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Local artists display work at Capital exhibit

BY OLIVIA RICHMAN
NEWS STAFF WRITER

THOMPSON — Local artists Ann C. Rosebrooks and Donna Lange have three things in common. They're friends. They're artists. And they'll both have artwork on display at the State Capital Art Exhibit in Hartford.

Sponsored by Windham Art and Positive Expression, the 250-foot long wall that runs between the Gold Dome on the state capital and the legislative office building will be filled with artwork from Windham County artists throughout the month of January.

I spoke with them about their shared passion for the local art scene and the importance of this show.

How did you two end up in this show?

Rosebrooks - "We got an email from Windham Art about the show. They were looking for regional artists. And we decided to do it."

Lange - "The person putting the show on is named Brian Cohen and he has a non-profit organization called

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Olivia Richman photo

Ann C. Rosebrooks, left, and Donna Lange will be showing their work in Harford throughout the month of January.



The magnifying station at Putnam Library

A closer look at Putnam Library

BY OLIVIA RICHMAN
NEWS STAFF WRITER

PUTNAM — To further aid the community it serves the Putnam Public Library has recently unveiled the Acrobat VGA, a special magnifying station that allows people with vision problems to read books. And read their mail.

The VGA was purchased for \$1,500 with funds from years of Lions Club donations. With a focus on helping with vision, what better way to use funding from the Lions Club, thought Library Director Pricilla Colwell.

"They had invited us quite a few years ago to their Night of Giving," she said. "It's unbelievable."

Once a year, the Lions Club invites organizations around the area to the charitable program, where they give away money they earned during fundraisers that year.

"They very nicely have given to the library," said Colwell. "Which will be used for this device and downloadable subscriptions. The Lions really have a heart for vision."

So what is the Acrobat VGA? Able to change the font size of books and any other worded

documents, the VGA is a camera on a telescoping arm. With a moveable arm, Cowell states that the magnifying machine can be pointed towards a person in order to apply make-up, or pointed down at reading material.

"There are many ways to use this," she explained. "If we can help somebody with one of these things, making it easier to read their mail or a letter... We're just here to help people. This is just another way we can assist them."

The Acrobat VGA station is now available to the public.

It had taken a while for the library to clear enough space for the station said Cowell. In fact the library has been planning on how to fit in the station since last fall.

The Putnam Public Library offers audio books, downloadable documents and big print books, but Cowell felt that this magnifying machine helped vision impaired residents even more. The entire library felt it was a very important addition.

"The library is the only free place in town where people can go for the internet, borrow

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NEW YEAR'S FIRST BABY

Courtesy photo

PUTNAM — Haley VanLoan and Andrew Rathel of Central Village welcomed Joseph Michael Rathel into the world at 1:18 p.m. on Jan. 1 at Day Kimball Hospital. Joseph weighed 7 pounds, 8 ounces and was Northeast Connecticut's "Baby New Year". He was gifted with a basket of baby essentials and stuffed animals donated by the Woman's Board of Day Kimball Hospital and local businesses.

Fire and Ice Festival set for downtown Putnam

BY OLIVIA RICHMAN
NEWS STAFF WRITER

PUTNAM — Perhaps downtown Putnam is the only place to see a professional ice sculpting competition on this level. The Fire & Ice Festival only gets bigger and better each

year. And there's still time to be a part of it. Fire & Ice Festival will take place Saturday, Feb. 10.

Ice sponsorships are being accepted until the last week of January, ranging in price depending on the size of the

ice block and what work is involved. A pre-carved ice block (the design picked out by the company) is \$400. But organizations go up to \$1,000 to create their masterpieces.

Businesses can also purchase a block of ice – which

is around 300 pounds – and have a local artist come and carve it the day of the Fire & Ice Festival, allowing attendees to watch the jaw-dropping process throughout the day.

One of the event's co-chairs Jennifer Beckett (who orga-

nizes the event with co-chair Sheila Frost) said one of her favorite sculptures from last year was Rawson Materials' collaboration with Ice Matters. After an ice base was created, the community could come and

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ROOTING FOR THE TEAM

Charlie Lentz photo

THOMPSON — Tourtellotte Memorial High School students root for the Tigers girls basketball team against Grasso Tech on Jan. 3. Tourtellotte won 60-16.



Almost, Maine to open at Bradley Playhouse



Courtesy photos
Roy Simmons (Jimmy), Larissa Bailey (Waitress) and Sarah Hart (Sandrine) star in the Bradley Playhouse's production of *Almost, Maine*.

The actors who bring *Almost, Maine* to life are Zach Scovish, Age Anderson, J. Matthew Bailey, Melissa Dakai, Roy Simmons, Sarah Hart, Larissa Bailey, Laura Jedynasty, Lucas Pereira, Brittany Miskell, Michael Pray, Dave Carter, Kyle Rictor, Jonathan Demers, Wendy Harris, Sharon Starr, Vincent A. Chaisson, Melissa Beausoleil and Corey Groh.

The Bradley Playhouse is located at 30 Front Street (Route 44) in Putnam. All seats are reserved. Reservations may be made at www.thebradleyplayhouse.org or by calling (860) 928-7887. Tickets may be purchased at the theater box office, either before the performance or at the door. Performances are Jan. 19, 20, 26, 27 at 7:30 p.m. and Feb. 2, 3 at 7:30 p.m. and January 21, 28 and Feb. 4 at 2:00 p.m.



TOP RIGHT:
Corey Groh (Dave) and Melissa Beausoleil (Rhonda).



BOTTOM RIGHT:
Jonathan Demers (Phil) and Wendy Harris (Marcie).

PUTNAM — The Theatre of Northeastern Connecticut at the Bradley Playhouse will present John Ciani's collection of tales about love — *Almost, Maine* — opening on Jan. 19 and running for three weekends.

Almost, Maine, which premiered in Portland, Maine in 2004, presents nine sweet, poignant and witty stories about the hazards encountered in the

pursuit of love. They all take place on one deeply cold and magical Midwinter Night, propelled by the mystical energy of the aurora borealis. The residents of this mythical town are humorous, plain-spoken and sincere and their stories, like love itself, will surprise you.

The TNECT production of *Almost, Maine* is directed by Kathy Parker with assistant director Natasha Darius.

EVERSOURCE INSPECTS LINES WITH HELICOPTER

PUTNAM — On the heels of last week's blizzard, Eversource power com-

pany is surveying high-voltage power lines throughout Connecticut this week, checking for any damage done to the electricity lines during the storm that may threaten electric reliability. A low flying helicopter is being used to also check for tree limbs or branches that may have broken in the high winds and be in a position to potentially damage a

line and cause a power outage.

The surveying was scheduled for Jan. 9 through Friday, Jan. 12. Weather permitting, flights were scheduled to take place between 8 a.m. and 4 p.m.

The helicopter inspections were scheduled to take place in the following towns: Andover, Bethel, Bethlehem, Bloomfield, Bozrah, Branford, Bridgeport, Brookfield, Brooklyn, Canaan, Canterbury, Canton, Chaplin, Cheshire, Columbia, Coventry, Danbury, Darien, Durham, East Granby, East Haddam, East Hampton, East Lyme, East Windsor, Ellington, Fairfield, Farmington, Franklin, Glastonbury, Granby, Greenwich, Haddam, Hampton, Hartford, Hebron,

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Bird sightings at Connecticut Audubon Society Center at Pomfret and Wyndham Land Trust properties for the week of Jan. 1: Bald Eagle, Golden-crowned Kinglet, Fox Sparrow, Wild Turkey, Song Sparrow, American Tree Sparrow, Yellow-bellied Sapsucker, Pileated Woodpecker, Flicker, Bluebird. Visit ctaclub.org/pomfret-home

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Beausoleil is Westview's employee of the year



Courtesy photo

John Beausoleil, left, and David T. Panteleakos

DAYVILLE — John Beausoleil, from Woodstock, was named Westview's Employee of the Year for 2017 by the Westview Health Care Center Employee of the Year Nomination Committee. Beausoleil joined the Westview team on June 18, 2007 and works full time as

a physical therapy assistant. The announcement of his award was made by Westview Administrator David T. Panteleakos at the facility's Annual Employee Appreciation Dinner held at the Connecticut National Golf Club in Putnam. In an effort to recognize outstand-

ing employees, Westview implemented the Employee of The Year award in 2008 to enhance their established Employee of The Month program, which rewards outstanding employees who demonstrate dedication, outstanding work ethic and a positive attitude that is reflected in their day-to-day work.

"John is an amazing therapist and an overall great person to work with patients," said David T. Panteleakos, Westview Administrator. "He completely understands the nexus between providing the best in quality of care and making his patients feel comfortable. His work record is amazing as well. He has achieved perfect attendance in 2009, 2010, 2011, 2014, 2015, 2016 and 2017. John also achieved Employee of The Month awards in February 2008 and April 2016; and he has received several written commendations from patients and over 24 WOW

Cards over the years. John Beausoleil is more than deserving of the Employee of the Year distinction."

Beausoleil graduated in 2002 from Becker College and began his career as a physical therapy assistant in 2003.

"John is the personality and heart of the Sports Medicine Department here at Westview", said Alexis Williams, RPT, Director of Sports Medicine. "His passion and enthusiasm towards helping others makes him a leader and an example for all others to follow."

Beausoleil grew up in the Quiet Corner and now resides in Woodstock with his daughters Alyvia, Alexis and Amy; and his partner, Roymane.

"I am very proud to be selected for this award and I would like to share this acknowledgement with all of my amazing colleagues," Beausoleil said.



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31, 2018.

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embarked upon 155 years ago, and serving our mission of enhancing the quality of life in the communities we serve".

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Murphy lauds Access Health enrollment

HARTFORD — U.S. Senator Chris Murphy (D-Conn.), a member of the U.S. Senate Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions Committee, released a statement on Jan. 8 after Access Health CT (AHCT) announced that — despite efforts by the Trump administration to sabotage the Affordable Care Act — 2018 health care enrollment numbers were higher than the previous year's enrollment numbers. Between November 1, 2017 and December 22, 2017, 114,134 Connecticut residents signed up for private health insurance coverage through AHCT, a 2.3 percent increase in enrollment compared to last year.

"The Trump administration tried to prevent people from signing up for health care at every turn," said Murphy. "The numbers released today speak for themselves — people in Connecticut know the value in signing up for health care and the Affordable Care Act is working. I'm grateful to the Access Health team for such a successful enrollment period. Now it's time for Republicans to join Democrats in working together to keep what's working in the Affordable Care Act and improve what's not."

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Republican Town Committee, 7 p.m., Town Hall

PZC, 7 p.m., Town Hall

Wednesday, Jan. 17

Cable Advisory Council, 5:30 p.m., Fairfield Inn, Uncasville

WPCA, 6 p.m., Water Treatment Plant

KCC, 7 p.m., Town Hall

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Helen Ferland

Name: Helen Ferland

Occupation: Retired from Allmerica in 2001. Volunteer at Day Kimball hospital. Volunteer as coordinator for Interfaith Human Services of Putnam Diaper Bank of NECT.

Lives In: Putnam

Family: Married to Rene Ferland for 57 years. Three children, six grandchildren, and twelve great-grandchildren!

Pets: Friendly, lovable cat

How long have you lived in the area? My family moved from Pennsylvania when I was a baby...so I've lived in the area my entire life.

What is currently your favorite TV Show? I have a few! Long Lost Family, Fixer Upper (Who doesn't love Chip and Joanna Gaines?) And I cannot forget Detective Joe Kenda

What is your favorite travel destination?

Love the peace of the mountains and the Caribbean.

What's the best part about your town? The many great activities in our town. I especially admire the generosity of all of the residents of our community and surrounding areas.

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

Who is your favorite musical artist? Quite a few but I love Mariah Carey!

What is the greatest piece of advice you have ever been given? Be true to yourself. Listen to your intuition and be kind to others.

Favorite Sports Team: Red Sox

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

Corrigan named VP of human resources at Day Kimball Healthcare

PUTNAM — Jeffrey Corrigan was recently named Vice President of Human Resources at Day Kimball Healthcare. Corrigan had been serving as the Director of Human Resources in an interim capacity since June. Corrigan is responsible for employee relations programs and the development and management of all human resource policies and procedures, directs recruitment and training programs, oversees compensation and benefits, and assures compliance with all federal, state and local regulations.

"I have really enjoyed getting to know the great people at Day Kimball and starting to build relationships both within and outside of the hospital. I look forward to supporting our staff and management as we strive to make Day Kimball the place of choice in northeastern

Connecticut, whether it be to seek care or to work," Corrigan said.

Corrigan brings more than 35 years of healthcare human resource experience to Day Kimball, including prior leadership positions at healthcare organizations across the country, most recently in Vermont. In addition, he has been active in his professional associations, serving in state and regional leadership positions, as well as in his communities, serving on school, YMCA, Hospice, and Chamber of Commerce boards.

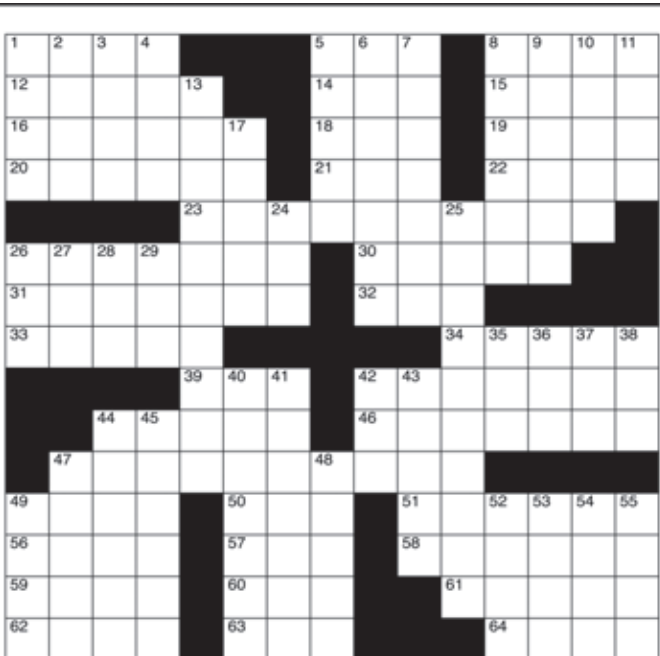
"Jeffrey brings a wealth of knowledge and experience in the field of human resources in healthcare and hospital administration to Day Kimball," said DKH President and CEO Anne Diamond. "He has a proven history of creating a positive business culture that supports both staff and organizational needs. We're very glad to have him as part of our leadership team." Corrigan graduated



Courtesy photo

Jeffrey Corrigan

Magna Cum Laude from Central Connecticut State College with a bachelor's degree in Economics and first in his class from St. Francis University with a master's degree in Industrial Relations. He's a native of north-west Connecticut and lives in Rhode Island.



CLUES ACROSS

- 1. Make ale
- 5. Residue
- 8. Female parent
- 12. Succulent plants
- 14. OJ's judge
- 15. Czech river
- 16. Embarrassing predicament
- 18. NHL legend Bobby
- 19. Sunfish
- 20. One who acclaims
- 21. On the __; running away
- 22. Oklahoma's "Wheat Capital"
- 23. The Golden State
- 26. Merrymake
- 30. Siberian nomads
- 31. Pock-marked
- 32. Baleen whale
- 33. Leaf-footed bug genus
- 34. Treasure
- 39. Tanzanian shilling
- 42. Changed
- 44. Intestinal pouches
- 46. Walked in a celebratory way
- 47. South American mountain chain
- 49. Jai __, sport
- 50. Consumed
- 51. Firm
- 56. Pubs
- 57. Leafy drink
- 58. Cured
- 59. Northern wind of France
- 60. Tax collector
- 61. Respite from the sun
- 62. American spy Aldrich
- 63. Central Standard Time
- 64. Myanmar ethnic group

CLUES DOWN

- 1. Crush
- 2. Razorbill genus
- 3. "Full House" actress Loughlin
- 4. Bluish green
- 5. Garlic mayonnaise
- 6. Attacks repeatedly
- 7. Secretion
- 8. Special instance
- 9. A handsome youth loved by Aphrodite
- 10. Tree genus in the mahogany family
- 11. Israeli city
- 13. Formed a theory
- 17. Remove
- 24. Type of light
- 25. Repeats
- 26. Certified public accountant
- 27. River in eastern France
- 28. Returned material authorization (abbr.)
- 29. Special __; military group
- 35. Ribonucleic acid
- 36. Not even
- 37. Power transmission belt
- 38. Doctor of Education
- 40. Type of nerve
- 41. Types of tops
- 42. Large primate
- 43. Flooded, low-lying land
- 44. Gritty
- 45. Gets up
- 47. Stake
- 48. Not the most
- 49. Swedish rock group
- 52. Expresses pleasure
- 53. Expression of boredom
- 54. Queen of Sparta
- 55. Where Adam and Eve were placed at the Creation

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Also, a baked potato buffet at St. Mary's Church is scheduled in conjunction with the uniform drive. The buffet is set for 5 p.m. to 7 p.m. on Feb. 10 at the church and the cost is \$5 per person, which buys a whole baked potato, with seven toppings to choose from, plus dessert and coffee or tea. Eat in or take out. Proceeds benefit Boy Scout Troop 21. For information on the uniform drive or the buffet, call (860) 928-7241.

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PUZZLE SOLUTION



Soothing a sweet tooth in Putnam



Olivia Richman photos

Sadie's Sweet Shop owner Jenna Perez has some huge goals for her new candy business in downtown Putnam.

BY OLIVIA RICHMAN
NEWS STAFF WRITER

PUTNAM — Chocolates. Gummy worms. Soda flavored candies? It's all in the life of Sadie's Sweet Shop owner Jenna Perez.

Having recently opened in November of last year, the downtown Putnam sweet shop is hoping to bring some fun and youth to the antique hub of the Quiet Corner. And I sat down with Perez to find out how she plans to do this.

Why a candy store? Why do you think this is something to bring to downtown Putnam?

"There was nothing like this here. I like candy. Most people I know like candy. They traveled for candy. New Hampshire, Maine. It'd be fun to bring it here."

Wow! Why do you think candy is such a desired product?

"It's just fun. It brings joy to people. I did a party one time and the minute the candy was

fun place for kids and the young at heart. It's yummy. I just think it's fun."

So people love candy. But you seem to have a real passion for it. When did you start working with candy?

"For a while I was doing candy tables. People would hire me for parties, for weddings or birthdays, and I'd set up a table with candies the color of the event. You fill them with different candies people like, it's all edible and decorative."

How do you feel about being a younger female business owner?

"I never really thought about being a younger woman in business. But my passion for business... I'm excited. I want to keep growing. I want to keep adding on."

How do you plan on doing that?

"I definitely plan on adding more candy. More shelving for candy. I definitely want to grow the event candy table as well. I want to do weddings and birthdays. I know I have a lot of space to fill."

What kind of candies are you hoping to add?

"I have been doing nostalgic candies and old fashioned candies, candies by the decade. My whole goal was to provide things that won't be in a local candy store. To be unique."

How has the business been so far?

"It has been successful so far. People have been very supportive of the

business. I was so scared. As much as you make business plans, you just never know. The day I opened there was a line of people waiting to get in. We were busy until we closed. It's been very amazing. I can't complain."

That's amazing. And I know you take customer requests.

"I try with every order to do customer request orders. One was all customer requests."

What are some surprising things people have asked for?

"Some of them are things that have been discontinued, like 'Ouch' bandaids. But I was surprised that people wanted more chocolates. So I just started a chocolate shelf, some seasonal. Marshmallow Cones. One person asked for Peachy Penguins. They are black and white, but taste like peach. I research so much candy, online looking for things to bring in to the store. So I love when people have new ideas. Do you remember those cones? Let me show you."

Oh, I remember those! But I've never had them.

"Me neither. Another thing was the Coke Bottle gummies. They're very good, they're so addictive. I never had those before. Soda... You don't think of candy. But they're so good."

I think when I came here on opening day I put in a suggestion for rainbow mini frogs, by Haribo. I can't seem to find them anywhere.



Customers are invited to request their own favorite candies, or try out some of Sadie's Sweet Shop's fun finds.

"They're so rare and they're always sold out."

Are you ever surprised by how hard it is to get some of these candies or how popular they are?

"Yes. One time I got these gummy sharks. I didn't think they'd be popular, but they run off the shelves. And Candy LEGOs. Those are super popular. I go through like five pounds a week or more. It's crazy. Some I have to buy 15-20 pounds at a time, which is surprising. I'll try something and wonder why I bought it, but it will become a popular seller. Everyone has different tastes."

What are some of your favorite candies?

"Sour grape fruit candies, Swedish Fish... I like gummies. Gummies are my go-to thing. Chocolate-wise, I was surprised by nonpareils. As a kid I didn't like them. But my taste buds are different now. I'm not super picky. I try everything new that comes in."

It seems like a really fun job.

Yeah, it's fun. It's fun running your own business. You get to make your own decisions. I think it's worth it. It's like owning a home. It's scary, but it's yours. It's worth it. It's like having a child. You get to watch it grow. You create this vision and you see it grow and change, see it become successful. It's a good feeling, thinking that it was just something to do in school for an A and to have it come true."

When you're not working, what do you like to do?

"My whole life is this story right now. I'm definitely a family person. Like doing things with my family. I like to try different things, but no routines. I can work up to 12 hours a day."

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LEARNING

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Scientific research intervention model continues at Woodstock schools

WOODSTOCK — Starting in the 2016-2017 school year, the Woodstock Public School system revamped the entire Scientific Research Based Intervention (SRBI) model. SRBI is an approach to education designed to ensure that all students receive high quality instruction in the general education curriculum as well as targeted interventions for those students experiencing learning, social-emotional, or behavioral difficulties. SRBI is regular education instruction that supplements and intensi-

fies student deficits of. There are three layers to SRBI including Tier I, II, and III which students can shift between based on their needs as evidenced by multiple sources of data. Tier I is high quality instructional and behavior supports that are provided for all students in general education. The general education teacher implements a variety of research-supported teaching strategies and approaches. This can eliminate the need for Tier II and III interventions and is the first line of interven-

tion. Tier II instruction is supplemental small group instruction and interventions that occurs in addition to the Tier I instruction. This includes a group of less than six students and meets on average of two times a week. Student deficits are identified through periodic universal screening and instruction focuses on critical skills or concepts that students have not been able to acquire. Tier III is an even more intensive, small group or individualized instruction, includ-

ing one or two children, and typically meets three times to five times per week. Tier III is intended for students that continue to have significant difficulty with skills and have not made adequate progress in Tier II. If a student continues to struggle with the Tier III supports, the school team may decide to refer a child for special education services. In the Woodstock Public School system, there are highly trained interventionists working in the SRBI program. There is a teacher in the K-2

Reading program, one in the 3-4 Reading program, one in the K-4 Math program, and two in the 5-8 Reading and Math SRBI Program. Woodstock Public Schools works very hard to close skill deficits with children through the SRBI Process. This fluid process allows for children to receive the help they need and then return to the regular education classroom when they succeed.

Thompson native completes emergency preparedness



Courtesy photo

Marissa Mungham during the conference at Worcester.

THOMPSON — Marissa Mungham, from Thompson, a student at Bay Path RVTHS Practical Nursing Academy completed the Massachusetts All Hazards Emergency Preparedness Conference recently at the DCU Center in Worcester, Mass.

Mungham joined over 600 local, state, federal, private, and non-profit sector emergency management and public safety professionals for two days of networking, discussion, education, and presentations by renowned

professionals. Mungham enjoyed interactive presentations, plenary, panel and breakout sessions, and listened on experts in cyberterrorism and natural disasters showcase and share model practices, tools, technologies, and lessons learned. The conference was presented by Massachusetts Emergency Management Agency.

“This was an exciting opportunity to gain views on key issues relating to emergency management and preparedness,” said Mungham. “I appreciate the knowledge and

experience of representing Bay Path Practical Nursing Academy at the conference and look forward to further dialogue in emergency preparedness.”

Mungham is an alumna of Tourtellotte Memorial High School and is employed at Reliant Medical Group in Worcester. She is a candidate for National Technical Honor Society induction with the Bay Path Practical Nursing Academy PN Class of 2018. She is a member of the UNICEF Club and SkillsUSA PN Team.

Marshall Tucker Band at fundraiser for Woodstock Academy

WOODSTOCK — The Marshall Tucker Band will perform in concert at the Center for the Arts at Woodstock Academy’s South Campus on Friday, March 16. The benefit performance will help Woodstock continue its upgrades to the Center for the Arts. Some of those improvements will already be noticed as new seats, carpeting and paint will welcome those who attend the show.

The legendary southern rock band will perform their many hits including “Heard it in a Love Song” and “Can’t You See.” The evening will begin at 7 p.m. with Cold Train, New England’s own southern rock tribute band, opening for The Marshall Tucker Band. Doors will open for the show at 6:15 p.m. The show is the first of several planned events.


“Upcoming performances like this will bring a greater variety of entertainment options to our community, and funds raised will help us continue to improve the Academy’s facility for the use of our students and community partners,” said Jonathan Sturdevant, associate head of school for advancement.

Funds raised at this performance will go directly to physical and technical improvements in the Center for the Arts. The Center for the Arts is located on Woodstock Academy’s South Campus, 150 Route 169, Woodstock. General admission tickets are \$35. Premium tickets, which include admission to a pre-show reception, are \$100. The reception will be held next door at the Head of School’s home. Ticket information is at woodstockacademy.org/tickets.

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OPINION

Opinion and commentary from the Quiet Corner

Winter Musings

I hope everyone has a wonderful Christmas and New Year's! I was incredibly blessed that the whole family celebrated together. Not just the flying wrapping paper and the oohs-and-ahs over the perfect gifts, but just being in the presence of family that melts me. Because Lord knows there's no melting going on outside! If it wasn't for the fact that I am having a billion hot flashes per day, I'd be miserable... Oh wait! I am! Coat on, coat off. Sweater on, sweater off, e t c ... Driving down the road 65 mph in -8 degree weather with my head out the window to cool down whilst freezing out everyone else in the car. I ran into a store yesterday, and Sean thought it would be hilarious to turn on my heated seat and crank the heat to 85 while I was gone. I got back in the car, glared at him and turned into a puddle within 12 seconds. Maybe a trip to the new Killingly Medical Center is on the agenda.

So I loathe -- and love the deep freeze we're in. I can't remember the last time we New Englanders experienced this kind of cold. We've been spoiled the last few years with the lack of snow until January, and even then it wasn't like this cold! And why is it that when we have a snowfall all the stores run out of shovels? Are people throwing them away every year? Perhaps recycling them after every snowstorm? We've had the same shovels for 5 years and unless they split in half we'll keep using them. I noticed yesterday morning our mailbox was completely destroyed, the mail and box remnants scattered all over a snow bank. Sean was thrilled because he doesn't want any bills delivered anyway. Thanks Mr. Plow Guy for the mail reprieve. I wiped out last week going to the mailbox and I'm still admiring the knee bruise, so I think that box got its just desserts. It's funny; when you fall as a kid you just jump up, brush yourself off, and continue on your merry way. Fall as an adult, and you lay there for a minute assessing the damage, and checking to see if you broke anything because the odds not in your favor anymore. Almost all of my friends are wearing some sort of titanium internal bling.

I also wiped out last Friday (same knee no less) while painting my dining room. I fell off a counter trying to do the edging near the ceiling. I look like I have a new knee below my regular knee. I even hit the ceiling with my brush on the way down with the Sherwin Williams "Lakefront blue". On top of that, I also splashed a clock, a picture frame and my niece Autumn who was helping paint. "Oh Auntie!" She exclaimed, "What are you trying to do?" "I thought it would be faster getting down this way" I replied from my bodily heap on the floor. So I guess I'm not any safer inside the house than I am outside. I'm going to go finish the dining room in my tank top, flip flops, band aids, and winter coat and you have a good week!



RED'S WORD

BRENDA PONTBRIAND

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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Woodstock reader thanks those who restored town park

To the editor:
 Woodstock's Palmer Arboretum Committee would like to thank the organizations, businesses and individuals who have cleaned and helped in restoring our beautiful town park this year.

Pomfret School and Woodstock Academy have both been very generous again this year, sending small groups of students or, at times, whole athletic teams to rake, paint, remove invasive species, plant new plants or rebuild our stone walls. Thank you, Dr. Bridget Tsemo from Pomfret and Sara Dziedzic and Wesley Jenkins from Woodstock Academy for organizing these volunteers. Gloria Hanczar and Susan Lagrow's art students filled the Town Hall corridor with beautiful Arboretum studies this spring and summer.

Nurseries far and wide have offered horticultural expertise and appropriate plant materials. The Quiet Corner Garden Club has been a good, supportive friend for many years. Our neighbor, Marylou Davis, graciously helps with watering new plants and providing snacks or water for our volunteers.

Many thanks to UConn's Master Gardener Program and Goodwin Preserve's Master Naturalist Program from which we obtain

knowledgeable volunteers that help set up new areas and expertly maintain current gardens. Linda Kaplan, Master Gardener, installed and maintains our native plant shade garden. Amy Driscoll and Mary St. Onge installed the daffodil and daylily garden with help from Bob Kirk, and this year, Master Gardener Jean Rocheleau and Andy Krofina oversaw the student planting of our new Hosta bank.

Lifelong thanks goes to Ben Gormley, Eagle Scout, whose view terrace is the favorite spot in the park, to Matthew Sheldon and family who have cleared our last "jungle" area, created paths and made furniture out of trees that we lost in storms.

Come and visit. There is something of interest in the Arboretum every day of the year, if you know where to look: varied barks, animal tracks, and the buds of next spring are there now in their myriad forms. To see more, go to www.townofwoodstock.com and hit "Things to Do" or visit our Facebook page.

BILL BROWER
 THE ARBORETUM COMMITTEE
 WOODSTOCK

Woodstock Republican Town Committee Chair thanks Hosmer

To the editor:

David Hosmer did not seek re-election to our Board of Finance this year. He has expended a great deal of personal effort, energy and expertise in serving the Board of Finance, Highway Building Committee, Open Space Land Acquisition, Benzene Coordinating Committee and Republican Town Committee for the town of Woodstock over the past 20 years. (And all this on top of being a loyal member of the Bungay Fire Brigade!)

To thank him adequately is impossible. He spent long hours on various projects and budgets, sacrificing personal time for the greater good of our citizens. During his tenure he oversaw the purchase of Camp Nahaco, played part in building a state of the art highway facility, bonded for sewers for The Academy and new school roofs and

was a key player in the adoption of 19 annual general government budgets.

As Chairman, he took great care to see that members followed a professional decorum and conducted business in such a way that no one felt slighted by decisions and votes that were made. Finally, selflessly gave his invaluable expertise and communication skills that brought about plans, policies and budgets in the best interest of the Town of Woodstock and made our community a better place to live and work.

Thank you sincerely Dave for all the wholehearted work over the years. We will miss your gentle guidance. With great appreciation and gratitude.

JUDY WALBERG
 WOODSTOCK
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 TOWN COMMITTEE CHAIRMAN

Can't we all just get along

To the editor:

The political system in this country has got to change or the partisanship will lead us to emulate the eternal conflicts in the Mideast between the Shiite and Sunni, the Arab and Israeli and the Muslim and Christian. The current administration of our government is dysfunctional, divisive and deceptive. Why can't we have compromise, common sense, and courtesy? Do we have to be Republican or Democrat, conservative or liberal? We need to be Americans first -- conservative in some areas such as economic balance, conservation of human, commercial and natural resources and environmental protection of the air we breathe, the water we drink and the food we eat and this beautiful planet we live on. I also believe we should be liberal with a helping hand (not a handout!) to the less fortunate and a willingness to share good fortune. I don't begrudge the wealthy if their gains are honestly gotten and I don't disparage the have-nots if their plight is not deserved.

Back in the days of the God-fearing past, the wealthy used their assets for the betterment of the fellow townsfolk and rose to prominence by merit. Today we have career poli-

ticians, corporate and business moguls and Wall Street hot shots who are only concerned with their own benefits -- and don't necessarily deserve them. Does anyone actually believe that major tax cuts for corporations and the wealthy will inspire benefits for the common worker?

Those of us who prefer to take a reasoning and reasonable middle of the road position are being trampled by the radicals -- left and right -- as they bluster and bully their agendas through. Fake news? Who do we believe? Could all the media outlets in the country be conspiring together for or against one party or the other? Or is the tweets, twitters and WikiLeaks that are misleading us? Convicted criminals are running for political office and no one sees a problem with this if they belong to your party? We used to find political corruption to be a bad thing. Now it's hard to find people in leadership roles that are not sex offenders, tax evaders, embezzlers, con artists, liars, and cheats.

What is the matter with everyone? Doesn't anybody believe in decency, morality, or the law anymore?

JUDY KRAMER
 DAYVILLE

Putnam reader questions Trump's intellect

To the editor:

Trump has said that he is a "stable genius". Oh dear -- here we go again. Hasn't anyone noticed the inherent flaw in this statement? Those who are geniuses don't go around bragging about it.

You've never seen any such statement from Albert Einstein, Stephen Hawking or Marilyn vos Savant have you? Why? Because they don't have to prove anything to anyone. And it's not because others are calling them geniuses. They know what they are and that fulfills their egos.

To my mind, Trump is not a genius. It does not take genius to achieve success through bullying. His business tactics have been based on intimidation, lying and reneging on contracts -- not intellect.

His shameful behavior during the election debates were not just rude but altogether juvenile bullying behavior. He constantly interrupted and shouted down the other speakers and did not allow them the courtesy

to make their points. His moving behind Clinton when she was speaking was tantamount to stalking. I blame all the candidates and the moderators of the debates for not taking any steps to control and condemn such bullying.

On his claim that he is stable, one must understand that emotional stability is not something that an individual can impartially conclude for himself. It is something that is established by social consensus and professional study. Only then can someone be deemed by others to be stable or not. That there is mounting evidence of Trump's erratic behavior cannot be swept away by his claiming to be stable.

Braggarts always have to be viewed with some skepticism. They are so desperate for approval and acclimation that they feel they have to be their own cheerleader. How pathetic.

STEPHEN ETZEL
 PUTNAM

Giving a hoot

A friend spotted the eagle first. It was soaring over the Connecticut River in Essex. The group of birders I was with are very accomplished. They can identify a speck on the horizon. I'm often looking in the wrong direction, haven't focused my binoculars or am mentally drifting down the river. They call me back to reality and give me the chance to see extraordinary birds, especially when there is time to focus a scope on a flock of ruddy ducks bobbing in the icy water. When the cold can keep us inside, birds give us a good reason to venture out, fill the feeders and, perhaps, see something transformational.

There is an air of mystery about bird-watching. Even the most professional among us is at the mercy of chance. One year my friends and I saw 19 eagles between northeastern Connecticut and the shore. On the latest trip, we saw five. We were hoping to see snowy owls, but perhaps were a week or two early. This week a newspaper ran a front page story saying: "the strikingly showy Arctic owl species rarely seen in Connecticut is appearing in extraordinary numbers this winter, perhaps the largest influx of the species in 50 or more years."



NANCY WEISS

A friend, who lives on the antique farm we once owned, contacted me to say that she and her husband had spotted a snowy owl. They popped on their winter boots and headed out to try to see more, but the bird was gone. Her enthusiasm and sense of the nearly mystical nature of the bird reminded me of how I felt when I saw a snowy owl in the same place.

It was decades ago when I saw the owl. My husband and I were young and the farm needed a great deal of work. He and I had demanding jobs and daily commutes. Buying the place was my idea. His parents and my brother thought it was foolish, even stupid. During the first winter there, the pipes froze and snow blew in through the panels of the front door. Frost accumulated on the inside of the windows.

Late one Sunday afternoon as we were walking around on snowshoes, we saw a flash of white high in the tree line. Moving silently along the margin of the pasture was a snowy owl. There was no doubt about it. At night we often heard the hooting of owls, but this bird with its distinctive plumage and shape was an extraordinary visitor.

From that moment, I decided that owls were my totem. I needed a symbol that someday everything, or at least most things, would be all right. I wanted a sign that we could turn the corner on upkeep and renovations and the farm would become the home, the special sanctuary I wanted. A bird of prey may not be the coziest creature to summon for comfort, but it appealed to the deepest parts of me.

Eventually the farm came to be what I had hoped. Two little girls grew up there. We welcomed countless animals, enjoyed the company of beloved family and friends. We planted gardens, trees, painted, repainted and repaired over and over again. I bought prints and paintings of owls and hung them all over the house. Our daughters grew so tired of them that they once stuck chocolate chips on the eyes of all the owls to block their perpetual stares.

There are eagles across our region now and snowy owls too. I hope I'm alert enough to see them as they go about their business this winter. A glimpse of a wild creature offers a moment of connection with something much larger than ourselves.

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Art show at Thompson Public Library



THOMPSON — Throughout the month of January, the Thompson Public Library is hosting "As I see It," a multi-media art show by Kate Gilman-Alexander. A dynamic show with various textures, styles and colors, each piece sets a totally different mood from the previous piece.

Olivia Richman photos



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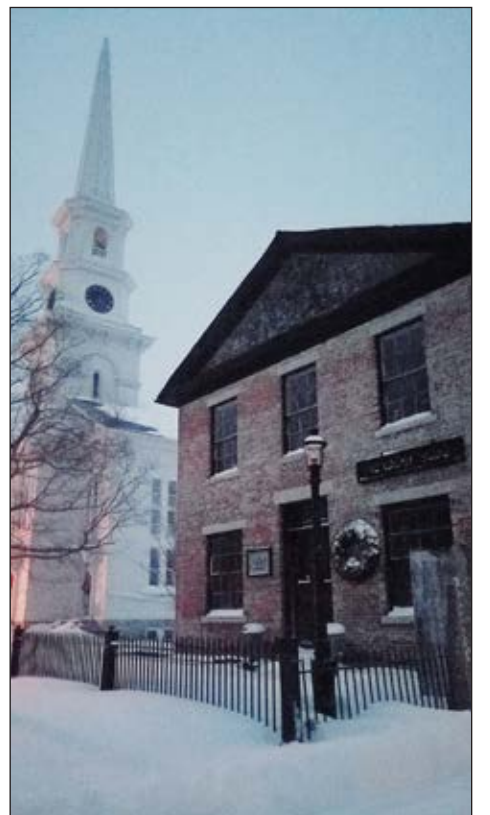
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Thompson winter scenes from the nor'easter blizzard

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Positive Expression, which is like an art camp in Chaplin. He does a lot with local art. He's out there trying to generate positive energy. This is the second year that he's had this exhibit at the state capital. It went really well last year."

What's the purpose of the show?

Rosebrooks - "It's to highlight the art in our area, Windham County. And also to make a positive statement about what we do out here. We aren't just the Quiet Corner. There's a lot of art going on out here. And it's good art. I think besides legislatures and people going back and forth, there are tourists and people petitioning the government. It's a good place to show."

Lange - "Windham Arts is an umbrella organization for the arts in Northeast Connecticut. They started out in 1999, as an artist co-op. Then the Connecticut Office of the Arts got in on it and created Windham Arts. They support art organizations."

What do they do?

Lange - "They just support the arts. They have a weekly radio show run by John Murphy, interviewing artists. They have a weekly TV show on the community access television station. They have professional development workshops people can take for no cost. A lot of programs for rural artists. A lot of people in this area that are on little farms, doing fiber art and metal work. The state particularly wanted them to have 'yellow pages' on their website. Anybody in the area can be listed on that page so people can find them."

So you two are friends.

Rosebrooks - "Yes, we've been friends a lot of time. And we've shown together a lot. You actually talked to us back in January when we were showing in downtown Putnam."

Lange - "So we're still at it. When you're a creative person, you have to create art. You obviously want people to see and appreciate your art. It's not about selling a piece, it's about getting it out there in front of people. Hartford show is a great opportunity for us."



Courtesy photos

The pieces that will be displayed at the Capital.

What has your art style been leading up to this point?

Lange - "I started out as a traditional illustrator really before computer art was used so widely. Pen and ink, watercolor, line drawings... I did illustrations for children's books and educational literature. I did a little bit of print ads and marketing as well. I moved up here 25 years ago to northeast Connecticut and saw so many wonderful landscape painters in this area. So I took some workshops with people whose work I admired. I took classes at Worcester Art Museum. I learned the art of oil paintings and landscapes."

So you were really big on landscapes for a while.

Lange - "I was doing that for quite a while. My husband

and I took a trip to Ireland to research our family. I was so inspired by the country, looking at all the ancient stones and sweep of green pasture everywhere. So I got into mixed medium and collage."

Why collage?

Lange - "It seemed to occur after that trip. It gave me a different point of view. I wanted to do something a little different. My collage has evolved into working with altered photographs. I use a lot of those in my collages. I've used ground up eggshells, bits of fabric..."

What do you like about this medium?

Lange - "I like it because it's open-ended. It's mysterious. People can look at a collage and see what they want

to in it. It makes them think. It's not quite so straight-forward. A collage - when you use the scraping back method of addition and subtraction - it's almost like archeology. You're unearthing things from the past. And adding things from the future. At this point, I just find it very interesting."

Rosebrooks - "I kind of went the opposite way from Donna. I went to art school and was encouraged to always have my own voice. I've been painting a lot with acrylics on canvas. Mostly people or interior scenes, but I made a lot of changes in what I actually saw. I use a lot of fantasy and imagination in my paintings. I went out west and was inspired by the landscapes, which is so different from our eastern landscape. So I'm doing landscapes."

So you went from abstract to more landscape pieces. What drew you to landscapes?

Rosebrooks - "It's form and shape and color. I don't have any people in them, which is totally different for me. It's still the same challenge - you have to create balance and harmony... But it's a different challenge. I've been very excited about these pieces."

Do you ever learn techniques from each other's experiences?

Rosebrooks - "We do. We admire each other's work and pick up things. I was asking Donna the other way how she did something on one of her collages. So I'm learning from her. We don't work together usually."

Lange - "I have a painting of Ann's in my studio. And she has one of mine in her studio. We definitely appreciate each other's art. We also each have a cottage in Maine where we participate in the local art scene."

Have you taken vacations up there together?

Lange - "We haven't yet."

Rosebrooks - "But we both love music. And we both love art. We love going to music events. This show in Hartford is just another way to do something together."

Why should people go to this show?

Rosebrooks - "I think it will cheer them up in this gloomy winter, to see all this color and happy scenes. The one I sent to Harford actually has people in it and some buildings. It's colorful and enjoyable. Donna sent sunflowers. Right?"

Lange - "Yes, yes."

Rosebrooks - "So that will cheer you up."

Lange - "It's good for people to recognize how much art is being made in northeastern Connecticut. It's a good opportunity to get out to Hartford. Plus there's free parking, which is always good!"

Rosebrooks - "It's great to see the state capital. It's a beautiful building. It's just stunning."

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 Monday, Jan. 1

POLICE LOGS

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WOODSTOCK
 Monday, Jan. 1

Chase L. Lovett, 41, of 24 Woodland Drive, Woodstock, was charged with failure to carry license, operation of motor vehicle when registration or license is refused/suspended, illegal operation of motor vehicle under influence (second offense) and failure to drive upon right side

THOMPSON
 Monday, Jan. 1

Maxwell R Sandberg, Sandra Benoit, 48, of 11 Linehouse Road, Thompson, was charged with disorderly conduct (fight/capable of causing minor

injury), violation of protective order and third degree assault

Joan R. R. Pye, 26, of 157 O'Leary Road, Thompson, was charged with larceny

PUTNAM POLICE DEPARTMENT

Thursday, Dec. 28

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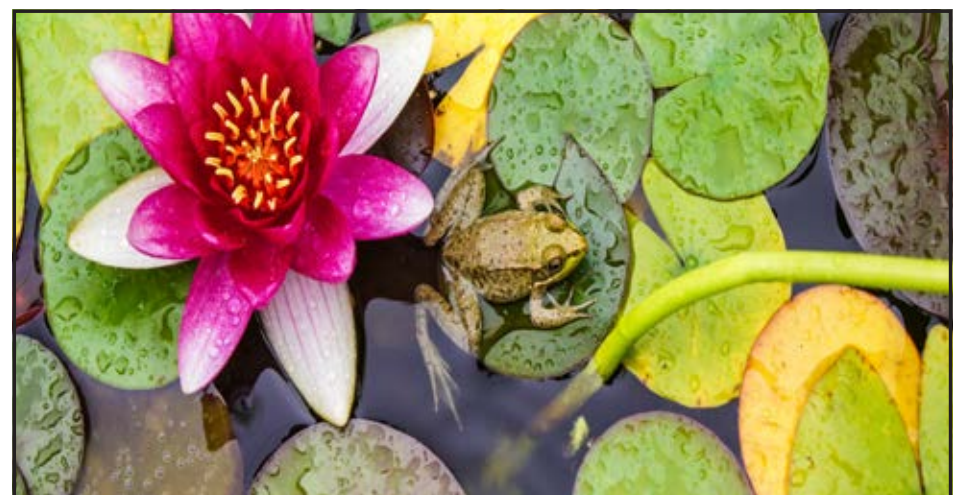
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Killingly works for long sought-after home playoff

BY CHARLIE LENTZ
VILLAGER EDITOR

DAYVILLE — Alex Fontaine has grown weary of long road trips. Killingly High’s senior center has never played at home in a state tournament basketball game. Throughout his career the Redmen have entered the state playoffs near the bottom of their bracket and traipsed somewhere across Connecticut—only to be bounced by one of the powerhouses in Class M.

“The past few years we’ve had to take really far bus rides and play an insane school. So we’re hoping to have a home game and bring a playoff here and actually have a home game so some of our fans can come and enjoy it,” Fontaine said.

Perhaps this is the season the insanity will end and Fontaine and his teammates will finally play host to a tournament game. The Redmen defeated Woodstock Academy 58-54 on Tuesday night at Killingly High, lifting their record to 5-2. The past few years they’ve barely managed to qualify for the tourney but hope springs eternal that things will change.

“That is what the kids want. We don’t want to settle for an 8-12 record and sneak in the tournament,” said coach Jim Crabtree said. “The goal from the beginning is that it’s time to play a postseason game at the Killingly house.”

Crabtree said Killingly could have gone 7-0 through its first seven games had it not blown leads in eventual losses to both Stonington (70-59) and Plainfield (48-40) in early January.

“Giving it away at Plainfield, when we were up 14-2 out of the gate you’ve got to close the door and win the game. At Stonington, up 25-18 at halftime and they score 52 points on us in the second half,” Crabtree said. “Very encouraging today. We executed. We’re moving in the right direction. We’ve got to learn how to keep playing to win the game and not going through the motions and hoping that we don’t lose the game. We’ve got to play 32 minutes of basket-

ball. Play the game for 32 minutes and good things will happen.”

Killingly showed the ability to finish against Woodstock Academy — holding off the Centaurs with some clutch scoring down the stretch. With the Centaurs within one three-pointer of tying it — Killingly junior guard Griffin Ware sank a three-pointer with 2:00 remaining in the game to give the Redmen a 52-46 lead.

“Our team didn’t back down. We kept playing right to the end,” Crabtree said. “Griffin was the one who put the dagger in.”

Fontaine finished with eight points and scored from close range with 1:21 left to stretch the margin to 54-46. Killingly sank 4-of-6 free throws in the final 50 seconds to hang on. Fontaine said the Redmen showed they can finish.

“We just came to play. We have a great team this year. We’ve been playing together for a while,” Fontaine said. “We all just know what’s going on and we have the experience.”

Killingly junior guard Luke Desaulnier scored a team-high 22 points in the win over Woodstock Academy. Like Fontaine, he’d like the chance to play a state tournament game at home.

“It’s a huge advantage in basketball. It’s loud. A lot of people come. We don’t want to travel all the way across the state just to play a game,” Desaulnier said. “It’s big. We need wins right now. It’s what we’re trying to strive for so we can achieve that home state game.”

Killingly sophomore guard Shayne Bigelow came off the bench to tally 11 points and he gave the Redmen a boost during a critical surge late in the first quarter. With Killingly trailing Woodstock 13-11, Bigelow swished a three pointer with :37 left in the quarter to give the Redmen the lead for good. Bigelow then sank a 10-foot jumper with :03 remaining in the first frame to give Killingly a 16-13 lead and the Redmen never trailed the rest of the way.



Charlie Lentz photo

“(Bigelow) has that scorer’s mentality. He’s a shooter. He wants to score,” Crabtree said. “He’s got energy. I told him he can take those shots but he has to start playing defense. And in the last week his defense has really come around.”

Bigelow’s ability to score takes some of the defensive attention away from Desaulnier.

“(Woodstock) had the triangle-and-two against Luke. They were leaving some guys open and protecting the paint so Luke couldn’t penetrate,” Crabtree said. “They had to come and play Shayne (Bigelow) after he made a couple shots.”

Desaulnier said Bigelow has been a welcome addition to the stat sheet.

“We’re excited to see what Shayne’s got to bring to the table in these next couple years. The kid can score. He finds a way no matter what,” said Desaulnier of Bigelow. “There can be two guys on him. He still figures out a way to put the ball in the hoop. Great to see him come out and help us win this game today.”

Chase Anderson scored a game-high 36 points for Woodstock Academy (1-4). Killingly is next scheduled to play at Bacon Academy (4-2) on

Friday, Jan. 12. Crabtree said earning a good seeding for the state tournament remains a goal but it won’t be easy.

“The games are there. Are they all going to be dogfights, yeah, most likely,” Crabtree said. “We’re finishing. So let’s keep practicing. Let’s have fun.”

The Redmen continue their quest for a solid seeding in the Class M Tournament — and hopefully a chance to play at home. Fontaine was an All-State lineman for the Redmen’s 2017 state-championship football team and he played two tournament games

on Killingly’s football field — he’d like the same chance on his basketball court.

“It’d be great, absolutely. I’ve never had one for basketball. Obviously for football I had two this year,” Fontaine said. “If we had one for basketball it would just be another achievement checked off. We’re doing great so far. We just hope to keep it going.”

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Tourtellotte Memorial girls defeat Wheeler



NORTH STONINGTON — Tourtellotte’s Becky Torres sank a three-pointer at the third-quarter buzzer to tie Wheeler at 28-28 — and the Tigers outscored the Lions 10-7 in the fourth quarter to take a 38-35 victory in girls basketball at Wheeler on Tuesday. Katey Kwasniewski scored nine points, with seven rebounds and three assists for the Tigers. Lauren Ramos scored nine points with eight rebounds and four steals, and Ashley Morin added seven points for Tourtellotte. The loss dropped Wheeler’s record to 2-6. Tourtellotte lifted its record to 4-4, 1-2 Eastern Connecticut Conference. The Tigers are next scheduled to play at Windham on Friday, Jan. 12. Tourtellotte returns home to play host to Lyman Memorial at 4 p.m. on Saturday, Jan. 13.

WOODSTOCK 56, KILLINGLY 22

WOODSTOCK — Jamie Woods scored 14 points to help the Centaurs

defeat the Redgals in girls basketball at Alumni Fieldhouse on Tuesday. Mackenzie Eaton scored 11 points and Mackenzie Cayer added nine points for the Centaurs (6-2). Reagan Morin scored seven points for Killingly (2-6). Woodstock is next scheduled to play host to Waterford on Friday, Jan. 12.

TOURTELLOTTE 76,
WHEELER 43

THOMPSON — Jackson Padula scored 18 points and had four steals to lead the Tigers past Wheeler in boys basketball Tuesday at Tourtellotte. Simon Silvia scored 16 points and Joe Bogoslofski added 12 points with five rebounds for the Tigers. Wheeler’s record fell to 2-6. The win lifted Tourtellotte’s record to 3-3. The Tigers are next scheduled to play host to Windham at 7 p.m. on Friday, Jan. 12, at Canty Gymnasium.

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Tourtellotte’s Katey Kwasniewski had eight points, seven rebounds, and three assists in a win over Wheeler on Tuesday night.

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Tough road ahead for Killingly girls



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Killingly High's Trinity Angel goes up for a shot in traffic against Stonington last Sunday at Killingly High School.

BY CHARLIE LENTZ
VILLAGER EDITOR

DAYVILLE — Small victories matter this season as the Killingly High girls team tries to reach its goal of notching at least eight wins in hopes of qualifying for the state tournament. So while last Sunday's 47-29 loss to Stonington High didn't seem significant on the surface — the Redgals battled back after falling behind 21-6 after one quarter and held their own the rest of the way against an excellent Bears team.

"There's never going to be a game where we can give up," said coach Gina Derosier. "It's going to come down to digging down deep and seeing what's inside of us. My girls are certainly capable."

The Eastern Connecticut Conference loss to the Bears dropped Killingly's record to 2-5 but Derosier saw the bigger picture after the smaller victory.

"I think the girls dug in and they worked hard," said Derosier, in her second season. "They work hard every day so that's really all I can ask of them."

The ECC is a tough conference but Derosier believes the Redgals can attain their goal of qualifying for the postseason — but it won't be easy.

"It's going to be a dogfight every single day for us. I think we're improving every day," Derosier said. "We've got a tough road ahead. We don't have an easy schedule, doesn't do us any favors. Every single day is going to be a fight for us but the girls are up for the challenge. I don't tolerate when we don't work hard but that's never the case with my girls."

Sophomore wing Trinity Angel broke into the starting lineup as a freshman and continues to be a key cog for the Redgals. Angel scored a team-high 10 points against

Stonington. Angel can handle the ball as well produce points in the paint.

"We kind of have her doing everything. We have her down low. We have her up top," said Derosier of Angel. "She doesn't have a ceiling. She's going to be as good as she wants to be, that's what's it's going to come down to with Trinity."

Freshman guard Abbie Burgess runs the offense and is learning on the job.

"She's got a hard task. She's a freshman running the point this year," Derosier said. "The mistakes that she makes, it's freshman mistakes and it's to be expected, so it's not something I get down on her about. You kind of expect it and you've just got to learn and grow from there."

Junior guard Kylie Mazzarella can also run the point and is the primary shooting threat from the perimeter.

"Kylie runs opposite point with Abbie (Burgess), they switch it up a lot. Kylie is a three-year varsity starter so I expect more from Kylie every single game and she's given me work every single game too," Derosier said. "Sometimes we settle a little bit too much for outside shots but when it comes to Kylie it's always shot selection for me."

Senior forward Reagan Morin has a good outside touch but is expected to work the boards.

"Reagan can shoot a three. She's probably got the best stroke on the team. But she's inside. We need her down low," Derosier said. "She has her big-man moves. When she starts making inside moves it opens up her outside game too. I can't say enough of Reagan."

Senior forward Julia Traftaconda is also expected to provide rebounding along with interior defense. Traftaconda hauled down 33 rebounds over a two-game stretch earlier in the season.

"Julia has come such a long way this year. She had 18 rebounds and 15 rebounds, now that I know that she's capable of that I'm expecting that from her every day," Derosier said. "And she certainly doesn't disappoint. She's working harder and harder. She's probably the most improved player at this point."



Charlie Lentz photo

Killingly Kylee Mazzarella tries to get past Stonington's Kate Johnson against Stonington last Sunday.

A pair of junior guards, Kira Crossman and Prachi Patel, have been contributing off the bench.

"(Crossman and Patel) are coming in, in relief of my guards. They're improving every day too. They don't have an easy task either," Derosier said.

With a seven-player rotation Derosier needs everyone to stay healthy and injury-free.

"That's what it comes down to. I lot of girls look at me and say 'We need fresh legs.' That's what it comes down to us, is bodies," Derosier said.

Killingly is next scheduled to play host to Bacon Academy on Friday, Jan. 12. Mazzarella scored seven points and Traftaconda added six points against the Bears last Sunday. Kate Hall scored a game-high 22 points including three three-pointers for Stonington (6-2). The first time Killingly played Stonington they lost 63-41 back on Dec. 12. The

Redgals competed for three quarters last Sunday against Stonington, a small victory that mattered.

"Confidence is an issue with us. We do lack for confidence," Derosier said. "We've got to build them up a little bit. I think little victories here and there, even if it's not a win, like today against Stonington — it's an improvement upon the last time we played them."

KILLINGLY 35, PLAINFIELD 30

PLAINFIELD — Kylie Mazzarella scored a game-high 19 points including a pair of three-pointers to lead the Redgals past the Panthers on Jan. 6. The loss dropped Plainfield's record to 4-3.

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Tourtellotte girls look to snap playoff drought

BY CHARLIE LENTZ
VILLAGER EDITOR

THOMPSON — It probably seems like ancient history to Tourtellotte senior guard Katey Kwasniewski. In Kwasniewski's freshman year the Tigers finished with a record of 18-5 and captured the crown of the Eastern Connecticut Conference Small Division.

"Katey was on the championship team when we won the ECC Small," said Tourtellotte coach Carla Faucher, in her 20th season. "The numbers have gone down, each year we don't get the number of athletes as much and that makes it challenging."

Over the past two seasons the Tigers have missed out on qualifying for the Class S state tournament but came tantalizingly close to the required eight wins needed to qualify — with seven wins two seasons ago and six wins last year. So the goal for Kwasniewski and fellow seniors Skyla Wesolowski and Becky Torres is to make another trip the postseason.

"They want those eight wins to get back to the state tournament. Our goal is to get eight wins, make the state tournament," Faucher said. "Putting the right combinations together I think we're going to give teams good fights."

With one of the smallest enrollments in the ECC, the Tigers are already behind the eight ball before the season begins but they're aiming to reach the playoffs.

"Us and Wheeler are the only two who are truly the small schools in the ECC, who struggle against the Mediums and

the Largers," Faucher said. "I'm hoping to get two wins out of Wheeler, and if we can split with some of the others . . . if we can stay healthy for the rest of the season that's going to be what we have to count on and then try to split with some of the other teams and then we have a possibility to make it to the states."

Kwasniewski will run the point but can also penetrate and score and will be relied on to provide some offensive firepower along with senior leadership.

"Katey's been on the varsity four years. She ran our point last year," said Faucher of Kwasniewski. "Katey's been the floor leader for the last two years. When we don't have her on the floor you can see we really don't have anybody to take charge. In the Clipper Classic (on Dec. 26 and 27) Katey was out with a sprained ankle and we really didn't have that floor leadership."

Sophomore guard Emily Angelo will also see minutes at the point.

"Last year (Angelo) missed quite a bit of the season with a broken wrist so she's kind of coming in new, not really having a lot of experience," Faucher said. "But she's stepping up — hopefully now where we're getting back to full strength, Katey can run the point, Emily can learn a few things from her and then come in and fill in her spot and help out at point."

Torres, a senior guard, will also see plenty of playing time.

"She's improved since last year, better defensively, we've just got to give her confidence in

her shot, it just a matter of 'We need the first few to fall' and then we kind of settle in," said Faucher of Torres.

Wesolowski, a senior forward, will provide some scoring and rebounding in the paint.

"She's bring some leadership down low. Unfortunately, she doesn't have a lot of size but she has the tenacity that I look for," said Faucher of Wesolowski. "She's not afraid to get inside down low. She works hard underneath and I look for that leadership down low."

Sophomore guard Ashley Morin will be expected to provide some scoring from the perimeter.

"She's my shooting guard. She got a lot of varsity time last year. She's earned her time this year," said Faucher of Morin. "She looks to score. She has a nice shot, probably one of the better shots on the team. We look for her to lead in our scoring. Also defensively, she understands the game so she knows what she's doing out on the floor."

Junior center Mary Steglitz is a starter who has earned a promotion to the varsity and is expected to do the dirty work under the boards.

"This is her first year primarily on varsity. She just needs to get tenacious out there and understand her footwork," said Faucher of Steglitz. "I expect rebounding from her, everybody."

Junior forward Lauren Ramos missed the first six games while rehabbing an injury to her left knee that she suffered during the soccer season last fall.



Charlie Lentz photo

Tourtellotte's Mary Steglitz shoots in traffic against Grasso Tech on Jan. 3 in Thompson.

"She's really got to get a little rust out of her shot but she understands the flow of the game," said Faucher of Ramos. "She reads the floor well, sees things well, so that's going to be a huge help for us."

Tourtellotte's varsity roster also includes junior guard Brianna Loffredo, sophomore forward Stephanie Daly, and freshman forward Leci Snow. The Tigers topped Grasso Tech 60-16 in non-league contest on Jan. 3 to lift their record to 3-4. Wesolowski led Tourtellotte with 14 points. Ramos added 10 points. Kwasniewski,

Angelo, and Torres each scored six points. Morgan McNeil led Grasso Tech (0-6) with 12 points. The Tigers are next scheduled to play host to Lyman Memorial in an ECC matchup at 4 p.m. on Saturday, Jan. 13. Tourtellotte will play host to backyard rival Putnam High in a non-league tilt at 7 p.m. on Tuesday, Jan. 16. A competitive ECC schedule ahead but Faucher said the Tigers will play it one game at time.

"It's been challenging. I take it as something positive, taking them from the beginning of

the season and seeing them grow as players," Faucher said. "It's nice that you see their growth and commitment to the game. Building also for the future, we lose three seniors, we've got six freshmen, they're all promising also — I hope that they can stick with it and progress through the season so that we can count on them next year and the years to come."

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Woodstock Academy and Killingly renew rivalry

DAYVILLE — Fans came out for the renewal of the local rivalry between the Killingly High boys basketball team and Woodstock Academy on Tuesday night at Killingly High School. Killingly High defeated the Centaurs 58-54. The second game of the series is scheduled for Tuesday, Jan. 30, when Woodstock Academy plays host to the Redmen at 7 p.m. at Alumni Fieldhouse in Woodstock.



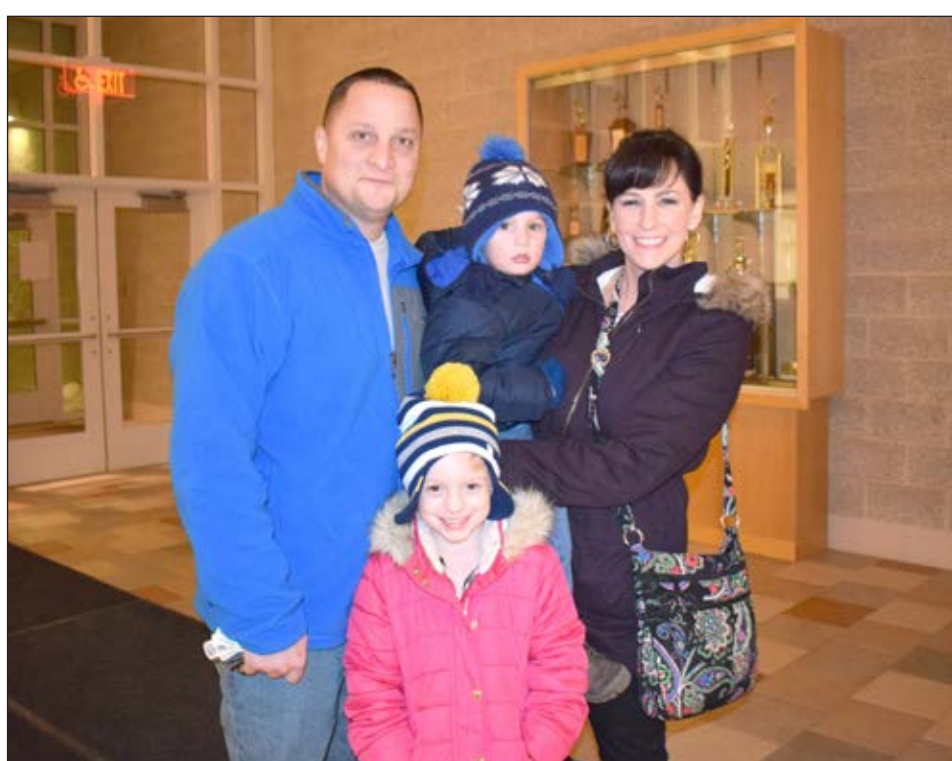
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Gertrude C. (Olszta) Feldman, 98



N O R T H GROSVENORDALE -Gertrude C. (Olszta) Feldman, 98, died January 3, at Matulaitis Nursing Home in Putnam.

is the daughter of the late Frank and the late Clementine (Hejwosz) Olszta. She was predeceased by her husband, Abraham Feldman in 1979.

She is survived by nieces and nephews. Predeceased by her brothers Stanley and Edward Olszta and sisters Theresa Olszta, and Irene LaPan.

Gertrude enjoyed tending to her yard and flower garden at her home on Kapitulik Road in North Grosvenordale. She worked at the Federal Reserve

in Boston and for her beloved husband Abraham at his business Pine St. Manufacturing in Boston, New Bedford and Worcester.

She lived many years in Winthrop Massachusetts and North Grosvenordale before moving to Matulaitis in 2006. She enjoyed daily mass and the loving and caring staff at the nursing home.

Her funeral mass was held on Saturday, January 6 at Holy Trinity Church in Webster, Massachusetts. Burial will be private at the convenience of the family.

Calling hours were held Saturday morning from at Bartel Funeral Home & Chapel, 33 Schofield Ave., Dudley, Massachusetts. Please omit flowers and consider a donation to her beloved Holy Trinity Church, 68 Lake St., Webster, MA 01570.

David A. Jones, 61



DOUGLAS- David A. Jones, 61, passed away on Monday January 8, 2018 at Milford Regional Medical Center after being stricken ill.

He is survived by his loving wife of 32 years, Deborah A. (Valliere) Jones, and their 2 daughters; Pamela M. Jones of Douglas, and Kristine M. Brown and her husband Tylor of Thompson, Ct., as well as many friends. He was predeceased by a sister Sharon (Jones) Arrell.

Born in Worcester on February 2, 1956 he was the son of the late Robert and Dorothy (Ballou) Jones and was raised and attended school in Sutton. He has lived in Douglas for the past 27 years. He worked as a custodian for

the Douglas Public School System for the past 8 years. Prior to working for the school he worked as a machinest for over 25 years in Waltham for the Daymark CO. before their closing.

David was a very friendly man, well known in Douglas, and could be found riding a motorcycle in all seasons. Beyond his passion for motorcyles, he also enjoyed 4-wheeling, snowmobiling, fishing, and Nascar racing. He was quick with a smile and lived a very simple life. His family meant the world to him and he will be very sadly missed.

His calling hours were held from Jackman Funeral Home, 7 Mechanic St., Douglas on Friday January 12, 2018 from 4-7 PM. To leave a condolence message please visit: Jackman Funeral Home | Whitinsville MA, Uxbridge MA, Douglas MA funeral homes

Helen M. Bandlow (Hopkins) (Forrest), 82



PUTNAM -- Helen M. Bandlow (Hopkins) (Forrest), 82 of Putnam, died peacefully on January 4. Helen was born in New London, March 4, 1935. She lived in Putnam, after she married

and started her family. Then moved to Dudley, Massachusetts where she raised her family.

She retired from Steven's Linen Company in Dudley, Massachusetts. She enjoyed making crafts and sewing. Her greatest joy was spending time with her family, especially her grandchildren and great grandchildren.

She is survived by her son Jeffrey Hopkins and daughter-in-law Sandra, her son Henry Hopkins and daughter-in-law Sheryl, her eight grandchildren and nine great grandchildren, two sisters, Ruth McElroy and Shirley Neihouse, two brothers, Robert Forrest and Ronald Forrest. She was predeceased by her husband Robert Bandlow, her brothers Richard Forrest, Ralph Forrest and her sister Audrey Hryzen, also by her daughters Joan Andrejewski, Susan Rushford, Carol Hopkins and Judith Hopkins.

A private Celebration of life will be planned for her family. Arrangements by Smith and Walker Funeral Home, Putnam. www.smithandwalkerfh.com

Dolores "Lucy" Manis, 73,



PUTNAM - Dolores "Lucy" Manis, 73, died at her home in Putnam, on January 4. Dolores was born on June 4, 1944 in Putnam, to Raymond and Merina (Landry) LeMoine. She grew up in Putnam and attended Putnam schools.

Dolores married the love of her life, Lee Roy Manis in Florence, Arizona on October 4, 1991. They enjoyed many years of happiness. Lee passed away on May 10, 2013. Shortly after his passing, Dolores moved to Virginia to be closer to her sister. In 2016, Dolores moved back home to Connecticut and was reunited with old friends and family.

Dolores enjoyed going for car rides and listening to music, playing bingo, spending time with her family and friends, and visiting Deary Brothers stand every summer.

Dolores leaves two sisters; Claire Timmerman and her husband Thomas, and Janice Laperle and her husband Ronald. She also leaves four children; Deanna Dufault, Charles Bernier, Michael Reenstra and Jeff Reenstra. She leaves six grandchildren; Thomas Geer, Stephanie Geer, Zachary Reenstra, Shane Reenstra, Shawn Reenstra, and Addison Brook Eager. Dolores also leaves one great-grandchild; Ethan Almodovar.

A private service will be held for family only. Arrangements by Smith and Walker Funeral Home, Putnam. www.smithandwalkerfh.com

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LEGALS

NOTICE OF COMPLETION OF REMEDIAL ACTION S.E. Poludniak, Inc.

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Remedial Action has been completed at the referenced Site for addressing impacts to environmental media at the Site. These activities were completed in 2014 and 2016 prior to entering the Connecticut Department of Energy and Environmental Protection Voluntary Remediation Program (CGS Sec 22a-133x). The completed remedy consisted of the excavation and off-site disposal at the Manchester Landfill of 181 tons of total petroleum hydrocarbon (TPH) impacted soil from an exterior parts storage area. Quarterly compliance groundwater monitoring

began in April 2016 and was completed in October 2017.

Questions regarding this remediation can be directed to David Hazebrouck (Lake Shore Environmental, Inc.) at 401-658-1880 or the CT-DEEP's Bureau of Water Protection and Land Reuse, Remediation Division at (860) 424-3776.

January 12, 2018

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

ESTATE OF Gordon P. Peters (17-00498)

The Hon. Leah P. Schad, Judge of the Court of Probate, District of Northeast Probate Court, by decree dated January 2, 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.

Heather Crecco, Clerk

The fiduciary is: Virginia Peters Suarez, c/o Joseph C. Cove (attorney for Virginia Peters Suarez), Joseph C. Cove, Esquire, PC, 10 Rover Road, Suite 104, P.O. Box 390, Uxbridge, MA 01569, (508)278-6711 January 12, 2018

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

ESTATE OF Henry J. Daley (18-00008)

The Hon. Leah P. Schad, Judge of the Court of Probate, District of Northeast Probate Court, by decree dated January 5, 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.

Heather Crecco, Clerk

The fiduciary is: Priscilla A. Daley, c/o Christian G. Sarantopoulos, Esq., Sarantopoulos & Sarantopoulos, LLC, 143 School St., Danielson, CT 06239, (860)779-3919 January 12, 2018

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Local Events, Arts, and Entertainment Listings



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OBITUARIES

Sarah Lamy, 38



D O U G L A S , MASSACHUSETTS — Sarah Lamy, 38 passed away peacefully on December 22. Sarah is survived by her parents, Scott and Lori Andrews, and her brother Thomas all of Douglas, Mass. Her mother, Lyn Joyal of Holden, Massachusetts, and

her step-brothers Alex and Elijah. Her grandparents Charles and Ruth Andrews of Shrewsbury, Mass. (Ruth predeceased Sarah in 2004), and James and Judy Montague also of Shrewsbury, Mass. She also leaves behind three children. Her son, Sean Lamy of Putnam, Mia and Khali. A private memorial service will be held for family members; there are no calling hours.

Melvin Thomas Davis, 67

BROOKLYN — Melvin Thomas Davis, 67, of Brooklyn, passed away December 19, suddenly at home. Born November 6, 1950 in Shelton, son of the late Eugene and Irma (Gambincini) Davis. He was the beloved husband of Jane A. Davis. Melvin was a communicant of St. James Church in Danielson. He was a member of the Masonic Lodge and the Knights of Columbus. Melvin loved to cook with his son Andrew and to read. He was in the United States

Army and served in Desert Storm in the Army ROTC. He received his Bachelors in History from George Washington University. Melvin worked as a Postmaster for over 40 years.



Besides his wife Jane, Melvin leaves a son Andrew Richard Mario Davis of Brooklyn, brother-in-law George, sister-in-law Rose and also his nieces and cousins. Calling hours were held December 26 at Gagnon and Costello Funeral Home, in Danielson. A Mass of Christian burial was held December 27 at St. James Church, in Danielson. Burial will be at a later date. In lieu of flowers, please make donations in his memory to St. James Church. Share a memory at www.gagnonandcostellofh.com

Jacob Oliver Bowen, 22



EASTFORD — Jacob Oliver Bowen born May 3, 1995 passed away on January 3, 2018 in a motor vehicle accident. He is survived by his loving parents Richard & Amy Bowen, his little brother and hero Caleb and his loving, supportive grandmothers Claire Williams "Ama" and Deb Williams.

A hardworking, honest, kind-hearted, humorous young man who always wore a contagious smile. He touched the lives of all who met and knew him. A self-employed logger of Red Fern Logging, joined by his Redbone Coonhound, Annie. An over the top work ethic rare to most but natural to Jacob. A celebration of Jacob's life will take place on January 14, 2018 at 2 p.m. at Old Sturbridge Village, Sturbridge, MA, in the Meeting House.

Patricia "Pat" Fenner, 76



PUTNAM — Patricia "Pat" Fenner, 76, of Putnam, passed away suddenly in her home on January 1. She was predeceased by her husband Earnest "Earnie" Fenner, her parents, Doris and Herbert Keach and her son Eric Fenner. She is survived by her children Michael Fenner; Debra Bruce and Daniel Hirst; Mark Fenner and Christen Georgio; Earnest "Earnie" Fenner, Jr., and Rebecca Fenner and William Abrams; sisters Kathy Ames and her husband Lenny; Pamela Perry and her husband Edwin and Muriel Stewartson. She is also survived by her grandchildren, Amanda Fenner; Holly Bruce and her boyfriend Raymond Champagne; Mark Tetreault; Heather Tetreault; Kayla Sousa and her husband Jonathan; Madison Abrams and Wolfgang Abrams; Jennifer Benoir; her great grandchildren, Autumn Cummings; Emma Cummings; Alivia

Sousa; and Avory Champagne and many nieces and nephews and her dogs Benjamin Cody and Summer Lee. She lived in Woodstock most of her life, moving back to Putnam six years ago. Pat was a longtime member and very involved with the Living Faith United Methodist Church and was always ready to volunteer her time to help anyone who needed it. She loved to knit and always made sure you never left her house without a full belly, hug and an I love you. She was an extraordinary person and will be sorely missed. Funeral services were held January 6 at the Living Faith United Methodist Church in Putnam. Burial will be in the Spring in Center Cemetery, Woodstock. In lieu of flowers, donations may be made in Pat's memory to the Music Fund of the Living Faith United Methodist Church, 51 Grove Street, Putnam, CT 06260. Arrangements by Smith and Walker Funeral Home, 148 Grove Street, Putnam, CT. www.smithandwalkerfh.com

Roberta (Barlow) LaPointe, 81



PUTNAM - Roberta (Barlow) LaPointe, 81, born in Westerly, Rhode Island June 8, 1935 passed away on December 29. She was the daughter of Amie (Maxson) and Robert Barlow. A 1954 graduate of Putnam High School, Roberta worked as a secretary for the law office of Barber & Wheaton, Putnam. She was the secretary to Connecticut Supreme Court Associate Justice William Perry Barber from 1957 until his retirement in 1977. She also was the bookkeeper in Gerry's Western Auto Store, Putnam as well as office manager at Hull Forest Products in Pomfret. Most recently employed at ADS in Thompson. Roberta also was a former Justice of the Peace in Putnam. She enjoyed trav-

eling, gardening, bicycling and her family. Roberta leaves her former husband and beloved friend Gerald LaPointe; a son Stephen LaPointe and his wife Donna of Pomfret Center; a son John LaPointe of Putnam; grandson Dustin Curtis of Pomfret and two great grandsons. She is also survived by her brother James Barlow of Brandon, Florida; sisters Ruth Barlow and Madelyn Piette of Freeport, Florida; Veronica Maxson of Diamond Springs, Colorado, Nancy Robert of Tamarac, Florida, Helene Kerns of Pawpaw, West Virginia and Beatrice Nugent of Richmond, Virginia and nieces and nephews. Predeceased by son Michael LaPointe in 1994 and sister Judith Beckwith in 2016. A Memorial Mass will be January 13, at 11:00 AM at St. Mary Church of the Visitation, 218 Providence Street, Putnam. www.smithandwalkerfh.com

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