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PCS eighth-graders tour Killingly High



Killingly High Athletic Director and Co-Lead Guidance Counsellor Kevin Marcoux, middle, and Killingly High Principal Elise Guari, second from left, along with students on the Link Crew before Pomfret Community School 8th graders arrived for a tour of the high school on Jan. 24.

BY OLIVIA RICHMAN
NEWS STAFF WRITER

DAYVILLE — Eighth graders from Pomfret Community School visited Killingly High School on Jan. 24 to learn more about what KHS has to offer and tour the facility. The tour was arranged after the Pomfret Board of Education included Killingly High as one of the town's potential sending schools after a very long vetting program. "This opens up a whole different community for us, to add to our already diverse community," said

Killingly High Athletic Director and Co-Lead Guidance Counsellor Kevin Marcoux. "We currently have kids from 10 different sending towns, and we hope with Pomfret coming in, it will add even more excitement to our building." Killingly High moved into a brand new, "state of the art" building in September of 2010, and introduced 28 Pathways, including a national award-winning Agricultural Education Program. With Advanced Placement enrollment and scores continuing to

increase every year, and over 80 seniors earning college credits before graduation, KHS administrators were proud of the achievements in recent years. And it's clear that other towns have also taken notice. In the summer of 2018, the Pomfret Board of Education requested a packet of information about Killingly High School (and five other schools) while considering other choices for graduating students in addition to Woodstock Academy.

According to a press release, the Pomfret Board of Education narrowed its choices to Killingly High School and

Putnam High School near the end of September, and both schools were invited to do formal presentations on Oct. 30 to help assist the board in its decision. After this presentation and a tour of Killingly High School, the Pomfret Board of Education voted to designate both Killingly High School and Putnam High School as additional sending schools for Pomfret students. On Jan. 24 a group of Pomfret eighth graders toured Killingly High, ate lunch in the school cafe.

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Before getting a tour of the 28 Pathways and Killingly High School, Pomfret Community School 8th graders listened to speakers and watched a short presentation on KHS.

Olivia Richman photos



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Nutmeg Container's President Charlie Pious and Jen Altomonte presenting a check to Romeo Blackmar (Putnam Pride - Substance Abuse Prevention Coordinator for the Y) and Amanda Kelly (Executive Director, YMCA)

Nutmeg Container donates to community groups

BY OLIVIA RICHMAN
NEWS STAFF WRITER

PUTNAM — Nutmeg Container donated over \$10,000 to community-based charities on Jan. 24, the result of fundraising throughout 2018. This year, Nutmeg chose Northeast Organization of Wellness, the Hale YMCA, TEEG and Daily Bread

as the recipients, picked out because of the varied work they do for the Quiet Corner community. "My brother Jamie and I think it's really important to support the community that we work and live in. If you can't do that, you're not a really good corporate neighbor," said Nutmeg Container's President Charlie Pious. That's why they've been fundraising for local organizations for over 25 years, he said. "We are honored that Nutmeg chose the YMCA as a recipient of this donation," said Executive Director Amanda Kelly. "With this donation, we will be continuing the work of the Putnam Pride Program, which focuses

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Battleground set for Cupcake Wars in Eastford

BY CAROL DAVIDGE
FOR THE VILLAGER

EASTFORD — Do you love to make cupcakes? Have a unique recipe for a cupcake? Are you gifted in decorating cupcakes? Or are you one of the billions of folks who love to taste cupcakes? If any of the above are you, the Eastford on Feb. 9 is where you want to be. Folks from all over the Quiet Corner come out for this delicious after-

noon so bring your cupcakes or bring yourself. To compete, bring at least a dozen cupcakes to the third annual Cupcake Wars baking contest from 1 p.m. to 3 p.m. on Saturday, Feb. 9, at the

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Courtesy photo

Penny, from Pomfret, was a winner in last year's Eastford Cupcake Wars. This year's event is set for Feb. 9.



Charlie Lentz photo

BACKYARD RIVALRY

THOMPSON — Tourtellotte Memorial's Spencer Fulone drives to the hoop with Putnam High's Kobie Bates defending on Tuesday, Jan. 29. High school sports coverage begins on page B-1 of today's Villager sports section.

The Fire & Ice Festival set for Feb. 9

BY OLIVIA RICHMAN
NEWS STAFF WRITER

PUTNAM — With a staggering amount of entertainment, activities and displays, Downtown Putnam's 9th annual Fire & Ice Festival on Feb. 9 is set to be bigger and better than ever.

"It's a very unique festival," said Co-Chair Jennifer Brytowski. "There's not many people doing festivals this time of year, especially not as large as we are. This is a way to get people excited and outside when it's cold."

With over 50 ice carvings and displays this year, Fire & Ice continues to be the largest ice block competition in the United States. Local artists will be carving 300-pound ice blocks from noon to five along Main Street.

There will also be pre-carved sculptures throughout downtown, all donated from various sponsors. These range from beautiful displays to look at, to interactive displays to play with and — really — drink out of.

While children (and adults) can have a blast pouring colored sand onto certain sculptures and chip away at community ice blocks, adults can also enjoy ice bars and ice luges, which all offer interesting drink mixes.

During the daytime, there's a lot of family-oriented entertainment. This includes a character meet and greet with the princesses from Frozen, and a stilt-walking fire princess, who will be roaming around a 30-foot igloo.

Inside Putnam Congregational Church, there is a cake competition with a Valentine's Day theme.



Courtesy photo

Fire & Ice is an opportunity for downtown businesses to engage with the community, since it's one of the biggest sale days for Downtown Putnam. Since so many people visit for the festival, local businesses receive a lot of new customers. That's why many of them have their own promotions and events throughout the festival, including Block 34's vendor fair.

"Putnam's unique in the sense that we all work together," said Brytowski.

"We all want to have fun. And I think that shows in our town a lot, especially during these events. We have so much love in Putnam when it comes to making the community better."

The Fire & Ice Festival is a large undertaking for Brytowski and her fellow vol-

unteers, who started meeting with sponsors back in August 2018. All of the hard work is worth it, she explained, when they see the community engagement and the smile on everyone's face.

In fact, Brytowski is already thinking about the 10th annual

Fire & Ice Festival and how she can make it even bigger.

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MARY FISHER ELEMENTARY SCHOOL
February 4, Monday — Cheeseburger OR vanilla yogurt, muffin, cheese stick. Oven baked potatoes, baked beans, cucumber wheels.
February 5, Tuesday — Cheese pizza, WG cookie OR turkey cheese sandwich. Spinach salad, fresh carrots, juice.
February 6, Wednesday — Pasta & meat sauce, garlic breadstick OR vanilla yogurt, cereal, cheese stick. Spinach salad, cucumber wheels.
February 7, Thursday — Vanilla yogurt and warm pretzel OR ham/cheese sandwich. Fresh celery and tomatoes, juice.
February 8, Friday — Crispy breaded chicken OR vanilla yogurt, muffin, cheese stick. WG mac & cheese, seasoned broccoli.

POMFRET COMMUNITY SCHOOL
February 4, Monday — Turkey & cheese grinder, lettuce & tomato, baked potato chips, assorted fruits, milk. Breakfast: breakfast pastry
February 5, Tuesday — Zesty orange chicken, Happy Chinese new year! Seasoned brown rice, steamed broccoli, & carrots, fortune cookie, assorted fruits, milk. Breakfast: mini pancakes
February 6, Wednesday — Sloppy Joe served on a WG roll, oven baked fries, zesty green bean salad, assorted fruits, milk. Breakfast: breakfast pastry
February 7, Thursday — BBQ chicken, brown rice,

steamed broccoli, golden carrots, assorted fruits, milk. Breakfast: mini waffles

February 8, Friday — Fried dough with sauce, crunchy baby carrots, garden salad w/ranch dressing, assorted fruits, milk. Breakfast: egg and cheese

PUTNAM ELEMENTARY SCHOOL & PUTNAM MIDDLE SCHOOL

February 4, Monday — Zesty orange popcorn or plain chicken rice bowl: WG chicken bites tossed in an orange glaze served over a bed of brown rice and broccoli

February 5, Tuesday — Wolf meal: beef burger with cheese, crisp lettuce and tomato, seasoned curly fries, 100% juice sherbet.

February 6, Wednesday — WG mozzarella sticks, with zesty marinara dipping sauce, seasoned green beans

February 7, Thursday — Fiesta taco: seasoned ground beef, lettuce, tomato, cheddar cheese and salsa in a WG hard taco shell or soft WG tortilla, Spanish rice, seasoned corn.

February 8, Friday — Putnam special pizza: assorted fresh toppings on home-made whole wheat pizza dough, fresh garden salad with cherry tomatoes and cucumbers.

THOMPSON MIDDLE SCHOOL & TOURTELLOTT (GRADES 5-12)

February 4, Monday — Bacon cheeseburger (lettuce, pickles) OR BBQ rib sandwich. Oven baked potatoes, baked beans.

February 5, Tuesday — parmesan chicken patty or plain OR Manager's choice. Ranch flavored mashed potato, seasoned carrots.

February 6, Wednesday — Peppy pasta and meat sauce, garlic breadstick OR Big Daddy, Bacon cheeseburger pizza. Mixed vegetables.

February 7, Thursday — Italian meatball grinder OR chicken quesadilla w/sour cream & salsa. Oven baked potatoes, seasoned green beans.

February 8, Friday — Crispy breaded chicken OR Manager's choice. WG Mac & cheese, broccoli w/cheese sauce.

WOODSTOCK PUBLIC SCHOOLS

February 4, Monday — Baked chicken, wheat roll, baked beans, fruit, milk.

February 5, Tuesday — Macaroni & cheese, peas, rolls, fruit, milk

February 6, Wednesday — Chicken nuggets, rice/snow peas, fruit, milk

February 7, Thursday — Swedish meatballs, noodles, carrots, fruit, milk.

February 8, Friday — Pizza, tossed salad, fruit, milk.

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Co-Directors: Kathleen Atwood and Greg Brock
Music Director: Joshua Smith • Choreographer: Leslie Snow
Audition Dates:
Saturday, February 23, 1:00-3:30 PM • Sunday, February 24, 6:00-8:30 PM
Please plan to arrive at the start time and to stay until the end. Tryouts will include dance, music, and reading auditions. Be prepared with sheet music and no more than 32 bars of song. No a cappella singing. Everyone will be expected to learn and perform a brief piece of choreography. Wearing jazz or comfortable shoes is recommended.
Play Description: Dolly Levi schemes her way into Horace Vandergelder's heart in this light-hearted musical set in turn of the century New York City.
Show Dates: April 26-28, May 3-5, 10-12
Lead Roles: 3 Females & 3 Males 20-65 **Minor Roles:** 3 Females & 3 Males 17-65
Note: Age indicated is that of the character, not necessarily that of the actor. All other roles will be cast from the chorus/ensemble. Ages 12 to the young at heart.
Audition material is available at the theatre.
Character descriptions and more information available on the website:
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Public radio visits Northeastern Connecticut



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Barry Jessurun with Lucy Nalpathanchil of Connecticut Public Radio's "Where We Live".

BY CAROL DAVIDGE
FOR THE VILLAGER

POMFRET CENTER — Connecticut Public Radio's "Where We Live" host Lucy Nalpathanchil came to the Vanilla Bean Cafe in Pomfret on Jan. 22 for a "Coffee Break" to learn about northeastern Connecticut. Dozens of people met Lucy and her staff during the two-hour visit, among them Pomfret's First Selectman Maureen Nicholson.

"There's a great conversation to be had with folks in rural Connecticut. Having Lucy Nalpathanchil and Connecticut Public Radio in Pomfret is an indication that we make important contributions to our state. We are a very dynamic community and I think folks are beginning to realize the benefits and beauty of a rural lifestyle Connecticut," said Nicholson.

Among those who engaged Nalpathanchil were Tina LaBrash of Putnam and Monica McKenna of Thompson, who came as members of Quiet Corner Shouts!, a group that encourages civic participation, and Jock McClellan of Woodstock, the leader of Indivisible NECT, who came to express concerns about climate change.

After the visit, Nalpathanchil reflected on her experience in Pomfret. "We're a statewide talk show on WNPR Connecticut Public Radio so we're interested in talking about issues that resonate across our state," said Nalpathanchil. "Often it's easy for the media to focus on what's happening in our cities and at the state capitol. But our listeners come from diverse communities with different interests and our 'Coffee Breaks' are an effort to hear directly from them about what we are missing on the program."

"When we visited the Vanilla Bean Café, residents explained why the area is called the 'Quiet Corner' and also how issues being discussed in Hartford, like raising the minimum wage, can impact local businesses. I enjoyed talking to First Selectman Maureen Nicholson as well as learning about the unique issues rural towns face. We hope to take what we learn from Pomfret and other places in the next few months to shape conversations and the topics we pursue on 'Where We Live,'" said Nalpathanchil.

"And of course, we love meeting listeners in person and hopefully attracting new listeners to our program whether on the radio or by downloading our podcast," she added.

The visit to Pomfret was the first stop by "Where We Live" to meet people around Connecticut. Its next Coffee Break will be on February 26 at the Washington Street Coffee House in New London. "Where We Live" is a talk show where people can call (860) 275-7266 on Monday, Tuesday, Thursday or Friday at 9 a.m. and 7 p.m. to discuss matters of importance to them. To learn more, visit: <http://www.wnpr.org/programs/where-we-live>.



Dozens of residents met with Lucy Nalpathanchil of Connecticut Public Radio's "Where We Live" during a "Coffee Break" in Pomfret, including, from left, Tina LaBrash from Putnam and Monica McKenna from Thompson (both from the Quiet Corner Shouts group), and Jock McClellan (center) of Indivisible NECT.

CUPCAKE

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Congregational Church, located at 8 Church Road in Eastford.

"This will be the most exciting Cupcake Wars yet. Competition is growing as family and friends are signing up to compete against past years' winners. There will be lots of fabulous cupcakes for all attendees to taste," said Allison Gormley, event coordinator.

The sweet delights will be judged in two categories: (1) Recipe and (2) Presentation, each having two age groups: Junior (ages up to 15) and Senior (16 and up). In addition, "People's Choice" awards will be presented after attendees taste, enjoy, and cast their votes.

"I look forward to a fun afternoon on Saturday, February 9 in joining a team of judges in Eastford's Cupcake Wars," said Eastford First Selectman Jacqueline Dubois.

To compete in the contest please register by Feb. 6 if possible at www.cceastford.org/events/. For further information call (860) 974-0294 or e-mail office@cceastford.com.



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Vernon is Westview employee of the month

DAYVILLE — Jessica Vernon starts off the year as Westview Health Care Center's Employee of the Month for January. First employed as an administrative assistant in the Sports Medicine outpatient department, then she joined the nursing department as a certified nursing assistant. Yet well before she was working to maintain outpatient therapy appointments and billing, well before she joined the corps of caregivers that provide daily treatments and compassion, Jessica knew Westview was the place she wanted to contribute.

"Growing up, I always knew that I would one day work at Westview with the most dedicated, caring, and loving staff I could ever know," Vernon said.

The heartfelt connections that Vernon establishes instantly with patients, residents, and staff have been rooted in her early life, where she established strong relationships with family and friends. She is the daughter of Diane and Kevin Vernon, and she shares a close bond with her brother Kevin Vernon, Jr. Spending time with loved ones is one of her favorite activities, in addition to reading, knitting, and watching streaming video content—again, alongside loved ones. In addition to being quick-witted, Jessica is quick-handed and quick-footed, as she proudly holds a karate rank of black belt and is an avid runner. Growing up in Pomfret Jessica has pursued educational opportunities in the region. She started her educational path at Pomfret Community School, later graduating from Woodstock Academy in 2013. By 2017, Jessica held the dual dis-



Courtesy photo

Jessica Vernon

a wide range of care needs. Vernon has an impressive amount of wisdom and experience for an individual at any age, but hers is especially profound considering her youth. Perhaps this is most evident by her successful integration to a career path that focuses her talents outward. Moreover, Vernon's description of a day at work hardly sounds like a day at work.

"I am truly humbled and honored to be a part of the Westview family, and I enjoy my time spent with the residents and patients," Vernon said.

Westview Administrator David Panteleakos admires the combination of enthusiasm and tenderness that Jessica brings to work.

"Jessica is very deserving of the employee of the month distinction and acknowledgement," said Westview administrator David Panteleakos. "Her commitment to providing excellent health care services and dedication to the residents is outstanding. Jess also does not shy away from hard work and is always willing to pitch in when needed."

Lacharite at vets coffeehouse

DANIELSON — On Feb. 5 the Danielson Veterans Coffeehouse guest speaker will be Lyn Lacharite from the Brooklyn Business Association. The Brooklyn Business Association was established in 2012. Brooklyn's Economic Development Commission was the catalyst for the organization bringing businesses together to explore the idea for this group. Today they have over 50 members and continue to grow.

On Feb. 12 – the "Monthly Open Forum" is scheduled. The second Tuesday of every month, the Danielson Veterans Coffeehouse will not have any speakers with discussions on any and all topics of interests to veterans and an update on local, state and federal benefits.

The Danielson Veterans Coffeehouse is located at 185 Broad St. Danielson. It is open every Tuesday morning at 8:30 a.m. and is for veterans only. The speaker program begins at about 9:15 a.m. For questions about the coffeehouse please see our website at dvcoffeehouse.com or our Facebook page Danielson Veterans Coffeehouse. You can also email fruhlemann@yahoo.com

Courtney applauds Griswold gun range decision

GRISWOLD — U.S. Congressman Joe Courtney (Ct., Second District) welcomed Governor Lamont's commitment to removing Griswold from consideration for locating a new state police firing range and reviewing alternatives to meet training needs of the state police.

"Thank you to Governor Lamont for fulfilling his commitment to revisit the decision to locate a new state police gun range in Griswold," Courtney said. "For over three years, the Connecticut Department of Administrative Services has attempted to identify a location for a new training range. And in every instance, they have both faced strong objection of local citizens and municipal leaders and resisted alternatives to this misguided plan. Every step of the way, I have opposed those efforts and spoken up on behalf of communities across eastern Connecticut who felt that they were not being heard in the process."

"By taking Griswold off the table, Governor Lamont has made the right call for people of this community and for eastern Connecticut. I welcome his decision to take a fresh look at this issue, and in particular his focus

on evaluating the use of existing ranges and facilities to augment the training needs of our state police – an approach I have called for since 2015. Governor Lamont and I have spoken about this important issue many times before he was elected and since he's taken office, and I am grateful for his understanding and shared concern about our region."

At a press conference on Jan. 25 announcing his nominee for Commissioner of the Department of Administrative Services (DAS), Governor Lamont confirmed that the Griswold site for the proposed training facility was no longer under consideration. Further, he announced that he had directed his administration to review existing facilities and ranges that could be utilized to meet training needs for the State Police.

Congressman Courtney has been a vocal opponent of plans to locate a new State Police training facility in eastern Connecticut.

November 13, 2015 – in a letter to Connecticut Department of Administrative Services Commissioner Melody Currey, I urged DAS to "consider the potential use of existing firing ranges and training sites in

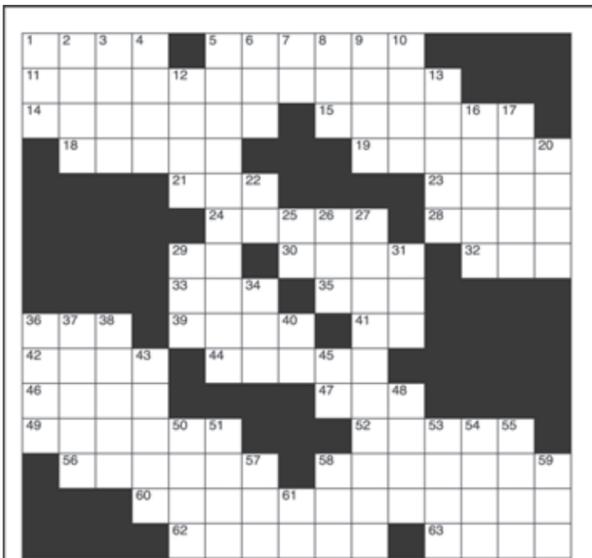
Connecticut before moving forward on ... a new training center."

May 2, 2016 – in a letter to Commissioner Currey, Courtney again urged that the agency take "a fresh look at the options available to the state."

June 2, 2016 – Courtney urged that DAS set aside the push for a new facility as the only option for meeting the training needs of our troopers and bring in an outside consultant to evaluate alternatives.

March 6, 2018 – Courtney submitted testimony to the Public Safety and Security Committee of the Connecticut General Assembly for a hearing on the subject outlining his efforts to encourage the State of Connecticut to take a new look at the proposal and look at alternatives.

July 4 2018 – Met with then-candidate Ned Lamont to brief him on the many arguments opposed to the Griswold site. Later that month, Lamont toured the Pachaug Forest area and publicly announced his opposition to Griswold as location of the range.

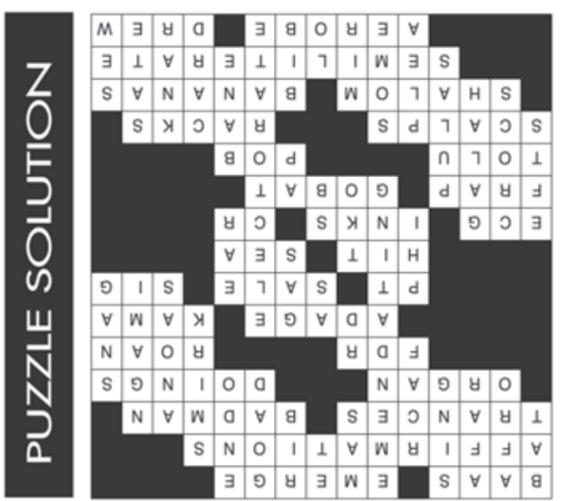


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- 18. One-time baseball stadium staple
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- 25. Equally
- 26. It's sometimes passed
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TOUR

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teria, and interacted with Link Crew student members from KHS. Interacting with juniors and seniors was a major part of the tour, said Marcoux, because it allowed the eighth-graders to see what KHS students were like.

An open house was scheduled for parents on Jan. 30. "We are a hidden gem here in the northeast corner," said Marcoux. "We are big enough to offer a lot of activities, sports and courses, yet we're small enough where the faculty and staff get to know the kids."

KHS Class of 2014 graduate Mitchel Conroy was in agreement according to a press release provided by the school.

"It's an all-around great school," Conroy said. "It feels like home the second you first step inside. The classes are challenging but very manageable, and the faculty and staff are very supportive and helpful. They will go above and beyond to help you succeed. Our athletics are also extremely competitive and the coaches are like a second set of parents, and my teammates are my brothers."

Currently, there are approximately 800 students enrolled at KHS. This includes Marcoux's own children.

"I've also been here for 17 years," Marcoux said. "I always tell people that if I didn't believe in this institution I wouldn't be working here. I've seen the transformation. I've seen our sports teams thrive. I've seen our academics exploding."

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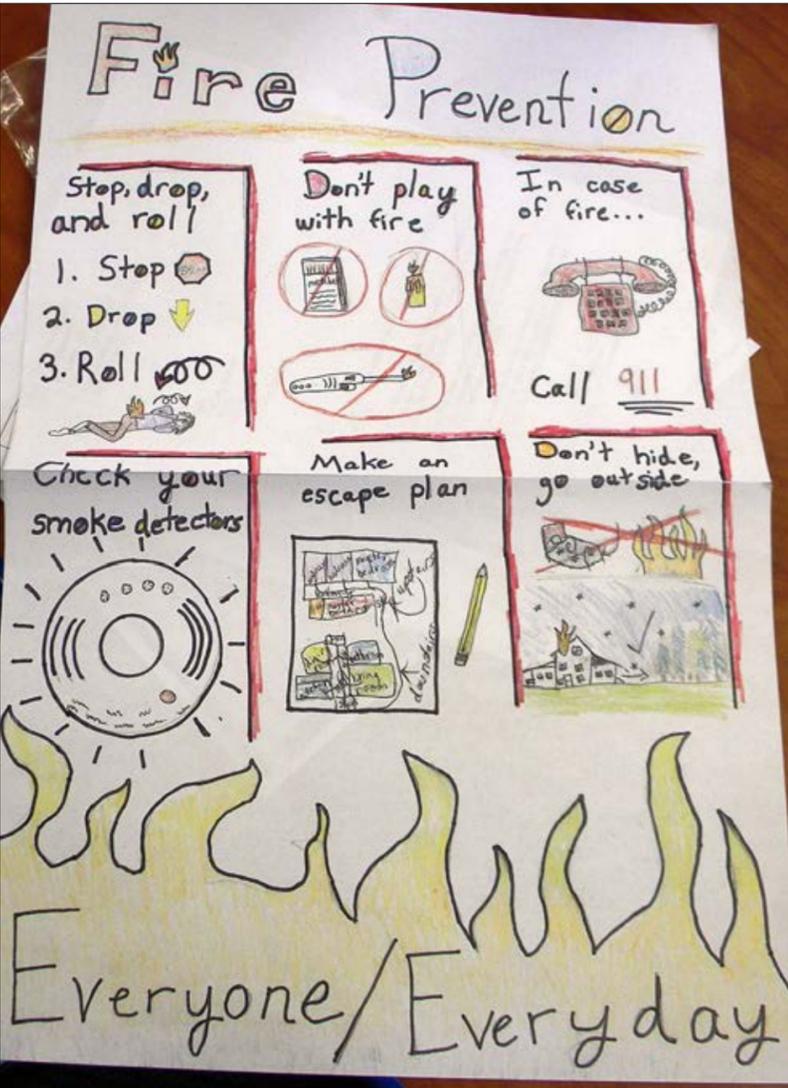
Lillian Bertram with Maureen Nicholson and Normand Perron

Phyllis LaBelle photos



Elise Coyle with Maureen Nicholson and Normand Perron

POMFRET — Pomfret Fire Marshal Normand Perron and First Selectman Maureen Nicholson presented an award to Elise Coyle and Lillian Bertram for their fire prevention posters. Their posters go on to the state competition. The winning posters will be used to promote fire safety and prevention throughout the State of Connecticut. The winning statewide poster will be reproduced and distributed to all towns. Winning county posters will be exhibited at various locations, including the State Capitol during the month of October.



Coyle's poster



Bertram's poster



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LEARNING

Legion donates to Putnam Library

PUTNAM — The Mayotte-Viens American Legion Post #13 of Putnam paid a visit to the Putnam Public Library shortly after January 1 and presented library director Priscilla Colwell with the gift of a new magazine rack. Post Commander Alan Joslin, accompanied by Past Commander and District #4 Sr. Vice Commander Ronald P. Coderre, made the presentation.

Post #13 has been supplying the Putnam Public Library with the Army, Marines, Navy and Air Force Times for approximately the past five years. The library, which serves as a central location for many area organizations to display their literature, was lacking suitable locations to display materials until Post #13 approached Librarian Colwell with the idea of purchasing magazine racks. The newest rack is the third donated to the library in the past three years.

"Today's library is more than books," said

Colwell. "People come to the library for a variety of reasons. Some come for educational purposes while others may use our facility for meetings, technology or simply as a location to meet other people."

Colwell, who's been the library director in Putnam for 12 years, noted that approximately 1,100 individuals walk through the doors on a weekly basis. This is a significant increase from the days when a library was simply a place to borrow books and do research.

"Our Post is very community oriented. When we noticed the need for display racks, we felt it was part of our Legion mission to step in and assist. The racks not only provide us a location to display our literature but also give other organizations a similar opportunity," said Joslin.

In 2019 The Mayotte-Viens American Legion Post #13 is celebrating its 100th anniversary as a veteran's organization

in Putnam. According to Commander Joslin, the Post is planning a number of activities throughout the year to commemorate this significant time in its history. Activities are in the planning stages with the Putnam Public Schools, the Town of Putnam, as well as the library and the Putnam Aspinock Historical Society.

The anniversary date of the official founding of the Post is July 7. A program is in the preparation stages for that date to honor the two veterans whose names are on the Post. Father Anselm Mayotte and George R. Viens, who gave their lives in defense of our great nation will be honored this coming summer.

"I'm urging community members to watch for upcoming announcements about the programs we're planning. We are hoping to share as much of our history with the people of Putnam and surrounding areas as possible," said Joslin.



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PUTNAM — Alan Joslin (left) Commander of the Mayotte-Viens American Legion Post #13 of Putnam presented Putnam Public Library director Priscilla Colwell with a magazine rack purchased by the Post. Ronald P. Coderre, right, Immediate Past Command and Sr. Vice Commander of District #4 worked with Joslin and Colwell on the project.

The Mayotte-Viens American Legion Post #13 currently has a growing membership of 170 members. The members meet monthly on the sec-

ond Monday of the month at the Gerardi Insurance Agency conference room at 6 p.m. Veterans who are interested in becoming members are

encouraged to contact Commander Joslin at (860) 928.3776 or at alanjoslin@att.net.

Grinch visits Woodstock Elementary School



Henry Griffin

WOODSTOCK — Right before Christmas, Mrs. Trudeau and Mr. Corttis's third grade classes at Woodstock Elementary School presented to families the production of "How the Grinch Stole Christmas" Families were entertained with the sounds of Who-ville through acting and songs. Mr. Corttis's dog, Cesar even made an appearance as Max the reindeer.

Over 100 parents and friends were in attendance on the rainy Friday afternoon before Christmas. The classes worked over six weeks memorizing their lines and songs, and created the scenery with the help of their art teacher, Miss Budd. The third graders and their families collected canned goods and food items which were donated to TEEG kitchen. Their goal was 150 items and they surpassed that goal.



Nate Drake



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Mrs. Trudeau and Mr. Corttis's 3rd grade classes at Woodstock Elementary School

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COLLEGE NEWS

The following students have received academic honors or graduated from their respective college or university for the fall 2018 semester.

ITHACA, N.Y. — Conor Quinn, from Putnam, was named to the Ithaca College Dean's List.

HEMPSTEAD, N.Y. — Maxwell Underhill, North Grosvenordale, has been named to the Dean's List at Hofstra University.

WORCESTER, Mass. — Worcester Polytechnic Institute Dean's List: Cory Houghton of North Grosvenordale; Michaela Johnson of Quinebaug; Claudia Plummer of Woodstock.

CANTON, MO. — Luke Keller, Woodstock Valley, was named to the Culver-Stockton College Dean's List.

PLYMOUTH, N.H. — Jessica Brunelle, from Brooklyn, was named to President's List at Plymouth State University.

WORCESTER, Mass. — Casey Guli, of Pomfret Center, graduated Magna Cum Laude from Becker College.

DUDLEY, Mass. — The Nichols College Dean's List includes: J'ena Baker of Danielson; Benjamin Carbone of Brooklyn, Ct.; Devon Harris of Dayville; Alexis Lapointe of Brooklyn, CT; Cara Mayhew of Brooklyn, CT; Joseph Santese of Danielson, CT; Milica Sari of Danielson, CT; Abigail

Teczar of Rogers, CT; Hunter Angelo of Putnam, CT; Diego Canil Ordenez of Putnam, CT; Tracie Lombardy of Putnam, CT; Kendra Annis of North Grosvenordale, CT achieved Dean's High Honors; Olivia Antonson of North Grosvenordale, CT; Daniel Baker of North Grosvenordale, CT; Grace Deneault of Thompson, CT; Nicholas Elliott of Thompson, CT; Shannon Gauthier of North Grosvenordale, CT; Sophia Prouty of Thompson, CT; Zachary Rood of Thompson, CT; Jason Walker of North Grosvenordale, CT; Evan Ware of North Grosvenordale, CT; Kaitlyn Baron of Woodstock, CT; Zachary Enderle of Woodstock, CT; Emily Faist of Woodstock; John Fox of Woodstock, CT; Christian Mayotte of Woodstock; Rebecca Messier of Woodstock, CT; James Thibeault of Woodstock, CT; James Walker of North Grosvenordale.

WORCESTER, Mass. — Assumption College Dean's List: Sarah Azizi of Dayville; Taylor Downing of Brooklyn.

LOUDONVILLE, N.Y. — Samantha Gisleson, from Thompson, was named to the Siena College President's List.

SPRINGFIELD, Mass. — Morgan Foucault, of Putnam, has been named to the Dean's List at American International College.

Wyndham Land Trust protects Bull Hill



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Andy Rzeknikiewicz leads a group walk to the scenic viewpoint.

THOMPSON — In just two years the Wyndham Land Trust has expanded the Bull Hill Preserve in Thompson and Woodstock to 885 acres, a testament to the land trust's commitment to protecting this expansive unbroken forest.

Three properties were added to the land trust's holdings at the end of 2018—55 acres formerly owned by the Young family, 56 acres owned by Mark Cunningham, and 2.5 acres owned by Marcus Johnson.

The Young property is just north of the parking area for the preserve, which can be accessed from Bull Hill Road, via Senextet Road in Woodstock. The new lot contains a red oak

and white pine forest with a thick understory of mountain laurel. The property also holds a large blueberry swamp that supports uncommon nesting bird species, notably Magnolia Warbler and Northern Waterthrush.

The Cunningham properties consist of three separate parcels. One parcel connects to a land trust preserve in the northern part of the forest, and two parcels expand the main core of the preserve to the south. These properties are mainly oak forest, and one parcel contains a scenic waterfall. Whip-poor-wills, a rare bird in the State of Connecticut, are known to nest in this forest.

The Johnson parcel is

located in the southern part of the forest and is adjacent to existing land holdings. It consists of mostly oak and white pine.

"The land trust has focused on the Bull Hill project since the end of 2016," said President, Mike St Lawrence. "A lot of volunteer time and energy have gone in to it, but it's gratifying to know how much impact we are having. We're excited to protect so much land in such a short period of time. We're getting a lot of support from the community, which inspires us to keep pushing forward."

More information on the land trust can be found on their new web site at [www.wyndham-](http://www.wyndham-landtrust.org)



Leslie Sweetnam photo

Aerial photo shows the unbroken forested lot on Bull Hill that the land trust is trying to protect.

landtrust.org. The web site includes information about how to access the Bull Hill preserve along with a map showing the trail to the viewpoint.

The Wyndham Land Trust now protects more than 100 parcels in ten towns in Northeast Connecticut totaling over 4000 acres. The land trust

can be reached by emailing info@wyndham-landtrust.org or by calling (860) 963 2090. You can also find the land trust on Facebook and Instagram.

QVCC offers free community events

DANIELSON — Quinebaug Valley Community College will offer a number of free community events in the month of February at its Danielson campus.

Wednesday, February 6: Celebrate Chinese New Year, Year of the Pig, 12:30 p.m., Dr. Robert E. Miller Auditorium, Danielson: The celebration continues with a performance from Dream Performing Arts of Greater Hartford. They will sing and perform traditional Chinese dances.

Art Opening: Ann C. Rosebrooks Retrospective 5:30 p.m., SPIROL Art Gallery, Danielson - Ann C. Rosebrooks (b 1948 USA) has been creating artwork seriously since the age of fourteen. She is a graduate of Rhode Island School of Design with a Bachelor of Fine Art in Painting. After moving to Connecticut in 1972, she started to show her work in 1973 and instantly began to win prizes and recognition. Ann joined Artworks Gallery in 1978 through a juried process and was a member for 30 years. She has entered many juried and invitational shows across New England and New York.

Phi Theta Kappa Induction, 6 p.m., Dr. Robert E. Miller Auditorium, Danielson - Phi Theta Kappa is recognized as the official honor society for community colleges by the American Association of Community Colleges.

Tuesday, February 19: Waiting for Yoko Ono: The Connecticut Student Poets 2019, 6:30 p.m., The SPIROL Art Gallery, Danielson - Following the featured readings, an open mic will be available for all whom are interested. QVCC's Genie Johnson, is one of five students selected from across the State. Johnson, who is deaf stated, "I feel both humbled and honored to have been selected as Connecticut Student Poet. I guess this means that I can finally concede that I am a poet. If I were to sum up in one word what it means to be selected it would be: "PAH!" (PA, PAH) Finally or success at last. That's a term used in American Sign Language." Other student poets include Christine Byrne, from the University of Connecticut; Rachel Kaufman, from Yale University; Louisa Mahoney, from Trinity College and Maxim Schmidt, from Albertus Magnus College. The QVCC Fine Arts Department and The QVCC Cultural Programming Committee sponsor this event.

Monday, February 25: Celebrate Black History Month: Dr. Stacey Close: Southern Migration and the Transformation of African American Connecticut, 1915-70, 3:30 p.m., Windham Technical High School.

Tuesday, February 26: Celebrate Black History Month: Dr. Stacey Close: Southern Migration and the Transformation of African American Connecticut, 1915-70 - Dr. Stacey Close, associate provost / vice president for equity and diversity at Eastern Connecticut State University, is a native of Georgia, acclaimed scholar and educator. Dr. Close has worked in higher education for more than 20 years. In addition, a professor of history, Close has taught courses that focused on African American, American, African, and Southern history. Sponsored by the Quinebaug Valley Community College Cultural Programming Committee

Wednesday, February 27 - Tour and Information Session, 5:30 p.m., Student Success Center - Prospective students of all ages are invited to come to campus to learn about our degrees, certificates and campus. Individual admissions assistance is available prior or post the tour. No RSVP is required. For additional information or admissions assistance, contact Sarah Hendrick, associate director of admissions, (860) 932.4020 shendrick@qvcc.edu

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WOODSTOCK STUDENTS SIGN

Woodstock Academy seniors Ellie Jellison, left, and Irene Askitis sign their National Letters of Intent on Jan. 25. Jellison will attend Assumption College in Worcester, Mass., to play Division II ice hockey. Askitis will attend the University of New Haven and play Division II soccer.

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There is a small town feeling here, a "we know our neighbors and chat with them" atmosphere that isn't found much anymore in larger, more suburban areas. We see our friends while we're out running errands, we recognize their kids in the Villager sports pages, we cross paths in churches, libraries and local markets.

Our local shops have the hometown radio station playing in the background, and the topic is high school sports, or local elections, or new shows at the many local venues. We look out for each other and rally around residents who need help. We read our local hometown newspaper, each week, because we know the names and places and events covered.

In a nutshell, The Quiet Corner transcends "towns" and goes straight to "communities".

This is a place where residents and businesses support each other; where "eat local" is a given; where generations of families have chosen to live and raise their children; where the past and present converge in architecture and historic sites and buildings.

This is not to say that it's a utopia; nowadays it's wise to lock doors and have security measures in place, but the fact is that we often don't feel we need to. As neighbors who are in touch with one another, we look out for other people's property and keep a watchful eye on things. After all, with Boston and Providence and the beaches only an hour or so away, there are times when we actually do leave the Quiet Corner.

Our location makes it easy to reach other regions, whether they are big cities, the beaches or other New England areas. It's fun to explore what's around, but sometimes the best part is the return trip home to Northeastern Connecticut.

Living and working in the Quiet Corner is as good as it gets.

From the Publisher

Gentle power

Lester's friends called him "the mountain." Standing 6'7" tall and weighing in at 300 pounds guaranteed that he would stick out in most crowds. And, the fact that he was a ripped, professional, linebacker increased the intimidation factor. Thus the nickname.

But Lester's most distinguishing feature was best illustrated by the picture that graced their living room wall, in which he was holding his 7 pound, 6 ounce, newborn daughter. She was sleeping contentedly on his massive outstretched hand and forearm. Her little head lay in the palm of his hand and her feet barely reached the crook of his elbow. For the first few weeks of her life, she was so small and light that it required a great deal of care on Lester's behalf just to handle his new bundle of joy safely. But he did.

Lester's daughter would grow up in the shadow of her "mountain" knowing that her father's strength was not something to fear, but something that provided a place of safety and comfort. With great restraint her father would always consciously soften his touch when his little girl jumped on his lap or ran into his arms for a hug. Even as a teenager he could easily lift her off her feet with one hand, but his power was so consistently used on her behalf that she had nothing but respect for her father, affectionately calling him her "gentle power".

This powerful image reminds us of another mountain who can be described as gentle power - God almighty. God towers above his creation. He could crush us accidentally if he was capable of having an accident. Some would argue that he should crush some for their evil

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OPINION

Opinion and commentary from the Quiet Corner

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Historical perspective is needed

I'm always amused when people, in times of social/political tensions, go right away to apocalyptic metaphors, envisioning the end of American democracy. Letters to your publication and discussions with friends find anxiety and disgust, stimulated with the view that the populace is more polarized than ever. Herein lies a distinct lack of historical perspective. It's not that these individuals are unintelligent or poorly educated; I've been impressed with the articulation and fund of knowledge from both sides. It seems that at times of perceived catastrophe, historical perspective flies right out the window. You see it in individuals and political decisions. Individuals are steeped in chronic anxiety and fury, while those in power make the same disastrous decisions time and time again. Both are myopic. More political contemplation on the not-long-ago history of Vietnam and colonial Europe would have prevented the quagmires of the Middle East we stepped willingly into, the source of much of our mess today. Individually, there is great solace in a perspective of the broader picture, soothing anxieties and giving one the ability to actually embrace today's events as distinctly American.

It is the notion of this being the most polarized and anxious times in our history that I wish to challenge. I grew up in the 60's and 70's. We were in an active war with a conscript army that led to over 50,000 American deaths and nearly 1.5 million casualties on both sides. There were domestic riots for much of the decade, with massive parts of nearly every major American city seeing large sections burned and looted. We saw the assassinations of 3 great American leaders with the vigilante murder of one of the perpetrators broadcast live on television. We saw social upheaval in every facet of our previous lives, the previously strict social/moral mores of religion, gender role, marriage etc. being questioned and frequently abandoned. Gender, racial and generational polarization was present in every facet of life. Politicians on both sides exploited people's fears and anger. Protests with armed services intervention and casualties were commonplace. In the 70's there were over 1,400 acts of domestic terrorism. We were under the very real threat of nuclear annihilation; drills and nuclear fallout education in the curriculum of grade school children.

Prior to Pearl Harbor, there was tremen-

B'nai Shalom says thank you

As our congregation enters its centennial year, we'd like to thank our neighbors for their recent expressions of solidarity and support, whether it be those who left flowers at our door, sent letters of unity, stopped individual congregants for an encouraging chat, or made and delivered holiday decorations

dous polarization and debate as to getting involved in another European war. The country as a whole remained as racially polarized as before the Civil War as Jim Crow laws kept an apartheid social and economic system in place in a major section of our country. And speaking of the Civil War, this was not just 5 years, but also the entirety of our country's history before 1861. Because of the polarizing nature of slavery and states autonomy, the Declaration of Independence came very close to not being written. And throughout the early and mid 1800's, the steady, often violent (even in the halls of Congress) conflict and polarization ever increased into a volcanic explosion of war that left over 600,000 people killed; which until the Vietnam war was more than all American deaths in foreign fought wars combined.

Throughout this country's history, fierce debate, polarized views of the population, and politicians acting with impunity, chicanery and gross libel have been consistently commonplace and far exceeding anything we have today. Indeed, these conflicts actually define us and are our great strength. Founded as a country of immigrants, we are truly the only nation in the history of civilization that has been able to meld such a diverse representation of races, religious beliefs, cultural backgrounds, and philosophical foundations of society, into a functioning, prosperous, and now a near 3 centuries old empire. It is the very polarization that makes us great and unique. It has always existed and, like immigration, is at the core of our lifeblood.

The primary difference today is information technology and access that heightens our sense of anxiety, experiencing it daily in a 24/7 news cycle, with never a break to distill and think. Historical perspective is a way to help balance that feeling that we are perpetually attacked. Embrace the polarization as a core foundation of who we are and what we have become. People now view our last two presidents as life altering rogues and a threat to our very existence. Reflect on the history of the presidency and one will find many rogues and ideologues that we survived. Remarking to a friend who asked him if the torrential rain they were experiencing would ever end, Mark Twain retorted; "It always does".

MICHAEL COYLE
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Woodstock man questions shutdown and more

Donald Trump was swept into power by voters' disappointment in Washington bureaucracy and a latent mistrust of his opponent Hillary Clinton magnified by a Russian disinformation campaign. Many including evangelicals were one issue voters feeling that getting fresh jurists onto the Supreme court would lead to the overturning of abortion rights. But it also included a basic misunderstanding as to how government functions. The President for all his bravado is just one of three equal branches of government. He is not a king, that Mr Trump who is used to personally running business, would have his supporters believe. This is why he seemed so intent on closing down the government over a pet peeve only loosely based in reality and ended up failing so miserably.

During his campaign days the President promised to build a concrete wall, 32 feet high, and paid for by Mexico. And people including his right wing pundits believed this. Not that there are tunnels burrowed under existing walls. Nor the fact that illegal entry into country is at historic lows or that 90 percent of illegal drugs come through legal points of entry. Mr Trump now wants steel slats. Forgive me but it wouldn't take a rocket scientist to hand the drugs through the openings. But Trump shut down the government for 35 days mucking up the economy, endangering airplane travelers, impairing law enforcement not to mention the financial hardship that he piled on 800,000 government workers and even more government sub-contractors. He then tried to place blame on Congressional Democrats even though at a previous meeting he said to Senator Shumer, "I am proud to shut down the government...I will take the mantle, I will be the one to shut it down. I'm not going to blame you for it."

No one argues that border security needs to be beefed up. The disagreement is over how to do it and a wall seems non cost effective not to mention the fact that eminent domain will mean that many Texas ranchers will be robbed of their land by the government. Still Trump caving in and then having aides praise him is yet another example of just how gullible he thinks the American public is. This especially now that he once again has thrown the gauntlet down and stated that the only way forward is to cede to his demands or risk finding the country at square one and shut down on Feb 15th.

It is situations like this which involve

ignoring facts and shooting oneself in the foot that Trump and his voters seem not to appreciate. Nor do they give pause that his policies help select industries. By ignoring climate change we will cost the economy in weather catastrophe, health effects, and disruptions to food supplies far more than the cost of cleaning up the environment while feeding the coffers of the fossil fuel industry. The coal market continues to shrink due to market forces.

The great tax cut of 2018 has not translated into a sustained boost in our GDP but has increased the federal debt once again making our children and grandchildren foot the bill some years from now. It has also made the rich richer increasing the gap between the wealthy and poor. This is a ticking time bomb for social upheaval.

Tariffs against both our global rival China and our allies in the EU serve only to stunt economic growth. Small sectors such as steel may benefit but at the expense of the much wider economy.

Still the nonsensical ramblings of his base continues and Mr Houle in his letter is just one example. Free education and free health care are not "free". They are investments in the future. An economy based on manufacturing is rapidly devolving at the same time that one based on service rapidly expands. This means we need a better educated work force to compete for future jobs. As robots build we need programmers.

Free health care is also a misnomer. It is universal health care for all and it will cost trillions of dollars. But although taxes go up, expensive premiums and deductibles will vanish netting a savings of trillions of dollars; not to mention freedom from an expensive illness leading to bankruptcy.

Mr Trump certainly is destined to go down in history as our nation's least effective President. This was not unexpected. The question will be whether he has turned the country away from healthy globalization into an autocratic protectionist state. After World War II America led the world into 70 years of a peaceful global expansion. The lack of American leadership threatens to derail this. Once must hope that 2020 marks a new beginning and not an end.

LEE WESLER
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Shanty-fever

Once in a while I get shanty-fever. I have to go somewhere else. Recently my husband and I decided to check out the points of interest in nearby Worcester. We weren't disappointed. What makes a place come alive again after what seemed like decades of hiatus? It's fun to think about the various elements that go in to making a city or a town seem vibrant and even chic.

When I was a little girl, Worcester had a busy downtown with department stores, shoe stores, a variety of restaurants and a pleasant main street. Over time it declined along with most other central cities. There was a brief burst of commercial energy when the Galleria was built, but that ended. The restaurants we liked, Putnam and



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Thurston's, a fancy white linen place, and the El Morocco, a lively Middle Eastern style venue are just memories, but others have taken their place. Lots and lots of

other restaurants.

It took decades for roadwork to be completed around Worcester. Just beyond the iconic inflated polar bear that promotes Polar Beverages, the roadway devolved into a scary maze of pot holes, tight entrance ramps and subtle curves that were sharper than they seemed. I've encountered more road rage between the stadium for Holy Cross College and the exit for Worcester Memorial Hospital than almost any place except the left entrance to I-91 in Wethersfield. I've always admired engineers, but one wonders what they were thinking when they designed some of our major roads.

The Worcester Art Museum is a great place to visit. A friend and I took a drawing class there a few years ago, which was fine until we decided to cut class for martinis and delicious oysters at the Sole Proprietor restaurant. The collection from the Higgins Armory has been melded into the medieval galleries and I'm eager to take my grandson to see it. The armor is fantastic. This spring there is a special exhibit on stained glass - Tiffany and La Farge that I'll enjoy.

Recently I visited the Salisbury Mansion, a 1772 grand house. It is a charming building and the docent, perhaps feeling a bit lonely, was full of enthusiasm and information. The mansion and the Worcester Historical Museum give the city some colonial gravitas.

A few months ago we went with friends to Mechanics Hall to see a hologram of the opera singer, Maria Callas. It was a unique experience. Callas, who died in 1977, was brought back with a live orchestra on stage. Mechanics Hall is a fine venue that welcomes real performers as well as holograms. Yo-Yo Ma is there in April and I'm ordering tickets. The Hanover Theatre has an interesting season as well.

While institutions provide the bones for a city, it really is restaurants and shops that make it come alive. The Birch Tree Bread Company, a bakery and café, packed on a dreary Sunday afternoon, had live music and a variety of fancy toasts on the menu. Located in a restored mill complex, next door was a wildly creative plant/gift shop that featured an antique canoe filled with real animals stuffed decades ago by a taxidermist. There was also a nice used bookstore and a flea market.

Soon Worcester will be under construction again with a baseball stadium smack in the middle of Kelly Square. The city is diverse, young, brimming with colleges, littered with buildings crying out to be renovated.

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Zip's Diner trucked in from Jersey 63 years ago

I've been browsing through another notebook at the Killingly Historical and Genealogical Center (Bits and Pieces-Business Ads, etc.) and came across newspaper articles about several business from the 1970's that are no longer in existence. Do you remember them? A caption to one photo read "New In Town--Chinese food is being offered in Danielson with the grand opening of the Egg Roll King, 69 Main St., Wednesday. The owners are Miss Joyce Yu of Kingston, R.I., and Harry Chang of Danielson. Both are natives of Taiwan and the opening coincides with Nationalist China Independence Day celebrated Oct. 10. The facility, open seven days a week from 5 a.m. to 11 p.m., features a full Chinese food menu as well as American food. It will specialize in take-out service". (Bulletin photo by McMenemy; 10/13/73).

"Robert N. Bourque of Allen Hill Road, Brooklyn, has purchased the Style Inn, 11 1/2 Academy Street). The same services will be offered, Bourque explained, to include hair styling, hairpieces, and regular hair cutting..."(4/74; paper not given on clipping). At first I was expecting an inn.

The notebook also contained clippings about current businesses including a photo of Zip's from September 26, 1946. "Zip's Curtaintown Diner Arrived Here Saturday in Two Sections." "The 'blessed event' happened last Saturday, Pappa Zip Zehrer, who had worn off the soles of his shoes, pacing up and down, pacing up and down...was happily surprised

when he saw the 'million dollar baby.' Yes, believe it or not, the 'baby' weighed 101 tons...Some Baby! Daddy Zip. However could not keep his eyes off the new arrival... The diner, in two sections on separate trailers, with complete police escort, made its way through town at 9:48 o'clock Saturday morning. With all cars removed from one side of Main Street, the 32'6" wide structures squeezing through very nicely, attracting hundreds of spectators. 'It' is one of the largest and most completely modernized diners ever built. The Jerry O'Mahoney Company of Elizabeth, New Jersey is responsible and the edifice has been under construction for nearly a year. Hoffman's Motor Transport of Bellville, N. J. delivered the diner from Elizabeth. The trip took about two weeks, the extended tour due to the truck strike (which held them up in New York for a session) and further hindrance to progress presenting itself when they had a breakdown in Norwalk." Perhaps some of you recall this momentous occasion!

I'm sure some of you recall the original diner when it was located in Danielson. An ad from a Windham County Transcript dated October 9, 1947 advertised Zip's as follows. "Our chef says Why Not Give the Little Lady One Evening Off Each Week and Bring the Whole Family to the Curtaintown Diner every Wednesday Evening (from 4 p.m. to 9 p.m.) to enjoy at ease and in Comfort Our Special Family Dinner at a price well



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within the family budget. For the Complete Dinner Per Person--only 80 cents. And remember: a different dinner each Wednesday. Make it a Regular Date...See you each Wednesday Eve at Zip's --At the Bridge, Main St., Danielson. One stop! Restrooms, Gas, Food.

Do you have any idea how many years Danielson Surplus Sales has been in business? The headline to an article dated 2/4/75 (paper not given) from the same notebook reads, "Store Celebrates 25th Anniversary." "Danielson Surplus and Sales of 100 Main Street is celebrating its 25th anniversary this week according to store owners David and Shirley Rosenberg. The Rosenbergs opened the store in February 1950, on Water Street, opposite the U. S. Post Office. At that time the store occupied approximately 1,000 square feet and featured government surplus items, hard goods and work clothes. In 1955 the store's location was changed to 98 Main Street, where it remained for 19 years. In April 1974, due to the redevelopment of Danielson, the store moved to completely remodeled facilities at 100 Main Street, according to Rosenberg. Surplus now

occupies 5,000 square feet and features a diversified stock of government, clothing, shoes, camping gear and many nationally advertised brands, Rosenberg said. To celebrate their 25th anniversary, the Rosenbergs are giving a silver dollar with every \$25 purchase, according to Rosenberg."

February is African American History Month in the United States, formerly called Black History Month. On Martin Luther King Day I was thinking about racial events in Connecticut's past that have made a difference to the entire United States. Have you heard of the ship the Amistad and the controversy that it sparked? The tale is so dramatic that it was actually made into a movie by Steven Spielberg in 1997.

According to Celebrate Connecticut 350 Years 1635-1985 "the episode began in 1839 when a group of about fifty enslaved Africans, led by a man called Cinque, seized control of a Spanish slave ship, the Amistad, in the Caribbean. The Africans killed most of the crew and ordered the survivors to sail the ship back to Africa. Instead the crew steered the ship toward Cuba and wound up off course in Long Island Sound, where a United States naval vessel captured the vessel. A number of legal issues arose. The Spanish government claimed that the Africans were murderers and demanded that they be returned to their rightful 'owners.' On the other hand, international trade forbade the slave trade with Africa, and it was argued that the Africans

were kidnap victims with the right to resist their kidnapers. The United States Navy claimed the ownership of the Amistad and its cargo because of right of salvage on the high seas. Abolitionists immediately seized upon the case as a chance to vindicate the right of slaves to liberate themselves, even by force of arms.

"The Africans became the special concern of Connecticut abolitionists. Roger Sherman Baldwin (1793-1863), one of the state's most prominent lawyers and future governor deserves much of the credit for defending them. The most important issues, whether the Africans were guilty of piracy and murder, went to the United States Supreme Court where Baldwin and John Quincy Adams, the former president, succeeded in having the Africans exonerated in March 1841..." Sad to say, many years would elapse before the African Americans in the United States would truly be free.

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Common financial goals for 2019

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1. Get out of debt – completely: The great thing about this goal is that anyone can do it, regardless of income or wealth level. And if you want to get the most out of your finances, it's virtually a requirement that you get out of debt.

For the moment, let's ignore the good-debt-versus-bad-debt debate. At some point in your life, all debt is bad debt and needs to be paid off. That includes the mortgage on your home. Although the purpose of that debt may be noble at the beginning, it's no less a drag on your income than any other debt as time goes on.

Getting out of debt means that you'll have full control over your income – and that's an incredible feeling. That money you used paying off loans will leave you with more money for savings and investing – and even more for spending. It will make it easier to quit a job you don't like or make other transitions that were limited because you had too much debt. Lastly, it will free your mind of the worry and stress that come with debt.

You can set all of the good financial goals that you want, but it will be difficult to achieve any of if you are carrying a significant amount of debt for the rest of your life.

If you have high interest credit card debt or several different credit card bills to pay every month, it can make a lot of sense to take advantage of a 0% APR balance transfer offer as well.

2. Plan for early retirement: If you want to start early for retirement, compound interest may be your best friend. Even if you absolutely love what it is you do for a living, planning for early retirement is one of those top rated good financial goals.

A recent survey from Provision Living suggests that 43% of millennials have \$5,000 or less stowed away for retirement. The survey also revealed that most millennials are concerned about their retirement and doubt they will have enough to live on.

It is so important to thank about retirement early because reaching your retirement goals may take longer than you think; if you plan to retire at 50 you'll have plenty of time to make it by 65 in the event that you hit a few snags. Poor health could make early retirement a necessity – if you've planned and prepared to retire early, then you will be ready.

Family circumstances often require

more of your time, and early retirement will help you to have it. Though you may not want to fully retire early, you may decide that you would like to downshift and not work so hard. It's better to be able to retire early and not need to than to need to retire early and not be able to.

There's one other advantage to planning to retire early, and it's a big one. By working toward early retirement, you will be front-loading your retirement investment portfolio. That will give you a larger portfolio early, which will mean that you won't have to work so hard saving for retirement later in life when doing so may be more complicated.

3. Plan to leave your financial house in order upon your death: However, you live your life, it should be a goal to make sure that your loved ones are left at least a little bit better off as a result of your life. That means not only making adequate provisions for those who are dependent upon your financial resources but also making sure that you don't leave them with a financial mess to clean up.

Here are some steps you can take to leave your financial house in order upon your death. Make sure all your debts are paid, and if there are any large or unusual ones, by a term life insurance policy to pay off that debt upon your death.

Consider the impact of estate taxes, if your estate is large enough to be subject to them (insurance can cover that too).

Discuss the financial implications of your death with your loved ones, to make sure that everyone understands what you want to do, and also so that you will consider any concerns or insecurities that they may have. Make sure that you have set an example of good financial management for your loved ones – what they learn from you will benefit them for the rest of their lives, and probably more than any amount of money you could leave them.

Reaching a point of financial independence in life has nothing to do with luck or magic. It's simply a matter of setting good financial goals and having a concrete plan as to how you will achieve them. Once that plan is established, and working toward those goals becomes part of the habits that make your life what it is, achieving financial independence can almost seem as if it's happening on automatic pilot.

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Get Back to Work – You can overcome job search stress. Stay connected, get involved, and know your next steps. Our staff is here to offer guidance, direction and opportunity. February 5 (3 – 5 p.m.) and February 20 (10 a.m. – 12 p.m.).

Computers Made Easy – Learn the basic aspects of how computers work, basic computer operations and terminology for Windows 7. Topics include basic file management, using Help and Support features, Internet searches and how to identify secure sites. Geared for individuals who have never used a computer or needing a refresher on computer use. February 6 (9 a.m. – 12 p.m.).

Manufacturing Jobs for Everyone! – Manufacturing jobs are in huge demand. There is a job for just about everyone – from entry level to highly skilled. Find out about job opportunities and how to prepare for a career in manufacturing. Learn about the Manufacturing Pipeline and the free training – classroom or online – offered to help you get a great paying job in manufacturing. February 6 (1 – 2:30 p.m.).

Ticket to Work Orientation – This work-

shop explains Social Security's Ticket to Work program and how it supports career development for people with disabilities who want to work. Social Security disability beneficiaries age 18 through 64 qualify. The Ticket program is free and voluntary. Attend to learn how the Ticket program helps people with disabilities progress toward financial independence. February 7 (1:30 – 2:30 p.m.).

Creating A Job Search "Elevator Pitch" – Learn how to create the perfect 30- or 60-second "elevator pitch" to introduce yourself to potential employers. Explore how to identify or create a networking opportunity and effectively engage during a networking opportunity. Useful for all jobseekers unfamiliar or out of practice with networking, and those using LinkedIn. February 8 (9 a.m. – 12 p.m.).

Successful Job Search Strategies – Discover how to find and apply for jobs not listed in the classified section. Learn to use traditional job search techniques more effectively and how to research companies, use the Internet and search agents as a job search tool, and how to post your résumé on the CTHires online employment system. Explore CTHires and other sites for private, state and federal employment opportunities, as well as labor market information. Call (860) 848-5200 to register. February 8 (9 a.m. – 12 p.m.).

Word Made Easy – Designed for the beginner. Learn how to create, edit, copy and paste

Microsoft Word documents and much more in a fun, stress-free environment that offers a hands-on workshop. No computer experience necessary. February 13 (9 a.m. – 12 p.m.).

Metrix Learning – Offers an orientation to online training through the Metrix Learning System. E-Training licenses allow 90 days of 24/7 unlimited access to more than 5,000 courses (IT, desktop computer skills OR healthcare education). Learn new skills or upgrade existing skills to help find a new job or enhance your career. February 13 (1 – 3 p.m.).

Confidence Makeover: Rebound & Recover – Offers an outline of how to work toward a concrete confidence makeover by suggesting a variety of specific techniques and practical confidence-building tips that can make a significant difference in being the right candidate. February 14 (9 a.m. – 2 p.m.).

Advanced Word – Bring your Word skills to the next level! Do you know the best résumé format to use for an Applicant Tracking System? Come to Advanced Word and find out. Learn how to create bulleted lists and insert hyperlinks, tables and more during this hands-on workshop. Some experience with MS Word preferred. February 15 (9 a.m. – 12 p.m.).

Fundamentals of Résumé Writing – Learn how to write a focused résumé needed to secure job interview and employment offers. Topics include thinking like an employer, developing essential parts of

the résumé, keywords, relevant vs. irrelevant information, formatting and cover letters. Call (860) 848-5200 to register. February 15 (9 a.m. – 12 p.m.).

E-mail Made Easy – Designed for the beginner, learn how to use email in a fun, stress-free, friendly environment. Create a job search email address; practice composing and replying to emails, and explore the features of Gmail during this hands-on workshop. No computer experience necessary. February 19 (9 a.m. – 12 p.m.).

Networking with LinkedIn – Helps jobseekers create or update a LinkedIn profile. Learn how to build your online network and how to enhance your job search through online networking. You will be encouraged to join relevant professional groups available through LinkedIn to expand your electronic network. Course content includes how to use Local Labor Market Information to identify, research, and approach local employers. February 19 (1 – 4 p.m.).

Applying Online: The Basics – Learn the

basics of applying online, including use of job search engines, emailing employers, and attaching and inserting résumés to online applications and emails. February 22 (9 a.m. – 12 p.m.).

Job Corps Orientation (for ages 17-24) – Offers an overview of Job Corps, trades offered, where they are located, and expectations for Job Corps students. Also receive information about eligibility and the process to enroll in the program. This is the starting point for any prospective Job Corps student. February 22 (9 a.m. – 12 p.m.).

Interviewing Strategies and Techniques – Learn how to strategically prepare for critical job interview questions. Topics include company research, developing a candidate message, questions to ask the employer, closing the interview, and following up. Call (860) 848-5200 to register. February 22 (9 a.m. – 12 p.m.).

Advanced E-mail – Learn how to effectively email employers. Create an effective subject line, learn how to attach résumés in the correct format, and practice

writing/emailing persuasive cover letters. 3-hour Please bring your email address and password. February 26 (9 a.m. – 12 p.m.).

Google Docs Made Easy – Improve your computer skills and learn how to use Google Docs now – don't be left behind! Learn how to use Google Docs in a fun, stress-free environment. Offers hands-on practice for creating and editing documents. Explore how to share documents with multiple people during this

hands-on workshop. Please bring your gmail address and password. February 26 (1 – 4 p.m.).

Employability Skills for Ex-Offenders – Focuses on helping ex-offenders market themselves to potential employers. Learn how to answer challenging questions on applications and interviews. February 27 (1 – 4 p.m.).

Health Careers Orientation – An overview of in-demand careers in healthcare, job skills and available certificate and degree programs. Also receive information about financial assistance. February 27 (2 – 3:30 p.m.).

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on substance abuse prevention in the Putnam area. This could make a huge impact on the community."

One of their larger fundraisers was held during their annual Christmas party, where they sold raffle tickets. The company then matched whatever the employees raised during that party.

They also participated in the Squash Hunger Challenge for Daily Bread, bringing in 3,000 cans of soup. With two pallets of soup, this was their third time taking first place in the challenge.

"What's great about Squash Hunger Challenge is that all 165 employees participated," said Pious.

Some employees donated dozens, others just one, but it all added up to thousands of cans.

Over the years, Nutmeg has donated to a variety of organizations, including the QVCC Foundation's scholarship program, and helping to build the Hale YMCA when it was first announced.

This year, Nutmeg was very excited

to include TEEG. This is because the Thompson-based organization will be close to the new wood division and warehouse that Nutmeg is opening in the same town. By the end of 2019, they are hoping to add 25 additional employees.

Having a location in Thompson has made Nutmeg feel even more invested in helping that area, which has made TEEG the perfect recipient.

"With 165 employees, that means our workplace affects 165 families. That's around 660 people within the community," said Pious. "It matters that everyone who lives around here has a great place to live."

And, according to Pious, northeastern Connecticut is a great place to live.

"Everybody knows everybody. It's a small community. But I heard that our Relay For Life is the highest grossing fundraiser for a community our size in the entire country," said Pious. "That just says a lot about us. It makes you want to do things like we do."

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Above: Executive Director of TEEG Anne Miller received a check, presented by Nutmeg Container's President Charlie Pious. Also pictured: Kevin Shaw (Board of Dir, TEEG), Charla Tomany (Customer Service, Nutmeg), and Jeff Hopkins (Quality and Safety Manager, Nutmeg)



President Charlie Pious and Jenny Winchell (HR, Nutmeg) presented a check to Sarah Wolfburg, Executive Director of NOW.

At right: Karen Osbrey (President of IHSP – Interfaith Human Services of Putnam – oversee Daily Bread) receives a check from President Charlie Pious and Tammy Diallo (Assembly Lead in Foam).



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and hurtful behavior. Instead, He has been gentle. Jesus (God in flesh) said it like this: "I am humble and gentle at heart." (Matthew 11:29 NLT)

Mankind has a history of lamenting, "If God is so powerful, why doesn't He do ____?" But God's power is actually better demonstrated by his restraint than by His action. The fact that God does not make mankind obey him or love him, proves that God is not only powerful, but that He is loving and gentle. When mankind disobeys God's moral laws, the ramifications of those bad behaviors are punishment enough. But God is so confident in who He is that He rarely responds with demonstrations of power. He usually only demonstrates His power to reassure us that he is our

gentle power.

The problem may lie in the fact that many people have only met God in theory or by means of religion or philosophy. They may have an idea of His power, and that is good. But only when someone becomes acquainted with God on an intimate, personal level, can they experience His gentleness and grace. When someone comes to know Him as their gentle Father, His power will be of great comfort and they will be forever grateful that He restrains Himself as He gently deals with mankind. Ultimately, mankind will reap what he sows, but for those who respond to God's invitation to make Him their Savior, He will be their Gentle Power.

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Behind the curtain at Bradley Playhouse



Costumer Kris Brandriff in her costume closet. This is where her large collection of costumes are, awaiting their day in the spotlight after a few embellishments and alterations.

BY OLIVIA RICHMAN
NEWS STAFF WRITER

PUTNAM — The Bradley Playhouse is known for their quality productions, from hilarious comedies to breathtaking musicals. But what people often forget about are the brilliant volunteers who donate their time each day to making these productions possible.

One of those people is board member and costume designer Kris Brandriff. Since 2015, she's been behind the scenes making Bradley's characters and stories come to life.

Bradley discussed the dressing rooms and costume closet — and then spoke about her passion for plays, and how she became the theater's go-to costume expert.

How did you get involved with the Bradley Playhouse?

My husband, Robert, likes to sing. He auditioned for Broadway Live 2015, and he got a spot. I have always loved theater and being involved in it. I was going to all the rehearsals and helping him practice. Toward the end, they asked if I would help with costumes. I

didn't know anything at the time, but I was happy to help.

What did you do?

Caroline Sloat had been doing costuming for Pomfret School and the Bradley. I would gather costumes for her and fit them for different actors. I had a business background, so I would make spreadsheets to keep track of the costumes and sizes. I would also help do minor repairs, whatever she needed me to do.

So at first you were just helping her out, learning about costuming.

She liked what I did, so she asked me to do Spamalot at the Bradley. Next thing I know, I was doing my own shows after that. Now, I've been doing six shows a year for the last four years. Then I got on the board and took charge of the costume room.

What was your first show as the lead costumer?

I did Souvenir. I thought there was only two costumes in the first act, but



Kris Brandriff shows off the set of "Noises Off" at the Bradley Playhouse.

Olivia Richman photos

it turns out the second act had eight costume changes within 40 seconds! The lead would sing, then come off stage, and then go on stage for the next song in a new costume. We did a lot of layering.

How do you come up with the right costumes for characters in a play?

It's a real process. It's really fun. The first thing I do is read the script inside and out. I visualize in my mind what the character is doing, what their personality is, what circumstances they're in. I look at the whole picture.

You want to fully understand who they are.

Once the actors are cast, I figure out what they're bringing to the show. Then there's fittings. Meantime, I research costumes or clothing of the period, location... I have had exposure to fashion with my textile background. It's really about knowing what will fit that character. Then I find pieces in the costume room that I could use as is or embellish on or modify to fit that period. If I don't find pieces, I go to thrift shops to find things that meet the criteria. If I can't do it that way, recently I've been able to line up seamstress that volunteer to make costumes. We never had that before.

It seems like a really creative process. What was your favorite costume you ever designed?

John Demers, he was the Big Bopper in Buddy Holly. He played it to a T. He had such energy and life. I came up with a leopard coat for him to wear during the show. It just really brought so much life to that character in tune with what he was bringing. It was the perfect match. It was just so him. I also made him one to keep after the show.

That sounds amazing. What do you think is the importance of costume when it comes to a play or musical?

It's the first visual of the person, the character. It's got to make an impact. It's got to flow with the story. It's got to make you empathize or dislike the person. It's really part of the act.

You said you were really into musicals before joining the Bradley. How did that interest start?

My mother had four children and they were all within a two year span of each other. She had me, and then twins, and then my brother. She liked to go out occasionally on Saturday night with my father. But we drove our babysitters nuts. She ended up finding a babysitter whose mode of getting us exhausted was putting on Broadway Musicals. She would have us dancing and singing and acting. She was a very smart babysitter. But I just always felt the love for theater since then. In high school they took us to some of the theaters in Rhode Island as part of our field trips. To me, it was like getting away to magical places.



"Costumes are the first visual of the character in a play," said Kris Brandriff. "It's got to make an impact."

Like a good story. What is your favorite production from the Bradley?

They have some fantastic actors and singers and musicians and crews... It's really hard to pick. I think my favorite of all time is Rock of Ages. They did that last spring. It was so out of my normal comfort zone. It was something that was hard rock with great music, fantastic music. The cast was phenomenal. They were just amazing.

What do you like about the Bradley?

I love it. It's a gorgeous little theater. Second, it brings in so many people from the area. My husband and I have lived in Brooklyn for almost 40 years and we didn't get involved with Putnam before Bradley. We really never had time to get involved in the community. But having discovered the Bradley, it's just fantastic. We love helping out with the maintenance. We're both really involved. The people are terrific. It just energizes me.

Why do you feel it's important to have a local theater?

It's really important. The kids need to be involved in the theater. They need the arts. They need music. They need acting. They need avenues to let their inner kid out. They don't get that opportunity much anymore. We've got a program we're sponsoring now that teaches kids how to act and sing. It also gets a lot of older people out of the house. The shows and the talent here just blow me away.

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Gangne insures health care literacy

BY OLIVIA RICHMAN
NEWS STAFF WRITER

KILLINGLY — Throughout January, AmeriCorp member Loretta Gangne presented a Basic Health Insurance Literacy Program at Killingly Public Library. She has also presented this program throughout Moosup, Danielson and Putnam, and will have more programs in the future.

Gangne is one of 700 AmeriCorp members to help with these type of programs throughout all of Connecticut to meet local needs. During Gangne's 15-month term, she has also helped local food pantries and soup kitchens, aided book drives for pediatric patients, and held these health insurance programs at libraries and at low-income housing.

"I thought it would be a great idea to reach out to the community," she said. "It's always been important to me. I tend to give back to the community a lot, especially helping people who don't have enough to eat. The

homeless population. That's the areas I like to work with."

According to Gangne, there is a lot of need in this area. The soup kitchens and food pantries are often overwhelmed, and homelessness is a problem.

The Basic Health Insurance Literacy Program is a way to help people understand health insurance, how to access it, and how to navigate the health care field.

"Many people are not aware of basic insurance information," said Gangne. "They're not aware of how to find a provider."

It's an issue that affects both the younger generation looking for their first insurance coverage policy, and even the older generations, who often misunderstand certain terms.

The largest misunderstanding seems to be the words used in health insurance: The difference between a premium, a deductible and co-pay. The premium is what you pay for health insurance. Co-pay is what you

pay at the time of your visit. And the deductible is what you pay before insurance kicks in.

She also discusses with people how to find a primary provider that's right for you. Many people will just stick to the first one they find, but there are providers who will meet people's specific needs.

"We go over questions to ask these providers," she said.

Going into 2019, about 44 million people in the United States don't have health insurance, and another 38 million have inadequate health insurance, according to PBS. That's nearly one-third of Americans who cannot properly pay for medical care for themselves or their families.

If you would like to sign up for upcoming seminars on this topic or would like to learn more about AmeriCorp, call (860) 918-5088.

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Airline Trail due for upgrade

BY OLIVIA RICHMAN
NEWS STAFF WRITER

POMFRET — One of Pomfret's most-used recreational assets will soon be getting some major improvements. Thanks to a Transportation Alternative Program grant, Pomfret received \$2.9 million towards updating the Airline Trail.

Starting in the summer of 2019, the town would begin building two bridges and three paths that travel underneath the road.

The bridges would be on Needle's Eye Road and a larger one on Route 169, in areas where pedestrians using the Airline Trail usually must cross busy sections of road. The paths are being created on Holmes Road, Modock Road and River Road.

"The crossings are not very safe," said First Selectman Maureen Nicholson. "The airline is an old route, and the roads crossing it were not established with pedestrians in mind. They don't have a very good sight line. It's just very unsafe. This will create a safer and better experience on the trail."

The project will be completed in 2020.

Meanwhile, the Airline Trail will be receiving a major facelift thanks to the Sewer Project, which will connect Pomfret School, Rectory School and Loose & Company into the water treatment plant in Putnam.

According to Nicholson, their on-site treatment plants have "reached maturity." To combat this, they will now tie into the sewer line in Putnam, and the town has chosen to do this along the Airline Trail, instead of the main roads. Avoiding tearing up the roads, this is a less expensive and more direct route.

"A side benefit of this," said Nicholson, "is that it will also be improving the Airline Trail. We will be improving the drainage, the grades, and removing trees that grew on the trail."

This project should be completed by the end of 2019.

The Airline Trail, which was first created to connect Boston and New York, has been a major source of outdoor fun for the Pomfret area. And with the

current push to connect Putnam's River Trail and the Hale YMCA, it's looking to get even more exciting for the Quiet Corner.

"People are on it all the time," said Nicholson. "It's a huge destination. People just really appreciate the outdoors around here. It's an easy walk. You can cross-country ski. People bike on it. Families walk their dogs along it. A wide variety of folks use it."

And the Airline Trail is beautiful. It's a great way to see New England scenery from Pomfret to Willimantic. The state has been working very hard, said Nicholson, to maintain the trail throughout the state over the years.

"I'm very enthusiastic about this project," she said. "It's a very exciting project for Pomfret to participate in and I'm looking forward to both projects being completed."

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Wednesday, Feb. 6
Crystal Pond Park Commission, 6 p.m., Town Hall

Thursday, Feb. 7
Board of Selectmen, 4 p.m., Town Hall

P&Z Sub-Committee, 7:30 p.m., Town Hall

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Board of Selectmen, 7 p.m., Senior Center

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Tuesday, Feb. 5
School Readiness Council, 5:30 p.m., Town Office Building

Democratic Town Committee, 7 p.m., Eastford Public Library

Conservation & Historic Preservation Commission, 7 p.m., Town Office Building

Wednesday, Feb. 6
Crystal Pond Park Commission, 6 p.m., Town Office Building

Shutown affects northeastern Connecticut

BY OLIVIA RICHMAN
NEWS STAFF WRITER

THOMPSON — The government shutdown and politics in general sometimes seem a world away from us, our families, our communities. But for some people in the Quiet Corner, the government shutdown directly affected their lives and left them feeling very uncertain about their future.

Thompson Ecumenical Empowerment Group and other local organizations have urged their clients to “keep an eye on what the government is doing,” since many low income families have started seeing some changes in their SNAP benefits.

As a side effect of the shutdown, the Department of Social Services gave out SNAP benefits early. Now, there is a risk people’s benefits will dry up before

the end of February if the government shuts down again.

Another program that is possibly in danger from the shutdown is WIC (Women Infants & Children), which provides federal grants for supplemental foods and healthcare for low income families. This is a program TEEG and other organizations steer their clients towards when they need assistance.

According to TEEG Community Outreach Coordinator and Food Pantry Manager Jason Bleau, federal programs like SNAP are all affected by the shut down, and SNAP has become a “big focus” for TEEG. That’s because it’s “up to us to assist anybody on those programs the best way we can if SNAP is shut off.”

While they are still discussing how to best deal with this possibility, one of the side effects

they are aware of is more traffic to their food pantry – and other food pantries throughout the Quiet Corner.

Increased traffic to food pantries will quickly deplete their supply.

Because so many of their clients have limited access to the internet, Bleau said it’s important for TEEG and other organizations to help them understand what this shutdown may mean for the programs they use.

But he also wants them to know what resources are available for them during these uncertain times, including TEEG’s food pantry.

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Tigers win overtime thriller vs. Clippers



Charlie Lentz photo

Tourtellotte Memorial's Josh Dodd drives to the bucket with Putnam High's Colby Livingston defending on Tuesday, Jan. 29, in Thompson.

BY CHARLIE LENTZ
VILLAGER EDITOR

THOMPSON — The quietude of the locker room suits Josh Dodd. Tourtellotte Memorial's stoic senior scorer listened intently as coach Neil Bernier explained the stakes before the Tigers walked out on Canty Gymnasium's basketball court to face Putnam High on Tuesday night.

"Before the game I had a few key points. I kept it really simple," Bernier said. "It was about playing your role for the team."

A win against Putnam would give Tourtellotte six victories with seven games left in the regular season. Eight wins are needed to guarantee a berth in the Division 5 state tournament. A loss to Putnam and the Tigers would be facing an uphill climb. The stakes were high and coach Bernier laid his cards on the table.

"I said 'Josh, you had 29 against Norwich Tech, 22 against St. Bernard, we played well in those games. You had eight against Ellis Tech, you had eight here against Windham and we played terrible. You're not a guy we can live with scoring eight points,'" Bernier said. "You have to be the guy that comes out and scores 20 or else we can't compete. We don't have enough firepower out here."

Dodd understood as quietly as a basketball hitting nothing but net.

"He just nodded," Bernier said. "He's not a big talker in the locker room."

Adding to the pressure was the memory of the first time Tourtellotte faced Putnam High back on Dec. 21. Putnam trounced the Tigers 67-42 in the opening round of the Clipper Classic tournament.

"They beat us pretty cleanly the last time we played and I told the kids then that was a sign we have to get better, that by the next time we play them we have to work hard to make sure we get better so that the gap is closed," Bernier said.

The gap has closed. Dodd poured in a game-high 28 points and outdueled Putnam sophomore Colby Livingston (27 points) to lead the Tigers to a 70-65 overtime win at Canty Gymnasium on Tuesday night.

"Josh came out and he delivered when he had to," Bernier said. "We need him to be the lead dog as far as offense goes. We try to defer to him and get him into special situations to use his skill set. And he did that. And the guys got him the ball where he needed to get it."

The Tigers got it to Dodd and had no problem getting motivated to avenge the December loss to Putnam.

"It's a huge rivalry. Once we step out on that court we think any team can win this game no matter the records," Dodd said. "We just came out and showed them what we had."

Tourtellotte's lifted its record 6-7 with the win. A loss to Putnam would have dropped the Tigers to 5-8 and made the drive to secure a tourney berth a difficult journey.

"It's one of those games on the schedule that you've got to fight for, you've got to win. So I mean to get to states your senior year it's imperative," said Dodd, a senior forward. "We've got to make it happen, got to keep the drive alive."

The combination of playing a backyard rival along with the urgency to reach the state tourney dialed up the intensity meter.

"I mean that's pretty much the most you get there. I



Charlie Lentz photo

Putnam High's Colby Livingston tries to get past Tourtellotte's Stephen Scrapchansky on Tuesday night.

think you've just got to show up and play at that point. I'm just proud of my teammates tonight," Dodd said.

Tourtellotte survived a stellar performance from Putnam sophomore Colby Livingston, who tallied 27 points and sank a three-pointer at the buzzer in regulation to send the game into overtime.

Livingston hit a driving bucket with 2:31 left in overtime to put the Clippers up 63-62. But with both teams in the double bonus in the extra session the game was decided from the free throw line. With the Tigers leading 66-65, Tourtellotte's Mac Monahan sank a pair of free throws with 19 seconds left and Dodd connected on two foul shots with 15 seconds remaining to give the Tigers a 70-65 lead and complete the scoring. Putnam went 0-for-3 from the foul line in overtime and 13-for-23 for the game. The Tigers finished 18-for-27 from the line.

"We always have a tough battle in this gym," said Putnam coach Shawn Deary. "We came in knowing it was going to be a battle. We had every opportunity down the stretch. Tourtellotte made some free throws and we missed a few. We played hard. We showed up. It was a good battle. Unfortunately we came out on the wrong end."

Tourtellotte outscored Putnam 12-7 in the extra session and survived without senior point guard Spencer Fulone (11 points), who fouled out with 42 seconds left in regulation.

"You don't like to see your point guard go down, especially late in the game. It was tough — a couple underclass-

men, (junior) Mac Monahan, stepping in for Spencer at that point, he really did an awesome job. Steven (Scrapchansky) for guarding Colby Livingston down the stretch, two players that come up huge," Dodd said. "I just think our bench was able to fill in well."

Coach Bernier said his bench came through when it counted.

"Mac (Monahan) coming in, in overtime and filling that role and I thought Stephen Scrapchansky — I mean we wouldn't have won without him playing the defense that he did. I know at the end it's a tough assignment guarding Livingston. He really stepped up his game. It doesn't show in the stat sheet," Bernier said.

Senior guard Kobie Bates finished with 11 points and senior point guard Sebastian Ramos added 11 points for Putnam High. Putnam's record fell to 7-8 with the loss. The Clippers are next scheduled to travel to Montville High on Saturday, Feb. 2, with the game slated to begin at 1 p.m. Putnam needs just one more win to gain eight victories and earn a berth in the Division 5 state tournament.

"Obviously the goal is to

get to states. More or less we want to be in a better seed than just making it, so every win counts," Deary said.

Junior forward Devin Dalpe scored 15 points and Brady Monahan tallied 12 points for Tourtellotte. The Tigers (6-7) are next scheduled to play host to Wheeler on Friday, Feb. 1, with tipoff set for 7 p.m. at Canty Gymnasium. Tourtellotte needs two wins to gain entry into the D-5 tourney.

"That's a must-win game on Friday (against Wheeler) to get it to seven (wins). And then we have to win one more," Bernier said. "We have to find it somewhere in the schedule."

The coach wished he could bottle Tuesday night's intensity against the Tigers' backyard rival.

"We hope. It's like baseball, momentum's as good as your next starter. Momentum's as good as the next time we step on the floor and come out and be ready to play," Bernier said. "Hopefully we can carry this over and we don't lose focus."

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Putnam High Clippers sailing toward states



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Putnam High's Abby St. Martin shoots from close range at Killingly High on Jan. 25.

BY CHARLIE LENTZ
VILLAGER EDITOR

DAYVILLE — The final play wasn't designed for Jillian Gray but after a mad scramble the basketball found Putnam High's junior forward all alone underneath the hoop. With the score tied and 27 seconds left it was up to Gray to break the deadlock against backyard-rival Killingly High last Friday night.

"I'm just like, just going to the rim, nobody's guarding me," Gray said. "It was crazy. Lots of energy."

Amid the din in Killingly High's gymnasium, Putnam coach Mandi Hogan hadn't drawn up

a play for Gray on her pivotal bucket. The coach was trying to get the ball to sophomore forward Abby St. Martin, who had scored on a putback with 1:55 left to give the Clippers a two-point lead. But Killingly's Prachi Patel knotted things again at 39-39 on a bucket from close range with 46 seconds remaining — setting up the frenetic finish.

"We were trying to get it into Abby (St. Martin), the ball just kept getting tipped around," said Hogan of the game-deciding bucket. "Jill came off. She was in the right spot at the right time. She came off a screen, that was good to see."

Putnam junior point guard Kayleigh Lyons said the Clippers fed off the energy in Killingly's High gymnasium as the final seconds ticked down.

"Always having this many people out here, whether it's from the other team or your fans cheering for you, that energy just builds up for you and your team. It was just so energized in here that it just gave all of us that power to play and the will to win," Lyons said.

So with Killingly overplaying St. Martin, Gray cut to the bucket unguarded and received the ball. Was it the biggest shot of Gray's career?

"Definitely," she said.

Gray sank the pivotal basket to give the Clippers a 41-39 lead. Gray's bucket completed the scoring and finished off the Redgals when Putnam survived a three-point attempt from Killingly's Emma Carpenter at the buzzer at Killingly High on Jan. 25.

Putnam rallied from a 25-19 deficit early in the third quarter and trailed 35-30 after Killingly's Carpenter sank a three-pointer with 5:20 left in the game.

"I just kept telling the kids that we were right in this ballgame and to have some composure and play our game, communicate, basic fundamentals — screen and roll and box out — I wanted them to own it for the last three minutes," Hogan said.

It was "definitely" Gray's biggest bucket and also a definitive win for a Putnam team that is building momentum as the state tournament approaches in late February. The victory lifted Putnam's record to 13-2. Lyons said the team looked forward to playing at Killingly High. This was the first

trip the Clippers made to Killingly in Hogan's six-year tenure as Putnam High's head coach.

"It was definitely a big game for us. Coming out as a family and getting this 'W' it's just great, for not only our record but as a team just being able to do that together is an amazing feeling," Lyons said.

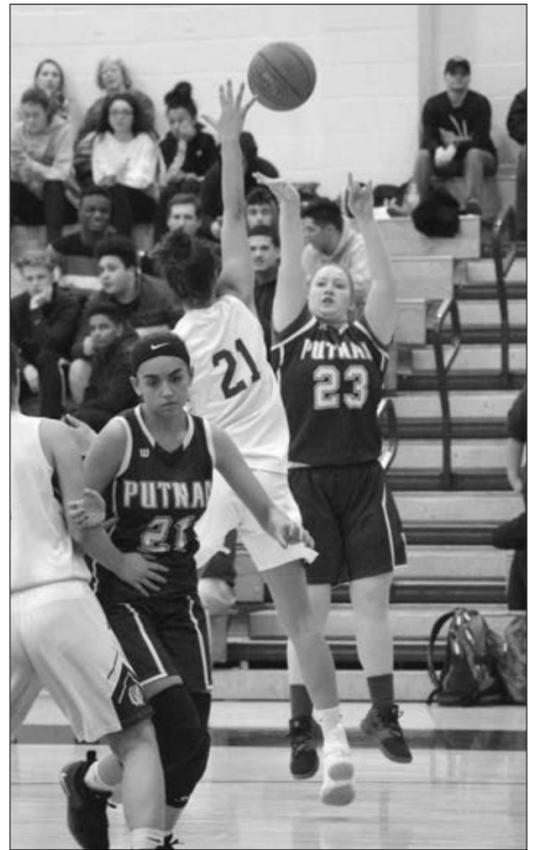
St. Martin finished with 10 points for the Clippers. Putnam junior guard Molly McKeon led the Clippers with 11 points and she sank a key bucket from inside after grabbing an offensive rebound with 3:28 left, pulling Putnam within one point, 37-36. McKeon then sank a free throw with 2:00 remaining to tie it at 37-37.

The Clippers rebounded with a vengeance down the stretch and after McKeon missed the second of her two free throws with 2:00 left, St. Martin grabbed the rebound of McKeon's miss and put it back with 1:55 left to give Putnam a 39-37. McKeon said the Clippers were determined to hit the offensive board hard.

"Coming out at half-time trailing (23-19) we knew had to pick up the energy and we all just started playing as a team," McKeon said. "The energy just kept going."

Killingly's Patel knotted things on a layup with :46 left to tie the game at 39-39. But Gray closed out the scoring with her key bucket with 27 seconds left — and Carpenter's three-point attempt for Killingly at the buzzer drew iron but was just off the mark.

"Going forward we have a tough stretch of games and the momentum of winning this game just helps boost us up," McKeon said. "It was a great win."



Charlie Lentz photo

Putnam High's Morgan Blackmar fires a jumper at Killingly High on Jan. 25.

Killingly junior forward Trinity Angel scored a game-high 17 points for the Redgals. Carpenter finished with 10 points for Killingly. The loss dropped Killingly's record to 6-8. The Redgals are next scheduled to play host to Plainfield High at 3:30 p.m. on Saturday, Feb. 2. The win lifted Putnam High's record to 13-2. The Clippers are next scheduled to play host to Montville High at 12:30 p.m. on Feb. 2.

Gray scored the biggest bucket of her career last Friday night. It was also huge win for the Clippers as they sail toward a good seeding for both the Eastern Connecticut

Conference tournament and the Class S state tournament.

"There was a lot on the line around here. This place was packed, a lot of energy," Hogan said. "This is the kind of basketball game you want at the end of the stretch. Toward the end you want to be getting ready for states and the ECC tournament. Killingly brought everything they had tonight and gave us what we needed at this point in our season."

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Tourtellotte girls racing to the wire

BY CHARLIE LENTZ
VILLAGER EDITOR

THOMPSON — Eight is enough — the magic number for high school basketball coaches. Eight wins guarantees a berth in the state tournament but it's a number that has tormented

Tourtellotte coach Carla Faucher for the last few seasons and this year's no different.

"You look at the schedule on paper and you're like 'OK, we should get these eight wins and we should be OK towards the end of the season,'" said

Faucher, in her 23rd season.

It hasn't worked out that way.

"We lose these games that we should have won and I call it the 'shoulda, woulda, coulda' and that makes it tough towards the end because then the pressure comes on us," Faucher said. "We're a team that when the pressure's on us, I don't know how we're going to respond. A couple of the girls are really working hard and the others are kind of like 'OK, well this is it.' It's trying to get all five working together."

In the 2015-16 season three years ago the Tigers mustered just seven wins and missed out on the state tourney. Tourtellotte won six games over the 2016-17 campaign and stayed home again when tournament time arrived. Last season (2017-18) the Tigers slipped in under the wire, posted nine wins, earned the No. 24 seed in the Class S state tourney and fell to ninth-seeded Coghinchaug in the opening round.

The Tigers are running a neck-and-neck race down the homestretch once again to get those eight wins and a number of close losses have made it another sprint to the wire.

"The girls are hanging in there. We're getting the steals when we need them," said Faucher after a 27-24 loss to Montville on Jan. 23 at Carty Gymnasium. "It's the transition down and turning it into points down on the other end."

Through 13 games Tourtellotte's record was 4-9. Particularly frustrating for Faucher were four losses over Tourtellotte's first 13 game that could have gone the other way. The Tigers had a chance to win before losing to Montville 27-24 — they had possession for a potential game-tying three-pointer before turning the ball over on an inbounds pass with five seconds left on the clock.

"Again, some youth in the game and everyone's kind of making a few mental mistakes. It's something that we have to keep working on," said Faucher of the turnover against Montville that denied the Tigers the chance for a game-tying three-point attempt. "When it gets close like that sometimes we put the right people in the right places and some mistakes still are made, it's part of the game. I'm happy with how they played. They hung in there."

Among the close losses over the team's first 13 games were setbacks to Windham Tech (25-24), Griswold (36-34) and Plainfield (63-60).

Senior forward Lauren Ramos led Tourtellotte with nine points, 10 rebounds, and six steals in the loss to Montville on Jan. 23 at Carty

Gymnasium. Lauren Velazquez scored a team-high nine points for Montville (10-5). Although the Tigers lost to Montville, Faucher said they can take away some positives from the narrow loss.

"Hopefully these kinds of games help us to get the wins in the other games. And hopefully we get back into the swing of things with practices, get our shooting going, and that's going to help us down the stretch," Faucher said.

Tourtellotte is next scheduled to play host to Wheeler at 5:30 p.m. on Friday, Feb. 1. The race to the wire continues.

"We keep on grinding," Faucher said.

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Tourtellotte's Emily Angelo goes up for a layup against Montville on Jan. 23 in Thompson.



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Tourtellotte's Brianna Loffredo releases a jumper against Montville.

Woodstock Academy girls hitting homestretch



Charlie Lentz photo

Woodstock's Katie Papp shoots with Longmeadow's Hannah Minardi defending on Jan. 23.

BY CHARLIE LENTZ
VILLAGER EDITOR

WOODSTOCK — Heather Converse is a workhorse off the boards and an inside scoring threat for Woodstock Academy but she needs some help. The senior forward is one of the few returnees from a squad that lost six key seniors to graduation after putting together a 17-7 record last season.

So while Converse is scoring and rebounding once again — those departing graduates took their jump shots along with them. Converse scored a team-high 10 points but was the lone Centaur to score in double figures in a 30-27 loss to Longmeadow, Mass., on Jan. 23

at Alumni Fieldhouse. The loss dropped Woodstock's record to 7-6. Coach Will Fleeaton said the raft of newcomers to the lineup are getting their feet wet on the varsity.

"I feel like we made some strides from the early point of the season. I just think our experience is letting us take a step back — like that one step forward, two steps back type of thing," said Fleeaton, in his fourth season. "But I think we have improved from the beginning. You may not have seen that tonight. I think we have taken steps forward. We've become better in certain areas. I think we just have to stay better."

Converse sank a driving bucket with 1:35 left to give Woodstock a 27-25 lead over Longmeadow but the Centaurs could not hang on. Longmeadow's Olivia Brown tied it at 27-27 on a 15-foot jumper with 1:12 left and Lancers junior guard Ilana Kofman broke the deadlock with a three-pointer with :16 left to complete the scoring. Kofman finished with a game-high 11 points for Longmeadow (8-4).

The Centaurs struggled to hit the outside shot against the Lancers. Woodstock junior guard Marina Monrabal connected on one three-pointer but the Centaurs sank no other field goal from beyond eight feet from the bucket for the entire game. Woodstock had no outside game to complement Converse's interior play.

"I feel like we can score from the outside. I think we hit these droughts," Fleeaton said. "We hit these periods. I think we've got some shooters out there that are capable of putting it in the hole. I think we're just not doing it. We're just not making them when they come. Or we're not, per se, ready to catch and shoot it. So we're not getting the look that we should. That creates a miss."

Fleeaton said their outside touch should improve as his players get more varsity time under their belts.

"I think it goes to minutes, and practices, and shots, and game play probably more than anything," Fleeaton said.

The state tournament arrives in the last week of February and Woodstock will compete in the Class LL tournament. After the Longmeadow game the Centaurs were ranked No. 21 in Class LL. Woodstock will have to move up five slots and finish in the top 16 in order to play host to a state tournament game. The Centaurs next play three home games over five days that will help determine their seeding for the Class LL state tournament. Woodstock plays host to East Lyme at 1 p.m. on Saturday, Feb. 2, then plays host to Lyman Memorial at 7 p.m. on Monday, Feb. 4, and



Charlie Lentz photo

Woodstock's Heather Converse goes up for a shot in traffic against Longmeadow, Mass., on Jan. 23 at Alumni Fieldhouse.

finishes the three-game stretch with a home game against East Hampton on Wednesday, Feb. 6, with tipoff set for 6 p.m. at Alumni Fieldhouse.

Fleeaton didn't rule out the Centaurs' chances for playing host to a state tournament game.

"Obviously that's what we want. If we're going to compete and we're going to play post-season we'd obviously like to start it at home, have a little bit more comfort to it. I wouldn't call it a stretch, it's five places up. I think if we can get this thing rolling in the right direction we can get there," Fleeaton

said. "I think we've got to get a little bit more mental focus as a group. I think we've got to play a little bit better together and I think we'll be OK. I think we have the tools we need. It may not be that evident and obvious on the outside. But us, as coaches and as a team, we're here together every day. We see it. We kind of see the light a little bit it's just a matter of — can we bring it out?"

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HIGH SCHOOL ROUNDUP



File photo

Woodstock Academy's Matt Odom scored two goals in the Centaurs win over Hall/Southington on Jan. 28.

PARISH HILL 61, TOURTELLOTTE 49

CHAPLIN — Tourtellotte Memorial's Lauren Ramos and Ashley Morin combined for 41 points but the Tigers fell short to the host Pirates in girls basketball on Jan. 29. Ramos, a senior forward, notched the first triple-double of her career with 19 points, 17 rebounds and 10 steals. Morin tallied 22 points and grabbed four rebounds. Leci Snow had a bucket, two steals, and two assists and Emily Angelo added six points for Tourtellotte. The win lifted Parish Hill's record to 10-5. The loss dropped the Tigers record to 4-11. Tourtellotte is next scheduled to play host to Wheeler at 5:30 p.m. on Friday, Feb. 1.

WOODSTOCK 83, BACON 52

WOODSTOCK — Chase Anderson paced Woodstock Academy (6-6 overall, 3-2 Eastern Connecticut Conference Division II) with 24 points in the win over Bacon Academy in boys basketball on Jan. 29. Aaron Johnson and Luke Mathewson each scored 12 points for the Centaurs. Jordan Guerra scored 12 points for the Bobcats (0-14, 0-5). Woodstock is next scheduled to play at Killingly High at noon on Saturday, Feb. 2.

WOODSTOCK GYMNASTICS

DANIELSON — Woodstock Academy's gymnastics team swept a tri-meet against Killingly High / Putnam High / Tourtellotte Memorial co-op and Stonington High on Jan. 28 at Deary's Gymnastics. Scores were: Woodstock 143.95, KPT co-op 132.9, Stonington 131.5.

Woodstock's Lydia Taft finished first in bars (9.2), floor exercise (9.55) and the all-around (36.75). Woodstock's Ali Crescimanno finished in first place in the vault (9.45). Woodstock's Maddie Grube finished first in the beam (8.9). The win lifted Woodstock's record to 6-0 overall, 5-0 Eastern Connecticut Conference. KPT co-op's record is 4-2 overall, 3-2 ECC.

CHENEY TECH 52, ELLIS TECH 22

DANIELSON — Alexah Potter scored 21 points for Cheney Tech in the win over the Golden Eagles in girls basketball on Jan. 28. Jalissa Aguiar led Ellis Tech with seven points. The win lifted Cheney Tech's record to 10-4. Ellis Tech's record fell to 4-11. The Eagles are next scheduled to play host to Grasso Tech on Friday, Feb. 1, with tipoff set for 5 p.m. at Ellis Tech's gymnasium.

WOODSTOCK 4, HALL/SOUTHINGTON 2

WEST HARTFORD — Matt Odom

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

February 3, Sun., 7:30-10:30am
American Legion Post 67, N. Grosvenordale, "All You Can Eat" breakfast. Tickets only \$9 for adults and \$5 children under seven and include scrambled eggs, homefries, bacon, sausage, ham, hash, English muffins, sausage & gravy, beans & kielbasa, French toast, pancakes, plus Belgian waffles and omelets. To benefit Legion Baseball Programs.

February 4, Mon., 6:45pm
Quiet Corner Garden Club presents Rain Gardens and why they are important, and how to build one, presented by Jean Pillo. \$5 donation requested of nonmembers or join for \$25 dues for 2019). At South Woodstock Baptist Church, 23 Roseland Park Road, Woodstock.

February 6, Wed., 7pm
Bingo every Wednesday night at St. James, 12 Franklin Street, Putnam. Proceeds benefit St. James School.

February 8, Fri., Noon-8pm
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February 9, Sat., 11:00
Cookbook club. Crock pot recipes! Bracken Memorial Library, 57 Academy Road, Woodstock.

February 9, Sat., 6:30pm
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February 9, Sat., 7-8:30am
The Soldiers, Sailors and Marines Fund (SSMF) assistance is available this Saturday and every Saturday morning, at the Pomfret Senior Center, 207 Mashamouquet Road (Rt.44) in Pomfret. Always free and confidential; call 860-928-2309 for questions. (The SSMF is administered by the American Legion to provide temporary financial assistance to qualified veterans.)

February 9, Sat., 4pm
Community Center, Main St., Hampton presents PUPPET SLAM-- a puppetry revue from soup to nuts masterminded by Flock - master puppeteers, and performances by local students

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Redgals still angling for tourney berth



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Killingly High's Trinity Angel shoots under pressure from Putnam High's Abby St. Martin, right, and Kayleigh Lyons, left, at Killingly High on Jan. 25.



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Killingly's Emma Carpenter drives to the hoop against Putnam at Killingly High on Jan. 25.

BY CHARLIE LENTZ
VILLAGER EDITOR

DAYVILLE — Like a benevolent fisherman, Killingly High's Emma Carpenter was attempting a catch-and-release last Friday night. With two and eight-tenths of a second left on the scoreboard clock and the

Redgals trailing Putnam High by two points — Carpenter was assigned the task of getting open, receiving an inbounds pass, and launching a potential game-winning three-pointer before the final buzzer sounded at Killingly High School. "There is a lot of pres-

sure," said the freshman guard. "You just need to focus and make sure you have a good touch on the ball."

Carpenter's three-point attempt found the rim but not the bottom of the net. Putnam High held on for the 41-39 victory on Jan. 25.

"It did look, from my angle, pretty close to getting in," Carpenter said. "But just hit the rim unfortunately."

While the Redgals (6-8) failed to snag a win against Putnam High they are still hoping to reel in a Class L state tournament berth. The Clippers came into the game with a 12-2 record and Killingly stayed with them. Putnam junior forward Jillian Gray broke a 39-39 tie on a bucket with 27 seconds to push the Clippers past the Redgals.

"They're a very good Putnam team. I have to give credit where credit is due. Putnam works very hard and they continue to work very hard," said Putnam coach Gina Derosier.

But Derosier was pleased with the defensive effort of senior guard Prachi Patel. Patel limited Putnam High's leading scorer, junior guard Kayleigh Lyons, to four points.

"I had (Patel) face guarding Kayleigh Lyons and she did a heck of a job on her. Hats off to Kayleigh and hats off to Prachi because Prachi did an excellent job on defense," Derosier said.

The coach said Putnam's 28 turnovers dented their chances against Killingly.

"We turned the ball over way too much but that's not a secret. We don't turn the ball over, we win the basketball game," Derosier said. "That's what it comes down to. We made our layups. We made most of our foul shots, so that wasn't an issue. It just comes down to turning the ball over."

Despite the turnovers the Redgals almost pulled out a win and Carpenter said they could take some positives from their effort.

"We were aggressive on offense and defense,"

Carpenter said. "It was tough. I mean I think, personally, our team worked really hard. We kept under control. We were confident in ourselves. And we kept going."

Eight victories are needed to guarantee a berth in the Class L tourney, although if not enough teams reach that eight-win plateau to fill out the bracket Killingly could sneak in with fewer victories. The Redgals had six games remaining on their regular-season schedule following the loss to Putnam and Carpenter said they're focused on earning a trip to the tourney.

"All we need is two more wins to make states. So we just have to work harder the next couple games and make sure we can reach states," Carpenter said. "We're very determined."

Junior forward Trinity Angel led the Redgals with 17 points. Carpenter finished with 10 points. Junior guard Molly McKeon led Putnam High with 11 points and sophomore forward Abby St.

Martin added 10 points for the Clippers (13-2). Putnam High is next scheduled to play host to Montville High at 12:30 p.m. on Saturday, Feb. 2.

The Redgals (6-8) are next scheduled to play host to Plainfield High on Saturday, Feb. 2, with tipoff set for 3:30 p.m. at Killingly High School. The Redgals couldn't convert a catch-and-release last Friday night — but they're still hoping to reel in a state tourney berth.

"We got what we wanted. It looked good. It wasn't a bad shot. It just didn't fall," Derosier said.

"We have some really tough games coming up. We're hanging around every game. We're hanging in there. It's just growing pains. We're learning. We get hungrier and hungrier every year. I like where our mindset is right now."

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Ellis Tech girls have key stretch ahead

BY CHARLIE LENTZ
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DANIELSON — The effort is there but the shots aren't falling. Ellis Tech coach Ryan Ouillette couldn't fault his Golden Eagles' hustle against Vinal Tech on Jan. 24 but they couldn't convert turnovers into points in a 29-25 loss on Jan. 24 at Ellis Tech's gymnasium. It's been a recurring theme this season.

"That tends to be us in a nutshell for the entire year," Ouillette said. "What needs to happen is when we force turnovers we've got to be able to finish. At the beginning we probably outshot

(Vinal) by 20 shots and they still had the lead at half. You can't miss layups. You can't miss little bunnies and expect to win."

But Ouillette said the loss wasn't because of lack of effort.

"If you go out there and you feel as if you worked 100 percent and you gave it you're all — hey, if the other team came out on top, that's all I can ask for, you worked your hardest," Ouillette said.

The loss to Vinal Tech dropped Ellis Tech's record to 3-10 and put the team behind the eight ball in its effort to return to the state tournament. Eight

wins are required to guarantee a berth in the state tourney and the Golden Eagles had to win five of their last seven games to reach that eight-victory plateau.

"It's going to be tough. But we're getting there as a team, still learning how to deal with pressure, how to run offenses," Ouillette said.

Ellis Tech qualified for the Class S state tournament last season after a six-year drought — it was the first trip back to states since the 2010-2011 campaign. Last season Ellis Tech finished with an overall record of 9-12, earned the No. 27 seed in the tourney and lost to sixth-seeded Sacred Heart in the opening round. Ouillette hasn't given up on a return trip to states but it will take some work and some wins.

"We'll try to find them somewhere," Ouillette said. "You can't just automatically come out and expect to win. You've got to learn how to win. So there's situational things that the kids have to work on — the good part is that we're young and these things are good for teams. So hopefully they don't put their heads down and they learn from it."

Ouillette's latest experiment in an effort to jumpstart his offense was putting sophomore Vivianna St. Jean at point guard against Vinal Tech. St. Jean started the season in the paint but Ouillette is trying to find a way get more point production out of his offense.

"I had my big, my center, running point guard. It's basically an open audition because I need to find somebody who can deal with pressure," Ouillette said. "I thought for the

most part (St. Jean) had her head up. She saw the floor very well. So one positive today is that. I'm going to keep working her at point guard. If other people can't do it than she's going to have to step in. Somebody's going to have to step in."

Junior guard Kalista Lovely scored a team-high 11 points in the loss to Vinal Tech. Hailey Fowler led Vinal Tech with 12 points. The win lifted Vinal Tech's record to 6-8. Ellis Tech is next scheduled to play host to Grasso Tech on Friday, Feb. 1, with tipoff set for 5 p.m. at Ellis Tech's gymnasium.

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ROUNDUP

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scored two goals in the Centaurs win over Hall/Southington in hockey on Jan. 28. Doug Newton and Connor Starr each scored one goal for Woodstock (9-4). Hall/Southington's record fell to 4-8. Woodstock is next scheduled to play host to Burrillville, R.I., on Saturday, Feb. 2, with the puck set to drop at 4 p.m. at Pomfret School's Jahn Rink.

NEW LONDON 57, WOODSTOCK 29

NEW LONDON — Kayla Gaudreau scored eight points but Woodstock Academy (7-7 overall, 0-4 ECC Division I) fell to the Whalers (13-2, 3-0 ECC) on Jan. 28 in girls basketball. Woodstock next plays host to East Lyme at 1 p.m. on Saturday, Feb. 2, at Alumni Fieldhouse.

PUTNAM 68, GRASSO 57

PUTNAM — Colby Livingston scored 18 points and Sebastian Ramos added 14 points to lift Putnam High over Grasso Tech on Jan. 28 in boys basketball. The win lifted the Clippers record to 7-7. Donnell Brown scored 15 points for Grasso Tech (2-11).

WOODSTOCK 4, REDHAWKS 2

POMFRET — The Centaurs qualified for the Division II state hockey tournament with the win over the Redhawks on Jan. 26. Doug Newton, Matt Odom, Guerin Favreau, and Devin Chadwick scored for Woodstock Academy in the win over the Redhawks in boys hockey at Pomfret School's Jahn Rink. Josh Leavitt won his first career start in goal for the Centaurs (8-4, 6-1 Nutmeg Conference). Steve Turchetta, from Montville High, scored both goals for the Redhawks (3-8-1, 0-6-1 Nutmeg Conference).

NEW LONDON 66, WOODSTOCK 62

WOODSTOCK — Noah James scored 22 points to lead the Whalers past the Centaurs in boys basketball on Jan. 24. Chase Anderson led Woodstock with 27 points and Aidan Morin scored 11 points. The win lifted New London's record to 5-7.



Charlie Lentz photo

Ellis Tech's Jalissa Aguilar drives for a bucket with Vinal Tech's Damariya Fountain in chase on Jan. 24 in Danielson.

OBITUARIES

LTC Margaret M. Connolly

Retired Lt. Colonel Margaret M. Connolly, 97, died peacefully January 3, 2019, at the Army Residence Community (ARC) in San Antonio, TX. Known as Margie to some, and Peg, Margaret, Sis or Colonel to others, Lt. Col. Connolly was born in Indian Orchard, MA to the late Cornelius and Ellen (O'Connor) Connolly and later moved to Warren, MA where she shared her life with Bill and Peg Carroll and their four children, Peg, Kathy, Tim and Bill following the death of her own parents at a young age. Lt. Col. Connolly graduated from Warren High School and then from the Mercy Hospital School of Nursing in Springfield, MA in 1944, subsequently joining the Army Nurse Corps in 1945 as a medical/surgical nurse. She left the military in 1947 only to be recalled to active duty in 1950 where she served until her retirement in 1971. While in the military she received Special Overseas tours in Germany and Italy and several assignments in the United States and was awarded the National Defense Service Medal with OLC and the Meritorious Service Medal in recognition for her service. Lt. Col. Connolly led an active life even in retirement, and was a devoted member of the St. John Neumann Catholic Church's Women's Club in San Antonio who faithfully attended religious services at the ARC. She will be remembered most for her visits and assistance to health care residents and neighbors at the ARC where she lived from 1996 until her death.

Lt. Colonel Connolly leaves her nieces, Denise Connolly of Brookfield, MA, Charlene Barbour (Benjamin) of Putnam, CT and nephews Kevin Connolly of Wareham, MA and Brian Connolly of Warren, MA. She also leaves behind her cousins Margaret (Carroll) Gorman of Warren, MA, Timothy Carroll (Veronica) of Hatfield, MA and William Carroll (Suzanne) of West Brookfield, MA. She was prede-

ceased by her brothers Eugene, Denis, Cornelius and Joseph Connolly, nephew Craig Connolly and her cousin Kathleen (Carroll) Theberge (Lt Col Royal) of Kingston, MA. The family is grateful for the dedicated and compassionate care provided to Lt. Colonel Connolly at the ARC and by Kindred Hospice and would like to extend their gratitude to all those who cared for her during her many years there.

A Mass of Christian Burial will take place on Thursday, February 7th at 9 am in the chapel at the ARC, 7400 Crestway Drive, San Antonio, TX, followed by a reception at 10 am in the Private Dining room. A private interment will be conducted at 1 pm with Full Military Honors at Fort Sam Houston National Cemetery, San Antonio, TX. In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to the Army Residence Community Greer Fund which provides educational scholarships for employees of the ARC and their children. Condolences may be provided to Sunset Funeral Home, San Antonio, TX by visiting www.dignitymemorial.com.



Kelly Anne Wilson, 55



WINTER PARK, FLORIDA - Kelly Anne Wilson, 55, of Jewel Avenue, died Saturday afternoon January 26, 2019, at the home of her parents in North Grosvenordale.

Born in Middletown, she was the daughter of Henry and Dale (Kokocinski) Wilson of North Grosvenordale.

Mrs. Wilson worked as a licensed practical nurse.

She was a member of and past President of the Florida Dachshund Rescue. Above all she cherished the quality time that she spent with her children and family especially the time they spent together visiting Disney World.

Kelly is survived by her parents; a son, Erik Larsen of Worcester, Massachusetts; a daughter,

Meaghan Wilson of Oviedo, Florida; two sisters Amy Wilson-Atienza and her husband Sean of Alexandria, Virginia and Caterina Wilson of South Boston, Massachusetts; and her beloved dachshunds Frankie and Emmie. She was predeceased by a sister Tracy Wilson.

Funeral arrangements are private and have been entrusted to the Gilman Funeral Home & Crematory, 104 Church St., Putnam, CT 06260. Memorial donations in Kelly's memory may be made to the *Florida Dachshund Rescue, c/o Lark Kruse, 1837 Jewell Avenue, Winter Park, FL 32789* or at www.fldr.org. For memorial guest-book visit www.GilmanAndValade.com.

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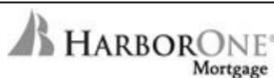
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OBITUARIES

Robert (Bob) J. Blake, 72



MOOSUP - Robert (Bob) J. Blake, 72, passed away on January 23, 2019. Beloved husband of Diane (VonWiegen) Blake who survives him. Robert was born on February 27, 1947 in Putnam, son of Earl J. Blake and Rose (Lamiotte) Blake. Both parents are deceased.

Robert married Diane VonWiegen on December 28, 1966. They just recently celebrated their 52nd anniversary together.

Robert lived in Moosup for the past 47 years. He worked at the Plainfield Greyhound Park, Kaman Aerospace, working various truck driver jobs, and 17 years at Foxwoods Resort & Casino as a B.J. dealer.

Robert served in the Army in Jacksonville, South Carolina from September 1966 thru September 1968 and Fort Dix, New Jersey, going into the National Guard in Danielson.

Robert always had a smile on his face and always greeted everyone he met. He always had a joke to tell you that would put a smile on your face.

Robert is survived by his son Randy J. Blake (Jessica Stailing) of Moosup, brother Richard Blake (Mary-Ellyn) of Woodstock, sister Rosalie E. Blake (Ted Crandall) of Plainfield, two grandchildren; Ryan Blake of Costa Rica and Nicole Blake of Fresno, California; three great grandchildren; Robert J. Blake of Costa Rica, Ethan C. Miller and Emma H. Burski of Moosup, also numerous nieces and nephews and great friends. Robert was predeceased by a son, Robert J. Blake, Jr., in 2016, and by two brothers, Donald O. Blake and Joseph A. Bourbeau and a sister, Marie Guertin.

Visitation was held on Sunday, January 27, at Dougherty Bros. Funeral Home, 595 Norwich Road, Plainfield. Burial will be private at a later date with military honors. In lieu of flowers, memorial gifts may be made to the family for final expenses or to Backus Hospital, A-2 Oncology, 326 Washington Street, Norwich, CT 06360, or any charity of your choice.



Donald P. Valade, 87



PUTNAM - Donald P. Valade, 87, of Thayer Street, passed away on Thursday, January 24, 2019 at Day Kimball Hospital. He was united in marriage on July 1, 1972 and was the loving husband of the late Theresa A. (Picciarelli) Valade. Born in Putnam, he was the son of the late Joseph and Irene (Rocheleau) Valade.

Mr. Valade proudly served his country with the United States Air Force during the Korean War. He went on to work as a material handler for Putnam Herzl for 27 years. He was a communicant of Saint Mary Church of the Visitation. He was a Lifetime member of the Albert J. Breault VFW

Post #1523.

Donald is survived by his sister, Constance Rivette and her husband James of Lewes, Delaware; his sister in-laws, Kay Picciarelli-Small, Claire Valade and Jeannette Valade; and several nieces and nephews. He is predeceased by his brothers, the late Richard Valade and J. Robert Valade.

A funeral mass at St. Mary Church of the Visitation will be held in the Spring. The Gilman Funeral Home & Crematory has been entrusted with Donald's arrangements. For memorial guestbook visit www.GilmanAndValade.com.



Jeannette (Sarette) Veilleux, 86



PUTNAM - Jeannette (Sarette) Veilleux, 86, of Vine St., died Thursday evening, January 24, 2019 at William W. Backus Hospital. She was the loving wife of sixty-eight years to the late Louis J. Veilleux who died on December 9, 2018. Born in West Haven, she was the daughter of the late Henry and Eva (Goyette) Sarette.

On November 4, 1950, at Sacred Heart Church in Webster, she was united in marriage to Louis J. Veilleux. Mrs. Veilleux worked for many years as a nurse's aide at Matulaitis Nursing Home in Putnam. Jeannette enjoyed playing cards and BINGO but, above all she cherished the quality time that she spent with her family and preparing Sunday dinners for them.

Jeannette is survived by two daughter, Cheryl Walsh and her husband Dennis of Putnam and Linda Thorstenson of Sterling; five grandchildren Gary, Timothy, Dennis, Ryan, and William, six great grandchildren Gary, Louis, Lauren, Aaron, Michael, Carter, and Peyton, and a great great granddaughter, Elizabeth. She was predeceased by her husband; a son, Robert; and her siblings Paul, Beatrice, Theresa, Cecile, and Bernadette.

Relatives and friends are respectfully invited to attend a Mass of Christian Burial on Friday, February 1, 2019, at 11:00 a.m. in St. Joseph Church, 18 Main St., N. Grosvenordale. Burial will follow in St. Joseph Cemetery. Funeral arrangements have been entrusted to The Valade Funeral Home & Crematory, 23 Main St., N. Grosvenordale, CT 06255. For memorial guestbook visit www.GilmanAndValade.com.

Louis J. Veilleux, 87

PUTNAM - Louis J. Veilleux, 87, of Vine St., died Sunday morning, December 9, 2018, at Day Kimball Hospital. He was the loving husband of Jeanette (Sarette) Veilleux. Born in Hartford, he was the son of the late Alcide and Evelyn (Lefebvre) Veilleux.

Louis was a proud Korean War veteran serving with the United States Navy. On November 4, 1950 at Sacred Heart Church in Webster, Massachusetts, he was united in marriage to the former Jeanette Sarette.

Mr. Veilleux worked for many years as an oil truck driver for Agway. After retiring from Agway, he worked part time as school bus driver.

He was a lifetime member of the Thompson Hill Fire Department and enjoyed hunting, fishing, and bowling.

Louis is survived by his wife, of 68 years Jeanette, two daughters, Cheryl Walsh and her husband Dennis of Putnam and Linda Thorstenson of Sterling; five grandchildren, Gary,

Timothy, Dennis, Ryan, and William; six great grandchildren, Gary, Louis, Lauren, Aaron, Michael, Carter, and Peyton, and a great great granddaughter Elizabeth. He was predeceased by a son, Robert Veilleux; a brother, Gene Veilleux, and a sister, Evelyn McConnell.

Relatives and friends are respectfully invited to attend a Mass of Christian Burial on Friday, February 1, 2019, at 11:00 a.m. in St. Joseph Church, 18 Main St., N. Grosvenordale. Burial will follow in St. Joseph Cemetery. Funeral arrangements have been entrusted to The Valade Funeral Home & Crematory, 23 Main St., N. Grosvenordale, CT 06255. For memorial guestbook visit www.GilmanAndValade.com.



Roger Eric Anderson, 76



BROOKLYN - Roger Eric Anderson died Thursday, January 10, 2019 at Day Kimball Hospital surrounded by family at the age of 76.

He was the husband of Marilla (Senior) Anderson, with whom he enjoyed 48 years of marriage.

Born in Waterbury on April 19, 1942, Roger was the son of the late Eric Gunnar and Marie Lundquist Anderson, both Swedish immigrants who made a home in Naugatuck. Upon graduating from Bowdoin College in 1964, Roger returned to Naugatuck to work at Risdon. There he worked with Rilla's sister who introduced them. Married in May 1970, Roger and Rilla grew their family in Brooklyn, where they resided from 1972 to present. Roger was Vice President at Moldex, Inc. in Putnam, where he worked for 16 years. Moving from plastic gear production to designing the molds used to make the gears, Roger was employed at ABA-PGT, Inc. in Manchester, for 26 years and retired as Vice President in 2012.

Baptized and married at Salem Lutheran Church in Naugatuck, Roger was a lifelong Lutheran, teaching confirmation for several years before marrying and moving to Brooklyn, where he and Rilla were active members at St. John Lutheran Church for over 40 years. Belief in a God who unconditionally loves the world is the foundation of how Roger raised his family and engaged life.

Roger and his wife Rilla centered their life on family; raising four children and creating every opportunity for extended family and friends to be together for holidays, vacations, special occasions, visits from Swedish relatives, or simply gathering for cocktails and a meal. Many of these gatherings have been enjoyed at their home in Eastham, Massachusetts where time at the beach filled the days and dinners included instruction on how to prepare and eat Lobster and steamers. Life and love are abundant at the table among family, friends, and guests when Roger and Rilla host.

Including his wife, Roger is survived by his daughter Beth Anderson of Ridgefield; daughter Kirsten Borland (children Alex and Lars) of Gurnee, Illinois; son Eric and daughter-in-law Kari Anderson (children Clara and Caden) of Westford, Massachusetts; daughter Rebecca and son-in-law John Walker of Sebastian, Florida; sister-in-law Sally (Bill) Ploski; sister-in-law Carol (Don) Schoeck; four nieces and nephews and their families; cousin Linwood Parsons of Naugatuck; and extended family throughout the U.S. and Sweden.

A Funeral service was held at St. Paul Lutheran Church in Old Saybrook on January 16. Rev. Geoff Sinibaldo officiated and Rev. William Carter preached. Private burial will occur later.

In lieu of flowers or donations to a specific charity, the family asks that intentional quality time and attention be spent with the loved ones in your life.

Patricia A. (Leon) Tennant, 77

WEBSTER - Patricia A. (Leon) Tennant age 77 passed away Thursday, January 24, 2019 at the Univ. of MA Healthcare Center, Worcester, MA. She was the wife of the late Vaughn Tennant who died in 2017. She leaves four sons; Richard Sebastian and his wife Katie of VA, Randy Tennant and his wife Rosa of NY, Rob Tennant and his wife Emma of CT, Daniel Tennant of NY, 18 grandchildren and 20 great grandchildren. She also had a son who predeceased her, Ryan Tennant of NY. Patricia also leaves two brothers, Dayton Leon of Little Falls, NY,

Thomas Leon of Oklahoma and a sister Shirley Ashley of Little Falls, NY. She was born in Little Falls, NY daughter of the late Charles Leon and Edna (Briggs) Leon. Pat was a Nurse's Aide. She enjoyed the Webster Senior Center and playing Bingo. Calling hours were held Saturday, January 26, 2019 from 1 PM to 3 PM in the Shaw-Majercik Funeral Home, 48 School St., Webster MA with a service in the Funeral Home at 2:30 PM. Please omit flowers and donations in her memory may be made to the Webster Senior Center, or Webster American Legion. A guest book is available at www.shaw-majercik.com where you may post a condolence or light a candle.

Marie P. Hamel, 78

Danielson CT / Webster MA - Marie P. Hamel age 78 passed away Tuesday, January 15, 2019 at Davis Place in Danielson, CT. She leaves three daughters, Bonnie McGee and her husband Michael of Charlton, MA, Deborah Riccutti and her husband Michael of NC and Kathleen Gabis and her hus-

band Tom of Dudley. She also leaves her grand daughter Kristen Baldwin of Dudley. She leaves eight other grand daughters, eight great grand daughters, and two sisters, Beatrice Baker of Texas and Elaine Nowasadco of Dudley. She was born in West Warren, MA daughter of the late Leo Paul Hamel and Beatrice (Lavigne) Hamel and lived in Danielson for the past six months prior to that living in Webster. She was retired from the American Optical Company. She enjoyed bingo, reading, computer games and crocheting. There are no calling hours. A Mass of Christian burial was held Thursday, January 31, 2019 at 10 am, Sacred Heart of Jesus Church, East Main St., Webster. The Shaw-Majercik Funeral Home, 48 School St., Webster, MA has been entrusted with her arrangements. A guest book is available at www.shaw-majercik.com where you may post a condolence or light a candle.

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OBITUARIES

Cheryl A. Hicking, 69



PUTNAM – Cheryl A. Hicking, 69, of 65 Ballou St., passed away peacefully Tuesday January 22, 2019 after an afternoon surrounded by family and close friends. Born in Peoria, Illinois, she

was the daughter of the late Edward and Agnes (Ryman) Hoevet. Spending the early part of her life living in Tampa, Florida, she then married her former husband, Richard W. Hicking, moved to Connecticut and raised her family.

Cheryl was above all a Mom. She had part time jobs as the children grew, as a receptionist of the East Woodstock Congregational Church, bank teller for a local bank and was leader of the kids Boy Scout/Girl Scout clubs. A weekend camping with Mr. & Mrs. H was common for many of her children's friends. After her children had grown, Cheryl worked for Labonte & Merrick Appliance store in Putnam, secretary for the Marions in Thompson, at the local sewing shop (more for the opportunity to be around her passion for a quality scrap of 100% cotton fabric for "the perfect quilt" she was going to sew) and most recently the Hallmark Store in Putnam. She enjoyed visiting with all the customers and co-workers she quickly was happy to call her friends. She was an avid gardener, having shared a plot at the Putnam Community Garden

with her friend Terry who she enjoyed spending time with at the garden or just daily life chats. Cheryl felt most comfortable at her sewing/crafting table. She enjoyed quilting, painting, making jewelry, homemade soaps, scrubs, lotions, baking from scratch then decorating the delightful dessert as it was a piece of art. There was not a bought Halloween costume or purchased birthday cake in the Hicking household. She enjoyed watching the birds and always researching nature, trees and especially gardening blogs and articles. She was full of all areas of valuable information and was always happy to share. She was a very talented, intelligent woman.

Cheryl is survived by her children, Randall W. Hicking of Putnam and Michelle L. Hicking and companion, Jody P. Reynolds of Dayville; and her brother, Gregory Hoevet of Florida. Cheryl is predeceased by her brother, the late Steven Hoevet.

Relatives and friends are invited to visit with Cheryl's family at 10:00 a.m. on Saturday, February 9, 2019 at the East Woodstock Congregational Church, 220 Woodstock Road, East Woodstock. Burial will be private. Arrangements have been entrusted to the Gilman Funeral Home and Crematory, 104 Church St., Putnam, CT. Memorial donations may be made to the ASPCA. <https://www.aspc.org/ways-to-give>. For memorial guestbook visit www.GilmanAndValade.com.

Barbara Zajac. 102



THOMPSON, CT- Barbara (Reynolds) Zajac, 102, formerly of Thompson, CT, died Saturday, January 19, in Overlook Masonic Healthcare.

Her husband Edward Zajac died in 2000. She leaves 2 sons Gerald Zajac of Waterbury, CT., and James Zajac of Coatesville, PA., her brother Myron Reynolds of Charlton, her sister Marion Reynolds of Charlton, 4 grandchildren, 5 great grandchildren, many nephews and nieces.

She was predeceased by 2 sons Clifford Zajac who died in 1967 and Donald Zajac who died in 1985, 2 brothers Warren Reynolds and Emerson Reynolds, 3 sisters Helen Brewer, Shirley Bromley, Gertrude Miller.

She was born in Charlton the daughter of Lewis and Lena (Jaskoviak) Reynolds. She graduated from Charlton High School Class of 1932

and Becker Junior College.

Barbara was a teller for Canterbury Bank and Brooklyn Savings Bank.

She was a member of the Charlton Federated Church and sang in the choir. She was also a member of the Charlton Grange, the former Southbridge Grange and was a Grange member of 88 years.

She enjoyed knitting, crocheting reading and crossword puzzles.

A Memorial Service will be held at 11:00AM Saturday, Feb. 2, in the Charlton Federated Church, 64 Main Street Charlton. A calling hour will be from 10 to 11AM in the church prior to the service.

Memorial contributions may be made to the Charlton Federated Church, 64 Main St. Charlton, MA 01507

Belanger-Bullard Funeral Home, 51 Marcy St. Southbridge is directing arrangements.

An online guestbook is available at www.BelangerFuneralHome.com

Thanks Jean!!!

Jamie M. Learned, 64

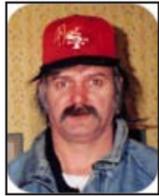


DIXFIELD, MAINE/ WEBSTER Jamie M. Learned, 64, of Dixfield, ME passed away on Tuesday January 15, 2019 at her residence. She was born in Webster, MA on August 27, 1954 a

daughter of George J. Daigle and June (Lowe) Langlois. Jamie was a graduate of Bay Path Regional High School in Charlton, MA. She loved her family, especially her daughter Jenn and granddaughters Alana and Ariana. She also loved her kitties, dogs and her guinea pig Patches. Jamie enjoyed doing crafts and will be remembered for having a heart of gold and the willingness to help anyone in need. Her apple crisp will be missed. She will never be forgotten. Surviving are the

Love of her Life, Rodney Learned of Andover; a daughter, Jennifer Piper and husband Todd of Peru, ME, three sisters, Lynne Dougherty and husband John of Webster, MA, Susan Muise and husband Paul of Dudley, MA, and Debra Walkowiak of Thompson, CT; a brother, Ronald Lowe and wife Sue of Mesa, AZ. Grandchildren, Alana Piper and Ariana Piper; and an aunt, Nancy Lambert, two uncles, Richard Lowe and Robert Lowe, and many nieces, nephews and cousins. She was predeceased by her parents, two brothers, Eugene Langlois, Jr. and Richard Crimp, and a sister, Brenda Langlois. The burial will be in late spring at Woodlawn, Cemetery, Andover, Maine. Donations may be made to your local humane society. The Shaw-Majercik Funeral Home has been entrusted with her arrangements

Robert Morin, 71



SOUTHBRIDGE- Robert Morin 71, "best known as Poochie by his close friends and relatives", of Pleasant St. died Jan. 14. at Harrington Hospital.

He leaves his sister Donna Walker and

her husband Jay of Thompson, CT, 2 nephews Erik Morin and his wife Zina, Keenin walker and his girlfriend Alice Normandin, a niece Jennifer LaBarge and many friends.

Robert was born in Southbridge the son of Robert and Sophie (Porra)

Morin and lived in the area all his life.

He graduated from Southbridge High School and was involved in a motor vehicle vs pedestrian accident close to his graduation.

Due to the injuries sustained in the accident, he did various odds and ends chores for people throughout the years.

He had a love for dogs and cats and collected Elvis memorabilia. He also loved wrestling and baseball.

Services were private.

Belanger-Bullard Funeral Home, 51 Marcy St. Southbridge is directing arrangements.

An online guestbook is available at www.BelangerFuneralHome.com

James J. Rzeszutko, 62



PUTNAM – It is with sorrow that we announce the passing of James Rzeszutko in his home Monday morning, January 21, 2019 after a lengthy illness. He was born on September 4, 1956 in

Webster, Massachusetts. He was the son of the late Charles and Jennie (Zdrok) Rzeszutko.

James is survived by his wife, Linda (Wheeler) Rzeszutko; his stepson, Tyler Weiss; his stepdaughter, Jennifer Weiss; and two stepgrandchildren, Hannah and Nathan; his brother, Richard Rizutko and his wife,

Jho Loyola; two sisters, Christine Brodeur and her husband James Brodeur, and Marcia Jarosz; several nieces, Alison, Lisa, and Tara; father-in-law, James Wheeler, and his mother-in-law, Madeline Wheeler.

James was a very generous person with a great sense of humor. He loved fishing, hunting, hiking in the woods, long drives with his wife, and playing games.

Calling hours have been omitted and burial will be at the discretion of the family. Memorial donations may be made in his name to Dana Farber Cancer Institute, 450 Brookline Ave, Boston, MA 02215. For memorial guestbook visit www.GilmanAndValade.com.

Barbra J. Labay, 35



OXFORD – Barbra J. (Snelling) Labay, 35, of Linden Street, died Saturday, January 19, 2019, surrounded by family at St. Elizabeth Medical Center in Brighton. She was born in Peterborough, NH

and grew up in Thompson, CT. She graduated from Tourtellotte Memorial High School in 2002.

She is survived by her husband, Timothy Labay of Oxford; three beloved children, Madison Labay, Kaiden Labay, and Hailey Labay, all of Oxford; her mother, Kathleen Knapp and her husband Paul of Putnam, CT; her father, Brian Snelling and his fiancé Michelle Phillips of New Port Richey, FL; her sister, Amy Crane and her husband Michael of Barrington, RI; her step-brother, Brian Knapp of

Worcester; her step-sister, Michelle Knapp of Oxford; her maternal grandmother, Marilyn VanDyke of Webster; and many loving aunts, uncles, nieces, nephews, and cousins. She was predeceased by her paternal grandparents, Eric J. Snelling and Ruth E. Stevens.

Barbra was a force to be reckoned with and pushed the limits to their fullest extent. Her children were her pride and joy. She will be missed dearly by her loving family.

A funeral Mass was held at 10 a.m. on Saturday, January 26, 2019, at St. Joseph Church, 12 Main St., North Grosvenordale, CT. Those attending are respectfully requested to meet directly at the church. Burial followed at North Cemetery in Oxford. Calling hours were Friday, January 25, 2019, from 7-9 p.m. Paradis-Givner Funeral Home, 357 Main St., Oxford. paradisfuneralhome.com

Gentilina "Lilly" (Potalivo) Nordman



Gentilina "Lilly" (Potalivo) Nordman of Southbridge died on January 4, 2019 after a brief illness. She was born July 1, 1924, daughter of the late Francesco and Lucia Potalivo and was the wife of

57 years of the late Melvin Nordman. She was also predeceased by her brother Harry Lanza and sisters, Mary Gendreau and Connie Olszta and their husbands Arthur Gendreau and Edward Olszta, who she loved dearly. She is survived by her 3 children - Jean Trombley and her husband Robert of Bozeman, MT, Marjorie Dorney and her husband Kevin of Norwell, MA, and David Nordman and his wife Darlene of Woodstock, CT. Adored by her grandchildren, Katie Dorney Wong, Brian Dorney, David, Scott, Michael and Derek Nordman, and Daniel and Matthew Trombley and her great grandchildren Dylan, Ellie, and Josie Wong, Bailey Nordman, Nicholas Nordman, Zachary Nordman, and Riley, Leo and Brady Nordman. Mr. and Mrs. Nordman were both very involved in the Leonard J. Lemire Post 6055 of the Veterans of Foreign Wars for many years. They were the first couple to serve simultaneously as Commander of the VFW and President of the Ladies Auxiliary in 1967. In 2002 Lilly was honored as Woman of the Year by the VFW in recognition of

her contributions to the organization over the years. Lilly worked as a production worker and then supervisor at the American Optical Company for 37 years, retiring in 1984. She and her husband enjoyed many happy years of retirement caring for their grandchildren and traveling across the country many times, including a car trip from Southbridge to Alaska on the Old Alaskan Highway. They visited all 50 states creating maps of each trip for the grandchildren to follow. Lilly also enjoyed sewing and cooking and baking for her family and friends. She was quite proud of her Italian heritage and her Italian specialty dishes were well-known and loved. Her positive, loving and accepting attitude and her strong devotion to her family and friends were an inspiration to all who knew her. A visitation hour was held on Saturday January 12th from 10:00 to 11:00 a.m. in Holy Trinity Episcopal Church, Hamilton Street, Southbridge, MA. Her Funeral Service followed at 11:00 am in the church. Burial was in Oak Ridge Cemetery. In lieu of flowers, please consider making a memorial contribution to the Veterans of Foreign Wars by mail - VFW Processing Center, PO Box 8958, Topeka, KS 66608-8958 or on line at VFW.com An online guestbook is available at www.BelangerFuneralHome.com Belanger-Bullard Funeral Home, 51 Marcy St. directed arrangements.

Eileen M. Dutram

Eileen M. Dutram Of Dudley, MA passed away at the Overlook Nursing Home Charlton, MA January 23, 2019, after a brief illness. Born in Dudley, MA August 13, 1923 to Clement and Mary (Lee) Dutram graduated from St. Louis High School 1940. Miss Dutram was a switchboard operator for the New England Telephone Company both in Webster, and Worcester MA, retiring in 1982. Miss Dutram was a member of the St. Louis League of Catholic Women and the Telephone Pioneers of America.

Eileen enjoyed many trips to Ireland with family, to visit family, another joy was watching sports on TV.

Predeceased by brother's Alexander and The Rev. Charles J. Dutram and sisters, Mary, Pearl Dutram and Muriel King.

She leaves nieces Mary Kosiba, Linda Cunningham, Nancy Cole, Eileen Parenteau and nephew Charles B. King, good friend Cathy Church. Grandnephews Sean, Nigel Cunningham, Thacher Parenteau, grandniece Danielle Lusignan.

Visitation is private. A Mass of Christian burial was held Monday January 28, 2019 at 10:30 AM in St. Louis Church, Webster with burial in Sacred Heart Cemetery, Webster. In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to the St. Louis Endowment Fund, 15 Lake Street Webster, MA 01570. The Shaw-Majercik Funeral Home 48 School St., Webster, MA is directing arrangements. A guest book is available at www.shaw-majercik.com where you may post a condolence or light a candle.

Lynne F. Lapensee, 65

Lynne F. Lapensee, age 65, of North Grosvenordale, CT died Saturday, January 26, 2019 at Harrington Memorial Hospital of Southbridge, MA. after a long illness Lynne was born in Boston, MA. She is the daughter of the late Frank and the late Roberta (Kenney) Coffey.

She is survived by caregiver and devoted husband of 39 years Roland F. Lapensee one son: Jeffrey Lapensee and his wife Kristen of Thompson, CT.

She was raised in Newton and has lived in Thompson for the past 34 years. She was a claims adjuster

with Commerce Insurance for 15 years. Lynne was an animal lover and a equine enthusiast raising and training show horses. She was a show judge on the Ct. and Ma. circuits.

Services are private please omit flowers donations may be made to the Second Chance Animal Shelter, 111 Young Rd. PO Box 136, East Brookfield, MA 01515. Bartel Funeral Home & Chapel is directing arrangements. www.bartelfuneralhome.com

LEGALS

TOWN OF THOMPSON

At the December 8, 2018 meeting of the Thompson Inland Wetlands Commission the following actions were taken: Application #IWA18027 approved with conditions, Strategic Commercial Realty, Inc., 0 Quaddick Town Farm Rd (Assessor's Map 145, Block 14, Lot 14) - Excavation of sand and gravel to create a 6± acre pond, a portion of which is located within the 200-foot upland review area; Application # IWA18032 approved with conditions, Krzysztof & Katarzyna Chojnicki, 49 Quaddick Town Farm Rd (Assessor's Map 154, Block 5, Lot 6) - Filling of wetlands for a septic system repair, grading in the 100-foot upland review area associated with the reconstruction of a single-family home, also located in the 100-foot upland review area; Application #SUB18033 approved with conditions, Conner Land Trust, LLC, 223 Stawicki Rd (Assessor's Map 97, Block 43, Lot 1) - conceptual approval for a 3 lot subdivision. Jarrett Thomas, Chair February 1, 2019

Salvatore F. Morreale, 81

SOUTH WINDSOR -- Salvatore F. Morreale, 81, of South Windsor, and long-time resident of Brooklyn, will be remembered as a loving father and husband. He was dedicated to his family throughout his entire life. He worked very hard for many years owning his own businesses and selling furniture, so his wife Linda (deceased) of 47 years didn't have to, so she could stay home to raise their three surviving children: Christina, Michelle, and Kathleen. He was loved by his grandchildren: Angelina, Bobby, and Ben as well as his sons-in-law Hannon and Brian. He was close with his brother Frank Morreale and looked forward to their conversations. He will be missed and always loved. Services are private at Tillinghast Funeral Home. In lieu of flowers, please make a donation to Pet Pals Northeast in Plainfield. www.petpalsnortheast@gmail.com

OBITUARIES

Amy M. Driscoll, 67



WOODSTOCK – Amy M. (Brennan) Driscoll, 67, of East Quasset Rd., formerly of Fairfield, died Wednesday, January 23, 2019, at Day Kimball Hospital. She was the loving wife of Jeffrey M. Driscoll. Born in Indianapolis, Indiana, she was the daughter of Mary Frances (Bender) Brennan of Prospect, Kentucky and the late Joseph Brennan. Amy received her Master's in Education from Fairfield University in Fairfield.

On December 28, 1971, at Our Lady of Peace Church, in New Providence, New Jersey, she was united in marriage to Jeffrey M. Driscoll.

Mrs. Driscoll worked for many years as a school teacher for the Fairfield Department of Education retiring in 2004. She enthusiastically taught second grade and delighted in classroom displays of rainforest plants, rocks and minerals and artwork.

Amy was a member and past President of the Quiet Corner Garden Club where she supported the maintenance of the gardens at Roseland Cottage and nearby Horticultural Center. She was an avid sewer and quilter who taught sewing at the John Dempsey Center, donating and fixing sewing machines to ensure everyone had a good machine to work with.

Above all she enjoyed helping people and doing for others, always thinking

of their needs first and foremost. Amy treasured the opportunity to spend quality time with her children and grandchildren whenever possible. Having them close by was a pure joy for her.

Amy is survived by her husband of forty-seven years, Jeffrey M. Driscoll; her mother, Mary Frances (Bender) Brennan of Prospect, Kentucky; her children, Greg Driscoll and his wife Deirdre Bushnell of Eastford, Daniel Driscoll and his wife Heather of Eastford, and Rebecca Driscoll of Ashford; a brother, Jerry Brennan of Milwaukee, WI; two sisters, Katherine Preston of Prospect, Kentucky and Teri Hanichak of St. Louis, Missouri; six grandchildren, Megan, Riley, Gavin, Ely, Oliver, and Henry; a sister-in-law, Terry (Driscoll) Swenson of Woodstock and many nieces and nephews.

Relatives and friends are respectfully invited to visit with Amy's family from 10:00 a.m. to 11:00 a.m. on Saturday, February 2, 2019, in the Gilman Funeral Home, 104 Church St., Putnam. A memorial service will be held at 11:00 a.m. in the funeral home. Burial will take place in the Spring in Quasset Cemetery.

Memorial donations in Amy's memory may be mailed to Special Olympics CT, 2666 State St., Suite 1, Hamden, CT 06517, please make checks payable to SOCT-QV.

For memorial guestbook visit www.GilmanAndValade.com.

Juliette R. (Hade) Baczanski, 100

Tequesta, FL/Webster, MA- Juliette R. (Hade) Baczanski age 100 passed away peacefully with her daughter and son-in-law at her side at the Jupiter Medical Center, Jupiter, FL. She was the wife of the late John J. Baczanski who died in 1981. She leaves her daughters, Paula Kroll and her husband James of Woodstock, CT and Tequesta, FL and with which she made her home and Sharon Lawrence of Thompson, CT.. She also leaves a grand daughter Jennifer Gadbois of Auburn, nieces and nephews. Juliette was predeceased by her siblings. She was born in Webster, MA daughter of the late Joseph and Albina (Audet) Hade and lived in Webster most of her

life then moving to Florida with her daughter. Juliette was a hairdresser and owned and operated her business for many years. A Mass of Christian Burial was held Thursday, January 31, 2019 at 11 am in St. Louis Church, Lake St., Webster. Family requests friends, please go directly to church. Burial in Mt. Zion Cemetery, Webster will be private. Please omit flowers, family requests donations in her memory be made to American Heart Association. The Shaw-Majercik Funeral Home, 48 School St., Webster is directing all arrangements. A guest book is available at www.shaw-majercik.com where you may post a condolence or light a candle

Helen Bessette, 90

CANTERBURY – Helen Bessette, 90, of Canterbury, formerly of Danielson, passed away very peacefully with her daughter Cynthia and son-in-law Eric by her side, Monday, January 21, 2019 at home in Canterbury. Born October 4, 1928 in Putnam, daughter of the late George and Evageline (Kotsoumaris) Atsales. She was the beloved wife of Victor (Nabby) Bessette they were married on July 11, 1953 at Our Lady of LaSalette Church in Brooklyn.

Helen enjoyed gardening, swimming and baking. She loved her trips to the casino with Cynthia and Eric. She was an avid UCONN Huskies Women's Basketball fan, she was also a Boston Red Sox and New England Patriot fan. In her younger years she enjoyed duck pin bowling and played in many leagues with her husband Nabby.

She leaves her daughter Cynthia Haas and her husband Eric of

Canterbury, whom she made her home with for the past nine years. Her sisters Bessie McConnell of Rockville, Maryland; Alice Theodor of Brooklyn; Mary Chubbuck of Middletown, and several nieces and nephews. She was predeceased by her husband Victor (Nabby) Bessette in 1986 and her son George Bessette in 2006. Anyone who wishes to may make a donation, please send to DKH Hospice of Northeastern Connecticut, PO Box 632, Putnam, CT 06260 in Helen's Memory. Helen also loved flowers.

Calling Hours were held January 26, at Gagnon and Costello Funeral Home in Danielson, which was followed by a funeral service at the funeral home. Burial followed in Holy Cross Cemetery, Danielson. Share a memory at www.gagnonandcostellofh.com

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#D9488



NEW RETAIL PRICE: ~~\$37,490~~
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Keyless Start, Alloys, Parking Sensors, Back-Up Camera, Bluetooth, Roof Rails.

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Like New **2016 HYUNDAI TUCSON SPORT SUV**



ALL-WHEEL DRIVE

NEW RETAIL PRICE: ~~\$30,775~~
STARTING AT ONLY: \$20,499

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Heated Seats, Back-Up Camera, Turbo, 19" Alloy Wheels!

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#H0552



NEW RETAIL PRICE: ~~\$39,585~~
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Bedliner, 20" Alloys, iPod Input, 4x4, 5.7L V8 Hemi, Tow Hitch.

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<p>2017 RAM 1500 EXPRESS #19272A • CREW CAB, 4X4, 5.7L V8, BEDLINER, 20" ALLOYS, NAV</p> <p>NEW Retail Price: \$41,930 WHOLESALE PRICE: \$31,988</p> <p>SAVE \$9,900 OFF OF RETAIL PRICE!</p>	<p>2015 LINCOLN MKC SUV #P11258A • ALL-WHEEL DRIVE, TURBO, HEATED LEATHER</p> <p>NEW Retail Price: \$33,995 WHOLESALE PRICE: \$22,355</p> <p>SAVE \$11,600 OFF OF RETAIL PRICE!</p>	<p>2016 HYUNDAI ELANTRA #H8550A • GT HATCHBACK, HEATED SEATS, 17" ALLOYS</p> <p>NEW Retail Price: \$22,305 WHOLESALE PRICE: \$7,988</p> <p>SAVE \$14,300 OFF OF RETAIL PRICE!</p>
<p>2013 NISSAN ALTIMA SL #18707A • 3.5L V6, 18" ALLOYS, MOONROOF, HEATED LEATHER</p> <p>NEW Retail Price: \$28,630 WHOLESALE PRICE: \$8,899</p> <p>SAVE \$19,700 OFF OF RETAIL PRICE!</p>	<p>2017 HYUNDAI SONATA #H0523 • SPORT TRIM, TURBO, HEATED SEATS, BACK-UP CAM</p> <p>NEW Retail Price: \$28,775 WHOLESALE PRICE: \$16,699</p> <p>SAVE \$12,100 OFF OF RETAIL PRICE!</p>	<p>2017 HYUNDAI SONATA #H0523 • SPORT TRIM, TURBO, HEATED SEATS, BACK-UP CAM</p> <p>NEW Retail Price: \$28,775 WHOLESALE PRICE: \$16,699</p> <p>SAVE \$12,100 OFF OF RETAIL PRICE!</p>

LIKE NEW 2017 FORD ESCAPE SE SUV
#39138A



NEW RETAIL PRICE: ~~\$28,045~~
WHOLESALE PRICE: \$17,544

4x4, 17" Alloys, Back-Up Camera, Turbo, Bluetooth, Satellite Radio.

SAVE \$10,500 OFF OF RETAIL PRICE!

LIKE NEW 2017 CHEVY EQUINOX LT AWD SUV
#39339L



NEW RETAIL PRICE: ~~\$28,695~~
WHOLESALE PRICE: \$20,244

All-Wheel Drive, 17" Alloys, Remote Start, Heated Seats, Back-Up Camera.

SAVE \$8,400 OFF OF RETAIL PRICE!

LIKE NEW 2015 FORD F-150 4x4 SUPERCAB
#P11746L



NEW RETAIL PRICE: ~~\$38,965~~
WHOLESALE PRICE: \$30,355

2.7L V6 EcoBoost, Alloy Wheels, Bluetooth, SYNC, Back-Up Cam.

SAVE \$8,600 OFF OF RETAIL PRICE!

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7 pm - 10 pm
Acoustic Fridays in the bar
Featuring Matt Soper
308 LAKESIDE
308 East Main St.
East Brookfield, MA
774-449-8333

SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 2

9 pm
YOUR MOTHER performs
308 LAKESIDE
308 East Main St.
East Brookfield, MA
774-449-8333

THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 21

6-8:30 pm
WINE TASTING DINNER
Featuring Kendall-Jackson wine
Apps, main course, desserts
\$55 per person plus tax & gratuity
308 LAKESIDE
308 East Main St.
East Brookfield, MA
774-449-8333

ONGOING

MARIACHI BAND
First Thursday of the month
5-8 p.m.
MEXICALI MEXICAN GRILL
Webster location
41 Worcester Rd.,
Webster, MA
508-461-5070

ROADHOUSE BLUES JAM
Every Sunday, 3:00 - 7:00 p.m.
CADY'S TAVERN
2168 Putnam Pike,
Chepachet, RI
401-568-4102

TRIVIA SATURDAY NIGHTS
7:00 p.m. register
7:30 p.m. start up
HILLCREST COUNTRY CLUB
325 Pleasant St., Leicester, MA
508-892-9822

TivoliNight

WISE GUYS TEAM TRIVIA
Every Tuesday, 8:00 - 10:00 p.m.
CADY'S TAVERN
2168 Putnam Pike (Rt. 44)
Chepachet, RI
401-568-4102

LIVE ENTERTAINMENT
FRIDAY NIGHT
HEXMARK TAVERN
AT SALEM CROSS INN
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Brookfield, MA
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EVERY OTHER SATURDAY
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50 Elm St., Auburn, MA





February