as the dance's Queen of Hearts



Valentine Dance Committee Co-chair, Linnea Sarantopolous and her husband John (center) pose with family and friends

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**Charlie Harrington**

**Name:** Charlie Harrington

**Occupation:** Manager, Centaur Shop at Woodstock Academy

**Lives in:** Pomfret

**Family:** Wife (Peggy), two sons: William, 21, (senior at UConn); Daniel, 19, (freshman, Chestnut Hill College); daughter, Katherine (junior at Woodstock Academy)

**Pets:** cat (Frosty)

**How long have you lived in the area?** 25 years

**Do you have a favorite food?** Anything Italian

**What is currently your favorite TV Show?** Ancient Aliens on the History History Channel

**What is your favorite movie?** The Sound of Music

**What is your favorite travel destination?** The ocean, anywhere

**What is the best part of your town?** The families that live in town

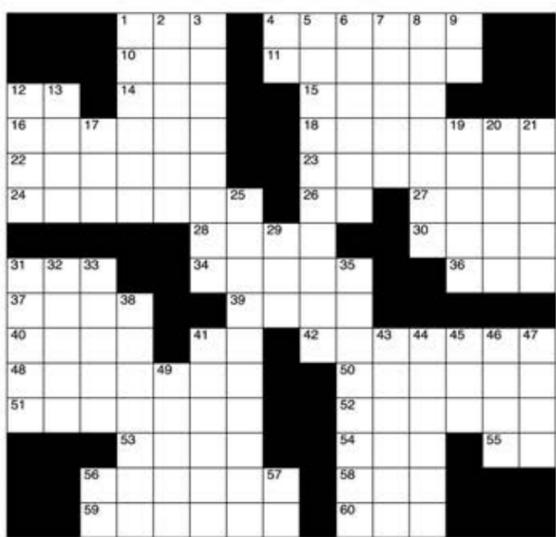
**Who has been the greatest influence in your life?** My father, John

**Who is your favorite musical artist?** David Bowie; The Moody Blues

**What is the greatest piece of advice you have ever been given?** My father told me when I was 11 years old: "Choose to be happy, regardless of the circumstances you can choose to be happy."

**Favorite Sports Team:** Boston Red Sox

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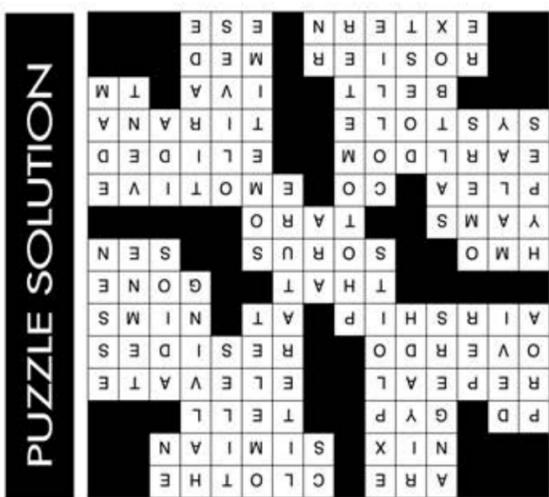


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- 4. Dress
- 10. Nothing
- 11. Relating to apes
- 12. They protect and serve
- 14. Swindle
- 15. Show's partner
- 16. Lift
- 18. Raise up
- 22. Do something to an excessive degree
- 23. Occupies
- 24. Power-driven aircraft
- 26. Indicates position
- 27. Matchstick games
- 28. This and \_\_\_
- 30. No longer here
- 31. Health insurance
- 34. Spore-producing receptacle on fern frond
- 36. Monetary unit
- 37. Sweet potatoes
- 39. Tropical Asian plant
- 40. Guilty or not guilty
- 41. Carbon dioxide
- 42. Able to arouse intense feeling
- 48. Earl's jurisdiction
- 50. Omitted
- 51. Heartbeat
- 52. Albania capital
- 53. Fashion accessory
- 54. Interaction value analysis
- 55. Symbol of exclusive ownership
- 56. More promising
- 58. \_\_\_ student, learns healing
- 59. Nonresident doctor
- 60. Midway between east and southeast

**CLUES DOWN**

- 1. Enrages
- 2. Capital of Saudi Arabia
- 3. Uses in an unfair way
- 4. Cesium
- 5. Written works
- 6. Breakfast item
- 7. Found in showers
- 8. A way of fractioning
- 9. Unit of measurement
- 12. Sailboat
- 13. Indian goddess
- 17. For each
- 19. Farewell
- 20. Ethnic group of Sierra Leone
- 21. German industrial city
- 25. Measures intensity of light
- 29. Small, faint constellation
- 31. Promotes enthusiastically
- 32. Malaysian inhabitant
- 33. Ancient units of measurement
- 35. An unspecified period
- 38. Frame house with up to three stories
- 41. Lassi is one
- 43. Martinis have them
- 44. Rant
- 45. Famed journalist Tarbell
- 46. Opening
- 47. Round Dutch cheese
- 49. Archaic form of do
- 56. Once more
- 57. Registered nurse



## Mother and daughters set to rock Broadway Live

WOODSTOCK — Woodstock residents Brenda Pontbriand and her daughters, Rachel and Sophia, are set to perform at Broadway Live "The Connert" on April 7 and 8 at the Center for the Arts at The Woodstock Academy. The Connert is a benefit show featuring 30 regional singers and a 16-piece orchestra performing music from Broadway, jazz, rock and roll, pop and classical genres. The event benefits the Hale YMCA Youth and Family Center in Putnam.

Brenda Pontbriand is a 17-year veteran of the Broadway Live stage, dating back to her first performance at Broadway Live...2001. The Pontbriands are one of six family groups slated to sing at the event along with many individual performers. Brenda Pontbriand and Sophia Pontbriand will be singing "Proud Mary," a rock and roll classic made famous by Tina Turner. Rachel Pontbriand will be singing the song her mother performed 17 years ago at Broadway Live 2001.

"Aquarius" from the Broadway musical "Hair". "I am so beside myself and thrilled to be singing with my girls," said Brenda. "It really comes full circle; Sophia was in a baby carrier and Rachel was running up and down the aisles when I first performed at Broadway Live...2001."

"Seeing my Mom up on the Broadway Live stage growing up, I always wanted to be up there. I am now going to have the chance to be on stage with



Courtesy photo

From left, Rachel, Brenda and Sophia Pontbriand

my Mom and sister, accomplishing one of my life's goals," Rachel said.

Broadway Live executive producer James Doran Kellaway first learned of Brenda's talents through the glowing praise he always heard from other stage veterans.

"I started working with Broadway Live just 7 years ago, and I was immediately impressed by the number of talented vocalists on this team who would point to Brenda as one of their favorite voices. Her talented reputation precedes her. She delivers. Her daughters deliver.

You'll definitely want to be in the theater for these numbers," Kellaway said.

Brenda is an advertising executive for The Villager Newspapers, Rachel is a junior studying English at Eastern Connecticut State University. Sophia is a junior at Woodstock Academy, and a leading member of their singing group, "Ladies First."

For more information about The Connert and visit [www.theconnert.com](http://www.theconnert.com). Tickets are available at the Hale YMCA Youth and Family Center in Putnam.

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# The Mill at Killingly proceeds on schedule



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Tucker Foley, left, Superintendent for Enfield Builders, shows the proposed layout to The Mill at Killingly Apartments to State Representative Anne Dauphinais. The 35,000 square foot project is expected to be completed by late July.

HARTFORD — State Representative Anne Dauphinais (R-44) sat down with those involved in the ongoing construction project taking place at the former Old Mill for an in-depth and informative discussion. Over the past several months, many residents have voiced their concerns about the project and the possibility of questionable activity and people who might linger around the facility.

Once completed, The Mill at Killingly Apartments will provide 32 affordable, supportive, and market rate housing units

through United Services Inc. The building will be broken down into 28 one-bedroom and four two-bedroom units with a shared laundry facility. Of the 32 units, four will be designated for veterans.

The Women's Institute for Housing and Economic Development screens all applicants in order to make sure they qualify. In order to be considered, applicants must be homeless or imminently homeless, meet a defined set of income requirements. Once accepted, United Services will work to organize and bring in all of the

services each individual will then need.

"I'd like to thank Diane Manning and Tucker Foley for providing me with an extensive overview of the grounds and information on the types of people this new facility will help serve and the programs that will be provided to them," Dauphinais said.

Manning, President/CEO of United Services, said that the average residency can be a couple of years and once accepted you aren't forced to move out. Residents' rooms are subject to normal monthly inspections, but can also be inspected at any time if there is reason to believe rules are being broken. The Women's Institute imposes a strict set of rules and guidelines that all residents must follow. If any of those rules are broken residents can be evicted. It is expected that a minimum 40 percent of residents will be working at least part-time.

According to Manning, the goal is to make those living in this facility more economically stable. Manning said that supportive housing makes a neighborhood better not worse and cited Brick Row Apartments in Willimantic as the model of success The Mill will aim to replicate.

Completion of the project is expected by the end of July and the facility is expected to take on the look of the former Powdrell & Alexander Mill it replaced.

# Courtney condemns partisan attacks on FBI

WASHINGTON, D.C. —Congressman Joe Courtney (CT-02) released the following statement on Feb. 1 condemning partisan attacks against the Federal Bureau of Investigations (FBI):

"The unfounded attacks being leveled against the dedicated law enforcement professionals of the FBI are reprehensible and dangerous," said Courtney. "I know firsthand that the men and women of the FBI are honorable public servants who have taken an oath to uphold the law and the Constitution of the United States. I am proud to say that my parents, Bob and Dorothy Courtney met each other while they were both employees at the bureau. My father served as an FBI field agent and my mother was support staff based in the Manhattan district office. My parents loved their country and did their duty, just like the agents and lawyers currently serving in the ranks of the FBI and DOJ.

"The attacks against the FBI are being made for purely political reasons and to distract from the ongoing Russia investigation. The fact the House Republicans and White House are preparing to release a purposefully misleading document based on classified information — despite the protests of Trump's own handpicked Deputy Attorney General and FBI Director who have said they have "grave concerns" about compromising sources — is the height of irresponsibility."



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Congressmen Joe Courtney's parents, Bob and Dorothy Courtney, on their wedding day. Both were FBI employees.

# Dauphinais among lawmakers opposing toll roads

HARTFORD — State Representative Anne Dauphinais (44th district, Killingly) was among the Connecticut General Assembly Conservative Caucus on Feb. 2 that expressed its opposition to plans proposed by Governor Malloy, as well as other lawmakers, for the installation of electronic tolls on Connecticut highways. Dauphinais, caucus Vice-Chair, is against the toll system.

"The projected payback is so far down the road, I don't know why we are even discussing this," Dauphinais said. "I am not comfortable at all with expanding government in exchange for the hope that more than a decade from now we might see a return."

On Jan. 31, Governor Malloy held a press conference discussing the Special Transportation Fund (STF) and detailing his support for electronic tolls, a seven cent per gallon increase in the gas tax, a new three-dollar fee on tire purchases and accelerating the transfer of new car sales tax revenue to the STF by two years.

Two weeks ago, lawmakers in Hartford discussed plans to install "congestion pricing tolls" on all major highways, including I-95, I-91, I-84, I-395, I-691, as well as Route 2, Route 6, Route 7, Route 8 and Route 15. House Speaker Joe Aresimowicz (D-30) recently "promised" a vote on tolls during the upcoming session opening on Feb. 7. Once in place, the door would be opened for potential tolls on every major bridge and highway across the state.

Congestion pricing tolls are those in which the surcharge is not constant, but instead rises and falls based upon the amount of traffic at the time. Some states have seen congestion toll pricing as high as \$50 per toll. Here in Connecticut, lawmakers have been discussing having as many as 32 tolls just on the span of I-95 alone, not to mention those planned for Connecticut's other highways.

The Conservative Caucus opposes the imposition of tolls on the Connecticut taxpayer as a new revenue source for the following reasons: Connecticut has one of the highest gasoline tax rates in the country and receives hundreds of millions of dollars in yearly aid from the federal government that would be forfeited with the imposition of general highway tolls.

Toll infrastructure would cost hundreds of millions of dollars to install,

along with the cost of establishing an additional state bureaucracy and expanding the state employee workforce.

The toll infrastructure would take approximate-

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Left to right: Anne Diamond, president and CEO; John O'Keefe, chief nursing officer and vice president, patient services; Steven Wexler, MD, medical director, Emergency Department; Courtney Wager, PA, Emergency Medicine; Valerie Deloge, RN, ICU; Sabitha Vignesh, MD, hospitalist; Donald Barach, volunteer; Jody Kerns, housekeeper; Robin Thompson, RN, Med/Surg; Kayla Gervais, phlebotomist; Ryan Cowles, Facilities Management.



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# LEARNING

## PCS students create thematic art projects



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Pomfret Community School students exhibited their work at Silver Circle Gallery in Putnam.

POMFRET — For the past year Pomfret Community School has offered a grant funded after school art therapy program for girls grades five through eight. This therapeutic art class consists of discussions on topics based around important themes such as self-esteem, empowerment, expression, and relationships. The art therapist/instructor, Johanna Pike, has led the discussions and implemented the lessons.

The following student's art work was exhibited at the Silver Circle Gallery in Putnam on Jan. 12: Maya Rodriguez, Emilia Costa, Emma Costa, Gwen White, Michaela LaFlamme, Gianna Materas, Gracie Haney, Giana Billiard, Celeste Robbins, Allyson Bunning, Leilani Zayas, Adyson Grether,

Hadley Grether, Abigail Elliot, Olivia Tappenden, Jordyn St. Laurent, Riley Balanovich, Shelby Radcliffe, Julia Ezzell. Congratulations to the students on an outstanding display.

In addition to the exhibit, Windham Arts Radio's John Murphy had a radio segment on Dec. 13 on WILY Radio, 95.3 FM and 1400 AM. Silver Circle Gallery's Therapeutic Arts Program facilitators, Melissa Wyse, Art Therapist Johanna Pike, and two Pomfret Community School students, Hadley Grether and Gianna Materas participated in the segment. Hadley and Gianna were interviewed and able to talk about their participation in the groups and the different expressive projects they were able to create.



Pomfret Community School students were featured on WILY radio.

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## Nichols wins American Legion oratorical contest

PUTNAM — The Mayotte-Viens American Legion Post No. 13 of Putnam held its oratorical contest at Putnam High School on Jan. 31. The contest is the first step in the American Legion National Oratorical Contest.

Charlotte Nichols, a sophomore at Putnam High School, who selected the topic, "The Problem with Political Correctness" emerged as the winner in the pool of students participating in the event. She edged runner-up and fellow sophomore Noah Tomkins whose topic was "The United States and the Military."

Each participant spoke for 10 minutes on an aspect of the United States Constitution. Following all the orations, contestants had five minutes to prepare a three- to five-minute presentation on a randomly selected area of the Constitution. The contestants were scored by a panel of five carefully chosen neutral judges.

"People should not be inhibited in what they say in discussions with others. Political correctness has limited people for fear of saying something that will be misinterpreted or interpreted as offensive," said Nichols in her 10 minute presentation.

The participants who have been preparing for the contest for more than two months are students in teacher, John Allen's social study and government class. The contest was coordinated by Post 13 members Albert Cormier and Junior Vice Commander Brian Maynard.

"We're pleased with the enthusiasm displayed this year by the students from Putnam High School. Although the results were very close all the students who participated displayed professionalism and sportsmanship," said Mr. Cormier. "The Post is very proud of Miss Nichols and feels strongly that she'll represent the Post and her school in the same manner she conducted herself in the local contest."

Nichols is an honor roll student whose long term goal is to move abroad and study fine arts, music or English. In her spare time she enjoys writing songs and listening or creating music. She belongs to Christ Church in Pomfret where she watches over young chil-



Courtesy photo

From left, Ronald P. Coderre, Albert Cormier, Charlotte Nichols, and Brian Maynard.

dren while their parents are in worship. She is the daughter of Greg and Nicole Nichols of Putnam.

Nichols will now compete in the American Legion 4th District contest scheduled for Feb. 10 at 9 a.m. at the cultural center on the south campus of Woodstock Academy. The 4th District consists of 14 American Legion Posts throughout the northeast sector of Connecticut. The winner of the District competition will move on to the Department of Connecticut contest at Goodwin College in Hartford on Saturday, March 3.

The National Finals will be held the weekend of April 13-15 at the Wyndham Indianapolis West Hotel in Indianapolis, the home of American Legion National office. The National champion receives an \$18,000 scholarship with \$16,000 to the runner-up and \$14,000 to the third place finisher. The awarded scholarships may be used to attend any college or university in the United States.

## Putnam High SADD attends forum in Washington

PUTNAM — Representatives from Putnam High School's Students Against Destructive Decisions and Putnam PRIDE went to the Washington, D.C., area to join approximately 3,000 substance abuse prevention specialists and advocates from throughout the country for CADCA's (Community Anti-Drug Coalitions of America's) 28th Annual National Leadership Forum.

"We are so excited to be able to spend several days with other similar organizations from across the country, learning and honing our prevention skills so our community can be a better place, one that doesn't suffer from the harms of drug and alcohol abuse," says Lisa Sousa Mooney, School Social Worker and SADD Advisor at Putnam High School. "We plan to come back reenergized with new strategies under our belt to tackle drug use in Putnam."

CADCA's Forum covered a wide range of topics - everything from how to prevent prescription drug abuse and the abuse of synthetic drugs and marijuana to how to create tobacco-free environments and develop policies to reduce underage drinking.

The PRIDE coalition has recently impacted the community by working hard to raise awareness and getting businesses involved in supporting our Anti-drug and alcohol efforts in the community.

The coalition representatives will hear from several leaders including Acting Director of the Office of National Drug Control Policy Richard Baum and Dr. Bertha Madras, Harvard Medical School, who will both bring their expertise and insights to share. Putnam High School SADD students and PRIDE members met with U.S. representatives and senators at the Forum's Capitol Hill Day event on Feb. 7.

Putnam High School SADD students and advisors are hoping to advocate for more funding to support drug and alcohol treatment facilities to rehabilitate addicts instead of putting them in prison. Sadly, the northeast corner doesn't have enough treatment centers to assist the major social problems that face our youth and adult population.

Some of the coalition's youth members will participate in CADCA's Youth Leadership training events to help them become strong community leaders. Scott Davaigian, Jasper Coomey, Aidan Bernier, Natalie Ionkin, Jewelia England, Kayla Anderson and Brenna Fowler attended the CADCA and the Capital Hill in Washington.

CADCA's National Leadership Forum, the nation's largest training event for community prevention leaders, treatment professionals and researchers, took place at the Gaylord National Hotel and Convention Center Feb. 5-8. Visit the Forum website for details about training sessions, speakers, and special events at [cadca.org/events/forum2018](http://cadca.org/events/forum2018).

The mission of CADCA (Community Anti-Drug Coalitions of America) is to strengthen the capacity of community coalitions to create and maintain safe, healthy and drug-free communities globally. This is accomplished by providing technical assistance and training, public policy advocacy, media strategies and marketing programs, training and special events.

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# LEARNING

## Thompson student honored at scholastic art awards



“Shattered Vision” by Julia DiNoia

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THOMPSON — Julia DiNoia, from Thompson, a senior at Marianapolis Preparatory School, was recently honored by the Connecticut Art Education Association at the annual Connecticut Regional Scholastic Art Awards.

DiNoia received two Silver keys for her photographs “Shower of Sadness” and “Psyched,” and an Honorable Mention for her photograph “Shattered Vision.” The Scholastic Art Awards is the largest juried student art competition in the state. Student artwork is juried by profes-

sional artists and university art faculty and is selected on merit for inclusion in a statewide art exhibition held at Hartford Art School. This year, artwork was selected from approximately 2,500 entries, with 259 Gold key awards, 197 Silver keys and 225 Honorable Mentions.

DiNoia’s artwork, along with pieces from throughout the state, was displayed in the regional gallery show at the Silpe Gallery on the University of Hartford campus.

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## Quinebaug Valley Community College offers scholarships

DANIELSON — The Quinebaug Valley Community College Foundation is offering \$135,000 in scholarships for the 2018-2019 academic year. The online application is available on the QVCC website. With the rising cost of higher education, scholarships can provide a significant portion of tuition, fees, and books.

While most scholarships are available to new (incoming) QVCC students as well as returning students and require a minimum grade point average of 3.0., several scholarships are designated for QVCC students graduating in May. The majority of scholarships have specific criteria that can be found in the descriptions on the college’s website.

Some scholarships have been set up by local businesses and families, while others are supported by local organizations. Three new scholarships will be awarded for the first time: John J. Sarnowski Memorial Scholarship, Louise Brown Memorial Scholarship, and Sommer Family Scholarship.

“It is thanks to the generosity of many that the QVCC Foundation is able to provide these amazing scholarship opportunities to local students,” said Monique Wolanin, director of institutional advancement. “Including high school seniors who will attend QVCC in the fall.” Last year 97 students were scholarship recipients, including Viengsamay Malinga of Danielson. “I am so thankful for the scholarships I received,” Malinga said. “It is my goal in life to one day be successful enough to give back to other ESL students and allow them the same opportunities I’ve had.”

To apply for scholarships, students must submit an application – only available online – as well as a transcript, personal statement, and two letters of recommendation. All materials must be submitted together to the Financial Aid Office at QVCC.

Scholarship applications are screened by an impartial committee from the QVCC Foundation based on the criteria of each scholarship. Awards are presented at the Foundation’s Scholarship Night on May 2.

“I look forward to personally congratulating our 2018 scholarship winners. Don’t delay, apply today,” Wolanin said.

Detailed information about scholarships as well as the application can be found at [www.qvcc.edu/scholarships](http://www.qvcc.edu/scholarships)

## Quiet Corner Reads announces 2018 book

WOODSTOCK — Quiet Corner Reads recently announced that *The Other Einstein* by Marie Benedict will be their One Book choice for 2018. Marie Benedict is a lawyer with more than ten years’ experience as a litigator at two of the country’s premier law firms. She is a magna cum laude graduate of Boston College with a focus in History and Art History, and a cum laude graduate of the Boston University School of Law.

While practicing as a lawyer, Marie dreamed of a fantastic job unearthing the hidden historical stories of women, and finally found it when she tried her hand at writing. She embarked on a new, narratively connected series of historical novels with *The Other Einstein*, which tells the tale of Albert Einstein’s first wife, a physicist herself, and the role she might have played in his theories. The next novel in this series, *Carnegie’s Maid*, was just released in January 2018. Writing as

Heather Terrell, Marie also published the historical novels *The Chrysalis*, *The Map Thief*, and *Brigid of Kildare*. Book discussions and related programs will be offered at member libraries from March through June.

“One Book” community reading projects, which connect people to literature through reading and discussion, have exploded in popularity in recent years. Quiet Corner Reads began their yearly One Book project in 2010, and the collaboration of libraries throughout northeastern Connecticut is still working together to encourage literacy, library support, and community development. Members include libraries in the towns of Ashford, Brooklyn, Canterbury, Chaplin, Eastford, Hampton, Killingly, Mansfield, Plainfield, Pomfret, Putnam, Scotland, Thompson, Union and Woodstock, as well as Pomfret School and Quinebaug Valley Community College.

The One Book project each year encourages residents of northeast Connecticut to read the same book or author at the same time, bringing people together to discuss ideas and to broaden their appreciation of reading. Past books include *In Defense of Food* by Michael Pollan, *Bill Warrington’s Last Chance* by James King, *The Language of Flowers* by Vanessa Diffenbaugh, *Tag Man* by Archer Mayor, *The Obituary Writer* by Ann Hood, *What Strange Creatures* by Emily Arsenault, *The Boston Girl* by Anita Diamant, and *A Piece of the World* by Christina Baker Kline.

Quiet Corner Reads will host Ms. Benedict at their finale event at the Mansion at

Bald Hill in Woodstock on Wednesday, June 20 at 7 p.m. Books will be available for sale, and the author will be autographing copies for attendees. Limited tickets will be sold at member libraries for \$15, which includes light refreshments. The author visit is sponsored by The Beagary Trust, The Leo J. and Rose Pageau Trust, and area Friends of the Libraries. For more information, visit QCRreads on Facebook and at the [quietcornerreads.org](http://quietcornerreads.org) website.

## COLLEGE HONORS

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

Hofstra University: Lindsey Parent, of Brooklyn; Alysha Minaya-Torres of Putnam

The University of Alabama: Jacob Thomas Antos of North Grosvenordale

Norwich University: Jaani Barclay, Danielson; Caleb Arthur Bowen, Eastford; Cahan Quinn, Putnam; Nicholas Listro, Woodstock.

Ithaca College: Conor Quinn, from Putnam

UMass Lowell: Lindsay Roberts of Putnam

American International College: Kyle Barrett, of Quinebaug

Roger Williams University: Christopher Cote, of Brooklyn, graduated with a Bachelor of Science in Criminal Justice. Casey Adams, of Thompson, CT, graduated Cum Laude with a Bachelor of Arts in Psychology

College of Saint Rose: Heather Mowry of Woodstock Valley

University of Connecticut: Tianan (Jasmine) Lin, of Woodstock

Regis College: Regis, Bernice Boateng, of Danielson

University of New Hampshire: Sarah Douglas of Thompson

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# Keeping time

Timing is everything in life. At least that's what we have been told. Think of the first time your eyes locked on the person you fell in love with. Consider the moments when you slid through a stop sign only to be greeted by the blue lights of a police car. Remember the day you could have aced the exam or clinched the job interview, only you were too tired or distracted to do your best. Time and timing affect everything we do, according to Daniel Pink in his new book, "When – The Scientific Secrets of Perfect Timing".

I think about time often. Although I'm inclined to cut it close on every appointment, and I'm motivated more by deadlines than inner direction, the passage of time and how it impacts everything in life fascinates me. Daniel Pink helps us look at our personal relationship to time. We need to see if we are owls, larks, or part of the largest group, he calls third birds, meaning neither early larks or night owls.



NANCY WEISS

Even without much evaluation it is easy to guess that larks work best in the morning, owls at night and the rest of us, well, the rest of the time. I'm a lark so I should do creative or analytical things in the morning and not read email. Think of how often mornings are filled with meetings, which means larks may waste our most productive time.

Afternoons are a great trough for everyone. Pink advises against having medical procedures at that part of the day, and quotes a British study that found that 2:55 pm is the most unproductive moment. Vigilance can overcome the pitfalls of afternoon malaise as can breaks, which need to include moving around, perhaps going outside and spending time with other people. School recess used to do that for us. We need to make our own recesses.

Naps can be wonderfully restorative, and much more than guilty pleasures. If all of us took a short nap every day, the world would be a much better place. Pink offers a very interesting suggestion. Drink a cup of caffeinated coffee just before taking a nap. The coffee takes 25 minutes to enter the bloodstream so at the end of the 10- to 20-minute nap he endorses, we will wake up refreshed. He recommends becoming a "habitual napper", which leads to even more efficiency.

For most things in life, it is better to go first, especially for a job interview or when your name is on a ballot. Sometimes it is better to go later if lots of people are competing against you.

In mid-life we slump, he says. We are happy as youngsters and later in life. In the middle, we sag, but if we are aware of it, the results are not so bad. Think of what that information can do to help people get through their late thirties to fifties. One nugget of information — the "subjective well being among American males bottoms out at an estimated 52.9 years".

People generally want to be given bad news first, but those giving the news want the reverse. Seems we like good endings no matter what. We also remember vacations more fondly if we reserve the best things for last, something I plan to incorporate in my life.

Pink turns upside down another misconception. He says that when people are around the age of 60, their social network and number of friends declines not totally because they retire and their children leave home. Research shows that as people age, they choose to "edit" their networks and focus on their closest friends.

We all have 168 hours in a week. What we do with time is somewhat in our control. Now I know I need to do complicated things in the morning, avoid dangers in the afternoon, drink coffee and nap, heave a sigh that I've past middle age and hold my close friends even closer.

**Letters to the editor may be e-mailed to charlie@villagernewspapers.com**

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# OPINION

Opinion and commentary from the Quiet Corner

## LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

### Thompson reader questions town's costly purchase

To the editor:

At the Jan. 9, 2018 meeting of the Thompson Water Pollution Control Authority, I asked why such an expensive option was chosen to replace a failed sewage pump. I was told it was a "done deal" and promptly left the meeting ending it.

Weeks earlier a special meeting was held at which the board decided to purchase a direct drive pump motor combination consisting of a new motor, new pump, casting to connect the two plus a coupling at a cost of \$19,600 plus installation. With the second pump also beginning to fail, the price tag for both would amount to just shy of \$50,000.

To make matters worse, this would have replicated a design flaw present when the plant opened in 1970. The original design called for a similar unit and the motor seriously overheated from turning too slowly. As Superintendent of the plant shortly after it opened, I was able to correct the problem by modifying the drive to a belt-pulley combination in use to this very day.

I informed the board of this and they voted to purchase the unit regardless. I informed the plant operator, who also did the same. I

had to personally call the owner of the pump company, meet with him at the plant, explain the problem in the original design and he agreed the unit chosen would not have been appropriate.

As a duly elected commissioner of the TWPCA and the owner of 17 units on the system the "done deal" response did not sit well with me. At no point was it taken into consideration to replace just the failed pump with a modern design, a much cheaper option, that would have required a bit of work on the part of plant personnel, which is what I did 45 years ago.

Another "done deal" by this board? At the hiring of the last employee we were not even told the identity of the person being hired. I also protested that "done deal" to no avail. I am tired of getting beaten with a rubber stamp.

This is not what I signed up for when I took my oath.

VICTOR NIZAMOFF  
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### Full steam ahead at Woodstock Academy

With the addition of South Campus, The Academy now has the flexibility to increase and strengthen many programs to benefit our students. We have enhanced our offerings in the fine arts, health and wellness, technology, and athletics. As we prepare for the second year in the new space, we will see major growth in the area of STEAM (Science, Technology, Engineering, Arts and Math) education on North Campus.

Thanks to the support of our corporate partners, especially SPIROL International, and many alumni, we will be officially opening the SPIROL STEAM Center. In addition to specific labs for robotics and physics, the space will have an advanced makerspace. The creation of this space is in alignment with our mission and responsibility to prepare all students for a lifetime of learning by providing academic rigor, a safe environment, and a diversity of educational experiences.

This new space will allow us to continue and strengthen our great tradition of working with the local community and providing realistic educational opportunities for students. Although the STEAM Center is still under development, the possibilities of this new space has already allowed us to make new partnerships. Our students were able to work with the Chamberlin Mill in Woodstock to create a model of its water turbine, using historic pictures and designs. This work will assist in the preservation of this historic mill.

Students visited the mill, which dates back to the 1700s, and used the original designs to craft a digital model and, utilizing a 3D printer, were able to create a working model of the turbine. The small model is about a tenth of the size of the original and can be used as an educational tool to demonstrate the historic mill technology in classrooms or at the mill. Jeff Paul, co-owner of Whitcraft in Eastford, who connected Academy students to the mill restoration project, said "What's really exciting is that the educational opportunities are accessible now and (the STEAM classes) will provide insights that will be valuable during

#### GUEST COLUMN

CHRISTOPHER SANDFORD

the ongoing restoration of the mill." This spring, architecture students at The Academy plan to recreate the entire mill with both digital and 3D printed models that Paul hopes can be used for classroom presentations and "to assist in creating architectural plans that could be used to support further mill development."

This is an example of the opportunities our students will have in the new STEAM Center.

In preparation for the STEAM Center, The Academy has joined an MIT Learning Through Making collaborative. This collection of 15 New England schools meets regularly and shares ways to incorporate learning through making. In addition, staff members are developing specific plans and projects to enhance the educational experiences in their classes. The STEAM Center has inspired innovation across all content areas. As an example, students in the Pastry and Baking classes will design and create their own cake forms, which will bring additional skills and learning into this course.

We are transitioning the traditional wood shop into an innovative makerspace to expand hands-on learning opportunities. This new space will provide the flexibility to incorporate both small and large construction projects (such as a solar car). The current Construction Technology program includes four classes: Wood Technology, Advanced Wood Technology, Building Construction, and Exploration in Wood. Over the last several years, we have seen a decrease in the overall enrollment in these courses, and increased enrollment in newer STEAM courses, especially CAD (computer aided design), multimedia, engineering, and robotics. This new space will have a profound impact on many courses, thereby helping us meet our mission and help better prepare students for life after The Academy.

Christopher Sandford is Head of School at Woodstock Academy

### The little guys



BEYOND THE PEWS  
 JOHN HANSON

They are small and inconspicuous yet incredibly destructive. Their strength lies in their large numbers, their unity, and the fact that they work behind the scenes and underground. They topple buildings, destroy valuable artifacts and devastate properties owned by the rich and the poor alike. They have colonies on almost every continent and seem willing to demolish property, irrespective of the owner's race, creed or political persuasion.

Last year, in the United States these little guys did an estimated five billion dollars worth of property damage to over 600,000 homes but there were no resulting arrests or fines. Perhaps some of their effectiveness is owed to the fact that they work seven days a week, 24 hours a day. In fact, since they usually operate in subterranean environments, it is very possible that some of them are destroying the property in which you reside.

We call these little guys "termites." There are over 40 species of termites in the United States, and over 2,700 species throughout the world. Termite queens are believed to live 15-25 years and can lay an egg every 15 seconds. A typical home may have three to four termite colonies around it and they can enter your home through a crack no thicker than a penny. Those ferocious, insatiable insects that devour homes, fences, trees and businesses can live in colonies with as many as one million members. It is estimated that there are 1,000 pounds of termites for every one human being on the planet. Worker termites search for food up to 250 feet from their colony and

one colony of Formosan termites can eat 1,000 pounds of wood each year. Termites remind me of some other little guys . . . little devils. I mean attitudes like division, mistrust, accusation and suspicion. Or little thoughts and voices like those of doubt, fear, worry and unbelief. They work underground and behind the scenes. They seem small and relatively harmless, but if left unchecked they will sink homes, businesses, churches, communities and nations. Often their damage is not evident until a person or institution begins leaning to one side or crumbling around the edges.

We would do well to exterminate those little guys before the damage has been done. At the first sign of negativity, gossip or slander we should douse the situation with prayer, love and truth. When the slightest whimper of doubt or fear arises we should seek out sources for worship, faith and inspiration. Like a proactive home owner, it would be wise to protect against these little guys with daily devotions and weekly worship services, sprinkled with good books and wholesome fellowship.

The good news is that there are some other little guys that can be just as impacting—only for the good. Now I am referring to attitudes such as gratefulness, kindness, optimism and hope. These attitudes prompt people to be kind, respectful and trustworthy even when others around them are not. God's love and forgiveness are the fountainhead of these little guys. If enough people would let God love them and then let God's love flow through them into their immediate environment, the whole world will be changed. Those good little guys could make all the difference... those good little guys could restore your country, your home or your very life.

Bishop John W Hanson oversees Acts II Ministries in Thompson. For more information visit [www.ActsII.org](http://www.ActsII.org).

# Passing the torch

It's interesting living in a musical family. There is always singing going on or a musical instrument blaring somewhere in the house. We have never had sports equipment lying about like other families. Instead, we trip over ukuleles, guitars and sheet music. "I can't serve dinner until you get your amp off the table!" is a



#### RED'S WORD

BRENDA PONTBRIAND

common theme. My daughters play at home, through all hours of the night. I used to play an auto-harp... but they took it a way from me. The oldest owns at

least 17 instruments, which are stuffed in every nook and cranny of her room. I would say the saxophone was probably the most painful (and funniest) to hear her learn. She grew annoyed of the giggling and downright cracking up whenever she would try to play, so she took to practicing when no one was home. We had some not-so-nice neighbors in an apartment where we used to live, and she would blast it in the stairwell as the passive aggressive child she was.

My youngest daughter is also the quieter one...until you put her on stage. Then she's larger than life and is one of the most focused people I know. She's at The Complex in Putnam four days a week studying dance, theater, and voice. She stays after school at Woodstock Academy almost every day of the week rehearsing for either another singing group or a show she's in. My God, that kid needs her own car! I helped create this chaos and I own it fully.

I dragged the girls to band practices and show rehearsals regularly when they were babies. I remember Rachel falling asleep in a bass drum once during a band practice. Who sleeps though that racket? I used to haul Sophia in a baby carrier to Bradley Playhouse rehearsals and she would stare wide eyed at all the dancing and singing on stage. Fast forward 17 years and they are both on stage with me... Showing me what for in the skills department. We are doing an upcoming April 7th and 8th Broadway Live Production called The Concert. The show will benefit the Hale YMCA in Putnam. I am excited to be performing with my girls, but it's bittersweet. It means I'm getting older, and it's time for the next generation to take the torch and step forward. I couldn't think of two better people I'd step aside for, and look forward to see what they do with that flame.

Have a momentous week!

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# Mamie Ryan's 1885 valentine album



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Recently Linda and Fred Adamson donated a small book entitled The Album Writer's Assistant: Being Choice Selections in Poetry and Prose, for Autograph Albums, Valentines, Etc. Published in 1885, it had belonged to Mamie Ryan of Putnam. Since this is the column before Valentine's Day, I thought it would be fun to pass on just a few of the sayings. "\_\_\_\_\_ is your name, Single is your station; Happy be the little man That makes the alteration." (Capital letters donate the beginning of a new line of verse). "Let not our friendship, Like the roses wither; But like the evergreen, Last forever." "Some friends may wish thee happiness; Some others wish thee wealth; My wish for thee is better far--Contentment, blest with health." "If ever a husband you should have, And he this book should see, Tell him of our youthful days, And kiss him once for me." How many of you remember having autograph books or signing them for others? If you have autograph books that you or your family members no longer want, please consider passing them along to the Killingly Historical Center. They are treasured memo-

abilia of a bygone era.

Since my thoughts were on Valentine's Day greetings, I thought I'd see if I could find when the earliest cards were written. As always, the internet provided a wealth of material. First, a little on the possible origins of Valentine's Day. "From 13 to 15 February, ancient Romans celebrated the feast of Lupercalia. Many believe that the origins of Valentine's Day can be traced back to this ancient fertility festival. To mark the occasion Roman men sacrificed goats before using their skins to whip women in the belief that this would make them fertile. Some historians have argued that at the end of the 5th century, Pope Gelasius I declared 14 February to be Valentine's Day in an attempt to reclaim this festival from the Romans and Christianise it.

"It's not clear which St Valentine this day was initially dedicated to, as two saints with this name share the feast day of 14 February. Both of these saints were martyred in Rome; Valentine of Terni in around AD 197 and Valentine of Rome in around AD 496.

"Many legends have been recorded about the latter St Valentine, but these are most likely apocryphal. These include the story that Valentine himself fell in love with his jailor's daughter while incarcerated for giving aid to prisoners. According to this tale, St Valentine wrote his innamorata a note signed "from your Valentine": the first Valentine's greeting. However, while this fanciful

story is compelling, it is unlikely to be true.

"The next milestone in the history of Valentine's Day came in 1382, when Geoffrey Chaucer wrote his poem Parlement of Fowles. This poem contains what is widely reported to be the first recorded instance of St Valentine's Day being linked to romantic love. This reference can be found in the lines:

'For this was on seynt Volantynys day  
Whan euery foul comyth there to chese his make.'

Not everyone agrees that Chaucer was referring to 14 February here, however. Some have argued that he was instead talking of May time, when birds are more likely to mate in England. This coincides with the feast of St Valentine of Genoa, which also falls in May. Nevertheless, the story of Chaucer's connection with Valentine's Day is often repeated."

The Middle Ages also brought the earliest known Valentine cards. "In 15th-century France, 14 February became an annual feast day celebrating romantic love. Lavish banquets with singing and dancing were held to mark the occasion. It was also a 15th-century Frenchman who committed the earliest surviving Valentine's greeting to paper. While imprisoned in the Tower of London following the 1415 battle of Agincourt, the Duke of Orleans wrote to his wife:

'Je suis desja d'amour tanné

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## Tax planning tips: life insurance

Understanding the importance of life insurance is one thing. Understanding the tax rules is another. Learning the tax implications of your insurance may impact your plan and you might find it helpful to review how your insurance plan enables or prohibits your financial life goals. Life insurance contracts must meet IRS requirements For federal income tax purposes, an insurance contract cannot be considered a life insurance contract--and qualify for favorable tax treatment--unless it meets state law requirements and satisfies the IRS's statutory definitions of what is or is not a life insurance policy. The IRS considers the type of policy, date of issue, amount of the death benefit, and premiums paid. The IRS definitions are essentially tests to ensure that an insurance policy isn't really an investment vehicle. The insurance company must comply with these rules and enforce the provisions.

Employer-paid life insurance may have a tax cost

The premium cost for the first \$50,000 of life insurance coverage provided under an employer-provided group term life insurance plan does not have to be reported as income and is not taxed to you. However, amounts in excess of \$50,000 paid for by your employer will trigger a taxable income for the "economic value" of the coverage provided to you.

Paid with pre- or after-tax dollars  
The taxation of life insurance proceeds depends on several factors, including whether you paid your insurance premiums with pre- or after-tax dollars. If you buy a life insurance policy on your own or through your employer, your premiums are probably paid with after-tax dollars.

Different rules may apply if your com-

pany offers the option to purchase life insurance through a qualified retirement plan and you make pretax contributions. Although pretax contributions offer certain income tax advantages, one tradeoff is that you'll be required to pay a small tax on the economic value of the "pure life insurance" in the policy (i.e., the difference between the cash value and the death benefit) each year. Also, at death, the amount of the policy cash value that is paid as part of the death benefit is taxable income. These days, however, not many companies offer their employees the option to purchase life insurance through their qualified retirement plan.

Your life insurance beneficiary  
Whoever receives the death benefit from your insurance policy usually does not have to pay federal or state income tax on those proceeds. So, if you die owning a life insurance policy with a \$500,000 death benefit, your beneficiary under the policy will generally not have to pay income tax on the receipt of the \$500,000. This is generally true regardless of whether you paid all of the premiums yourself, or whether your employer subsidized part or all of the premiums under a group term insurance plan.

Different income tax rules may apply if the death benefit is paid in installments instead of as a lump sum. If there is an interest portion, each installment is generally treated as taxable to the beneficiary at ordinary income rates, while the principal portion is tax free.

Included in your taxable estate  
If you hold any incidents of ownership in an insurance policy at the time of your death, the proceeds from that insurance policy will be included in your taxable

estate. Incidents of ownership include the right to change the beneficiary, the right to take out policy loans, and the right to surrender the policy for cash. Furthermore, if you gift away an insurance policy within three years of your death, then the proceeds from that policy will be pulled back into your taxable estate. To avoid having the policy included in your taxable estate, someone other than you should be the owner.

If your policy has a cash value component  
Unlike term life insurance policies, some life insurance policies have a cash value component. As the cash value grows, you may ultimately have more money in cash value than you paid in premiums. Generally, you may defer income taxes on those gains as long as you don't sell, withdraw from, or surrender the policy. If you do sell, surrender, or withdraw, the difference between what you get back and what you paid in is taxed as ordinary income.

You usually aren't taxed on dividends paid  
Some policies, known as participating policies, pay dividends. An insurance dividend is the amount of your premium that is paid back to you if your insurance company achieves lower mortality and expense costs than it expected. Dividends are paid out of the insurer's surplus earnings for the year. Regardless of whether you take them in cash, keep them on deposit with the

insurer, or buy additional life insurance within the policy, they are considered a return of premiums. As long as you don't get back more than you paid in, you are merely recouping your costs, and no tax is due. However, if you leave these dividends on deposit with your insurance company and they earn interest, the interest you receive should be included as taxable interest income.

Plan Well -- There are many different types of insurance and they all play a role when it comes time to file taxes. Understanding how it may change your plan may be important in reaching your financial goals.

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## Vichy France comes to America?

"It was as though some huge force were pressing down upon you -- something that penetrated inside your skull, battering against your brain, frightening you out of your beliefs, persuading you, almost to deny the evidence of your senses. In the end the Party would announce that two and two made five, and you would have to believe it. It was inevitable that they should make that claim sooner or later: the logic of their position demanded it. Not merely the validity of experience, but the very existence of external reality, was tacitly denied by their philosophy. The heresy of heresies was common sense. And what was terrifying was not that they would kill you for thinking otherwise, but that they might be right. For, after all, how do we know that two and two make four? Or that the force of gravity works? Or that the past is unchangeable? If both the past and the external world exist only in the mind, and if the mind is controllable... what then?"

--Winston Smith, "1984" by George Orwell

Daily we are asked to believe the man who has denied that he cheated on his post-partum wife with a porn star and told us again and again that he would build a border wall to be paid for by Mexico. We are asked to believe his word against nineteen women who have alleged sexual abuse by him. We have been asked to believe that Michael Flynn "didn't do anything wrong."

We have been asked to believe that more people watched his inauguration than ever before. We have been asked to believe that Hillary Clinton won the popular vote because of massive voter fraud. We have been asked to believe that President Obama bugged the Trump Tower. We have been asked to

believe that the "Russia thing" is a "made-up story" and the Trump campaign had "no ties to Russia." We have been asked to believe that the Charlottesville counter-protesters did not have a permit. We have been asked to believe that Americans pay the most taxes of any nation on earth. We have been asked to believe that tax reform will cost President Trump a "fortune." And according to many media fact-checkers, we have been asked to believe hundreds of these lies.

And now, over the past month or so we are being asked to believe that, according to a Trump Tweet February 2, "The top leadership and Investigators of the FBI and the Justice Department have politicized the sacred investigative process in favor of Democrats and against Republicans -- something which would have been unthinkable just a short time ago." Trump also said, "I think it's terrible, it's a disgrace what's happening in our country." "A lot of people should be ashamed of themselves, and much worse than that." And most recently, after release of a controversial memo written by Republicans, we have been asked to believe, according to a Tweet February 3, that, "This memo totally vindicates "Trump" in probe. But the Russian Witch Hunt goes on and on. There was no Collusion and there was no Obstruction (the word now used because, after one year of looking endlessly and finding NOTHING, collusion is dead). This is an American disgrace!"

I suppose I can empathize with Winston's sentiments about being pressured to believe that two plus two equals five.

What I have seen over the past eighteen months are revelations that the Russians were deeply involved in various media efforts dealing with

the 2016 campaign, all favoring Donald Trump. There were, denials to the contrary (see especially Trump, Don Jr., Kushner, Jared, and Sessions, Jeff), many meetings between Trump campaign officials and various Russians. Donald Trump has never said a bad word against Vladimir Putin and has never really come out with a strong statement against Russian meddling. At one point, Trump said during a pre-election rally, "Russia, if you're listening, I hope you will be able to find the 30,000 emails that are missing." I have no idea whether any of this will amount to "collusion" or is illegal but it sure doesn't smell right. A presidential candidate who encourages and then shrugs off a foreign adversary's proven meddling in a US election -- where are the Republican voices speaking in unison that this is not ok?

Perhaps more serious, and ominous, are the recent concerted Administration and Republican congressional attacks on the FBI and Justice Department, together with previous attacks on the justice system including Trump's attempts to interfere with investigations (his call for Jeff Sessions not to recuse himself and his order to have White House Counsel Don McGahn fire Robert Mueller), his attacks on federal judges, his pardon of Sheriff Joe Arpaio, convicted of ignoring a court order to protect constitutional rights, his multiple calls on Twitter to jail Hillary Clinton and Huma Abedin (since when does the President get to decide who is guilty?), and his reliance on acting U.S. Attorneys (who do not require Senate confirmation).

This demonstrates an utter disregard for the rule of law, and while it is not unexpected that Trump would go down this road -- after all he has repeatedly expressed his admiration for authoritarian leaders like Vladimir Putin, Tayyip Erdogan,

and Rodrigo Duterte -- what is unexpected is the extent to which his behavior seems to be aided and abetted by so many Republican members in Congress.

Of course, the matter of his temperament is not irrelevant. Day after day, in offhand comments, in speeches, on Twitter, our President demonstrates a quickness to anger, an obsession with himself and how he appears, a shocking lack of curiosity as to how the world works, and an essential meanness that should never be associated with our most important leader.

After all, what kind of man suggests to another man that he ask his wife who has lost an election, "How does it feel to be a loser?"

With very few exceptions, such as Senators John McCain and Jeff Flake, Republicans have stayed extraordinarily quiet while some have gone to great lengths (Rep. Devin Nunes, for example) to show a slavish fealty to a President

who seems to care not a whit for the rule of law and the separation of powers, never mind his dangerous taunting of various world leaders, his resurrection of nuclear holocaust as a real possibility and his diminishment of the United States in the eyes of virtually all foreign countries.

So, in essence, we have a President possessed of a third-rate temperament, who doesn't care that a foreign power interfered significantly in our 2016 presidential election, who has demonstrated repeated disrespect for the rule of law, and the vast majority of Republicans either say nothing or offer encouragement and succor. Are we witnessing Vichy France right here in America? One might well ask.

*John A. Day, Jr., lives in Woodstock Valley*



### Legally Speaking

**by Frank Herzog**  
Attorney at Law

**WITHOUT FURTHER DELAY**

Many individuals seek to avoid the costly and lengthy delays so often associated with "probate," which is the legal process that gives recognition to a Last Will and appoints the executor who will administer the estate and distribute the deceased's assets to intended beneficiaries. One such probate-avoiding vehicle, called the "living trust," is created while a person is alive. Holding property in trust poses no legal consequences while the creator of the living trust is alive. The property held in the trust transfers to the family and friends to whom it is left after death. The terms of the trust document authorize the trustee to conduct this transfer, and probate courts have no legal authority over property held in trust.

Probate can be a timely and costly process. Heirs can often expect to wait

months before receiving anything, and by the time they do, the assets have been diminished significantly by court costs and attorney's fees. To learn more about setting up a living trust to avoid probate or other life planning strategies, please call BORNER, SMITH, ALEMAN, HERZOG and CERRONE LLC. Our estate planning attorneys work hard to help our clients plan for life circumstances and situations ahead. *HINT: When all of the property has been transferred to the beneficiaries, a living trust ceases to exist.*

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# February Freeze benefits PCS eighth graders

POMFRET CENTER — The fourth annual February Freeze 5K race and kids run was held on Saturday, Feb. 3, on the campus of Pomfret School. The race benefitted the eighth grade class at Pomfret Community School, helping to defray some of the cost of a class field trip to Washington, D.C.



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Participants in the kids run



The eighth grade class at Pomfret Community School



The start of the kids run



The top three male finishers, 1st place finisher Piotr Kostyk, right, 2nd place finisher John Keller, center, 3rd place finisher Zachary Stoddard, left



The Scribner family, from Pomfret, Holly, Finn and Mark



The Canavan family, from Pomfret, Lucas, Rick, Bella, and Anouk



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Ma tres douce Valentinée' This translates roughly as, 'I am already sick of love, my very gentle Valentine'. This remarkable letter survives in the manuscript collections of the British Library, which also holds the oldest surviving Valentine's letter in the English language. This dates from 1477 and was sent by one Margery Brews to her fiancé John Paston. In this letter Margery describes John as her 'right well-beloved Valentine'.

"By the 17th century Valentine's Day gets a mention in Shakespeare's Hamlet, when Ophelia is given the lines: 'To-morrow is Saint Valentine's day, All in the morning betime, And I a maid at your window, To be your Valentine.'"

The Killingly Historical Center has a number of Valentines from the first half of the 20th century that are part of the Madeline Wells' collection. Perhaps you have saved some older ones that you can share with children and grandchildren. Don't forget to send someone a Valentine. You can't put an email or text message on display on a bookshelf or table. If you don't have a "sweetie", send an older family member or friend a card. I'm sure they'll appreciate the thought. HAPPY VALENTINE'S DAY TO YOU ALL!

Killingly Historical Society Board Member Frank Aleman happened to be sorting additional items from the Wells collection when he came across an October 1939 list of voters in the 3rd District (East Killingly). Much to our surprise the list was separated not by streets but by male and female voters. (Remember when there were separate lines for boys and girls when you lined up at school?)

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

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

Margaret M. Weaver Killingly Municipal Historian, January 2018. Special thanks to Linda and Fred Adamson. For additional information email me at margaretmweaver@gmail.com or visit the Killingly Historical Center Wed. or Sat. 10-4 or www.killinglyhistorical.org. or call (860) 779-7250. Like us at Facebook at www.facebook.com/killinglyhistorical.society. Mail for the Killingly Historical & Genealogical Society, Inc. or the Killingly Historical Center should be sent to P.O. Box 265, Danielson, Ct., 06329

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# Boy Scouts Troop 26 takes camping trip

POMFRET — Boys Scouts Troop 26, from Pomfret, took a camping trip on Jan. 26 through 28, camping out at June Norcross Scout Reservation in Ashford. The group participated in the Nipmuck District Klondike Derby.



Troop 26 works together to get the Klondike sled across the river without losing any of the 'mountain man' supplies and snowshoes, or getting it wet.



Boys Scouts Troop 26 trailer

Ann Stoddard photos

Boy Scouts Troop 26 from Pomfret, from left: Owen Gratton, Hunter Fortier, Josh Rilling, Curtis Desabre, Lucas Gustafson, Jacob Ireland, Jack Aitken, and Zachary Stoddard Klondike Derby snowshoe race with homemade 'mountain man' snowshoes.



The snowshoe race



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Crossing the river



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# Quiet Corner Garden Club celebrating 40th year

WOODSTOCK — It was forty years ago when Mary Larson (now Seney) moved to the Larson family dairy farm in Woodstock. Just prior to that move, she lived with her in-laws in Portland, Connecticut. Her mother-in-law, being an avid gardener, was an active member of the local garden club. Mary enjoyed attending those meetings with her and looked forward to finding a local club in her new hometown. What a surprise when she learned there was no garden club in Woodstock! She immediately went to work, and with the help of her friends, started the Woodstock Area Garden Club in 1978, which evolved into the Quiet Corner Garden Club.



Mary Larson Seney, Founder of Quiet Corner Garden Club

Monthly meetings were held in club members' homes. As the garden club grew in number, garden-related programs were introduced, tours were organized of gardens, arboretums, and nurseries, and volunteers beautified Roseland Park and the grounds around Woodstock's town center.

In 1980 renowned garden expert Bob Thompson, host of the PBS show The Victory

Garden, was invited to present a program on growing annual and perennial flowers. The well-publicized garden club event was attended by over 300 local residents. That year

the garden club held its first Plant Sale at the Woodstock Elementary School. The Plant Sale has been held every May since then. Proceeds support the garden club's programs,

civic projects, and scholarship award.

This year the Quiet Corner Garden Club Plant Sale will be held on Saturday, May 12, at Woodstock Fairgrounds in the Agriculture Building for the second year. The fundraiser will be selling a large variety of annual and perennial flowers, beautiful hanging flower baskets, floral arrangements and other Mother's Day garden-themed gifts, used garden books for sale, and much, much more. There will also be a huge Silent Auction and raffle.

Over the past several decades, the garden club has hosted many garden tours. This year, to celebrate the garden club's 40th anniversary, QCGC is organizing The Quiet Corner Garden Tour and Cultural Event – "See What's Blooming in July" on Saturday, July 14, 2018 from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m.

Registration and garden-themed Arts and Crafts Fair will be held on the Town Common across from Roseland Cottage. Attendees will receive a brochure and map to start off their self-guided tour of many beautiful and interesting types

of gardens throughout the area. Some of the gardens will have special activities planned for those who wish to participate. A donation of \$20 made prior to the day of the tour (\$25 on July 14th) will entitle the donor to a single entrance to the day's event.

The Quiet Corner Garden Club, which meets monthly, hosts programs open to the public on a variety of garden-related topics, and offers to garden club members workshops, social events and outings throughout the year. Garden club members continue to volunteer their time to beautifying our "quiet corner". The garden club also offers a scholarship each year to a student planning to go into a horticulture-related field.

The club meets the first Monday of the month at the South Woodstock Baptist Church and is always looking for new members. You don't have to be a garden expert to join. Visit [www.QuietCornerGardenClub.org](http://www.QuietCornerGardenClub.org) or [www.Facebook.com/QCGCCT/](http://www.Facebook.com/QCGCCT/) for more information.

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# NOW receives grant funds from Target

KILLINGLY — Northeast Opportunities for Wellness (NOW) met with members of the Killingly Target management team and local soccer programs on Jan. 22 to celebrate grant funds recently awarded to NOW. The funds, totaling \$1,000, will support NOW scholarships for children participating in local soccer programs in 2018.

In the summer of 2017, NOW applied for funds from the Target Youth Soccer Grants Program, available through the Target Corporation. As part of the program, Target provides annual grants on behalf of each Target store and distribution center in the U.S. to federally tax-exempt section 501(c)(3) charitable organizations, accredited schools, or public agencies located in the U.S. A preference is given to programs serving in-need communities. The grants are intended to provide support for player registration fees, player and field equipment, and training and professional development for volun-

teer coaches.

Throughout the year, NOW partners with local youth serving organizations focused on sports and other healthy activities. NOW has a long history with supporting soccer in the region and currently partners with Canterbury Athletic Association, Killingly Youth Soccer Parents Association, NECONN, and Plainfield Youth Soccer. In 2017, NOW provided over \$22,000 in scholarship support to 272 children. This number includes approximately \$8,000 in soccer scholarships, assisting 106 children.

"NOW is very grateful to the Target Corporation for this grant," said NOW Executive Director, Sarah Wolfburg. "We believe that a sport like soccer provides more than just athleticism; it also gives children a chance to learn about teamwork, discipline, sportsmanship, and so many other important and foundational qualities. The \$1,000 in funds will ensure that children



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NOW President Allan Rawson, NOW Executive Director Sarah Wolfburg, NOW Programming Coordinator Kelsey Quinn, Killingly Youth Soccer Representative Kim Newman, NECONN Soccer Representative Erica O'Brien, Killingly Target Management Team: Brandon Kudelchuk, Angie Tracy, Allison Thayer, and Brandan Davis.

in the region get the opportunity to play and learn."

Northeast Opportunities for Wellness, is a non-profit human services organization focused on youth wellness. Serving the

10-town area of Northeast Connecticut, NOW provides children with the opportunity to participate in area athletic programs and activities, offering scholarships to the youth of the community with up to 95 percent

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

For more information on Northeast Opportunities for Wellness, or to donate, visit: [www.nowinmotion.org](http://www.nowinmotion.org) or call (888) 940.4669.

# Eastern to host University Hour events in February

WILLIMANTIC — Eastern Connecticut State University will host three University Hour events in February. University Hour is a series of cultural events that occurs every Wednesday in locations across campus. All events are from 3 p.m. to 4 p.m. and open to the public. Admission is free.

On Feb. 14 in the Student Center Theatre, Gary

Ford - an assistant professor of Africana Studies at Lehman College - will make an appearance. In addition to his writing and teaching, Ford helped produce the 2012 award-winning documentary "Justice is a Black Woman: The Life and Work of Constance Baker Motley" alongside Michael Calia, director of the Quinnipiac University Ed McMahon Mass Communications Center, and scriptwriter Susan Bailey.

On Feb. 21 in the Fine Arts Instructional Center's Proscenium Theatre, the Judy Dworin Performance Project will

perform selections from their piece "Brave in a New World" to highlight the voices of those who have been released from prison. The dancers and speakers, paired with a sound score, aim to help the audience understand the effects of incarceration and reentry through real-world experiences.

On Feb. 28 in the Student Center Theatre, Eastern will hold the Martin Luther King, Jr. Distinguished Service Awards ceremony. The awards, established in 1996, remember King's altruistic efforts as his philosophies continue to have a strong impact today. Three people, including an Eastern student, an Eastern faculty or staff member and a member of Connecticut community-at-large who uphold the values of awareness, inclusion and social justice will be honored.

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# Bringing together readers for discussion

BY OLIVIA RICHMAN  
NEWS STAFF WRITER

PUTNAM — Quiet Corner Reads has announced their One Book choice for 2018: Marie Benedict's *The Other Einstein*. Twenty-one libraries in the northeastern corner of Connecticut will carry multiple copies of the book, host a book discussion, and then come together for an author visit in the summer.

"What I love about this program is how it brings people together," said Quiet Corner Reads President and Putnam Public Library librarian Priscilla Colwell. "It just starts with these conversations. And hearing other people's ideas. At a book discussion, you go in with your own thoughts and you might leave thinking something

different. It exposes you to other ways of looking at things."

*The Other Einstein* is about Albert Einstein's wife, who was also a physicist. The book of historical fiction has weaved a tale around historical documents and facts, bringing her story to life in a vibrant and informative novel.

"She's an overlooked person in history you never hear about," said Colwell. "You always hear about Einstein. But she was a very smart woman and maybe she contributed to some of his ideas. It just puts you in that time period and makes you wonder. And makes you wonder what other women have been overlooked by time."

At a time when women and girls are encouraged to code and join the sciences, Colwell said Quiet Corner Reads

felt the book was very relevant to the current times, one of the reasons it was chosen.

Quiet Corner Reads started the One Book project in 2010. The first year only had 10 libraries. Now there are over 21 Quiet Corner libraries involved: Ashford, Brooklyn, Canterbury, Chaplin, Eastford, Hampton, Killingly, Mansfield, Plainfield, Pomfret, Putnam, Scotland, Thompson, Union and Woodstock, as well as Pomfret School and Quinebaug Valley Community College.

The project "encourages residents of northeast Connecticut to read the same book or author at the same time, bringing people together to discuss ideas and to broaden their appreciation of reading."

Open to everyone, the author meet-and-greet will take place on June 20 at the Mansion at Bald Hill in Woodstock. Books will be available for sale, and the author will be autographing copies for attendees. The \$15 event will also include light refreshments.

Copies of *The Other Einstein* are available at all participating libraries. The book discussions will be held some time in spring. Each library will post the discussion information on quiet-cornerreads.org.

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## Ferrer is Day Kimball employee of the month



Courtesy photo

Anne Diamond, Lindsay Ferrer, and Patti Bernier

PUTNAM — Lindsay Ferrer, radiologic technologist for Day Kimball Hospital's Diagnostic Imaging department, has been named employee of the month for January by Day Kimball Healthcare.

Ferrer has worked in the field for nine years, beginning her career in 2009 at DKH after spending rotations in the department to complete clinical requirements as a student. As a radiologic technologist, Ferrer performs diagnostic x-ray exams of patients, and aids in the diagnosis of bone injuries and ill-

nesses. She also performs x-rays as needed to emergency room patients, inpatients, and walk-in outpatients, as well as assisting in the OR with imaging as needed and assisting radiologists in various special procedures.

"Lindsay is very deserving of this award and recognition. She is a model employee and has a positive presence about her. She consistently offers to help throughout the Diagnostic Imaging department and is kind and compassionate with all her patients. She exemplifies the organization's C.A.R.E. phi-

losophy of courtesy, attitude, respect and enthusiasm. We are a better department because of Lindsay's caring nature," said Ferrer's supervisor, Director of Laboratory Services and Diagnostic Imaging, Patti Bernier.

"The best part of my job and the reason that truly makes me enjoy coming to work is the great group of people that I work with. My co-workers are my second family and it really makes it an enjoyable environment to work in," Ferrer said. "It is a huge honor to be given the title of Employee of the Month and I couldn't be more grateful! There are so many employees that are deserving of this award, and to know that I was chosen for this month makes me feel overwhelmingly thankful. It was a big surprise, but a great surprise."

Ferrer grew up in North Providence, R.I. and currently resides in Cranston, R.I. Ferrer earned her certification from Windham Hospital Program of Radiologic Technology. Ferrer is very involved in dog rescue and fosters dogs in her home until they are adopted, and volunteers for Rhode Home Rescue, a foster-based, non-profit organization that rescues dogs and places them in secure, loving homes. She also creates and sells soy candles in a business she started two years ago called Cozy Light Candle Co.

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experience. We want them to be taken out of the moment. That's what food does. It's a transporting of a person from where their mind was to where they're going to go."

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And creating chocolate is an experience like no other for Weiss as well.

"It's fascinating," he said. "I came out of a business of intangibles, dealing with financial plans, life goals and investments. Which you can't eat. So much of it was technology. Which is great. But there's not a lot of soul in technology."

But he said there's a lot of soul in chocolates. "It connects us to growers, nature, science... There's a lot of heart in it. It helps to connect people to an international level. It opens us up to other cultures and people. It's tangible. There's smells. There's feeling," he said.

As of now, Pomfret Chocolates does not have a store front. Instead, they do a series of pop-up shops throughout the Quiet Corner. They'll establish a location for a day or two, offering samples and tastings.

And while the pop-up shops are fun, they are also an escape. "The condition of most people's lives today — they're terribly busy, putting too much time into technology, under financial pressures. People want a break from the pressure of stress of their lives," said Weiss. "A great cup of coffee can make their whole morning. And a great bon bon can make a day. It doesn't take a lot. You don't have to eat chocolate all day long. It's just a real lift and makes them happy. So why not?"

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# Duck Day is Eastford's alternative to Groundhog Day

BY CAROL DAVIDGE  
FOR THE VILLAGER

Once upon a time on a farm in Eastford, three young brothers — Micah (14), Isaac (12) and Benjamin (8) Torcellini — raised a duck and, to their surprise, he had amazing powers.

"We named him Scramble because he scrambled out of his egg," said Isaac.

Born in June 2014, "He was the only duckling that hatched so he decided we were his mother, and he got to be very friendly," Isaac said.

During their home-schooling lessons, the boys studied Groundhog Day. To their surprise, on the next Groundhog Day February 2, 2015, Scramble accurately predicted six more weeks of winter. Then in 2016 he predicted early spring, and in 2017, six more weeks of winter. Thus began "Duck Day" — Eastford's annual alternative to Groundhog Day.

On Friday, February 2, 40 brave locals defied snow and ice to attend Duck Day and learn what Scramble would predict about the upcoming six weeks of weather.

Micah, Isaac and Benjamin appeared at the Ivy Glenn Memorial in the center of town with Scramble safely inside a model of the building. They began the ceremony.

"Our fellow Americans: we welcome you to the sixth weather predicting ceremony," said Micah. "This duck has worked his way up to a position as the valedictorian of Stormy



State Rep. Pat Boyd reads citation from the General Assembly to Micah , Isaac and Benjamin Torcellini and Scramble the Duck on Feb. 2.

Courtesy photo

Heights Academy, to weather predictor, and, perhaps, to the greatest weather predictor of all time. He understands our need of accurate predictions," continuing a statement that ended with: "It is our duty and pleasure to present to you this fabulous weather predicting creature...Scramble — The Supreme!"

Scramble emerged through the model building's double doors, waddled and quacked

down the red carpet, stood on his podium, spread his wings and saw his shadow. (Despite the icy cloudy day, photos clearly show a shadow under Scramble, which means six more weeks of winter weather.)

Then Isaac made a formal pronouncement, excerpted as follows: "Hear ye! Hear ye! Hear ye!" Says Scramble the Supreme on February 2, 2018! My shadow do I see, So soon the snow will blow, And you'll

start booing me! So Scramble says to all of us, "Today the storms will start, I have told the truth to all of you. Put on your snowsuit — jump outside, Throw a snow ball — Watch it glide, Build a snow man ten feet tall, Build a snow fort big or small."

Shouts of approval and applause greeted Isaac's announcement.

State Representative Pat Boyd, from Pomfret, then

presented a surprise citation to Scramble from himself and State Senator Tony Guglielmo and Connecticut's General Assembly: "Being the most accurate weather predicting duck in the Northern Hemisphere and possibly the world . . . We are Quackers About Scramble," read Boyd.

Celebrants included babes in arms and even a puppy. "I'm delighted that the people of Eastford gathered with interest and happiness to see Scramble predict our winter. I would like to thank the Torcellini family for emphasizing the uniqueness of our lovely town," said Jacqueline Dubois, First Selectman.

Eight-year-old Brady came with his father, Brad Sorensen, after learning about Duck Day at Eastford Elementary School.

"I wanted to see the duck," said Brady, who has goats and chickens at home, but no ducks.

"It only happens once a year," said life-long Eastford resident Ernie Nowakowski, who was the first to arrive for the event. Diane and Herman Barlow came with their dog, Manny, "Because it is a fun community event."

Micah, Isaac, Benjamin and Scramble appeared earlier in the week on WFSB TV3's "Better Connecticut," and on Radio WILLI. Mark your calendars for Duck Day, Feb. 2, 2019, always the greatest alternative to Groundhog Day.

## Murphy condemns new nuclear policy

WASHINGTON — U.S. Senator Chris Murphy (D-Conn.), a member of the U.S. Senate Foreign Relations Committee, released the following statement on Feb. 2 after President Trump announced his Nuclear Posture Review. Unlike previous administrations, which focused on downsizing and withdrawing the deployment of nuclear forces, President Trump is dangerously reversing course, lowering the bar for the use of nuclear weapons and calling for a more diverse set of nuclear weapons.

"The policy laid out in the Trump

administration's Nuclear Posture Review reverses decades of bipartisan efforts to reduce the risk of nuclear war. I have always supported a strong and safe nuclear deterrent, but this new policy expands the range of options and lowers the bar for a president to use a nuclear weapon. I'm afraid today we took a scary step backward from decades of nuclear disarmament and deterrent," said Murphy.

During a Senate Foreign Relations Committee hearing on the authority to order the use of nuclear weapons

Murphy was not encouraged.

"We are concerned that the president is so unstable, is so volatile, has a decision-making process that is so quixotic, that he might order a nuclear-weapons strike that is wildly out of step with US national-security interests," Murphy said.

Murphy also introduced a bill prohibiting President Trump from starting a preemptive war against North Korea, absent an imminent threat or without express authorization from Congress. Murphy also the author of "Rethinking

the Battlefield," a comprehensive proposal containing specific recommendations to dramatically increase the United States' non-military footprint abroad by nearly doubling the U.S. foreign affairs budget — including the State Department and USAID — with an emphasis on funding for international development, additional foreign service officers, anti-corruption efforts, countering propaganda, crisis response, and humanitarian relief.



### PROMOTIONS AT QUEST MARTIAL ARTS

PUTNAM — Grandmaster Mike Bogdanski and Master Kristin Duethorn of Quest Martial Arts announced the promotions of first and second degree Black Belts: Rachelle Davis (second degree), Alexis Elkinson (second degree), Zachary Rainville (first degree), Emma Rainville (first degree), Ela Gadoury (first degree), Alishia Thompson (first degree), Linsey Arends (first degree).



Susan M. Desrosiers, left, and Mary Beth Sworin

Courtesy photo

### The Arc Quinebaug Valley receives donation

PUTNAM — Mary Beth Sworin of the Savings Institute team recently presented a check in the amount of \$175 from the Savings Institute Bank & Trust Caring and Giving Campaign to Susan Desrosiers, Executive Director of The Arc Quinebaug Valley.

"The employees of the Savings Institute have shown great dedication to The Arc and its mission, which we truly appreciate," said Desrosiers.

The Arc provides programs for individuals with intellectual, developmental, and other life-affecting disabilities. Vocational, residential, recreation, day and retirement services offer opportunities for people with disabilities to reach their goals and be integral members of their community. This gift will specifically help to enhance supports provided to the elderly in our programs, as requested by Savings Institute Bank & Trust.

"The Savings Institute Bank & Trust employees continue to make a wonderful difference at The Arc Quinebaug Valley and we are thankful to have their support," said Desrosiers.

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in schools, with improved attendance rates, less trips to the school nurse and better grades. While students receive meals during the school day, the food doesn't follow

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### Red Cross assists Brooklyn family after fire

BROOKLYN — The American Red Cross is helping one family — two adults, no children — after a fire on Feb. 2 on Tripp Hollow Road in Brooklyn. Responders included Lynda Joly and Eldon Griffiths. The Red Cross is also providing a recovery envelope containing information helpful to families recovering from a fire, including tips on cleanup; notification of important contacts; dealing with damaged items and more. Those affected will meet with Red Cross caseworkers in the coming days to work on a longer-term recovery plan. The Red Cross is able to provide assistance through the generosity of our donors and the commitment of our volunteers.

# Duck Day celebrated in Eastford

EASTFORD — Eastford's annual alternative to Groundhog Day is dubbed "Duck Day". The town celebrated its event last Friday, Feb. 4. Scramble the Duck attempts to see his shadow as a predictor of the length of the remainder of the winter weather. Below are highlights from the celebration. Photos were contributed by Paul Torcellini, Adam Minor, and Carol Davidge.



Scramble the Duck flaps his wings as Eastford First Selectman Jacqueline Dubois (center) and, from left, Micah, Benjamin and Isaac Torcellini look on.



WILI Radio appearance on Jan. 29



"Six More Weeks of Winter" - Isaac holding the proclamation he read with brothers Benjamin and Micah



Micah holding Citation from Connecticut General Assembly that was presented by State Rep Pat Boyd "We're Quackers about Scramble," it read



Duck Day opening ceremony, from left: Isaac, Benjamin and Micah who is reading the opening statement.



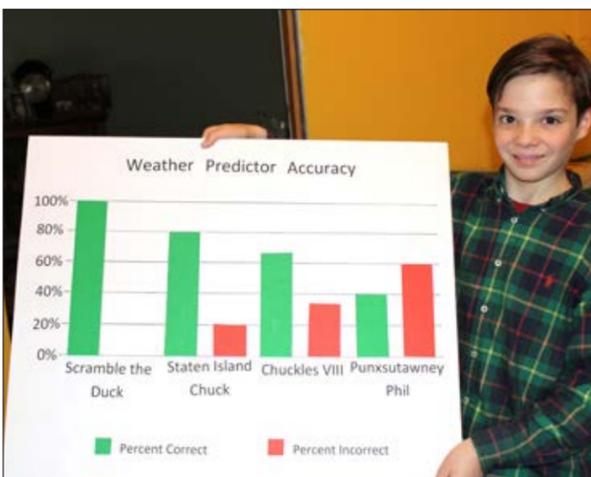
Brady and Brad Sorensen with Benjamin. Brady wanted to see the duck, he has goats and chickens at home but no ducks.



Dignitaries attend, from left, Eastford Board of Selectmen Robert Torcellini, Terry Cote, First Selectman Jacqueline Dubois, Benjamin, Paul Torcellini, Isaac, Micah, State Rep. Pat Boyd, Julia Torcellini



Scramble sees his shadow with, from left: Isaac, Micah with Scramble.



Isaac with Prediction Chart that he created to show that Scramble outperforms the State and National Groundhogs



WFSB TV 3's "Better Connecticut" appearance on Feb. 1: Benjamin, Micah with Scramble, Hosts Scot Haney and Kara Sundlund, and Isaac.



Scramble the Duck emerged and Isaac reads the winter proclamation



The event was well attended

# Pot luck dinner at St. Joseph School

THOMPSON – St. Joseph School kicked off Catholic Schools Week with their annual Pot Luck Dinner on Jan. 29. The giant feast acted as a way for families to get together and socialize, while also watching live performances and viewing artwork by the students. The science fair winners were also announced, as well as the winners of the Carl Charbonneau Volunteerism Award.



Olivia Richman photos

Carl Charbonneau Volunteerism Award winners: Karen Melnick, Dr. Andrew MacKenzie, Jeff Lefebvre, Scott Antonson and Jim Raftery.



"This is always a nice family event," said Erin deCarli, with Isaac and Mike.



The Pot Luck Dinner was very well attended, a huge success for the school.



"It's an awesome night like always," said Steven Paul, pictured with daughter Dorothy.



"It's very nice," said Ricardo Anderson, with daughter Kayleen. "We should do this a lot more. This is a great gathering."



First place science fair winner Ian Mackenzie. The eighth grader did his project on a processor's speed, since he's always "had an interest in technology."



Sister Mary Kathleen served food to the families that attended the Pot Luck Dinner.



Seventh grader Nicholas Boligan got an honorable mention for his science fair project on Lasers and Light. "I've always been interested in lasers and wanted to know how they worked," he said. "I also wanted to find out what they can be used for."



Third place science fair winner Curtis Lefevvre found out that Jolly Time pops the best. Said the seventh grader: "It's the best value and the best price."



Grace Rhoads got second place at the science fair. "I've always been interested in forensics," she said. "I want to get into medical examining. It involves looking at finger prints to get people's identity."

# TEEG Have A Heart auction raises \$50,000

THOMPSON — TEEG's Have A Heart auction raised over \$50,000 towards programs that will help communities throughout the Quiet Corner. On Feb. 2, people from throughout the Quiet Corner came together to bid on over 233 donated items. "That's more than in past years," said TEEG's Chelsea Valade. "This is our 18th

auction and we're still going strong."

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Chelsea Valada, TEEG's PR & Outreach Coordinator: "So far, we have a great turnout."



Olivia Richman photos

Many of the silent auction items included gift cards to various local businesses and restaurants.



Themed baskets were a very popular item at the silent auction.



Kristen Finnemore and Stacey Paziienza check out some of the silent auction items, which include baskets and gift cards from all throughout northeastern Connecticut.



"We are here to support TEEG," said Paul and Joyce Larson. "It's a great cause. They do great work."



"We like this event!" said Linda Valade and Mine French, enjoying some of the food at the auction.



Thompson Congregational Church members Carol Smith, Nancy Beauchamp and Mary Anne Fontaine.



"What a great turnout," said Joe and Cindy Monette, Regina Ackart and Jim Shaw. "Every year there's always a weather event, but it doesn't deter people from coming."



"There's a lot of stuff this year!" said Roland Lupien and Karen Libby.



Patricia and David Blake are volunteers at TEEG's food pantry.



The well-attended auction raised over \$50,000 towards TEEG's programs.

# Art exhibit at Thompson Public Library

THOMPSON — Artist Adolph Rutkin has his whimsical paintings on display at the Thompson Public Library for the month of February. With sword swallowers, circus performers and tattooed prisoners, this is one collection that's sure to mesmerize you.



"When Sleep Is Near"



"As Waves Came In"

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"Closing the Dance"



"Talking to the Olympians"



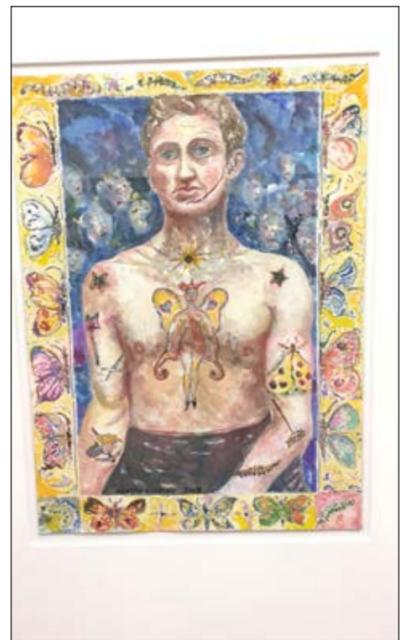
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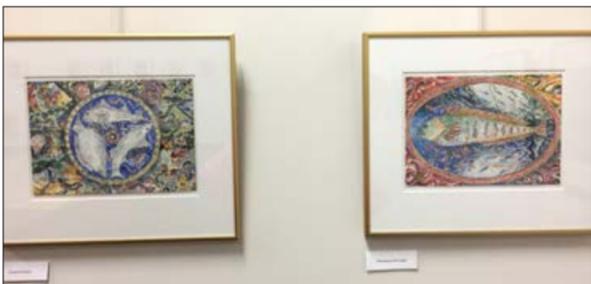
"When Time Escapes"



"A Man With a Scar"



Rutkin's work focuses on the "human condition," and explores the story behind alternative people.



Fish act as another colorful topic for Rutkin's fantasy work.



"Taming the Night Sky"

# Atwood drawn to Glass Menagerie

BY OLIVIA RICHMAN  
NEWS STAFF WRITER

PUTNAM — Ask Director Kathleen Atwood why she chose The Glass Menagerie as the Bradley Playhouse's February production and she has a simple answer: She loves the play.

"It's an American classic," said Atwood. "To me, Tennessee Williams is one of the three greatest American directors of the 20th century."

With only four "wonderful characters to dig into," The Glass Menagerie is an in-depth and often emotional look at a family's struggles after being abandoned by the father.

And even if people haven't gone through the specific situation themselves, the emotions and feelings that come with it are relatable for almost everyone in the audience. The family dynamics that are explored can bring up people's own experiences with conflict, sadness and love.

"A drama challenges us to reflect and think. It allows us to share common experiences," Atwood said. "We can all see something of ourselves either in one of the characters or a situation the character finds themselves in."

Many people envision an "escape" as seeing a comedy. The laughing and singing is a great way to forget your troubles. But dramas can have that same affect. You are wrapped up in the lives of these characters. You are invested in their story. And your own woes melt away.

"And it's very well crafted," she said. "And the language is beautiful."

Opening on Feb. 23, The Glass Menagerie is about a son's inner struggles. On one hand he wants to support his financially struggling mother and sister. On the other hand, he wants out of the situation completely. To pursue his dreams. But he is bound by the love he feels for his mother, and especially his sister, who has a slight physical

disability.

"I also relate to the mother a lot," said Atwood. "For the love she has for her children. Although she sometimes misdirects how she approaches them and gives that love to them. She was raised as a Southern Belle and kind of lives in the past. She doesn't really understand that the world has changed."

This particular production was a "director's choice," which the Bradley allows directors to do once a year. Instead of having open auditions, the director may choose individuals they want in the play.

"I love my cast," said Atwood. "They're all seasoned actors, folks that have done several productions. And they're very professional in their approach to their part. They're wonderful to work with because they're interested in digging into these characters and understanding their background."

Working at the Bradley is like "family" to Atwood. And she is always

astonished at the commitment of the volunteers that make each production happen.

With an undergraduate degree in acting and directing, Atwood has worked in professional theaters, educational theater and community theaters throughout the years. Now retired, she often looks back fondly at her work as the director at the Pomfret School.

She loves being a director because she gets to choose plays that "speak" to her. Plays she loves. It's like bringing a vision to life.

"I love digging into the material and putting some flesh on the bones of the characters," said Atwood. "That's why plays can be done over and over and over again. There's different interpretations and approaches. Each production is different."

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back, and a ship. A sword on the table. It's a place of starting. I like having something that draws somebody to the picture. Having a focus. It'll bring you closer. And as you come closer, you'll start to read more into it and have questions on your own about who this person is. Who is this person?"

Do you know?

"Not at all. Not at all. She's a mystery woman."

Why is she near the ocean?

"I'm not really sure. A lot has to do with how do you make a composition? A composition in which it pulls people. And focuses. To me, the contrast with the blue and the red and the white, she becomes very much the center of the picture. And the water is very much a subtle background, yet it helps to bring you to the forefront."

How long have you been painting?

"Since I was in junior high."

What inspired you to start painting?

"My father used to paint. My father wasn't a professional or anything. But sometimes at night he'd bring out his water colors and draw from Life Magazine. And I'd sit with him. That was my first inter-

est. And in high school I took some art classes. I majored in art in college. One thing led to another. You have to work all your life when you have three kids and a house. So I did jobs. And now I'm retired and pretty much putting full steam ahead."

How do you feel that you can now focus on your art full time?

"I love it. I'm so happy to still have my mental facilities. My dexterity. I don't have the wolf breathing down my neck. I'm alright. Life is good."

What do you love about painting?

"The color is a lot of it. I love color. But I also like it to be about something. There's lots of stories out there. I seem to have the skill to do it with my hands. I'm not a singer. I don't write books. But I'm a person who really likes to express themselves."

What's your focus right now?

"Right now I've been dealing with prisoners."

Oh, wow. Why is that?

"In my piece, 'Man With a Scar,' you can see shadows of people in the back. They're sort of like a jury. Maybe they're the ones that put him in there. Or maybe they were his peers. And what did he do as his crime? You have this tough looking guy, but he has this fairy on him. And butter-



Adolph Rutkin's opening reception at the Thompon Public Library on Thursday, Feb. 1

flies all around him. They're the most gentle creatures out there."

Why the butterflies?

"Because of the contrast. It reinforces the fairy on his chest, who also has wings."

Why the fairy?

"The fairy was actually a tattoo on him. But I changed it."

So this was based on a real person?

"Oh, yeah."

Where do you find the people that inspire your art?

"I have my sources. I often will find information out there and use it as a resource."

What drew you to this particular man?

"The strength of his body and the scar. Scars tell stories. I want the piece to work on many levels. I want there to be a mystery. I want the viewer to ask questions. I love the color and the contrast. That's what makes it kind of exciting."

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## Shop eco-friendly Valentine's Day ideas



Red may be the color most often associated with Valentine's Day, but those who want environmentally friendly ways to celebrate this day of love can tint the occasion with a little green. This list of earth-conscious Valentine's Day gifts can provide inspira-

tion for loving couples.

- Give organic chocolate. Eco-conscious chocolate connoisseurs will appreciate indulgent fine chocolates crafted with the planet in mind. Some of the world's best chocolate is produced from small cacao farms that do not employ fungicide

or insecticide in their farming practices. Choose chocolate artisans that produce their chocolate from responsibly-sourced ingredients for a sweet Valentine's Day treat.

- Plant a live gift. A living gift can be a symbol of enduring love and one that gives back to the environment. Couples can explore their options at local nurseries and plant a shade tree, shrubbery or even a fruit tree. This is certainly a gift that can give every year.

- Write it down. Love notes are a simple, heartfelt gift. Choose to scribble down sentiments on recycled paper with nontoxic inks. Give that love note even more traction by framing it for a lasting gift.

- Adopt an animal. Animal lovers crusade for their favorite mammals, reptiles and amphibians every day. Rather than exchanging a stuffed animal on Valentine's Day that will only take up space on a shelf or bed, consider sav-

ing the life of a real animal. Conservation agencies can always use helping hands. Donations can be used to feed and shelter pets or to restore habitats for wild animals.

- Give living plants. Flowers can express all types of emotions, but those cut blooms will begin to fade after a few days, especially when some flowers are flown in from all over the world. Gifting a potted plant from a local nursery is a more eco-friendly idea, and one that can last for many years to come.

- Create a free-range, organic meal. Homemade food can be a nice gesture, especially when cooks select fair-trade, organic and free-range products. Don't forget to extend the specialized shopping to include wine or other beverages that are locally sourced.

- Give gifts of sustainable comfort. Practical but luxurious linens and clothing made from sustainable materials are great eco-friendly gifts. Bamboo bedding or organic cotton shirts offer comfort and promote environmental stewardship.

Gifting green for Valentine's Day is easier than one may think. Eco-conscious gifts are a smart idea for anyone who wants to impart minimal impact on the planet this February and beyond.

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## TROOP D

### KILLINGLY

Sunday, Jan. 28

George Schlough, 60, of 162 Ballouville Road, Dayville, was charged with disorderly conduct and third degree assault

### DANIELSON

Tuesday, Jan. 30

Shane Michael Knox, 43, of 137 Reynolds Street Apt.

B, Danielson, was charged with disorderly conduct

Wednesday, Jan. 31

Joshua Robinson, 28, of 35 Chestnut Street, Danielson, was charged with failure to appear and interfering with a police officer

Saturday, Feb. 3

Mary Taaffe, 63, of 82 Hutchins Street F, Danielson, was charged with larceny

### WOODSTOCK

Friday, Feb. 2

Nicholas Peter Fogarty, 32, of 117 Tripp Road, Woodstock, was charged with a warrant

## Putnam Police Department

Friday, Jan. 26

James Fitzgerald, 20, of 70 Franklin St., Danielson,

was charged with Disorderly Conduct, Criminal Mischief 3rd.

Jordan Gonsalves, 32, of 226 Grove St. Putnam, was charged with Interfering with Police Officers

Bonnie Norton, 57, of 224 Grove St. Putnam was charged with Disorderly Conduct, Resisting Arrest

Jesus Caez, 30, of 78 Smith St. Putnam, was charged with Disorderly Conduct, Violation of a Protective Order

Monday, Jan. 29

Zachary Provost, 32, of no certain address, was charged with Robbery 1st, Larceny 2nd, Threatening 2nd, Breach of Peace 2nd

Tuesday, Jan. 30

Veronica Bianchi, 20, of 35 King St. Putnam, was charged with Failure to have Head Lamps

# PUBLIC MEETINGS

## BROOKLYN

Tuesday, Feb. 13

IWWC, 7 p.m., Clifford B. Green

Wednesday, Feb. 14

Board of Fire Commissioners, 7:30 p.m., Mortlake Fire Department

Thursday, Feb. 15

Emergency Management/Homeland Security, 7 p.m., Town Hall

Parks & Recreation, 7 p.m., Town Hall

## KILLINGLY

Monday, Feb. 12

East Killingly Fire, 6 p.m., 1395 Hartford Pike

Tuesday, Feb. 13

Town Council, 7 p.m., Town Hall

Wednesday, Feb. 14

Agricultural Commission, 7 p.m., Town Hall

Thursday, Feb. 15

HDC, 7 p.m., Town Hall

## PUTNAM

No meetings scheduled

## THOMPSON

Monday, Feb. 12

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

Zoning Board of Appeals, 7 p.m., Town Hall

Tuesday, Feb. 13

Housing Authority, 5:15 p.m., Town Hall

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

Water Pollution Control Authority, 7 p.m., WPCA Treatment Plant

Wednesday, Feb. 14

Building Committee, 6 p.m., Thompson Middle School

Thursday, Feb. 15

Library Board of Trustees, 2 p.m., Library

Board of Finance, 7 p.m., Library

## EASTFORD

Tuesday, Feb. 13

Planning Commission, 7 p.m., Town Hall

## WOODSTOCK

Monday, Feb. 12

Agricultural Commission, 1 p.m., Town Hall

Recreation Commission, 7 p.m., Town Hall

Tuesday, Feb. 13

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

Thursday, Feb. 15

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

Planning & Zoning, 7:30 p.m., Town Hall

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ly two to three years to install so there is no immediate influx of revenue to offset expenditures.

Approximately 70 percent of all toll revenues would be paid by Connecticut residents and much of the revenue gain would be spent in collection and enforcement efforts netting little "real" revenue to the STF.

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"This is just another way for the state to suck more and more money out of your wallet. Gas tax money is supposed to pay for our transportation infrastructure needs, but the governor and the Democrats keep diverting that money to fund their irresponsible

spending addiction. No matter how much new money they take from the people of this state, it will never be enough if they won't put transportation money toward transportation," said Rep. Doug Dubitsky, caucus member.

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## Pair of hardened runners win February Freeze



Ann Stoddard photo

Runners begin the fourth annual February Freeze on Saturday on the campus of Pomfret School.

BY CHARLIE LENTZ  
VILLAGER EDITOR

**POMFRET CENTER** — Winning just one footrace in sub-freezing temperatures wasn't challenging enough for Elizabeth Mashiak and Piotr Kostyk. The duo completed a rare double play when they each ran to victory in the fourth annual February Freeze 5K on the campus of Pomfret

School on Saturday.

Hours earlier both runners also won their divisions in the Stafford Springs February 5K — then they raced over to Pomfret School to compete in the February Freeze. Both Mashiak and Kostyk belong to the Run 169 Towns Society. Members of that running club try to complete a race in all 169 towns in Connecticut. Neither had ever raced in Pomfret

Center, hence the desire to tackle the February Freeze and complete the double play.

"I'm part of the 169 society and I needed a new town," said Mashiak, 26, from Middletown. "I ran Stafford, the 5K before this, and it's in the same area. So I hopped on over and did this."

She won the women's division of the Stafford race in 21 minutes 42 seconds. Then Mashiak ran to victory in the February Freeze in 22 minutes, 43.8 seconds. The Freeze in Pomfret Center marked the 54th town in Connecticut that she's competed in.

The February Freeze race course is actually a bit over the 5K (3.1-mile) distance, measuring a little over 3.2 miles on a roughly one-mile loop course on the campus of Pomfret School. It was a new experience running two races in one day.

"This was a first," Mashiak said.

Mashiak is currently training for the Providence Marathon on May 6. She would have been logging some miles last Saturday so she figured she might as well do it under race conditions.

"I'm marathon training right now so I needed the distance anyway," said Mashiak, who ran cross country at Somers High School. "So if I wasn't running these races I had to do eight miles anyway. So it was either that or this."

Traversing a race course for the first time is always daunting. But after one loop of the

Freeze, the three-loop course was a breeze.

"This was actually well-marked with all the volunteers cheering so I didn't have any issues," said Mashiak, who typically runs between 30 and 50 miles in training every week. "But there was a lot of twists and turns so if they didn't have all those volunteers I would have been very nervous."

No nerves for Kostyk, who ran to a comfortable victory in the February Freeze in 18 minutes, 54.5 seconds — after running and winning the men's division of the Stafford Springs February 5K. The Stafford race began at 11 a.m., and after collecting his first-place medal he drove to Pomfret Center for the 1 p.m. start of the Freeze — with just a few minutes to spare.

"I had about 20 minutes to warm up (for the Freeze) so it was just enough time," Kostyk said.

Like Mashiak, Kostyk belongs to the Run 169 Towns Society and the Freeze in Pomfret Center helped add to the number of towns in Connecticut that he's raced in.

"This is number 60," said Kostyk, 27, from Bethel.

The 169 Society has a member named Sergio who is renowned for running multiple races on the same day. This wasn't the first time Kostyk has run more than one race in day.

"It's called a Sergio, we named it after him," said Kostyk, who runs 50 miles per week in training but intends to ramp up his weekly mileage

to 70 this spring. "It's really fun I think. But most of all I think it's fun to just share with everyone and just have a really good time being outside, being healthy, and running."

But he admitted a double play takes a bit of strategy.

"I guess the challenge is to pace yourself on the first race so you have enough left in the tank for the second," said Kostyk. "And to also not get too stiff on the car ride between towns."

Sara Diiorio, 45, from Pomfret Center, took second place in the Freeze's women's division in 23:55.2. Melissa Kopasci, 41, from Central Village, took third place among the women in 24:57.2. John Xeller, 34, from Pomfret Center, captured second place in the men's division in 19:19.9. Zachary Stoddard, 13, from Pomfret Center, finished in third place in 20:08.3.

The February Freeze benefits the eighth grade class at Pomfret Community School, helping to defray some of the cost of a student field trip to Washington, D.C. So Mashiak and Kostyk did their part to help the cause — perhaps completing an even rarer triple play on Saturday.

"If you ever have a choice between one race or the other, you always pick the better cause," Mashiak. "You want your money to go for something good."

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Charlie Lentz photo

Elizabeth Mashiak nears the finish line of the fourth annual February Freeze on Saturday in Pomfret Center.



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Piotr Kostyk approaches the finish of February Freeze on Saturday.



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Runners pass the one-mile mark of the race.

# Killingly boys top backyard rival Woodstock



Charlie Lentz photo

**Killingly's Luke Desaulnier shoots over Woodstock's Cole Hackett on Jan. 31 in Woodstock.**

BY CHARLIE LENTZ  
VILLAGER EDITOR

WOODSTOCK — Luke Desaulnier and his Killingly High teammates never have a problem getting motivated when they play Woodstock Academy. Perhaps a wrestling mat would be appropriate when the rivals meet. Screens are set with lowered shoulders and elbows flow as easily as jump shots. “It’s kind of like just playing against your brother,” Desaulnier

said. “It’s kind of weird but it’s kind of intense. You want to beat them. You don’t want them to have bragging rights on you.” Killingly survived another brotherly backyard battle with the Centaurs on Jan. 31 at Alumni Fieldhouse, scraping out a 42-40 victory. The victory was critical for the Redmen, lifting their record to 7-7 and pulling them within one victory of qualifying for the Division III state

tournament. Eight wins are required to guarantee a berth in the state tourney. “It’s a big win,” said Killingly coach Jim Crabtree. “You’ve got to get seven before you can get eight.” Before the game Crabtree impressed upon his players the importance of each victory. “I had a talk with them today. I told them realistically, if we don’t make the postseason, there would be about 17 days of basketball left at Killingly — that’s about eight practices and six games if you know what I’m saying.” Crabtree told his crew that the Woodstock game would set the tone for their playoff drive. “Either we decide to do something here or there’s not much together time left for us. If we’re having fun, let’s work at and let’s do the job,” Crabtree said.

Perhaps the coach wishes he could bottle the intensity his players showed against Woodstock as the basketball season heads down the homestretch. “Every coach wishes so,” Crabtree said. “Our goal now is not only to get to .500 but play with the big boys in the ECC tournament.” After a neck-and-neck battle, the Redmen rallied behind some hot shooting in the fourth quarter. With Killingly trailing 32-28 with 7:16 left in the game, Desaulnier scored on a driving bucket to kickstart an 11-3 run over the next two minutes and 34 seconds. During the surge, Desaulnier connected on a three-pointer, followed by a trey from senior guard Sean Johndrow, and capped with a three-pointer from

sophomore guard Shayne Bigelow with 4:42 remaining that gave Killingly a 39-35 lead. Crabtree gives his players the green light from beyond the three-point arc and they delivered. “We finally made a couple. We’re going to live and die with it with those guys. They do love to shoot them,” Crabtree said. “I’m not saying they’re great shooters. But if that’s what you’ve done so far up to this point you’ve got to continue to go with it.” Killingly hung on despite sinking just 3-of-11 free throws in the final 2:33 — finishing 7-for-17 from the foul line for the game.

“If we made free throws tonight it obviously would have been a lot easier. The free-throw line, it’s going to kill us,” Crabtree said. “It almost did tonight.” Desaulnier finished with 15 points and Bigelow added 11 points for the Redmen. Bigelow’s playing time has increased as the season has progressed and the sophomore has added a potent scoring threat to Crabtree’s lineup. “As long as (Bigelow) wants to play defense I’m not worried about his offense,” Crabtree said. “He makes a lot of big shots. He’s a guy that wants to put the ball up.” Chase Anderson led Woodstock Academy with 12 points. The loss dropped Woodstock Academy’s record to 4-9. The Centaurs are next scheduled to travel to Stonington on Friday, Feb. 9. The victory lifted Killingly High’s record to 7-7. The Redmen are next scheduled to play host to Waterford High on Friday, Feb. 9, with tipoff



Charlie Lentz photo

**Killingly's Shayne Bigelow gets off a jumper with Woodstock's Cole Hackett defending.**

set for 7 p.m. at Killingly High School. Coach Crabtree won’t need to drag out Killingly’s wrestling mat against Waterford on Friday night, but he wouldn’t mind bottling the intensity and effort his players showed against Woodstock Academy. “It should be every night. You’re 17 year-old kids and you only get to do this for four years of your high school and then it’s over,” Crabtree said. “I’d like to see it

every night. When you suit up for 32 minutes it should be the same intensity every night. That’s something we’re working on. I think that they’ll have from here on out. I saw a little something out of them tonight. At halftime I saw it in their eyes. I think we’re going to be alright.”

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# Putnam High boys hope to regroup down the stretch

BY CHARLIE LENTZ  
VILLAGER EDITOR

CHAPLIN — The Putnam High Clippers are losing the wind in their sails as the state tournament’s shoreline looms on the horizon. Coach Shawn Deary watches from the crowd’s nest and hoped his team would be peaking as the regular season winds down. But Putnam absorbed its third-straight defeat in a 74-45 loss at Parish Hill High School last Friday. The sails are shredding at the wrong time. “We definitely have to work on being more disciplined,” Deary said. “Right now we’re coming apart at the seams in the discipline area.” The loss to the Pirates dropped Putnam’s record to 6-8. With six games left in the regular season after the loss to Parish Hill on Feb. 2, the Clippers were scheduled to face two teams (Grasso Tech and Wheeler High) down the stretch that they beat handily earlier this season and Putnam will likely gain the minimum eight wins necessary to guarantee a berth in the Division V

state tournament. But four of Putnam’s opponents down the stretch (Griswold, Cheney Tech, Killingly High, and Montville) will be tough opponents with no guarantee of victory — and unless Putnam can upset a few of those teams it will likely be seeded near the bottom of the Division V state tournament. Coach Deary said the Clippers have a few things to work on if they want to finish the season strongly. The loss to Parish Hill followed a 61-53 defeat at the hands of Cheney Tech on Jan. 29 and a 50-48 loss to Lyman Memorial on Jan. 31. “We need to execute a game plan. Lyman, we came out and executed in three quarters and came right back into it, we played well. Unfortunately, tonight, it didn’t stick,” Deary said. The Clippers were never in the game against Parish Hill, falling behind 20-9 after one quarter and trailing 44-20 at halftime. Putnam did not take care of the ball against Parish Hill, resulting in a slew of early turnovers — and failed to

keep the Pirates off the boards, giving Parish Hill several second-chance opportunities for baskets. “We’re going to go back to working on the fundamental things that they need to do, discipline-wise,” Deary said. Deary said the Clippers need to find more players who can contribute offensively. “We’ve been going off the script for kids to see who can step up and who wants it,” Deary said. Putnam defeated Grasso Tech 85-50 back on Jan. 10. The Clippers topped Wheeler High 62-35 on Dec. 18. Putnam is scheduled to play Wheeler again on Feb. 15 and is set to face Grasso Tech on Feb. 22 — so Deary shouldn’t be worried about getting the two victories needed to attain eight wins overall and qualify for the Division V state tournament. But the coach wants to see the Clippers improve before the state tourney arrives. “As of right now, getting eight and making it is obviously a goal,” Deary said. “But if I set my goal there I’m shorting

my kids. The last three games we had, minus this one, we should have won and we could be at 11 (wins) right now. I definitely don’t want to set my sights on eight, but getting the eighth one is important, obviously,” Deary said. Parish Hill sophomore guard Zack Mihok led the Pirates with 23 points against Putnam. The win lifted Parish Hill’s record to 10-5. Freshman guard Colby Livingston led Putnam with 10 points. Putnam is next scheduled to play at Cheney Tech on Tuesday, Feb. 13. The

first round of the state tournament is scheduled to begin in the first week in March. Deary hoped the Clippers’ sails are full by then — for 32 minutes after every tipoff. “We need to just come out every game and play a full game,” Deary said. “We can’t take the first quarter off and expect to come back into it every time.”

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**Putnam High's Sebastian Ramos, dark jersey, guards Parish Hill's Mike Rahall.**



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**Putnam High's Tyion Harris receives an entry pass from Mitchel Barylski with Parish Hill's Cyrus Sprague defending last Friday in Chaplin.**

# Ellis Tech hoops takes big leap forward

BY CHARLIE LENTZ  
VILLAGER EDITOR

**DANIELSON** — Sydney Tetrault was in fifth grade the last time Ellis Tech qualified for the state tournament. She's a senior in high school now and the Golden Eagles have finally made it back to the Class S state tourney. Tetrault took nothing for granted when she joined the girls basketball program as a sophomore.

"In the beginning it was a little iffy but when coach Ouillette started to be our coach we really got serious about it together as a team," said Tetrault, after scoring a game-high 14 points in a 48-27 victory over Norwich Tech on Monday night. "This year we've worked harder in practice. We treat practice as we would a game. We take it seriously and we all work together. We have really good communication. Coach has taught us our skills and to communicate on the court — and have each other's backs all the time."

The win over Norwich Tech on Feb. 5 lifted the Golden Eagles record to 9-9. Coach Ryan Ouillette, in his second season as head coach after one season at the helm of the junior varsity, has guided the turnaround.

"I've had these girls for three years now and they've real-

ly improved," Ouillette said. "They've gone from just basically focusing on the basic skills to now just understanding that 'Hey, we're a good team. We can win.' If bring our 'A' game and we work hard we can compete with a lot of people. It was back in the 2010-2011 season that they even qualified for a tournament. This is a big step for this program. They're heading in the right direction."

When he took over the junior varsity three seasons ago Ouillette saw a path forward.

"Once you build skills they start to realize that they can play basketball," Ouillette said. "They wanted to learn. We try to fundamentally play basketball — pass the ball, work the ball around in the zone, look for the openings, look for the creases. They're getting better and better."

Senior Kirstin Light tallied 13 points in the win over Norwich Tech on Feb. 5. Sophomore Breeanna Bentley added 12 points in the victory over Norwich Tech. The Golden Eagles have a nice mix of seniors and underclassmen and that bodes well for the future.

"I hope people realize that Ellis Tech can be a place that you can come and play basketball," Ouillette said. "I'm here to teach them. Hopefully they're here to learn. If they

come and they want to play, they're going to play some pretty good basketball."

Senior Amanda Battey said earning a tourney berth was an important leap forward for the program.

"It's my last year playing so it's really great to continue the season in the state tournament," Battey said. "I thought we were going to improve a lot. We have a great team."

Ellis Tech draws students from throughout northeast Connecticut. The girls didn't play together in middle school and that's a challenge to overcome. Ouillette encourages them to play together in summer leagues in the off-season and hopes that happens more down the road.

"A lot of the teams that we play against, they've played together their whole lives," Ouillette said. "What I stress to them is they've got to play together all the time."

The first round of the Class S tournament is scheduled to begin on Feb. 27. It took seven years but Ellis Tech has returned. Tetrault and her teammates can't wait.

"We're ready to go out there and play our hardest," Tetrault said.

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Charlie Lentz photo

Ellis Tech's Sydney Tetrault goes up for a shot against Norwich Tech on Monday in Danielson.

## Tourtellotte girls nipped by Windham



File photo

Tourtellotte's Jackson Padula scored 17 points in a 62-60 win over Griswold.

**THOMPSON** — Windham's Rylee Valliere sank a free throw with 1.7 seconds left to give Windham a 36-35 victory over Tourtellotte in girls basketball on Tuesday, Feb. 6. The loss ended the Tigers regular season with a record of 9-11. The Tigers have qualified for the Class S state tournament, with first round games scheduled to begin on Feb. 27. Neisha Rodriguez led Windham with 20 points. The win lifted Windham's record to 10-8. Katey Kwasniewski led Tourtellotte with 16 points and Ashley Morin added nine points for the Tigers. Lauren Ramos grabbed 12 rebounds for the Tigers.

**KILLINGLY 43,  
MONTVILLE 24**

**DAYVILLE** — Trinity Angel scored 19 points and Kylee Mazzarella scored 16 points with 11 rebounds to help the Redgals top Montville on Tuesday, Feb. 6, at Killingly High. The win lifted Killingly's record to 7-11. The Redgals need one win over their final two games in order to qualify for the state tourney. Killingly is scheduled to play at Waterford on Friday, Feb. 9. The Redgals play host to Ledyard in the final game of their regular season on Tuesday, Feb. 12, with tipoff set for 7 p.m. at Killingly High School.

**WOODSTOCK 44,  
BACON 26**

**COLCHESTER** — Jamie Woods scored 18 points and Heather Converse added 10 points to help the Centaurs defeat Bacon Academy on Tuesday, Feb. 6, in girls basketball. Molly Kelly scored 12 points for the Bobcats (11-6). The win lifted the Centaurs record to 14-5.

**WINDHAM 75,  
TOURTELLOTTE 46**

**WINDHAM** — Tourtellotte's Josh Dodd scored 11 points in the loss at Windham on Tuesday, Feb. 6, in boys basketball. The win lifted Windham's record to 7-8. The loss dropped the Tigers record to 7-10. The Tigers are next scheduled to play host to St. Bernard on Tuesday, Feb. 13.

**WINDHAM TECH 45,  
ELLIS TECH 44**

**DANIELSON** — Ellis Tech's Sydney Tetrault scored 16 points in the loss to Windham Tech on Tuesday, Feb. 6, in girls basketball. The loss dropped Ellis Tech's record to 9-10. The win lifted Windham Tech's record to 9-8.

**TOURTELLOTTE 62,  
GRISWOLD 60**

**GRISWOLD** — Jackson Padula scored 17 points to help lift the Tigers over the Wolverines in boys basketball on Monday, Feb. 5 at Griswold High. The win lifted Tourtellotte's record to 7-9. Spencer Fulone scored 13 points and Simon Silvia and Devin Barbour each added 12 points for Tourtellotte. The Tigers led by 12 points at halftime but Griswold tied it early in the fourth quarter before Tourtellotte hung on for the win thanks to a key rebound by Padula with time running out. Pharaoh Curtis led Griswold with 11 points. The win dropped Griswold's record to 8-6.

**WOODSTOCK 4,  
REDHAWKS 1**

**NORWICH** — Guerin Favreau, Pat Delaney, Jake Black, and Matt Odom each scored one goal to help the Centaurs defeat the host Redhawks in hockey on Monday, Feb. 5. Doug Newton, Jake Starr, Austen Ledonne, Avery Riva, and Odom each notched one assist for Woodstock Academy. Woodstock led 5-12 in shots. Goaltender Dylan Shea made 11 saves for the Centaurs. The loss dropped the Redhawks record to 4-11. The win lifted Woodstock's record to 5-7. The Centaurs are next scheduled to play host to the Redhawks on Saturday, Feb. 10, with the puck scheduled to drop at 8:15 p.m. at Jahn Rink on the campus of Pomfret School.

**WHEELER 41  
TOURTELLOTTE 36**

**THOMPSON** — Savannah Gallucci scored nine points to help the Lions down Tourtellotte in girls basketball on Feb. 2 at Canty Gymnasium. Lauren Ramos scored 14 points with 13 rebounds and four steals for the Tigers. For Tourtellotte: Katey Kwasniewski had five points, six rebounds, three assists, and two steals. Ashley Morin had eight points, three rebounds, and three assists. Skyla Wesolowski had five points and seven rebounds. The win lifted Wheeler's record to 6-11. The loss dropped Tourtellotte's record to 9-10.

**WATERFORD 36,  
WOODSTOCK 28**

**WATERFORD** — Tied 22-22 after three quarters, the Lancers outscored the Centaurs 14-6 in the fourth quarter to get the win in girls basketball on Feb. 2 at Waterford High. Jamie Woods led Woodstock with 12 points. The win lifted Waterford's record to 9-8. The loss dropped Woodstock's record to 13-5. Woodstock is next scheduled to play host to Stonington High on Friday, Feb. 9, at Alumni Fieldhouse.

**TOURTELLOTTE 43,  
GRISWOLD 24**

**THOMPSON** — The Tigers pulled away with a 24-point fourth quarter en route to the win on Jan. 31 at Canty Gymnasium. Lauren Ramos led the Tigers with 18 points and 17 rebounds. Katey Kwasniewski had 10 points, five rebounds, three assists and four steals. Ashley Morin scored 10 points. Skyla Wesolowski had five points and seven rebounds for Tourtellotte. The loss dropped Griswold's record was 5-12 through 17 games.

**WATERTOWN 5,  
WOODSTOCK 3**

**WATERTOWN** — Woodstock Academy's Guerin Favreau scored two

goals in the loss to Watertown-Pomeraug in hockey on Feb. 3. Jake Black scored one goal for Woodstock. Doug Newton and Jake Starr each notched one assist for the Centaurs. The win lifted Watertown-Pomeraug's record to 11-1-1.

**WOODSTOCK 60, STAFFORD 25** on Feb. 1  
**STAFFORD** — Chase Anderson scored 11 points and Ethan Adams added eight points to help Woodstock Academy defeat host Stafford in boys basketball on Feb. 1. Stafford's record fell to 0-15. Woodstock's record was 5-10 through 15 games. The Centaurs are next scheduled to travel to Stonington High on Friday, Feb. 9.

### Villager Newspapers COMMUNITY SPOTLIGHT

"Shining a light on community events"

**February 10, Sat., 5-7pm**

The Scouts from Boy Scout Troop 21 need uniforms. If you have all or part of any used Boy Scout uniforms in good condition, please bring it to St. Mary's Church basement, 218 Providence Street, Putnam, on Saturday, February 10. For information, please call (860) 928-7241.

**February 10, Sat., 5-7pm**

There will be a baked potato buffet in the downstairs hall of St. Mary's Church, 218 Providence Street, Putnam, \$5 per person buys a whole baked potato, with seven toppings to choose from, plus dessert and coffee or tea. Eat in or take out. The Easter Bunny will be there to visit with the children! Proceeds benefit Boy Scout Troop 21. For info (860) 928-7241.

**February 12, Mon., 7pm**

The Woodstock Board of Education is hosting a community forum on the upcoming 2018-19 education budget in the Woodstock Middle School cafeteria, includes presentations by Woodstock Schools Superintendent Viktor Toth and The Woodstock Academy's Christopher Sandford. For those unable to attend, the forum will be available online: [www.woodstock-schools.net](http://www.woodstock-schools.net).

**February 13, Tues., 5:30**

Breakfast for dinner at Killingly Grange — we will offer pancakes, sausage, bacon, juice and coffee or tea. \$6. Come celebrate Fat Tuesday with us!

**February 16, Fri., 1pm**

LiR at QVCC open house at QVCC, Maple Street in Danielson in the auditorium. LiR is a fun, informal, interesting adult learning program. Learn about our upcoming spring classes, enjoy refreshments. Program is about the early motion picture industry. Free and open to everyone. (Snow date 2/23).

**February 16, Fri., noon-8pm**

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

**February 17, Sat., 4:30-6:30pm**

Westfield Church, 2018 Third Saturday Suppers - Roast Pork Supper, 210 Main Street, Danielson. Roast pork, vegetables, bread, and our famous homemade desserts. \$12 adults/\$8 child (ages 10 and under) Eat in or take out. [WestfieldUCC.org/Eat](http://WestfieldUCC.org/Eat)

**February 17, 5-7pm**

American Legion Family Post 67, North Grosvenordale, Pasta Dinner, Saturday, Cost: \$10 p.p. Take-out available. Proceeds to benefit Tri-Town Baseball and Legion Programs.

**February 17, Sat., 10am**

The Last Green Valley's Acorn Adventure: Bobcat Tracks and More with Wyndham Land Trust, Lyon Preserve, Pomfret. Learn about bobcats in The Last Green Valley and search for the tracks they and other animals leave at Lyon Preserve. The event is free and open to all families. Acorn Adventures are sponsored by Putnam Bank.

**February 17, Sat., 8:30am - 3pm**

Beat the winter blues! The Windham-Tolland 4-H Camp at 326 Taft Pond Road, Pomfret, is having a "Camper Game Day" for boys and girls, ages 6-12. Lunch and snack provided with games, crafts and LOTS MORE! Bring outdoor gear and a sled if there is snow on the ground. Admission is \$15/child. Call 860-974-3379 to register by Feb 9 or email: [wt4hcampdir@earthlink.net](mailto:wt4hcampdir@earthlink.net)

### R.I. Rampage seeks players

The Rhode Island Rampage 14 years and under softball program is looking for three more players. Eligible girls must be 14 or younger on Jan. 1, 2018. The program offers a non-parent coaching staff with playing and coaching experience including NCAA, high school varsity, 14 years and under, and 18 years and under. The program has access to an eight-cage indoor batting facility. For further information contact Killingly High varsity coach Lance Leduc at (508) 341-1348 for a tryout.

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

# Killingly girls on brink of a tourney berth



Charlie Lentz photo

Killingly's Regan Morin splits Woodstock defenders Ciri Miller, right, and Mackenzie Cayer, left, in Dayville on Feb. 1.

BY CHARLIE LENTZ  
VILLAGER EDITOR

DAYVILLE — Regan Morin knows this won't be easy. Killingly High's senior forward has just two games left on the schedule and the Redgals need one win in order to qualify for

the Class L state tournament. Morin has been through this before. Last season Killingly just missed out on a trip to the tournament.

"We were one win short last year so now this year it makes us want to win that much more," Morin said. "We don't

have any more guaranteed games really. We just have to keep working really hard and hopefully we can pick one off."

Killingly needs eight wins to guarantee a berth in the state tournament. Although Killingly could sneak into the tourney with seven wins if not

enough teams in Class L reach the eight-win plateau to fill out the tourney bracket.

The Redgals lost to Woodstock Academy 56-35 on Feb. 1 at Killingly High School, but they split their next two games — falling to Bacon Academy 50-35 on Feb. 2 and then defeating Montville 43-24 on Tuesday, Feb. 6 — putting their record at 7-11. Killingly travels to Waterford High on Friday, Feb. 9, and then returns home for the regular-season finale to play host to Ledyard High on Monday, Feb. 12. Killingly coach Gina Derosier knows there's very little margin for error — they must win one of their final two games.

"We've got to dig basically. We've got to work a little bit harder," Derosier said. "We're still improving every game we play. Even a 20-point loss to Woodstock today, I think we stepped up miles from how we played them last time."

In the first meeting between the two teams on Jan. 9, Woodstock won by 34 points, 56-22.

"We broke the press pretty much at ease this time so I was pretty proud of my girls with that," Derosier said.

But some hot shooting from the Centaurs gave them a quick lead and the Redgals could not answer offensively. Woodstock Academy broke to a 16-6 first quarter lead against Killingly to put the game away early.

"We talk about that. We can't fall behind in the first quar-

ter," Derosier said. "It's kind of been our same old song for us. Unfortunately, this time we weren't able to crawl out of it."

Jamie Woods led Woodstock Academy against Killingly with 13 points and Kali Dingui added nine points for the Centaurs. The win lifted Woodstock Academy's record to 13-4.

Coach Derosier knows her players — especially her seniors — are hungry for a berth in the state tournament.

"I think there's more of a fire in them this year than there was last year," Derosier said. "They know the importance of every game. Every practice we preach intensity. They're starting to bring it a little bit more. They're definitely dialed in, it's just converting the intensity in practice into game-like situations."

Killingly sophomore guard Trinity Angel led Killingly with 12 points against Woodstock Academy. Angel has two more seasons of eligibility left after this one but time is running out for Morin. She hopes there's one win left on the regular-season schedule so she can get to states.

"We made it my sophomore year but other than that we haven't made it," Morin said. "Definitely want to make it this year."

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## Window still open on Centaurs tourney hopes



Charlie Lentz photo

Woodstock's Chase Anderson shoots with Killingly's Griffin Ware defending on Jan. 31 in Woodstock.

BY CHARLIE LENTZ  
VILLAGER EDITOR

WOODSTOCK — A brief window, that's all it took. Woodstock Academy went cold from the field against Killingly High in the fourth quarter — while the Redmen got hot in the final frame. A trio of Killingly three-pointers helped shut down Woodstock 42-40 at Alumni Fieldhouse on Jan. 31. Despite the loss the window is still open on the Centaurs' hopes of reaching the Division III state tournament.

"The difference between good and great is this much. (Killingly) executed in a very thin sliver of the game," said Woodstock Academy coach Martin Hart. "We lost track of shooters for just a tiny couple moments. Those points count very heavily against you."

Woodstock led 32-28 with 7:16 left in the game, but Killingly used a trio of three-pointers from Luke Desaulnier, Sean Johndrow, and Shayne Bigelow to put together an 11-3 run over the next two minutes and 34 seconds. Bigelow connected on a trey with 4:42 remaining to cap the surge and give Killingly a 39-35 lead.

The loss dropped the Centaurs record to 4-9 but they still have a shot at a berth in the Division III state tournament. Eight wins are required to guarantee a berth in the state tourney and after the loss to Killingly the Centaurs needed four wins over their final seven games. They got one of those wins in a victory over Stafford on Feb. 1 to lift their record to 5-10.

"For us it's one game at a time. We're playing five games in seven days so we can't look too far in the future," Hart

said. "We'd like to get some practice time to go over and kind of improve in certain areas. We'll keep doing that when time allows. As long as they continue to give me their best effort and we continue to grow as a team, I think we'll be OK. But yes, our goal is firmly set on earning that eighth win, one game at a time."

In a very physical contest, Woodstock sank just one field goal in the final four minutes and 23 seconds — and that field goal came with one second remaining on a three-pointer from junior guard Ethan Adams.

"It was our first three of the night," Hart said. "Too little. Too late."

In a rough-and-tumble battle, the technical fouls flowed freely against each team.

"Was it a basketball game or was it a wrestling match with just a basketball, you couldn't tell," Hart said. "I thought our guys did a very good job of maintaining their composure in that environment. It's just very difficult in a physical game."

Desaulnier led Killingly with 15 points and Bigelow added 11 points for the Redmen. The win lifted Killingly's record to 7-7. Killingly High is next scheduled to play host to Waterford High School at 7 p.m. on Friday, Feb. 9. Chase Anderson led Woodstock Academy with 12 points. Woodstock Academy's record was 5-10 through 15 games. The Centaurs are next scheduled to travel to Stonington on Friday, Feb. 9. The window is still open.

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## Woodstock Academy zeroing in on postseason

BY CHARLIE LENTZ  
VILLAGER EDITOR

DAYVILLE — Woodstock Academy coach Will Fleeton was home with a case of the flu so he missed the Centaurs 56-35 victory over Killingly High on Feb. 1. The Centaurs didn't miss a beat in their coach's absence — and they had a fever of their own from beyond the three-point arc — canning six treys en route to the victory.

The win lifted Woodstock Academy's record to 13-4. The Centaurs will likely finish the regular season with at least a top-eight seeding for the Class L state tournament, ensuring a couple of home games in the tourney if they can win in the opening round. Woodstock was ranked seventh in Class L following the win over Killingly.

"We're proud of that (record), definitely happy with that, all attributed to our girls and their chemistry, coming up the last few years together," said Woodstock Academy assistant coach Veronica Norman after the win over Killingly. "We're living up to our expectations."

Woodstock Academy broke to a 16-6 lead over Killingly after one quarter and never looked back, extending its margin to 29-14 at halftime. Defense has been a key component of the Centaurs' success and it was decisive once more against the Redgals.

"We always take pride in our defense," Norman said.

The Centaurs used balance scoring to get the win. Jamie Woods scored 13 points. Kali Dingui added 10 points.

Madison Brennan finished with eight points and Olivia Perry scored seven points for Woodstock. Sophomore guard Trinity Angel led Killingly High with 12 points. The loss dropped the Redgals record to 6-10.

The Centaurs were deadly from three-point range with both Dingui and Brennan canning a pair of treys and Perry and Mackenzie Eaton each knocking down a three-pointer. Coach Norman wouldn't mind seeing the Centaurs continue their deft touch from the perimeter.

"Whatever we did yesterday (in practice) we better duplicate that again. Practice, some shooting drills, actually kind of our usual. So hopefully that means we're hitting a good point in the season, turning it on," Norman said.

Woodstock closes out its regular season at home against Stonington High on Friday, Feb. 9, with tipoff set for 7 p.m. at Alumni Fieldhouse. The Centaurs will participate in the Eastern Connecticut Conference Tournament next week. The first round of the Class L state tournament is slated to begin on Feb. 27. Coach Norman said the Centaurs will look to finish out the regular season on a roll.

"Just keeping what we're doing," Norman said. "We've been doing it since the beginning of the season so now everything's starting to come together, starting to click — just keep doing what we're doing."

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Charlie Lentz photo

Woodstock's Kali Dingui goes up for a layup against Killingly High.

# Fourth annual February Freeze 5K

POMFRET CENTER — Two-hundred and 11 participants registered for the fourth annual February Freeze 5K race on Saturday, Feb. 3. The event was contested on the campus of Pomfret School. It was a record number of entrants for the charity event. The race benefitted the eighth grade class at Pomfret Community School, helping to defray the cost of a class trip to Washington, D.C.



Charlie Lentz photos

Runners competed on a one-mile loop on the Pomfret School campus.



Jack Heroux



Rick Canavan



John Xeller



Sara DiIorio



Ryan Cleverdon



Zachary Stoddard



William Liebler



From left, David Ring, Maureen Gillis, and Debbie Perry



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# OBITUARIES

## Dorothy "Dot" (Champagne) Galante, 96



**B R O O K L Y N** -- Dorothy (Dot) Galante, 96, long-time resident of Waterbury, and of Brooklyn and Dayville, passed away peacefully on Friday, February 2, at Westview Health Care Center in Dayville. She was the widow of Pasquale J. Galante and the mother, grandmother, great-grandmother, sister, sister-in-law, aunt, and godmother to a large and loving family.

Dot was born on January 22, 1922 in Waterbury, Connecticut, the daughter of the late Joseph E. and Nell (Wheeler) Champagne. Her father died when she was a young child, and her mother raised Dot and her siblings by herself, doing piecework for a local factory to supplement Joseph's veteran's pension. Dot was one of the only members of her family to graduate from high school, graduating from Waterbury Catholic around 1940. As a teenager, Dot befriended Dolores (Do) Galante, and met Do's handsome, outgoing older brother, Pat. During WWII, Dot worked as an inspector of nylon parachute cord at Hemingway and Bartlett in Waterbury and Pat served in the Air Force in the Pacific Theatre. They were married on May 5, 1945 and enjoyed 63 years of marriage prior to his passing in 2008.

After the war, Dot and Pat raised their three children, Richard, Meg, and Michelle, on the second floor of their triple-decker with grandparents, in-laws, and cousins above and below. Dot and Pat were fond of surprising their kids with unexpected "adventures," loading them into the station wagon in their pajamas and driving overnight so that they would wake up in the Catskills or at Lake George or in Gettysburg, Pennsylvania. Their favorite vacation was a yearly trip to Atlantic City, where Pat and Dot had

spent their honeymoon. In later years, Dot and Pat drove all over the country to attend Pat's Air Force reunions often bringing their children and grandchildren along. They also traveled by car, sight-seeing and visiting friends with Phil and Lucy Galante and their dear friends Jerry and Nellie Arcaro. In 2007, they moved to eastern Connecticut to be closer to all three of their children and their families.

Dorothy leaves her three children and their spouses, who were her constant companions: Richard and Janet Galante of Pomfret; Meg Galante-DeAngelis and Mark DeAngelis of Willimantic; Michelle and Robert Plucenik of Brooklyn. She will be missed by her grandchildren and their partners: Seth Galante, Carlo and Melynda Galante, Emily Galante, Caitlin and Finnegan Hopkins, Benjamin DeAngelis, Graham DeAngelis, Wheeler DeAngelis, Brigid DeAngelis, Alexandra Plucenik and Jim Noel, and Andréa Plucenik. In recent years, Dot's greatest joys were her great-grandchildren: Giuliana and Liam Galante, Amalia and Sam Hopkins, and Bella and 8-month old Kamryn Noel. Dot also leaves her loving niece, Rita Sarandrea, and her siblings-in-law, Gloria Iavasile and Michael and Kathryn Galante and their families. She was predeceased by her dear sisters who lived with her, Rita Champagne, Marie Elward, and Edna Johnson. Dot made a wide circle of friends Northeastern Connecticut who were as special to her as she was to them.

Her family would like to thank the staff at both Creamery Brook Retirement Village and Westview Health Care Center, where Dot resided since 2007. In lieu of flowers please make donations to the Westview Recreation Dept., 150 Ware Road, Dayville, CT 06241. Services will be announced at a later date. Funeral arrangements and cremation have been entrusted to the Gilman Funeral Home & Crematory, 104 Church St., Putnam, CT 06260. For memorial guestbook please visit [www.GilmanAndValade.com](http://www.GilmanAndValade.com).

## Beverly Maxine (Bury) Daniels



**D A N I E L S O N** -- Beverly Maxine (Bury) Daniels passed away Christmas Eve at Davis Place nursing home, Danielson. She was born March 18, 1931 in Westerly, Rhode Island to her parents Aubrey L.

and Dorothy (Colby) Bury. She leaves her daughter, Christine Kennedy of Thompson and five grandchildren; Anthony Chicoine of Florida, Angela Pearson of Dudley, Massachusetts, Shonna Kennedy of Thompson, Kathryn Kennedy of Lebanon, and James Kennedy and his wife Angela of Thompson. She also leaves her sister Norma Jean Dillingham and husband Ralph of San Antonio, Texas and brother Robert Bury of Rehobeth, Massachusetts. She also leaves four great-grandchildren and many nieces

and nephews. Beverly was predeceased by her son, Bruce Pearson in 1978.

She became a nurse in her mid-thirties and worked in the field until she was 78 years old. She had a great love and pride of nursing. She lived and worked in San Antonio, Texas and several cities on the west coast of Florida before moving back to New England. She had a great sense of adventure all her life. She water skied, hunted and fished even tried bull frogging. She loved swimming, parties, camping, plays, and anywhere there were people and fun to be had! There was always room for one more at our family gatherings.

There will be a celebration of her life on Sunday, February 11, at the Seventh-Day Adventist Church, 768 Quinebaug Road, Quinebaug, at 2:00 p.m. A private burial will be held in the spring.

## Harold S. "Harry" Marcoux, 86



**W E B S T E R ,** MASSACHUSETTS -- Harold S. "Harry" Marcoux 86, son of the late Stanley and Anna (Murphy) Marcoux, passed away January 30. Harry lived 21 years after having a major stroke at 65

years old. Harry leaves behind his loving wife of 64 years, Sunshine (Martin) Marcoux, his loving and dedicated son Dan and his wife Anna, a daughter, Linda Reid and her husband Jack of Holden, 7 grandchildren, and 12 great grandchildren. He was preceded in death by a son David and his wife

Nancy. Harry collected antiques and enjoyed flea markets, auctions, and reading. He was a master carpenter and cabinet maker, real estate investor and hair stylist, working many years with his wife at The Beauterama. Harry will be sadly missed by his family and many loving friends.

There are no calling hours. Memorial contributions may be made to a charity of donor's choice. 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](http://www.shaw-majercik.com) where you may post a condolence or light a candle.

## Angela M. (Downing) Gallup, 68



**B R O O K L Y N** -- Angela M. (Downing) Gallup, 68, passed away peacefully on January 12. Born July 20, 1949, she was a lifelong resident of Connecticut. She leaves behind her loving husband Raymond Gallup, her daughters Mary Petrella and husband Michael of Woodstock, and Mara Tessier and husband Shawn of Putnam, her grandchild-

dren Andrew and Hannah Bowen and Sophia and Elena Petrella. She is also survived by her sisters Gabrielle, Leona, Darlene and Dorothy and her brothers Michael, Tony, John and James. She was predeceased by her mother Laura Whipple, sisters Ann and Patty and her brothers Billy, Dennis and Bruce. Angela counted her friends as family and they are too numerous to list. If you were lucky enough to be her friend you were her family. Angela loved to listen to music especially Mario Lanza and Barry Manilow. She was an avid reader and cat lover. She was a tireless supporter of the local fire department. She lived a life of giving to others and was happiest spending time with her grandchildren. A celebration and remembrance of her life will be held in the spring, her favorite season.

## Earle A. Elliott, 92



Earle A. Elliott, 92, son of the late Elma and William W. Davis of Lexington, North Carolina, passed away peacefully on November 20, 2017 at the Overlook Nursing Center in Pascoag,

Rhode Island. A memorial service was held on Saturday, January 13 at the Davidson Funeral Home in Lexington, North Carolina. Interment took place at Churchland Baptist Church Cemetery with full military honors.

Earle was born in Richmond, Virginia on June 29, 1925 and is survived by his four children, Keith Elliott of Thompson; Laura VanDaniker (George) of Ellicott City, Maryland; Robert Elliott (Tonya) of Reston, Virginia; and Elizabeth Anthony of Deland, Florida, six grandchildren, and one great-grandchild.

Earle was a veteran of WWII. He enlisted in the US Army on his 18th birthday and landed in Normandy, France in 1944 as a soldier in the 26th Infantry Division serving under General George S. Patton. Following

the war, he attended Pace University and graduated magna cum laude with a degree in Business Administration. His first job was as a revenue agent for the Internal Revenue Service. He later obtained his law degree at St. John's University and became a member of the New York State Bar Association.

He lived most of his life in New York and Rhode Island. He held the position of Director of Corporate Taxes for Martin Marietta Corp in New York City, and later Textron Corp in Providence, Rhode Island, before retiring in 1982.

Earle enjoyed playing golf, tennis and chess. He was very fond of reading Shakespeare and listening to classical music and opera. He was also a lifelong New York Yankees fan and was proud to have been in attendance when Lou Gehrig gave his famous "Luckiest Man" farewell speech at Yankee Stadium on July 4, 1939.



## Raymond A. Riendeau, 85



**W O O D S T O C K** -- Raymond A. Riendeau, 85, passed away peacefully on February 1, at Day Kimball Hospital in Putnam. He was born on January 11, 1933 in Putnam. On October 29, 1955,

Ray married his wife, Lena (Back) Riendeau. He was a veteran of the Korean War and was honorably discharged from the United States Marine Corps in 1955 after four years of dedicated service. Ray leaves behind his loving wife of 62 years, Lee Riendeau, their daughter Carolanne Blystone, (her late husband was Ronald Blystone), the beloved family dog, Petree, and many friends he met along the way. Ray worked as a mechanic at Cargill Chevrolet in Putnam for

over forty years. He went on to work part time as a driver for Putnam Chrysler. Ray loved attending numerous yard sales and flea markets. He was a collector of many things, never passing up a good deal. He was an avid New England Patriots fan. He enjoyed watching his maple tree bloom in the spring. Ray was most proud of his extensive antique toy truck collection. There will be no calling hours. A funeral service will be held on Saturday, February 10, at 2:00 p.m. at Smith and Walker Funeral Home, 148 Grove Street, Putnam, which will be followed by Military Honors. Share a memory at [www.smithandwalkerfh.com](http://www.smithandwalkerfh.com)



## Richard T. Desjardins, 83



**P L A I N F I E L D** -- Richard T. Desjardins, 83, beloved husband of Eleanor (Exley) Desjardins passed away January 29. He was born October 11, 1934 in Moosup, a son of the late Thomas and Eva (Livernoche) Desjardins and grew up a "Sandy Hill Bomber." Richard was employed by Lisbon Textile for 25 years and retired from Anchor Glass after 25 years. He enjoyed bowling, woodworking, skeet shooting, New York Yankees and UCONN Women Basketball. Besides his wife of 62 years, he leaves two sons; Thomas (Kathryn) Desjardins of

Moosup, Rodney (Carolyn) Desjardins of Brooklyn; two daughters; Patricia (Arvid) Palonen of Plainfield, Denise Morency of Woodstock; eight grandchildren, 14 great grandchildren and numerous nieces and nephews. He was predeceased by his brother Maurice, two grandsons, and three great grandchildren. A Mass of Christian Burial will be celebrated on Saturday, February 24, at 10:00 AM in All Hallows Church, Moosup. A reception will follow at the VFW of Plainfield. In lieu of flowers, memorial gifts may be made to the Trevor Richard Palonen Scholarship Fund (which supports nursing careers), c/o 500 Canterbury Road, Plainfield, CT 06374. [www.doughertybrofuneral-home.com](http://www.doughertybrofuneral-home.com)

## Frank X. Vandale, Jr., 85



**D A N I E L S O N** -- Frank X. Vandale, Jr., 85, of Joyce Street, died January 27, in Day Kimball Hospital. Born in Norwich, he was the son of the late Frank X. Vandale, Sr. and Anna M. (Carpentiere) Vandale.

Mr. Vandale was a Korean War Army veteran. He worked as a paint sprayer for InterRoyal and Kaman Aerospace. He enjoyed fishing, bowling, going to flea markets and yard sales, always looking for something to

tinker with.

Frank is survived by his son, Richard Vandale and his wife Michelle of Dayville; his daughter Carleene Gendron of Danielson; six grandchildren; ten great grandchildren; and two great-great grandchildren.

A graveside service with full military honors will take place in St. John's Cemetery, Plainfield, in the spring. For memorial guestbook visit [www.GilmanAndValade.com](http://www.GilmanAndValade.com).



## Sandra S. (Golembiewski) Hryzan, 73

**T H O M P S O N** -- Sandra S. (Golembiewski) Hryzan, 73, died January 28, in Westview Nursing Home, Danielson, after a long and courageous battle with Parkinson's Disease. Her husband of 48 years, Edmund D. Hryzan, Sr., died in 2013.

She leaves three children; Edmund D. Hryzan, Jr. and his wife Suzanne of Lakeville, Massachusetts; two daughters, Michele Potter and her husband Troy of North Grosvenordale and Christine Ayotte and her husband Marc of Pomfret; and seven grandchildren: Sophie, Jacob, Emma & Dominic Hryzan, Morgan Potter, Trey & Maxim Ayotte. She leaves behind a brother, Edward Golembiewski of Thompson and sister, Carol Golembiewski of West Hartford.

She was born and raised in Webster, Massachusetts, the daughter of Edward and Sophie (Oleszewski) Golembiewski and lived in North Grosvenordale. Sandy graduated from Tourtelotte Memorial High School in North Grosvenordale.

She retired from Stop & Shop in

Putnam and worked at Price Chopper, Big D, Moldex and Colt's Plastic.

Sandy was a devoted wife, mother and incredible grandmother. She spent many years volunteering at Saint Joseph's School in Webster and with Boy Scout Troop 173. If it was important to her children, it was important to her. She loved to dance, adored Fenway Park, the Red Sox and Jim Rice. Her favorite pastime was spoiling her grandchildren. Over time, her health battle affected her physical abilities like walking, memory or speech but it never impacted her heart or ability to love.

Visitation will be held Saturday, February 10, from 1:00 to 3:00 pm in Scanlon Funeral Service, 38 E. Main Street, Webster, with a service at 1:30. Burial will be private and at a later date. Memorial donations may be made to the Michael J. Fox Foundation, PO Box 5014, Hagerstown, MD 21741 ([michaeljfox.org](http://michaeljfox.org)). Arrangements are under the direction of Sitkowski & Malboeuf Funeral Home, 340 School Street, Webster.

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# OBITUARIES

## Linda Diane Brown, 64



**DANIELSON** — Linda Diane Brown, 64, of Danielson passed away at home on January 30, surrounded by her family. She was born in Rockville on September 24, 1953, daughter of the late John Robert and Violet Mary (Roberts) Tomko. Linda was the wife of Robert H. Brown Jr., they were married January 3, 1981. She was employed at National Auto Dealers Service in Pomfret for 20 years. She was a communicant of St. James Church in Danielson. Linda was an avid animal lover, especially cats and enjoyed spending time with her family. Besides her husband she is survived by her children, Shane Brown and wife Andrea of Pocatello, Idaho, Laura Schaefer and husband Daniel of Killingly, and Jared Brown of

Killingly; siblings, Maryann Packard and Jeff Stetz of Manchester, Christine Anderson and husband Daniel of Vernon; sister-in-law Robin Tomko of Vernon; sister-in-law Barbara Bowman of Westboro, Massachusetts; brother-in-law David Brown and wife Karen of Douglas, Massachusetts; grandchildren, Cody Brown, Clayton Brown, Violet Schaefer and Garrett Schaefer. She is also survived by many nephews. She was predeceased by her brother David R. Tomko. A Memorial Mass of Christian Burial was held February 5 at St. James Church in Danielson. Burial will be at the convenience of the family. There are no calling hours. In lieu of flowers donations in her memory may be made to Fine Feline Cat Rescue, c/o Animal Care Experts Veterinary Hospital, 1387 Thompson Road, Thompson, CT 06277, 860 935-0304. [tillinghastfh.com](mailto:tillinghastfh.com)

## Frances M. (Gomes) Chauvin, 88



**OXFORD, MASSACHUSETTS** — Frances M. (Gomes) Chauvin, 88 died January 31, at Harrington at Webster. She had two sons, Joseph Beaudry of California and Leonard Beaudry of Oxford, Massachusetts, a daughter Sandra Cadarette of Oxford, Massachusetts that predeceased her. She leaves a sister Agnes Putis of Oxford, Mass., and a best cousin and friend, Charlotte Gubber of Thompson. She also leaves six grandchildren, Nina, Jennie, Adrian, Christopher,

Jacki and Thomas and eight great grandchildren, several nieces and nephews.

She was born in Oxford, Mass., daughter of the late Louis and Elsie (Dexter) Gomes and lived in Oxford all her life. She was a framer at Webster Spring for many years. A service will be held February 21, at 10 AM at the Oak Hill Bible Church, Oxford, Mass., and burial in St. Roch's cemetery will be private. The Shaw-Majercik Funeral Home 48 School St., Webster, Mass. has been entrusted with her arrangements. A guest book is available at [www.shaw-majercik.com](http://www.shaw-majercik.com) where you may post a condolence or light a candle

## Raymond F. Langelier, 91



**NORTH GROSVENORDALE** — Raymond F. Langelier, 91, of Riverside Drive, died Monday morning, January 29, at home. Born in Willsonville, he was the son of the late Joseph and Ora (Pratt) Langelier.

Raymond was a veteran of World War II serving with the United States Army, Company B, 717th Battalion. He was honorably discharged on October 29, 1946. He then reenlisted and was a combat veteran of the Korean War, serving with battery B, 189th field artillery battalion 45th division, taking part in the battles of the Chorwon Valley and the Punch Bowl, where he earned two battle stars in 1952.

Upon returning home in January of 1953, he went to work at American Optical in Southbridge, Massachusetts working there for over thirty-one years. After retiring he opened his own business, Ray's Car Waxing which he ran for eighteen years, retiring in 1991.

He was a member of the Quarter Century Club, Wellsworth Athletic

Association, and the Thompson Senior Center.

Raymond is survived by his nieces and nephews, Linda Demers, Carmen Charbonneau, Ronald Desrochers, and Gerald Langelier all of Thompson, Gloria Mello of Westport, Massachusetts, and Charlene Foreman of Brookfield, Massachusetts; and many great nieces and nephews, and great great nieces and nephews. He was predeceased by his siblings, Albert, Joseph, Leonard, Charles, and Dolores Langelier, Belle Desrochers, Yvonne Madison, and Claire Howland.

A Mass of Christian Burial for Raymond was held on February 2, in St. Joseph Church in N. Grosvenordale. Burial with military honors followed in St. Joseph Cemetery. Funeral arrangements have been entrusted to the Valade Funeral Home and Crematory, 23 Main St., N. Grosvenordale, CT. For memorial guestbook visit [www.GilmanAndValade.com](http://www.GilmanAndValade.com).



## Richard (Dick) Ploof



**MANSFIELD, MASSACHUSETTS** — Richard (Dick) W. Ploof, 70, formerly of Danielson died Sunday February 4, at the Hope Hospice in Providence. He was born in Jefferson, Vermont on November 17, 1947, the son of the late Herbert and Florence Mae (Eldred) Ploof. Dick worked as a cross country truck driver his entire working life. He was a loving father, brother and grandfather, and a kind-hearted man. He is survived by his children Tracy Caffrey

and husband Jason of Brooklyn, Barbara Busch and husband David of Tolland, Becky Langlais and husband Roger of Wakefield, Rhode Island, Meagan Ploof of Endicott, New York and Richard Ploof of Tunkhannock, Pennsylvania, and brother Donald Ploof and wife Maria of Mansfield, Massachusetts, ten grandchildren and several nieces and nephews. He was predeceased by his sister Luella Couture and brother Roger Ploof. Calling hours and Funeral services were held on February 8 in Tillinghast Funeral Home in Danielson. Burial will be in Holy Cross Cemetery, Danielson.

## Rita E. St. Onge, 69



**WORCESTER, MASSACHUSETTS** — Rita E. St. Onge, 69, died January 27, at University of Mass. Memorial Healthcare Center.

She leaves a brother, Robert E. St. Onge Sr. of Warren, Massachusetts, a sister Gail A. Wojtanek of Oxford, Massachusetts, four nieces; Melanie Frates, Alison Tozzi, Amy Peterson and Angela Baldwin, three nephews, Jason, Andy and Rob Jr St. Onge. She was also predeceased by brother Kevin St. Onge of California and a sister Cythia Wilfong of Northbridge, Massachusetts.

She was born in Worcester, Massachusetts, daughter of the late Richard E. and Geraldine (Howard) St. Onge, and lived in Worcester, Mass., for the past 30 years prior to that living in Canada. She enjoyed cooking for friends and entertaining. There are no calling hours. A graveside service was held February 7, in St. Johns Cemetery, Worcester. The Shaw-Majercik Funeral Home, 48 School St., Webster, Mass. has been entrusted with her arrangements. A guest book is available at [www.shaw-majercik.com](http://www.shaw-majercik.com) where you may post a condolence or light a candle. Donations may be made in her memory to a charity of donors choice.

## Romantic getaways as Valentine's Day gifts

Escaping the daily grind (and winter weather depending on where you live) may be a top priority when February arrives. Fortunately, there are plenty of destinations to beckon couples eager for romantic getaways.

For those planning a romantic excursion this Valentine's Day, there are many places close to home or all around the world that provide romantic ambiance.

• **Niagara Falls:** Niagara Falls is part of both Canada and the United States. It is best known as a honeymoon destination, attracting millions of couples each year who want to get a glimpse of the breathtaking falls. The areas surrounding Niagara Falls continue to be revitalized and now boast restaurants, a casino and performance venues.

• **Napa Valley, California:** Rolling vineyards, cozy caverns, restaurants, luxurious hotels, and amazing landscapes draw visitors to this area time and again. A wine lover's paradise, Napa can be the ideal backdrop for intimate conversations and tours taken hand-in-hand.

• **New York, New York:** While a visit to the Big Apple can appeal to just about anyone looking for a getaway, couples focused on romance may find it especially endearing. Individuals can take famed carriage rides through his-

toric Central Park or recreate the pivotal scene from "Sleepless in Seattle" atop the Empire State Building. Scores of eateries, coffee shops, theaters, and more make NYC a great Valentine's Day destination.

• **Positano, Italy:** This village on the Amalfi coast possesses all the components that make for a romantic getaway. From pastel-colored buildings to idyllic beaches to stunning sunsets to local shops for browsing, it's well worth the stamp in a passport to see this seaside town.

• **Quebec City:** Travelers long have flocked to Quebec for its history and European flair. With cobblestone streets, cafes and amazing architecture — not to mention French-speaking residents — it's hard to beat the romantic appeal of his city.

• **Hawaiian islands:** Islands like Maui and Kauai feel like faraway paradises, even though they are a part of the United States. Luxe resorts, tropic climes, breathtaking beaches, and the marvels of richly hued nature consistently place Hawaii among the most romantic destinations in the world.

• **Savannah, Georgia:** Southern charm and rich history draw people to this Georgia gem. Tupelo and cypress trees create picturesque views, and there is a wealth of cozy inns for out-of-towners.



• **Seville, Spain:** An hour away from Spain's southern coast, Seville features historic architectural treasures, delectable eateries, magnificent plazas, and other attractions that are ideal for romance-minded travelers.

• **Aspen:** Couples who want to cuddle

in a lodge and enjoy the slopes and sights can spend a few days in this quintessential skiing paradise.

Romantic couples who love to sight-see have numerous options at their disposal this Valentine's Day.

## LEGALS

### NOTICE TO CREDITORS

ESTATE OF Mel Davis, AKA Melvin Thomas Davis (18-00046) The Hon. Leah P. Schad, Judge of the Court of Probate, District of Northeast Probate Court, by decree dated January 30, 2018, ordered that all claims must be presented to the fiduciary at the address below. Failure to promptly present any such claim may result in the loss of rights to recover on such claim.

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