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Local artists display work at Capital exhibit



Olivia Richman photo

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

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 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

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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.

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, Colwell states that the magnifying machine can be pointed towards a person in order to apply makeup, or pointed down at reading material.



The magnifying station at Putnam Library

"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 Colwell. 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 Colwell 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 DVDs and books... We are the place people go for resume help, applying for jobs," said Colwell. "We're just here to help in any way we can. You don't need a reservation for the VGA. And you can stay on it as long as you need."

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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 organizes 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 fill the mold with sand throughout the day. Once completed, it was a beautiful sand art piece.

"I like the community-based sculptures," she said. "They get everyone involved. We even have a block where people can take turns trying their hands at ice sculpting. People say it's surprisingly easy to learn."

But it's hard to pick out one favorite.

Last year there was G7 Catering's ice base decorated with flowers. There have been replicas of the Montgomery Ward

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Courtesy photo

NEW YEAR'S FIRST BABY

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.

Almost, Maine to open at Bradley Playhouse

PUTNAM — The Theatre of Northeastern Connecticut at the Bradley Playhouse will present John Cariani'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. 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 pm, and January 21, 28 and Feb. 4 at 2:00 pm.

Courtesy photos

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

At right: Jonathan Demers (Phil) and Wendy Harris (Marci).



Corey Groh (Dave) and Melissa Beausoleil (Rhonda).



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Eversource inspects lines with helicopter

PUTNAM — On the heels of last week's blizzard, Eversource power company 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 from 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, Killingly, Lebanon, Ledyard, Lisbon, Lyme, Madison, Manchester, Mansfield, Meriden, Middlebury, Middlefield, Middletown, Milford, Montville, New Britain, New London, New Milford, Newington, Newtown, North Stonington, Norwalk, Norwich, Oxford, Plainfield, Pomfret, Portland, Preston, Putnam, Redding, Ridgefield, Rocky Hill, Roxbury, Salisbury, Sharon, Simsbury, Somers, South Windsor, Southington, Stamford, Suffield, Thompson, Wallingford, Waterbury, Waterford, Watertown, Weston, Wethersfield, Wilton, Windham, Windsor, Wolcott, Woodstock and Woodbury.

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Beausoleil is Westview's employee of the year

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 outstanding 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."



John Beausoleil, left, and David T. Panteleakos

Courtesy photo

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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"We are pleased to announce this latest dividend payment for the Holding Company" said Borner. "We believe that providing a return to our stockholders is an important part of being a community bank. We look forward to continuing to build our brand of community banking, a journey we 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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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.

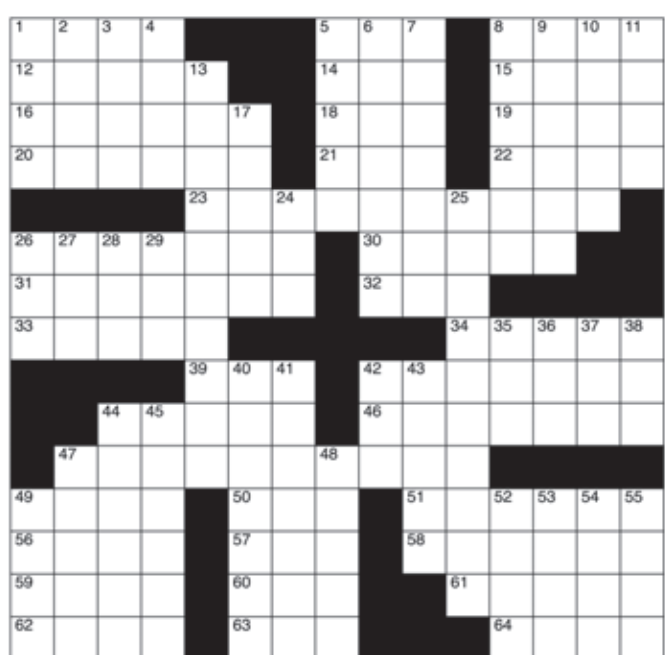
Who has been the greatest influence in your life? My parents

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

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- 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 acclaim
- 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

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.



Courtesy photo
Jeffrey Corrigan

"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 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 northwest Connecticut and lives in Rhode Island.

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PUTNAM — The Boy Scouts from Boy Scout Troop 21 need uniforms. If anyone has all or part of any used Boy Scout uniforms in good condition, please bring items to St. Mary's Church basement, 218 Providence Street, Putnam, on Saturday, Feb.10, from 5 p.m. to 7 p.m.

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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Soothing a sweet tooth in 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 table was open, it was gone. Like a mad rush on Christmas. It's fun. People get so excited. It gets your endorphins going. It's something fun to do in town. We have a lot of antiques so I tried to keep up with that with the black checkered floors, but the candy brings something young and new."

When did you become so interested in candy?

"It started in college. Our teacher made us write a business plan. She thought mine was amazing. She said she would help me get a grant if I was serious. But I ended up saving up my own money. My husband, Brian, said he would support me. July came and I put in for an LLC and I got it. I hit the ground running, basically."

Why candy?

There's a market for it. People were looking for something new and different. Downtown Putnam is booming, so it's the perfect place to open the store. It's a 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' band-aids. 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



Olivia Richman photos

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



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

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.

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

Are you ever surprised by how



Unique candies, like these organic and free treats, make Sadie's Sweet Shop a place to visit for locally sourced candy that can't be found anywhere else in town.

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."



Candy tables are something Jenna Perez would like to grow. She's hoping to provide themed candy tables for weddings, birthdays and other sweet celebrations.



Old-fashioned candy is huge at Sadie's Sweet Shop.

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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WOODSTOCK ACADEMY FIRST QUARTER HONOR ROLL

WOODSTOCK — The following is the first corner honor roll for Woodstock Academy.

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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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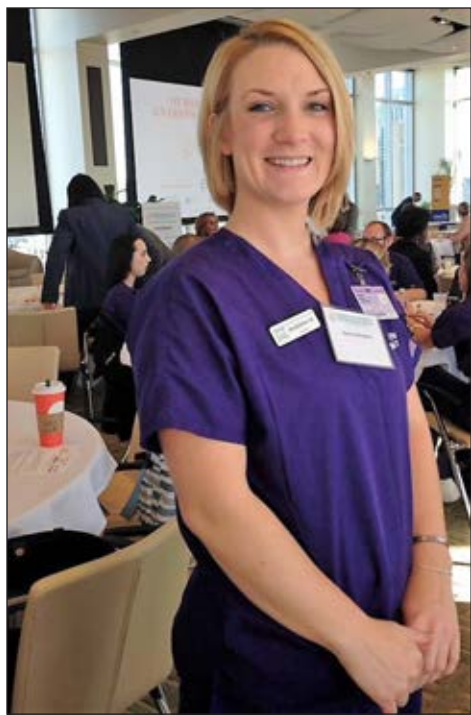
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Thompson native completes emergency preparedness



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 sec-

tor 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 prepared-

ness,” 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.

Courtesy photo

Marissa Mungham during the conference at Worcester.



MARY FISHER ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

Monday, January 15 – Martin Luther King Day, no school.
 Tuesday, January 16 – Chicken nuggets w/mashed potatoes bread slice, turkey/cheese sandwich, yogurt parfait w/pretzel, cheese stick, celery sticks, garden salad.
 Wednesday, January 17 – Cheese pizza, sunbutter and jelly sandwich, cheese stick, baked beans, cucumber wheels, garden salad
 Thursday, January 18 – Shepard’s pie, dinner roll, toasted cheese, yogurt parfait w/pretzel, cheese stick, broccoli crowns, garden salad
 Friday, January 19 – Cinnamon toast cereal or chocolate chip muffin, yogurt, graham cracker, cheese stick, baby carrots, 100% juice.

POMFRET COMMUNITY SCHOOL

Monday, January 15 – Martin Luther King Day, no school.
 Tuesday, January 16 – Brunch for lunch, French toast sticks, turkey sausage, tater tots and grape tomatoes
 Wednesday, January 17 – Herb roasted chicken served with seasoned brown rice, steamed broccoli and golden carrots
 Thursday, January 18 – Meatball and cheese wraps served with a garden salad with ranch dressing
 Friday, January 19 – Hamburger or cheeseburger served with oven baked potato wedges and New England style baked beans

PUTNAM ELEMENTARY SCHOOL & PUTNAM MIDDLE SCHOOL

Monday, January 15 – NO SCHOOL – Martin Luther King Day
 Tuesday, January 16 – Wolf meal – beef burger w/cheese, crisp lettuce and tomato seasoned curly fries, 100% juice

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Wednesday, January 17 – Chicken tenders, WG breaded chicken tenders served with gravy, whipped potato, seasoned carrots ad whole wheat roll.
 Thursday, January 18 – Fiesta taco bowl, seasoned ground beef, lettuce, tomato, cheddar cheese, salsa in a WG tostadito bowl, Spanish rice, seasoned corn
 Friday, January 19 – Putnam special pizza, assorted fresh toppings on a home-made whole wheat pizza dough, fresh garden salad w/cherry tomatoes and cucumbers

THOMPSON MIDDLE SCHOOL & TOURTELLOTTE (GRADES 5-12)

Monday, January 15 – NO SCHOOL – Martin Luther King Day.
 Tuesday, January 16 – Shepherd’s pie, garlic breadstick, roasted squash, alt. main, quesadilla.
 Wednesday, January 17 – Mozzarella sticks w/dipping sauce, mashed potato, roasted carrots, alt. main, hamburger or cheeseburger
 Thursday, January 18 – Taco salad w/chips, lettuce, tomato, cheese, salsa, sour cream, baked beans, Italian green beans, alt. main stuffed crust pizza.
 Friday, January 19 – Popcorn chicken (zesty or plain), Mexican rice, roasted broccoli.

WOODSTOCK PUBLIC SCHOOLS

Monday, January 15 – NO SCHOOL – Martin Luther King Day
 Tuesday, January 16 – Meatball grinder, sweet potato fries, fruit, milk
 Wednesday, January 17 – Popcorn chicken, whipped potato, corn, fruit, milk
 Thursday, January 18 – Beef & bean burritos, lettuce, tomato, fruit, milk
 Friday, January 19 – Pizza, spinach salad, fruit, milk

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Building. Car dealerships make big ice sculptures based on the cars they sell. The Hartford Marathon Foundation created a pot of gold and a rainbow. Atlantic Broadband did a huge remote. Jessica Tuesday’s did a pig with wings.

And there were also numerous talented artists scattered throughout Main Street, including Block 54’s Eric Kim, creating ice sculptures during the event itself.

There are also interactive ice sculptures that really make it a night to remember, especially for couples. This is Valentine’s Day weekend after all.

85 Main, sponsored by Sky Vodka, will have an ice luge, which will have signature drinks being served down them throughout the night. The Courthouse will have an ice bar, with an ice table and chairs sponsored

by The O’Putnam, where guests can actually sit and enjoy their drinks.

Fire & Ice will also have fire dancing performances by Sasha the Fire Gypsy, an ice slide sponsored by Gerardi Insurance, and a wedding cake competition. The submitted cakes will be on display at the Putnam Congregational Church, which will also have a photo booth available.

“This is just a really unique event,” said Beckett. “In the US, we’re the largest single ice block competition around. There’s no other location doing this, having artists come out. It’s just a unique time. It blows your mind. It’s not something you can go to all the time, anywhere else. It’s specific to this area and what we’re trying to do.”


Going on their eighth year, Beckett feels Fire & Ice is a great time for families and couples to get out in February, where there’s not much to do. It’s really an event aiming to “bring out the romance” in down-

town Putnam.

This is Beckett’s sixth year as a co-chair. But she’s not new to Putnam’s event planning. She’s been in marketing for Putnam Business Association, and Fire & Ice was the first major project she took on.

“It’s had my heart this entire time,” she said. “It’s just the passion of it all. Trying to figure out how to get people more excited each year. The day of the event, you’re just looking around in awe at what you created. There’s nothing better than seeing the hard work of the committee, my co-chair, the collaboration of all the businesses... They’re all coming together to make this. It’s the entire community involved. Everyone wants to be on board.”

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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 intensifies 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 intervention.

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, including 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.



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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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OPINION

Opinion and commentary from the Quiet Corner

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 whole-hearted work over the years. We will miss your gentle guidance. With great appreciation and gratitude.

JUDY WALBERG
 WOODSTOCK
 WOODSTOCK REPUBLICAN
 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

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



RED'S WORD
 BRENDA PONTBRIAND

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 isn'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!

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Do you remember the Brooklyn Ski Area on Church Street

Since we are beginning a new year, I was curious about what was happening here fifty years ago in 1968. I was teaching in Stonington Borough but had not yet married and moved to Killingly. The January 4, 1968 Windham County Transcript had a number of interesting articles. How much do you think a postage stamp cost back then? "Hike in Postage Rates To Take Effect This Sunday (January 7). First Class Mail Six Cents."



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Do you have the travel bug? The same issue noted that a "former Danielson Resident Makes a Visit to South Pole". In a letter to his uncle and aunt Mr. and Mrs. Kenneth Everrett of Danielson, Dr. Cadet H. Hand, Jr. wrote that being in the Antarctic he recently made a "24-hour visit to the South Pole." Dr. Hand is a 1938 graduate of Killingly High School and a graduate of the University of Connecticut. He received both Master and Doctorate degrees from the University of California. "He is currently on a sabbatical year from his duties as Director of the Marine Biological Station" at the University of California. He and his family have been living in New Zealand.

How many Danielson area businesses can you recall from that year? The following were some of the ones advertising in the Transcripts of January 4, 11, & 18th. Note how many of the buildings in which they were located are no longer standing. A number were open until 9 on Friday night, which was a big shopping night. Keetch's Department Store, D. Blumenthal-established in 1924, Bargain Supply (30 Main Street), Hurme Radio-TV-Electric, Bonneville Pharmacy (Main Street), Laval Furniture Company (display on Main Street and store on Commerce Avenue

(Hollis Hooper, Sr., agent), Dick's Turner Motor Sales, Arthur's Real Estate, Richard's Real Estate, Village Realty, Goodell Agency (insurance, real estate), Pearl Agency (real estate), Mikkiton Realty (N. Frontage Rd., Judith Mikkiton, realtor), Pete's Package Store (Commerce Avenue), Danielson Federal Savings and Loan, The Cartwheel (152 Main Street), Gauthier Insurance Agency, Debutante Shop (Brooklyn), Woodward Drug Store, Dowe's Card & Gift Shop, Oliver's, McEwen's,

If you were a fan of Paul Newman, I imagine that you went to Danielson Cinema to watch him in Cool Hand Luke or Hombre. Later in January Rosalind Russell was appearing in Rosie then Frank Sinatra in Tony Rome. Perhaps you were intrigued by Jules Verne's Five Weeks in a Balloon. At the Imperial Cinema in Putnam, Dirk Borgarde's Our Mother's House was showing. Doctor Zhivago was playing at The College Theater in Storrs.

Apparently the cold temperatures we have been experiencing this beginning part of 2018 were also present fifty years ago. Certainly they made battling a blaze that destroyed an East Killingly business extremely difficult. "Stubborn Blaze Controlled. It took 3 1/2 hours and the hard work of five departments to subdue...a fire in the machine shop belonging to Del Pesco's Systems, Inc. in East Killingly...A light wind was blow-

ing at the time and the temperature was close to zero." Chief George Wakefield of the Dayville Fire Department thought that the fire might have been electrical in origin (WCT 1/11/1968). A look at Natalie Coolidge's Killingly Business Encyclopedia revealed that the building had probably formerly housed the Elfgren Company. "Andrew DelPesco has been encouraged to perfect and market his invention 'MEZ-R-ITE' that measures the length, width and arch to properly fit the foot of a child in a matter of seconds. It is made entirely of aluminum, steel and plastic, and is designed to be light, compact and attractive to the eye. Consequently he established a machine shop three weeks ago in Eask Killingly at the Elfgren Company for its production. At present, the company is producing ten machines a week but the planned output is ten a day for an anticipated production of 1500 this year to meet the orders already placed for more than 1200" (WCT 3/1951). The Business Encyclopedia also references Forest Park Gifts (1978) and Optipak (1988) under the Del Pesco Systems entry.

If you don't recall the Route 101 business, you might well remember Andrew Del Pesco in connection with Del Pesco's Shoes which was a longtime fixture in Danielson. An entry in the Business Encyclopedia from material solicited for Danielson's Centennial said that the business was established in 1926. A January 5, 1981 Journal/ Transcript listed the business's retirement sale. Please take the time to share your memories of Del Pesco's.

The cold weather must have continued for a while. The Transcript of January 18 had a photo entitled "Battling Big Freeze. Robert Bussiere, custodian at Killingly Memorial School braves sub-zero cold while operating a snow-blower to keep the sidewalks clear. Icy ground, drifting flakes, shivery low temperatures and cars that

wouldn't start, mark an early January 1968 as a "spell to be remembered."

Even Killingly's recreation director Rene Provost, who was serving in Vietnam, had heard of the cold. In a letter to Florence Millard of the town hall staff he wrote, "How are things back in town? I understand it's quite cold and plenty of snow. I don't envy Mr. Bell in that kind of situation. He must be working round the clock" (WCT 1/18/68).

If the above articles on the weather fifty years ago bring back any memories of that January, please share them. It would be good to add to a weather file at the Center.

Did you ever visit the Brooklyn Ski Area on Church Street in Brooklyn? January 1 1968 Transcripts contained small ads for the area. "Now operating Thursday, Friday, and Saturday evenings 7-9; weekends and holidays 1-5."

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

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

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

Tax cuts and jobs act: what taxpayers need to know

On December 20, 2017, the U.S. House of Representatives and U.S. Senate passed the Tax Cuts and Jobs Act of 2017 (TCJA). The legislation makes significant changes to the Internal Revenue Code (IRC), including individual, corporate, and gift and estate taxation.

As part of Weiss & Hale Financials' commitment to help you Plan Well and Invest Well so you can Live Well, we have created the following piece highlighting important changes affecting you. We encourage you to review the

information below and consider how it may affect your strategic financial plan.

The individual income tax change remains with seven tax brackets. Previous tax rates of 10%, 15%, 25%, 28%, 33%, 35%, and 39.6% will now become 10%, 12%, 22%, 24%, 32%, 35%, and 37% with varying changes of income thresholds. Most of the income that is within the 10% and 15% brackets are now taxed at 12% and income in the 25% and 28% brackets are now taxed at about 25%. In addition to these changes, the threshold for income earned at the 39.6%



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tax rate is raised.

In addition to these changes, many exemptions and deductions for individual income tax will be repealed or modified.

The personal exemption of \$4,150 per taxpayer and depen-

dent will be eliminated. The standard deduction for individuals will go from \$6,500 for individuals and \$13,000 for married couples to \$12,000 for individual taxpayers and \$24,000 for married couples who file jointly. This near doubling of the standard deduction will result in more taxpayers taking it instead of itemizing.

The legislation also places limits on several itemized deductions. State and local income tax and property tax as of 2017 were fully deductible, but as of 2018 will be limited to a maximum of \$10,000. Mortgage Interest deduction debt limitation was lowered to \$750,000 from \$1 million.

Another important change is to the deductible rates on medical expenses. In tax year 2017 medical expenses are deductible to the extent they exceed 10% of adjusted gross income (AGI) and ratified to the extent of 7.5% in 2018.

Some other specific itemized deductions that will be modified are moving expenses which are no longer deductible unless you are military. Miscellaneous itemized deductions are no longer deductible and there is no longer a phase-out for itemizing deductions.

Miscellaneous individual income tax changes

In addition to the major modifications discussed above, other changes such as family tax credits. The child tax credit will be doubled, from \$1,000 to \$2,000, and the refundable portion of that credit will be allowable up to \$1,400. The act also will grant a new credit of \$500 for other dependents. These will phase out at income limits of \$200,000 (single) and \$400,000 (married).

Effective January 1, 2018, the individual unified gift and estate tax exemption will be raised to \$11.2 million (up from what was set to be \$5.6 million), and, with portability remaining intact, \$22.4 million for a married couple. The top rate will remain 40 percent. The new rates are set to expire—and return to 2017 levels—at the end of calendar year 2025.

Under 2017 law, gifts of cash to charity offer a taxpayer the ability to deduct the contribution, up to 50 percent of AGI. The TCJA will increase the limitation to 60 percent of the taxpayer's AGI.

The TCJA includes an expansion of 529 savings plans that will allow families to save for K-12 expenses, in addition to college expenses. 529 plans will also be able to use qualified distributions for elementary and secondary school expenses, up to \$10,000 per year, per student. In addition, the definition of qualified education expenses will be further expanded to include homeschooling expenses.

The TCJA will eliminate the penalty imposed under the

IRC for individuals who do not maintain individual health care coverage.

The individual AMT exemption amount will increase to \$70,300 for individual filers and \$109,400 for joint filers. The phase-out for the AMT exemption will increase to \$500,000 for individuals and \$1 million for married couples. With enactment of the new act, fewer Americans will be subject to the AMT.

The TCJA will eliminate the ability for a taxpayer to unwind a Roth conversion and "recharacterize" back to a traditional IRA. This will begin for conversions occurring after January 1, 2018. Be sure to speak with your financial advisor before considering any new recharacterizations, as there is current debate as to whether Roth conversions that occurred in 2017 may still be characterized in 2018.

Under law in effect for the 2017 tax year, all pass-through business income is taxed at the individual taxpayer's marginal rate, as is most ordinary income. Under the TCJA, qualified pass-through business income will be addressed in a new IRC Section 199A.

Under 199A, deduction of 20 percent of the non-wage allocation of qualified business income from the trade or business. Also, deduction limited to 50 percent of W-2 wage income. The limitation was set in an effort to prevent abuse in classifying wage income as business income in order to receive a lower rate for income that should be taxed at ordinary income rates. For individuals who earned more than \$157,000 and married coupled whose income exceeds \$315,000. These changes sunset at the end of year 2025 as written in TCJA

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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

A comment on President Trump

To the editor:

Donald Trump tweets. He loves to tweet. And the more he tweets the more he unveils his true character. Forget Fake News, as he likes to remind us of, any and all can appreciate his inner thoughts, opinions, and desires unfiltered by talking heads. It matters not how CNN or Fox choose to spin things, each and every American citizen has the unique ability to form their own opinion regarding the man. Unique in that never before in history has an individual with so much power, a man in the midst of a staid political maelstrom, disregards diplomatic protocol to share his momentary sentiment. His supporters love this. Such will be the Trump legacy.

But playing loosely with the facts is not a rational modus operandi, and again we have tweets sent directly from him, to interpret for ourselves. Amongst his totally false statements are, his tax cuts are the largest in history, he has signed more legislation than Harry Truman, we're the highest developed nation taxed in the world, and in a stunning tact that smells of an autocrat, Hillary Clinton led many times to the FBI. He has brushed off his low opinion polls by saying Mr. Obama had similar low ratings at this point in his presidency, not true and why should it matter to him. He won the only opinion poll that he needed namely to 2016 Presidential election. This list goes on.

Which makes the last few weeks all the more worrisome. Ignited by a book regarding the inner workings of his White House, Trump has lashed out in a way that makes one even more question his competence and mental well being. And it doesn't matter his chief critic in the book, Steve Bannon, has apologized for, but not denied statements attributed to him. This is the man whom more than anyone else helped Trump win the general election and whom the president now characterizes as an unsophisticated lackey. Just read the President's reaction:

"Michael Wolff (the book's author) is a total loser who made up stories in order to sell this really boring and untruthful book." This is typical Trump strategy which we have seen over and over again. Rather than defend, attack an accuser's character. And to call the book boring it would insinuate that he had read it. Difficult in that the book had not been published. He goes on to say, "He used Sloppy Steve Bannon, who cried when he got fired and begged for his job."

Again we see Trump making up a pejorative nickname. However if the book was untruthful that would mean that the quotes attributed to Bannon were fake and that Sloppy Steve is merely a victim in Mr Wolff's grand scheme and that Trump should be defending and not attacking him. Another former Trump aide, Sam Nunberg, said on television that quotes by him

including that the President was a "fool" were true and that he and other aides did sit down with Mr. Wolff. To put things in perspective, unauthorized biographies and tell all accounts have been part of the political landscape for many years and besides polite denials, outright attacks are not the norm

Wolff is a seasoned reporter who has taken notes and recordings and was privy to White House Staff and contrary to the President's denials, spent many hours collecting data.

If this were not true wouldn't the King of suing be taking Mr Wolff and his publisher to court (not merely threatening to do so). So in tweeting, "I authorized Zero access to White House (actually turned him down many times) for author of phony book! I never spoke to him for book. Full of lies, misrepresentation and sources that don't exist." If Wolff were misrepresenting his interactions with the White House he would be open to a HUGE defamation of character law suit.

Trump's most recent tweets (at least those at the time of this writing which can be seven years ago in the Trump universe) have become frightening. Apparently in response to the book, as well as other "Fake News" articles he writes "...Actually, throughout my life, my two greatest assets have been mental stability, and being, like, really smart." Being like really smart!!! First ignoring the grammatical miscue, an intelligent person demonstrates said intelligence through actions and deeds, not with tweet claims. And to top things off he goes on, "I went from VERY successful business man, to top TV star to President of the United States (on my first try) [also not true]. I think that would qualify as not smart, but genius... and a very stable genius at that!" His words. Not media spun. Which lead many including this writer, to characterize the President as a thin skinned, egotistical narcissist who thinks more highly of himself than his actions would dictate and whom is intellectually challenged. We don't need to be told we can read it for ourselves. And if even a quarter of what is in the book is true, the country finds itself in a precarious situation.

Fortunately, if current opinion polls are accurate, and as recent state elections would indicate, Democrats taking back Congress and in turn standing up to the executive office (unlike the current cowardly Republican majority) may yet save the day. America is not an autocracy and the Legislative Branch is just as important as the Executive one. Mr. Trump has yet to show that he intends to govern beyond his own narrow self interests nor the acumen to carry out a job that he never was meant for.

LEE WESLER
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Art show at Thompson Public Library



Olivia Richman photos

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.



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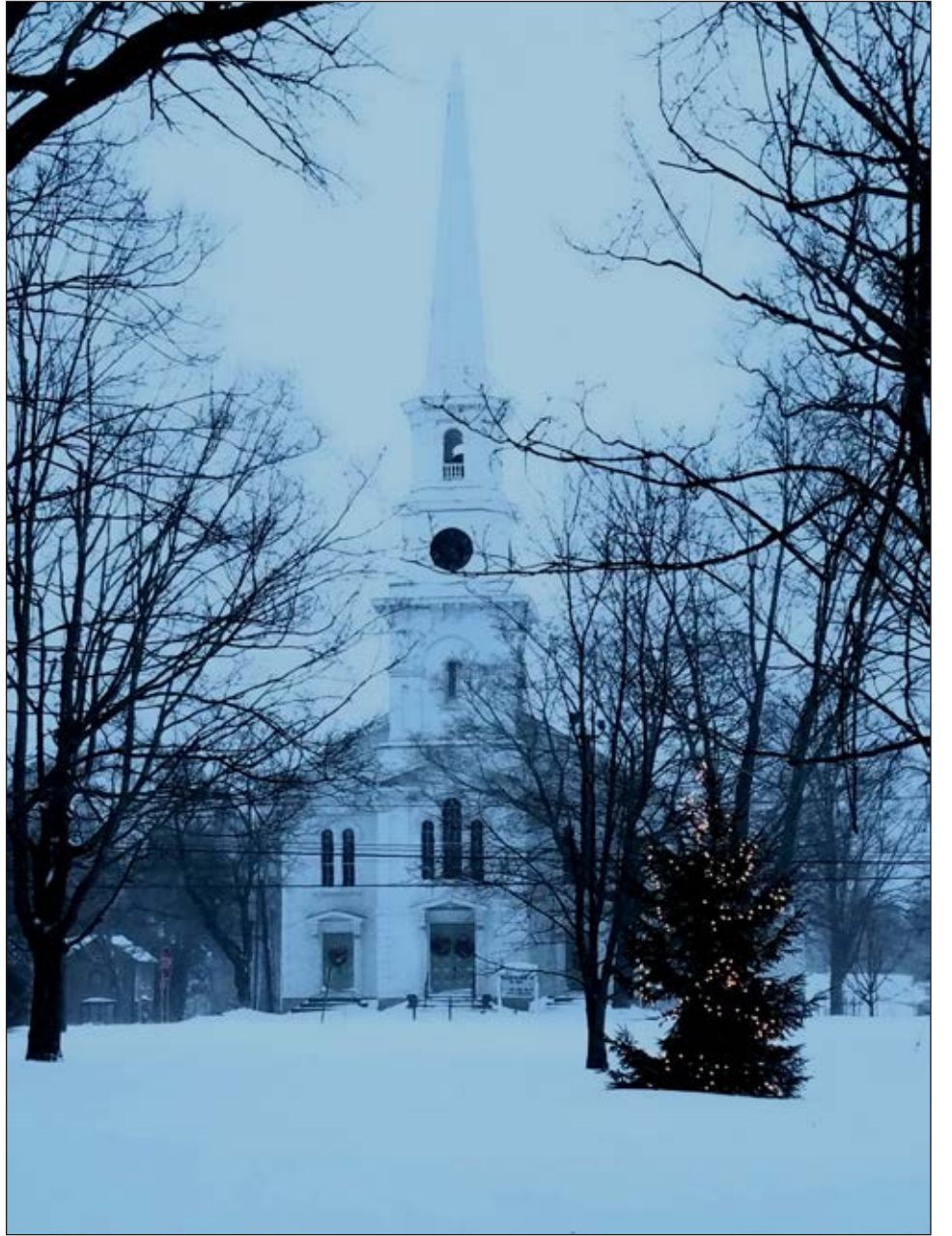
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ARTISTS

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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 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."

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



Courtesy photos

The pieces that will be displayed at the Capital.



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 opened. 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 Hartford 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
Maxwell R. Sandberg, 23, of 222 East Putnam Road, Putnam, was charged with criminal mischief and breach of peace

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

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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Wednesday, Jan. 17
Commission on Aging, 6 p.m., Pomfret Community/Senior Center

P&Z, 7 p.m., Old Town House

Thursday, Jan. 18
ZBA, 7 p.m., Pomfret Senior Center

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

Thursday, Jan. 18
Ethics Commission, 6:30 p.m., Town Hall

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Tuesday, Jan. 16
Board of Selectmen, 7 p.m., Town Hall

Conservation Commission, 7 p.m., Town Hall

Wednesday, Jan. 17
Economic Development Commission, 6:30 p.m., Town Hall

Thursday, Jan. 18
Library Board of Trustees, 2 p.m., Library

Board of Finance, 7 p.m., Library

EASTFORD

Monday, Jan. 15
Clean Energy Task Force, 7 p.m., Town Hall

Tuesday, Jan. 16
Republican Town Committee, 7 p.m., Town Hall

Wednesday, Jan. 17
Recreation Commission, 4:30 p.m., Town Hall

WOODSTOCK

Tuesday, Jan. 16
Cornfield Point, 7 p.m., Town Hall

Wednesday, Jan. 17
Housing Authority, 1 p.m., NRV
Quasset School, 4 p.m., Town Hall

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Blackout at Woodstock Academy on Saturday night

BY CHARLIE LENTZ
VILLAGER EDITOR

POMFRET — The ice was smooth for Woodstock Academy's hockey team last season — all the way to a 7-3 victory over Hall-Southington in the state championship game at Yale University's Ingalls Rink last March 18. That win is frozen in history now and with the loss of 10 seniors to graduation, along with the Centaurs elevation from Division III to D-II — there will be some ruts on the ice this winter.

Over two previous seasons Woodstock amassed a record of 42 wins, just seven losses, and one tie — finishing 22-2-1 last year en route to the D-III state crown. That was then. The Centaurs dropped their first two games this season but earned their first win with a 5-4 victory over the Eastern Connecticut Eagles last Saturday night at Pomfret School's Jahn Rink. With the roster turnover, coach Mike Starr has been evaluating his lineup.

"The first few practices it was a lot of mixing and matching and trying to see what fit and what didn't fit," Starr said. "We have a lot of underclassmen. We don't have so many seniors this year."

Despite the turnover Starr hesitates to view this season as a reconstruction process.

"We don't want to think of it as a rebuilding year," Starr said. "We just want to think of it as 'We just need to go out and play good hockey.'"

One constant has remained on the Centaurs roster — a goal scorer by the last name of Black. Woodstock sophomore winger Jake Black scored three goals in the victory over the Eagles on Saturday and broke a 4-4 tie with the game-winner at 7:40 of the third period. If the name sounds familiar it's because Jake's older brother, Ryan Black, helped lead the Centaurs to the state title last year in his senior season. Ryan finished his three-year career with 129 goals and 99 assists.

"It must be a family thing," said Starr of Jake. "They can both score. There's no doubt about it. I think Jake's starting to find his rhythm now."

Little brother seems to have picked up where big brother left off. Jake's hat trick on Saturday night was his second of the young season. Jake also notched three goals in a 7-5 loss to Sheehan on Dec. 27. Jake wears the same No. 7 on his sweater that his older brother wore. He picked the numeral because he thought some of his older brother's scoring prowess might rub off.



Charlie Lentz photo

Woodstock's Pat Delaney controls the puck in front of the Centaurs bench as Doug Newton trails the play at Jahn Rink in Pomfret on Saturday night.

"I mean (Ryan) wore that number and he played well so I thought maybe if I picked that number I'd do what he did," said Black with a grin.

He upheld the family name with three goals against the Eagles.

"This is my second game with a hat trick so it was nice," Black said.

Coach Starr said both brothers find the back of the net but in a different manner.

"As similar as they are they're different. You still see some similarities but you can definitely see some differences," Starr said. "Ryan was a very good finesse player and Jake is a grind player. Jake skates down the boards and is a 'Try and stop me type player.' A lot of times they don't stop him so it works to his advantage."

This is Black's first season on the team but he was well aware of the senior group that led the Centaurs to the state championship last year — a core that included Nathan DeLuca, who notched 124 goals and 104 assists over four seasons. Ryan

Black and DeLuca tallied a collective 253 goals and 203 assists over their careers.

"It's tough to replace those points but we definitely have kids that have the talent," Starr said. "Like we told them going into the third period tonight (against Eastern) — 'Don't let your talent work for you. It's got to be hard work.' We needed to win a period. If we won that 15 minutes we were going to win the game. The kids were determined. They answered the bell and skated a great third period."

Along with the roster turnover, Black said the elevation from Division III to D-II will make for stiffer competition.

"I don't think we're were the same team as last year. I think it's going to be a lot harder this year playing against harder teams. The team's not as good as it was last year but I think if everyone works hard we'll do well," Black said.

Woodstock junior Matt Odom and senior defenseman Pat Delaney each notched one goal in the win over Eastern. Ryan Huta tallied two goals and Kyle Jacobson and Evan

Tower each scored one goal for the Eagles. Through three games this season Woodstock had already equaled last season's loss total so Black said Saturday's victory against the Eastern Connecticut Eagles (4-1) was much needed.

"It was a huge win. If we lost this game people would have thought 'Woodstock, they don't have any chance of making states this year. They won't do anything.' I think this win might really just tell the state we can win hockey games," Black said.

Junior Dylan Shea is Woodstock's starting goaltender. Along with Black, Woodstock's starting line against the Eagles included Odom at center and junior Avery Riva on the wing. But coach Starr said his key line assignments remain in flux. Junior forwards Liam McDermott and Connor Starr have also been solid contributors early on.

"We really don't have a top line," Starr said. "It's kind of 'Who's working hard in practice and let's reward them.'"

Woodstock is next scheduled

to take on E.O. Smith/Tolland at UConn Hockey Arena at 1:45 p.m. on Saturday, Jan. 13. The Centaurs are scheduled to return home on Monday, Jan. 15, to play host to Housatonic/NW/Wamogo — with the puck set to drop at 11 a.m. at Pomfret School's Jahn Rink.

The ice won't be as smooth this season as last year. But coach Starr said there's only one way to skate past those ruts.

"The games are going to be a grind. There's no doubt about it. The kids know that," Starr said. "The kids know there's stuff we need to work on. You're trying to improve all season. You're just trying to get into the playoffs. And hopefully when you're in the playoffs you've improved to the point where you can make a difference."

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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. Katy 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 Cauty Gymnasium.

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

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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 freshmen 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 Lagers," 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.

"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 lies ahead but Faucher said the Tigers will play it one game



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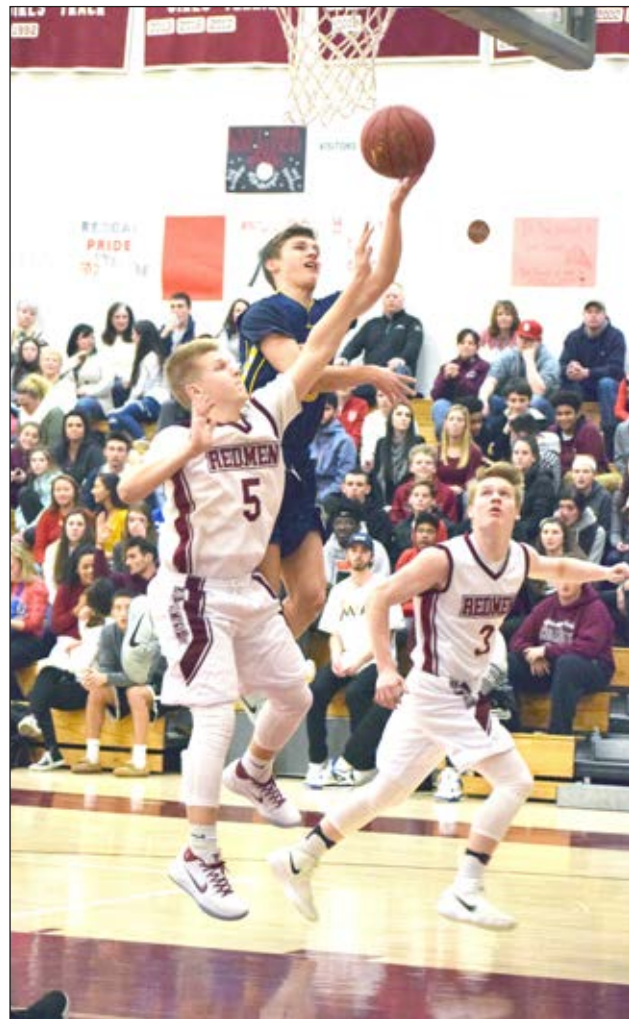
Tourtellotte's Skyla Wesolowski goes up for a bucket with Grasso Tech's Tatianna Ward defending on Jan. 3 in Thompson.

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 prom-

ising 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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Anderson's 36-point effort not enough against Redmen



Charlie Lentz photo

Woodstock's Aaron Johnson drives to the hoop as Killingly's Sean Johndrow, left, and Shayne Bigelow defend on Tuesday night in Dayville.

BY CHARLIE LENTZ
VILLAGER EDITOR

DAYVILLE — Woodstock Academy's Chase Anderson is the proven scorer that first-year coach Martin Hart can count on — he showed it by pouring in a game-high 36 points including seven three-pointers against Killingly High on Tuesday night. But Hart has to find some complementary players who can put the ball in the hoop. No other Woodstock player tallied over five points in a 58-54 loss to the Redmen at Killingly High.

"(Anderson) works hard. Hopefully we get a little bit more balance but he gives everything he can," Hart said. "Hopefully we can find scoring from other areas too. I think winning takes balance, and obviously hard work, playing smart, and playing together. Chase is a great leader. He showed it tonight. He'll continue to show it."

Anderson scored 25 points in the second half and kept the Centaurs within striking distance of Killingly until the waning minutes — sinking a three-pointer with 3:59 left on the clock to pull Woodstock within three

points, 49-46. Hart could not fault his team's effort.

"These guys are playing hard, they're playing smart, and they're playing together," Hart said. "We've just got to keep getting better at that."

Hart knows the Eastern Connecticut Conference will provide formidable competition.

"I don't think anything is a free win. And that's what we told these guys. I said when we come in (to Killingly) they're going to work hard, they're going to want it. We're just going to have to work hard, work smarter, work more together, and take it from people if we want to do that. It starts with the attitude and the effort. And these guys are on board with that and we're going to keep building from there."

Killingly held off Woodstock with the help of a three-pointer from junior guard Griffin Ware with 2:00 remaining to stretch Killingly's lead to 52-46. The Redmen sank 4-of-6 free throws in the final 50 seconds to secure the win.

The loss dropped Woodstock's record to 1-4. The Centaurs are next scheduled to play at Waterford (7-0) on Friday, Jan. 12. Woodstock returns home on Tuesday, Jan. 16, with a 7 p.m. tipoff against Stonington High at Alumni Fieldhouse. Hart liked the effort he got against Killingly High. Now he likely hopes the shots will start falling.

"We see good things," Hart said. "As long as they can work hard, play smart, and play together, we think good things will happen."

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Knights of Columbus Council 2087 will hold a steak and fish dinner, in the Knights Hall, 1017 Riverside Drive, North Grosvenordale. Steak dinners (\$9, \$17), fish and chips (\$10); fried clams (\$14); scallops (\$11-14); seafood platters (\$17), and more. 860-923-2967, council2087@att.net.

January 19, Fri., 11am

Day Kimball Healthcare will host a free fall prevention presentation at the Earl W. Smith Senior Center, 25 Tremko Lane, Ashford. Participants will learn the top seven risk factors for falling and get a personalized list of their own fall risk factors. Screening for balance and blood pressure will be available. Registration required at 860-487-5122.

January 20, Sat., 9:30am

Book club will be discussing Clementine: The life of Mrs. Winston Churchill. Bracken Memorial Library, 57 Academy Road, Woodstock.

January 20, 1-2:30pm

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Killingly works for long sought-after home playoff



Charlie Lentz photo

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 basketball. 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.

"(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 playing. 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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Tough road ahead for Killingly girls

BY CHARLIE LENTZ
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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."

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



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

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.



Ticket sellers Gary Miskewicz and Diane Peterson



Concession stand workers, from left, Shawn Olson, Zachary Walker, and Gloria Walker

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From left, Evan Moriarti, Jared Olson, and Ben Holmes



The Dumas family, Justin, Allison (holding Owen), and Avery, in front



The Bigelow family, from left, Kyleigh, Marian, and Gregory



Sarah Sheehan and Connor Chahanovich



The Mathewson family, from left, John, Lynn, and Eric



Jessica Benoit and Aiden Mitchell

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OBITUARIES

Rolland M. LaFond, 65



Rolland M. LaFond, 65, of High Street passed away on Friday, January 5, after an illness; he was surrounded by his loving family.

He leaves his wife of 34 years, Teresa (Boyer) LaFond and his four children, Dawn A. White and her husband Raymond of Charlton Massachusetts, Rolland M. LaFond Jr. and his wife Anne Marie of Woodstock Valley, Sophia M. Doten and her husband James of Irvington, Kentucky, and Christopher W. LaFond of Southbridge, Massachusetts, and his significant other, Kerri M. Strait of Warren, Massachusetts; brother Michael LaFond of Worcester Mass., and a sister Christine LaFond-Levesque of Worcester, Mass.; ten grandchildren Justin White, Gavin White, Riley White, Karlee White, Vanessa Valenti, Marcus Valenti, Corey LaFond, Joshua Doten, Gabrielle Dumont and Haylee Dumont and his sister-in-law Patricia Boyer of Millbury, Massachusetts. He was predeceased by his brother Keith LaFond. He was born in North Adams the son of Irene C. (Burke) LaFond and

the late Maurice H. LaFond.

Rolland was a licensed HVAC facilities manager working for Frank Rounds Company.

He enjoyed riding his motorcycle throughout the countryside. He enjoyed the shows at Hampton Beach with his wife and he was an avid Boston sports fan, he particularly enjoyed watching the New England Patriots as well as the Ohio State Buckeyes with his family while enjoying a cold beer.

He loved his country and was passionate about history. He was proud of the 16 years he served in the Army National Guard.

A service will be held at 4:00pm on Friday, January 12, in the Belanger-Bullard Funeral Home, 51 Marcy Street, Southbridge, Mass. There are no calling hours.

An online guestbook is available at www.BelangerFuneralHome.com

In lieu of flowers donations may be made in his memory to the Cancer Center at Harrington, 55 Sayles Street, Southbridge, MA. 01550.



Catherine "Cat" Botelho, 48



Catherine "Cat" Botelho, 48, of Danielson, passed away suddenly at home in peace, January 5. Beloved wife of Scott Botelho, they shared 13 years of marriage together. Cathy was born

September 25, 1969 in Putnam, daughter of Dorothy Watson of Danielson and Philip Watson of Pomfret.

After adopting her two beautiful children she retired from retail management and became fully devoted to her new role as a mom with endless accomplishments. As the Matriarch she was the mom of everything and everyone. Nothing she loved more than going to the White Mountains for family vacations and spending time with her mom at the YMCA. "She will forever be loved and missed by all who knew her by the

impact she had on all our lives."

She leaves in addition to her husband Scott, her mother and father, her children Briana Botelho, Aidan Botelho, her sister Jennifer DeVillez and her husband Christopher, her brother Michael Watson and sister-in-law Myra Watson, her stepdaughter Kayla Botelho, grandson Markie, her mother-in-law Natalie Botelho and many nieces and nephews.

The Funeral Service will be Saturday (1-13-18) at 10 AM in the Living Faith United Methodist Church, 53 Grove St. Putnam. Calling Hours Friday (1-12-18) from 5 to 8 PM at the Smith Walker Funeral Home, 148 Grove St., Putnam. Burial in Westfield Cemetery Danielson. In lieu of flowers donations may be made to in her memory to NECCOG Animal Rescue, 105 Putnam Pike, Dayville, CT 06241. www.smithandwalkerfh.com

David Paul Mahon, 78



BROOKLYN -- David Paul Mahon, 78, of Brooklyn, passed away peacefully December 19, at home, surrounded by family. He was the beloved husband of Cecile (Chabot) Mahon. They just

celebrated their 55th wedding anniversary. He had three children Paul, Marie and David. He was born on August 29, 1939 in Danielson, son of the late John "Jack" and Alice (Gebo) Mahon of Danielson.

David was a veteran of The United States Air Force and retired from The Connecticut State Police in 1989 and as a US postal carrier in 2014. He loved to golf and was an avid Boston Red Sox and New England Patriots fan.

He is survived

by his daughter, Marie and her husband Joel Williams of Middleton, Massachusetts; his son David Mahon and Melissa Choquette of Danielson; his sister and brother-in-law Jackie and Ron Battista of Brooklyn; his brother Ed and his wife Nancy Mahon of Las Vegas, Nevada; his sister Shirley Gauthier of Dayville. David was predeceased by his son Paul Mahon, brothers Richard, Daniel and James. In lieu of flowers, donations can be made to St. Jude's Children's Hospital and Neccog Animal Shelter.

A graveside service will be held at a later date. Share a memory at www.gagnonandcostellofh.com



Harold A. Wentworth, 86



ROCHDALE, MASSACHUSETTS -- Harold A. Wentworth, 86, of Clark Street, died Saturday, January 6, at St. Vincent Hospital in Worcester, Massachusetts. He

is survived by his wife of 63 years, Emma (Whitaker) Wentworth of Rochdale; two daughters, Debra J. Carlson and her husband Harold of Rochdale, and Doris E. Simon and her companion Mike Inman of Howland, Maine; three grandchildren, Andrew C. Wentworth and his wife Jessica of Tampa, Florida, Joseph H. Simon of Wyoming, and Mardy J. Simon of Rochdale, Massachusetts; two brothers, Lester Wentworth and his wife Vivian of Thompson, and Charles St. Germain and his wife Terry of Charlton, Massachusetts; a sister, Irene Vanclette and her husband Stanley of Nashua, New Hampshire; and many nephews and nieces. He was predeceased by five brothers

and one sister. He

was born in Oxford, Massachusetts, son of the late Alphonse Wentworth and Myrtle (Bennett) St. Germain, and lived in Oxford before moving to Rochdale, Massachusetts in 1956. He was a U.S. Air Force veteran of the Korean War.

Mr. Wentworth worked at Wachusett Molding in West Boylston, Massachusetts for 10 years. Later, he worked at the Big Y Supermarket in Spencer, Massachusetts. He loved his dog Asia, and enjoyed spending time at the ocean.

Calling hours were held January 10, at Paradis-Givner Funeral Home, in Oxford, Massachusetts. Burial will be private at a later date. In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be made to the American Heart Association, P.O. Box 417005, Boston, MA 02241-7005.

paradisfuneralhome.com



Dorothy (Brayton) Waterman, 91



GLOUCESTER, RHODE ISLAND -- Dorothy (Brayton) Waterman, 91, passed away Saturday, December 30, at The Village at Waterman Lake in Greenville, Rhode Island. She was the wife of the late John

E. Waterman. Born in Framingham, Massachusetts, she grew up in Foster, Rhode Island. She was the daughter of the late Walter and Ann (Hardie) Brayton. Mrs. Waterman worked for Ponaganset High school as the principal's secretary then retired from teaching business at Killingly High School in Killingly. She lived in Danielson before proudly buying her dream home at The Villages in Lady Lake, Florida where

she happily was an avid golfer. She graduated from Coventry High school with honors.

She received her Bachelor's Degree in 1969 from Bryant College and her Master's Degree in 1971 from the University of Connecticut.

She was the sister of George R. Brayton Sr., Gordon R. Brayton Sr., Barbara Dooley, Mara Duncan and the late Irene Gunsten, Donald E. Brayton, Walter Brayton Jr., Shirley Brown and Ann Smith. She is also survived by many nieces and nephews.

Relatives and friends are invited to a Celebration of Life Service Saturday January 27, at 11:30 am at the South Foster Fire Dept., 5 Mt Hygeia Rd, Foster, Rhode Island, 02825. Burial will be private.

For Information and Condolences, TuckerQuinnFuneralChapel.com

Maureen McMerriman



BROOKLYN -- Maureen McMerriman, loving wife of 58 years to Eugene McMerriman, and daughter of the late John and Frances (Stelmach) McCormac, passed

away at home on December 30 while surrounded by her family. Born in Webster, Massachusetts, Maureen grew up in Putnam and raised her family in Norwich before moving to Brooklyn to operate a business with her husband.

Maureen was a gracious individual who always put others before herself. She was quiet, sincere, and never had a bad thing to say about anyone. She was the heart and center of her family. Her love and compassion for her family was constantly shown, especially while she hosted her family's annual summer picnics, holiday gatherings, and numerous birthday dinners. Her integrity, love, and intelligence were known to all who knew her. Her selflessness and kindness will forever be an inspiration to her family who will miss her terribly.

In her youth, she loved to swim

and ice skate and enjoyed sharing her passions with her children. She was a talented seamstress and well-known for her hand-made braided wool rugs. Maureen loved to bake and was famous for her Christmas cookies. When her sons were in their teens, they gave her the nickname, "Colombo," as she always had many questions for them about their whereabouts. She loved a good bargain and could never pass up a yard sale. Her hobbies included gardening, reading, supporting her grandchildren's athletics and following the UCONN women's basketball team.

She is survived by her five children and their spouses: Pamela (David) Goldstein, James (Kathy), Timothy (Nancy) and Michael McMerriman and Maureen (William) Roche, as well as grandchildren: Hannah, Kay, Brendan, Sean, Matthew, Michael, Ryan, David, Caitlin, Garrett and great grandson, Bentley. She was predeceased by her infant daughter Mary Frances, infant granddaughter Sarah, daughter-in-law Penny and brother Paul. She is also survived by siblings Kathleen Espinosa, John McCormac, Patricia Lohneiss and Jane Lopresti.

Calling hours and a Mass of Christian Burial were held on January 5, at St. James Church in Danielson. Burial will follow at Holy Cross Cemetery. In lieu of flowers, please consider a donation to the St. James "Save Our School" Scholarship Fund. Share a memory at www.gagnonandcostellofh.com



NORTH GROSVENORDALE --

Dennis M. Pedersen, 66, of North Grosvenordale, formerly of Woodstock, died unexpectedly on December 29, at Day Kimball Hospital in Putnam. Beloved husband of Linda (Seamon) Pedersen, they

would have celebrated their 33rd anniversary on December 29. He was born August 16, 1951 in Putnam, son of the late Vilhelm and Sarah (Healey) Pedersen. He worked for Paul Miller at Fairvue Farms in Woodstock as a crops manager and worked for Donald Tarryk doing milking parlor installations. He lived in upstate New York for eight years owning and operating a farm. Dennis loved his vegetable garden and challenged his sons with their own gardens. Was a member of the Senexet Grange #40 in Woodstock. He enjoyed playing Candy Crush and Farm Heroes and was very competitive.

In addition to his wife Linda, he leaves his sons, Michael Pedersen and his fiancée Amy Bouzrak of Putnam, Kristopher Pedersen and his wife Kristin of Killingly, William Smith and his significant other Jessica Ingham of Central Village, grandchildren Andrew, Jacob, Sami, Safia, Colby, Braden, Dylan, Emily, Savannah and many friends. Calling hours were held January 5, at the Smith and Walker Funeral Home in Putnam. A memorial service was held January 6 at the East Woodstock Congregational Church in East Woodstock. In lieu of flowers donations may be made to the American Cancer Society, 825 Brook Street, 1-91 Tech Ctr, Rocky Hill, CT 06067-3045, Diabetes Association, American Diabetes Association - Connecticut Affiliation, 306 Industrial Park Road, Suite 105, Middletown, CT 06457, or the American Heart Association, P.O. Box 417005, Boston, MA 02241-7005 in memory of Dennis. Share a memory at www.smithandwalkerfh.com

Donna Mae (Stedman) Provencher, 59



DAYVILLE -- Donna Mae (Stedman) Provencher, 59, of Dayville, died December 18, at home. Donna married Bruce J. Provencher on August 3, 1979 and they were faithfully devoted to each other

for over 38 years. Daughter of Muriel (Dumas) Stedman and Philip Stedman, born September 26, 1958 in Willimantic. Donna graduated from Killingly High School in 1976 and shortly after began working for the G. A. MacDonald Insurance Agency. She was employed there for over 40 years, remaining passionate and excited about her work right up until her final days.

Donna's greatest legacy is her love that she leaves for her family. She was unyielding in the way and amount of love she shared with her family. Her entire adult life was spent giving far more than she received.

Besides her parents, and husband she is survived by her sons Brad J. Provencher and wife Therese of Boonsboro Maryland, Kyle J. Provencher and wife Jenelle of Dayville,

and six grandchildren "Grammy's Groupies" Grace (15), Mason (7), Kegan (5), Aria (3), Asher (1), and Kinley (1). Donna leaves behind a brother, Bruce Stedman, of Westbrook. She was predeceased by a brother Kevin Stedman. Donna also asked that her coworkers that she cared so deeply about be mentioned, George MacDonald, Denise Rostanzo, Jessica Comeau, and Marianne Guillot.

Donna loved to travel and completed her number one bucket list item by visiting all 50 states. Her greatest trips were the ones she was able to share with her family, and she cherished the memories that were created by these.

Calling hours were held December 21, at the Gagnon and Costello Funeral Home in Danielson. A celebration of life was held December 22, at the Danielson United Methodist Church in Danielson.

Memorial donations can be made to any cancer fighting program of your choice. Donna's two favorites were St. Jude Children's Hospital, 262 Danny Thomas Place, Memphis, TN 38105 and Women and Infants Infusion Center, 101 Dudley Street, Providence, RI 02905. www.gagnonandcostellofh.com

Judi Ann Marier, 39



AUBURN, MASSACHUSETTS -- Judi Ann Marier, 39, died Thursday, January 4, at UMASS Memorial Medical Center in Worcester, Massachusetts.

She is survived by her father, Wayne Marier of Putnam, two daughters: Kimberly Marier of East Putnam, and Katelyn DiTullio of Webster, Massachusetts, one son, Devin Marier of Oxford, Massachusetts; one sister, Jamie Marier of St. Johns, Florida, and one brother, Adam Marier of Auburn, Mass., her grandfather, Del Marier of Webster, Massachusetts, and many aunts, uncles, and cousins, a niece, and

a devoted friend, William Macfarlane. Judi was born in Southbridge, Mass. She is the daughter of Wayne Marier and the late Kathy (Kelly) Marier. She lived many years in Dudley, Mass., and worked as a clerk and waitress.

She was very athletic in her youth and enjoyed playing sports. Judi enjoyed a good jar of pickles. She gave the ultimate gift of life through organ donation.

The funeral and calling hours were held on Thursday, January 11 at Bartel Funeral Home & Chapel in Dudley, Mass. www.bartelfuneralhome.com In lieu of flowers, memorial donations can be made to Donate Life New England 60 First Avenue Waltham, MA 02451 donatelifenewengland.org

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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. Gertrude was born in Dudley, Massachusetts. She 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. www.bartelfuneralhome.com

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 motorcycles, 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

TOWN OF THOMPSON PLANNING AND ZONING COMMISSION LEGAL NOTICE

In accordance with Public Act 17-155 and CGS §8-7d, the Planning and Zoning Commission will hold a public hearing on Monday, January 22, 2018 at 7:00PM at the Thompson Town Hall, 815 Riverside Drive, North Grosvenordale, CT for the following:

PZC #17-22 - 650 Associates, LLC, owners, for property located at 0 Riverside Drive/north side of Riverside Drive. Proposed gravel operation.

PZC #18-01 - To consider opting out of the provision of subsection (a) of CGS §8-2 concerning Temporary Health Care Structures.

Interested persons may attend and be

heard, and written communications may be received at or prior to the hearing. File may be reviewed in the Town Clerk and Zoning Offices during normal business hours.

Dated at Thompson, CT This 12th day of January, 2018 Joseph Parodi, Chairman Planning and Zoning Commission January 12, 2018 January 19, 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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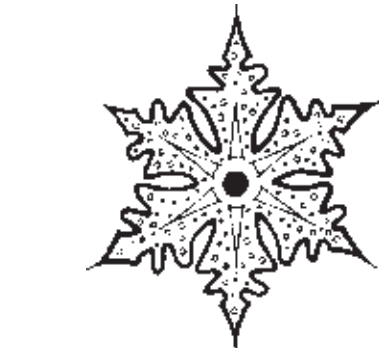
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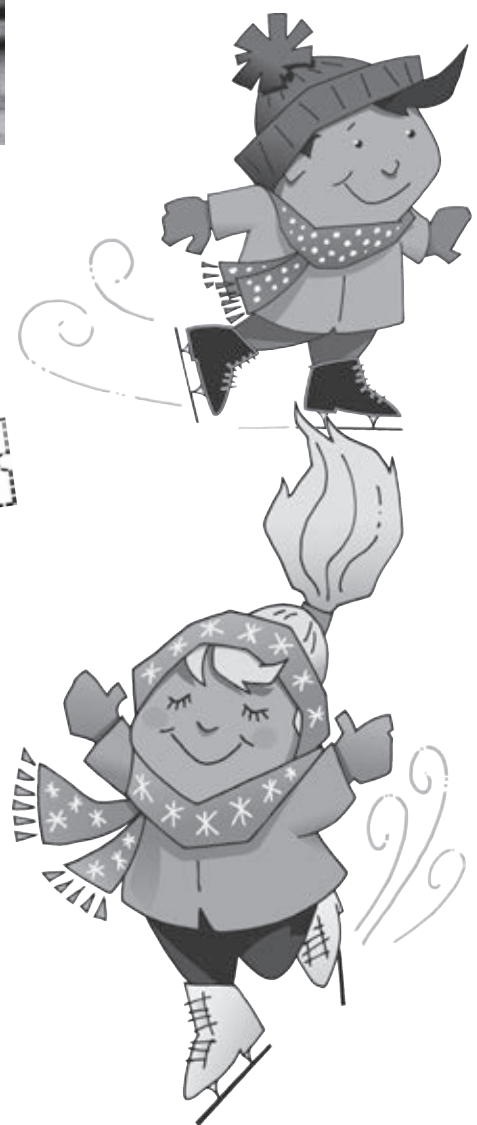
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OBITUARIES

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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