**Parental involvement urged for budget**

**Survey to be completed by Jan. 28**

By Chenoa Pierce

PUTNAM — The Board of Education is aiming to get as many parents involved in the education budget as possible, and the Jan. 1 meeting was one of several attempts to have parents, teachers and the general public have their voices heard.

The meeting started off with an open forum that allowed parents to take the floor to voice their concerns and opinions on the school district budget. Day in the large turn out, Board of Education Chairman Robert Barlow informed the crowd that each person would be allowed a three minute period to discuss their problems. After one had had the chance to speak and time allowed, citizens could speak again.

Many parents expressed concern over Parental involvement urging for budget.
Eastford man hit, killed by train

By CHAD BIBEOULT

PUTNAM — An Eastford man who was on a quiet country road late Tuesday was killed when he was hit by an oncoming train.

Donald Siler was struck and killed about a quarter mile south of the intersection of South Main Street in Putnam by a northbound freight train operated by the Worcester & Providence Railroad, according to a press release from the Putnam Police Department.

Siler, 48, was a longtime resident of Eastford and a valued employee of Linden Tree Service, a business that specializes in removing trees. He was a musician and played the fiddle for local orchestras and bands, and his wife, Sharon, said he had been known to play his fiddle to help people in need.

According to the press release, witnesses told police that Siler was crossing the tracks and failed to move as the train approached. “Police have concluded, based on information from witnesses, that Donald Siler was laying across the tracks on the train right-of-way when hit by a northbound freight train operated by Police Chief Rick Hayes in a train yard,” the release continued.

The collision occurred at 8:15 a.m., according to police. Siler’s body was removed from the scene and taken to the Chief Medical Examiner’s Office in Farmington and was positively identified, according to police. The medical examiner ruled Siler’s death as accidental.

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Quotable of the Week — “If the budget doesn’t pass, what does it mean to this town?... Think about what the budget crisis is doing to families.”

— Wendy Lessard, concerned citizen of Putnam, speaking to the Board of Education during the open forum about the education budget at the board meeting on Jan. 23.

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$124,000. 6 Lake St., Putnam: Janellah and Benjamin J. Nelson, Putnam, to Donald Siler, Putnam.

WEEKEND WEATHER

Saturday — Partly cloudy and windy, high in the low teens and lows in the mid single digits.

Sunday — Mostly sunny and windy, high in the upper teens and lows in the mid single digits.

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Chambers, Putnam Town Hall
Board of Selectmen, 7:30 p.m., Library

Board of Education, 7:30 p.m., Library
Planning Commission, 7 p.m., Selectmen’s Media Center, Putnam Middle School

PUBLIC MEETINGS

WEDNESDAY, JAN. 16
Zoning Commission, 7 p.m., Putnam Town Hall

TUESDAY, JAN. 22
Board of Selectmen, 7 p.m., Selectmen’s Chambers, Putnam Town Hall

Planning Commission, 7 p.m., Putnam Town Hall

TUESDAY, FEB. 12
Board of Education, 7:30 p.m., Library Media Center, Putnam Middle School

MONDAY, FEB. 18
Board of Selectmen, 7 p.m., Selectmen’s Chambers, Putnam Town Hall

MONDAY, MARCH 17
Board of Selectmen, 7 p.m., Selectmen’s Chambers, Putnam Town Hall

TUESDAY, MARCH 18
Board of Education, 7:30 p.m., Library Media Center, Putnam Middle School

MONDAY, APRIL 21
Board of Selectmen, 7 p.m., Selectmen’s Chambers, Putnam Town Hall

TUESDAY, APRIL 22
Board of Education, 7:30 p.m., Library Media Center, Putnam Middle School

MONDAY, MAY 19
Board of Selectmen, 7 p.m., Selectmen’s Chambers, Putnam Town Hall

TUESDAY, MAY 28
Board of Education, 7:30 p.m., Library Media Center, Putnam Middle School

MONDAY, JUNE 14
Board of Selectmen, 7 p.m., Selectmen’s Chambers, Putnam Town Hall

Putnam Villager

District Department of Health reports rabid skunk

UTILIZES INCIDENT AS PUBLIC HEALTH REMINDER

WOODSTOCK — A skunk that caused a holiday commotion on Medan Road in Woodstock has tested positive for rabies, and the local health department is using the incident to draw a year round reminder for residents to be cautious with wildlife, and to observe all other preventive public health measures.

Rabies is a fatal disease caused by a virus that affects the central nervous system of an infected animal. It spreads through saliva when the saliva comes in contact with mucous membranes or wounds. However, other parts of the body can also contain the virus, which means prevention is essential.

In this recent case, a Woodstock couple noticed a skunk that had entered their home. According to the homeowner, the skunk appeared disoriented. It sprayed their yard, and then hunched at their dog. The homeowner feared for the dog’s safety and utilized a shogan to destroy the skunk. He then used a rake to remove the animal to a wooded area. The couple notified the animal control officer at the Northwestern Connecticut Council on Animal Control (NECCO), who collected the animal specimen and sent it to the state laboratory in Hartford for testing.

The positive result was confirmed on Jan. 3, 2008, and officials confirmed the skunk was rabid. The positive report to the health department by the Connecticut Department of Health confirms the skunk was rabid.

The rabies virus is not transmitted between animals of the same species, but it has been known to transmit to domestic pets, wildlife, and people.

• Stay away from wild animals, stray and domestic animals that are unfamiliar to you.

Putnam Villager
Relay for Life kicks off season January 23

The American Cancer Society’s Relay For Life of Northeast Connecticut will kick off the season with an informational session at 6 p.m. Wednesday, Jan. 23, at the Imperial Room in Danielson. The event will welcome many returning teams, as well as help inform any new participants interested in helping to raise funds for cancer research.

“I would encourage people to come out to the kickoff event,” said Melissa Franklin, a Woodstock resident and chair of the Northeastern Connecticut Committee. “It’s a good event and you can really get a feel for what Relay For Life is all about.”

The event at the Imperial Room, located at 34 Furnace St., will have light refreshments and several door prizes during the two-hour event. New participants will learn more about the event with each pass-by.

“The PCRA will have a booth at the event, and we will have an informational session at 6 p.m. It’s a good time, and you can really get a feel for what Relay For Life is all about.”

Putnam Bank

Putnam Bank, Foundation, which will enable us to move forward with our plans to serve local school children, in Northeastern Connecticut.”

“We are very pleased to make this contribution to such a worthy organization,” said Thomas Borer, chairman and CEO of Putnam Bank, Relay For Life, which will receive a $2,500 contribution from the bank. The Putnam Bank Foundation, founded in 2004 with a one-time allocation of $1.2 million from money raised during its initial offering, in 2006 the two foundations were merged to form the Putnam Savings Bank Foundation, Inc. now the Putnam Bank Foundation. To date, the combined foundations have contributed more than $150,000 to organizations in the communities served by Putnam Bank.

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Ten recommendations for a happy, rewarding life in 2008

The following 10 recommendations are excerpted from "Life's Little Instruction Book," by H. Jackson Brown, followed by some specifics relating to the state of Connecticut:

1. Follow the three R's: Respect for self, respect for others, responsibility for all your actions. choose choices that will benefit you personally could have adverse impacts on others. For example, U.S. citizens have certain rights when it comes to developing their own property. However, such development might impact their neighbors and the "public trust." The public trust includes things like air, water, scenic vistas and areas that are not really own. That is one of the reasons why we have state and federal environmental laws designed to respect and protect the community as a whole.

2. Open your arms to new opportunities. Make decisions that respond to global environmental change, energy policy or where to site a new road are all informed by values," note the authors of "The Environment: a Social Science for the 21st Century." In making decisions in person, over the phone, and in meetings, efforts will succeed. But generally, the more expensive it will be to correct it. When you've made a mistake, the harder and longer we wait to address it, the more difficult it will be to rectify. An example is the introduction of invasive plants or animals. Once plants or animals be given the following week in the Putnam Villager, Thompson Villager and Woodstock Villager. At the end of each month, all entry forms with the correct answer will be included in a random drawing. Answers will be given the following week in the Putnam Villager, Thompson Villager and Woodstock Villager.

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5. Remember that silence is sometimes the best answer. Oh, boy, does my husband wish I would subscribe to this one. He sometimes relies on it as a survival mechanism.

6. Do the right thing, regardless of what others thing. This takes courage, but it is the end you will not regret it.

7. Keep a good, remembered life. When you have it on your side, you'll be able to enjoy it a second time. And say to your family and friends in person, over the phone, and in meetings, efforts will succeed. But generally, the more expensive it will be to correct it. When you've made a mistake, the harder and longer we wait to address it, the more difficult it will be to rectify. An example is the introduction of invasive plants or animals. Once plants or animals be given the following week in the Putnam Villager, Thompson Villager and Woodstock Villager. At the end of each month, all entry forms with the correct answer will be included in a random drawing. Answers will be given the following week in the Putnam Villager, Thompson Villager and Woodstock Villager.

8. Take off. Go someplace you've never been before. Visit a different park, campground, zoo, or natural history museum. Stroll through the Enviros' Novi Center. Enjoy nature while learning something new.

9. Share your knowledge. It is a way to achieve immortality. I hope this column assists readers in making informed decisions and in taking steps to reduce their own environmental footprint. I am only able to write it because others have taken the time and effort to share their knowledge and experiences in person, over the phone, and in meetings.

10. Be gentle with the earth. Our planet has it to give. Enter 'What is It?' now for your chance to win!

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Students inducted into National Junior Honor Society

PUTNAM — Twelve members of the Class of 2008 at St. Mary School in Putnam were recently inducted into the Mother Seton Chapter of the National Junior Honor Society.

A committee of teachers selected the successful inductees based on submitted applications and the students’ achievements of the NJHS criteria for membership. Students must meet every requirement in scholarship, leadership, service, character, and personal qualities of character.

Those inducted were: Daniel Arundel, Zachary Bellerose, Daniel Bourgeois, Danielle Bourgeois, Thomas Cahill, Ryan Cahill, Andrew Desautels, Caroline Deley, Brian Deley, Ryan Willis, Ryan Whittenburg and Zachary Bellerose.

Putnam High School

Monday, Jan. 21: Martin Luther King Jr. Day. No school.

Tuesday, Jan. 22: Hot dog in a bun, oven crinkle cuts, baked beans, fruit, milk.

Wednesday, Jan. 23: Exams — choice of deli sandwich or pizza, tossed salad, fresh fruit, milk.

Thursday, Jan. 24: Exams — choice of deli sandwich or pizza, tossed salad, fresh fruit, milk.

Friday, Jan. 25: Exams — choice of deli sandwich or pizza, tossed salad, fresh fruit, milk.

Putnam Middle, Elementary schools

Monday, Jan. 21: Martin Luther King Jr. Day. No school.

Tuesday, Jan. 22: Hot dog in a bun, oven crinkle cuts, baked beans, fruit, milk.

Wednesday, Jan. 23: Pizza sizes with assorted toppings, garden salad, fruit, milk.

Thursday, Jan. 24: Baked fish sandwich, baked potato salad, steamed green beans, fruit, milk.

Friday, Jan. 25: Soft-shell tacos with meat, rice, cheese and tomato, rice, corn, salads, fresh fruit, milk.

St. Mary School

Monday, Jan. 21: Martin Luther King Jr. Day. No school.

Tuesday, Jan. 22: Yerkski chickenippers, rice pilaf, corn, fruit, milk.

Wednesday, Jan. 23: Hot dog in a bun, baked beans, pickles, cake, fruit, milk.

Thursday, Jan. 24: Spaghetti and meatballs, meat balls, salad, fruit.

Friday, Jan. 25: Cheese or pepperoni pizza, salad, JELL-O, fruit, juice, milk.

Harvard H. Ellis Tech

Monday, Jan. 21: Martin Luther King Jr. Day. No school.

Tuesday, Jan. 22: Chef’s choice, vegetable, fruit, milk.

Wednesday, Jan. 23: Breakfast for lunch, lunch meat, egg, cheese, soups and salads, milk.

Thursday, Jan. 24: Spaghetti, meatballs and sauce, meat balls, roll, fruit.

Friday, Jan. 25: Cheese or pepperoni pizza, salad, JELL-O, fruit, juice, milk.

Putnam High School

Monday, Jan. 21: Martin Luther King Jr. Day. No school.

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Putnam Bank announces promotions, personnel changes

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Mosher joins bank’s commercial lending team

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Take advantage of employee financial education

In the old days, if you worked for a company your retirement income would likely have been in the form of a pension, with the amount based on your income level and years of service. Apart from that, you had little control over the size of your pension benefits. That pension model is still around, but it’s not as prevalent as it once was.

Today, many employers offer 401(k) plans, which give you the responsibility of choosing the right investment mix for your risk tolerance and retirement goals. Yet, along with their benefits, many employers also provide some level of financial education — so you’ll want to take full advantage of it.

As you peruse your company’s financial education program and materials, however, one thing in mind — employees are not going to advise you on your investment decisions. In some cases, an advisor may provide some information on the various investment options, but it’s your decision as to whether to use this financial advisor, find one on your own or make your own 401(k)-related investment decisions.

Nonetheless, whoever you choose, you may find that your employer’s financial education materials can be helpful. Pay close attention to the following:

• Descriptions of investments — Your 401(k) plan might offer a dozen or more investment options, including accounts made up of stocks, bonds and money market instruments. You may also be able to invest in your company stock. So be sure to carefully put together your portfolio and make sure you understand the potential advantages and disadvantages of each individual investment. Ideally, you’ll want to diversify your holdings. While diversification, by itself can’t guarantee investment success, it may be able to help you reduce the effects of market volatility, which can hit investors especially hard if all their investments are tied up in just one type of asset. And, as you build and maintain your 401(k) portfolio, be aware that most 401(k) participants are probably not aggressive enough in their investment options, putting too many dollars into fixed-income vehicles and too few dollars into stock-based accounts. You will likely be investing in your 401(k) for several years and you are not going to advise you on...
QUIET CORNER ROUND-UP

PET OF THE WEEK: BUCK

Buck is a 5-year-old shepherd mix who is great with people and loves kids. He is a friendly, fun-loving dog who is eager to join the family. Buck is very active and loves to go on walks, so he would do well in a family with an active lifestyle. He is looking for an active family that will give him lots of exercise and interactive play. If this family is you, then come meet Buck.

You may visit Buck and his friends at the WOODCOG Shelter, located at 1.4 miles north of Route 81 to Route 12 in Dveigle Township (Storrs Center) WOODCOG. You may check him out on petfinder.com under ZIP code 06241.

A adoption fees are $30 for unaltered or unspayed and $5 for the voucher to help cover cost of surgery and spaying or neutering. If the pet is already spayed or neutered, there is no fee.

Other shelter gifts include: a rattan pet carrier, a mix and match set of clothes, a hand-sheared blanket, and an Irish wool blended, all as seen and seven cats and

four older kittens all with unique and no fee.

Update on last week’s featured Ponte Vedra’s Rebel, Jasper Popp PAPA and Angel are still patiently waiting for their forever homes.

Dance classes start

THOMPSON — The Thompson Recreation Department will offer a six-week program “Dance with Hoops” beginning Sunday, Feb. 4.

Dance is the fusion of dance, exercise, creative movement and play. Dance with Hoops uses kettlebells that are custom-made. The hoops are larger and size and slightly weight ed, making it easier to maneuver around the body. Hoop Dance provides intense cardiovascular workout, opens up for creative self-expression, develops balance and coordination, strengthens core and waistline, decreases stress and is fun!

Classes will be held from 9 to 10 a.m. at the Thompson Library Community Center. dance classes will be held from 9 to 10 a.m. at the Thompson Library Community Center. dance classes will be held from 9 to 10 a.m. at the Thompson Library Community Center. dance classes will be held from 9 to 10 a.m. at the Thompson Library Community Center. dance classes will be held from 9 to 10 a.m. at the Thompson Library Community Center. dance classes will be held from 9 to 10 a.m. at the Thompson Library Community Center.

Registration is required. The early bird price through Jan. 28 is $50, regular price is $60 for non-residents. For registrations, call (860) 923-9200.

Download registration materials from the Thompson Recreation Website at www.thompsonct.org, stop by the Thompson Town Hall or call the Recreation Office at (860) 923-9440 to have a form mailed.
Emotions = new way to write

Emotions pop up everywhere. They are the language of the mind, ideas and emotions, and a way to express ourselves through written word. The name, a combination of emotion and emotion, has been coined in 1890, according to the Oxford English Dictionary. The term was first introduced to refer to a wave of creative synthesis that was in the process of unfolding. If meanings inanchored, most admirals can decide whether to continue immediately. But for the moment, an emotional term on which to rely, is just as it was for the new currency, a wave of creative synthesis that was in the process of unfolding.

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The evolution of greetings, from good morning to ‘s’up, dude?'

SOUND OFF

Putnam needs new Town Hall

Putnam Village

Friday, January 18, 2008

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It is a man’s job, on Jan. 26, our family will observe the one-

week anniversary of my uncle’s death. Hard to believe 12 months

have passed since that foul-smelling January day when lung cancer
eat its final, definite grip on a man whose life was built around

two things: his job and his family.

Shocking was just something he didn’t do. He was a loving

dad and a loving husband. That was really one thing, since work was a

major part of his life. He was known as the most well-loved man in this world — his fam-

ily.

Who knows how, or even if, this all could have been different?

Maybe my father — whose brother he was (that’s what I will
tell him. Maybe he won’t. Maybe my

aunt, who just happens to also be

my mother’s sister (I assure you they are nothing jewelers), will call. Maybe she won’t.

The family of Shaun Moriarty will be watching him fight for his life.

Aetime colleague here, Shaun is much younger and therefore

seemingly much less likely a can-

didate to be finding his death. But cancer knows no age, no mat-

ter how healthy one is, no medical

nature. It knows no age of, fit-

ness, of sex or of religion.

In Shaun’s case, he has been faced with a tumorous cancer in his curable

disease, to be sure, but like any can-

cer, it takes all the resources we

have to stop it.

The betting here is, that in a year or so, Shaun will be back at work, no

doubt doing what he did so well before getting sick — helping oth-

ers.

The 3R’s being the Local League once more, preparing for yet

another Aislyn Cipro fund-raising tournament to raise

money for the Little League.

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ers.

Fifteen years of being in Putnam, Shaun has always been a staple of this com-

munity. Ken has always been out there involved. It’s given him so many different

local charities. It’s unbelievable he now has to close his doors.

What’s going to be neat? We’re seeing stores close right and left. People, stay in your community shop in your community. Shop at your local businesses because that’s how a community survives. Because you to the small business owners with their hands out constantly but in a recent interview with his uncle, he thought he knew Shaun.

Upset that Shaw’s is closing

Shames, shames, shames on Thompson offi-
cials who denied funding for the library.

They’ve spent millions on frivolous referendums and built that

party!

for daring to criticize the intellectual phoni-

city of the modern business office, where the young

For us, who have always been a staple of this com-

If all of us — volunteer coaches, board mem-

bers, thereby resolving any problems of

money and help save the planet. Putnam needs a new Town Hall!

what is the proper

response?

We pondered the ques-

tion — what had driven

time but refused to appropriate a measly couple of

Putnam Village

I recently heard the story about the clos-
ing of Shaw’s Stationeries here in Putnam,

and here we go again, another small, locally

informed, “who ask, ‘How are you?’ Do they

early morning greeting.

In the case of this writer, there were

numerous verbal assaults and eventually to

that he never lost his dignity.

Shaun isn’t a quiet guy, and he

He never gave up.

And, by the way, he didn’t

Dignity comes in different forms

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Stanley Hammy Mitchell, 33, 134 Fleece St., Willimantic. Violation of probation.

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Jan. 11

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Jan. 13
Daniel Hirst III, 19, 21 Franklin St., Putnam. Disorderly conduct.

Jan. 14
J. R. Scaccia, 39, 229 Valentine Rd, Eastford. Disorderly conduct.

Jan. 15
Elroy Steiro, 69, 2523 W. Stoddard Rd, Putnam. Disorderly conduct.

Jan. 16
Jason C. Burgess, 20, 151 Firetower Rd, Woodstock. Disorderly conduct.

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Joseph Lawyea, 24, 11 Whittemore St., Putnam. Disorderly conduct.

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Robert S. Bentley, 72, 282 Westcott Rd., Eastford. Disorderly conduct.

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Foisy is currently assigned to Aiken Highway Patrol in the state that covers more than 1,100 square miles. He attended Putnam Middle School and graduated from Technical High School.

"We created a new grant program for students who make commitments that go into high need academics and professions in this country," Courtney said. "For example, if a student makes a commitment to go into teaching, particularly at a high-needs school district, they qualify for an additional grant program on top of the Pell Grant."

However, the focus of the evening was the exchange of questions and concerns between the guests and Courtney.

The first question came from local resident John Snyder regarding what being done in terms of long-term health care and the lack of money to pay for care in a nursing home.

"When you go into a nursing home and you don't have any of the long-term insurance to begin with, you have to pay a substantially higher rate than what Medicaid reimburses them for and this is something that is not fair," Snyder said. "If you have to pay out of your own pocket to begin with, it should at least be at the same rate as the Medicaid."

Courtney applauded Snyder's thoughts for long-term insurance and suggested willingness to co-op where legislation to cut costs for the people that make the long-term decision.

"We've got to get this balance of people in-coming to get out and get this type of coverage because otherwise you would have to impoverish yourself to get on Title 19 to pay for it," Courtney responded.

Monique Revealise of Dayville complained about rising water, electric and oil bills.

"A family like mine, who made the decision to buy a house we thought we could afford, can't pay all of our bills now and we have the long-term costs that Monique Revealise said. "What is being done to regulate this huge industry?"

Courtney spoke about the dark markets that control and draws up the price of oil and barrels of oil and hopes to introduce legislation that would enforce stricter penalties that prevent market manipulation.

"The problem is that right now in terms of the state of play in Washington, the oil industry has a lot of friends," Courtney said. "The good news is that there is hope in terms of adapting change that started to occur. We passed an energy bill right before Christmas that raises the fuel efficiency standards in cars, trucks and SUVs."

A Plainfield resident expressed his concern for lack of proper public transportation for the disabled, particularly military veterans, along with the high price of gas. He suggested creating a train line from Old Saybrook up to Worcester, Mass., that would also significantly take a number of cars off the road and reduce fuel usage.

Courtney responded by stating his initiatives in providing van services for disabled veterans to VA hospitals all along Eastern Connecticut. According to Courtney, the whole goal is to eliminate the largest concentration of veterans in the state.

"It's not finalized yet, but we're trying to get together a transportation van service for this very difficult part of the district where people struggle in getting to their appointments," Courtney said.

As for the audience member's train recommendation, Courtney agreed that such a service would cut down on fuel usage and adverse environmental effects. According to Courtney, a federally funded train service would only help in transporting veterans.

For the most part, many residents thanked Courtney for his willingness to listen to their questions and concerns. Courtney himself thanked all of those who came out in light of that morning's snowstorm.

The event has been a continuation of Courtney's "Town Meeting Forums," whereby he travels across Connecticut’s 2nd Congressional District and meets with residents in various schools and auditoriums. Since the beginning of his first term in office, Courtney has held these forums in Norwich, Willimantic, Eastfield, Watertown, Clifton, Glastonbury and Vernon.

In addition to these town meetings, Courtney holds office hours in Room C221 at QVCC from 2 to 5 p.m. on the first and third Thursday of every month. Anyone with a question, concern or comment is invited to stop by and speak with the congressman.

Brad Tilles may be reached at (860) 928-1548, ext. 113, or by e-mail at brad@villagernews-papers.com.
At the start of the third quarter, the Clippers went on a 10-0 run to get a 63-53 lead. The Whalers had a shot at ending their 11-game losing streak, but they fell short.

In the fourth quarter, the Whalers had a slim lead, but they couldn't quite make it stick. They lost the game 67-65 to the Clippers.

The Centaurs' head coach Dave Johnson was pleased with the team's performance.

“Alfa” for Tarrant (21 points) and trying to put a lot of pressure on the ball, making sure the players don’t unnecessarily turn the ball over and giving the game clock and play clock a chance to run, said Walley.

The Centaurs now have an overall record of 6-4 and are looking forward to their next game.

Sports

Tournelle at Tourtellotte, 7 p.m.

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Parents are urged to become involved in school budget process

SCHOOL

corn about Putnam High School (PHS), noting that though they have older children who graduated from PHS and are thrifty, the school has changed drastically in a few short years and they are afraid their children will not be able to afford to go to school.

One mother said she and her husband have even considered moving away because they fear their children will not be able to afford to go to school.

According to the parent, PHS High School is not the same school she sent her children to.

Another issue addressed by many parents was the absence of after-school activities at the school. Due to budget cuts in past years, the board has made the difficult decision to cut after-school programs, something that both parents and students are eager to see make a comeback.

Parent and citizen Joe Hopkins stood before the board to voice his concern about the afterschool activities at the school.

He stated his concern about the slot allotment, noting that is it the students who choose their courses and that something needed to be done to make sure there were enough textbooks and novels for all courses.

Finally, the issue of budget was up for debate by several parents and community members, all of whom agreed that it has been limited.

Hopkins stated that it was important to understand the board presented the Board of Finance with a "poverty budget" (the smallest budget possible) and urged members to ask for the proper budget.

Board member James "Jaimie" Fierro cleared the statement, noting that the board presented the proper budget last year and that budget was shot down by the Board of Finance. Leonard stated that the board is not going to cut out its responsibilities to the town and its resulting families.

A substitute teacher at Putnam High School currently attending college who has benefited in school more from the advanced classes said that too many students are being left out of the AP classes. A shortage on textbooks was also a concern raised by Diane Deans, an AP English teacher at the school. She noted that the shortage of textbooks and novels available to students of advanced classes had "a disadvantage" and something needed to be done to make sure there were enough textbooks and novels for all classes.

Finally, the issue of budget was up for debate by several parents and community members, all of whom agreed that it has been limited.

McCarthy said that in an anonymous survey done by CABE, the state that did receive funds was given the monies under the stipulation that new boiler equipment was installed in its schools. That was questioned, 53 received no state aid at all.

State Controller Nancy Wyman has been doing an analysis of healthcare for employees in the state. She asked that the board go over the data collected and present to the Board of Finance some of the ramifications and space for additional comments and concerns to be shared.

The hope is to get as many of the towns as could be accepted.

The AKC Canine Good Citizen Test will be held in March 2008 at Dayville Veterinary Hospital.

FOR INFORMATION OR TO REGISTER FOR TESTING CONTACT:

www.greenwoodlabradors.com

Dr. Geoffrey J. Westfall, D.V.M.
Dr. Robert S. Madjenken, D.V.M.
Dr. Dawn Taurus-Miller, D.V.M.
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The new lights will be extended further into the park, not only as a safety measure for after-dark walkers, but will also open up the park for recreation seekers to use the park at night as well. “The lights will extend the length of time” the park can be used, said Cutler.

Cutler recently received an update on the progress of the project, and so far, so good, he said. “They’re in the process of prepping … preliminary plans and cross sections for the river,” he said. “They’ve also finalized the survey of the park area and the preparation of a park base map. They’ve also held a meeting with the Army Corp of Engineers.”

In addition to meeting with the Army Corp of Engineers, those involved in the project have to meet with the Connecticut Department of Environmental Protection (DEP), as is listed as item two under the section of the project proposal entitled “Preliminary Scope of Work.” Meeting with Connecticut Department of Environmental Protection Inland Water Resources Division and the Army Corp of Engineers to review the concept and identify any regulatory issues that will need to be addressed.

According to Cutler, the meeting with the DEP is scheduled to take place sometime next week. “Next week, we are expecting to meet with various individuals of the DEP about the work that’s been done regarding the project, he said. The project was expected to be completed by Feb. 29 of this year, but due to some scheduling conflicts with Cutler and others involved in the project, that date has been pushed back.

“[It] will probably [be] moved out a little bit longer,” Cutler said of the intimated completion date, but added, “[It] won’t be delayed by too much.”

Other than the minor scheduling conflicts, everything else involving the project is right on schedule. “We’re making good progress,” said Cutler, noting that the town always tries to keep up with the project by getting responses to work done and such. “CME is on track with its work.”

Chenoa Pierce may be reached at (860) 928-1239 ext. 112, or by e-mail at chenoa@villagernewspapers.com.
Arizona Maid Band brings Southern-style rock ‘n’ roll home

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First things first — the results of the Getting in Tune Class of 2007 contest. Second runner-up Debra Opperman named a respectable 12 acts correctly. Tied for first runner-up with 16 each were Ed Deluca of Webster and Louise Davis of Woodstock. And the winner is … (drum roll, please) the mysterious Ms. “Hat” of Pomfret, who knew an amazing 21 artists. I’m sure she will provide her real name shortly and collect the prize, a $50 gift certificate to The Gold Eagle restaurant in Dayville.

Now, on to this week’s featured local act!

Rocking the local scene for more than three decades, the collective members of the Arizona Maid Band are no strangers to Southern-style rock ‘n’ roll. It all started in 1972 when three guys from Somers, Conn., started a band called The Last Days of Earth. They were still looking for the right lead singer to front the band. Enter “Big Mike” Gallison with his dynamic voice and large personality (both on and off stage). Big Mike currently lives in Vernon, Conn., and is a truck driver by day. After a few wardrobe changes and a new name for the band, Arizona Maid Band was born.

But it takes more than just a great front man to make the band. Guitarist Michael Barrett of Danielson, Conn., brings 30 years of six-string talents to the band and works as a graphic artist by day. The other 30-year veteran guitarist is furniture mover Dave Yarrison from Waterbury, Conn. These dual axe masters make up the heart and soul of the band.

Rounding out the rhythm section are Kurt Meyer on bass and Vance Fontanella on drums. Kurth lives in Danielson, Conn., and also founded Flite Sound, makers of ultra-light speaker enclosures. He lives in Danielson, Conn., and is an auto mechanic by day. Fontanella has also been around music nearly 40 years. He lives in Stafford Springs, Conn., and runs his own landscaping business.

Despite their combined 150-plus years of rockin’, the band has no plans on “retiring.” They play benefits, clubs, bike events and private parties, tearing it up at venues from the Pump House in Southbridge, Mass., to the Desert Café in Danielson. Crossing the border in Danielson, Crownin’ the best of their genes from the ’70s to today, their ever-growing fan base is treated to songs from ZZ Top, Allman Brothers, Molly Hatchet, and, of course, generous helpings of Lynyrd Skynyrd. They even mix in some oldies and blues you might not expect from a “Southern rock” band.

Catch the legendary Arizona Maid Band at the Village Lounge on Route 171 in Woodstock, Conn., at 9 p.m. this Saturday, Jan. 19. For more information, visit www.myspace.com/arizonamaid-band.

Friday, Jan. 18
• Chiki with Guns of Navarone — 8 p.m., The Lucky Dog, Worcester.
• Tim Pike and the F-Hole — 9:30 p.m., Gilrein’s, Worcester.
• Bill McCarthy & His Guitar — 9 p.m., The Galway Bay, 186 Stafford St., Worcester.
• Mulligan’s Fancy — 9 p.m., Fiddler’s Green, 19 Temple St., Worcester.
• She’s Busy — 7 p.m., Club Kasbar.
• Route 66 — 9 p.m., Club Kasbar.

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Petition forms, instructions and information concerning the procedure for filing opposing candidates, may be obtained from John Hall, 815 Riverside Drive, North Thompson, CT or at the Thompson Town Clerk’s office.

Ada G. Temple, Republican Registrar of Voters, 645 Quinebaug Road, Quinebaug, Connecticut.

Jeffrey C. Barke
Town Clerk of Thompson
Jan. 17, 2008
Robert I. Doerr Jr., 75

A Wartime II Coast Guard veteran, Mr. Doerr was a member of the Albert J. Breault VFW Post 1523. He also was in the Marine Corps and was a member of the Albert J. Breault VFW Post 1523. He also was in the Marine Corps and was a member of the Albert J. Breault VFW Post 1523.

His funeral was Saturday, Jan. 5, from Gilman Funeral Home in Putnam, followed by a Mass of Christian Burial at Sacred Heart of Jesus Church, both in Putnam. Burial was in St. Mary's Cemetery.

Linda Ann Allard DeMarco, 48

LINDA DeMarco, 48, of Dayville, died July 25, 1993, in a time of peace, at 9:55 p.m. in her home in a time of peace, at 9:55 p.m., at her home.

Linda Ann Allard DeMarco, 48, was born in a time of peace, at 9:55 p.m., at her home.

The funeral was Saturday, Jan. 5, at St. John's Church in Brooklyn, burial in St. John's Church

Mrs. Denton worked as a home healthcare provider.

In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to the Rose Bove Foundation. Mrs. Denton was a member of the Albert J. Breault VFW Post 1523. She also was in the Marine Corps and was a member of the Albert J. Breault VFW Post 1523.

The funeral was Saturday, Jan. 5, from Gilman Funeral Home in Putnam, followed by a Mass of Christian Burial at Sacred Heart of Jesus Church, both in Putnam. Burial was in St. Mary's Cemetery.

Family and friends are invited to attend the funeral at the Gilman Funeral Home in Putnam, Saturday, Jan. 5, at 9 a.m., followed by a Mass of Christian Burial at Sacred Heart of Jesus Church, both in Putnam. Burial will be in St. Mary's Cemetery.

The daughter of the late Carl and Theresa DeMarco, Linda was born in Putnam, Conn., on May 10, 1964. She graduated from Putnam High School in 1982 and attended the University of Connecticut in Storrs, where she earned a bachelor's degree in business administration. She was a member of the Albert J. Breault VFW Post 1523. She also was in the Marine Corps and was a member of the Albert J. Breault VFW Post 1523.

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DULUDE — Robert J. McHugh, 53, of Quinebaug, died unexpectedly in his home Jan. 9.

Mr. McHugh was employed by the Massachusetts Department of Transportation. He was a member of the Union No. 205 of the American Federation of State, County and Municipal Employees, the New England Conference of American Federation of State, County and Municipal Employees, the State Employees Union Local 1100 and the American Federation of Labor and Congress of Industrial Organizations.

The funeral was held Wednesday, Jan. 16, at Trinity Episcopal Church, 5 Brookside Drive, P.O. Box 5022, Smith & Walker Funeral Home of Putnam handled arrangements. In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to the Mortlake Fire Department, 40 Ash St., Mortlake, MA 01346, or to the Mortlake Fire Department, 40 Ash St., Mortlake, MA 01346.

In lieu of flowers, donations may be made in his memory to the American Heart Association, 3400 Executive Drive, PO Box 2198, Wallingford, CT 06492, or to the American Lung Association of Connecticut, 46 Ash St., Hartford, CT 06106, or to the Hospice of St. Margaret's, 40 Ash St., Mortlake, MA 01346.

To share a memory with the family, "light a candle" at www.memorialcandle.com.

Virginia M. Pike, 75

HAMPTON — Virginia M. Pike, 75, of Hampton, passed away on Friday, Jan. 11, at 11 a.m. at the Robert T. Church Nursing Home in Hampton. She was the wife of her family by her side.

She is survived by her sister, Donna Carvalho of North Hampton; a brother, Charles P. Pike of Boston, Mass.; a sister-in-law, Mary Pike of Enfield, Conn.; three nephews, David Carvalho of Boston, Mass.; and a niece, Nicole Carvalho of Hampton, two daughters, two sons, a brother, two sisters, several nieces and nephews.

The funeral will be held Saturday, Jan. 19, at the First Baptist Church of Hampton, 23 Church St., Hampton. Burial will be at the Hampton Cemetery.

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Geraldine Carvalho, 82

BROOKLYN — Geraldine Carvalho, 82, of Putney, died Sunday, Jan. 13, at Day Hospital, 100 Hospital Ave., Putney, Vt. She was the wife of her family by her side.

She was the wife of the late John Carvalho, whom she married June 23, 1946. She is survived by two sisters, six nieces, a nephew, and two great-grandchildren.

The funeral was from the Jewett City Baptist Church to the Jewett City Cemetery. Interment was in St. Mary Cemetery Lisbon.

To share a memory with the family, "light a candle" at www.memorialcandle.com.

Joseph R. Boudreau, 60

DAVILLE — Joseph R. Boudreau, 60, died Jan. 6, 2008, in Bayview Nursing Home after a long illness. He was the loving husband of Marie (Pelletier) Boudreau, of Daville. He was the loving father of Jason R., Curtis Boudreau; two daughters, Trudi Toulmin and Trudi Carrol; sister, Nicole Bousquet and Donald Toulmin; and four grandsons, and four great-grandsons.

He was predeceased by his parents, Ernest and Josephine Boudreau; three sisters, Marie Duquet, Ellen Brown, Jackie Boudreau; and one niece, Sallie Toulmin.

The family of Joseph R. Boudreau invites all friends and relatives to call at the Daville Funeral Home, 31 Elm St., Daville, on Wednesday, January 9, from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m., for calling hour. A mass will be celebrated in St. Albans Church in Daville at 2 p.m., followed by interment in St. Albans Cemetery.

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**FRIDAY January 18**

**WOMEN OF CELEBRATIONS** ART EXHIBITION OPENING — All are invited to the opening of the Women of Celebrations Art Exhibition in Pomfret. The exhibition features works by 15 women. A reception will be held from 9 a.m. to noon at Woodstock Town Hall. An Art Fair and Sale will be held from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. at the Thompson Public Library. Art Fair attendees are encouraged to stop by the Woodstock Town Hall on this date.

**SATURDAY January 19**

**PORK ROAST DINNER,** with servings at 5 and 6:30 p.m., will be held at the First Congregational Church on Dudley Hill, 131 Center Road, North Grosvenordale. The meal includes pork roast, apple sauce, mashed potatoes, gravy, green beans, rolls, and dessert.贯穿全文， nutritio

**BLOOD DRIVE** will be held from 7 a.m. to 3 p.m. at the Union Chapel on Route 169 in Pomfret. Organizers said they are hoping to attract 100 donors.

**HOLIDAY BONFIRE and ‘FIRE FOR FUEL,’** sponsored by Thompson Recreation, will be held Saturday through Monday from 5 to 8 p.m. at Thompson Town Hall. The event is part of the Town of Thompson’s “Fahrenheit 2000” celebration. Tickets will be sold at the door for $5, and are available for $4 in advance. Bring marshmallows to toast on a smaller campfire that will also be burning at the site. Hot chocolate will be available from the Ladies Auxiliary of the Thompson Volunteer Fire Company for purchase. Donations will be accepted by Thompson residents who will fire the firewood provided. There is no charge to view the bonfire, but bring a chair or blanket. Organizers encourage people to bundle up, as the bonfire will only be operating for the first hour. For more information, call (860) 564-3616.成对了，mend

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**FAMILY MOVIE: ‘RATATOUILLE,’** being shown beginning at 5 p.m. at Hope Auditorium, sponsored by the Naugatuck United Methodist Church. The movie is rated PG and is free. For more information, call (860) 963-2122 to schedule an appointment.

**FULL MOON WALK,** hosted by the Connecticut Audubon Society, will be held starting at 7 p.m. at the Pomfret Center at Pomfret, 189 Pomfret St. (Route 169), Pomfret Center. tofu

**LONG-EARED OWL WALK,** sponsored by the Northeastern Connecticut Audubon Society, will be held from 2 to 4 p.m. at Putnam Public Library. All proceeds will benefit the library and the World War II exhibit will be open to the public. Copies of “Perspectives of Pomfret” will also be on sale for $3 and $5 for non-members.

**LIVESTOCK MESSAGING SESSIONS** will be held starting at 7 a.m. at the Quinebaug (Route 169) General Store, 27 Quinebaug Road (Route 163), Quinebaug (Route 163). Quinebaug. These sessions will be held at least monthly, and are open to the public. For more information, call (860) 963-2122 or visit http://www.connection-pomfret.com.

**EDUCATIONAL BIRD WALKS** will be offered through the Connecticut Audubon Society. The walks will be held at 9 a.m. at Pomfret Center, 189 Pomfret St. (Route 169). The walk takes place from dusk to dawn and is a great way to see some of the most unique birds of the area. The event is free to all, but registration is required. Call (9860) 963-2122 to schedule an appointment.

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TUESDAY January 29
LIFESTYLE MATTER SESSIONS will be held starting at 7 p.m. at the Quinebaug Seventh Day Adventist Church, 50 Quinebaug Road (Route 131), Quinebaug. The lead counselor is invited to attend these free sessions to learn about the effects that stress has on one’s life. Participants will learn about practical ways to build healthy behavior to lower stress and improve health. Workbooks and materials are available for purchase for $15 each. To register, call (860) 963-6826.

APPLYING FOR FEDERAL STUDENT AID INFORMATION SESSION will be held from 6 to 7 p.m. at American River College’s Central Massachusetts Campus. This 90-minute session will explain how to apply online as soon as 2007 federal tax returns have been completed. All are welcome. Please call (508) 248-5856 to reserve a seat.

WEDNESDAY January 30
NATURE PHOTOGRAPHY CONTEST NIGHT will be held at 7 p.m. at the Center for the Arts of the Quinebaug Valley Nature Center, 101 Quinebaug Road, Southbridge. The entry fee is $5. Participants are invited to attend these free sessions to learn about the effects that stress has on one’s life. Participants will learn about practical ways to build healthy behavior to lower stress and improve health. Workbooks and materials are available for purchase for $15 each. To register, call (860) 963-6826.

Friday January 18
POMPEII PUBLIC LIBRARY’s READING SERIES will continue February 1 and will be held from 2 to 7 p.m. at the library. The library will be served throughout the day. Several events are planned:

2 p.m. — Musical performance for young children by Jessica Reeser
4 p.m. — Movies of Maria Sangiolo and the ballad of_Nick Cornell for children of all ages.

For more information, call the Pompeii Public Library at (508) 535-3400.

SATURDAY February 2
STITCHES, a group for needle workers of all ages, will meet at 1:30 p.m. at the Community Center, 665 Putnam. The Yarn Craft Council of America will sponsor a contest. The entry fee is $5. Beginners are invited to attend these free sessions to learn about the effects that stress has on one’s life. Participants will learn about practical ways to build healthy behavior to lower stress and improve health. Workbooks and materials are available for purchase for $15 each. To register, call (860) 963-6826.

NIGHT

FRAMINGHAM, Mass. Robert H. Plunkett Jr., 85, died Sunday, Dec. 31, 2007, at the VA Medical Center in West Roxbury after a battle with prostate cancer. He was the husband of Evelyn (LaBossiere) Nolet, he was born in Webster, Mass., and was a member of the Knights of Columbus.

The funeral was held Saturday, Jan. 5, from the Norton Funeral Home, followed by a Mass at St. Mattaeus Church, both in Framingham.

Robert H. Plunkett Jr. was a graduate of the University of Massachusetts at Amherst and Sweden Institute of Technology.

Raymond J. Chenette Jr., 50

AUBURN-MEDFORD, Mass. — Robert L. Niolet, 53, of Auburn, died Wednesday, Jan. 2, 2008, at his home, 428 Wall Street, Auburn, after a long battle with cancer. He was the husband of Karin J. (Anderson) Niolet, a Auburn resident, and was the father of four children. Niolet was a member of the Auburn Fire Department. He was predeceased by his parents, Raymond J. Chenette Sr. and Ruby A. (Petto) Niolet.

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