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A United effort to serve the Quiet Corner

BY CHARLIE LENTZ
VILLAGER EDITOR

WOODSTOCK — Last Friday night Diane Manning worked the door at the Mansion at Bald Hill for United Services “Irish Night” — greeting friends and benefactors for an evening of camaraderie, revelry, and charity for those in need. It was a rare chance to step away from her day job as President and CEO of United Services — and acknowledge those who contribute to the cause.

“It really helps us to do the job sometimes when the days are really tough and we’re trying to scrape together money — to realize that people come out and support us, the businesses in the area support us in doing some-

thing like this,” Manning said. “And it also gives us an opportunity to let people know what we do — to tell our story — because we’re sort of the Northeast’s best hidden secret as far as the services that we provide. An opportunity like this also lets people know what we do.”

Manning’s is keenly aware of those who have a tough path in life. “I’ve been in this field for almost 35 years. What motivates me is every day we make a difference,” Manning said. “It’s different people. Different days. It’s different issues that we’re dealing with — as the community changes, as the needs change, we change with it. But we really make a difference



Charlie Lentz photo
Above: Sarah and Josh Wolfburg get in the spirit at United Services “Irish Night” last Friday, March 16, at the Mansion at Bald Hill in Woodstock.
At right: Diane Manning is president and CEO of United Services Inc.



Charlie Lentz photo
PUTNAM — This vehicle just off Recreation Park Road was a victim of a felled tree, caused by the heavy snows that came with the round of nor'easters that hit the area recently.

An Irish jig on St. Patrick’s Day

BY CHARLIE LENTZ
VILLAGER EDITOR

PUTNAM — Irish dance didn’t suit Carla Savoie’s fancy until later in life. But she’s making up for lost time with her Lee Irish Dance troupe.

“It’s funny. I started dancing as an adult. My daughters always danced growing up. So every time I watched them dance I was like ‘Oh, I really want to learn how to do that.’” Savoie said. “And finally I found adult classes I could take — so I learned myself.”

Once infected with the dancing bug — Savoie started spreading her passion to a whole new generation. She teaches Irish dance in her studio in Charlton, Mass. Savoie, along with her daughter, Jillian, instruct aspiring dancers ranging in age from 5 to 17.

“Kids just kind of found us and they love it,” Savoie said.

Savoie’s Lee Irish Dance troupe had a whirlwind afternoon last Saturday on St. Patrick’s Day, making four performances.

“Today we are covering four locations,” Savoie said.

The troupe started the day at Putnam Public Library, followed by stops at Westview Health Care



Charlie Lentz photo
Carla Savoie and one of her students entertain dance patrons at Putnam Public Library last Saturday, March 17.

Center in Dayville, the Charlton Public Library, and finishing up with a performance at The Overlook retirement community in Charlton. The troupe performed in front of standing-room-only crowd in the Community Room of the Putnam Public Library on March 17. Dancers demonstrated traditional Irish dances including reels, light jigs, treble jigs, and hornpipes. Savoie said youngsters learn valuable skills beyond dance when they perform — sometimes pulling shy children out of their shells.

“I’m so proud of them. They get out there and dance with no issues whatsoever in front of a

Pomfret’s answer to a recreation quandary



Charlie Lentz photo
Pomfret First Selectman Maureen Nicholson, second from right, lent her support to raise funds for the expansion of Pomfret Recreation Park’s disc golf course. A fundraiser, “O’Pomfret Trivia Night”, was held last Friday, March 16, at Parsons Lodge on the campus of Pomfret School. With Nicholson, from left to right, Patrick McCarthy, Raymond Wishart, and Karen Anderson.

BY CHARLIE LENTZ
VILLAGER EDITOR

POMFRET CENTER — This is no trivial matter. While the popularity of disc golf expands, Pomfret Recreation Park’s course is limited to nine holes — grumbling has been heard among dedicated disc duffers. How might a



Charlie Lentz photo
PUTNAM — Putnam High’s Ashley Burke, left, tries to get past Woodstock Academy’s Mackenzie Cayer at the Ray Brosseau All-Star Senior Basketball Tournament on Monday at Putnam High. The tourney honors a pillar of the community. Story on page B-1 of today’s sports section.

Taste for NOW set for QVCC

DANIELSON — Northeast Opportunities for Wellness, Inc. (NOW) will hold its seventh annual A Taste for NOW, A Taste for Life on Saturday, April 21 from 6 p.m. to 10 p.m. at Quinebaug Valley Community College. The event has become a celebrated annual tradition for the nonprofit, with over 150 people attending and over \$8,000 raised in 2017. Proceeds to benefit NOW's youth scholarships and wellness programs.

This is the first year that the Taste for NOW will be held in the spring and it is anticipated that the season will serve as an inspiration for the participating restaurants and caterers. NOW Executive Director Sarah Wolfburg shared her excitement for the event.

“As we get ready to welcome the spring season, we felt that this was the perfect time of year to host the Taste for NOW. With our seventh year, we wanted to refresh the event and we think the addition of Tito's Vodka as an event sponsor, and some of the new features we have planned for the event will offer something new to experience,” Wolfburg said.

The event invites attendees to “taste” selections from the

area's top restaurants, caterers, and bakeries. All food provided is paired with beer and wine selections donated by Friendly Spirits. The list of 2018 participating restaurants includes: Black Dog Bar & Grille, Connecticut National Golf Club, The Courthouse Bar & Grille, Giant Pizza, The G Seven Catering Company, Inn at Woodstock Hill, The Lunchbox Catering Company, Renee's Working Girl Catering, The Stomping Ground, Victoria Station Café, and more to come.

Friendly Spirits, which has provided the beer and wine pairings since the event was founded, will also donate 10 percent of sales made during the event to NOW. In addition to the beers and wine paired with restaurant and caterer samples, Tito's Handmade Vodka has signed on as an event sponsor and will provide cocktail samples featuring the beverage company's award-winning vodka. As well, The G Seven Catering Company will provide a cash bar at the event.

For 2018, the Taste for NOW will feature music by two talented artists, Allysen Callery, a self-taught folk artist from Rhode Island, and Tristan

Omand, a folk musician from New Hampshire. “The Taste for NOW has always featured live entertainment and with the layout of the event at the lovely campus of Quinebaug Valley Community College, we wanted to encourage guests to explore the space by featuring two different entertainers,” Wolfburg said.

The event will also feature raffle items donated by a variety of businesses. All proceeds from the Taste for NOW will assist NOW in their mission to introduce area children to fitness, nutrition and wellness. Tickets to the event are available for \$60 per person.

Northeast Opportunities for Wellness is a 501(c)(3) non-profit dedicated to making a positive impact in the lives of Quiet Corner children by ensuring each child's access to wellness, including fitness, nutrition, and athletics. Serving the 10-town area of Northeast Connecticut, NOW partners with other local youth organizations to provide scholarships to children ages 3-14 who otherwise may not be able to afford such opportunities. Tickets can be purchased online at www.NOWinMotion.org.



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Last year's Taste for NOW



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PUTNAM — The Woman's Board of Day Kimball Hospital held its annual Spring Luncheon at The Black Dog Bar & Grille on March 15th. The group presented DKH CEO, Anne Diamond with a check for \$35,406.71 as final payment for a committed pledge for baby monitoring equipment. From left, Kristen Willis - Director of Development; Denise Baum -Woman's Board Treasurer and Co Manager of The Hospital Gift Shop; Kim Le Cuyer - Woman's Board Director & Co- Manager of The Hospital Gift Shop; Rachel Katsoulis - Operations Manager, Maternal Child Health; Anne Diamond- Day Kimball Hospital CEO; Francine Lee - Gift Shop Treasurer and Heidi Hare - Woman's Board Assistant Treasurer.



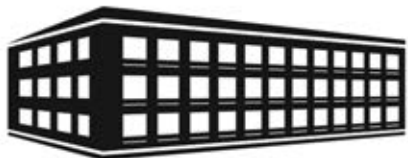
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Bessette trio set for Connconcert

WOODSTOCK — Andre and Donna Bessette along with their daughter, Yvie, are set to appear at the upcoming Broadway Live production of “The Connconcert”, which is scheduled for Saturday, April 7 and Sunday April 8 at the Center for the Arts at Woodstock Academy. The concert is a benefit for the Hale YMCA Youth and Family Center in Putnam

“The Connconcert” is a special musical collaboration of 30 regional and local performers backed by a 16-piece orchestra performing music from Broadway, jazz, rock and roll and classical pieces for all ages. The Bessettes are no strangers to the stage or singing in bands for great philanthropic causes. Donna has been making music for audiences both young and old all of her life. Growing up in New York she performed a variety of roles in musical theater productions with the Port Washington Play Troupe and the Harbor Theater Company as well as in productions at Connecticut College. She also performed and recorded with the professional women’s a capella group, Calamity Jane while living in San Francisco for seven years. Locally, she has been seen in a variety of Broadway Live Productions at the Bradley Playhouse, numerous events with VOICES, and a children’s performer. She is the lead female vocalist and keyboardist for the Pomfret based band,



Courtesy photo

From left, Donna, Yvie and Andre Bessette

nine6teen. Donna is currently the Director of the Performing Arts Department at Rectory School.

Her husband Andre has performed in a cappella ensembles, rock groups, and numerous musicals and revues since the age of 15. His credits include the male lead in 1940’s Radio Hour, the Courier in 1776, the American in Cabaret, Godspell, a host of VOICES benefit concerts, and a cameo as the “Middle-Aged Angel” in Grease at the Bradley. He is a founding member of Groovecamp Worldbeat Percussion Ensemble, the drummer and vocalist for nine6teen, and is an original member of Broadway Live’s...VOICES. By day, he is chief psychologist at DKH’s Child/Adolescent Behavioral Health and clinical super-

visor at Thompson Ecumenical Empowerment Group (TEEG); and can be found competing in triathlons and other endurance events around New England. He is also actively involved in the Griffin Hockey Program both as a player and a coach.

Their daughter Yvie is a sophomore at Woodstock Academy and has been very active in the musical and chorus programs both at Woodstock as well as Rectory School where she played “Belle” in their 2016 production of “Beauty and The Beast.” Yvie has been dancing at The Putnam Dance Center for 12 years and has received recognition and awards at dance competitions throughout New England.

“Both Donna and Andre are incredibly talented vocalists

and musicians,” said David T. Panteleakos, executive producer. “Over the past 18 years I have witnessed their talents and the growth of their family. It amazes me that they have maintained their established professional careers, raised three amazing children Nathalie, Yvie and Henri; and they still find the time to perform and collaborate for philanthropic causes. We couldn’t be more proud and pleased that they are joining us for this exciting event.”

The dates of the show are Saturday, April 7 at 7:30 p.m. and Sunday, April 8 at 2 p.m. Performances are being held at the Center for the Arts at Woodstock Academy and tickets are now available at the Hale YMCA Youth and Family Center in Putnam or on line at www.theconnconcert.com

Putnam Library announces passport program

PUTNAM — Over one hundred Connecticut libraries are proud to participate in the Connecticut Library Association’s Passport to Connecticut Libraries Program. To celebrate National Library Week during April, the Passport to Connecticut Libraries Program invites everyone to visit all of the participating Connecticut public libraries. Each library has its own architecture, vibe and collection to explore and browse. The program is open to adults and children, and the hope is that it encourages residents to explore the amazing diversity of our public libraries.

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To participate, visit your local participating library to pick up your Passport. Participating libraries in the northeast corner of Connecticut are: Putnam Public Library, Brooklyn Public Library, Canterbury Public Library, Chaplin Public Library, Killingly Public Library, Mansfield Public Library, Pomfret Public Library, Scotland Public Library and Thompson Public Library. The library will stamp your passport and give you a small gift to get you started. Take your Passport along as you visit other participating libraries in Connecticut. At each visit, you must show your library card, and then the library will stamp your passport and

give you another small gift.

If you visit at least five participating libraries and return your passport to a participating library by May 7, then you will be entered into one state-wide drawing for a chance to win a \$150 Visa gift card for adults (18 and up) and a \$100 Visa gift card for children (under 18). This is a state-wide contest where four winners will be selected: one adult and one child from a random drawing from all who visited at least five libraries, and one adult and one child from a random drawing from all who visited the most libraries. For more details and a full list of participating libraries, ask your local librarian.

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Rachael Johnston

Occupation: Broker/Owner of Johnston & Associates Real Estate in Thompson

Lives In: Killingly

Family: Husband, Shawn; sons/daughters-in-laws; Ryan and Amanda, Jeff and Danielle; grandson, Rhett

Pets: Goldendoodle, Sophie Doodle Johnston - the best fur baby ever!

How long have you lived in the area?
Just moved to Killingly last year but lived in Thompson my entire life

Do you have a favorite food?
I am a self-diagnosed “ice cream-aholic” !

What is currently your favorite TV Show?
Frankie & Grace on Netflix. The combination of Lily Tomlin and Jane Fonda makes for a lot of laughs.

What is your favorite travel destination? Any place that offers me the ocean and a sandy beach.

What’s the best part about your town?

I feel blessed to live in a community where neighbors care about neighbors and giving back is a normal part of life.

Who has been the greatest influence in your life?
My husband Shawn. He is honest, has an incredibly strong moral character and is so very giving of himself.

Who is your favorite musical artist?
Journey, BonJovi, Rolling Stones, Led Zeppelin

What is the greatest piece of advice you have ever been given?
Navy Admiral McGravin once said: “If you make your bed every morning, you will have accomplished the first task of the day. It will give you a small sense of pride, and it will encourage you to do another task, and another, and another. And by the end of the day that one task completed will have turned into many tasks completed.” So, I make my bed every morning.

Favorite Sports Team: Red Sox, Patriots, UCONN Huskies

Each week we will be celebrating a local resident. If you would like to suggest a resident to celebrate here, please send Charlie an email at charlie@villagernewspapers.com. For a list of Selfie questions please e-mail charlie@villagernewspapers.com



CLUES ACROSS

1. Punctuation mark

6. Married woman

9. Nocturnal rodent

13. Suffix

14. A way to disappoint

15. Saddle horse

16. West African country

17. Philippine island

18. “Girls” creator Dunham

19. A type of twin

21. Groans

22. Infections

23. What a beaver makes

24. Thou

25. Make a mistake

28. Receive

29. Dresses

31. Burn the surface of

33. Where coaches observe

36. Ceremonial offices

38. Paddle
39. The body’s main artery

41. Altered the original state

44. Alleges

45. Short-billed rails

46. Northern Thai province

48. Albanian monetary unit

49. Who the Wolverines play for

51. Oath

52. Astronomical period

54. A single unit

56. Presides over

60. Spoiled tot

61. Hillsides

62. Fertility god

63. Assuage

64. Signs a contract

65. Ancient Greek war dance

66. Allows

67. Lunar crater

68. Crash a motorcycle (Brit. slang)

CLUES DOWN

1. Loose-fitting undergarment

2. Western Romanian city

3. Unit of length

4. Type of electricity

5. Article

6. Mothers

7. Monetary unit

8. Single Lens Reflex

9. Tan-colored horses

10. Region

11. Cautious in spending money

12. Belittle

14. Sarcastic

17. Fathers

20. Clothes

21. Opera’s Callas

23. Lentil dish

25. Energy-saving module

26. Make sense of a language

27. Hurries through

29. Songs to one’s lover
30. Name given to plant group

32. Improves

34. Patriotic women

35. Inflamed swelling on the eyelid

37. Instrument in Indian music

40. Request

42. Make into leather without using tannin

43. Defies

47. Neither

49. Flower cluster

50. Phonological unit

52. Leaves in water

53. Cavalry-sword

55. Famed American cartoonist

56. Messenger ribonucleic acid

57. Scarlett’s home

58. Make

59. Stony waste matter

61. What to do at auction

65. Incorrect letters



Killingly Rec hosts Irish event for seniors

KILLINGLY — The Killingly Parks and Recreation Department recently hosted a themed stew and story event for seniors. The event was headlined by the special story telling talents of Suzanne Easterly and this day’s theme of Irish Fairy Tales proved to be quite popular with a sellout audience. This is the fifth event of its type that the department has hosted over the past two years and they plan to continue to host more in this upcoming fall season.

The department’s next event is for the whole family on Saturday, March 24 at the Community Center with “Peter Rabbit presents: Steven Craig –Family Comedy Show and Breakfast with the Bunny” tickets for the breakfast are \$5 per person or five for \$20 and the Danielson Lions will be serving between 8:30 a.m. and 10 a.m. with the show taking place immediately following.



March 27 - Carl Stidsen on the New England Air Museum

DANIELSON — Carl Stidsen on the New England Air Museum will be the speaker at the Danielson Veterans Coffeehouse on March 27. The Museum houses one of the world’s most outstanding collections of historic aviation artifacts: more than 80 aircraft and an extensive collection of engines, instruments, aircraft parts, uniforms and personal memorabilia. The largest known collection of the American Volunteer Group, better know as the Flying Tigers is also on display. Also, the collection of the last remaining four-engine American flying the Sikorsky VS-44A, donated by its previous owner, actress Maureen O’Hara and restored to original condition; an expertly restored B-29 Superfortress; Silas Brooks Balloon Basket (1870) believed to be the oldest surviving aircraft in the

United States; the Bunce-Curtiss Pusher (1912), the oldest surviving Connecticut-built airplane; the Sikorsky S-39, the oldest surviving Sikorsky aircraft; and a Kaman K-225 helicopter, the oldest surviving Kaman-built aircraft. Located in Windsor Locks the Museum is the largest aviation museum in New England. This educational organization is dedicated to preserving and presenting historically significant aircraft and related artifacts, engaging visitors through high-quality exhibits helping them to understand aviation technology and history and inspiring students through innovative and hands-on educational programs. The coffeehouse (open to veterans only) is located at 185 Broad Street in Danielson. The coffeehouse opens at 9 a.m. and the guest speaker program starts at approximately 9:15 a.m.

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Putnam Elementary School celebrates America

PUTNAM —Fifth grade students and teachers at Putnam Elementary School participated in a six-week Americanism program in conjunction of American Legion Post No. 13.

Recognition for the Americanism program was held in the school auditorium on Friday, March 16. It honored the students for their dedication throughout the six sessions. The program was led by fifth grade teacher and Post #13 member Curt Prochowski. The program covered the topics of courage, honor, leadership, patriotism, scholarship and service. More than 90 fifth grade students took part in the program.

Two students, Kyle Remillard and McKenna Williams, were the medal winners for their outstanding contributions during the program. They received a special medallion and certificate from Post #13 and a framed certificate from American Legion National. Other students receiving Certificates of Appreciation included Evan Mailloux, Jacob Olson, Lucas Benoit, Deven Lamothe, Gabriel Fuentes, Isabel Porter, Madison Lamothe, Jenna Simas, Ava Morrison and Lilah Moran.

Richard W. Anderson National Americanism Chairman addressed the students, teachers, parents, grandparents and friends in attendance. He spoke to the students about the three R's, responsibility, respect and remembrance. He also gave a brief history of the significance of Taps in the military.

“As students and future leaders of our communities and country it’s important to always keep the three R’s in mind in all that we do. Individuals who live by the three R’s will be successful in whatever endeavor they embark on in the future,” said Anderson.

After closing his remarks Anderson presented both Principal Cathryn Colavecchio and Post No. 13 Commander Ronald P. Coderre with plaques of recognition and appreciation signed by him and American Legion National Commander Denise Rohan. The students presented Anderson with a piece of art drawn by student, Isabel Porter. Anderson promised the students that their gift would be on display at the American Legion national headquarters in Indianapolis when he attends an Americanism meeting next week. He also presented each student with an American flag to be worn on a lapel or collar.

The program started and ended with the presentation and retirement of the colors by Post 13 Color Guard and Vietnam veterans, Alan Joslin and Charlie Leach. The invocation and benediction were delivered by Post member and Children and Youth chairman Albert Cormier.

The National Anthem was sung by Putnam High School junior Kia Fontaine and Taps was rendered by senior Cecilio Berrios. Post 13 Sergeant-at-Arms Victor J. Kratz led the audience in the Pledge of Allegiance and a special POW/MIA ceremony.

Noted Putnam vocalist Linda Colangelo graced the audience with a moving tribute to the five branches of the military, as she regaled those present singing the songs of the Army, Marines, Navy, Air Force and Coast



Courtesy photos

Americanism contest participants at Putnam Elementary School. Fifth grade students pictured with program participants, from left, American Legion Post No. 13 Sergeant-at-Arms Victor Kratz; Linda Colangelo; Commander Ronald P. Coderre; Program Coordinator albert Cormier; Teacher Curt Prochowski; and National Americanism Chairman Richard W. Anderson.

Guard. She also performed a stirring rendition of “God Bless the USA.”

“American Legion Post #13 is proud to partner with the Putnam Elementary School on this very important program. It’s part of our service to our community and its young people. This program is a model for other such programs throughout our great country,” said Coderre.

The recognition ceremony was coordinated Post member Albert Cormier.

Courtesy photo

Americanism Medal winners McKenna Williams and Kyle Remillard. Pictured with the winners, from left, Albert Cormier, program coordinator; National Americanism Chairman Richard Anderson; teacher and American Legion Post No. 13 member Curt Prochowski; and Post 13 Commander Ronald P. Coderre



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whole audience. It’s amazing,” Savoie said.

She said the benefits of Irish Dance travel far beyond the dance floor.

“It gives them self-confidence, motivation, they make new friends,” Savoie said. “They learn a discipline. It’s amazing. And a lot of our students are ‘A’ students in school, also, I think there’s a correlation there too. It’s wonderful.”

Last Saturday the fruits of a lot of hard work was on display. Savoie said her students rarely get to show off on St. Patrick’s Day — so this year was special for the Lee Irish Dance troupe.

“It’s so nice that it fell on a Saturday,” Savoie said. “We always tour on a Saturday, closest to St. Patrick’s Day. So it was so wonderful that it fell on the 17th.”

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Woodstock earns award at Model United Nations conference



Courtesy photo
Back row, from left, Margaret McLoughlin, Nick Smith, Jake Racicot, William Hammill, William Schad, Jared MacDonald, Ethan Werstler, Brendan Chapuis, Wanjiru Gatheru. Front row: Anna Murphy, left, Erica Frost.

WOODSTOCK — The Woodstock Academy’s Model United Nations team traveled to New York City in early March for the National High School Model United Nations Conference. The national conference brought together delegations from across the country and ended with a closing ceremony in the General Assembly Hall of the United Nations. An all-senior delegation earned second place at the conference and was one of only 10 teams to earn an award of excellence among over 300 high school delegations. These awards, combined with recognition earned at other conferences and the team’s overall performance throughout the year, earned it the Model UN program’s distinctive ranking of seventh in the nation.

Senior William Hamill from Brooklyn earned an Outstanding Delegate award. Hamill has participated in Model UN for the duration of his time in high school.

“Receiving an award at my final conference was truly a blessing,” Hamill said. “. . . Much more appreciative of receiving a delegation award as it shows the combined effort

of our entire team and all the work and effort they put in.”

The high-performing delegation at NHSMUNC consisted of Ethan Werstler, William Schad, William Hamill, Margaret McLoughlin, Jared MacDonald, Jake Racicot, Wanjiru Gatheru, Brendan Chapuis, Anna Murphy, Nicholas Smith, and Erica Frost.

Since its beginning in 1968, WA Model UN has grown to attract over 100 participants between the club for freshmen and sophomores and the travel team of juniors and seniors who have taken international relations courses at The Academy. Students who participate in Model UN and able to develop a better understanding of the world and international politics as well as mature in public speaking, writing, research, and teamwork.

The WA Model UN program will host the fourth annual Woodstock Academy Model UN Conference on April 28. Academy students plan and facilitate this conference for their peers from high schools around Connecticut, Rhode Island, Massachusetts, and New York.

Tackson is Tourtellotte’s March spotlight student

THOMPSON — Makayla Tackson is Tourtellotte Memorial High School’s Student Spotlight for the Month of March. Each month, Tourtellotte Memorial High School’s Student Spotlight program recognizes a student who has demonstrated outstanding achievement, character, leadership, attitude, and/or contributions to the school and community. March’s Student Spotlight honoree is freshman Makayla Tackson.

Tackson was nominated by three other freshmen: Lindsey Worster, Samantha Worster, and Kaylee Tackson.

“Makayla is a sweet, caring, and hard-working girl who is always willing to put others first,” Lindsey Worster said.

“Makayla is a phenomenal student

and athlete who goes above and beyond to put her best self forth. She will help anyone with anything without hesitation. She is positive in the most negative situations,” Samanta Worster said.

Her sister Kaylee also was among the nominators and confirms that Makayla is caring, hard-working, and “the best sister anyone could have.”

“What motivates me is my family because they always congratulate me on what I have accomplished and push me to work harder. So when I get good grades, I feel proud of myself and that is such a great feeling,” Makayla Tackson said.

While in middle school, Tackson received numerous awards as a result her many contributions to her school community. Now in high school, she continues this involvement as a member of the Future Business Leaders of America and plans to become involved in the TMHS Leadership Team and National Honor Society. She also competes in soccer, track and

field, and dance. Of her plans for the future.

“I have always loved working with kids. I am working hard so that I can get into college in order to eventually

become a preschool teacher,” Tackson said. “If you put in the effort, then eventually something great will end up happening. Even if it doesn’t happen at first, keep pushing through and it will.”



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Women in government discussion at QVCC

DANIELSON, CT — Women in Government: How they ran. How they won. is the topic of a Women’s History Month panel discussion to be held Monday, March 26, at 12:30 p.m. at Quinebaug Valley Community College. Participating in the panel will be Secretary of the State Denise Merrill, State Representative Anne Dauphinais, Pomfret First Selectwoman Maureen Nicholson, and Windham Town Councilwoman Rose Reyes. The discussion will examine the reasons they chose to run for office, how they marketed themselves while campaigning, what physical, mental and emotional challenges they faced, and how they won their races. The event takes place in the Auditorium at the Danielson Campus. For additional information, contact Karla Desjardin at (860) 932-4106.

Little League baseball clinic set

WOODSTOCK — A baseball clinic for Little League coaches and players is scheduled for 9 a.m. to noon on Saturday, March 24, at Woodstock Academy’s South Campus. The clinic will cover hitting, throwing, fielding presentations, and then active participation. The clinic is free and is sponsored by Woodstock Academy baseball. Woodstock Academy Brian Murphy will supervise the clinic.

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Eastford Seniors host brown bag luncheon



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BY LINDA DOS SANTOS

EASTFORD — The anticipation was high for the first meeting of the Eastford Senior Citizens (ESC) for 2018. However, the recent heavy snowfall could have deterred a less enthusiastic group. The March 15 ESC Brown Bag Luncheon asked those attending to: bring a sandwich from home, and come share your winter experiences, a memory, or a story and bring your friends to the Eastford Town Office Building on 16 Westford Road.

ESC volunteers provided snacks and beverages. Eastford Seniors had a double treat, when Eastford First Selectwoman, Jacqueline Dubois, and Jennifer Strong, from TEEG joined the group. Dubois took the opportunity to introduce herself to the seniors, and to gain understanding of their particular needs. Strong, Community Program Manager at TEEG, discussed several free programs that are available for local seniors. In addition, she discussed the recent changes in the Medicare Savings

Programs, with increased eligibility and payments. All enjoyed the relaxed free flow of ideas intertwined with memories that followed. There were Mardi Gras Beads and “Medicare & You 2018” booklets available. Everyone received Gold Bond Ultimate cream samples provided by Dr. Timothy Monahan, MD, a Dermatologist in the Danielson Day Kimball Medical group. All Eastford seniors were welcome to this free event.

Members of the Eastford Senior Citizens voted to add two more events to this year’s calendar: a Car Caravan to The Publick House in Sturbridge, Massachusetts on July 30 for an all-you-can-eat Italian Feast & a bus trip to Cape Cod’s JFK and Glass Museums on September 23.

Come join the fun on Thursday, April 12, the ESC car caravan will leave from the Eastford Town Office Building-Lower Level at 16 Westford Rd., boarding cars begins at 10:45 a.m., departing promptly at 11 a.m.. Enjoy a bowl of vegetable wonton soup plus a Sampling of Thai Taste Treats (such as Satay Beef

or Chicken, Winter Shrimp, or Crab Rangoon) at The Thai Place in Putnam followed by a private tour of the WINY Studios. Bring your cameras; there is a fabulous view of Cargill Falls from its parking lot. To Reserve a seat, Call or Text (860) 538-8868, or Email ESC06242@aol.com before Mon., April 9: Members \$5, Non-Members \$8.

Save the date: Wednesday, May 9 at 11 a.m. Stromboli and Speaker: NDDH Education and Communications Coordinator, Linda Colangelo will present an Engaging Multimedia Presentation on Fall Prevention. It’s educational, entertaining, and essential. Stromboli and a beverage included. Location: Eastford Town Office Building, 16 Westford Road: To reserve your seat, Call or Text (860) 538-8868, or Email ESC06242@aol.com before Sat., May 5: Members \$4, Non-Members \$7.

Members at the recent meeting included: Jennifer Strong, Community Program Manager at TEEG for nearly seven years. She is responsible for the Food Pantry, Pomfret Senior

Center, seasonal programming, case Management and duties related to providing the Community with resources necessary to be successful. “I enjoyed meeting everyone and look forward to helping out in any way I can,” said Strong. Her e-mail is jennifers@teegon-line.org. Jennifer Strong has been in the field of social work for 20 years.

Eastford First Selectwoman, Jacqueline Dubois, wrote of volunteers, “It is so clear that volunteers are the heartbeat of our small rural town. We are indeed blessed to have such dedicated volunteers. Anyone interested in volunteering in any capacity, please contact the Selectman’s Office.” In Addition, Dubois, wrote of the Eastford Food Pantry, “It is such a warm feeling to see how much our community embraces each other in need. Both Steve and Karen Broderick volunteer their time on this project. Thank you for your helping hands.”

UNITED

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in people’s lives.”

United Services is a behavioral health and social services center with over 30 programs. The center addresses varied situations including youth, family, and adult social and behavioral health needs — including services for addiction recovery, mental health, domestic violence, family services, employee assistance for businesses, comprehensive clinical care and support for individuals with Autism Spectrum Disorders and their families.

“We provide community based services for the lifespan, children through elderly, including out-patient treatment and crisis services but also in-home family supports, case management, social rehab, vocational counseling — which helps people to get jobs, get back to work,” Manning said.

“We provide domestic violence services and center for autism, children and adults who are on the autism spectrum.”

United Services is a private non-profit organization that has been in existence for 54 years. Its main office is in Dayville. It has facilities in Putnam, Wauregan, Willimantic, and a total of 14 sites throughout the area. Those in need can call the organization’s main number at (860) 774-2020 and will be directed to the appropriate service. Events such as “Irish Night” raise funds to help defray the costs for people who need help but don’t have the financial resources.

“That’s part of the reason for events like tonight, to help us to be able to work

with people who don’t insurance or are not able to pay for services,” Manning said. “We do contract with the state for some of the services. We clearly use insurance and Medicaid and Medicare if what we’re providing is a service that they will pay for. And the remainder of the services are either funded through grants or contributions, the towns help us with contributions for some of the services. We work with the community to try to deliver what the community needs.”

Manning has an MBA in health care administration. United Services employs a variety of helpers.

“We have psychiatrists, psychologists, social workers, substance-abuse counselors, case managers, domestic violence specialists, autism specialists, behavior analysts — and then of course all the support staff that support all of those services,” Manning said.

Manning said many of those in need Northeast Connecticut can be hidden in plain sight — among wealth and privilege are pockets of despair.

“While we’re spread out, the per capita incidence of poverty and people who don’t have access to good jobs and good housing — people who have had trauma in their lives — is very high here,” Manning said. “It’s as high as it is in the inner cities. It’s just that we’re spread out more. It’s not in four square miles, it’s in 200 square miles.”

Manning said she’s not look-

ing to give people a handout, but rather a helping hand.

“Our mission is to help people get more independent. So we don’t believe in people being in institutions that don’t need to be, including the elderly for instance. We work with the elderly to put services in place so that they can stay in their homes — which is much less expensive and a far better place to live than a nursing home.” Manning said. “Our mission is to really work with people so that they can learn skills and have the best quality of life, both medically and psychiatrically.”

A difficult environment at home can put youngsters at risk for negative outcomes at school.

“If we’re working with a teenager we’re also going to be working with their family, whoever they’re living with, to try to identify what might be going on. Sometimes there’s some trauma. Sometimes there’s loss,” Manning said. “Frequently if it’s a single-parent family, the child or teenager is dealing with the loss of a parent in their life. Maybe not the death of a parent but perhaps they don’t see them often enough and they’re dealing with that loss. It impacts their behavior and it impacts their ability to be successful in school. Frequently, if you have a single-parent family, you also have some issues of poverty, parents trying to scrape by, and so that also impacts the ability for parents to be there

for their kids. And so we work with them to try to identify other alternatives — whether it’s hooking them up with an after-school program, working with them on some volunteer activities. But trying to find something that will make them feel better about themselves. And also support the parent in their parenting effort.”

Manning said her organization also helps the unemployed get back on their feet by assisting them with support services.

“We’ll identify the resources that they might be eligible for,” Manning said. “Sometimes we find that someone is eligible for rental assistance, or they’re eligible for heating assistance,

and they don’t know how to sign up for it, we’ll help them with that.”

To learn more about the organization, go to the website unitedservicesct.org. And for those who didn’t get a chance to greet Manning at the door last Friday evening for “Irish Night”, she welcomes a cyber visit anytime.

“They can go to our website,” Manning said. “And there’s a ‘Donate Here’ button right on it.”

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Lost horizon

We decide to try a new restaurant in Rhode Island and set out on a recent Saturday night certain that it would be an easy drive. We put the address in the GPS on my phone and headed east. The friendly female voice reminded us to turn here and there. We knew generally where we were going. We were merrily chatting away when “she” urged us to take a left.

We did. Soon we were taking one turn after another through quiet residential areas or driving on dark, rural roads. We were lost.

My husband blamed me. I blamed the mapping program. We had no alternative but to stick with it until we came to the restaurant. There was no one to ask and in this day and age when half the world is armed to the teeth,

who would ever dare knock on a door after dark? There are very few gas stations. We no longer have a paper map in the glove compartment.

We rely on our electronic devices to such an extent that we have eroded our sense of direction. Once we would have been perfectly competent to drive to

a neighboring states and get where we wanted to be. The maps I have in my mind get smaller by the year. I get where I am going not by thinking about it but by obeying the voice on the phone. I’m not alone in abdicating to Google maps.

Even in my own town, I get confused by directions. A rural person at heart, I’m acutely aware of where the sun rises and sets, but route numbers are a mystery. Years ago roads that were maintained by the state and denoted only by route numbers were given names. Names are much more memorable, often colorful or historic. I’m sure they add to property values more than route numbers. The names recall the families who settled the towns or historic places. Bridges or streets named for veterans or fallen law officers are powerful reminders of their contributions. Big trees help me.

Turn at the Beech tree, I say.

Some of us are born with an innate sense of direction. A friend of mine has an uncanny ability to know where we are and where we are going. While her skill is remarkable, I read that the directionally challenged can improve with a little work. I plan to train my brain by following these suggestions: use less GPS, mentally picture where I am going, play attention to landmarks and calculate distances along a route.

As a child I was taught to find the north star. Run a line off the end of the Big Dipper and there it is, a point of certainty in a changing world. A few years ago I hear Dan Rather speak at a conference. He hangs on to homespun analogies and values, all very comforting. Rather quoted a Robert Frost poem that seems to connect with my feelings about the present as well as about direction. The poem – “Choose Something Like a Star” ends with this stanza: “So when at times the mob is swayed/To carry praise or blame too far/We may choose something like a star/To say our mind on and be staid.”

The restaurant was very good. When we came out, we realized that had we followed our own sense of direction we would have saved about 30 minutes of driving and bickering. The North Star wouldn’t have gotten us there, but it does give us a good reason to look up, consider our place in the universe and think about the best direction to take.

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OPINION

Opinion and commentary from the Quiet Corner



THOMPSON GRADUATION TO BOY SCOUTS

THOMPSON — Keegan Stall and Zane Ferri graduated from Cub Scouts to Boy Scouts in a touching Arrow of Light ceremony on March 18. Both are from Pack 66 in Thompson and are going to be in Troop 66 Thompson. The ceremony was performed by both the Pack and Troop as well as Order of the Arrow delegates from Connecticut Rivers Council.

NEPSAC move has negative consequences for Woodstock

I like many others in our community recently discovered the new direction Woodstock Academy is moving. Like many of you I am concerned with what I have learned.

I believe I have a unique perspective as to what seems to be going on and how it would impact our community. I graduated Woodstock Academy and was a standout athlete. I graduated college then taught junior and senior high school for eight years. I have been a coach nearly all my adult life and at the highest level I was the boys varsity basketball head coach at Tantasqua in Sturbridge Massachusetts for 10 years. My wife is a high school Spanish teacher and we have three children, two of whom are currently students at Woodstock Academy and one soon to enter. My oldest son has played at the varsity level during his high school career. This background may be similar to yours and it clearly helps me see things that are going on from a certain angle.

I recognize that the primary goal of our school is to educate our children and Woodstock Academy seems to be doing an excellent job at this. As an alumnus of Woodstock Academy, I look back on my academic experience and compare it to the experience my children have today. There are far more opportunities today. We had three language classes available not the current six. We had a few A.P. courses but not the variety they have today. I don't recall there being courses associated with receiving UConn credit. If I were to dig deeper the list could go on. The primary reason for the increased opportunities is directly related to the large cash infusion that the international program has provided.

The international students have also provided our kids today with diversity, ethnic and racial. As a student in the 1980's Woodstock Academy had a homogeneous population. As a student this never seemed to be a concern for me. As a parent it should be seen as a limiting factor in one's growth. Once again great job Woodstock Academy. So if the education at Woodstock Academy is so good, why then would I be concerned about a move to the NEPSAC private school league?

I became a Social Studies teacher but it wasn't because I took those A.P. classes or ever excelled as a student period. What got me through Woodstock Academy was sports, not a love for Spanish, geometry, or biology. The move to NEPSAC will mean local kids will have fewer opportunities to participate.

You will be entering a league where the schools/coaches who recruit the best will do the best. When I was a head coach at a public high school, that was not part of my job description. If I am the next year's head coach of the boys varsity basketball team, I would be recruiting, no differently than a college does. I would not take more than twelve players. Of course all of the local kids would have an opportunity to try out. Many of the local freshmen would make the freshmen team and some sophomores would be on the JV team. The best freshmen and sophomores would likely be on the varsity team and they would likely be the ones I recruited. You would have some local kids playing at varsity but unlikely to be many as there are great players everywhere that I would seek out. This type of scenario would play itself out in all sports.

So I will keep an open mind as more information makes its way out, but a few things that Woodstock Academy Head of School, Mr. Christopher Sandford, has stated don't seem to make sense and clearly don't mesh with what Karissa Niehoff, the Executive Director of the CIAC has stated. If you read what Mr. Sandford stated, it quickly becomes clear the three main points of contention and what is directing our compass towards NEPSAC. Those three things are a requirement of transfer students who are not freshman to sit out a year (similar to college red shirt) the prep-basketball and football teams.

Mr. Sandford points to the safety of our student athletes as a reason the football team must join the NEPSAC league. Of course

we all are concerned about the well-being of our kids, but there is another hidden reason. Concussions happen in all sports, and unfortunately it has become commonplace.

The entire football program was only able to get about 30 players to participate. This means you have kids that are too young playing varsity. You also get more injuries because kids are playing both ways (offense/defense). Mr. Sandford points to the Thanksgiving Day game and the injuries that occurred as proof of the need for change. I'd ask the question, who agreed to play Killingly for multiple years on Thanksgiving? I'm sure the CIAC did not require it. If we can't compete with the Putnams, Thompsons, Plainfields and Griswolds of the world and can't get more than 30 kids to play, maybe we should reconsider if we should even have football at our school. I'm sure everyone is aware that moving the football team to NEPSAC forces us out of the CIAC and we all know the consequences of that. There will be no more cheerleading competition, gymnastics and no more unified sports.

I would like to address the nationally ranked “prep” basketball team that seems to give Mr. Sandford so much pride. According to the CIAC there was no problem with this team except for the fact that you cannot have 9-12 grade kids on it. We violated this exiting rule according to the CIAC director. I really have no problem with the “prep” team but if they are part of the reason for leaving the CIAC then they can go too. I love basketball and love to coach it, however, if they win the national prep league championship do you think the community will have the firetruck parade as the team returns from the game as was the case for the Woodstock Academy boys hockey team, basketball team or my public high school team Tantasqua? The prep kids are a great talent and I too would love to coach them, but if we can't make it mesh with our Woodstock Academy then I would argue they must go. If I understand the CIAC director correctly, they don't need to go, they simply need to have zero players that come from grades 9-12.

Finally, Mr. Sandford states that all transfer students who come in other than as a freshmen would be required to sit for a year, and he believes this would have a devastating impact on (The) Academy. As a coach for six years at Woodstock Academy, I have an observation to make. If you subtract the Prep basketball team from the equation, how many of our international students that are on the same VISA as our Chinese students play sports? More importantly, how many play varsity sport? The reason I state this is that I'd argue that most of the students that are coming here are coming here to be educated in the United States and if they were to come as a sophomore and got “red shirted”, they would still come. Yes you may lose a few but not enough to make a difference.

I could go on: NEPSAC rule: “Once an individual has enrolled and attended classes at the collegiate level, he or she loses all eligibility to participate in NEPSAC contests”, (those UConn credit courses I mentioned earlier seem to violate this rule), longer travel times (Waterford High School 55 minutes, six of the schools on the proposed list are over an hour and they often take you through cities), more games on Saturdays, Centaur Nation.... will the student body and community really care if they beat St. Andrews School or Lincoln School from Rhode Island? There is an inherent problem when 40 percent of the school's income is generated by about 15 percent of the population. Double that private enrollment and I will leave it to you to determine the consequences. I will however look forward to hearing more input from Mr. Sandford and those that seem to be embracing this new direction.

Jeff Child lives in Woodstock and has three children enrolled in the Woodstock school system.

The Linen Rebels

When I was in my early 20's, I would be getting ready to go out dancing with my friends on Friday nights. I'd be flinging clothes everywhere in search for the exact outfit to compliment my massive 90's hair, black eyeliner, and super huge hoop earrings.

Fast forward to last Friday night, the only clothes I was flinging were what I was taking out of the dryer to brought upstairs and folded. There was one bath towel in the only load I had to wash. After folding everything in the basket, I carried the single towel down the hall to the linen closet only



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to open the door to a nearly-empty shelf, save for a blue, frayed facecloth crumpled up in the corner. “Where in the world are all the towels going?” I thought to myself. “Sean must have them in his laundry basket.” I rummaged though his dirty socks and underwear and not one towel was to be found. I stood in the bedroom for a good minute, twirling an unwashed tank top in my hand and trying to sort out how the bath towels had been disappearing. “Is the washer eating them? Maybe I missed them down in the laundry room. Do they hate the detergent we're using and running away?” We're talking like 14 towels that are missing...not three or four...14 flipping towels. I realize my memory is turning to crap but there's no way in the world I misplaced 14 towels!

I couldn't even ask anyone if they had seen them. Sophia was in Canada with the Woodstock Academy Hill Singers, my niece was gone for the weekend, Rachel is away at college, and Sean works third shift. My brother (who has an apartment in the basement) has his own bathroom, therefore he has his own towels. It has now become a quest to find the 14 missing towels. I have to! Are Sean and I going to share the one towel that's left, or does one of us get the bath towel while the other dries up with the single facecloth? Who decides that fate? One potato, two potato? Thumb war? Rock, paper, scissors maybe? Do I look or leave it all behind for a drink at Charlee Bravos? Maybe sing some karaoke and not think about it?

I wandered down the hall to the college child's room and opened the door. It looked like a bomb went off. I turned around and marched down stairs to get a trash bag...or ten. “Forget it. I'll just grab the whole box of them...and the vacuum.” 45 minutes later, I reemerged from the now spotless room with three full trash bags and five bath towels. “She doesn't even live here during the school year and had five bath towels!” I said aloud, to the dog I guess, because no one else was around. Next was my niece's room. Her room looked super clean, mainly because all her stuff is piled up in her closet and shoved under the bed. I located one bath towel and a facecloth. Progress! Sean's son's room had not a towel to be found, but I stepped on three Legos and tripped on a Matchbox car to learn that. Last but not least was my youngest daughter's room. Clean clothes lined the floor like wall to wall carpeting. Six empty water bottles, a Cheezit box, two dinner plates, and a fork were gathered together on the floor on the side of her bed. I grabbed a trash bag and set to work. An hour later, the room was hotel ready, bed made, and I had found eight bath towels at the bottom of her closet for a total of 14 towels. It took four loads of laundry to wash all of them! Good grief!

The next morning when Sean came in from work, I proudly showed him the linen closet, three deep with bath towels. “How are you going to stop them from doing this again?” he asked. “I'm locking them up,” I answered. “Everyone has to ask for a towel and they must bring the used towel back to get a new one.” Off I went to the hardware store to buy a bicycle lock to fit around the knobs. The youngest was the first home that Sunday and spotted the locked closet on the way to her room. “You locked up the towels?” she accused. I merely looked at her and answered, “Eight towels at the bottom of

Always paddle your own canoe

I've received feedback on several of my recent Killingly at 300 columns and I'd like to share one response with you. Anne Kimber sent the following: "I enjoyed the article about autobiography books in a recent Killingly Villager. My great-great grandmother, Ellen (Bennett) Pray, wife of Esac T. Pray, had one. An entry you did not mention was the following: 'Love many, Trust few, And always paddle, Your own canoe.' I was charmed when I read that. It seems like as good advice now as it may have been then, in 19th century New England." Anne wrote also that she is "the granddaughter of Marion Pray Burnham, who for many years was the principal of the Ballouville school." (emails, 3-8 & 11-18).

Welcome spring! At least it's here in name if not in deed. As I begin this column, we're recovering from our third nor'easter in less than two weeks and the possibility of another is on the horizon.

I was scanning Allen B. Lincoln's A Modern History of Windham County Connecticut (published in 1920) to see if he mentioned anything about severe winters. He mentioned the winter of 1919-20 as having a blizzard of epic proportions in February. "The blizzard of 1920 began to make itself felt as a storm of more than usual severity February 4th. Since the day before Christmas snow had been with us, and indeed the ground was white contin-

ually for about ten full weeks. When the blizzard came, snow was accompanied by sleet and high winds, and the icy conditions following made the storm of thirty-two years before seem tame in comparison, in some respects at least. Snow fell on an average of from two to three feet deep, with frequent drifts seven to ten feet in depth; and to make the situation more interesting, sleet, which fell at intervals during several day s and then froze, resulted in layers of ice which ordinary shoveling could not remove. Men with pickaxes found the job of clearing highways a rugged and difficult one, and in many instances axes and even dynamite were called into play. While snow was of such a depth as to make it necessary in the country districts to drive across lots, over stone walls and fences, this was made comparatively easy by the fact that the icy crust was frequently firm enough to hold horse and sleigh. Some two weeks after the main blizzard, another storm visited us of nearly equal severity. Highways, which, by much hard work, had been made nearly passable, were filled again with snow, the high winds making drifts where there were none before.

"Trolley service from Moosup and Central Village to Danielson was suspended from February 4th until the last of March, the tracks being imbedded in ice. The steam road, too, had its tough experiences, and the pub-

lic had to depend upon uncertain service for weeks. Outside the villages there were many cases of real hardship, especially when in cases of sickness it was almost impossible to procure the services of a physician. Funeral directors found it frequently necessary to convey their dead in sleighs or on sleds.

"When trolleys and even steam roads were found unreliable, busses thrived, and proved a great convenience. (Keep in mind, that bus transportation was relatively new). Farmers, who thought they had a good supply of wood ready for use, were up against the fact that most of this was under snowdrifts or impossible of approach with teams.

"When the thaw came farmers frequently had to go part way to town on runners and then change their load to wheels. The thaw was gradual, thereby preventing freshets, for which all have reason to be truly thankful. There are many instances on record where families in outlying districts were snowed in for weeks, but were kept supplied with mail and the necessities of life by the kindness of neighbors who often sacrificed personal convenience and comfort to lend a helping hand." (pp. 818-9; by Charles F. Burgess).

A second article in Lincoln by Nathan Waldo Kennedy noted that when trying to break through the snowdrifts, "horses and mules suffered real hardship. The old and faithful

oxen, comparatively few of which are left, suddenly came into more prominence than for half a century, since they were the only animals that could was through the depths with any degree of success and safety. On the trunk line snowplows attached to auto trucks were used to advantage, while land rollers and harrows were employed in packing down." He added that the winter of 1919-20 was credited with thirty-five snowfalls (p. 816).

While reading the Table of Contents to Lincoln, I came upon a reference and a short biographical sketch of a Killingly poetess Mrs. Charlotte Hyde Niles Thomas who in former years was remembered for her A Legend of Lake Alexander. Since this is still Women's History Month, I thought it worth repeating. Lincoln wrote, "She was a student at Killingly Academy in Danielson about seventy years ago. Later under the nom-de-plume "Mary Maylie" she contributed both prose and poetry to the Danielson Telegraph (predecessor of The Transcript). For a long time her identity was unknown, even to the publisher, but finally she became known as a frequent contributor to Bonner's New York Ledger. She married Benjamin N. Thomas of Killingly who died in October 29, 1867, at age thirty-seven, but Mrs. Thomas lived until 1917, attaining age eighty-eight. Her son George O. Thomas is now a



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merchant in Danielson. A collection of verse by Mrs. Thomas under the title Lady Evelyn and Other Poems was published in 1895 by Charles Wells Moulton of Buffalo, N. Y." (Vol. I, p. 919).

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Health insurance in retirement

At any age, health care is a priority. When you retire, however, you will probably focus more on health care than ever before. Staying healthy is your goal, and this can mean more visits to the doctor for preventive tests and routine checkups. There's also a chance that your health will decline as you grow older, increasing your need for costly prescription drugs or medical treatments. That's why having health insurance is extremely important, here are some important things to know so you may Plan Well for your future or the future of loved ones.



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But remember, Medicare won't pay for long-term care if you ever need it. You'll need to pay for that out of pocket or rely on benefits from long-term care insurance (LTCI) or, if your assets and/or income are low enough to allow you to qualify, Medicaid.

MORE ABOUT MEDICARE

As mentioned, most Americans automatically become entitled to Medicare when they turn 65. In fact, if you're already receiving Social Security benefits, you won't even have to apply-you'll be automatically enrolled in Medicare. However, you will have to decide whether you need only Part A coverage (which is premium-free for most retirees) or if you want to also purchase Part B coverage. Part A, commonly referred to as the hospital insurance portion of Medicare, can help pay for your home health care, hospice care, and inpatient hospital care. Part B helps cover other medical care such as physician care, laboratory tests, and physical therapy. You may also choose to enroll in a managed care plan or private fee-for-service plan under Medicare Part C (Medicare Advantage) if you want to pay fewer out-of-pocket health-care costs. If you don't already have adequate prescription drug coverage, you should also consider joining a Medicare prescription drug plan offered in your area by a private company or insurer that has been approved by Medicare.

Unfortunately, Medicare won't cover all of your health-care expenses. For

some types of care, you'll have to satisfy a deductible and make co-payments. That's why many retirees purchase a Medigap policy.

WHAT IS MEDIGAP?

Unless you can afford to pay for the things that Medicare doesn't cover, including the annual co-payments and deductibles that apply to certain types of care, you may want to buy some type of Medigap policy when you sign up for Medicare Part B. There are 10 standard Medigap policies available. Each of these policies offers certain basic core benefits, and all but the most basic policy (Plan A) offer various combinations of additional benefits designed to cover what Medicare does not. Although not all Medigap plans are available in every state, you should be able to find a plan that best meets your needs and your budget.

When you first enroll in Medicare Part B at age 65 or older, you have a six-month Medigap open enrollment period. During that time, you have a right to buy the Medigap policy of your choice from a private insurance company, regardless of any health problems you may have. The company cannot refuse you a policy or charge you more than other open enrollment applicants.

Thinking about the future-long-term care insurance and Medicaid

The possibility of a prolonged stay in a nursing home weighs heavily on the minds of many older Americans and their families. That's hardly surprising, especially considering the high cost of long-term care.

Many people in their 50s and 60s look into purchasing LTCI. A good LTCI policy can cover the cost of care in a nursing home, an assisted-living facility, or even your own home. But if you're interested, don't wait too long to buy it-you'll need to be in good health. In

addition, the older you are, the higher the premium you'll pay.

You may also be able to rely on Medicaid to pay for long-term care if your assets and/or income are low enough to allow you to qualify. But check first with a financial professional or an attorney experienced in Medicaid planning. The rules surrounding this issue are numerous and complicated and can affect you, your spouse, and your beneficiaries and/or heirs.

Plan Well – It is impossible to know what health concerns may arise but it is more probable that as you get older they may happen, the important part is to Plan for the unknown so you and your family do not make an unfortunate situation more difficult.

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Demon deliverer

In the gospel according to Mark, chapter five, you find the account of a man who is possessed with a legion of devils. "Legion" is defined as being "a regiment in the Roman army that at the time of Christ consisted of six thousand men" according to Eastman's Bible Dictionary. What a miserable, wasted life this man endured because of their presence within him. Mark 5:3-5 describes him as one whom "...had his dwelling among the tombs; and no man could bind him, no, not with chains: because that he had been often bound with fetters and chains, and the chains had been plucked asunder by him and the fetters broken in pieces: neither could any man tame him. And always, night and day, he was in the mountains, and in the tombs, crying, and cutting himself."

No matter how hard he tried to help himself or others tried to help him, he could not gain freedom from the grip that these demons had upon him. I would ask you, what demon or demons have a grip right now on your life? Is it the "demon" of drugs, or alcohol, or pornography, or gambling, or lying, or cheating, or stealing, or some other demon I've failed to mention? Whatever your demon, it has you firmly in its grip and, like the man of Gadara, you have experienced incarceration, have taken medication, and have had others tempt to tame you with their education and yet to no avail.

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Even now your life is miserable; perhaps it even seems hopeless as no doubt his life did until he met Jesus. In meeting Jesus Christ he finally experienced complete freedom from the demons that possessed him. Mark 5 tells us that

Jesus commanded the "unclean spirit" to come out of him and that "...the devils besought him (requested of him), saying, 'Send us into the swine, that we may enter into them.' And forthwith Jesus gave them leave. And the unclean spirits went out, and entered into the swine: and the heard ran violently down a steep place into the sea, (they were about two thousand;) and were choked in the sea" vs.8-13.

Jesus becomes this man's demon deliverer! He desires to become your demon deliverer as well. Your deliverance will not come by incarceration, medication, or education ALONE; it comes when you meet Jesus Christ. To you Jesus makes this promise, "If the Son therefore shall make you free, ye shall be free indeed." Even now Jesus is ready to release you from the demon's grip that has you bound. All he asks is that you with a humble broken spirit cry out to him acknowledging the bondage that you're in and that through faith you're going to completely trust in his power to deliver you. If you will do that, then based upon the promise he makes, Jesus will deliver you from your demon; but not only that, he will

also help you maintain victory over your demon in days to come as you learn to live your life for him.


When the man of Gadara is set free he for the first time in his life experiences healing spiritually, emotionally, and mentally for the Bible describes him as "...sitting, and clothed, and in his right mind..." His life has completely changed. His change is immediate – he is now a new creature in Christ – comp. vs.3-5 with vs. 15 of Mark 5. His change is noticeable – when those who had been feeding the swine saw "...him that was possessed with the devil, and had the legion, sitting, and clothed, and in his right mind...they were afraid" vs. 15. His change is directional – no longer does he desire to live in the tombs, now he desires to be with Jesus; vs. 18 says "And when he (Jesus) was come into the ship, he that had been possessed with the devil prayed him that he might be with him." Finally, his change is communicable – vs. 20 says that "...he departed, and began to publish in Decapolis how great things Jesus had done for him: and all men did marvel." What happens to him is not limited to him. You too can experience what he experienced and have your life changed as his life is changed. Will you allow Jesus to deliver you from your demon? Will you allow him to set you free from the bondage of your sin? Remember – He is the only one who can.

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your closet." She dropped her head and sheepishly answered "It's probably a good idea then huh?" "Yep! Until everyone gets into the habit of putting their towels in the dirty laundry this lock will stay on." It went smoother than I thought it would. My niece said nary a word about it, and College-

Child saw it yesterday when she stopped home. At first she looked affronted and said, "Well I'm never here so I doubt you found any in my room." "I found five" I answered. It's been a week now of locking and unlocking the closet, and it's a bit of a pain in the patootie but it's better than trying to dry your body with toilet paper. Have a great week!



Legally Speaking

by Paul Smith
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Agreeing To Purchase Real Estate

Buyers usually prefer to sell their own homes before they purchase another. Consequently, they may use a sales contingency, which involves inserting a clause into a standard sales agreement that says the purchase of a home is "subject to" the sale of their existing property. Sellers may then want to modify the terms of the prospective buyer's "subject to" clause to favor themselves. That is, they may agree to the clause in general, but counter with a "first-refusal" clause. This allows the prospective buyers to back out at any time before their house sells, but it also allows the seller to entertain new offers. If a new purchase offer comes in, the buyer then has the right of first refusal.

HINT: In the event that one of the parties cannot meet a contingency of the real estate purchase agreement contract, such as the buyer's failing to obtain financing, the parties will be released from the contract.

Buying a home will probably be the largest purchase you will ever make. It involves the law of real property, which is unique and raises special issues of practice and problems not present in other transactions. A real estate lawyer is trained to deal with these issues and has the most experience to deal with them.

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United Services Irish Night at Mansion at Bald Hill

WOODSTOCK — United Services, based in Dayville, held an “Irish Night” fundraiser at the Mansion at Bald Hill in Woodstock last Friday, March 16. United Services is a non-profit organization that provides community assistance including aid with addiction recovery, mental health services, help for domestic violence victims, family services, and services for senior citizens to help them live independently, including help receiving financial assistance for home heating. United Services also provides clinical counseling for vulnerable, at-risk individuals/families with personal, family, situational, or occupational problems in order to bring about a positive resolution of the problem or improve individual or family functioning or circumstances. The goal of the organization is to reduce barriers to healthy marital, parenting, and family relationships and to improve overall behavioral health. Through this program the organization offers individual and family therapy to clients, including Spanish speaking clients. For more information, visit the website unitedservicesct.org



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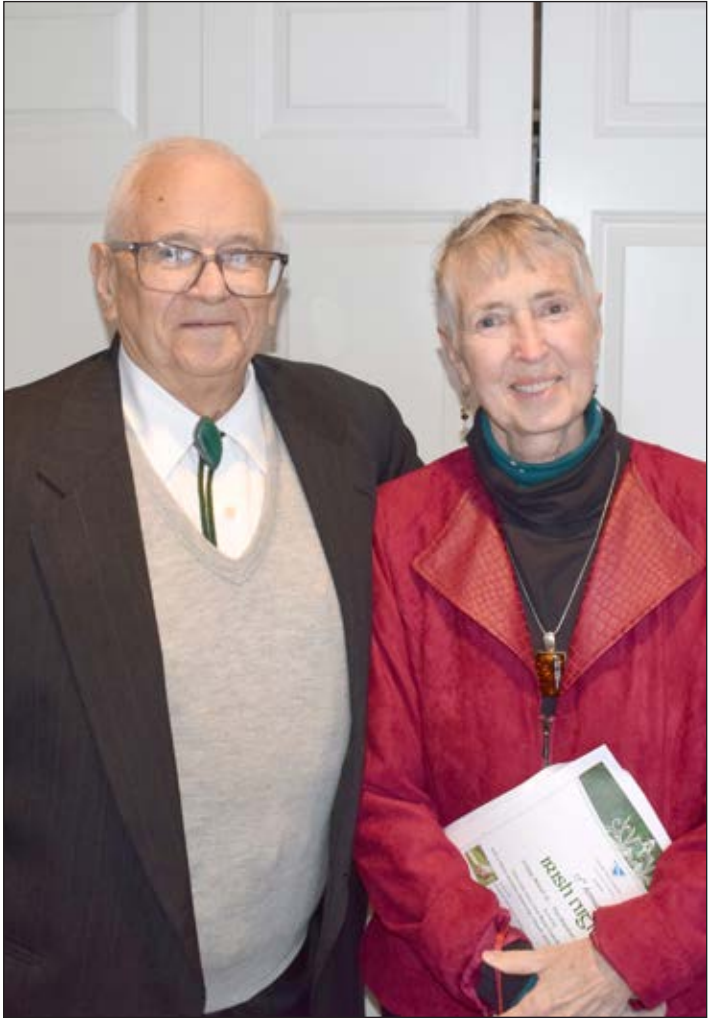
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Every Easter, I'm tempted to stand in my historic pulpit when it's time for my sermon, in the very spot preachers have stood for centuries telling the sacred story of our faith, and say two words then sit. In my Easter preaching fantasy, I'd simply offer this, my shortest of sermons: "It worked."

Holy Week—the week preceding Easter—is my favorite of the entire year. I love the emotion of it all, the drama. I live for the triumph of Palm Sunday, the

intimacy of Maundy Thursday, the devastation of Good Friday, the waiting of Holy Saturday.

Holy Week is a rollercoaster, one that rockets us through the breadth of human emotion. It's been part of my life for as long as I can remember, and every year I find myself wondering if that year will be different, if that year is the year the story changes.

The first Easter after my mother died, I needed Easter more than ever. I was working at a church in rural Georgia and had gotten up early in the morning, before dawn, to go take the black draping off the 10' cross outside the sanctuary. It'd been there since Good Friday a few days before, and it was time for it to go. I stood outside, a gentle, Southern breeze blowing, and climbed the ladder. I unpinning the black fabric and it dropped to the ground. For a few sacred moments, that wooden symbol of tragedy and death was barren.

I pulled up the white fabric—the color of resurrection—and carefully draped it across the arms, first the left then the right. I climbed down then stepped back. And with tears in my eyes I watched the white fabric rustle—almost like it was alive. "It worked," I thought. "Thank God, it worked."

You see that year, more than most, I needed it to work. My Mom died too young and too soon. It was a devastating loss, and that Easter I needed to hear the promise of new life in a new way—not just for her, but for me. Because it turns out the gospel story of the resurrection isn't just about literal new life. It's a story that reminds us of how God takes terrible situations and can make beautiful things grow from them. After the awful year I'd had, I needed that the most.

If you've had a terrible year—one that you don't know how you'll come back from—it will get better. All you have to start with are two words: it worked.

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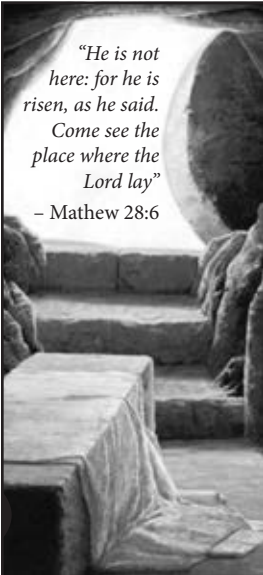
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Longtime volunteer for Last Green Valley honored

DANIELSON — Geoff McLean, a long-time volunteer Ranger for The Last Green Valley, Inc., was recently accepted into NASA’s prestigious Solar System Ambassador Program. McLean, who has run astronomy programs for TLGV for many years, will now have access to cutting edge NASA research and programs and be able to share that information with everyone who attends his programs.

“I have learned so much in just the last few months,” McLean said. “I have had direct access to the NASA scientists doing the research. It’s pretty incredible.”

Solar System Ambassadors undergo a rigorous application and testing program. Once accepted they become volunteer ambassadors for NASA’s programming.

McLean, a Norwich resident, is a retired engineer and former naval officer. He worked for Electric Boat and other local contractors before opening his own firm, McLean Research Associates. McLean met his wife, Kim, while both worked at EB. They have a daughter, Libby.

It was while assisting with Libby’s Girl Scout Troop that McLean’s passion for astronomy was rekindled. Libby was one of two Girl Scouts in the state invited to participate in a trip to NASA’s Goddard Space Center in Washington D.C. Part of the program was to return home and start an astronomy club. While Libby is now an adult, Geoff and Kim still work with Girl Scouts and the astronomy club.

“I was always interested in space,” McLean said. “As a kid I wanted to be an astronaut but I don’t have perfect eye sight, so it wasn’t possible.”

Bill Reid, TLGV’s Chief Ranger, said McLean has been a tremendous asset since he first began volunteering for TLGV.

“He brings a wealth of knowledge and expertise to every program,” Reid said. “It’s exciting that he now has an opportunity to expand that knowledge and expertise even further.”

McLean has several programs already scheduled for 2018 and most of his programs are suitable for anyone age 6 and up. Here’s a sampling of upcoming programs with McLean:

Dark Sky in The Last Green Valley – Light Pollution 101: 1 - 3 pm, Mar. 31, The Last Green Valley Office, 203B Main St. (2nd Floor), Danielson, CT. Light pollution is the unwanted intrusion of light into our night sky, landscapes, and homes. Light Pollution 101 reveals how light pollution affects human beings, kills tens of thousands of animals annually, and actually makes us less secure in our neighborhoods. The Last Green Valley is blessed with minimal light pollution as seen from outer space but light pollution is expanding up the I-395 corridor. This program focuses on how to improve light fixtures and reduce lighting costs while at the same time providing a more secure and eco-friendly environment for animals, plants, and humans. This program is appropriate for all ages 6+. This program is offered by TLGV Ranger Geoff McLean. Please

RSVP to Chief Ranger Bill Reid at bill@tlgv.org or call 860 774-3300.

The Last Green Valley’s Acorn Adventure, Sun Spots and More!: April 15, 11 a.m. to 12:30 p.m., West Thompson Dam. Spend some time with Geoff McLean, a volunteer TLGV Ranger and NASA Solar System Ambassador, examining our closest star. We will view the Sun in normal light looking for currently elusive sun spots and also in the Hydrogen Alpha spectrum where you can see flares, prominences, Ellerman bombs, and other phenomena. Geoff will speak on safety concerning solar viewing, the life of our star, what it does, how it compares to other stars, and how it will end. What is Earth’s future going to be like? If there are sunspots (and the sun is currently at its sunspot minimum) make a drawing of it and learn about Greenwich Mean Time and Universal Time as well as latitude and longitude — i.e. where you are on the Earth. We’ll also talk about NASA’s solar projects and space telescopes. Email Fran@tlgv.org or call 860-774-3300 with questions.

Explore the Dark Side: May 5, 8 -11 p.m. Holton Rd., Franklin, CT. Sprague Land Trust property on Holton Road in Franklin. Directions/Parking: From Baltic take 207 West, right onto Holton Rd. (before the Franklin School), drive almost to end. Parking on left in mowed field/marked areas. Join Rangers Kim and Geoff for a night observing some far distant objects like galaxies, clusters of stars, Red Giants, Nebulae. We might be able to view Jupiter. If you have a tele-

scope, bring it. If you don’t know how to use it come early and we’ll help get you get started. (We’ll be there about 7PM.) Learn how to find the North Star. This is a family friendly event. Please - no lanterns and flashlights should be only be red lights. No white lights. Questions? 860-774-3300.

Mars Party: July 30, 8 p.m., Ayer Farm, 44 Ayer Road, Franklin. Rain date July 31. Come join TLGV Ranger and NASA Solar System Ambassador Geoff McLean and Rangers Kim McLean and Steve Ayers on the Ayer’s farm for a twice in 60,000 year event when Mars will be almost at it’s closest and thus the largest viewable in telescopes. Also starring these evenings will be Jupiter and Saturn both riding higher in the sky - A perfect trifecta for planetary observers. Ranger Kim will point out various constellations and Geoff will fill the voids with numerous fun facts. Bring a blanket or lawn chairs to sit upon in the Ayer’s hay field. The Moon will rise about 9:30 and we can examine craters along the terminus where they look 3-D in telescopes. Bring binoculars if you have them - or even a telescope. The field has a great Northeast to Northwest view. This is a family friendly event. No pets, please as the astronomical equipment is delicate. Service animals are permitted. Please arrive by 8PM. If arriving later please turn off headlights. Please, no one arrive after 8:30 as the car lights will cause night blindness in everyone else.



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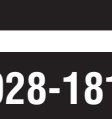



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Murphy questions funding delays for Russia investigation

WASHINGTON, D.C. — U.S. Senator Chris Murphy (D-Conn.) — a member of the U.S. Senate Foreign Relations Committee and co-author of legislation that established the Global Engagement Center (GEC) to help counter foreign propaganda and disinformation — joined a bipartisan group of senators in urging the State Department and the Department of Defense to explain why tens of millions in federal funds designated to counter disinformation and propaganda from foreign governments like Russia have not been spent. The senators also requested a timeline and spending plan for congressionally authorized funds.

The senators' letter comes in response to a New York Times report that the State Department has not spent any of the \$120 million Congress allocated to the Department to combat foreign meddling in U.S. elections.

"We write with concern regarding reports of significant delays in the full implementation of the Global Engagement Center's mission to counter disinformation and propaganda from foreign governments like Russia. [Russia's] activities form part of an ongoing, long-term effort to undermine American institutions, weaken our alliances, and manipulate public perceptions," the senators wrote. "With less than nine months until the 2018 midterm elections and with Russia continuing its extensive influence operations against U.S. allies and interests around the globe, we urge you to take the necessary steps to counter this urgent threat to our nation's democratic processes, including by fully expending congressionally authorized funds to combat Russian malign aggression."

Murphy joined U.S. Senators Chris Coons (D-Del.), Rob Portman (R-Ohio), Marco Rubio (R-Fla.), Jeanne Shaheen

(D-N.H.), and Todd Young (R-Ind.) in sending the letter.

Murphy and Portman's (R-Ohio) Countering Foreign Propaganda and Disinformation Act was signed into law in December 2016 as part of the FY 2017 National Defense Authorization Act (NDAA) Conference Report. The law improves the ability of the United States to counter foreign propaganda and disinformation by establishing the GEC, an interagency center housed at the State Department to coordinate and synchronize counter-propaganda efforts throughout the U.S. government. The GEC has still not received congressionally-authorized funds and lacks sufficient staff to execute its mission. Despite the recent signing of an inter-agency agreement between the State Department and Department of Defense that will serve as a blueprint for conducting operations, the Department of Defense has still not transferred the \$40 million to support the effort promised in the agreement and called for by Congress. At the same time, the hiring freeze has handicapped efforts to fully staff the GEC with the personnel it needs to effectively counter Russian and other sources of disinformation and propaganda.

The full letter from the Senators:

Dear Deputy Secretary Sullivan and Secretary Mattis:

As members of the Senate Foreign Relations Committee, we write with concern regarding reports of significant delays in the full implementation of Section 1287 of the FY 2017 National Defense Authorization Act, which established the Global Engagement Center's mission to counter disinformation and propaganda from foreign governments like Russia. In particular, we respectfully request that you provide Congress with a timeline and

spending plans for the transfer of all congressionally authorized funds, including the \$40 million pledged by the Department of Defense, as well as a timeline for full implementation of the new interagency Memorandum of Agreement between the Department of State and the Department of Defense. Additionally, we ask for further information on plans to ensure the Global Engagement Center is staffed appropriately to carry out both the counter-terror and counter-state mission.

On February 13, 2018, National Security Agency Director and U.S. Cyber Command Chief Mike Rogers, Federal Bureau of Investigation Director Christopher Wray, Central Intelligence Agency Director Mike Pompeo, Director of National Intelligence Dan Coats, Defense Intelligence Agency Director Robert Ashley, and National Geospatial Intelligence Agency Director Robert Cardillo, all confirmed that Russia used "active measures" to influence the 2016 U.S. Presidential election and that the upcoming 2018 midterm elections are a significant potential target. These activities form part of an ongoing, long-term effort to undermine American institutions, weaken our alliances, and manipulate public perceptions. We urge you to use the full force of the Department of State and the Department of Defense as well as the resources provided by Congress to defend our country's democratic institutions and to develop a cohesive, unified approach to combat Russia's malicious cyber activity.

We are particularly concerned that the apparent lack of urgency in transferring authorized funds from the Department of Defense to the Global Engagement Center has left the Center ill-equipped to carry out its mandate. The Department of State requested these funds from the Department of

Defense in August 2017, and Congress authorized these funds because we see this mechanism as a critical component of a government-wide response to Russian malign influence. We urge you to immediately take steps to ensure the Global Engagement Center receives the resources intended by Congress to carry out its mandate and is able to hire the necessary subject matter experts to do so.

We are also gravely concerned about the crippling impact of the self-imposed hiring and promotion freezes on the Global Engagement Center and across the Department of State, which have left large sums of appropriated funds unspent. While we welcome the additional \$20 million for the Global Engagement Center's counter-state mission requested in the Department of State's FY 2019 budget request, this important increase will not be effective without the additional personnel. According to an analysis of data from the Office of Management and Budget, last year, the Department of State spent just 79 percent of the money that Congress had authorized for the conduct of foreign affairs, the lowest such level in at least fifteen years.

With less than nine months until the 2018 midterm elections and with Russia continuing its extensive influence operations against U.S. allies and interests around the globe, we urge you to take the necessary steps to counter this urgent threat to our nation's democratic processes, including by fully expending congressionally authorized funds to combat Russian malign aggression.

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Courthouse O'Putnam 5K road race



Laurie Bartholic, left, and Michelle Bartholic



Faith Nigro, left, and Angel Medeiros



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Joanne Saad, left, and Wendy Hammond

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PUTNAM — The Courthouse O'Putnam 5K road race drew 1,346 participants on March 11. The race benefitted the Daily Bread food pantry in Putnam.



James Meek and Mona Bradrick



From left, Jenn Traynor, Dave Davis, and Carl Smith



Jon Surdevant and Amanda Wyatt



Jim Logsdon, left, and Earl Rosebrooks



Michelle Teague, left, and Rebecca Bisson were among the 1,346 festive participants at the Courthouse O'Putnam 5K on March 11.

Lee Irish Dance troupe at Putnam Public Library

PUTNAM — The Lee Irish Dance troupe performed last Saturday, March 17, in the community room of the Putnam Public Library. The troupe was founded by Carla Savoie, who trains dancers in her studio in Charlton, Mass. Savoie, along with her daughter, Jillian, instruct aspiring dancers ranging in age from 5 to 17.



Charlie Lentz photos

A standing-room only crowd at Putnam Public Library’s Community Room were treated to a performance of Lee Irish Dance on St. Patrick’s Day last Saturday, March 17.



POMFRET

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Pomfret First Selectman Maureen Nicholson attended the trivia competition to lend support to the effort to expand the disc golf course.

“It’s nine holes now. It will be 18 holes,” Nicholson said. “It’s a great asset to the community.”

Nicholson credited Gagnon with getting the ball rolling — or rather the disc spinning — on the trivia night.

“Our Recreation Director, Barbara Gagnon, thought that this would be a great way to raise funds to expand that to 18 holes — I guess it’s holes,” Nicholson said.

Actually it’s not holes but disc golf baskets — perhaps another trivia question that any disc golfer could answer — and more of them seem

to be trodding Pomfret Recreation Park’s course.

“Disc golf gets more and more use all the time,” Nicholson said. “There’s one up at West Thompson Dam that gets a lot of use. Ours gets a lot of use. We want it bigger and better so people can have a better time.”

While this might seem a trivial issue for a First Selectman — Nicholson said recreation matters.

“We’re always trying to find ways to get more usage of our rec park,” Nicholson said. “It’s fairly well-used now. We’ve got a lot of courts up there, basketball is used, tennis is used. The baseball field are used, they’re used by the PCS (Pomfret Community School) teams. There’s a lot of use going on up there. It’s not visible from the road so people don’t realize that it’s there all the time. It’s a great asset to the community.”

A great asset and a great

answer to a not-so-trivial question — the one about the value of recreational opportunities to a town in northeast Connecticut.

“We’re a very outdoors-oriented community. We’re very into outdoors and open space and the Airline Trail and the rec park,” Nicholson said. “And we’ve got a lot of trails in town. We’ve mapped out our trails. We’ve got a great horse and trail group that uses trails. We’ve got the Audubon Trail. We’re really into fitness. Seven years ago we bonded for open space. Our community was 100 percent behind that, purchasing of open space and preserving our community and our rural character. People love it here.”

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TROOP D

KILLINGLY

Sunday, March 11

Nicholas Anthony Bernier, 20, of 41B Hubbard Hill Road, Killingly, was charged with reckless driving and assault with a weapon

DANIELSON

Saturday, March 17

Shawn M Tatro, 43, of 98 Prospect Avenue, Danielson, was charged with criminal mischief and breach of peace

BROOKLYN

Wednesday, March 14

Joseph Delcastillo, 29, of 3 Quebec Square, Brooklyn, was charged with failure to appear

Friday, March 16

Christopher Abare Lamb, 25, of 178 Gorman Road, Brooklyn, was charged with voyeurism, disseminating intimate image, coercion, promote minor-obscene performance, importing child pornography, illegal possession of child pornography and computer crime

PUTNAM

Rohan Conway Robinson, 32, of 50 May Street Apt. #B, Putnam, was charged with illegal operation of a motor vehicle under the influence of alcohol/drugs and improper parking

THOMPSON
Sunday, March 11
Ryan Michael Bishop, 22, of 1062 Riverside Drive, Thompson, was charged with violation of probation

Monday, March 12

Christopher L Staruk, 20, of 264 Quaddick Town Farm Road, Thompson, was charged with disorderly conduct

PUTNAM POLICE DEPARTMENT

Thursday, March 15

Ethan Gould, 22, of 178 Park St. Putnam, was charged with Traveling Unreasonably Fast, Failure to Carry License

Saturday, March 17

Warren Avery, 50, of 805 Mashamoquet Road, Pomfret Center, was charged with Possession of Drug Paraphernalia, Possession

of less than one-half ounce of Marijuana

Kirstie Wendorf, 21, of 98 Breakneck Hill Rd. Dayville, was charged with Failure to Illuminate Tail Lights, Operating Under Suspension

Sabrina Cope, 19, of 269 Providence St. Putnam, was charged with Failure to Illuminate License Plate, Failure to Carry License

Donald Lima, 51, of 27 Battey St. Putnam, was charged with Assault of a Police Officer, Interfering with Police,

Disorderly Conduct, Criminal Trespassing 1st

Sunday, March 18

Abigail Duval, 26, of 23 Holmslea Court Apt.4, Woodstock, was charged with Failure to Drive Right, Operating Under the Influence

Cheyenne Robertson, 36, of 18 Ballou St. Apt.5, Putnam, Operating with a Suspended Registration, Illegal Use of a Cell Phone

PUBLIC MEETINGS

PUTNAM

Monday, March 26

Special Board of Finance, 6 p.m., Town Hall

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

Library Board, 7 p.m., Putnam Public Library

Tuesday, March 27

Special Services District Fire Department & General Government Budgets Consideration, 7 p.m., Town Hall

Wednesday, March 28

Special Board of Finance, 6 p.m., Town Hall

THOMPSON

Monday, March 26

Planning & Zoning Commission, 7 p.m., Town Hall

Wednesday, March 28

Recreation Commission, 7 p.m., Town Hall

EASTFORD

Monday, March 26

American Legion, 7:30 p.m., American Legion

Wednesday, March 28

Registrar of Voters, 7 p.m., Town Hall

Experience Eastford Day Committee, 6:30 p.m., Town Hall

WOODSTOCK

Monday, March 26

Conservation, 7 p.m., Town Hall

Historic Properties, 7 p.m., Town Hall

Tuesday, March 27

WPCA, 7 p.m., Town Hall

WRTC, 7 p.m., Town Hall

Wednesday, March 28

Historic District, 6:30 p.m., Town Hall

WDTC, 7:30 p.m., Town Hall

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A legacy of love in the Quiet Corner

BY CHARLIE LENTZ
VILLAGER EDITOR

PUTNAM — The late Raymond and Violet Brosseau never had children but the Putnam couple left a legacy that outlived them just the same. The reverberations of their generosity could be heard with each bounce of the basketball at Putnam High School’s Gymnasium on Monday night. The Ray Brosseau All-Star Senior Basketball Tournament was just one way the Putnam businessman ensured his memory would endure in the community he loved.

Brosseau was the proprietor of Church Clothing in Putnam for more than 50 years. His business is long gone and is now the home of Victoria Station Cafe on Main Street. But his fashionable clothing — and his charitableness — were woven into fabric of the community for years. He was a member of the Putnam Rotary Club for more than five decades, achieving perfect attendance for 41 years. He also served as the club’s President in 1941 and was honored with the Paul Harris Award, the highest recognition in Rotary International. Ron Coderre served as the emcee for last Monday’s All-Star game and he fondly recalled Brosseau.

“He was a tremendous man. He was a World War II veteran who saw action,” Coderre said. “He was always supportive of youth activities. He and his wife were very dedicated to the community of Putnam.”

Raymond Brosseau passed away in 1998 and Violet died in 2010. They were married for

50 years. The Putnam Rotary Club awards several scholarships each year and organizes the annual All-Star Senior Basketball Tournament in Brosseau’s honor. Without Brosseau much of that largess would not be possible.

“When he passed away, and his wife passed away after him, they left a bequest of \$305,000 for the Putnam Rotary Club, which is the foundation of our scholarship program,” said Coderre, a Rotarian and also the Commander of American Legion Post No. 13 in Putnam. “That was only part of his generosity. He gave Day Kimball Hospital over \$400,000 in his will and he gave the Congregational Church in Putnam over \$400,000 in his will.”

Coderre was with Brosseau for “the last 12 days of his life” and he said his pride in his hometown never waned.

“He was generous to the community. The surgical suite at Day Kimball Hospital is named after him ‘The Ray and Violet Brosseau Surgical Suite’, they gave a huge gift of over \$300,000 for the surgical suite,” Coderre said. “That’s the kind of person that he was.”

It all might never have happened. There was a good chance no one would have ever heard of Raymond Brosseau. During World World II Brosseau went on out on night patrol with two soldiers.

“He told me stories about when he was young man. When he first got overseas in Germany, or France, it was night and he went out with two other guys and the bullets started flying. He said we

all hit the dirt. The guys in the back said ‘Stay low. We’re going to come and get you,’ ” Coderre said. “They came to get him. But when they came to get him the two guys he was with were dead.”

Putnam High boys basketball coach Shawn Deary never knew Ray Brosseau but he appreciated the generosity that helps perpetuate the Senior All-Star game and the Rotary’s scholarship program.

“It is a wonderful thing when somebody of that magnitude can look back on his life and say that the little people of the world deserve something like this,” Deary said. “For him to give that much to the community, they give 20-some scholarships a year away in his honor, plus this tournament. It’s just a wonderful thing to be able to honor him after what he did for this small community.”

Although Raymond and Violet Brosseau never had children their legacy endures — they adopted a community.

“He was deeply woven into that fabric of the community,” Coderre said. “When you’re in a small community, you see and you know the people that are the go-to people. They make a difference. That’s why little towns like Putnam are so successful, because of people like that. He didn’t do it for the notoriety. He did it because he loved the community. He loved the people. No children — but they wanted to make sure that their name was remembered in Putnam.”

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Gavin Turner drives to the hoop with Griffin Ware defending on Monday night at the Ray Brosseau All-Star Senior Basketball Tournament at Putnam High.

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Ray Brosseau All-Star Senior Boys Tournament

PUTNAM — The Ray Brosseau All-Star Senior Basketball Tournament was held on Monday, March 19, at Putnam High School. Putnam Science Academy's Dan Porcic scored 44 points and Plainfield's Zach Lewis scored 30 points and earned MVP honors for their respective teams. Porcic's Team Green defeated Lewis's Team Yellow 114-111.



From left, Alex Fontaine and Sean Johndrow share a light moment.



Griffin Ware moves upcourt



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Gavin Turner gets off a jumper



Alex Fontaine shoots a three-pointer



Dan Porcic goes up for a shot

NOW and Tri-Town Legion team up for clinic



The batting station at the NOW clinic on March 18.

THOMPSON — On Sunday, March 18, Northeast Opportunities for Wellness Inc. (NOW) teamed up with Tri-Town American Legion baseball to host a free indoor youth baseball clinic at Tourtellotte Memorial High School in Thompson.

Sixty-five children participated in the clinic, learning a variety of skills from American Legion coaches and teen athletes. The two-hour event saw participating children rotate through six skill stations, including: throwing/pitching, catching, batting, fielding, a NOW fitness agility obstacle course, and NOW nutrition class. The clinic is the second in a series of free 2018 events hosted by NOW designed to introduce sports and wellness activities to children in the 10-town area of Northeast Connecticut.

This was the first time NOW has held a clinic focused

on baseball. NOW Executive Director Sarah Wolfburg discussed the planning process for the clinic.

“Over the last several years, NOW has hosted clinics focused on a variety of sports and for 2018 we were excited to finally offer an event featuring baseball,” Wolfburg said. “When searching for volunteers to assist us with the clinic, the coaches with Tri-Town American Legion Baseball were excited at the prospect of working with us and jumped right on board with the event. In less than a month we were able to plan the clinic, attracting a great number of children, which shows the popularity of the sport in our region.”

Ron Coderre, Chairman of the Tri-Town American Legion Executive Committee, offered his approval.

“We were very pleased to participate in the Baseball Clinic and have received great feedback on the event. Our organization is passionate about the sport of baseball and we appreciate the work that NOW is doing to encourage young athletes,” Coderre said.

American Legion Baseball is the premier U.S. amateur league for young men 13-19. Tri-Town American Legion Baseball welcomes players from Putnam, Woodstock, Thompson and Eastford to participate in the league each year.

In late 2017, NOW received \$1,000 in grant funds from the Jewett City Savings Bank Foundation to assist with clinic costs. Continuing the youth clinic series, NOW and The Arc Quinebaug Valley will host the second annual Spectrum of Sports Clinic on April 8 at Killingly High School. The event will be an inclusive clinic for children of all abilities and will feature skill stations in several sports. Volunteers from Putnam Science Academy, NECONN Soccer, Quest Martial Arts, TMHS track and field, and Quinebaug Valley Youth Lacrosse will assist by running respective stations. NOW will also feature a yoga station and nutrition activity.

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

Registration is currently available online for the April 8th Spectrum of Sports Clinic. For more information on NOW or to sign up for the upcoming clinic, visit: www.nowinmotion.org.



The cool down and stretch



The throwing station



Tri-Town American Legion coaches and players volunteered for the NOW baseball clinic.

Pomfret School hosts recruiting seminar

POMFRET CENTER — Pomfret School will be hosting an athletics recruiting seminar Monday, March 26 for prospective college student-athletes and their parents/guardians. The event will run from 7 p.m. to 8:30 p.m. in the auditorium of Pomfret School's Centennial Academic and Arts Center. There is no charge to attend.

The panelists/presenters include Kristen Hargis, Assistant Director of Compliance Services at the University of Connecticut; Casey Brown, head coach of women's soccer at Holy Cross; and Matt Greason, head coach of men's ice hockey at Trinity College. A wide range of topics will be covered, including rules around NCAA eligibility and recruiting, what coaches look for in their recruits, and how recruits can best present themselves to coaches. Go to <https://www.pomfret.org/academics/college-counseling/events> to register.

Ray Brosseau All-Star Senior Girls Tournament

Charlie Lentz photos

PUTNAM — The Ray Brosseau All-Star Senior Basketball Tournament was held on Monday, March 19, at Putnam High School. On separate teams, Woodstock Academy's Olivia Perry scored 18 points and Woodstock Academy's Jamie Woods scored 16 points and were named MVPs of their respective squads. Woods' Team Red defeated Perry's Team Blue 34-30.



Ron Coderre emceed the evening.



Kali Dingui is defended by Kira Clinkscale



Kira Clinkscale tries to get past Kali Dingui



Kali Dingui goes up for a bucket with Ciri Miller defending



Jamie Woods shoots over Olivia Perry



Mackenzie Cayer shoots over Olivia Perry



Sydney Tetrault goes up for a bucket

Putnam Lions Volleyball Challenge raises 18K



Yorkies



Team King Cadillac

Courtesy photos

POMFRET — Thirteen teams competed in the Putnam Lions Volleyball Challenge at the Strong Field House on the campus of the Pomfret School on March 17-18. Over \$18,000 was raised to benefit the 40-plus organizations that the Putnam Lions Club donates. These funds are distributed during an annual Night of Giving on April 6.

The two division winners on March 17 were Burt Process Equipment and the Yorkies. Additional teams from Saturday included the Wise Guys, Bumpin' Ugliers Again, Friends Without Benefits, Hometown Bank and All State.

On March 18 the corporate divisions competed for a small prize and the coveted traveling trophy. Team King Cadillac GMC battled Team Safin's championship. Other corporate teams that played on Sunday were Putnam Bank, Waves, Putnam High School and Gerardi Insurance.

Tom Archambault was the tournament director, Putnam High School's girls volleyball team served as referees for the entire tournament and the Putnam Leos Club helped with setup and breakdown.

See you all next year!



Burt Process Equipment



Courtesy photo

Rylee Hehir


HEHIR LEADS BONNIES PAST TIGERS

NASHVILLE, Tenn. — St. Bonaventure University sophomore Rylee Hehir tossed a complete game two-hit shutout to lead the Bonnies softball team past Tennessee State 5-0 last Friday, March 16. Hehir lowered her season earned run average to 3.67 and struck out three Tigers, earning her third consecutive win in the circle for the Bonnies. Hehir, from Putnam, is a Woodstock Academy alumnus.

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NEW PRICE



THOMPSON-This Ranch style home is sitting on almost 5 acres with a 4 stall horse/pony barn and a fenced in pasture ready to go. The home features 4/5 bedrooms with 1 room being used as a laundry room and 1 full bathroom. The kitchen opens to a dining room/eating space and the living room has a nice entertaining center. The bedrooms are all good sized. There is a full basement under 1/2 of the home which has newer electrical panel and a new oil tank. Home features a paved driveway with plenty of parking, a newer roof, and a good sized shed for the tractor & garden tools. **\$189,900**



THOMPSON-Designed for the individualist, this Georgian style Contemporary home blends into over 2 acres of surrounding countryside. Built with energy efficiency in mind, this 4,352 sqft. innovative home offers his and hers garages, one on each side of the house which form an exterior courtyard. Sunken living room with fireplace, custom cherry kitchen, dining room, office and exercise room all adorn the first floor with one wall of glass sliders to balcony. Second floor has two oversized bedrooms with a shared bath and a lg. master suite with full bath, whirlpool tub, shower and walk-in closet. Located minutes from I-395 for easy commute. **\$419,900**

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March 24, Sat., 7-8:30am

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March 24, Sat., 5:30pm

Spirit Fiddle and Shady Creek Bluegrass music for your entertainment, after a baked pasta dinner. Music starts at 7pm. \$7 for dinner, \$12 for show, please come and enjoy friends and good food.

March 25, Sun., 1 pm

Killingly Conservation Commission is offering a bus tour -- guides from Killingly Conservation Commission will talk about how Killingly developed during the Industrial Revolution and how some mills have been repurposed. Limited seating; reservations are required by Wed, March 21, with name, phone and number attending, and find out where to meet. Call 860-779-5311 or email dguertin@killinglyct.gov

March 25, Sun., 1pm

Bus Tour, "Mills and Beyond": This Back Roads Tour will focus on the mills along the Whetstone Brook and a historic farm. Join bus tour guides from Killingly Conservation Commission to learn how Killingly

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March 25, Sun., 1-3pm

TLGV's Treasure Hunt on the Trails, Camp Laurel, 175 Clubhouse Road, Lebanon. Get an introduction to letterboxing and your own letterboxing kits, which will include a starter logbook, an inkpad and the chance to make a personal stamp. The group will then hike the trails of Camp Laurel, following the clues. The program is open to all kids and their families, visit www.letterboxing.org.

March 26-March 30

The Town of Putnam will have a metal and non-electronic appliance pick up; put out at the edge of the road for pick up, same day as your regular pick-up day. No stickers required. Only metal items and

non-electronics, example, refrigerators, washing machines, dryers, hot water tanks, stoves. Electronics will not be picked up. Electronics must be brought to the Fox Road Highway Garage in E. Putnam, Mon-Fri from 7:30am-2:30 pm. For information call 860-963-6818.

March 27, Tues., 7pm

Bingo every Tuesday night at the VFW, 1523 Providence Street, Putnam.

March 28, Wed., 7pm

Plainfield Historical Society presents "Early American Death and Burial Customs." Bev York, educator at Windham Textile Museum, will discuss 18th and 19th century customs and beliefs relating to death. A mock funeral will be held as part of her illustrated talk about death, mourning, burials and gravestones. Plainfield Rec Building, 482 Norwich Road, Plainfield. All wel-

come. Info: 860-564-8561.

March 30, Fri., noon-8pm

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

March 30, Fri., 5pm

All You Can Eat Chowder n' clam cake supper at Ekonk Community Grange, Ekonk Hill Road, Sterling. Adults \$10, ages 12 and under \$5, and preschoolers eat free! Everyone welcome. Questions 860-564-3131

March 30, Fri., 4-5:30pm

James L. Goodwin Conservation Center, 23 Potter Road, Hampton. Join us in a journey to discover the lost art of the sit spot. This observation tool increases awareness, calms the body and mind, and opens up a world of nature sightings! We will be taking a short hike. 860-779-3300. Age12-adult.

This page is designed to shine a light on upcoming local nonprofit, educational and community events.

Submissions are limited to 50 words or less and are FREE to qualifying organizations, schools, churches and town offices.

To submit your event contact: Teri Stohlberg at 860-928-1818 ext. 105, or teri@villagernewspapers.com.

Deadline for submission is Friday at Noon

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SATURDAY, MARCH 24

EASTER BUNNY PICTURES AT KLEM'S



10:00 a.m. - 3:00 p.m.
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9:00 p.m.
Blues, roots and smart pop
308 LAKESIDE
308 East Main St.
East Brookfield, MA
774-449-8333

SUNDAY, MARCH 25

OPEN HOUSE

2:00-4:00 p.m.
NOTRE DAME ACADEMY
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Meet the faculty, take a campus tour, learn all that NDA has to offer. For more info, contact Kimberly Kossuth, Director of Enrollment at 508-757-6200 (x 229) or email admissions@nda-worc.org

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We always sell out.
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\$15 for Hook-In All Day
Pre-register by June 1, 2018
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Contact: gretchg@verizon.net

ONGOING

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

WISE GUYS TEAM TRIVIA
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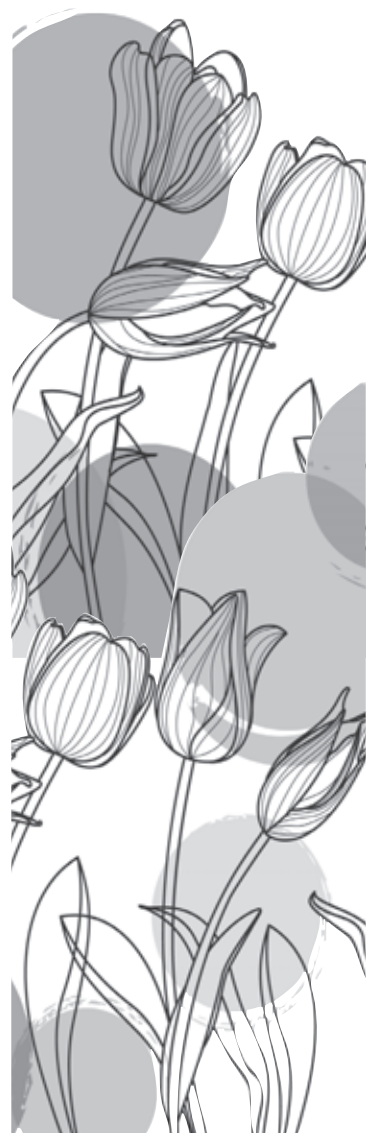
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Maria “Nonna” Marcucci, 91



SOUTHBRIDGE- Maria “Nonna” (S e b a s t i a n i) Marcucci, 91, was called home by her Lord and Savior Jesus Christ surrounded by her loving family on Friday, March 16, 2018. Maria was born in Bolognano, Italy on September 23, 1926, daughter of Camillo Sebastiani and Elisabetta (Salce) Sebastiani. She married her husband Santino Marcucci on November 29, 1945, also in Bolognano, Italy. He predeceased her on October 1, 2006, after 61 years of marriage. Her husband Santino traveled from Italy to the United States in 1948, so they could have a better life. He found work in Southbridge at the United Lens Company, and in 1949, sent for his wife Maria and daughter Elisabetta. Santino and Maria had 8 children together, a daughter Giovina predeceased her in Italy.

She leaves 5 sons Santino “Gabe” Marcucci and his wife Jeanne of Thompson, CT, John Marcucci and his wife Susan of Holland, James Marcucci and his wife Kimberlee of Southbridge, Mario Marcucci and his wife Darlene of Southbridge, Richard “Rick” Marcucci and his wife Kim of Southbridge, and 2 daughters Elisabetta “Lisa” Anderson and her husband Edward of Southbridge, and her daughter and full time caregiver Marisa Stevens with whom she lived. She leaves an adopted daughter Miria DeSantis of Bolognano, Italy.

Maria leaves 36 grandchildren and their partners Martin and Tina Anderson, William and Lynn Anderson, Karen Anderson Jinessa Anderson, Kristopher Anderson, Angela and Shawn Hetherman, Erica and Michael Lunden, Melissa and Erich Wenc, Nathan and Alyssa Marcucci, Stephen and Jessica Marcucci, Adina and Tommy Laprade, Cara Marcucci of Southbridge, Santino Marcucci, Brooke Ford, Courtney Ford, Sadie Ford, Channing and Jade Ford, Sergio and Jessy Marcucci, Carisa and Scott Bachand, Guida and Salvatore Boscarino, Joshua and Ashley Stevens, Kristi Marcucci, and Hannah Marcucci. Maria also leaves 39 great-grandchildren, Juliana, Benjamin, Ian, Liam, Lauren, Logan, Raymond, Luna, Alex, Emily, Sophia, Gavin, Logan, Johnathan, Ava, Anthony, Lauren, Ryan, Zachary, Darren, Vincent, Gabriel, Kaden, Gianno, Nikko, Autumn, Summer, Dayton, Landon, Stella, Roco, Vera, Lena, Mya, Noah, Angel, Aliyah Ajalyce, and Marcus. She also leaves 3 sisters in Ottawa, Canada, Maria (late Alberto) Breda, Lucia and Guiseppe DiFederico, Rosa and Ettore

Latanzio, her sister-in-law Paulette Becker and her husband Jack. She also leaves her Godchildren, and relatives in Italy, nephews and nieces and their children in Ottawa, a nephew Robert Sebastiani of Florida and a niece Michelle Sebastiani of Charlton. She was predeceased by her brother Pasquale Sebastiani. Maria had an adopted family that she loved and was very close with and spent many good times with the DiDonato Family. Maria worked at the American Optical Co. in Southbridge, and Old Sturbridge Village for a combined total of 45 years. She enjoyed cooking, and was a fabulous cook, and loved serving her homemade food to all the family, relatives, friends and the community. She could make a five course meal in 15 minutes, leaving you so full and satisfied, but yet waiting for her next homemade meal. She also was an avid New England Patriots fan, and Red Sox fan, never missing a televised game.

Maria was a humble servant of God with a heart after Him, always serving and taking care of people. There wasn't anything she would not do for anyone. Whether you asked her or not, she would do it anyway.

She loved Rev. Robert Grattaroti's masses at Saint Joseph's Church in Charlton. She also loved having visits from her daughter's Pastors Esteban and Rebekah Carrasco, Pastor Lisa Morales, and their families of the House of Destiny Church in Southbridge, and her cousins Pastor Michael and Barbara Rondeau and family of Viewpoint Church in Southbridge. She loved her doctors, Dr. Paul D. Harrington and his wife Kathy of Charlton Family Practice in Charlton, and Dr. John Tumolo of Southbridge. The entire family would like to thank Harrington Hospital, the entire staff of The Overlook Hospice Nurses and caregivers, her PCA Kathleen Bond, and the Southbridge Fire Department for all their help and dedication.

Our entire family of about 90 people loved her with all our hearts, and will miss her till we meet her again!

Calling hours were held in Saint Joseph's Church, 10 H. Putnam Road Ext., Charlton, MA 01507 from 3:30-5:30PM on Wednesday, March 21, 2018. The funeral Mass followed at 6PM in the church. Burial will be private.

The family request that FLOWERS BE OMITTED. Please honor their requests, and consider a donation to Overlook Hospice, 88 Masonic Home Road, Charlton, MA 01507, or to the Center of Hope, P. O. Box 66, Southbridge, MA 01550.

Sansoucy Funeral Home, 40 Marcy Street, Southbridge, MA 01550 is directing the arrangements. <http://www.sansoucyfuneral.com>

Antonia “Nina” Roy, 80



QUINEBAUG - Antonia “Nina” (Celona) Roy, 80, of Norman Avenue, died Saturday morning at home, March 17, surrounded by her loving family. She was the loving wife of Leo J. Roy. Born in Fitchburg, Massachusetts, she was the daughter of the late Peter and Josephine (Drago) Celona. Nina was a graduate of the Fitchburg High School class of 1955.

On July 2, 1961, in Fitchburg, Massachusetts, in St. Anthony Church, she was united in marriage to Leo J. Roy. Mrs. Roy worked for many years as the chef at the Daughters of the Holy Spirit convent in Putnam. Nina was a member of the Women's Auxiliary of the Quinebaug volunteer fire department, and enjoyed cooking, knitting, and doing crafts.

Nina is survived by her husband of

fifty-six years, Leo J. Roy; two sons, Jay L. Roy of Putnam and Gary Roy and his wife Christine of Dudley, Massachusetts; a daughter, Donna Marie Turner and her husband Kevin of Webster, Massachusetts; a brother, John Celona and his companion Cindy Dean of Cumberland, Rhode Island; five grandchildren, Adam, James, Matthew, Vanessa, and Kaycee Roy, two great grandchildren Hannah and Regan Marie Roy, and several nieces and nephews. She was predeceased by a sister, Barbara Chaplin

Relatives and friends are invited to attend a memorial service for Nina on Saturday, March 24, at 10:00 A.M. in the Gilman Funeral Home and Crematory, 104 Church St., Putnam. Burial will follow in St. Joseph Cemetery. In lieu of flowers memorial donations in Nina's name may be made to the Quinebaug Volunteer Fire Department, P.O. Box 144. Quinebaug, CT 06262. For memorial guestbook please visit www.GilmanAndValade.com.

Elizabeth Savas, 99

DANIELSON -- Elizabeth Savas, 99, of Danielson, passed away March 13, just 74 days shy of her 100th birthday. She was born May 26, 1918 in New York, New York, the daughter of the late Lester and Fannie (Zolatas) Savas. Elizabeth worked in advertising for department stores for over 40 years. She was a member of Holy Trinity Greek Orthodox Church.

She is survived by her nephew Bill Demarest and her niece Connie

Scheinfeld. She was predeceased by her brother George Savas and her sister Christina Demarest.

A funeral service was held March 19, at Holy Trinity Greek Orthodox Church in Danielson. Burial will follow in Westfield Cemetery, Danielson. Gagnon and Costello Funeral Home, 33 Reynolds Street, Danielson is in charge of arrangements. Share a memory at www.gagnonandcostellofh.com

David A Burdett, 63



BRANFORD -- David A Burdett died peacefully at home, with his family surrounding him on March 11, 2018, in Short Beach, Branford, Connecticut. He was born in Winsted, Connecticut on Sept 20, 1954, son of Leonard and Dorothy Burdett. David developed lung cancer over the last two years, and though his treatment worked for a time, he decided to be comfortable in his last days.

David grew up in Northeastern Connecticut and graduated from Tourtellotte Memorial High School in Thompson. He was an Army veteran. He received a degree from Southern Connecticut State University. After several computer-related jobs, he focused on his love and passion: being a musician. He played keyboards, guitar and vocals. His greatest strengths, he said, were his tenor voice, his ability to harmonize, and his ability to teach others. David loved Todd Rundgren, the Beach Boys and many others; he had a deep knowledge and appreciation about musicians and their bands.

He began playing rock, pop, and blues with his brother Mike in Northeastern Connecticut. They hosted many open mics in Connecticut with many other local musicians. He also performed in bands in the Boston area; The Radiators, The Airborne Particles etc. After moving to Branford, he was involved in numerous bands: No Soap Radio, Last Call, The Barking Spyderys, Spyderys, and most recently Aftershock, a rock/dance band. His band brothers and sisters Steve, Rob, Greg, Sue and Wendy were close to his heart.

Playing pool and hanging with friends at Allegra's café was a favorite

pastime.

David loved being up at Crystal Lake in Gilmanton Iron Works, New Hampshire. His family home of generations was his place of peace. He loved sailing, jamming in the barn, reading, and being with old friends and family.

He was a loving husband, father, and brother. He is survived by his wife Ann Ryder, his son Kenneth Burdett, and daughter Emily Burdett, his brother Peter Burdett (Jolanta) of Florida, sister Carol Downing (Ned) of Florida, brother Michael Burdett (Jacque) of Woodstock. He is also survived by nephews Jason (Sara) Downing, Sam Burdett, Korinti Recalde (Gil Marshak), Kadisha Recalde and Kara Burdett, relatives in Gilmanton Iron Works and beyond. He is also survived by his sisters and brothers in law Priscilla Ryder, Penny and Jeff Vaine, Phyllis Ryder and Eric Mentzell, and mother in law Cynthia Ryder, and nieces Amanda, Laura (Michael) and Marie Vaine, nephews Jake Ryder, Alex Mentzell and Martin Ryder. He was loved by the Ryder/Riley families and held special memories in their hearts. He was predeceased by his parents and nephew Christopher Downing.

We would like to offer thanks to the staff at Yale New Haven Hospital and Hospice of Branford for their kindness and care.

Family and friends are invited to a memorial service celebrating his life at the little Short Beach Union Church on Pentecost St on March 24, 2018 at 4pm, to be continued at Allegra's Café afterwards. Another service will be held in Gilmanton Iron Works, on the waterfront at the lake, on Friday, August 10 at 2 pm.

In lieu of flowers, please listen to some good music, read a good book, and enjoy life.

Deanna V. Mayo, 76



DANIELSON -- Deanna V. Mayo, 76, formerly of Bailey Hill Road in Danielson, died Friday, March 16, at Davis Place in Danielson. Beloved wife of Frank Mayo, Sr., they were married July 18, 1964. He died February 9, 2013. She was born January 23, 1942, daughter to George and Simone (Jolly) O'Connell. Deanna made her home most of her life on a farm in Woodstock then moved to a farm in Danielson and lived there for over 25 years. In 2012 she then moved to Thompson to live with her son Robert and his wife Cheryl. She was a loving mother, grandmother, and great grandmother. It was a thrill to watch her and her husband dance. Everyone would stop just to watch. She worked most of her life in factories, Hale Manufacturing, then Anchor Glass and before she retired, she worked at Foxwoods Casino. She

went to Three Rivers College where she completed the program for a medical transcriptionist. She never used her skill in the workplace but was proud of her accomplishment. She was predeceased by two sons, Craig Wetherell and Theodore Mayo. She leaves her children: Robert Mayo and his wife Cheryl; her daughter in law Ranel Wetherell; James Mayo; Frank Mayo, Jr. and his wife Leslie; Brian Mayo and his wife Marie, 9 grandchildren and 12 great grandchildren, several nieces and nephews. She also leaves her siblings Paul O'Connell, Gloria Benard, Shirley Lynch, Evelyn Mathieu; Priscilla Midboe, Susan Smith and Jane Delaney. She was predeceased by a brother George O'Connell, Jr. and a sister Beatrice Riley. Family and Friends may call Wednesday, March 28, 2018 from 6:00 to 8:00 PM at the Gagnon and Costello Funeral Home, 33 Reynolds Street, Danielson, with a Memorial Service at 7:00 PM. Burial will be at a later date. www.gagnonandcostellofh.com

Shirley A. Forcier, 75



SOUTHBRIDGE, MASSACHUSETTS — Shirley A. (Goudreau) Forcier, 75, a lifelong resident of Southbridge, Mass., died Saturday, March 17, at Harrington Memorial Hospital, after a long illness.

Her husband of 54 years, was the late W. Paul Forcier who died in 2014.

She is survived by five sons; Michael Forcier of Fall River, Massachusetts, James “Jim” Forcier of Brimfield, Massachusetts, Gary Forcier and his wife Jessica of Woodstock, Russell Forcier and his wife Sylvia of Brooksville, Florida, and Jeffrey “Jeff” Forcier and his wife Trish of Quinebaug. She also leaves 10 grandchildren, and 9 great-grandchildren, nieces and nephews, and cousins. She was predeceased by a sister Claire (Goudreau) DiFederico in 1988.

Shirley was born in Southbridge,

Mass., on June 23, 1942, daughter of the late Onesime and Cecile (Menard) Goudreau, and lived here all her life. She was a member of Notre Dame Church (St. John Paul II Parish), and was a retired employee of Harrington Memorial Hospital, where she worked in the transport department for many years.

She was a devout Catholic, who attended daily mass, and many church novenas. She enjoyed crocheting, bingo, but most of all loved spending time with her family, and taking care of her grandchildren.

Services: Calling hours were held March 21, at Sansoucy Funeral Home in Southbridge, Mass. The funeral mass was held Thursday, March 22, at Notre Dame Church (St. John Paul II Parish) in Southbridge, Mass. Burial will follow at Saint Mary's Cemetery, Southbridge, Mass.

In lieu of flowers, please consider a donation to St. John Paul II Parish, 279 Hamilton Street, Southbridge, MA 01550. www.sansoucyfuneral.com

Doris R. Blais, 95



DAYVILLE - Doris R. Blais, 95, formerly of Dayville, died Sunday March 18, at the Matulaitis Nursing Home in Putnam. She was the wife of Francis Blais, they were married June 24, 1944 in St. Joseph Church in Dayville. He died June 2, 1976. She was born October 1, 1922 in Killingly, daughter of Arthur and Rosa (Carnegie) Rickey. She lived in Dayville for many years before moving to Bristol. Her last home was Matulaitis Nursing Home since 2012, where she had wonderful care for seven years. Thanks to the staff on “C” Wing.

She leaves her children Carol Weaver of Peoria, Florida; Cheryl Blais of New Britain, her grandson

Mark Weaver and his wife Nancy of Brooksville, Florida; her great granddaughter Brittany Flinchum of Brooksville, Florida; great great grandchildren Chad and Bryce Flinchum of Brooksville, Florida; her two brothers Arthur Rickey of Killingly; Richard Rickey of Wisconsin; three sisters Rose Ogden of Putnam; Jo-Ann Young of Brooklyn; Anita Beaudoin of Putnam. She was predeceased by her husband Francis, her brother Joseph Rickey, son-in-law Wayne Weaver; stepmother Rita Rickey; her father Arthur Rickey; granddaughter Megan Weaver.

A calling hour will be Friday March 23, 2018 from 10:00 to 11:00 AM at the Smith and Walker Funeral Home, 148 Grove Street, Putnam, with a Funeral Service at 11:00 AM at the Funeral Home. Burial in St. Joseph Cemetery, Dayville. www.smithandwalkerfh.com

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Dennis M. Mullaly, 73



BROOKLYN -- Dennis M. Mullaly, 73 of Brooklyn, died unexpectedly March 16 at Hartford Hospital. He was the beloved husband of Iris (Fenner) Mullaly. They were married September 6, 1969. Dennis was born in Putnam, on September 22, 1944 son of Harold and Aline "Susie" Mullaly. He made his home in Brooklyn for over 50 years. He was a life member of the Danielson Elks BPOE #1706, was a past "Elk of the Year," a former member of the Mortlake Fire Company, serving as an EMT and fireman. Dennis served in the US Navy as a Radioman during the Vietnam Conflict. He was active with BSA Troop 44 in Brooklyn for many years. Dennis enjoyed fishing, camping and was an avid New York Yankees and New York Giant fan. He enjoyed traveling with his wife, with several cruises throughout the Caribbean, twice to Hawaii. He leaves in addition to his wife Iris, his children Michael

Mullaly of Killingly; Tracie Marcheterre and her husband Michael of Brooklyn, Terri Wicks and her husband Robert of Plainfield, his grandchildren Andrea, Joshua, Kellie, Shawn; and his beloved great grandson Kellen, his brothers Thomas Mullaly of Winter Haven, Florida and Norman of California and several nieces and nephews. He was predeceased by a sister Karen Kogut and his infant sister Kathy Sue.

Calling hours will be Sunday, March 25, from 2:00 to 4:00 PM at the Gagnon and Costello Funeral Home, 33 Reynolds Street, Danielson, with a memorial service at 4:00 PM at the funeral home.

In lieu of flowers donations may be made in Dennis' memory to the Danielson Lodge of Elks #1706, 13 Center Street, Danielson, CT 06239. Share a memory at www.gagnonandcostellofh.com



Floyd Cranska Cole, 96



THOMPSON -- Floyd Cranska Cole, of Thompson, passed away on March 17. He was 96. He leaves his wife of 65 years, Jean, four children and seven grandchildren. Floyd was born on the 4th of July, 1921. He studied at Marianapolis Preparatory School before enlisting in the US Army Air Corps during WWII. It was his dream since childhood to become a pilot. Assigned to the 8th Air Force he served in the 452nd Bomb Group, 729th Squadron stationed at Deopham Green in Norfolk, England, as Pilot and Group Leader with a crew of ten. As Pilot he fought in thirty combat missions over Germany in 1944 - 45, each time bringing his plane "Final Approach" and his crew home safely. Floyd received the Air Medal for meritorious service while participating in aerial flight. After his tour of duty in England he returned to the US and trained on the B-29 bomber in Florida. Upon discharge from the Army Air Corps he attended Trinity College in Hartford and earned a Phi Beta Kapa Key. He transferred to Rensselaer University in New York state earning a degree in chemical engineering. He joined Monsanto in Indian Orchard, Massachusetts as a plastics engineer, becoming one of the industry's early pioneers. He left Monsanto to become head of the Color Department at Foster Grant Plastics in Leominster,

Massachusetts.

Floyd and Jean had five children, David, Blair, Craig, and Judith, and predeceased by Ross. They raised their family in Leominster until Floyd retired, and with Jean, moved to the family homestead in Thompson where Floyd had grown up. Floyd was an avid gardener and shared his time between Thompson, Connecticut and Nokomis, Florida. For many years he attended 452nd Bomb Group Reunions with his former military crew mates even flying with two of them from Ft. Meyers to Venice, Florida on the Collings Foundation B-17 "Nine-O-Nine" which received quite a bit of news coverage in Southwest Florida. Floyd enjoyed attending "WWII Warbirds" shows and standing beneath the fuselage of a B-17 was often the center of attention. Floyd's final approach was spent in the comfort of his home in the company of his family.

A memorial service will be held Saturday, March 24, in the Chapel at Marianapolis Preparatory School, 26 Chase Road, Thompson. In lieu of flowers, the family's wish is for donations to be made to the Thompson Congregational Church Rebuilding Fund. The church is recovering from a devastating fire. Please visit <http://www.thompsoncongregational.org/donate>. www.smithandwalkerfh.com



Richard P. Slattery, 80



BROOKLYN -- Richard P. Slattery, 80, of Brooklyn, died Sunday March 18, at Backus Hospital in Norwich. He was the husband of Lucy (Mack) Slattery. He was born in Los Angeles, California on March 17, 1938, son of Louis and Mary (Shea) Slattery.

He made his home in Brooklyn since 1964, moving from California. He worked for Southern New England Telephone Company and Pacific Bell for over 40 years. A communicant of Our Lady of La Salette Church in Brooklyn. Richard served in the US Navy aboard the USS Los Angeles. He was known as a Jack of All Trades and a self-sufficient farmer. While working for the Telephone Company Richard was very proud to be recognized by the phone company for saving someone's life on two different occasions.

Richard had a great passion for his family's genealogy, and spent many hours researching.

He leaves in addition to his wife Lucy, his children Edward Slattery and his wife Deborah of Brooklyn; James Slattery and his wife Vickie of Stuart, Florida, grandchildren Rebecca, Jeffrey, Britany, Zachary, his brothers Jerry Slattery of Pennsylvania and Thomas Slattery of California.

The Funeral will be Saturday at 9:00 am from the Gagnon and Costello Funeral Home, 33 Reynolds Street, Danielson, followed by a 10:00 AM Mass of Christian Burial at Our Lady of La Salette Church in Brooklyn. Burial in Holy Cross Cemetery, Danielson. Calling hours will be Friday from 6:00 to 8:00 PM at the Funeral Home. www.gagnonandcostellofh.com



Maurice R. St. Hilaire, 88

PUTNAM -- Maurice R. St. Hilaire, 88, of Breault Street, died March 12, at Davis Place in Danielson. He was the loving husband of Muriel C. (Therrien) St. Hilaire of Putnam. Born in Lawrence, Massachusetts, he was the son of the late Adhere and Laura (Beauchene) St. Hilaire. Maurice was a veteran of the Korean Conflict serving with the United States Marines.

Mr. St. Hilaire worked for many years as a warehouse worker for Cranston Printing. Maurice was an avid Boston Red Sox fan and in his earlier years he enjoyed bowling.

Maurice is survived by his wife; a son, William St. Hilaire of N.

Grosvenordale; a daughter, Linda Cruz of Massachusetts; five grandchildren, seven great grandchildren, and numerous nieces and nephews. He was predeceased by three brothers Roland, Arthur, and Dennis St. Hilaire; and a sister, Malvina Beauchene.

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



Marion H. Fitts, 96



QUINEBAUG — Marion H. (Christiansen) Fitts, 96, passed away on Tuesday, March 13, in the Harrington Memorial Hospital, Southbridge, Mass., after an illness.

Her husband, Homer B. Fitts, died in 2004. She leaves her four sons, Bruce B. Fitts and his wife Sharon of Glendale, Arizona, Brian A. Fitts of Quinebaug, Kevin D. Fitts of Auburn, Mass., and Richard A. Fitts and his wife Lisa of Monroe; three grandchildren, Stacey Cone, Daniel Fitts and Alana Fitts; three great grandchildren, Delaney, Keagan and Makalyn; and many nieces and nephews. She was predeceased by her brother, Robert Christiansen.

Marion was born in Charlton, Mass., the daughter of Alfred O. and Dora M. (Desorcy) Christiansen.

Marion was a clerk at the Quinebaug Post Office for 27 years, retiring many years ago. She previously worked at the American Optical Co. in Southbridge. She enjoyed quilting, sewing, crocheting and dancing.

A funeral service for Marion was held on March 20 in the Daniel T. Morrill Funeral Home in Southbridge, Mass. Burial will be in East Woodstock Cemetery, East Woodstock. A calling hour in the funeral home were held on March 20, before the service.

In lieu of flowers donations may be made to St. Jude's Children's Research Hospital, 501 St. Jude Place, Memphis, TN 38105.

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NORTH GROSVENORDALE - Dolores Deslauriers, 83, formerly of North Grosvenordale, passed away peacefully on March 18, at the Matulaitis Rehabilitation & Skilled Care Center with her family at her side. She was born in North Grosvenordale on October 4, 1934 to the late George and Angelina (Lariviere) Houle.

Dolores was a religious woman who was a former member of the Daughters of Isabella and a communicant of St. Joseph Catholic Church in North Grosvenordale. She loved looking at family photographs and telling stories of her adventures with the love of her life, her late husband Richard. Dolores and Richard were married at St. Patrick-St. Anthony Church in Hartford on October 4, 1952. She enjoyed cooking, canning, reading, bingo, word searches and coloring on her tablet and especially the visits from her special granddaughter and great granddaughter. Dolores was a home maker, who later in life worked in the textile and retail industries,

finally retiring as a Certified Nursing Aid / Personal Attendant.

She is survived by her brother Raymond L'Heureux and wife Susan of Tucson, Arizona; her ten children, Richard and wife Elizabeth of Delray, Florida, John and wife Sharilyn of Sterling, Roger and wife Debbie of Stafford Springs, Michael of Nahunta, Georgia, Daniel and wife Elaine of St. Mary's, Georgia, Babette and husband Jack of Willows, California, Roland of Willimantic, Arthur and wife Laurie of Thompson, Jacqueline of Danielson and Jo-Anna of Catatwissa, Pennsylvania, 21 grandchildren, 39 great grandchildren, one great-great grandchild, and numerous nieces and nephews. She was predeceased by her brothers Paul and Eugene.

A Mass of Christian Burial will be held at St. Joseph Church, 18 Main St., North Grosvenordale at 1:00 p.m. on Saturday, March 24, 2018 followed by a gathering of family and friends at St. Joseph's Church hall. In lieu of flowers donations can be made to the American Cancer Society, 825 Brook Street, Rocky Hill, CT 06067, (in memory of Dolores Deslauriers). For memorial guestbook visit www.GilmanAndValade.com.

Elizabeth A. Bazinet, 78



BROOKLYN -- Elizabeth A. Bazinet, 78, of Brooklyn, passed away peacefully at her home on March 14, with her family at her side. She was born August 28, 1939 in Putnam, daughter of the late Elphege and Lillian (Bernier) Emond. She was the beloved wife of Maurice Bazinet; they were married on April 22, 1961.

Elizabeth worked for William Prym and Connecticut Rubber and Molding as a secretary. She loved to travel with her husband.

She leaves behind her husband Maurice, beloved son Jeff Bazinet of Plainfield, sister Theresa Sypek, brothers Robert Emond and Richard Emond and his wife Ann Marie Emond of Florida, also many nieces and nephews.

Calling hours were held on March 17 at the Gagnon and Costello Funeral Home in Danielson, which were followed by a Mass of Christian Burial in St. James Church in Danielson. Burial will follow in Holy Cross Cemetery, Danielson. In lieu of flowers donations may be made in her memory to St. James School. Share a memory at www.gagnonandcostellofh.com

LEGALS

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

ESTATE OF Patricia Ann Hart (18-00093)

The Hon. Leah P. Schad, Judge of the Court of Probate, District of Northeast Probate Court, by decree dated March 13, 2018, ordered that all claims must be presented to the fiduciary at the address below. Failure to promptly present any such claim may result in the loss of rights to recover on such claim.

Brenda Duquette, Clerk

The fiduciary is:

William J Hart,
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March 23, 2018

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ESTATE OF Bertha G Benoit (18-00074)

The Hon. Leah P. Schad, Judge of the Court of Probate, District of Northeast Probate Court, by decree dated March

13, 2018, ordered that all claims must be presented to the fiduciary at the address below. Failure to promptly present any such claim may result in the loss of rights to recover on such claim.

Brenda Duquette, Clerk

The fiduciary is:

Mary L Kennett
c/o William J. Monty, Esq.,
PO Box 266,
Woodstock, CT 06281
March 23, 2018

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

ESTATE OF Francis S Domurad (18-00076)

The Hon. Leah P. Schad, Judge of the Court of Probate, District of Northeast Probate Court, by decree dated March 19, 2018, ordered that all claims must be presented to the fiduciary at the address below. Failure to promptly present any such claim may result in the loss of rights to recover on such claim.

Brenda Duquette, Clerk

The fiduciary is:

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c/o William J. Monty, Esq.,
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March 23, 2018

TOWN OF WOODSTOCK NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING APRIL 3, 2018 7:00P.M. WOODSTOCK TOWN HALL

The Board of Finance of the Town of Woodstock will hold a Public Hearing at the Woodstock Town Hall on Tuesday, April 3, 2018 at 7:00 p.m. in accordance with section 7-344 of the Connecticut General Statutes. Itemized estimates of the expenditures of the Board of Selectmen and the Board of Education will be presented and the Board of Finance will hear all persons who wish to be heard in regards to any appropriation which they

are desirous that the Board of Finance shall recommend or reject for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2019.

Dated at Woodstock, CT. this 13th day of March, 2018

Michael Dougherty, Chairman
Woodstock Board of Finance

March 23, 2018

LEGAL NOTICE

The Woodstock Historic District Commission will hold a public hearing on March 28, 2018, 6:30 p.m. at Woodstock Town Hall on an application from Woodstock Academy for sidewalk work, retaining wall, bollards and lighting at the corner of Hill Cemetery Road and Academy Road.

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Roger B. Logee, 98



DANIELSON — Roger B. Logee, 98, died unexpectedly on Friday, March 16, at home. He is survived by his son; Richard Logee and his wife Deborah of Killingly, his daughters Betty (Logee) Merow and her husband Gene of Killingly, Katherine (Logee) Griswold and her husband Thomas of Groton; his daughter-in-law Faye Logee of Eastford; his grandchildren; Gena Rider, Todd Merow, Cory Merow, Mary Griswold, Thomas Griswold, Elizabeth Logee-Charles, Richard Logee Jr., Jonathan Logee, Keri Logee, Heather Logee, Jessica Ruiz and his great-grandchildren Willow Charles, Samuel Charles, Andrew Griswold, Noah Griswold, Adam Griswold, Jenna Griswold, Emily Griswold, Richard Logee III, Cooper Logee, and Alexander Merow. He also leaves his beloved cat Yoki.

Roger was born in Danielson on September 10, 1919, the son of the late William David Logee and Ida Chriscilla (James) Logee. He was predeceased by his loving wife; Fay (Demoranville) Logee; his son, James Arnold Logee; and fourteen brothers and sisters; Floyd Logee, Mason Logee, Ernest Logee, Emily Francisco, Sarah Baroni, Julia Somes, Lyndall Logee, Archibald Logee, Fay Smith, Joy Martin, Mary Ellen Ross, Bernice Logee, Richard M. Logee, and Rupert Logee.

Roger grew up on North Street in Danielson, where he discovered his love of horticulture through the family business, Logee's Greenhouse. He served his country in World War II in North Africa and Europe during seven campaigns in the Ninth Infantry Division. Roger is a lifelong member of Westfield Congregational Church in Danielson where he met and married his wife, Fay. Together they built The Country Greenhouses on Cook Hill Road in Danielson, where they served the community for over forty years. Roger was also known for his love of cats and rabbits. He shared his knowledge of plants and life stories with all who were lucky enough to visit him in his greenhouse.

A celebration of Rogers life will be held on April 8 at 2:00 PM at Westfield Congregational Church, 210 Main Street in Danielson CT. Arrangements have been entrusted to Shaw-Majercik Funeral Home, 48 School Street, Webster, Massachusetts. A guest book is available at www.shaw-majercik.com where you may post a condolence or light a candle. Donations in Roger's memory may be made to Westfield Congregational Church, 210 Main Street, Danielson or Hospice of Day Kimball Hospital.

Paul F. Lane, 70



THOMPSON — Paul F. Lane, 70, of Sonny Lane, passed away Monday, March 19, at home surrounded by his family. He was the loving husband of Patricia (Ostrowski) Lane. Born in Southbridge, Massachusetts, he was the son of the late Francis and Agnes (Blanchard) Lane.

Mr. Lane was a self-employed truck driver who then went on to drive for Staples and Estes trucking. He enjoyed traveling, taking cruises, going to the ocean, and was an avid New England Patriots and Red Sox fan.

In addition to his wife Patricia, Paul was survived by his daughters, Pamela Lafleche and her husband Randy Lafleche, Sr. of Danielson, and Sherri Johnson and her husband Mike Johnson of Florida; his grandson, Tyler Lane and his special aunt, Kathryn Lane of North Oxford, Massachusetts.

Calling hours were held on Thursday, March 22, in the Gilman Funeral Home and Crematory in Putnam. A gathering will begin in the funeral home at 11:00 a.m. on Friday, March 23, followed by a Mass of Christian Burial at 12:00 p.m. in St. Mary Church of the Visitation Church, 218 Providence St., Putnam. For memorial guestbook visit www.GilmanAndValade.com.

Rolf Swanson, 95



THOMPSON — Rolf Swanson, 95, of Thompson, died on March 14. He leaves his wife Irene, sister Dorothy Asikainen, daughters Andrea Whitman (Edwin), Kathie Kelly (Dennis), granddaughter Erin Kelly, step-daughters Renee Beshaw (Derek), Michelle Gianetis (John), step-grandchildren Jason, Chad and Alex Beshaw, Alison and Lauren Gianetis, step-great grandchildren Liam and Penelope, several sister and brothers-in-law, many nieces and nephews. He was predeceased by his first wife Virginia Swanson in 1989.

He was a graduate of TMHS and Putnam Trade School. He proudly served in the US Navy, on the USS, Texas in the Pacific during WWII, serving as a Fire Controlman. He was a toolmaker by trade, retiring in 1987 as Foreman from Ivanhoe Tool and

Die in Thompson.

He will be remembered for many things, his kindness, honesty and love of the outdoors. He loved to travel, especially New England and the Eastern coast. He was a skilled woodworker, making many pieces of furniture for family and friends, also a talented carver. Rolf was a mason for 50 plus years and served on the Thompson Finance Board. He currently was an officer of the West Thompson Cemetery Association and a member of the Emanuel Lutheran Church.

A Graveside service will be Friday, March 23, 2018 at 11:00 AM in West Thompson Cemetery. In lieu of flowers donations may be made to the Emanuel Lutheran Church, Cemetery Fund. Share a memory at www.smithand-walkerfh.com

Selma (Reynolds) Gluck, 72



CANTERBURY - Selma (Reynolds) Gluck, 72, of Canterbury passed comfortably Tuesday, March 13, at Hartford Hospital with her family by her side. She was born February 24, 1946 in Canterbury, daughter of Emerson and Alice (Levola) Reynolds. She was predeceased in death by her parents, as well as brother Gerald Reynolds, sister Arlene (Reynolds) Borm, Grandson Logan, sisters in law Connie Reynolds, Annette Reynolds, and her beloved shih-tzu Tricia. Selma was a graduate of Griswold High School, later going to work at Lawrence & Memorial Hospital, before starting her career at the Plainfield Post Office as a Mail Carrier. She retired from her position after 26 years. She married her elementary school sweetheart, Paul Gluck on February 27, 1965. Selma is survived by her four sons, Paul Gluck Jr. of Princeton, Maine, Duane and Samantha Gluck of Spring, Texas, Trevor and Pamela

Gluck of Canterbury, Brandon Gluck and companion Robin of Danielson, and a daughter Dawn Taylor with husband Jeffrey of Keeseville, New York, as well as eleven loving grandchildren.

She is also survived by brothers Emerson Reynolds, Alan Reynolds, and John Reynolds. She leaves behind sisters Carol Petrucci, and Linda Harkins as well as Brothers-in-law David Borm, Robert Petrucci and Sister-in-law Elaine Reynolds.

Selma enjoyed spending time with her family and friends, watching the wildlife from the porch she helped build, reading, and her numerous craft projects. Calling hours will be held on Friday March 23, from 1:00-3:00 p.m. with a memorial service at 3:00 p.m. at the Danielson Church of the Nazarene, 440 Westcott Road Danielson. In lieu of flowers donations can be made to St. Jude's Children's Research Hospital, 501 St. Jude Place, Memphis, TN 38105-1942 in honor of Selma. Tillinghast Funeral Home, 433 Main Street, Danielson is in charge of arrangements.

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