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Killingly voters approve bonding proposal



Jason Bleau photo

Killingly Memorial School

BY JASON BLEAU
NEWS STAFF WRITER

KILLINGLY — Voters in Killingly approved three bonding proposals in a referendum on Feb. 21 that will see several municipal projects come to fruition within the town hall, town schools, and at several local bridges.

Despite a very low voter turnout, all three questions passed by significant numbers and effectively approved bonding for each project, some with already determined price tags and others with only estimates that will be put out to bid. Killingly Town Manager

Sean Hendricks said the biggest question was the first on the ballot, a \$6.25 million bonding approval for several projects within the Killingly School District that passed by a vote of 211 to 55. Killingly Memorial School, Killingly Central School, and the Goodyear Early Childhood Center will all receive new roofs while the Memorial School will also see windows replaced in the near future.

"The big question was the improvements to the Board of Education building and the schools. That process has

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YMCA HAS A BIRTHDAY



Jason Bleau photo

The Hale YMCA Youth and Family Center in Putnam celebrated its first anniversary with a birthday party on Feb. 25. Cheyenne Maxwell of Putnam and her big sister, Suvannah, enjoyed the celebration.

CENTAURS SEEK STATE CROWN



Charlie Lentz photo

POMFRET — Woodstock Academy's Ryan Black bears down on Conard goalie Shea Henderson last Saturday at Pomfret School's Jahn Rink. The Centaurs are ranked No. 1 in the state in Division III and play host to a first-round state tournament game on Monday, March 6. Story on page B-1.

Thompson votes down roof proposal

BY JASON BLEAU
NEWS STAFF WRITER

THOMPSON — The voters in Thompson have spoken and for the second time have decided to pass on investing in replacing the roof of the historic Ellen Larned Museum building. The vote failed 344 to 304 in a referendum on Feb. 22.

The town-owned building has experienced leaking issue for quite a while and last year voters turned down an investment into replacing the roof with historically accurate material as part of the budget process in Thompson. With this most recent proposal totaling \$200,000 with a \$50,000 grant, many against the concept called for details on less expensive material that could be used as alternative roofing solutions including asphalt, metal, or clay and expressed concern with the price of historically accurate roofing. The arguments in favor of the project noted that choosing an alternate material would compromise the historical nature of the building, some-



The Ellen Larned Museum

thing that Thompson Historical Society member Joe Lindley said is now a very real possibility.

"It was a very close vote and we appreciate everybody who came out to help us out. We're going to have to go to

Plan B. We'll see where we go from there," Lindley said. "The problem that we've had is that we've run through all the less expensive routes already. Had the State Historic Preservation

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Study reveals minimal toxins at Thompson Mill site

BY JASON BLEAU
NEWS STAFF WRITER

THOMPSON — Potential developers have a starting point to work from if they have interest in redeveloping the Belding-Corticelli Mill

property on Riverside Drive in Thompson. Thompson's Board of Selectmen hosted a presentation on Feb. 21 of the findings from a Brownsfield Grant study performed by CME Associates that examined any potential pollutants or cleanup

efforts that would be needed for the redevelopment of the old Belding-Corticelli Mill site at 630 Riverside Drive.

CME Director of Environmental Services Wayne Bugden made the presentation and explained that the findings were promising and that the contamination of the site is minimal at worst and very manageable.

"We did a series of investigations to basically identify areas of contamination and determine how bad any contamination was in the soil and groundwater," Bugden said. "In the investigation we focused on the area that was formerly developed — essentially what we found is that there is contamination that's mostly associated with fuel oils that were used to heat the plant and generate steam power, and later the generators that ran direct drive on the machinery that was there. There was also some contamination due to coal ash. When the plant was operating on coal, like all of these old facilities, they generated a lot of ash, which was disposed of on the site. The contamination that we found was really not surprising. It wasn't really unexpected. You don't run a plant like this for over a hundred years in this kind of environment without having a few leaks."

The good thing about the sediment was we didn't see any difference between upstream and downstream. The French River is not clean for a lot of reasons and we find the same level of sediment contamination upstream and downstream," Bugden explained. "There may need to be a little bit more testing done but at this point it would be to just kind of seal the deal and confirm what we already determined, that contamination levels are similar upstream and downstream. So the cleanup of the site probably won't have to focus on any sediment."

The study further revealed the potential cost of the cleanup of the site for any developer interested in the project. Bugden noted the price would be between \$450,000 and \$500,000, which he considered a very good deal for large mill properties that usually take millions to redevelop due to major contamination issues. The biggest problem he presented here heavy oils that could prob-

ably be removed with the soil. Other sites could be resolved with a layer of new soil to cap it off. The key to it all Bugden said is to make sure anyone on that land does not come in direct contact with these contaminants, whether they remain on the site or are removed during the cleanup effort.

"This is what a redeveloper of a property would be looking at, what are they looking at for cleanup costs? It comes out under \$500,000. It's a lot of money, but if you see the size of the site and the costs of some of the remediation projects that are being done all around the state and around the country, especially on a site this large, that's actually a fairly small number," Bugden said. "It takes some savvy investors sometimes to figure out the funding mechanisms and compile them all. Now that we know there's not some massive amount of contamination and it's more of a nuisance, albeit a \$500,000 nuisance, but it's not something that's not going to kill the development potential of the property that sits on a main road like that."

As Thompson works towards seeking redevelopment of both the Belding-Corticelli site and potentially the River Mill just down the road, First Selectman Ken Beausoleil said the results of tests like this are important to increasing confidence in investors that these sites are feasible. During Bugden's presentation, Beausoleil said the study conducted by CME Associates is exactly what Thompson and the property owners needed to move forward.

"The property owner currently has a product that he can market now because now we know what the costs are and what a developer would be up against," Beausoleil said. "This opens up all the avenues for development, which I think probably everybody has been waiting for. This is what has been in the ground up there."

Bugden agreed and said the company wanted to provide results that presented a worst-case scenario to give the most realistic perspective on what kind of effort redevelopment of the Belding-Corticelli site would really require.

"I think everyone can see, sort of in their mind's eye, what the property could be. Now that we've found out the contamination of this rubble, which is just debris that is manageable and can be hauled away, I think the site has a lot of promise," Bugden said. "We've eliminated a lot of the uncertainty about what is actually there."

One other investment developers would have to make is work to the retaining walls along the French River at the edge of the property. Bugden explained some structural damage has been seen over the years and those walls are essential to keeping the soil in place. Seniors from the University of Connecticut's engineering program have worked with CME to explore costs and potential solutions for that work.

Selectmen are expecting a finalized report on the Brownsfield study into the Belding-Corticelli site to be submitted to them by CME later this month.

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Hale YMCA celebrates first year of operation

BY JASON BLEAU
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PUTNAM — On Feb. 27 of 2016 the town of Putnam celebrated the long awaited grand opening of the Hale YMCA Youth and Family Center. One year later the hype and excitement surrounding the first addition to Putnam's Regional Technology Park is still alive and well. Countless visitors and members filed in to celebrate the first anniversary of the center during a special birthday carnival on Feb. 25.

For some it was their first chance to see the inside of the YMCA and what it has to offer, for others it was just another day at the gym with some added fun and a sense of celebration for good measure. Regardless of why they were there, everyone in attendance seemed to appreciate the impact the Hale YMCA has made on the Putnam community, and the Quiet Corner as a whole, as they enjoyed games, music, food, and tours of the facility to celebrate its first full year of operation.

Executive Director Amanda Kelly said the first year has been nothing short of amazing for her and her staff as the community has fully embraced the YMCA and everything it has to offer.

"It's incredible. Here we are, a year later, and we have over 8,000 members. I remember giving my opening speech a year ago and saying how honored I was to be chosen as the first Executive Director for this facility, and I still am. Seeing the growth makes me incredibly proud. We have over 120 employees here and the success of the YMCA is the result of all of them working together to make this work," said Kelly. "This is a great opportunity to showcase what we do here. This is a youth a family center so that's why this anniversary event was intentionally done as a family day. We wanted everyone to have a good time and we have a lot of people here who have never been here before so it's a chance for them to see what we have to offer, enjoy a swim, and maybe join the YMCA family."

A bounce house, musical chairs, hula hooping, balloon animals, and more made for an entertaining afternoon for everyone who stopped by the enjoy the celebration. It was all topped off with a delicious cake donated by the Putnam Science Academy, which saw local children blow out the candles after everyone joined in a singing of "Happy Birthday."

Trish Espinosa, who joined the Hale YMCA right from the start a year ago, was one of many who brought her kids to enjoy the carnival and embrace the community oriented atmosphere. She said the YMCA has been nothing but positive for her and her family and believes it has proven to be a great asset for Putnam and the region.

"It's great to have the YMCA here.



A parachute game at the Hale YMCA birthday party last Saturday in Putnam

Jason Bleau photo

Our family is here all the time. I'm here working out all the time in the wellness center. My three children love to come here and play basketball or go swimming and they have a child watch room here as well so my husband and I can work out together. We're here almost on a daily basis and sometimes we're here twice a day so it's been great," Espinosa said. "It's cool to see the kids here today with their parents enjoying all these activities they provided for everyone. It's fabulous."

Nichol Higden, the Chief Operating Officer of the Hale YMCA's parent organization, the Greater Hartford YMCA, brought her daughter to enjoy the carnival and said she was very pleased and impressed with the early success of the Putnam facility.

"I'm very excited about the growth of the YMCA over its first year. It's actually exceeded our expectations, even so far in 2017. We're really excited about the new summer camp that they'll be running here. We have some new teen programs that are starting up that we're really looking forward to. It's great to see so many people here. This is what we're about," Higden said.

"I'm in Putnam at least once or twice a month and it's exciting to see how engaged and happy everyone is at this YMCA. It's great to see the people here today for this event. We want to be a community resource and asset so we're very proud."

The summer camp Higden mentioned is actually the newest offering by the Hale YMCA and will honor a man who played a major role in making the YMCA a reality. Amanda Kelly said the organization made the decision in

December to host a summer day camp and name it after the late Doug Cutler, who served as the Town Manager in Putnam all throughout the YMCA's planning, development, and construction.

"We had been in talks with Camp Woodstock, part of the YMCA of Greater Hartford, and we had planned to offer a before camp option and transportation to their day camp. What we learned is their camp is at capacity so we made the decision to offer day camp here, on site, in Putnam, to fill the need of the larger community," Kelley said. "With Doug Cutler's passing in October our Board of Advisors had been talking about a naming opportunity because he was instrumental in all of the behind the scenes work that it took to make this YMCA possible. When we decided we were going to host the camp we thought that was a great opportunity. It was just perfect."

Camp Cutler is now accepting registrations for its first season and, as of the birthday event, it was filling up fast. In addition, the Hale YMCA is now in the process of launching a fundraising campaign with a goal of \$55,000. That funding will go into the continuation and advancement of community programs and opportunities through the YMCA and build on the already established community partnership that has proven to be nothing short of a certified success in the organization's first year.

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Meeting set for Woodstock Historical Society

WOODSTOCK — The Woodstock Historical Society will launch its 50th anniversary year with an annual meeting to be held this Sunday, March 5, at the East Woodstock Congregational Church. The meeting will convene in the Fellowship Hall at 1 p.m. A brief business meeting will review the Society's activities during the last year and describe the exciting plans for the anniversary year. The board, chaired by Gail White Usher, is developing a stimulating series of events for the entire community appealing to all ages. The Woodstock Historical Society's website (<http://www.woodstockhistory.com/>) is being redesigned. The Society's home in Palmer Hall (523 CT-169, Woodstock, CT 06281) is being refurbished to allow greater access for exhibitions and research, and other important plans are underway.

The meeting is free and open to the public. Coffee and dessert will be served and guests are invited to bring a favorite dessert to share.

A feature of the meeting will be the lively presentation by guest speaker, William Hosley. His extensively illustrated talk "Making History/Making Place: A Celebration of Connecticut's Local Museums"

will include a dazzling array of familiar and little known sites across the state. Hosley is a widely recognized cultural resource development and marketing consultant, social media expert, historian, writer, and photographer. He is passionate about local history and historic preservation and has developed a deep attachment to dozens of places worth caring about. He was formerly Director of the New Haven Museum and Connecticut Landmarks, where he cared for a chain of historic attractions. Prior to that, as a curator and exhibition developer at Wadsworth Atheneum,

Bill organized major exhibitions including The Great River: Art & Society of the Connecticut Valley (1985), The Japan Idea: Art and Life in Victorian America (1990), and Sam & Elizabeth: Legend and Legacy of Colt's Empire (1996), that spawned the Coltsville National Park at the edge of the Connecticut River in Hartford. As an expert in heritage tourism, Bill has studied, lectured and advised museums and heritage destinations around the country. He has served as an advisor for PBS, BBC and CPTV film documentaries.



Courtesy photo

William Hosley

NEWS BRIEF

Meeting set at Woodstock Town Hall on local fracking concerns

WOODSTOCK — Concerned towns throughout Connecticut have begun adopting local ordinances to regulate the storage, disposal or use of hydraulic fracturing waste from oil and gas exploration or extraction activities.

As a temporary statewide moratorium on such activity comes to an end at the end of June, the momentum for establishing local ordinances is building. In Connecticut, Andover, Ashford, Branford, Coventry, Portland, Mansfield, Middlebury, Washington, Windsor and Windham have already passed ordinances. Woodstock,

Pomfret, and Hampton have efforts well underway, and other towns are beginning to consider this issue.

A public information meeting to discuss the issue has been scheduled at Woodstock Town Hall. The meeting is scheduled for 7 p.m. on Monday, March 13. The speaker will be Jennifer Siskind of Food and Water Watch.

"Fracking" is the nickname for "hydraulic fracturing", a process of pumping highly toxic chemical and sand solutions into the ground at high pressure to shatter or fracture shale and rock, thereby releasing trapped oil and gas. The fractured shale also releases a multitude of naturally-occurring toxic chemicals from underground, including radioactive material, arsenic, lead, strontium, benzene, toluene, xylene, and hexavalent chromium. These elements mix with highly corrosive brine from ancient seawater that has lain

buried below ground for millions of years.

According to Siskind, the Food and Water Watch Local Coordinator for Connecticut, "There is currently no fracking in our state. But the fracking fields of Pennsylvania are generating over a billion gallons of liquid waste, and millions of tons of solid waste, all of which need to be disposed somewhere. That requires thousands of tanker and dump trucks carrying dangerous loads through our region. Bringing this waste to one of the most densely populated and smallest states in the nation makes no sense."

Sometimes the waste is turned into secondary products, and marketed for construction projects. It is used as a base material for roads, spread as a de-icer or for dust control, and used for agricultural irrigation.

The list of reasons for serious con-

cern both locally and nationally, is a long one. The handling and disposal of this waste causes severe contamination wherever wastes are used or spilled. Local police and fire departments have the burden of being first responders, and the high cost of remediation cleanups likely fall on local taxpayers.

Spills, runoff and leaching of these contaminants have rendered private and public property and farmlands unusable, as well as polluting water wells and aquifers. Livestock, pets, and wild game have sickened and died after being attracted to and licking the waste as a salt-lick. Radioactivity can remain in the water and contaminated sediment and soils for thousands of years, and there are hundreds of studies published to date showing the human health risks from fracking wastes.

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Monday, March 6

Personnel Sub Committee, 6 p.m., Town Hall

Inland Wetlands and Watercourses Commission, 7:30 p.m., Town Hall

Tuesday, March 7

Economic Development Commission, 5 p.m., Town Hall

Special Town Council Meeting, 7 p.m., Town Hall

Wednesday, March 8

Agriculture Commission, 7 p.m., Town Hall

Thursday, March 9

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

POMFRET

Monday, March 6

Board of Selectmen, 7 p.m., Pomfret Community/Senior Center

Thursday, March 9

Conservation Commission, 7 p.m., Old Town House

PUTNAM

Monday, March 6

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

Tuesday, March 7

Commission on Aging, 6 p.m., Ella Grasso Gardens

THOMPSON

Monday, March 6

Quinebaug Volunteer Fire Department, 7 p.m., Quinebaug Volunteer Fire Department

West Thompson Independent Fire Association, 7 p.m., West Thompson Fire Department

Thompson Fire Engine Company, 8 p.m., Thompson Hill Fire House

Tuesday, March 7

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

Wednesday, March 8

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

Thursday, March 9

Thompson Housing Authority, 5:15 p.m., Thompson Housing Authority Office

Friday, March 10

Mill Sites Development Committee, 9 a.m., Town Hall

WOODSTOCK

Monday, March 6

Woodstock Business Association, 6 p.m., Town Hall

p.m., Town Hall

Inland Wetlands and Watercourses Commission, 7:30 p.m., Town Hall

Tuesday, March 7

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

Thursday, March 9

Arboretum Committee, 7 p.m., Town Hall

Open Space Land Acquisition, 7 p.m., Town Hall



Dr. George received his B.S. from the College of Engineering at Cornell University and his M.D. from Weill Cornell Medical College. His post-graduate studies included a general surgery internship at Brown University and Rhode Island Hospital, and an orthopedic surgery residency at the University of Vermont. He completed his training with a spine surgery fellowship at Penn State University and Hershey Medical Center.

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LEARNING

Woodstock's Strange performs at Eastern concert

WILLIMANTIC — Advanced student pianists from Eastern Connecticut State University performed alongside music faculty for a unique collaborative concert on Feb. 11. The first-of-its-kind "Multi-hand Piano Concert" featured repertoire for zero to eight hands, and was held in the Concert Hall of the Fine Arts Instructional Center.

Meaghan Strange, of Woodstock, Class of 2018, was among the performers. Strange majors in Visual Arts and Music. The idea for the concert was developed two years ago by Music Professor Okon Hwang upon learning that the Music Department would soon have two Steinway concert pianos at its disposal.

"When I heard we would have two concert pianos I knew we had to use them in a unique and creative way," said Hwang. "I wanted to find a way to celebrate the arrival of our new concert piano as well as the returning of our refurbished concert piano, a project that took a year to be completed."

The start of the academic year marked the beginning of preparation for the concert, and Strange was among six students chosen to perform alongside six faculty members.

"We wanted to showcase the true collaboration between students and faculty, so nearly every piece has a mix of faculty and student performers," said Hwang. "We chose students who are currently working one-on-one with faculty members in piano instruction. This is a wonderful opportunity for students with a high level of skill to show off their ability with a unique and challenging repertoire."

This concert format is likely to become a tradition for Eastern's Music Program.

"We are so thankful to have this beautiful new building with wonderful resources at our disposal," said Hwang, speaking of the year-old Fine Arts Instructional Center. "This concert allows us to take advantage of the two beautiful concert pianos that we have acquired and encourage further collaboration between our faculty and students."

QVCC Foundation offers scholarships

DANIELSON — March 10, is the deadline for students at Quinebaug Valley Community College to apply for more than \$135,000 in scholarships offered for the 2017-18 academic year by the QVCC Foundation. With the rising cost of higher education, scholarships can provide a significant portion of tuition, fees, and books.

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

Some scholarships have been set up by local businesses and families, while others are supported by local organizations including Day Kimball Healthcare, Northeast Opportunities for Wellness (NOW), Altrusa International, bankHOMETOWN, Jewett City Savings Bank, LiR at QVCC, Northeast Connecticut Arts Council, Northeast Connecticut Human Resources Association, Northeastern Connecticut Chamber of Commerce, Putnam Rotary, Rotaract, Savings Institute Bank and Trust, Spirol International, Thompson Lions Club, and United Natural Foods.

To apply for scholarships, students

SCHOOLS AND THE PUBLIC are encouraged to submit items for inclusion on the Learning Page.

The deadline is noon Monday. Send all items to Editor Charlie Lentz at charlie@villagernewspapers.com.

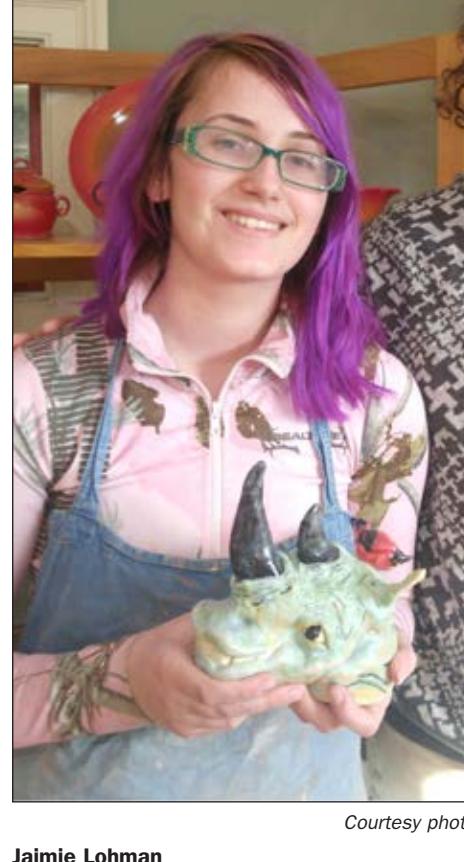
KILLINGLY STUDENT TO SHOW AT NATIONAL EXHIBIT

DAYVILLE — Killingly High School freshman Jaimie Lohman has been chosen for the annual juried national exhibition of student ceramics sponsored by the National Council on Education for the Ceramic Arts (NCECA). The National K-12 Ceramic Exhibition will be held in Portland, Ore. from March 22 to 24.

Lohman's work, entitled "A Rhino's Smile" was chosen from over 1,400 entries for this year's exhibition, over 1,200 of which were submitted by students in grades 9-12. While on display in Portland, Lohman's art will be seen by thousands of visitors from all over the world, many of whom will be in Portland for the NCECA conference. The exhibition will also be promoted through a catalog, poster and website, in which all the chosen work will be featured.

"The selection process was very difficult as there was such a high degree of outstanding work submitted," stated the National K12 Ceramic Exhibition Foundation.

Only 150 entries were chosen for the exhibition. This number is determined by the space available at the Convention Center where the NCECA Conference is held.



Courtesy photo

Jaimie Lohman

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

Scholarship applications are screened by an impartial committee from the QVCC Foundation based on the criteria of each scholarship. Awards are pre-

sented at the Foundation's Scholarship Night on Wednesday, May 3. Last year 101 students were scholarship recipients.

Detailed information about scholarships as well as the application can be found at www.qvcc.edu/scholarships.

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Tuesday, March 7 -- Hamburger or cheeseburger, lettuce tomato, ketchup, curly fries, diced pears, milk choice, alt. ham sandwich meal

Wednesday, March 8 -- Pizza (plain or pepperoni), garden salad w/Italian dressing, devil's food cake, fresh apple, milk choice, alt. garden salad plate

Thursday, March 9 -- Chicken nuggets, mac 'n cheese, ketchup, steamed broccoli, banana, milk choice, alt. turkey sandwich meal

Friday, March 10 -- Tuna salad sandwich, fresh carrots with ranch dip, potato chips, 100% fruit juice, milk choice, alt. yogurt/chocolate chip muffin meal

POMFRET COMMUNITY SCHOOL

Monday, March 6 -- Totally Taco Snax, Salsa, corn, carrot snacks, fresh fruit or fruit cups, 1% or fat free milk, cookie

Tuesday, March 7 -- Hamburger or cheeseburger, French fries, veggie cups, fresh fruit or fruit cups, 1% or fat free milk

Wednesday, March 8 -- Crispy

Thursday, March 9 -- Cheesy breadstick dippers with zesty marinara dipping sauce, fresh garden salad

chicken nuggets, steamed carrots, WG Roll, veggie cups, fresh fruit or fruit cups, 1% or fat free milk

Friday, March 10 -- NO SCHOOL

PUTNAM ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

Monday, March 6 -- Crispy chicken sandwich on WG roll, side of lettuce and tomato, sweet potato fries

Tuesday, March 7 -- WG spaghetti and meatball dinner, seasoned broccoli, WG dinner roll

Wednesday, March 8 -- Fiesta taco bowl, seasoned ground beef, lettuce, tomato, cheddar cheese and salsa in a WG tostado bowl, Spanish rice, Mexicali corn

Thursday, March 9 -- Cheesy breadstick dippers with zesty marinara dipping sauce, fresh garden salad

Friday, March 10 -- NO SCHOOL

PUTNAM MIDDLE SCHOOL

Monday, March 6 -- Crispy chicken sandwich on WG roll, side of lettuce and tomato, topping bar, sweet potato fries

Tuesday, March 7 -- WG Spaghetti and meatball dinner, seasoned broccoli, WG dinner roll

Wednesday, March 8 -- Fiesta taco bowl, seasoned ground beef, lettuce, tomato, cheddar cheese, and salsa in a WG tostado bowl, Spanish rice, Mexicali corn

Thursday, March 9 -- Cheesy breadstick dippers with zesty marinara dipping sauce

ping sauce, fresh garden salad.
Friday, March 10 -- NO SCHOOL

THOMPSON MIDDLE SCHOOL & TOURTELLOTTE (GRADES 5-12)

Monday, March 6 -- BBQ rib/bun, baked beans, cole slaw, devil's food cake, alt. main: hamburger/cheeseburger, bacon, lettuce, tomato, onion, pickle

Tuesday, March 7 -- Toasted cheese sandwich, tomato soup, crackers, roasted squash, alt. main: chicken patty/bun, lettuce, tomato, chipotle mayo

Wednesday, March 8 -- Chicken nuggets, mac 'n cheese, carrots, broccoli, alt. main: hamburger/cheeseburger, bacon, lettuce, tomato, onion, pickle

Thursday, March 9 -- Pasta w/meat sauce, roasted green beans, garlic breadstick, alt. main: chicken patty/bun, lettuce, tomato, chipotle mayo

Friday, March 10 -- Fish patty/bun, potato wedges, cole slaw, alt. main: pizza (plain or pepperoni)

WOODSTOCK ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

March 6, Monday -- Chicken Patty on a Wheat Roll, Baked Beans, Fruit, Milk

March 7, Tuesday -- Wheat Pancakes, Breakfast Sausage, Hash Browns, Milk

March 8, Wednesday -- General Tsao

Chicken, Rice, Snow Peas, Fruit, Milk

March 9, Thursday -- Hamburger, Gravy, Mashed Potatoes, Green Beans, Fruit, Milk

March 10, Friday -- NO SCHOOL

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LEARNING

Tinkling Bowls display at QVCC

BY JASON BLEAU
NEWS STAFF WRITER

DANIELSON — Quinebaug Valley Community College's Spirol Art Gallery is currently playing host to a unique, and deceptively simple presentation of the "Tinkling Bowls," a sound art installation project by Sean Langlais who presented his artistic concept during an opening reception on Feb. 22.

The latest display takes up only one wall in the room. The display includes 20 different tinkling bowls, each with the same components but a sense of chaos about them that gives them their own individual personalities and sounds to fill the room. The machines run on their own with no determined motion and nothing but solar power to keep them operating for as long as their components stay together.

Langlais said the display is part of a modern art movement and shows the relationship between

chaos and order through simplicity. While each bowl looks like it is running in an organized fashion, they are actually in their own perpetual motion. He described it as an art form open to interpretation by anyone who takes the time to appreciate it.

"It's hard to really put into succinct words. It's somewhat of an infinite concept. It's a 'here and now' kind of phenomenon, a confluence of cultural influences that come together to create an interaction between technology and objects," Langlais said. "You look at a Jackson Pollock painting and some may ask themselves 'What makes that important?' So it's about what the viewer sees. It doesn't have a category really and I've been engaging in this same type of work for about 20 years."

Langlais applied for a position at QVCC some time ago and met Spirol Gallery's Director and QVCC Fine Arts teacher Mark Szantyr. Szantyr and Langlais were final-

ly able to work out an opportunity for the artist to show his work in Danielson. Szantyr said he wasn't quite sure what to expect, but seeing the simplicity of the display has fascinated him. The exhibit is on display until March 17.

"I was just knocked out by the way he looks at the energy of the space and develops this whole thing. I didn't know really what he was bringing up. I saw these bowls and I think it's a beautiful project. It's kind of the other side of what's happening in the world today. It's loud and crazy and nuts out there, but this is kick-back and meditative so it's a counterpoint to the world," Szantyr said.

Langlais presented a little different interpretation than Szantyr, explaining that the chaos of the world actually fits into what this art form is all about. The bowls use everyday objects to create new meaning and open the mind to how different things can be used and interpreted while incorporating a simple

concept into the presentation.

"It's a reinvention of everyday materials. They are powered by solar panels and what that allows is for it to just be perpetual in a way. I've always been interested in the perpetual motion of the machine. Da Vinci tried to create it in his drawings with water that gets reused in a mechanism and generates continuous motion. Humans have tried to pursue this for a long time. I try to create things that are going to be perpetual and although you can't really do that, you can come close. These will run for years until the electronics break down," said Langlais. "Depending on

who is walking in front and blocking its energy source, the bowls will interact with them. It's very random. If you watch one of the units it does about eight or nine different ranges of activity. It's not just knocking. The magnet will oscillate and it will make another kind of sound. Certainly chaos versus order to me



Jason Bleau photo

Tinkling Bowls at QVCC's Spirol Gallery.

has always been interesting. I like both, but what I really feel like is very interesting is when the two come together and dance around the edge. How much order and chaos can you have before you lose the viewers interest?"

Szantyr said that he had high hopes for what the students could learn from such a simple display. He did admit the older members of the QVCC staff and student population seem to enjoy the experience more than the younger students, but said he hopes those same students learn that you don't need a lot to make an impact in the world

of art.

"You don't have to say everything. You can say one thing, and as long as the one thing you're saying is important or defensible or a human experience then you don't have to say everything at the same time. This is one statement, a very simple statement, and it's quiet, it's open, and they get to see how the whole space, and not just the object, plays into this art," Szantyr said.

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Courtesy photo

Eastern's Emily Riggs will perform on March 4.

Eastern music professors hold faculty recital

WILLIMANTIC — The Performing Arts Department at Eastern Connecticut State University will hold a faculty recital with music faculty members Emily Riggs and David Ballena at 7:30 p.m. on Saturday, March 4, in the Fine Arts Instructional Center Concert Hall.

Admission is free but donations will be gratefully accepted at the door. All proceeds from the recital will fund the Music Program's Freshman Merit

Scholarships.

The repertoire for the recital will showcase the relationship between folk song and art song and will include Manuel de Falla's "Siete Canciones Poulres Espanolas," Xavier Montsalvatge's "Cinco Canciones Negras," Johannes Brahms' "Zigeunerlieder op. 103" and selections from Aaron Copland's "Old American Songs."

DEAN'S LIST

Nikolay P. Ionkin, of Pomfret Center, has been named to second honors on the Clark University Dean's List. This selection marks outstanding academic achievement during the fall 2016 semester. To be eligible for second honors, students must have a grade point average of 3.5 or higher, of a maximum of 4.3.

The University of Maine at Farmington announced that Kimberly Day of Brooklyn made its Dean's List for the fall 2016 semester.

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Quiet Corner was once a wilderness



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March is women's history month. Have you ever thought about the fortitude and courage that the earliest females in Northeastern Connecticut must have had? They had moved from established communities to a virtual wilderness. Some were far from family and even neighbors.

Perhaps you have heard stories of South Killingly's first residents, Jacob and Hannah Spalding, who had moved there about 1718. In her History of Windham County, Connecticut, Volume I, Ellen Larned related what Hannah used as a weapon when her husband was away from home.

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

Marilyn Labbe has forwarded more extracts from the March Windham County Transcripts from 100 years ago so I'll share some of them. How much I take electricity, and modern conveniences, for granted! In 1917 people were still using ice boxes. "Announcement was made this morning of the retirement of T. E. Hopkins from the Consumer's Ice Company and the transfer of all his interests in the ice business to W.B. Ellis of this place who will conduct the same in the future. The Consumer's Ice Company was organized and incorporated in 1909, with T. E. Hopkins, president; George S. Brown, secretary and treasurer, and W. S. Brown, general manager. W.S. Brown severed his connection with the company several years ago and Mr. Ellis succeeded George Brown as secretary and treasurer. Mr. Hopkins has continued as president until the present time.

The Company's plant consists of two houses, one of 2,000 and the other 3,000 tons capacity, modern machinery for the harvesting of the ice, engine and boiler house, tool houses, etc., all located at Hygea Reservoir near the center of the town, also store house and stables at the corner of Main and Hutchins streets and the office located at 141 Main St.

Mr. Ellis states that the finest crop of ice ever taken from Hygea reservoir has just been harvested and housed and says that another house which will add an additional 2,000 or more tons to the company's present capacity and the construction of a spur track from the Providence and Danielson electric road to the plant for the shipment of the ice by trolley is contemplated.

The company is also making arrangements for installing a motor truck service later in the season, and will add such other innovations as will tend to

OPINION

Opinion and commentary from the Quiet Corner

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

What's the matter with Kansas

To the editor:

While we in Connecticut are enjoying a Winter Thaw, looks like at least one level of Hades is freezing over. From Rawstory, "Tea Party Gov. Brownback suffers humiliating tax defeat at hands of Kansas House" <http://www.rawstory.com/2017/02/tea-party-gov-brownback-suffers-humiliating-tax-defeat-at-hands-of-kansas-house/>

Kansas Republican Gov. Sam Brownback suffered a major defeat recently after the [Republican-controlled] Kansas House of Representatives voted [85-40] to override his veto of the legislature's tax hikes aimed at filling massive gaps in the state budget. 85-40, Republicans in favor of tax hikes! Someone pass me the smelling salts!

Did anyone tell Rep. Paul Ryan, Sen. Mitch McConnell and Popular Vote Loser, President Donald Trump about this Republican apostasy? Or should we ask, "What's the Matter with Kansas?"

... the tax hike legislation, passed by both the Kansas House and Senate this year, "would raise income tax rates and end a tax exemption for roughly 330,000 business owners."

Kansas's state budget has been in disarray ever since Brownback and the Kansas legislature slashed taxes starting in 2012, as revenue for the state has routinely fallen well short of projections.

This has led the government to make several unpopular budget cuts, including cuts to higher education, that have made even Republicans in the state willing to roll back some of the Brownback tax cuts.

Seems the Tea Party's live experiment with, as Stephen Colbert says, "Tinkle Down"

economics is generating a major case of heart burn in the Heartland of Republican America – Kansas, whose state constitutional offices are controlled by Republicans. Can't blame Democrats for this political equivalent of acid reflux.

Wonder if there will be an enterprising Democratic politician who can take advantage of this story from the Heartland of Republican America? And of course, will our media, both local and national, start questioning pro "Tinkle Down" economic politicians about these policies more in-depth than they have been.

The Failed Kansas Experiment with "Tinkle Down" economics is living proof that a blind emphasis on tax cuts for the wealthy and austerity for the rest of us impoverishes the majority for the benefit of the upper 0.10 percent. As President Franklin Roosevelt once said, "(an economically) desperate man is not a free man." "Tinkle Down" economics is the modern equivalent of feudalism.

And it seems that Kansas is not the only place learning the failure of "Tinkle Down" economics. Our European kin are too. From the Washington Post, "Austerity was a bigger disaster than we thought," At https://www.washingtonpost.com/news/wonk/wp/2017/02/15/austerity-was-a-bigger-disaster-than-we-thought/?tid=sm_tw&utm_term=.380db9dbf7b0. Please read it, and share it and the story of Kansas with anyone who blindly preaches that tax cuts for the wealthy and economic austerity for the rest of us is the major or only answer to our budget woes.

TERESA M. BARTON
DAYVILLE

Trump's immigrant policy is morally wrong

To the editor:

The Trump administration efforts to round up and deport illegal immigrants is mean spirited and morally wrong. I agree with Connecticut Governor Malloy that families should not be torn apart, the parents deported while their American born children are allowed to remain in this country. It is wrong to deny a path to citizenship for people who have lived and worked here for many years. People come here for a better life and more opportunity. The Statue of Liberty says give

us your tired, your poor, those yearning to be free. Immigrants do not threaten American jobs, it is corporations and employers who take jobs away from us by having work done cheaply overseas or in other countries with no protections on their work force. The money and effort spent to restrict immigration, to deport people, would be better utilized to feed house and train immigrants and all others needing skills and opportunity.

ANN C. ROSEBROOKS
THOMPSON

Quiet Corner needs high speed rail

To the editor:

As a kid, I boarded the steam-powered train which stopped in Putnam briefly on its way from Boston to New York often. My grandparents lived in the metropolitan area on both sides of the Hudson River. We stopped in New Haven to change engines. Steam substituted by electric in order to proceed to Grand Central Station. Fond memories.

Today's debate: how to speed up high speed rail from D.C. to New York and thence to Boston.

Well, the answer is obvious and simple! The shortest distance between two points is a straight line. Place a straight edge on a map showing the two cities, New York and Boston, connect the two cities in a straight

line, VOILA, the old railway line straight through Putnam.

But that would outrage the people along the Connecticut coastline, New London in particular.

The people who want the service (just as in Brunswick, Maine), but don't want to see or hear it. Tunnels, by-passes?

Yes, I am mindful of the other problem. The old railroad right of way. Eminent domain. Clear that line. Build the bridge across the Quinebaug River, the foundations are already there.

But no. Let's meander along the Connecticut shore. Take our time and spend billions more.

DAVID B. BOYD
WOODSTOCK

POLICE LOGS

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DAYVILLE

Monday Feb. 20

Fiem Ahmet, 56, of 254a Broad Street in Danielson was charged with criminal mischief in the third degree and disorderly conduct.

Dona Fenner, 57, of 59 Broad Street Spt. #B in Danielson was charged with criminal trespassing in the first degree and breach of peace.

Friday, Feb. 2

Anthony Bachand, 29, of 32 Edwardsen Street in Danielson, was charged with operating a motor vehicle when registration or license has been refused, suspended, or revoked, breach of peace, and assault in the third degree.

THOMPSON

Thursday, Feb. 23

Jacob Ritchotte, 20, of 26 Central Street Apt. #B in Thompson was charged with illegal possession of narcotics.

PUTNAM

Friday, Feb. 24

Raymond Rogers, 28, of 45 Woodstock Avenue Apr. # 2 in Putnam was charged with violation of probation on a conditional discharge.

Saturday, Feb. 25

Alicia Marando, 35, of 45 Woodstock Avenue in Putnam was charged with possession of heroin and possession of heroin with intent to sell.

EASTFORD

Saturday, Feb. 25

Micah Macnaughton, 33, of 147 Pilfershire Road in Eastford was charged with operating under the influence of drugs or alcohol, risk of injury to a child, and drinking while operating a motor vehicle.

PUTNAM POLICE DEPARTMENT

Trump's insecurity budget

GUEST COMMENTARY

SEN. CHRIS
MURPHY

It's like no one in the White House was awake for the last 15 years.

On Feb. 27, President Trump released the outline of what he's calling a "security budget" — one that increases defense spending by \$54 billion dollars and cuts funding for diplomacy, crisis prevention, and humanitarian relief by nearly a third. Putting our nation's ability to confront challenges through non-military means would leave us vulnerable and, in fact, insecure.

What about the American misadventures in the Middle East since 2001 is an advertisement to solve our problems solely through the projection of military force? What we have learned, first and foremost, in the last 15 years, is that the new threats presented to the United States cannot be met with the blunt force of military power alone. As our current Secretary of Defense said in 2013, if you cut funds for the State Department, you're just going to need to buy more bullets for the Defense Department.

You can't address the economic and public safety crises in Central America, which drive undocumented migration to the United States, with the military. You can't dry up terrorist recruitment online with soldiers or tanks. You can't stop the spread of Russian efforts to bribe, intimidate, and corrupt politicians in neighboring countries with another aircraft carrier. And you can't stop the quickening threat of climate change with another infantry brigade.

These new threats to the United States can be countered, but not by a massive expansion of spending on the military. It is the desperately underfunded tools of the State Department and USAID that can best meet these emerging threats to U.S. national security. Economic stability funding for Central America. Counter-propaganda efforts to beat back extremist messaging. Anti-corruption programming in developing democracies on Russia's periphery. Diplomacy to build on the international commitments made in the Paris Accords.

If Trump's goal is to improve America's safety and stability in a chaotic world, he's going about it all wrong by proposing only an increase in military spending. And he fatally compounds his error by paying for this expansion through cuts in non-military international programs. His massive proposed cuts to the State Department would effectively withdraw America from the world. In Trump's version of the world, America would roll up its global presence and retreat behind a great big wall, hoping and praying that the world's developing instability would stay away, like the young boy keeping his feet up on his bed to avoid the monsters underneath. Turning our back on the world would invite more crises and instability, all of it eventually landing on our shores no matter how high we build that wall.

We have the mightiest military in the world — as we should. Peace does come, in great part, through the projection of military strength. But our adversaries have adapted to the post-Cold War world in which America is an uncontested military power. Russia and Iran and Sunni extremist groups decided that could not beat us with conventional military power, so they developed new tactics and

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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Board of Finance member says Woodstock faces tough choices

To the editor:

On Feb. 8 the governor of Connecticut presented his proposed to the legislature his bi-annual budget for the next two years.

Although currently it is in the hands of the legislative appropriations committee for review where it could be changed, here is what we know now.

The formula used to determine the Education Cost Sharing Grant or ECS has been changed to favor Connecticut's larger cities at the expense of rural towns such as here in the quiet corner.

For Woodstock the decrease in ECS grant funding is \$2,237,122. The governor budget did create a new grant for Special Education Funding and we are scheduled to receive \$1,224,941 from that grant. The result is our grant funding shortfall in just this one area is \$1,012,181. Towns are also scheduled to begin paying for a third of the cost of our teachers' pension liability this year. For Woodstock that cost is approximately \$860,000 next year. In total, proposed State grant funding to Woodstock for the next fiscal year is projected to decrease by almost \$2 million. Our current operating budget is \$22.3 million, so the decrease in state funding equals approximately 9 percent of that budget.

If our Board of Education and Board of Selectmen's budgets were to be proposed this year at the same level as last year without increases, it would require a backfill of nearly \$2 million additional dollars to fund those budgets at the same level they are today.

Recently our town assessor completed a revaluation and the result was an increase in the grand list of 3.9 percent, meaning if we were able to keep the mill rate at its

current level, the average Woodstock taxpayer would see an increase in their property taxes of approximately 3.9 percent next year. The resulting increase would generate a little over \$600,000 in new revenue but unfortunately that would still leave us with a \$1.3 million hole to fill.

It is my belief that these problems cannot reasonably be fixed using only tax increases or budget cuts. I believe what is needed to mitigate the effect of projected continued decreases in state grant funding and maintain a stable mill rate is a comprehensive multi-year plan. Savings potentially could be realized through consolidation of town services and benefits, continued regionalization efforts with other local communities, and the elimination of any duplicate services. We need to thoroughly evaluate every expense and work to balance our needs to the ability to pay for them. This year a one-time use of a portion of our unassigned general fund balance could be used to help offset some of the loss in funding along with a combination of tax increases and budget cuts.

The point here is there is no one simple solution.

Whatever your opinion might be, get involved and informed by attending the meetings of the Board of Finance. Our meeting calendar can be found on the Woodstock town website.

The opinions expressed here are my own and are not intended to represent any official position of the Woodstock Board of Finance.

DAVID FORTIN,
MEMBER, WOODSTOCK BOARD OF
FINANCE.

Don't demonize differing views

To the editor:

We are all Americans. We all want our country to be safe. We differ on how to accomplish that. But we should not demonize one another for having differing views.

The president has put a ban on all people coming from seven Muslim countries, claiming that that will assure we keep out terrorists. But the Homeland Security Administration has reported that the ban will not increase our security, because those countries are not sources of terrorist immigrants.

If I have a pollutant in my water supply, I can cut off the water entirely, or I can put in a good filter. Just as we need water, the United States needs immigrants who benefit us. Our current vetting has many layers of filtering and has proved to be successful.

This administration's policies are making recruitment of new terrorists much easier for radicals. The 1.6 billion Muslims in the world are beginning to view the United States as waging an unending civilization war against them. That's not safe.

The real threat is not the lone terrorist we have seen so far. Their damage has been relatively small. But motivated and organized terrorists could bring in, via a cargo container, weapons of mass destruction, like a nuclear bomb bought from Korea, a dirty bomb, or an epidemic-causing virus. Those attacks could kill tens of millions. Preventing that is where our money should be spent.

The president is proposing a 10 percent increase in our military spending. We already spend more on the military than the next 13 countries combined. We spend about ten times as much as Russia. The president's plan is to spend the money on expensive planes and ships. But those weapons do not

address the real threat, the kind of major terrorist attack we should be worried about.

The president wants to spend money enlarging and modernizing nuclear capabilities. But we already have enough nuclear weapons to destroy civilization. The president is threatening to remove ourselves from Arms Control agreements which have provided stability. We should keep them in place.

To prevent a first strike against us, land-based missiles are ready to be fired at a moment's notice. The president can start a nuclear war within minutes. We should enact the bill proposing to take the land-based missiles off instantaneous alert. Our submarine missiles are more than sufficient to deter a first strike against us.

The president will be cutting funds to fight climate change. But security agencies of the United States have long warned that climate change is a threat to our security by virtue of increasing instability and mass migrations. We would be more secure if we worked rapidly to reverse climate change.

The president is slashing the budget for diplomacy. In response, 120 military leaders have urged elevated support for diplomacy and the soft power that prevents wars. General Mattis has said that if the budget for the State Department is cut he will need to buy more bullets. We will not gain security by an American first policy. We need the cooperation and confidence of allies.

When we are threatened, there is a natural instinct to build walls and weapons. But in the long-term that fearful approach does not address the real threats to our security. It increases them.

JOCK MCCLELLAN
WOODSTOCK

What to ask when your adult child moves home

Facing heavy college debt burdens and an unpredictable job market, many young adults today are returning home to live with their parents. In fact, according to a recent study by the Pew Research Center, more than 32 percent of young adults lived with their parents in 2014—more than lived alone or with a spouse or partner.

No matter the reason your adult son or daughter is moving back home—job loss, a failed relationship, or a desire to save money or pay down debt—having a plan to manage the new arrangement is essential. The following questions can help you set expectations and ensure that both you and your child stay on course toward your financial goals.

What are your own needs and priorities? It's natural to want to support your child in a difficult time, but you need to be realistic. Don't exceed your limits or sabotage your own financial plans. Your child should understand that it's important for you to maintain your own retirement and debt repayment goals and obligations.

Does your child have a financial plan? Help your child build good money habits by working together to set a budget and savings goal. Discuss the amount of financial help you're

able to provide without jeopardizing your own savings. Also, decide if your child will stay on your health insurance plan (most plans cover kids up to age 26).

When does he or she plan to move out? Along with creating a financial plan, setting a move-out deadline will encourage your child to work toward concrete goals. If you don't set a limit, he or she may stay at home longer than expected or delay moving forward with future plans. If your child needs to start paying off debt or wants to save money for a down payment on a house or condo, have a realistic discussion about how long it will take. To help everyone stay on track, some parents draw up a contract that both they and the child sign.

Do you need to reassess the plan? Once you've made a financial plan and set a move-out date, ensure that your child is making progress toward those goals. Talk regularly about obstacles he or she has encountered and how you may be able to help. If your child hasn't been able to find a job or other circumstances change, you may need to update the plan to reflect a more realistic time frame.

Will your child pay rent? Charging rent can help offset



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the costs of having another person under your roof. If you don't need rent money to cover your bills, you might consider letting your child save that amount to use when he or she moves out. If your child doesn't have a job or can't afford to pay rent, exchanging work for room and board is an option. Your child's duties might include shoveling snow, mowing the lawn, painting a room, or cooking meals.

What are your child's debt obligations? Parents are often conflicted about whether to help their children pay off credit card or education debt. If you do decide to help, create a contract that outlines what you expect in return. You could also waive rent for a couple of months if your child agrees to put any savings toward decreasing his or her debt burden.

Dealing with a full house again can be tricky, especially

The purpose of zoning permits



**GUEST
COMMENTARY**

**JEFFREY A.
GORDON, M.D.**

posed activity, outside expert review may be needed, such as by engineering, fire safety, public health, legal, or other professionals. This is commonly done.

Before undertaking a land use activity, it is necessary to read ahead of time the regulations to know what is permitted or prohibited, the application information needed, and the process that will be followed. This is an important concept.

Your town's planning and zoning commission utilizes regulations and its statutory authority as means to uphold public health, safety, and welfare. The permit process is how it applies the regulations to land use activities. Permit applications are reviewed following a defined process. If an application does not meet the regulations, then it is either denied or it is modified to become compliant. If an application meets the regulations, then it must be approved.

There are different types of land use permits, each with its own set of requirements. Two of the most common are zoning permits and special permits.

A zoning permit is a basic type of land use permit. It is a category of land use determined to be compatible with other land uses in specifically designated zoning districts. It is often straightforward. Such uses can be individual houses in a residential zone; new decks, sheds, or pools; signs; small home occupations; or stores and non-industrial businesses in a commercial district. Your Town's Zoning Enforcement Officer decides upon some of these zoning permits, where a commission decides upon others. For zoning permits, a public hearing is not held automatically, but since a planning and zoning commission conducts its work at a public meeting, public input can still be received.

A special permit is more involved, allowing for an extra review of a proposed land use, in order to assess its compatibility with other allowed activities in the same zoning district. This is an important aspect of special permits. It requires an in-depth review of a land use and a detailed list of criteria upon which to make a decision to approve it. Examples are shopping centers, industrial buildings, large scale or intense activities, or activities not easily placed in a pre-defined category. Special permits require public hearings so that the community, including those who live near the land to be developed, can have an opportunity to know what is going on, to ask questions, and to provide input. Depending upon the complexity of the pro-

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The Leffingwell House Museum

Leffingwell Museum hosts Last Green Valley

DANIELSON — History is our story in The Last Green Valley National Heritage Corridor. To help preserve and pass on compelling stories, The Last Green Valley, Inc. and the Leffingwell House Museum are set to host the second quarterly program of the year to share resources and expertise, encouraging inter-regional historical fun.

Camilla & Greg Farlow will host us at the Leffingwell House Museum on Sunday, April 2, from 2 p.m. to 4 p.m., at the Museum located at 348 Washington Street in Norwich.

The Leffingwell House Museum (Circa 1675) is one of the finest restored examples of New England Colonial architecture. Catch a glimpse of early 18th-century life in our private tour of this living museum. Salute their 13-star Centennial Flag.

By the mid-18th century, what was built as a simple two-room house in 1675 had evolved into an elegant home. The house is filled with a fascinating assortment of pieces representative of its architectural evolution. Every item in the entire collection was donated.

A long-time partner with TLGV, Leffingwell offers diverse events throughout their season, April through

October, including some Walktober events.

Each quarter, TLGV, volunteers and staff from different historical societies, libraries, and other like-minded history-loving individuals and organizations present their specialties so that all participants can learn from each other instead of duplicating efforts and energies. Historical efficiency.

Contact Marcy at (860) 774-3300 or email Marcy@tlgv.org to RSVP, to learn more, or to host a historical collaboration session.

The Last Green Valley's Facebook page and website, www.thelastgreenvalley.org, offer information about TLGV programs, volunteer opportunities, partnerships, contests, an events calendar and more. The Last Green Valley is a National Heritage Corridor – the last stretch of dark night sky in the coastal sprawl between Boston and Washington, D.C. The Last Green Valley works for you in the National Heritage Corridor. We help you to care for it, enjoy it and pass it on.

Volunteers sought for Special Olympics swim meet

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Officer allowed us to use anything different we certainly would have done that, but according to that office in order for us to get future grants on that building we have to keep the building as historically accurate as we can. That includes keeping the roof the way it is. The roof has lasted 115 years and with the new materials that are out there we expected it to last longer than that with the same type of roof so financially it would have

been much cheaper to do what we wanted to do in the first place rather than looking at alternate materials."

Thompson First Selectman Ken Beausoleil said he was a little disappointed with the result, but admitted he knew it would be close and with only 11 percent of the voters turning out to have their say every vote certainly counted.

"You have to respect that the voters came out and were given the opportunity to express their feelings. They made their voices heard so now we have to regroup. I thought it was a 50/50 shot coming in and it did end up being a very close vote," said Beausoleil.

"Something needs to be done with that building in this coming year or we're going to end up with more damage on the inside. The

historical society has been attempting to maintain it and keep the leaks down over the years. That type of roof would have lasted at least 115 years with the current new materials so it would have outlasted asphalt shingles, which would probably last around 30 years. If you put things in perspective the amount of money that was being asked for to keep it historically accurate would have definitely outlasted the asphalt roof, but the voters made a decision and we have to respect their wishes at this time."

The question now is where do the Thompson Historical Society and the town go from here? Lindley said it's time for the Historical Society to start looking into alternate forms of funding the roof or face the reality that a compromise may need to take place, even at the expense of state and federal funding.

"There's no way of putting anything else on there with-

communities we serve," said Merchant. "The Foundation grants are one way of thanking the emergency services staff members and volunteers who put their lives on the line for us every single day."

A total of \$11,120 in Foundation grants of varying amounts was designated for special projects, primarily for the purchase of new, replacement, or updated equipment and supplies by Sterling Volunteer Fire Company Inc., Canterbury Volunteer Fire Dept. & Ambulance, Atwood Hose Fire Company, Plainfield Fire Company #1, Danielson Fire Department, Central Village Fire Company #1, American Legion Ambulance Fund, Voluntown Volunteer Fire Company Inc. #1, A. A. Young Jr. Hose and Ladder Company #1, South Killingly Fire Department, East Brooklyn Fire Department, and Griswold Volunteer Fire Company.

Other projects supported with the grants include ongoing firefighting, medical, and water rescue training for the Oneoco Fire Company, a plan to purchase and install residential house numbers by the Muddy Brook Fire Department, and a program to provide residential smoke and carbon monoxide detectors by the Mortlake Fire Company & Ambulance Service.

Additional annual support grants in amounts ranging from \$500 to \$1,100 were awarded to 24 emergency services providers including A. A. Young Jr. Hose and Ladder Company #1, American Legion Ambulance Fund, Attawaugan Fire Department, Atwood Hose Fire Company, Canterbury Volunteer Fire Dept. & Ambulance, Central Village Fire Company #1, Danielson Fire Department, Dayville Fire Company, East Brooklyn Fire Department, East Killingly Fire Department, Griswold Volunteer Fire Company, and Killingly/Brooklyn Ambulance Corps.

Similar grants were awarded to Lisbon Ambulance Service, Lisbon Volunteer Fire Department, Moosup Fire Department, Mortlake Fire Company & Ambulance Service, Oneoco Fire Company, Plainfield Fire Company #1, Poquetanuck Volunteer Fire Department, Preston City Volunteer Fire Department, South Killingly Fire Department, Sterling Volunteer Fire Company Inc., Voluntown Volunteer Fire Company Inc. #1, and Williamsville Fire Engine Company.

According to Merchant, the Jewett City Savings Bank Foundation awarded grants totaling \$75,970 in 2016 to non-profit organizations that provide a variety of services in local communities.

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Swim Meet is looking for 350 volunteers to help with its meet, to be held March 11 from 9 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. at Windham High School.

Meet director Charles Wynn, chemistry professor at Eastern Connecticut State University, said: "More than 200 athletes with intellectual disabilities from Connecticut and Massachusetts are expected to register for the event." In addition to swim competition, clinics are offered in various sports, aerobics, and arts and crafts.

Volunteers are the backbone of this event. Approximately 350 volunteers will be needed to continue to make this the largest and most successful Special Olympics Swim Meet in Connecticut. "The greatest need is for one-to-one partners," said Wynn. "Participants are paired with their own special partner for the day. Partners make sure athletes get to their registered events, cheer them on, and get them involved in activities when they're not swimming. Volunteers are also needed in areas such as sports clinics, food service and water safety."

All volunteers will be provided with lunch from McDonald's and a souvenir Windham Special Olympics T-shirt. The swim meet is approved for community service credit. Volunteer registration forms can be downloaded at www.facebook.com/windhamswim.

Special Olympics is a year-round program of physical fitness, sports training and athletic competition for children and adults with intellectual disabilities. The program is unique in that it accommodates competitions at all ability levels by assigning athletes to competition divisions based on both age and performance ability. According to a study by experts at Yale University, Special Olympics athletes perform better at school, at work and at home the longer they participate in the program.

Danielson Fire Department receives grant

JEWETT CITY — Danielson Fire Department, South Killingly Fire Department, and East Brooklyn Fire Department were among the beneficiaries of grants from Jewett City Savings Bank. Kevin Merchant, president and CEO of Jewett City Savings Bank, recently announced 39 grants totaling \$26,320 to providers of emergency services in communities served by the Bank.

"We are extremely proud to be able to help protect lives and property in the

out jeopardizing it's designation with the National Historic Registry or future grants. We have searched all of that coming to these referendums and that's where we are stuck now. We have to make a decision as a town, do we go for future materials and forfeit anything in the future or try to figure out another way to fix the roof we have?" Lindley said. "The disappointing part is that most of the people who have been maintaining that building are volunteers and we kind of exhaust our volunteer base in Thompson with our lack of enthusiasm to keep our history alive. For the 304 people who came out and supported us we greatly appreciate their help."

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tools to grow their influence and harm our interests.

Trump's budget is completely blind to this reality. It's as if our President has been asleep for the last fifteen years. A massive expansion of military spending at the expense of all our other forcing policy tools would be an epic disaster. Republicans and Democrats in Congress alike know it to be true,

and we should unite to stamp out this dangerous proposal, and start thinking about a comprehensive approach, using military and non-military tools, to protect America from a diverse and diffuse array of global dangers.

Christopher Scott "Chris" Murphy is the junior United States Senator from Connecticut, in office since 2013. He previously served in the United States House of Representatives, representing Connecticut's 5th congressional district from 2007 to 2013.

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K of C celebrates 35 years of initiating members



Matthew M. Mahoney, (center), of Putnam, joined Cargill Council, representing the third generation of the Mahoney family to become Cargill Council Brother Knights. On the left is his grandfather, Charles L. Mahoney, now 87, and on the right is his father, James D. Mahoney, now 59, both of Putnam.

PUTNAM — February marked the 35th anniversary of the First Degree Ceremonial Team of the Cargill Council 64, Knights of Columbus, headquartered in Putnam, the team still making brand new Brother Knights. The tradition continued on Feb. 26, when four men became members of Cargill Council, during a private initiation ceremony held by the team at the Cargill Council 64 Hall on Providence Street.

Robert E. Desrosiers, 59, of Putnam, is the only original team member left. He's been there for all of the approximately 200 private ceremonies held over the last 35 years. Since he was 24 years old he's helped to create hundreds of new Knights from around northeastern Connecticut and beyond.

"It's been a real honor for me," Desrosiers said. "I've been part of bringing so many men into the Knights. It's

some of the best work I've ever done. It's something I'm very proud of."

Desrosiers was particularly proud on Sunday, when he performed his part in the ceremonies for the four candidates. What made it special for him was that one of them was his nephew, 27-year-old Danny Desrosiers, of Putnam.

The other three new Knights are Edward Chrabaszcz, Jr., Kevin Dupre and Gary Rudman, all of Putnam. The Knight running the initiation ceremonies is Carlo P. Lombardo, of Putnam, who at 26 has been First Degree Team Captain for five years.

Sunday's four candidates were all Putnam residents and have joined Cargill Council, but candidates can and do come from local councils throughout Windham County and sometimes from further away.

The team's record included an aver-



New Cargill Council Knights, from left, Kevin Dupre, Danny Desrosiers, Edward Chrabaszcz, Jr., and Gary Rudman, all of Putnam, surrounded by team members. *John Ryan photo*

age of more than five initiation ceremonies performed every year for the last 35 years. Among them was the ceremony for Matthew M. Mahoney, of Putnam, who was 19 years old when he became a member of Cargill Council in November of 2009. That's not unusual in itself, except for the fact that his father, James D. Mahoney, now 59, and his grandfather, Charles L. Mahoney, now 87, both also of Putnam, had joined Cargill Council years before and were sitting in the audience at the time.

Founded in Putnam almost 125 years ago, on July 26, 1892, Cargill Council 64, Knights of Columbus, is made up of over 200 local Roman Catholic and Ukrainian Catholic men and their families. The council covers parts of Windham County, in the areas served by St. Mary Church of the Visitation Parish in Putnam and Most Holy Trinity

Parish in Pomfret. Cargill Council 64 is one of only 47 local councils in existence today to have been in continuous operation since at least 1892.

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ditions of approval upon an application is important. It is how extra protections are provided for your community while allowing a landowner or business to do what they are asking to do. Because land use applications are not "cookie cutter" copies of each other, and because different parcels of land and areas of your town have differing, sometimes unique, characteristics, being able to adapt to these circumstances while still adhering to the regulations is necessary.

The permit review and decision process is not open ended. State statutes specifically provide strict time limits by which a decision needs to be reached. Otherwise, if no decision is made by the deadline, then the application is approved by default.

If the regulations about permits are non-existent or substandard, then the review and decision process will be unfocused, inconsistent, and ineffective. Unwanted haphazard municipal growth and development may occur. If the regulations were to be unnecessarily burdensome or too strict, then

the review and decision process will get lost in the minutiae of too many details, being unable to understand how things fit into a community's broad context and thus causing a town to miss out on something beneficial or needed. Additionally, land use becomes unfairly restrictive for individual property owners. All in all, it requires common sense, equal opportunity, and fair play.

Permits in their various forms allow a community to guide its growth and development. The devil is in the details, but well thought out regulations on zoning and special permits are important ways your town's planning and zoning commission receives, reviews, and decides upon a wide array of land uses and applications. It takes a lot of thinking (planning) and hands-on work (zoning). It delves into serious individual and community constitutional rights, interests, and needs. Yet, when a good balance is reached, a lot of benefit for everyone results.

Dr. Jeffrey A. Gordon is Chair of Woodstock's Planning and Zoning Commission. His column neither reflects any official statement of, nor any specific work, being done by the Commission.

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4H Club organizes fundraiser for Camp Care

HEBRON — The Hebron 4 H Horse Club is organizing a Fundraising Tack Sale on Saturday April 1. The sale will benefit Camp Care Therapeutic Riding Center of 106 Route 66 East in Columbia. 100 percent of the proceeds from the sale will go to benefit their Therapeutic Riding Program. The sale will take place at Camp Care's indoor arena from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m.

In preparation for the sale, the club is accepting new and gently used horse tack, horse care items, riding apparel and horse related. For your convenience, there are drop-off locations: 106 Route 66 East Columbia, at Camp Care (860) 228-8843; 32 Hope Valley Road, Hebron, contact Carolyn (860) 463-2131; 316 Parum Road, Colchester, contact Heidi (860) 450-6021; 415 Route 6, Andover, contact Amanda daCunha (860) 306-3858.

All donations are tax deductible as Camp Care is a not-for-profit 501c and tax documentation is available on request at time of donation.

Camp Care's Mission is to help children and individuals with special needs

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Camp Care Inc., a not-for-profit organization that began as a day camp in 1997, has evolved into year-round programs. The expanding programs offer various ways to enhance the developmental process in children and individuals with special needs, as well as provide an avenue for people to get involved with community service opportunities. The indoor therapeutic horseback riding program, which provides equine-assisted activities, has been named a Premier Accredited Center by PATH, Int'l, The Professional Association of Therapeutic Horsemanship, International. The indoor arena allows participants to ride year round.

For more information, please contact any of the people listed above. We look forward to seeing you at our "all things horsey" sale on April 1. And check our event out on Facebook at <https://www.facebook.com/events/1835938403315435/>.

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A fundraiser for Camp Care is set for April 1,



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Danielson job center offers workshops

DANIELSON — The Danielson American Job Center will offer a variety of training and employment workshops in March to assist area residents. Advanced registration is encouraged due to space limitations. The Danielson AJC is located at 95 Westcott Road and individuals can visit CTHires.com or call (860) 412-7000 to register.

The workshops are as follows:

Fundamentals of Résumé Writing – Learn how to write a focused résumé needed to secure job interviews and employment offers. Topics include thinking like an employer, strategies for developing essential parts of the résumé, keywords, relevant vs. irrelevant information, formatting and cover letters. March 2 (9 a.m. – 12 p.m.) and March 23 (9 a.m. – 12 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. March 2 (1 – 2:30 p.m.) and March 30 (10 – 11:30 a.m.)

Do What You Are – Meyers Briggs – This workshop helps you take charge of your career with the help of Myers Briggs Type Indicator Assessment. Explore suitable careers, identify personal strengths and weaknesses and learn effective job search techniques. March 3 (9 a.m. – 2 p.m.)

Metrix Learning – Offers a two-hour orientation to online training through the Metrix Learning System. E-Training licenses allow 90 days of 24/7 unlimited access to over 5,000 courses (IT, desktop computer skills or healthcare education). Learn new skills or upgrade existing skills to help find the job you want or enhance your career. March 3 (9 – 11 a.m.)

Résumé Critique – Have your résumé reviewed by a Certified Professional Résumé Writer trained in developing documents that generate job interviews. Receive objective and unbiased feedback to assist you in addressing problematic issues along with identifying areas for improvement. March 6, March 13, March 20 and March 27 (10:30 a.m. – 12 p.m.)

Ticket to Work Orientation – Designed for Social Security beneficiaries wanting to return to work and become financially independent, while keeping their Medicare or Medicaid benefits. March 7 (1 – 2 p.m.)

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. March 8 (10 a.m. – 12 p.m.) and March 21 (1 – 3 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. March 9 (9 a.m. – 12 p.m.) and March 30 (1 – 4 p.m.)

Applying Online: The Basics – This three-hour workshop covers the basics of applying online, including using job search engines, emailing employers, and attaching and inserting résumés to online applications and emails. March 9 (1 – 4 p.m.)

Step Up Workshop – Looking for a job? Get an edge over the competition! Find out if you qualify for one of these programs: the Subsidized Training and Employment Program, Small Manufacturer Training Grant Program, or the Step Up for Vets Program. March 15 (10 – 11:30 a.m.) and March 28 (1 – 2:30 p.m.)

Successful Job Search Strategies – Learn job search strategies to help you successfully secure your next position. Topics include employer research, importance of preparation and organization in the job search, networking, and using social media to establish a digital presence. March 16 (1 – 4 p.m.)

CTHires – Résumé Builder – This three-hour workshop focuses on building and completing a résumé using the online CTHires employment system. Opportunities to review and update

your CTHires profile including job skills, and to complete a comprehensive résumé build in CTHires with the assistance of the workshop instructor. You will also learn how to download, print, and email your résumé from CTHires. March 17 (9 a.m. – 12 p.m.)

In-Demand Jobs in Eastern CT – On-the-Job Training (OJT) programs may help give you the competitive edge to get hired. Explore in-demand jobs in advanced manufacturing, technology or engineering, and the skills employers want. On-site screening will pre-qualify you for one or more OJT program. March 20 (1 – 2:30 p.m.)

Basic Computer & Email Skills for Jobseekers – This hands-on, two-day and six-hour workshop helps you to learn the basics of desktop navigation with Windows 7, keyboarding, and the basics of using email. If you are new to computers or need a refresher, this is the workshop for you. March 22-23 (1 – 4 p.m.)

Introduction to Microsoft Word – In this two-day workshop, learn how to create a document, save it to a disk, open and close it, make changes, and print it. PREREQUISITE: You must possess basic knowledge of computers or have attended Computer Basics Workshop. March 30-31 (9 a.m. – 12 p.m.)

BONDING

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been ongoing for close to a year. The Permanent Building Commission has been dealing with the issue and hired an architect. The numbers for that particular item are based on actual studies done by that architect. Now that we have approval to borrow the next step will be to put the roof jobs out to bid and so we anticipate the roof replacements will be done this summer and the window replacements at Killingly Memorial School will be done next year because it's a different reimbursement process from the state," said Hendricks.

The second question focused

on the community center and town hall. A vote of 181 to 85 approved bonding of up to \$3.2 million for numerous upgrades that Hendricks said will bring both buildings up to date in plumbing and heating.

"The plumbing systems (at the town hall) are almost original so we need to redo a lot of the pipes that carry the hot water around the building. We've gotten basic ballpark estimates for that, which is how we came up with the bonding authorization. Basically the process for this will be to bid the job out and see who the lowest bidder is," said Hendricks. "It's the same thing with the work at the community center. The plan for that building was to replace windows and some

interior work in the locker rooms. Again, those borrowing authorizations were based on rough estimates that we had gotten for the cost of the work so the next step will be to put those job out to bid as well."

The third question authorized bonding for work on two bridges on Valley Road as well as some culvert work on Bear Hill Road, all of which are eligible for 50 percent state reimbursement. That question passed by a vote of 202 to 64.

Hendricks said the town plans on getting all the work done as soon as possible. Within the next two years officials plan to combine their short term borrowing plans on each separate project into a single large permanent bor-

rowing plan with the idea to have everything paid off, with minimal tax impact, over the next 20 years.

Hendricks said he was not surprised by the low voter turnout, but did express some frustration about voters who felt like they were under informed about the referendum and when it was to take place.

"I think we knew the numbers would be pretty low. I was hoping for around 500 voters and we ended up with around 266. I'm not sure what that means. There are always people who say they didn't hear about it, but I don't know how else we could have gotten the word out. We've publicized it in newspapers and on the radio, there've been discussions

about it at town meetings, it's been on social media, so for those who say they didn't know about it I get a little frustrated because I'm not sure how else we can get the word out," Hendricks said. "I'm appreciative of those who did come out and vote. It's always nice to see more voters. Maybe some folks are busy or don't care about these issues or believe they don't really impact them — maybe folks just figured it wasn't a big deal."

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Putnam's Hale YMCA celebrates first anniversary

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Executive Director Amanda Kelly and celebrants prepare to sing Happy Birthday



Gaven Beck of Putnam



Local youngsters blow out the candles on a cake

Jason Bleau photos



Aaron Gilfoil of Putnam prepares to toss a ball for a prize



Dakoda is partnered with the older and faster Dr. Marc Cerrone
Phyllis Brown for musical chairs



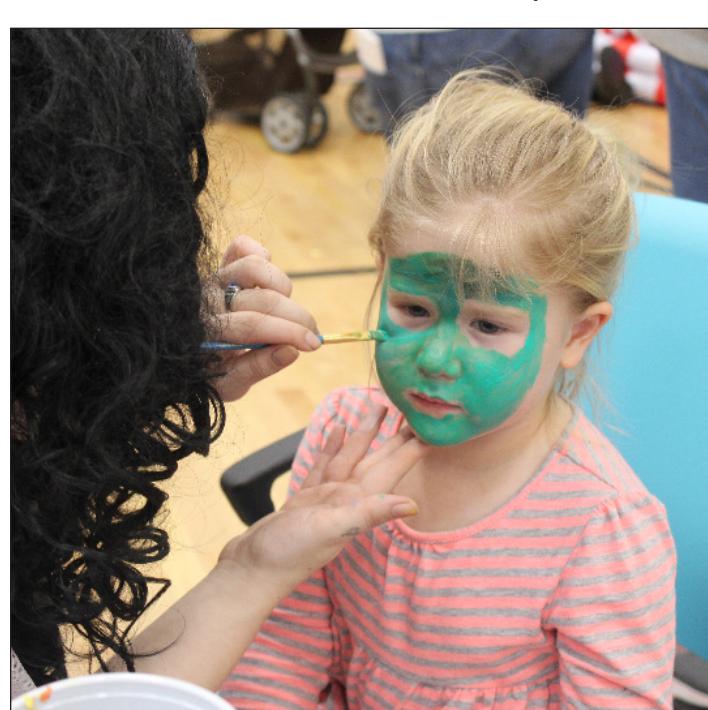
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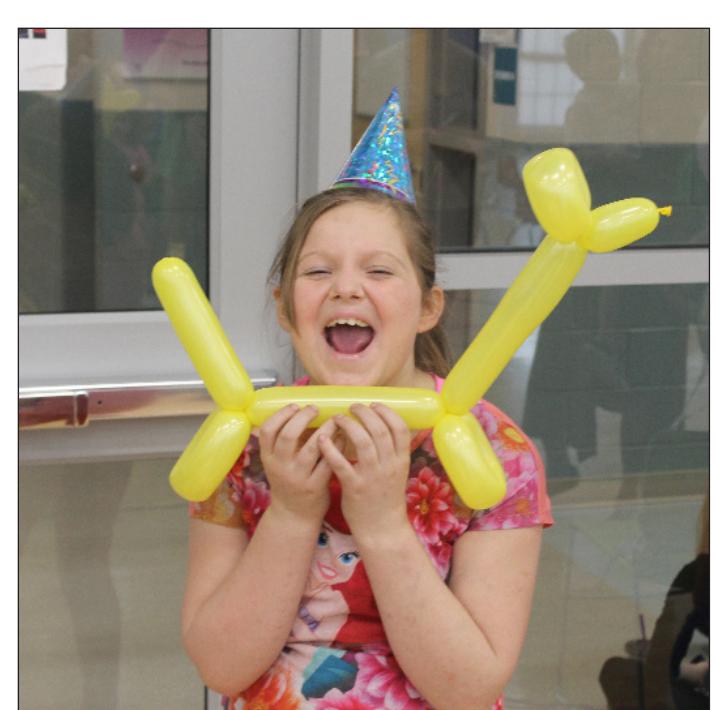
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Putnam Boy Scout Troop 21 makes camping trip

PUTNAM — Boy Scouts from Troop 21 in Putnam recently spent a successful weekend on Feb. 18-19 camping and fishing in Stafford Springs.

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

Troop 21 pitched its tents and set up their gear along the pond and woods at Quatrano Farm in Stafford Springs, so Lombardo and other volunteer Scout leaders could teach the boys how to camp in the snow, including, among a number of activities, fire building, camp cooking, ice fishing, animal tracking in the snow and using a map and compass.

Chartered to St. Mary Church of the Visitation in Putnam, Troop 21 is open to any boy aged 11 to 17.

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

Among other activities, Troop 21 started its year with an August fishing trip, followed by a hike up Mount Monadnock in New Hampshire, a science and technology program for Scouts at the U.S. Coast Guard Academy in New London and marching in the annual Holiday Dazzle Light Parade in Putnam.

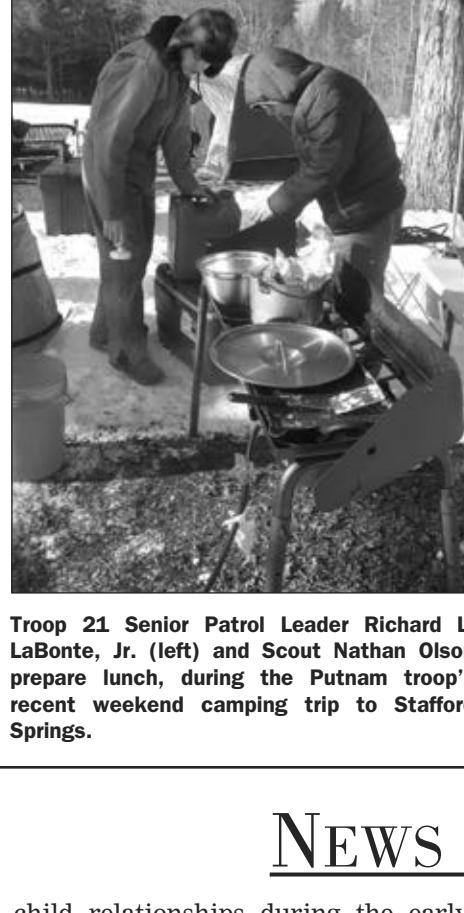
Upcoming events include a week of Scout camp in July, with Troop 21 preparing for a shotgun-shooting weekend, a food drive for local, needy people, a Paw Sox game in Pawtucket and a fly fishing trip. For information about joining Troop 21, leave a message on the troop's Facebook page: <https://www.facebook.com/Boy-Scout-Troop-21-623300507859093>.



Members of Troop 21, from left, Scout Nathan Olson, Scoutmaster Peter A. Lombardo and Scout Damien-Michael Jacques.



Scout Damien-Michael Jacques cooks sausages for breakfast.



Troop 21 Senior Patrol Leader Richard L. LaBonte, Jr. (left) and Scout Nathan Olson prepare lunch, during the Putnam troop's recent weekend camping trip to Stafford Springs.



Troop 21, from left, Scout Damien-Michael Jacques, Senior Patrol Leader Richard L. LaBonte, Jr. and Scout Nathan Olson try their hands at ice fishing.

John Ryan photo

NEWS BRIEFS

Fourth annual infant toddler conference scheduled

HAMPTON — Early childhood educators and professionals are invited to attend EASTCONN's fourth Annual Infant Toddler Conference: Integrating a Trauma Lens into Practice with Young Children and Their Families, during which the impact of trauma and toxic stress on very young children will be examined.

The Infant Toddler Conference will take place on Fri., Mar. 17, from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m., at the EASTCONN Conference Center located at 376 Hartford Turnpike (Route 6), Hampton. The \$95 fee includes access to three engaging workshops, breakfast and lunch.

Jane Ellison, an infant and early childhood mental health specialist with more than 30 years of experience, will keynote the conference and share her perspective on using a trauma-informed lens to support young children and their families in early childhood programs.

Additional conference topics include "Improving the Future for Children of Incarcerated Dads," presented by Glen Palm, Professor Emeritus of Child and Family Studies at St. Cloud State University. This session will focus on attachment theory related to father-

child relationships during the early childhood years. Special analysis will be made of cases where the father is absent from the home.

"Serving Families with Complex Needs: Individual & Aggregate Data" will explore the use of assessments and data in meeting the service needs of families. Presenting this session will be University of Connecticut Ph.D. student and Marriage and Family Therapist, Ciara Collins; EASTCONN Director of Early Childhood Initiatives, Diane Gozemba, M.S.Ed.; and EASTCONN Family Services Coordinator, Ashlyn Ellsworth, MSW.

Attendees will have a chance to participate in hands-on learning, explore case examples and leave with concrete strategies and resources to use in their own practice. To register, visit www.eastconn.org/EarlyChildhoodConference. EASTCONN is a public, non-profit Regional Educational Service Center that has been serving the education needs of northeastern Connecticut schools and communities since 1980. Learn more at www.eastconn.org.

Irish Night to benefit United Services

WOODSTOCK — The 16th annual Irish Night on St. Patrick's Day will

benefit United Services children and family Programs and give local residents the opportunity to support critical children and family programs. The event is set for Friday, March 17 at The Mansion at Bald Hill in Woodstock.

Irish Night includes a gourmet corned beef and cabbage dinner, with fish and vegetarian options available, live music with Irish sing-alongs, and a silent auction featuring many exciting items, including sports, music and movie memorabilia — this year featuring signed items from Carrie Fisher and the epic series Star Wars, Robin Williams and Neil Diamond — Walt Disney World tickets and a six-day African Safari for two.

All proceeds will benefit United Services children and family Programs. These include:

one of the busiest child guidance clinics in the state, providing trauma-informed and trauma-focused mental health services for children and adolescents; Family Programs, including parent education and support groups such as Grandparents Raising Grandchildren. And the region's only domestic violence program, providing around-the-clock emergency crisis, shelter and supportive services to women and children. Wraparound clinical care and support services for Autism Spectrum Disorders at the Center for Autism. Youth Service Bureau and

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

Irish Night tickets are \$40 per person and can be purchased through March 10 by visiting unitedservicesct.org/events/irish-night or by calling 860-774-2020 or emailing info@usmh.org.

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"All roads lead to Williamsville just now. A hundred, or so each day patronize the jitney service from Dayville and pending the construction of the Danielson, Williamsville

and Attawaugan trolley road, it is suggested that the North street and Maple street roads be put in order for improved service between Danielson and Williamsville."

Ballouville; "Ray Whipple has moved his family from Dayville into the company's tenement, formerly occupied by the mill watchman." Linden Whipple said that Ray was his grandfather and lived over the former Ballouville Store for a while and ran the store. His grandmother Amy Whipple was the postmistress. Ray tried his hand at many things including working on the trolley and blacksmithing. During Prohibition the State Police would come get Ray Whipple and Linden's other grandfather, Hartwell Shippee, to go help look for and break up stills since the two men knew the back roads. (conversation 2/22/1917).

Aldarge Bernard who

recently joined the American Band is the owner of a new alto horn which arrived this week." Has anyone heard of the American Band?

Dayville. "Fred Briere has secured employment at the Dayville Garage." "Rehearsals are rapidly progressing for the coming operetta, 'Tried by Jury,' which will be presented by local talent next month. It promises to be very enjoyable. (p. 8?)

"Maybe Attawaugan is not on the map. Maybe it is—but if not, our new clubhouse will put it there. The club can boast of one hundred members and it is still growing—very good for a small city." Shrove Tuesday evening the ladies gave a fancy dress ball, which was a success in every way. The capacity of the building was taxed to its uttermost to accommodate the crowd in attendance. Never did a more jolly lot of people meet under one roof. There was

good fellowship and fun galore and the comical and unique costumes kept the crowds in merriment. Some of the costumes were Ireland, America, Prince of Darkness, Kentucky Colonel, Angel, Cook, Martha Washington, Dude, Coons, Sailors, Soldiers, Boy Scouts, Shamrock, Butcher Boy, Jew, Red Cross Nurses, Constables, Barber, Shepherdess, Girl of the Plains, Farmer Boy, Tramp, Chinaman, Pirate, Hayseed, Red Riding Hood, Liberty, Indians, Spanish Maids, Dutch Girls, America in 1812, Queen of Diamonds, Italian Girls, Gypsy, Witches, French Maids, Clowns, Little Eva, Puritans, Japanese Girl, Moonlight Fairy, Old Wash Woman, Old Fashioned Costumes, 1845, Twilight, Rainbow.

"Ice cream and lemonade disappeared so fast that the supply was exhausted during the early part of the evening. Music was by local talent and was just what the doctor ordered. The trombone playing of B. G. Brown was the feature of the music. There is plenty of good musical talent in Attawaugan, and we want to hear more of it."

Margaret M. Weaver Killingly Municipal Historian. Special thanks to Linden Whipple for sharing memories and Marilynn Labbe for her work extracting Transcript articles. For additional information visit the Killingly Historical Center Wed. or Sat. 10-4 (or by appointment) or www.killinglyhistorical.org, or call 860-779-7250. Mail for the Killingly Historical & Genealogical Society, Inc. or the Killingly Historical Center should be sent to PO Box 265, Danielson, Connecticut 06329. Margaret Weaver may be reached at margaretmweaver@gmail.com.

Villager Newspapers COMMUNITY SPOTLIGHT

"Shining a light on community events"

March 3, Fri., noon-8pm

Knights of Columbus Council 2087 will hold a Lenten fish fry, in the Knights Hall, 1017 Riverside Drive, North Grosvenordale. Fish and chips; baked haddock and fried bay scallops; fried clams; seafood platters, and more. 860-923-2967, council2087@att.net.

March 4, Sat., 11:30

Cookbook club, Bracken Memorial Library, 57 Academy Road, Woodstock.

March 4, Sat.,

Woodstock Wildlife Tracking & Monitoring Hike: Become Volunteer! We will be documenting the presence of large mammals such as fisher, river otter, black bear, and bobcat. Training fee per hike: \$50 CAS members; \$60 non-members. Registration required 860-928-4948 or pcoughlin@caudubon.org

March 4, Sat., noon

World Day of Prayer, "Am I Being Unfair to You?" highlighting economic justice and human rights issues of women in the Philippines; at United Methodist Church of Danielson; Philippine luncheon at noon, followed by service.

March 5, Sun., 2pm

Wilderness Survival 101, The Baranski brothers - experienced outdoorsman, will lead a program on survival covering everything from your emergency kit to shelter and food. At the Center at Pomfret, 218 Day Rd. Call 860-928-4948 to register. \$3 CAS members; \$7 non-members.

March 6, Mon., 7pm

Quiet Corner Garden Club welcomes the public to our meeting to hear Amanda Manso present "The History of Gardening with emphasis on the "pink house." South Woodstock Baptist Church meeting hall, 23 Roseland Park Road, South Woodstock.

March 6, Mon., 10-11am

The Killingly Public Library Presents: Story Art, Ages 3-5, Mondays from 10-11 March 6, 13, 20 and 27, Story ART is for preschoolers that focuses on the illustrations of a storybook. The children will be introduced to a preschool story, and then learn the art technique that the illustrator has used. To register go to: at www.killinglypl.org

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Friday, Feb. 17

Ailean Murphy, 53, of 51 Linehouse Road, North Grosvenordale, was charged with operating under the influence, failure to drive right, operating without a license.

Sunday, Feb. 19

Nicole Macneil, 38, of 230 Woodward Road, Brooklyn, was charged with operating under the influence, speeding, failure to maintain proper insurance.

Thursday, Feb. 23

Brendan Hebert, 20, of 47 Edmond St., Putnam, was charged with criminal

mischief third degree.

Friday, Feb. 24

David Hilliker, 79, of 207 Sabin St. #17, Putnam, was charged with breach of peace.

Darien Mills, 21, 160 Farrow St. #8, Putnam, was charged with violation of probation, violation of a protective order.

Saturday, Feb. 25

David Cafro, 52, of 28 Lakeview Drive, Woodstock, was charged with speeding.

Sunday, Feb. 26

Chelsey Gilbert, 30, of 47 Tripp Road, Woodstock, was charged with speeding.

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Centaurs stumble as state tourney approaches



Charlie Lentz photo

Woodstock's Ryan Black tries to slide the puck past Conard goalie Shea Henderson last Saturday in Pomfret.

BY CHARLIE LENTZ
VILLAGER EDITOR

POMFRET — Woodstock Academy won't have a story-book finish in the state tournament if the Centaurs repeat their finish against Conard in the final game of the regular season. With time running out Woodstock fell asleep at the wheel while the Chieftains crashed the net for two goals in a 51-second span — the last coming with just 29 seconds left to give Conard a 4-3 come-from-behind win over Woodstock at Jahn Rink last Saturday.

"It might hurt right now. It might sting a little bit right now. But it's a good lesson going forward in my opinion," said Woodstock senior right wing Ryan Black, after scoring two goals in the loss. "Every single game matters. This would have been a big win for us. We've got a week of practice. Hopefully this definitely teaches us a lesson."

Woodstock finished the regular season with a record of 17-2-1 and is seeded No. 1 in the Division III state tournament. Woodstock is scheduled to play in the Nutmeg Conference Championship game at Pomfret School's Jahn Rink on Saturday, March 4, and will face either Suffield/Granby/Windsor Locks or Housatonic. The Division III State Tournament is set to begin on Monday, March 6, and the Centaurs will play host to a state game at Jahn Rink at 6 p.m. Black said Woodstock

can't rely on its reputation or ranking when the state tournament arrives.

"I'm going to be going 120 percent in practice," Black said. "All the seniors are going to be pushing all the young kids to make sure they do their best in practice. And I definitely think if we push them the hardest they'll get the memo and step up in the postseason."

Conard's Liam Lacroix scored to give the Chieftains a 1-0 lead at 3:36 of the second period. Woodstock answered with a pair of shorthanded goals over a 62-second span — Black tallied at 11:09 and Doug Newton scored at 12:11 of the second period to give Woodstock a 2-1 lead. Aiden Costello scored for Conard at 4:21 of the third period to tie it at 2-2. Black answered at 6:10 and the Centaurs led 3-2 — but they they might have taken their foot off the accelerator.

"When we were up 3-2 it was good — but we relaxed," Black said. "We didn't keep pushing. That's a lesson that's great to learn. No matter what the score is we've got to play a full 45 minutes."

With time running out Conard pulled goalie Shea Henderson and Lacroix tallied with 1:20 left to knot it at 3-3. And Lacroix scored the game-winner with :29 left to give the Chieftains a 4-3 win.

"Two quick mistakes and it cost us," said Woodstock coach Mike Starr. "We just broke down our coverage. Our coverage wasn't where it needed

to be."

Woodstock outshot Conard 30-22. Henderson made 27 saves for the Division II Chieftains (6-11-1). Cal Wilcox made 18 saves for Woodstock. Despite the bump in the road at season's end the Centaurs are the favorite to make a deep run in the Division III State Tournament.

"They're all focused. They know what we need to do," Starr said. "We've still got to

take it one game at time. We can't get ahead of ourselves too much."

The Centaurs surely can't reach the destination they seek if they fall asleep at the wheel again.

"We just took the foot off the pedal. We didn't play once we got a lead. We didn't try to push it in. We just didn't do our job when we were up. Hopefully that's a lesson we can learn — to not do it in the postsea-

son," Black said. "Honestly I've been looking forward to the state playoffs all year. We've just got to take it one game at a time. And hopefully if we play Woodstock Academy hockey — if we play our game — we should be raising a trophy at the end."

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Charlie Lentz photo

Woodstock's Nathan DeLuca snaps a shot with Conard's Bryan Caron trailing last Saturday in Pomfret.

Ellis Tech's Gonzalez wins State Open title



NEW HAVEN — Ellis Tech senior JoJo Gonzalez won the gold medal at 132 pounds at the Connecticut State Open Wrestling Championships, contested Feb. 24-25 at the Floyd Little Athletic Center. Ellis Tech finished in fifth place among 78 squads in the state in team scoring.

Gonzalez earned a 5-3 decision over Joel Morth of Montville in the championship bout at 132. Ellis Tech's Sean Johnson won the silver medal at 113 pounds — Nick Arborio from Berlin won a 4-3 decision over Johnson in the gold-medal match. Ellis Tech's Cole Blair took fifth place in the 138-

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File photo
 Ellis Tech's JoJo Gonzalez won the State Open championship at 132 pounds.

pound division. Killingly High's Zach Caffrey earned fourth place in the 170-pound division. Danbury High notched six gold medalists to take home the team championship.

The top 25 teams were:
 1. Danbury 212.5; 2. Newtown 90; 3. Fairfield Warde 86.5; 4. Southington 85.5; 5. Ellis Tech 84.5; 6. Montville 83; 6. New Milford 83; 8. Xavier 65; 9. Trumbull 63.5; 10. Foran 60.5; 11. Ledyard 53; 12. Bristol Eastern 52; 13. Shelton 51; 14. Somers 49; 15. Simsbury 48.5; 16. Windham 45; 17. Fitch 43.5; 18. Tolland 43; 19. Daniel Hand 40; 19. Granby Memorial 40; 19. New London 40; 22. Berlin 39; 23. Platt 36.5; 24. Northwestern 36; 25. Killingly 33.5.

Killingly makes run in ECC Tournament



Charlie Lentz photo

Killingly's Jared Gosper gets off a shot in traffic against Wheeler on Feb. 22 at Killingly High.

BY CHARLIE LENTZ
VILLAGER EDITOR

DAYVILLE — Killingly High had powerful motivation to defeat Wheeler in the play-in round of the Eastern Connecticut Conference Division II Boys Basketball Tournament. A win over the Lions would not only keep the Redmen alive in the tourney but spare them from returning to a long stretch of coach Jim Crabtree's practices.

"They're not going to be the most fun practices, the easiest — and we're going to know at the end of the 14 days there's

going to be a powerhouse waiting for us in the state tournament," Crabtree said.

Dread of having to endure an extra Crabtree practice session was apparently enough incentive — seventh-seeded Killingly defeated the 10th-seeded Lions 58-46 at Killingly High School on Feb. 22. The win advanced the Redmen to the first round of the ECC-DII Tourney on Feb. 23 — and they spoiled Crabtree's practice plans again by defeating No.-3 seed Lyman Memorial 57-49 in the first round.

The win over Lyman sent Killingly to the tourney semifinals against No.-4 seed Windham — where the Whippets ended the Redmen's run with a 64-48 win last Saturday, Feb. 25.

With Killingly and Wheeler tied 23-23 at halftime, Crabtree reminded his players a win would keep them playing games rather than practicing. "That was my last say at halftime. If you don't want to execute in the second half tonight and play (Lyman) tomorrow and possibly play again Saturday, and another

game next week, then you can look forward to 14 days of practice," Crabtree said. "So we can work, we can execute. Or we can put some blood and sweat and tears under the floor (in practice) — or we can enjoy playing some games."

Senior point guard Jared Gosper appeared to not want another day of practice. Gosper and senior center Dommoy Ennis each scored 12 points for Killingly. Sophomore guard Luke Desaulnier scored 10 points, junior forward Gavin Turner added nine points, and senior forward Alex Fontaine scored eight points for Killingly. Michael Anderson scored 20 for Wheeler (4-17). The win lifted Killingly's record to 8-13. While the win over Wheeler spared the Redmen of at least one day of practice — it also gave them some valuable competition as the Class M State Tournament approaches, and supplied the Redmen another ECC tourney game. Crabtree can't replicate an actual game in practice so wins are always welcome in the run-up to the state tournament.

"Every day you can win a game is good thing," Crabtree said.

Crabtree has reason to believe his team, ranked 30th in Class M in the state, might have success in the state tournament. Although Killingly's record is less than impressive, the Redmen led Plainfield late in a fourth quarter before falling 50-40 on Feb. 17. And Killingly was tied with Waterford before Mikey Buscetto hit a three-pointer at the buzzer to beat the Redmen 68-65 in the regular-season finale on Feb. 20. Plainfield is ranked No. 2 in Class M and Waterford

is ranked No. 3 in Class M. While Killingly will be near the bottom of the Class M Tournament bracket — they won't be in over their head. Killingly will enter the Class M tourney seeded No. 29 and will travel to No.-4 seed Holy Cross of Waterbury (16-4) in a first round game on March 6.

"We're going to see some big boys but I think if we play basketball — this team likes to be the underdog. We're back in the underdog role for the rest of the year. And we can play loose and whatever we do from here on out is gravy on the mashed potatoes — maybe we'll show up and play for the next two and a half weeks," Crabtree said. "I'll take a shot at anybody because we play much better when we're not expected to win. Hopefully come state tournament time we've learned from our past. A

Charlie Lentz photo
Killingly's Luke Desaulnier fires a jumper against Wheeler on Feb. 22 at Killingly High.

Woodstock tops Berlin in state tourney opener



Charlie Lentz photo

Woodstock's Jamie Woods gets off a shot against Berlin on Feb. 27.

BY CHARLIE LENTZ
VILLAGER EDITOR

WOODSTOCK — Woodstock coach Will Fleeton never liked the long layoff that typically precedes the state tournament — practice rarely makes perfect. But after this regular season ended on Feb. 14 Woodstock Academy kept its focus — and its shooting touch — by winning three straight games en route to capturing the championship of the Eastern Connecticut Conference

Division II Tournament.

"I think most coaches believe you gain more from game situations than you do from practice," Fleeton said. "Nothing prepares them more for competition than competition."

The 10th-seeded Centaurs kept their postseason hot hand against No.-23 seed Berlin in the opening round of the Class L State Tournament — shooting down the Redcoats 73-57 at Alumni Fieldhouse on Monday night.

"I couldn't imagine two weeks of practice and we shoot the ball like this," Fleeton said. "I don't see that happening."

Sophomore guard Mackenzie Eaton came off the bench and scored 11 first-half points including three three-pointers to help the Centaurs race to a 37-20 lead at the intermission. Eaton said she felt confident from beyond the arc.

"During warmups I was really shooting well so I was like 'OK, this is a good sign,'" Eaton said. "I was looking to shoot but I wouldn't be able to do it without my teammates, driving and dishing it out."

Fleeton said Eaton was a factor in the Centaurs first-half surge against Berlin.

"It was huge but to honest with you that's her job. That's what she does. She comes in to shoot the ball, to soften the zone up for our bigs," Fleeton said. "And I think she did that in the first half. She opened the zone up and in the second half you saw our bigs get space now, and they were able to do their work — that's all part of the plan. (Eaton's) job is to pull the trigger."

Eaton said the Centaurs run in the ECC tourney, capped with a 47-22 win over St. Bernard in the D-II championship game on Feb. 22, kept them sharp for the opening round of States.

"We're a team that really needs to keep playing," Eaton said. "We're a young team. We need to keep playing and keep trying to improve our game so I think (the ECC tourney) really helped."

Eaton finished with 15 points. Junior forward Jamie Woods led Woodstock with 18 points. Junior guard Mackenzie Cayer scored 12 points and sophomore forward Heather Converse added 11 points for Woodstock. Lyzi Litwinko tallied a team-high 18 points for Berlin (9-12).

The win advanced Woodstock (16-8) to a second-round game on March 3 at No.-7 Torrington, a 61-34 winner over Naugatuck in opening-round action.

Charlie Lentz photo
Woodstock's Mackenzie Eaton drives against Berlin on Feb. 27.

Fleeton said the Centaurs have to stay focused.

"I think we've just got to play our game," Fleeton said. "We've got to be ourselves. The message to the girls on the way out of the (locker) room was the message I've been saying throughout the season — we've just got to be ourselves. We don't have to change who we are. We do the things we know how to do — and let everything else shake out. We're going to board that bus to Torrington expecting to be Woodstock."

A long road trip was in store for the Centaurs on March 3. Torrington (16-5) is tucked away in the northwest corner of Connecticut. Eaton said the Centaurs are used to lengthy bus rides.

"I mean Woodstock is pretty far away from everything,"

Eaton said. "So it's not really so different from other away games that we have. We're just looking to be ourselves and get another 'W.'"

**SACRED HEART 37,
PUTNAM 23**

WATERBURY — Sixteenth-seeded Sacred Heart defeated No.-17 seed Putnam High in the opening round of the Class S Girls State Tournament on Feb. 27. The win lifted Sacred Heart's record to 14-7 and advanced it to a second-round game against No.-1 seed East Hampton (19-2). The Clippers season ended with a record of 13-9.

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Putnam peaking as Class S Tourney nears

BY CHARLIE LENTZ
VILLAGER EDITOR

CHAPLIN — Putnam High coach Shawn Deary will be happy if he gets a similar performance in the Class S State Tournament as he got in the Clippers 43-35 victory over Parish Hill in the opening round of the Constitution State Conference Tournament on Feb. 23. Eleventh-seeded Putnam played solid defense, put the game out of reach with a decisive run in the third quarter, and iced the victory against the sixth-seeded Pirates by hitting its free throws down the stretch at Parish Hill.

"Playing before the states is always a help. You hope to go a couple games (in the CSC tourney) so that you're not sitting for a week and a half, doing the same drills," Deary said. "Tonight our

game plan was defense, defense, defense — concentrate on the shooters, know where they are, don't lose them, don't let them get open shots."

With Putnam clinging to a 17-16 at halftime, Clippers junior guard Connor Holloman scored eight straight points to pace a 16-5 third-quarter run and swing momentum Putnam's way.

"We always say coming out of the half, the first three minutes of the half always dictates what's going to happen for that half," Deary said. "Connor really stepped up. He hit a couple big threes for us."

Holloman sank a pair of three-pointers and then hit two free throws with 3:18 left in the third quarter to push Putnam's lead to 25-19. The Clippers stretched their margin to 33-21 after three quarters. Parish Hill never cut

its deficit below seven points the rest of the way. Putnam sank 14-of-19 free throws overall including 11-of-15 in the fourth quarter to hang on.

"When it comes down to a close game foul shots win or lose games. We all know that," Deary said. "We've been working on them the last couple of weeks. We've had some games where we were 7-for-32 from the line — awful, awful from the line. So we've been really honing in on making sure that they're concentrating, taking it serious in practice because those count."

Putnam sophomore guard Sebastian Ramos went 6-for-8 from the line in the fourth frame and finished with a game-high 18 points. Holloman scored 12 points. The win lifted Putnam's record to 11-10 and advanced it to the CSC quarterfinals against No. 3 seed Windham. Jonah Dupuis scored 12 points for Parish Hill's (12-9).

Putnam senior forward Austin Harmon said the Clippers are looking forward to the state tournament.

"Right now I think we're doing as best as we could going toward states," Harmon said. "Tonight we had good teamwork, passing around the ball, no one's being selfish, good team chemistry. We could definitely make a run. We could make a big impact if we keep playing the way we are right now."

The Clippers got past Parish Hill although Putnam senior center Lucas Basilio played sparingly in the first half, picking up his third foul



Charlie Lentz photo

Putnam High's Sebastian Ramos tries to get past Parish Hill's Jonah Dupuis on Feb. 23 at Parish Hill.

with 5:00 left in the second quarter and spending the rest of the half on the bench. Basilio was Putnam's scoring leader this season but finished with just five points against Parish Hill.

"Lucas got in a little bit of foul trouble early. What I can say to that is, it takes a whole team to win. Last game (Basilio) had 42 points (in an 89-86 win over Cheney Tech) and carried us for a while," Deary said. "This game it was other people that stepped up."

now I feel we are."

WINDHAM 67, PUTNAM 51

WINDHAM — Lucas Basilio scored 32 points in Putnam's loss to Windham Tech in the quarterfinals of the CSC Tournament at Windham Tech on Feb. 24. Mario Rangel led Windham Tech with 17 points.

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Charlie Lentz photo

Putnam High's Connor Holloman is guarded by Parish Hill's Mike Rahall on Feb. 23 at Parish Hill.

DeLuca nets four goals in win over Joel Barlow

SHELTON — Nathan DeLuca scored four goals and Ryan Black tallied two goals to help the Centaurs hockey team defeat Joel Barlow 10-9 on Feb. 24 at the Rinks at Shelton. Gunner Moore, Austen LeDonne, Patrick Delaney, and Doug Newton each scored one goal for Woodstock.

Moore notched three assists, Black and Avery Riva each had two assists, and Delaney and Tyler Huhtanen each had one assist. Woodstock led 42-7 in shots over the Falcons (4-15-1). Cal Wilcox notched the shut-out in goal for Woodstock (17-2-1).

WOODSTOCK 47, ST. BERNARD 22

NORWICH — Ari Koivisto scored 12 points and Heather Converse scored 11 to lead the Centaurs past the Saints in the championship game of the Eastern Connecticut Conference Division II Girls Basketball Tournament on Feb. 22 at Norwich Free Academy.

Jamie Woods scored nine points and Mackenzie Eaton added seven points for Woodstock (15-8). Caitlyn Dittman scored six points for St. Bernard (17-6).

WOODSTOCK 6, EASTERN 1

NEW LONDON — Nathan DeLuca scored two goals in Woodstock Academy's win over the Eastern Connecticut Eagles on Feb. 22 at Connecticut College. Ryan Black scored one goal and added two assists to reach the 200-point total for his career at Woodstock.



File photo

Woodstock's Ari Koivisto led the Centaurs past St. Bernard in the ECC Division II tourney final on Feb. 22.

GIBEAULT EXCELS

BOSTON — Woodstock Academy alumna Molly Gibeault, a senior at the University of Southern Maine, took first place in the pole vault with a leap of 12 feet, four inches at the New England Championships at the Reggie Lewis Track and Athletic Center on Feb. 24.

Jordan Riley scored Eastern (4-16). Woodstock led 34-14 in shots.

Woodstock gymnasts win Class S state title

SOUTHBURY — Woodstock Academy's Paige Stuynski won gold medals in the vault, balance beam, and floor exercise to help the Centaurs capture the state crown at the Class S Gymnastics Championships at Pomperaug High School last Saturday, Feb. 25. It was Woodstock's seventh straight Class S or Class M state title.

Woodstock's Grace Logan won gold in the bars and vault. Stuynski and Logan both scored 9.75 to share gold in the vault. Woodstock's Jenna Davidson (9.275) won silver in vault. Logan tallied a 9.8 score to capture gold in bars. Woodstock's Lydia Taft took silver in bars (9.525) and Woodstock's Ali Crescimanno won bronze in bars (9.425).

Stuynski scored a 9.9 to win gold in beam. Taft (9.6) took silver in beam and Davidson (9.15) won bronze in beam. Stuynski scored 9.775 to bring home the gold in floor exercise. Logan (9.7) won silver in floor exercise and Taft (9.625) took bronze in floor exercise.

Team scoring was: 1. Woodstock Academy 151.425; 2. Old Lyme 132.825; 3. Oxford 132.075; 4. Killingly 129.075; 5. Farmington 127.375; 6. Stonington 124.6; 7. Jonathan Law 124.25; 8. Pomperaug 124.2. Woodstock is next scheduled to compete in the State Open Gymnastics Championships at 10 a.m. this Saturday, March 4, at New Milford High School.



Woodstock's Paige Stuynski won three gold medals at the Class S Gymnastics Championships last Saturday in Southbury.

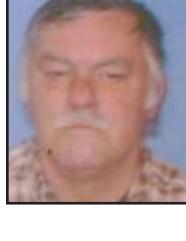
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George H. Raymond, 69



WEBSTER — George H. Raymond, 69, passed away February 16, at Gaylord Specialty Hospital in Wallingford, after an extended illness.

He was born in Webster on April 2, 1947 the only child of the late Harold and Stella (Rompola) Raymond and grew up in Webster, Massachusetts attending St. Louis School and Church, where he served as an altar boy in his younger days. He graduated from the former St. Louis High School, class of 1965. George played basketball where he was a point guard and was very proud of the fact, in his senior year, that they won the State basketball championship.

After high school, George entered and served in the U.S. Navy as a radio mechanic and underwater sonar technician, serving proudly from 1966-70.

He worked at Guardian Industries in Webster, Massachusetts and then for U.S. Button Corp. in Putnam, retiring in 1999 due to illness.

George enjoyed fishing, watching the New England Patriots, Boston Red Sox and the UConn Huskies basketball teams. He also played on many softball teams in the Webster, Massachusetts area and was on the bowling league at Mohegan Bowl in Webster in the 1970s and early 1980s.

Most of all George loved and enjoyed being with his family.

Blanche H. Doucette, 83



GRISWOLD — Blanche H. Doucette, 83, of Norman Rd., formerly of Putnam and North Grosvenordale, died February 25, at Midstate Medical Center in Meriden.

She was the loving wife of the late Ernest J. Doucette. Born in Cambridge, Massachusetts, she is the daughter of the late William and Blanche (Promovost) Curran.

On April 24, 1954, in Cambridge, Massachusetts, she was united in marriage to Ernest J. Doucette who died on July 30, 1979.

Mrs. Doucette worked for many years as an inspector at U.S. Button in Putnam.

Blanche was a member of the VFW Women's Auxiliary, Albert J. Breault Post 1523 in Putnam. She enjoyed knitting, crocheting, bowling, playing

He leaves his wife, Darlene (Beaulieu) Raymond; three sons; Chris J. Raymond of South Hadley, Andrew P. Raymond and his wife Amber of Palmer, and Greg J. Raymond and his wife Victoria of Putnam. Two daughters; Stacy J. Fisk and Lisa M. Raymond of Putnam, two foster daughters; Crystal Gaumond and her husband Ricardo Hernandez of Woonsocket, RI, and Diane E. Cruz of Danielson, and many others that thought of him as a 'father figure.'

16 grandchildren; Julie and Emma Fisk, Olivia, Jenna, Izabelle 'Bella,' Karlee, Angel, Dezirea, Jazmine, Veronika, Kaleb, Adan J. Austin, and Aiden W. Raymond and Giovanni and Xavier S. Hernandez, and his former wife, Teresa (Obuchowski) Raymond of Webster, Massachusetts and many friends, including his childhood friends, along with many nieces and nephews, brother and sisters-in-law and cousins.

A memorial service will be announced at a later date.

Burial with military honors will be in St. Mary's Cemetery, 357 Providence St. in Putnam at a later date.

Memorial Contributions may be made to: Gaylord Specialty Hospital, 50 Gaylord Farm Road, Wallingford, CT., 06492 or to any veterans' organization.

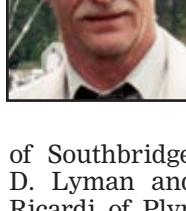
The Robert J. Miller Funeral Home and Lake Chapel (RJMILLERfunerals.net), 366 School St., Webster is honored to be assisting George's family with arrangements.

BINGO, reading, and was an avid pet lover especially for her Siamese cats.

Blanche is survived by three sons William Doucette and his wife Renee of Nederland, Texas, Joseph Doucette and his wife Cheryl of Putnam, and Mark Doucette and his wife Stacey of Danielson; four daughters; Sandra Barrows and her husband Keith of Putnam, Ruth LaPointe of Griswold, Rhonda Young of Danielson, and Patricia Hurm of Danielson; a sister Arline Milford of Dover, New Hampshire; Sixteen grandchildren and twelve great grandchildren. She was predeceased by a son Dennis Doucette, a daughter Sue Ann Parker, and a sister Virginia Doucette.

Funeral arrangements are private at the discretion of the family and have been entrusted to the Gilman Funeral Home & Crematory, 104 Church St., Putnam, CT. For memorial guestbook visit www.GilmanAndValade.com.

Carl R. Lyman, 64



WOODSTOCK — Carl R. Lyman, 64, passed away unexpectedly at home on February 18. He leaves his life partner of many decades, Elizabeth J. Sheldon; three brothers, Craig M. Lyman of Southbridge, Massachusetts; Lee D. Lyman and his fiancée Sharon Ricardi of Plymouth, Massachusetts, and Ormond Beach, Florida; David H. Lyman and his wife Julie Ann Robinson of Camden, Maine; and several generations of nieces and nephews. He was predeceased by his eldest brother, Philip H. Lyman, Jr., who died in 2008. Carl was born on May 29, 1952, son of the late Philip H. Lyman, Sr., and Barbara (Hollis) Lyman of Sturbridge. Carl lived in Woodstock for the past 28 years. He was a master of many talents that included careers as a champion professional water skier, musician, environmental technician, drywaller and carpenter. As a teenager, Carl was well known on the competitive water ski circuit, participating in tournaments across the country. This led to a successful career performing in professional water ski shows that included Disney World, SeaWorld, and Cypress Gardens, and occasional television appearances for them performing in 'pool' shows. "Lymski," as he was known to his friends, continued to compete in

tournaments throughout these years, placing and winning many trophies and accolades. His accomplishments, which are documented in the Water Ski Hall of Fame, include renown for being the first and only skier at that time to perform a one-ski flip off a ski jump with only one foot in a binder. After retiring from the sport, Carl later enjoyed serving for a number of years as the Chief Judge for the Eastern Region Water Ski Show Tournament. Carl was also a gifted musician capable of playing virtually any stringed instrument...violin, guitar, mandolin, banjo, cello, stand-up bass and piano...and performed with a number of bands, trios, and duos over the years. Having spent many years of his youth traveling the world water skiing competitively and professionally, in later life, he very much enjoyed his home, landscaping, practicing his instruments daily and 'jamming' with musician friends. Private services will be held with a memorial planned for a later date. There are no calling hours. In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to the American Heart Association at www.donatenow.heart.org or Mr. Holland's Opus Foundation, www.mhopus.org, which provides instruments to underfunded music programs nationwide. The Daniel T. Morrill Funeral Home, 130 Hamilton Street, Southbridge, is directing arrangements. www.morrill-funeralhome.com

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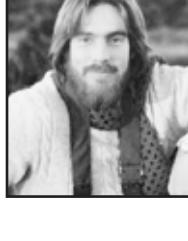
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Todd Graham Vasileff, 63



P O M F R E T CENTER — Todd Vasileff, 63, of Pomfret Center, passed away peacefully in the company of family and friends after his short battle with cancer on November 22, 2016, at The Hartford Hospital.

Todd was born on June 27, 1953 in Greenwich, and spent his childhood and most of his adult life living in 'Back Country' Greenwich. Todd graduated from Brunswick School in 1972, and then attended North Carolina State University. After college Todd became the first of the third generation to work in the family business, Vasileff Nurseries Inc. managing the garden center and feed and grain, where he could be found as a friend to all who walked through the shop's doors.

Todd later moved to the "Quiet Corner" of the state to the small village of Pomfret Center where he immersed himself in his "Little Farm," welcoming all of his family to become part

of his life, where all remained till his passing. In short time Todd befriended all who lived around him, leaving so many saddened and in disbelief that he has passed. All who knew Todd knew him for his kindness, caring, and love, no matter who they were.

Todd was predeceased by his father, Nicholas L. Vasileff Jr of Roxbury, just nine months earlier. He leaves his mother, Jean Vasileff of Pomfret Center, his brother Greg, his nephew Nicholas and niece Bailey Strouth (Rick) of Knoxville, Tennessee. His uncle Steve Wearn (Valerie) of Canterbury, New Hampshire and cousins Ethan of Sapporo, Japan and Jonathan of South Portland Maine.

A 'celebration' of Todd's life will be held on June 24 on his land in Pomfret Center. Please visit toddvasileff.com to be admitted to a remembrances page and to be kept up to date on his Life Celebration. We all miss him dearly.

Gifts in Todd's memory may be made to The Connecticut Children's Medical Center Foundation, 282 Washington Street, Hartford, Ct. 06106.

Eleanor Davis Duhnkrack, 87



S T A M F O R D — Eleanor Davis Duhnkrack, 87, of Stamford, formerly of Brooklyn, passed away on February 20 at her residence. Eleanor was born in Somerville, Massachusetts on March 21, 1929. She graduated from Somerville High School in 1947. She also graduated from Emerson College, Boston, Massachusetts with a Bachelor of Arts degree, in the class of 1951 and a Masters degree from Manhattan College, Riverdale, New York in the class of 1977. She worked as a Reading Specialist in the Killingly Public School System in Danielson, from 1978 to 1997.

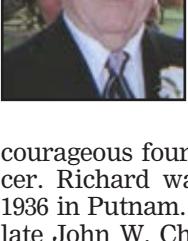
Eleanor served as a church lecturer at Our Lady of LaSalette church in Brooklyn, and as Scholarship Chairman at the Windham Tolland

Retired Teachers Association. In addition, she was a member of the Emma Rogers Society of MIT, a member of Kappa Delta Pi, the Honor Society in Education, the International Reading Association and Manhattan College Reading Council.

She was predeceased by her husband, George B. Duhnkrack, a daughter, Ellen Mary, a brother, Lt. George C. Davis, Jr. and two sisters, Miriam Govoni of Duxbury, Massachusetts and Ruth L. Davis of Cambridge, Massachusetts. She is survived by her daughter Margaret Clark and son-in-law Brian Clark of Rye Brook, New York. She also has two grandchildren, Ellen Mary Clark and Emma Marie Clark.

A Mass of Christian Burial was held on February 25 at our Lady of LaSalette Church in Brooklyn. Burial followed in Westfield Cemetery, Danielson. There are no calling hours. Tillinghastfh.com

Richard Willard Chase, 80



EAST KILLINGLY — Richard Willard Chase, age 80, of East Killingly was called from this life into the Lord's presence Thursday morning, February 23, surrounded by friends and family, after a courageous four-year battle with cancer. Richard was born September 7, 1936 in Putnam. He was the son of the late John W. Chase and Ethel (Tripp) Chase. He was the husband of 53 years to Jeannette (Privee) Chase. Richard served in the Marine Corps from 1956-1960, then the Marine Reserves from 1961-1962. He received The Good Conduct Medal and Rifle Sharpshooter Badge. After his service he worked at Pratt & Whitney and went to Ellis Tech Post Graduate Program for Design and Drafting. He worked in Hartford as an architectural draftsman, then worked as a mechanical draftsman in Putnam and later as an HVAC designer at Electric Boat where he retired at 68 years old. He attended Pomfret Congregational Church in Pomfret. His hobbies included collecting tractors, playing basketball with his sons and friends. He loved racing and raced

open wheeled modified coupes through the 60's. Then at age 65 after a 40-year hiatus he returned to racing in an SK modified for several years. Richard was also a lifelong motorcyclist, still owning three motorcycles at the time of his death. Besides his wife, he is survived by his sons, Richard J. Chase of Brookline, New Hampshire, and Darren R. Chase and his wife Jaime of Danielson; grandchildren, Johnathan Marshall of Danielson and Sarah Chase of Lake Hopatcong, New Jersey; sister Kathleen Therrien of Putnam. He was predeceased by his daughter Cheryl and his brother Robert. A graveside service will be held on Sunday, March 5, at 1:00 P.M. at Chase Cemetery, East Killingly followed by a memorial service at 2:30 P.M. at The Pomfret Congregational Church. A reception in the Fellowship Hall will follow the service. There are no calling hours. In lieu of flowers donations in his memory may be made to ECHO Foundation, 330 Washington Street, Suite 220, Norwich, CT 06360. Tillinghastfh.com

Marie V. (Berube) Sullivan, 89



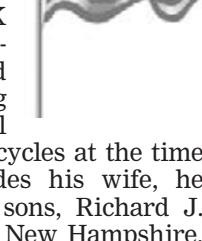
Marie V. (Berube) Sullivan, 89, daughter of the late Edgar and Albina Berube passed away peacefully with her loving family by her side.

Marie was employed for many years at Danielson

Curtain before retiring to care for her great-grandchildren, great nieces and nephews, and many other loved ones that considered her to be their memere. She was pre-deceased by her husband William A. Sullivan Sr. and her son William A. Sullivan Jr., her brothers, Carl, Raymond, Albert, and Edgar (Junior), and her step-father, John Barker.

She is survived by her children, Robert Sullivan and Cyndi Lewallen,

her grandchildren Tammy, Kevin, James (Buddy), Shandra, Kristin, Dan, Wayne, and Jon. She also leaves thirteen great grandchildren, Erin, Ryan, Hope, Kaitlyn, Courtney, Emily, Matthew, Alex, Danielle, Nicholas, Kayla, Kyle, Justin and three great-great-grandchildren, Matthew, Madisyn, and James William. She is also survived by numerous nieces, nephews, and children who considered her to be their memere. Burial will be at convenience of family. In lieu of flowers, donations can be made in Marie's name to a charity of donor's choice. Shaw-Majercik Funeral Home, 48 School Street, Webster, Mass., 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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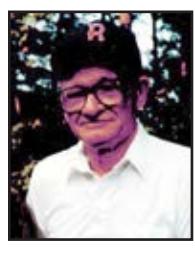
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Steve Zabka, 96



D U D L E Y , MASSACHUSETTS —Steve Zabka, 96, formerly of Wilsonville, and Clermont, Florida passed away February 23, at his home in Dudley, Massachusetts where he lived for the past 22 years with his loving and devoted wife of 73 years, Theresa; their son David Zabka, daughter-in-law Barbara and their children — two of his adoring grandchildren Madison and Aaron Zabka.

Steve is also survived by his son Joseph Zabka and his wife Florence of Florida, his daughter Carol Scott of Minnesota, his daughter-in-law Joan Zabka of Dudley, Massachusetts, his son Ronald Zabka and his wife Rosemary of New Hampshire, and his daughter Stephanie and her husband Robert Knowlton of Maine. He also leaves another 15 grandchildren; Jason Zabka; Elle Scott, Bryan Scott, Aaron Scott, Tauni MacLean, Justin Zabka, Devin Chausse, Keith McMahon, Lindsay Noel; Ryan Zabka, Nathan Zabka, Sarah Moreno; Jessica Knowlton, Whitney Grover, Audrey Knowlton; as well as 11 great-grandchildren, and several nieces and nephews. Steve was predeceased by his infant son Stephen Zabka, his son John Zabka, and his son-in-law Kenneth Scott.

Steve was born in Webster, Massachusetts and grew up in Wilsonville; the son of the late John Zabka and Mary (Vilim) (Zabka)

Masley, and stepson of the late Ignatius Masley. He was predeceased by eight siblings; John, Agnes (Holley), Joseph, Anne (Litchfield) Zabka, and; Andrew, Paul, Michael, and Phillip Masley.

Steve grew up a country boy working his parents' farm in Wilsonville. He joined the Army and served his country during World War II from March 1942 to December 1945; seeing action in the Battle of the Bulge with the 90th Infantry Division, Battalion A 537th AW. He met and married Theresa in 1944. Together, they began their family; living first in Webster before settling once again in Wilsonville where they built their home and raised their children. After the war, Steve worked at the Dudley Record Factory and then was employed by American Optical as a machinist until his retirement. Steve and Theresa headed south to Florida in 1987 where they enjoyed several years at their home in Clermont before returning north in 1994 to spend their remaining days close to their family in Dudley.

Steve was a good man who lived a simple life and enjoyed life's simple pleasures. He loved dancing, singing, playing cards, days at the lake, reading, camping and fishing in Canada, cold beer, the Boston Red Sox, red wine, and of course scratch tickets!

A Mass of Christian burial will be held 10 a.m. on Friday, March 3 at St. Andrew Bobola Church, 54 West Main St., Dudley. The Webster-Dudley Veterans Honor Guard will provide military honors after Mass. Burial will be private at a later date.

Rita Methot, 88

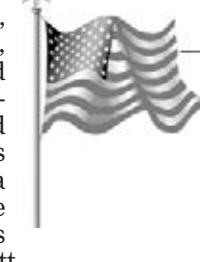


DANIELSON —Rita Methot, 88 of Danielson CT, passed away peacefully on February 2, 2017. Rita was born December 01, 1928, the daughter of the late Joseph and Blanche Caron. Rita is preceded by her husband, Rene Methot. She was the loving mother of five children. Rita worked for Rogers Corporation and retired after 31 years of employment. Rita had five children. She is survived by her daughters Donna (Fred) Trudeau of Kennebunkport, ME, Joyce Hewitt (Brian LeBeau) of Brooklyn, CT, and

Lori Moran of Brooklyn, CT and her son, Gary (Sue Ann) Methot of Jackson, NH. Rita is preceded by daughter, Lisa LaFlamme-Krankowski (Steve) of Punta Gorda, FLA after her battle with Leukemia. Rita had 14 grandchildren, 27 great grandchildren, one great-great grandson and numerous nieces and nephews. She was most proud to share the accomplishments of her children and grandchildren with others. A memorial funeral mass will be held in the spring at Saint James Church in Danielson followed by a burial at Most Holy Trinity Cemetery. In lieu of flowers, memorial donations can be made to the CT Humane Society.



Wilton E. Baxter Jr., 84

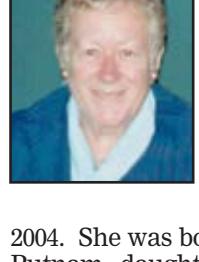


S O U T H KILLINGLY —Wilton E. "Bill" Baxter Jr., 84, of South Killingly, died on February 20. He was married for 60 years to the late Roberta Arnold. He was born in Providence,

Rhode Island and was the son of the late Wilton E. Baxter Sr. and Gladys Trusdale. He proudly served in the United States Air Force during the Korean War. He worked as a letter carrier for the United States Postal service until his retirement in 1989 and then worked as Superintendent of Westfield Village Senior Housing until 2014. He was the proud father of and is survived by Raymond Baxter (Lisa) of Norwell, Massachusetts, Roger Baxter (Lisa) of Dayville, David Baxter (Marcia) of Wallingford, and Donald Baxter (Debra) of Dayville, loving grandfather of Matthew, Kathryn Baxter-Tine (John), Jessica, Patrick,

Benjamin, Dana, Andrew and Aaron, and especially loved his great grandchildren Madelyn and Olivia Tine. He was predeceased by a sister, Constance Tyler, and leaves his brother, Prescott Baxter, and many nieces and nephews. He loved summers at the lake, the Red Sox, antique cars (including his vintage 1949 Chevy Truck), and NASCAR. He will be missed by all. Calling hours were held on February 23, at Tillinghast Funeral Home in Danielson. A Funeral Service was held on February 24 at Westfield Congregational Church in Danielson. Burial will be in South Killingly Cemetery. In lieu of flowers, the family suggests gifts in his memory to The American Diabetes Association, 2275 Silas Deane Highway, First Floor N-Unit 9, Rocky Hill, CT 06067 or online at diabetes.org

Irene W. Dryl, 97



PUTNAM —Irene W. Dryl, 97, of Putnam, died February 24, in Putnam. She was the beloved wife of 59 ½ years to Chester Dryl, they were married October 21, 1944, he died April 14,

2004. She was born October 21, 1919 in Putnam, daughter of the late George and Mary (Shippee) Whittemore. Irene was a graduate of Putnam High School, Class of 1937 and a member of the Putnam Congregational Church.

Irene was a supervisor of Data Processing at the American Optical in Putnam, Safety Division, she retired in 1979 after 34 years of employment. She enjoyed feeding and watching birds in her backyard, and tending her plants and flowers. She is the last member of her immediate family. She was predeceased by her cousin Ruth Flagg. She leaves her very special friend and neighbor Patricia Levesque. A Private Graveside Service was held February 28, at Grove Street Cemetery, Putnam. The Smith and Walker Funeral Home, Putnam is entrusted with her arrangements. www.smithandwalkerfh.com

Louise D. Livermore, 84

KILLINGLY —Louise D. Livermore, 84, of Killingly, passed away at her home on February 21. She is survived by her daughter Bonnie Cusson and son, William Livermore Jr. She was predeceased by her husband, William Livermore, Sr., her brothers, Joe Mineau, Francis Mineau, Leo Mineau, and her sisters, Agnes Elie, Doreen Prince, and Lorraine Poppie.

She had several grandchildren and great-grandchildren as well as many nieces and nephews.

There are no calling hours, but a celebration of life will be held on March 11, at 2pm at Bilartos in Putnam (old Kings Inn). Burial is at the convenience of the family.

LEGALS

LEGAL NOTICE

On October 24, 2016, the State Board of Medicine indefinitely suspended the license of Ronald Corey Archibald, PA license no. MD056076L, of Putnam, Connecticut, based on disciplinary action taken by the proper licensing authority of another state.

March 3, 2017

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

ESTATE OF Noah B Desilet

(17-00058)

The Hon. Leah P. Schad, Judge of the Court of Probate, District of Northeast Probate Court, by decree dated February 21, 2017, ordered that all claims must be presented to the fiduciaries at the address below. Failure to promptly present any such claim may result in the loss of rights to recover on such claim.

Brenda Duquette, Clerk

The fiduciaries are:

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March 3, 2017

State of Connecticut

Court of Probate, Northeast Regional

Children's Probate Court

NOTICE TO

George Perkins

Pursuant to an order of Hon. Leah P. Schad, Judge, a hearing will be held at Northeast Regional Children's Probate Court, 508 Pomfret Street, Putnam, CT 06260 on March 9, 2017 at 1:00 PM, on a petition for Termination of Parental Rights concerning David L., a minor child born to Cindy Larochelle on August 31, 2011 at Putnam, CT. The court's decision will affect your interest, if any, as in the petition on file more fully appears.

RIGHT TO COUNSEL: If the above named person wishes to have an attorney, but is unable to pay for one, the Court will provide an attorney upon proof of inability to pay. Any such request should be made immediately by contacting the court office where the hearing is to be held.

By Order of the Court

Mona Fournier, Clerk

March 3, 2017



Photo by Heath Robbins Photography
Cranberry juice is more than a refreshing drink—it may also improve the quality of life for women who suffer from UTIs.

(NAPS)

If you or someone you care about is among the estimated 150 million women who'll have a urinary tract infection (UTI) this year, you may be relieved to know that cranberry juice may be a nutritional approach to help avoid the infection in the first place.

The Problem

Approximately 60 percent of women will experience a UTI in their lifetimes and one in four will suffer a recurrence within six months.

UTIs are typically treated with prescribed antibiotics; however, antibiotic resistance—when bacteria stop

responding to the drugs designed to kill them—is possibly the single most important infectious disease threat people face today.

In fact, each year, more than two million Americans are infected by germs that are resistant to antibiotics and at least 23,000 people die as a result.

According to an omnibus survey conducted by KRC of 1,000 Americans, nine in 10 adults understand that overusing antibiotics can be harmful to one's health. So what's the alternative?

An Answer

Thankfully, there is a small, nutri-

ent-dense fruit that can help defend your body against UTIs. The best part? You don't need a prescription for it.

It's the cranberry.

"More than 50 years of well-documented research points to cranberries' unique ability to block certain bad bacteria," said Dr. Christina Khoo, Director of Global Health Sciences and Regulatory Affairs at Ocean Spray. "This makes cranberries one delicious option that may help prevent urinary tract infections."

Dr. Khoo notes that the key to avoiding the infection altogether is consuming an eight-ounce glass of cranberry juice daily. People shouldn't wait until they have a UTI to drink cranberry juice, because once the symptoms start, they'll likely need a course of antibiotics.

According to that same omnibus survey, consuming cranberry juice daily shouldn't be a problem—three-quarters of adults would rather drink a glass of cranberry juice a day than take antibiotics a few times a year.

At a time when antibiotic resistance threatens public health around the world, research shows that consuming cranberry juice daily can be a nutritional approach to reducing symptomatic UTIs and, as a result, may be a useful way to decrease the worldwide use of antibiotics. So it seems cranberry juice is more than a refreshing drink—it may also improve the quality of life for women who suffer from UTIs by reducing their trips to the doctor, their lab costs and antibiotic use.

Learn More

For further information about antibiotic resistance and how you can #DrinkToDefend your body against UTIs, visit the experts at Ocean Spray online at www.cranberryhealth.com.

To view the full list of sources, visit www.cranberryhealth.com/sources.

Killingly's Zadora wins state wrestling title

NEW HAVEN — Killingly Youth Wrestling's Brady Zadora claimed the championship title in his Intermediate 60-pound bracket at the USA Wrestling Connecticut State Championship Tournament last Sunday at Hillhouse High School in New Haven.

"We're extremely proud of Brady," said coach Ron LaBeef. "Brady has worked extremely hard this season, he earned his wins and the championship title."

Killingly's Jayden James and Darin Exarhoulias both placed third

in their Novice brackets. Novices Devin Exarhoulias and Kaden Ware both placed fourth. Intermediate Braden Jonasch, Novice Ian Cathell, Novice, and Middle Schooler Cooper Morissette all finished 6th in their brackets. Amar Kuljancic placed sixth

in his Intermediate bracket.

The top five finishers in each bracket earned a spot at the New England Tournament which is scheduled to take place on March 11-12 in Salem, Mass.



Jennifer O'Leary Cathell photo

Killingly's Brady Zadora wrestles his way to the championship.



Jennifer O'Leary Cathell photo

Killingly's Darin Exarhoulias places third in his Novice bracket



Jennifer O'Leary Cathell photo

Killingly's Jayden James finishes the day third in his Novice 60 bracket.

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vitamins, minerals and the like that are believed to enhance brain activity.

Nootropics aren't just for gamers and those on the cutting edge of nutrition. One of the most popular nootropics is caffeine, commonly found in coffee, which roughly 83 percent of adult Americans drink, according to National Coffee Association's 2013 online survey. This makes the cubes excellent for anyone who needs to boost energy or sharpen focus—from entrepreneurs to busy moms to athletes to college students.

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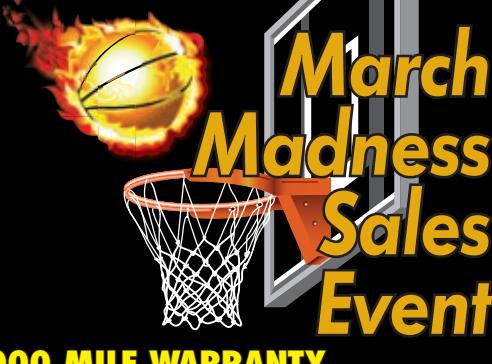
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