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TRUMBULL — Killingly High's Quinn Gervasio stretches after a 28-yard reception against St. Joseph in the Class M semifinals last Sunday, Dec. 2, at Trumbull High School. St. Joseph won 52-7. Story on page B-1 of The Villager sports section.

Lost and found felines

BY OLIVIA RICHMAN
NEWS STAFF WRITER

THOMPSON — Since May, the Lost & Found Cat Shelter in Thompson has been helping cats find loving homes across the Quiet Corner. It's a full time job with almost no time off, but President Kimberly Briere is more than happy to do it.

"I loved being able to rehab cats and get them well socialized. Get them healthy. Then find them a home that will love them forever. That's really very fulfilling to be able to do that," she said.

Having worked at cat shelters for over eight years, Briere saw that there was a large need for more shelters in the Quiet Corner. All of the shelters were at capacity, but there were still many strays and cats in need throughout the towns.

Briere and her team of 10 volunteers take in owner surrenders and stray cats, bring them to the vet, fix them, and then find them new homes. They usually have around 30 cats at a time, which takes up a lot of time.

After retiring from her previous career, Briere found herself with a lot of free time, and she wanted to do something with it. After volunteering at a few local shelters, Briere realized that it was her calling. She went to QVCC and got certified as a vet assistant. From there, she opened her own shelter.

While not everyone has the time and energy to work a shelter, everyone can do their part by adopting instead of shopping.



Courtesy photos

Kimberly Briere loves all animals. She now dedicates most of her time to helping find loving homes for cats throughout the Quiet Corner.

"Any time you adopt you're saving an animal. There are so many strays and abandoned animals. It's always better to save a life," she said.

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Wreath ceremony to honor vets

PUTNAM — The "Wreaths Across America" ceremony will take place at Veterans Memorial Park at noon on Saturday, Dec. 15. The community of Putnam along with towns throughout America will pause in a minute of silence in tribute and remembrance to the fallen, the prisoners of war, the missing in action, and to honor those who have served and are serving America's

armed forces. The Putnam ceremony that will take place at Veterans Memorial Park is coordinated by the Mayotte-Viens American Legion Post 13 and the Albert J. Breault VFW Post 1523. The members of the Legion and VFW are encouraging the public to attend.

In 2008 the United States Congress voted unanimously to honor veterans in December as "Wreaths Across America

Day." That year, wreath laying ceremonies were held in 300 locations in every state. By 2012, the number of locations had grown to 545 sites involving more than 220,000 volunteers. This year more than 1,100 ceremonies will be held simultaneously across our great nation.

"As veterans we're proud to offer this program to the Putnam community. Our vol-

unteers have worked diligently in putting together a program of remembrance and honor with the goal of teaching the lesson of freedom. This program gives us reason to remember those who gave their lives, and to pause and thank all those who have served and are currently serving in our military forces," said Alan R. Joslin, Commander of Post 13.

After the closing of the cer-

emony, the Honor Guard will disburse to local cemeteries and bridges where they will honor veterans by placing wreaths at each location. The day will also mark the formal retirement of the flags on the Veterans Memorial Bridge in Putnam. The flags will be retired until Memorial Day 2019 when they will once again fly.

Always Halloween for Moody

BY OLIVIA RICHMAN
NEWS STAFF WRITER

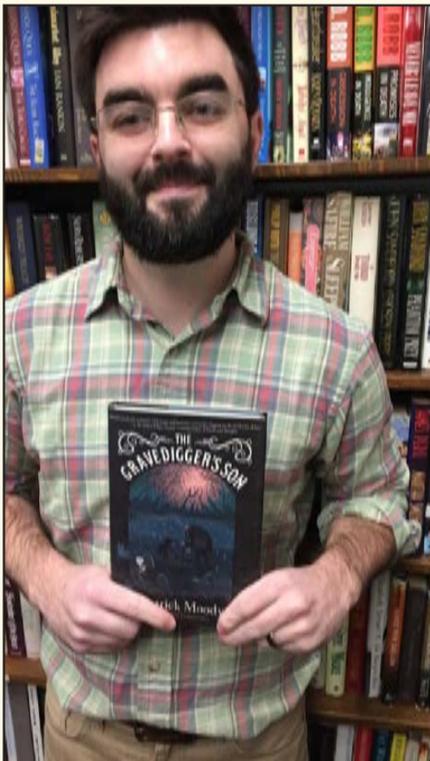
PUTNAM — It may be the Hanukkah and Christmas season, but for some people it's always Halloween. For Trumbull author Patrick Moody, he likes it spooky. He came to the Putnam Public Library to talk about his middle-grade paranormal fantasy "The Gravedigger's Son," and told about his love of the macabre. I guess it's no surprise for someone that grew up next to a graveyard.

What is this book all about?

It's about a boy who lives in a gigantic graveyard. He's from a family of gravediggers. In this world, gravediggers are highly vaulted in society because they can speak to the dead. He's training to take up the family job, but he doesn't want to. He wants to be a healer and help living people, but it's a thousand year old tradition.

How did you come up with this interesting idea?

It's always floated around in my head that I wanted to write a story that takes place in a graveyard because I grew up next to one. My friends and I would hang out there. It was my playground. [The story] came to me in a vision. I had this idea of a boy in a boat with a sledgehammer rowing towards this island... Don't know why... But the idea just spread out from that one image.



Olivia Richman photo

Author Patrick Moody with his book "The Gravedigger's Son."

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Starlight Gala raises funds

BY OLIVIA RICHMAN
NEWS STAFF WRITER

WOODSTOCK — The Woodstock Education Foundation's seventh annual Starlight Gala on Nov. 2 was a huge success. It not only raised \$32,000 towards grants for educational programs, but showcased all the artistic talent in the Woodstock Elementary School.

The money at the Gala are raised through ticket sales and the extensive live and silent auctions. This year there were many amazing things donated by people and businesses throughout the community. This included tickets to the Bruins and Patriots games, a signed football, a firetruck ride into school from the Bungay Fire Department and front-row seats to middle school graduation in June. Both principals from the elementary and middle school also offered Principal for the Day, and Woodstock Academy offered Headmaster for the Day.

The silent auction also had original artwork created by the third and fourth grade art classes. They brought in over \$400.

"They were really beautiful," said Co-Chair Debra LaFiandra. "The art teacher, Mrs. Rachel Budd, really had a vision to display the children's

talents remarkably well."

Over 140 people came to the event. It was LaFiandra's first year as Co-Chair, and her first year attending the Gala. She said she was "incredibly humbled" by the community's generosity.

"They were all so passionate about education and wanted to help keep that live in our students," she said. "It was invigorating. I'm already looking forward to putting together next year's Gala."

All of the money raised at the auction went towards programs for teachers to implement to enhance their classroom curriculum, pre-K through 8th grade. These are programs that don't fit into the original budget and need extra funding. This year, the Woodstock Education Foundation has provided over \$50,000 in grants towards these programs.

"One of our signature programs that's been going on since 2005 is the public speaking program at WMS," said LaFiandra. "It currently has 72 students participating in that after-school program. We have the Homework Club, Chess Club. We support Scholastic Math Magazines for seventh and eighth graders, STEM pro-

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Country Garden donates blankets

THOMPSON — The Country Garden Childcare in Thompson collected 30 blankets and donated them to AmVets to be distributed as needed to help keep vets warm this winter season.



Khristine with Amvets in Central Village accepts the generous donation of 30 blankets to go to local veterans.



The children with The Country Garden Childcare bring in blankets to donate to veterans.

Ceremony at vets coffeehouse

DANIELSON — State Senator Tony Guglielmo will make a posthumous presentation of medals for World War II Army Veteran Sgt. Leroy Schrupp on Tuesday, Dec. 11 at the Danielson Veterans Coffeehouse. Sgt. Schrupp served as an infantryman in the European Theater and several other areas. The medals were never awarded prior to his passing. Senator Guglielmo will present the medals to Sgt. Schrupp's wife Myra and family. The following medals were earned: The Bronze Star, The Combat Infantryman Badge, The European-African-Middle Eastern Campaign Medal, The World War II Victory Medal, The Honorable Service Lapel Button WWII, The Marksman Badge and Rifle Bar, the Good Conduct Medal and the Connecticut Veterans Wartime Service Medal. The coffeehouse (open to veterans only) will open at its 8:30 a.m. time and the Award Ceremony will take place at 10 a.m. For any questions contact President Fred Ruhle-
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Killingly Boy Scout completes project

KILLINGLY — Joe Guskey, Boy Scouts Troop 1706, recently completed his Eagle Scout project with the Town of Killingly Parks and Recreation Department. Gusky's project provided four fitness stations on the River Trail in Killingly. The stations include a pull-up station, fit timber parallel bars, balance beam and a sit-up station. Guskey said that he's already seen people using the new equipment and that makes him feel good to know it's appreciated. In the spring there will also be an addition of benches to these spots along the trail.



Joe Guskey

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LIONS COMPETE FOR CHARITY

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PUTNAM — The Putnam Lions Club Trivia Night on Nov. 29 at the Crossings Restaurant raised more than \$500 for the American Legion Post 13 Charity Fund. The money will support a local veteran family at Christmas as well as assist in maintaining the flags on the World War I Veterans Memorial Bridge and the Banner Project. Members of Post 13 in attendance, from left, Roger Franklin, Marc Coderre, Sr., Al Cormier, Brian Maynard, Commander Alan Joslin, Michael Therrien, Romeo Blackmar, Laura Moorhead and Ronald P. Coderre.

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Bird sightings at the Connecticut Audubon Society Birding at Pomfret and Wyndham Land Trust properties for the week of Nov. 26: Bald Eagle, Brown Creeper, Red-tailed Hawk, Fox Sparrow, Golden-crowned Kinglet, House Finch, Great-horned Owl, American Kestrel, White-throated Sparrow, Junco, Pileated Woodpecker. Visit ctaudubon.org/pomfret-home

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Garden Club wreaths

WOODSTOCK — The Quiet Corner Garden Club donated 16 Christmas wreaths to Northeast Placement Services/Symphony Flower Farm in Woodstock during their workshop on November 15. On Nov. 26, 34 club members cranked out 55 live evergreen wreaths and swags decorated with large festive bows. The donations are delivered to town halls, libraries, fire stations, historical society buildings, senior centers & housing developments, police departments and food pantries in Eastford, Killingly, Pomfret, Putnam, Thompson, and Woodstock.



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Rotaract raises over \$7000 for for scholarships



The QVR Rotaract Club.

PUTNAM – Every year, Quinebaug Valley Regional (QVR) Rotaract Club hosts a pub-style Trivia Night to raise funds for their Scholarship Foundation. Held on Nov. 9, QVR Rotaract's Annual Trivia Night featured 12 teams from local businesses.

Hammett Real Estate took home the first place trophy while donating back their prize winnings to the club. In second place was the team from the ARC Quinebaug Valley and coming in third after two consecutive years of being named Trivia Champion, was Archambault Insurance.

“As a club we look forward to Trivia Night every year, not only for the entertainment, but also as a great way to raise money for our local seniors,” said Rotaract President Jaclyn Thurlow. “Moving the venue to CT National this year provided an excellent atmosphere for our guests. We are extremely grateful for the generous community we live in, affording us the opportunity to hold

such a successful event year after year.”

The Trivia Night competition was established in 2013 as a fundraising event to benefit the Rotaract Club's scholarship foundation. Since the first competition, the club has awarded approximately \$20,000 in college scholarships to local students in recognition of their community involvement, academic achievements and extracurricular activities. The Rotaract Club is a community service and professional networking organization for young professionals (ages 18 to 35) co-sponsored by the Putnam and Killingly-Brooklyn Rotary Clubs and committed to the Rotary model of “Service Above Self.”

New members interested in community service and professional networking are encouraged to join. For more information, visit www.facebook.com/putnamrotaractclub or our website at www.qvrrotaractclub.com.

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A Titanic display at Westview

DAYVILLE — Titanic buffs, Ernie Eldridge and wife, Anita Sebestyen, shared their unsinkable passion for all things Titanic at Westview Health Care Center on Nov. 29, for residents, patients, friends and family of the facility.

What began with a few birthday books given to Ernie by Anita back in 1985 quickly blossomed into a shared hobby and passion of theirs as the world received news that the wreckage of the ill-fated ship was discovered by a team of American

and French researchers. Nowadays, Ernie and Anita can be found sharing their exuberance and collection of Titanic treasures to audiences at various facilities and institutions.

“To have a collection as ours and to not share it with others would be nonsensical. We share stories and artifacts that we have found mesmerizing throughout the years. And if we can help foster a new generation of excitement for this period of history or inspire a

child to read more about some of the things that we've presented, then we've succeeded,” said Sebestyen.

Drawn from their extensive collection of Titanic memorabilia and artifacts that they have accrued over the past 23 years, Ernie and Anita displayed a boatload of collectibles for their captivated audi-

ence to marvel at. The husband and wife duo entertained the crowd with compelling tales of survivors, interactive stories with audience members and a torrent of interesting anecdotes and trivia.

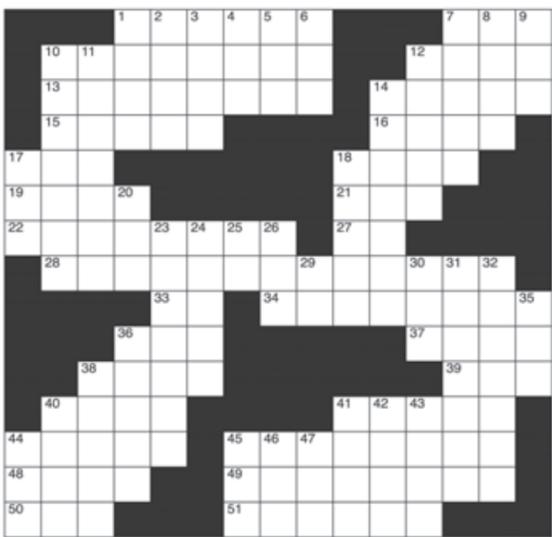
“We're extremely grateful to Anita and Ernie for sharing their stories with us and setting up such a beautiful and exten-

sive display of their Titanic memorabilia,” said Louise Taylor, Westview's Director of Therapeutic Recreation and Volunteers. “Their excitement for the subject is entirely authentic and their presentation and interaction with the audience was just phenomenal.”



Ernie Eldridge and Anita Sebestyen at Westview.

Courtesy photo



CLUES ACROSS

- 1. Doctor's clothes
- 7. NYC ballplayer
- 10. Flying vessels
- 12. Created
- 13. Convert
- 14. WWII battle
- 15. A cravat with wide square ends
- 16. Month in the Jewish calendar
- 17. Value
- 18. Brews
- 19. Child's eating accessory
- 21. Arrived extinct
- 22. Of the sea
- 27. Potato state
- 28. Leading man
- 33. Blood type
- 34. Oppressed
- 36. "Much __ about nothing"
- 37. World's longest river
- 38. deGrom and Sale are two
- 39. Crafty
- 40. At all times
- 41. Twins great Hunter
- 44. Volcanic craters
- 45. Outpouring
- 48. Where a baby sleeps
- 49. Dancing a Brazilian dance
- 50. Unhealthy
- 51. Manufacturers

CLUES DOWN

- 1. Prevents harm to young
- 2. The Muse of history
- 3. Fascinated by
- 4. Unnilhexium
- 5. Honey maker
- 6. Soviet Socialist Republic
- 7. They hang out with papas
- 8. German river
- 9. Domain name
- 10. Type of chair
- 11. Fill someone with an urge
- 12. Sorceress
- 14. Unpleasant smell
- 17. Leg (slang)
- 18. Farewell
- 20. A life summary
- 23. Merchants
- 24. Southeastern Nigerians
- 25. Of I
- 26. Electronic countermeasures
- 29. Atomic #3 (abbr.)
- 30. A type of sister
- 31. Omission of a sound
- 32. Screaming
- 35. Ottoman title
- 36. Sour
- 38. Take advantage of
- 40. Nobleman
- 41. Cathode ray was one
- 42. Long, winding ridge
- 43. Muckraking journalist
- 44. Defunct phone company
- 45. Military telecommunications term (abbr.)
- 46. Supervises flying
- 47. Firearms manufacturer



LEGION PARTICIPATES IN PARADE

PUTNAM — American Legion Post 13 served as the Grand Marshall for the annual Holiday Dazzle Light Parade. Post members prepare to embark on the parade route on the Post's float. Front row, from left, Jack Burke, Rick Carnahan, Jim Neeland, Joe Lucier and Robert St. Onge. Back row, from left, Roger Franklin, Brian Maynard, Patrick Kelly, Jeff DeClerck, Chas MacKenzie, Barbara Smith, Dan Very, Kathy Grant, Michael Therrien, Donald and Patricia Steinbrick. Approximately 40 members of the Post were on hand to begin a year-long celebration of the Post's 100th Anniversary.

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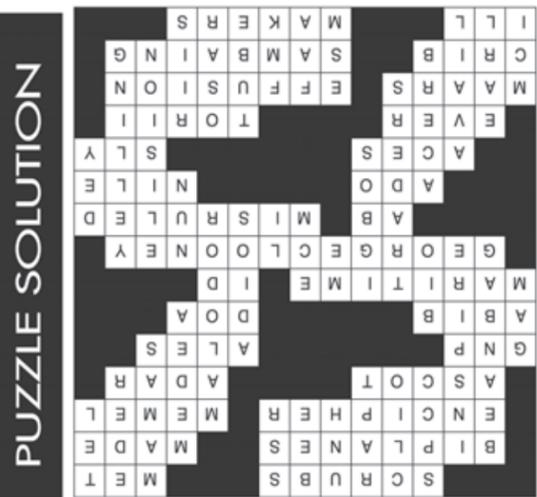
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7th annual Starlight Gala

WOODSTOCK — The Woodstock Education Foundation's 2018 Starlight Gala was an uplifting celebration of community, education and the children of Woodstock. The event raised much needed funds for teacher-initiated grants that provide funding for the arts and educational enrichment programs for PreK through eighth-grade students in Woodstock Public Schools.

Guests at this year's Starlight Gala were treated to a special student performance from last year's Woodstock Middle School drama club musical, "The Lion King, Jr." The musical was funded, in part, by a grant from the Woodstock Education Foundation. The performers wowed the audience with their incredible voices and talent and were rewarded with a standing ovation.

In addition to the many live and silent auction items that were available to guests to bid on, including original artwork created by the 3rd and 4th grade art classes, the stunning ballroom at The Mansion at Bald Hill was adorned with student artwork and artifacts representing programs funded by the WEF.

The Woodstock Public School system is truly a leader in the educational opportunities made available to students. Since 2005, the WEF has provided funding for over \$350,000 teacher-initiated grants representing more than 133 unique educational enrichment programs. The money raised at the Gala directly impacts the WEF's ability to continue to help make educational enrichment programs possible — the gift of education is priceless. More information about the WEF can be found at woodstockeducationfoundation.org.



The Woodstock Education Foundation recently held its Starlight Gala.



PALMER ARBORETUM

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Killingly students honored

KILLINGLY — The Connecticut Association of Public School Superintendents Student Leadership Recognition Ceremony was held at Killingly High School on Dec. 4. Approximately 52 students were recognized from 12 school districts.

The Superintendent/Student Award Recognition Program was instituted in 1986 by the

Connecticut Association of Public School Superintendents (CAPSS) to recognize students who demonstrate academic success, school leadership and service to others.

Each school system in the state is eligible to participate in this annual recognition program with the number of awards based on the size of the district. In order to ensure

rigorous standards for participation, each district is allowed to present one award for every 250 students enrolled in the district.

In northeastern Connecticut, these Certificates of Excellence are presented at a regional program held during American Education Week with twelve school districts participating. The goal in this event is to focus

on students whose accomplishments and activities go far beyond academic success and include service and leadership, thus making them role-models for other students.

Eleven superintendents, congratulated and recognized students from their school district. Killingly Superintendent, Mr. Steve Rioux recognized this year's

Killingly recipients of this prestigious award. They are; from Killingly Memorial School: Andrew Kamara and Presley Waterman; from Killingly Intermediate School: Grace Deojay and Owen Johnson; and from Killingly High School: Blake Wolanin and Alexandra Chitwood.

KILLINGLY HIGH SCHOOL HONOR ROLL

The following Killingly High School students earned academic honors in the first quarter.

SENIORS

High honors: Samuel Antonelli, Karena Ayotte, Jasmine Hunt, Taylor Jax, Dylan McMerriman, Emily Morin, Prachi Patel, Dylan Petersen, Joseph Raheb, Emily Robinson, Vanessa Soto, and Emily Watling. First honors include: Kelsey Allen, Jasmine Alvord, Camille Benoit, Jacob Brower, Taylor Charron, Tate Credit, Lauryn Durand, Ezra George, Andrea Gottardi, Tiffany Hicks, Colby Johndrow, Danielle Laurito, Cecilia LeBlanc, Allison Levesque, Samantha Lynch, Emma Marceau, Noah Marcoux, Matthew Phelan, Berlin Philbrook, Sedona Pratt, Jamie Shay, James Toczko-Klingensmith, Dylan VanLiew, and Elionna Vazquez. Second honors include: Olivia Allen, Terren Allen, Brendon Auger, Jacey Becker, Bryce Bentinck, Colin Bragdon, Macenzie Chatelle, Alexandra Chitwood, Luke Desaulnier, Jazmyne Diaz, Nazmia Dionis, Ronald Ernest, Andrea Filbert, Tres-Belle Gaudette, Benjamin Gaudreau, Alexis Gavitt, Quinlan Gervasio, Jason Holmes, Gabriella Hopkins, Hailey Jimenez, Nathan Lafleur, Lauren Mayotte, Kaitlyn McCrory, Joshua Montpelier, Alexandria Morrisette, Devin Nichols, Michael O'Connor, Kaitlyn Peckham, Derek Petersen, Itzel Rojas, David Rull, Dylan Sanford, Morgan Savoie, Camryn Soler, Arianna Toth, Derek Turner, Corinne West, Blake Wolanin,

and Caitlyn Woods.

JUNIORS

High honors: Isabella Deep, Russell Farnsworth, Faith Fournier, Aidan Parsons, Christopher Pawul, and Alexandra Purcell. First honors include: Isaac Bean, Faith Boateng-Afranie, Brianna Caffrey, Erin DeRouin, Rebecca DiBenedetto, Jordan Dreibholz, Alyssa Gaudreau, Brianna Hogan, Jonathan Lepire, Kaileigh Martineau, Morriah Owen, Nadia Ponciano, Ashley Ray, and Soudalath Souvanhnaphan. Second honors include: Mirabelle Bates, Stephanie Bellows, Shayne Bigelow, Savannah Burnham, Jonathan Creswell, Courtney Ennis, Christiana Filbert, Gabriel Frink, Caroline Gagnon, Ashley Gallant, Jacob Greb, Alyssa Hansen, Lauren Hyatt, Mackenzie Jackson, Caleb Johnson, Lauren Jones, Jackson Lopes, Alexis Manfredo, Jordyn Marshall, Ryan Noll, Madison Rattray, Karly Seiffert, Dylan Shaw, Jaycin Shaw, Annabelle Sparling, Isabel Tang, Benjamin Theroux, Benjamin Torre, Aaron Townsend, Evan Townsend, and Emma Turner.

Sophomores
High honors: Abby Card, Laney Dunn, Nikki Flynn, Annie Griffin, Sophie Griffin, Amelia MacPhail, Julia Purcell, Daniel Raheb, Sydney Rosen, Matthew Weiss, and Meghan Wrobel. First honors include: Evelyn Allen, Abraham Antonelli, Cal Barber, Savannah Buisson, Janelle Charron, Abigail Driscoll, Mackenzie Farquhar,

Kailey Harrington, Julia Hopkins, Cole Lavigne, Aidan McKenna, Charlotte Morrisette, Shannon Picariello, Sarah Roberts, Lillian Stockford, Madelyn Summer, and Kaleb Watson. Second honors include: Scott Aubin, Dedrick Baublitz, Austin Brayman, Madison Briere, Grace Cerbo, Zoe Conklin, Kamila Correa, Karagen Crowe, Kyleigh Cruz, Colton Douglas, Michelle Dumphy, Kayleigh Ethier, Alexis Faucher, Jacob Galarza, Lance Groh, Kaleigh Hopkins, Madison Hopkins, Paige Keefe, Olivia Lamoureux, Tate Larrow, Emilee Lehtinen, Zachary Lehtonen, Grace LeSage, Isabelle Lessey, Patricia Lillibridge-Reek, Bailey Menzano, Cooper Morrisette, Abigail Norgren, Dana Normandie, Viren Patel, Madyson Peaslee, Bailey Pepin, Emma Phommachanh, Kevin Rice, Alyssa Rivers, Jordan Rukstela, Dakota Sanchez, Hannah Siegmund, Mason Smith, Ronald Smith, and Grace Socha.

FRESHMEN

High honors: Shelby Bellows, Khloe Crossman, Sierra Girard, Lily Gutierrez, Sage Lamparelli, and Kia Pacheco. First honors include: Georgia Barry, Kylie Beaudry, Kayla Bonin, Ayvril Brytowski, Emma Carpenter, Payton Cathell, Makala Dube, MaryGrace Dufault, Quinn Ellis, Emma Gilbert, Samantha Goulston, Gabriella

Graham, Xavier Hajder, Ryan Holmes, Maggie Jellison, Payton Keefe, Stella Lavey, Ella Mandeville, Rhiannon Martin, Sophia Moore, Reagan Morris, Julianna Morrisette, Kayleigh Norris, Josephine Palmer, Benjamin Percival, Alyssa Rice, Rachel Sanchas, Kaia Torrente, Lola Ward, Janessa Watson, Alyssah Yater, and Bo Yaworksi. Second honors include: Tyler Aubin, Brandon Baker, Olivia Cicarelli, Nicole Cicchetti, Elizabeth Civitello, Jeyla Cooper, Anna Dimino, Payton Duquette, Marcy Ferraj, Emily Fortune, Carissa Frantz, Lennon Giambattista, Ryan Griggs, Jason Grzysiewicz, Caleb Hamelin, Cadence Kirkconnell, Faith Klingensmith, Hailey Lawrence, Collin Loiselle, Julia Magao, Jake McAuliffe, Savannah Mercado, Ryan Miller, Kyndal Murawski, Joann Nammachack, Isaac Nanthavong, Lydia Norman, Camden Noury, Gary O'Neil, Gianna Ormstead, Rhea Palin, Molly Palmer, Kendall Petty, Hailey Radtke, Julia Revellese, Emily Romans, Alyssa Sheppard, Jason Simoneau, Kaylei Sirimongkhoun, Sara Stevens, Kathryn Strangman, Felicity Surprenant, Hailey Toth, Savannah Turner, Kaydin Valdes, Cynthia Vongkaysone, and Laylah Zea.

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CENTAURS SIGN ON DOTTED LINE

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WOODSTOCK — Woodstock Academy seniors Eric Preston and Audrey Poehler with their National Letters of Intent for Assumption College and Post University, respectively, at the school's South Campus on Dec. 7. Poehler signed a National Letter of Intent to play women's soccer for Division II Post University in Waterbury. Preston pitched, caught, and played the infield for Woodstock and will play baseball for Assumption College in Worcester, Mass. Poehler never played soccer for the Centaurs but played for South-Central program for the past three seasons.



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Fitzgerald is Day Kimball employee of the month

PUTNAM — Sherry Fitzgerald, who works in Nutritional Services at Day Kimball Hospital, has been named employee of the month for November by Day Kimball Healthcare (DKH). Fitzgerald, has been working at DKH since 2015 in the Nutritional Services department, and provides quality food services to hospital customers in the Hospitality Café at Day Kimball Hospital. In her role, Fitzgerald supports the mission of the department which is to provide comprehensive nutritional care to DKH customers throughout the organization and community. Fitzgerald's experience in the nutritional services industry spans thirty-six years.

"Sherry's excellent customer service and good-natured demeanor make her a great role model in the Nutritional Services department. Sherry is very accommodating to our customers and always greets them with a positive attitude and smile on her face. I congratulate her on this well-deserved honor,"

said Fitzgerald's supervisor, Ruth Gregoire, Operations Manager of Food and Nutrition Services,

"I am grateful to receive this recognition by my administration and peers. This is the best day of my life," said Fitzgerald. "The people I work with are a great group and one of the best parts of my job. Every day is a good day here at Day Kimball."

Fitzgerald was born and raised in North Grosvenordale and graduated from Tourtellotte Memorial High School. She currently resides in Woodstock where she lives with her significant other, Kenneth, and her son, Zachary.

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From left, Joseph Adiletta, Sherry Fitzgerald, Anne Diamond, and Ruth Gregoire.



Day Kimball lab again gains accreditation

PUTNAM — The Accreditation Committee of the College of American Pathologists (CAP) has again awarded accreditation to Day Kimball Hospital Laboratory based on results of a recent on-site inspection as part of the CAP's Accreditation Programs. Day Kimball Hospital provides nearly 400,000 diagnostic tests each year, through its main laboratory at the hospital as well as blood draw sites at three community healthcare centers and visits to skilled nursing facilities and home-care patients across northeast Connecticut.

The facility's director, Jiafan Qi, MD, PHD, was advised of this national recognition and congratulated for excellence of the services being provided. Day Kimball Hospital is one of more than 8,000 CAP-accredited facilities worldwide.

"On behalf of the entire Day Kimball Hospital Laboratory staff, we are honored to be recognized nationally for our laboratory services which have a significant impact on our patients' experience and the quality of their care," said



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Day Kimball Hospital Laboratory staff pictured Dr. Jiafan Qi and DKH Director of Laboratory Services and Diagnostic Imaging, Patti Bernier with their certificates.

Dr. Qi. "Our re-accreditation by CAP is a reflection of Day Kimball's commitment to providing exceptional quality healthcare to our patients."

The U.S. federal government recognizes the CAP Laboratory Accreditation Program, begun in the early 1960s, as being equal-to or more-stringent than the government's own inspection program.

During the CAP accreditation process, designed to ensure the highest standard of care for all laboratory patients, inspectors examine the laboratory's records and quality control of procedures for the preceding two years. CAP inspectors also examine laboratory staff qualifications, equipment, facilities, safety program and record, and overall management.

"Day Kimball strives to provide accurate and reliable service, ensuring the highest standard of care for our patients. Having a CAP accredited laboratory that provides quality, trusted results, is an essential resource for area residents," said Anne Diamond, Day Kimball Healthcare President and CEO.

WOODSTOCK MIDDLE SCHOOL FIRST QUARTER HONOR ROLL

WOODSTOCK — Woodstock Middle School's academic honors for the first quarter are as follows.

High honors: Grade 6: Gunnar Basak, Liliana Bottone, Emma Brody, Ryder Chaput, Benjamin Cross, Olivia Dahl, Ava Golden, Kira Greene, Phoebe Griffin, Sophie Gronski, Madeline Jezierski, Emily Jurnovoy, Matthew Letourneau, Emma Manis, Matthew McClure, Xandar Miller, Eva Monahan, Bailey Nordman, Grace Pokorny, Owen Rigney, Freya Robbie, Isabella Selmecki, Emily Smock, Brock Swabby, Avery Thienel, Kaelyn Tremblay, Leah Wasielewski, Kendra Wilson

Honors: Grade 6: Juliet Allard, John Bennett, Nathan Billings, Lucas Boynton, Alexander Brouillard, Cassidy Chabot, Abigail Converse, Maxx Corradi, Jacqueline Dearborn, Evan Deasy, Samuel Desmond, Bella Ducat, Mila Ganas, Brooke Goodell, Zoe Grant, Meadow Harnois, Elmer Hebert, Matthew LaBonte, Marie Mairson, Madison Matthews, Matthew Montanez, Kaya Nichols, Cameron Robida, Elizabeth Short, Bailey Sweeney, William Wasko, Haley Whitehouse

Recognition: Grade 6: Ari Abrams, Regan Benedict, Bradley Blair, Tyler Chamberlin, Keegan Covello, Richard Duncan, Samantha Espeseth, Brooke Gomes, Ayla Gorgone, Kyle Grist, Sawyer Hull, Aidan Kane, Samantha Keller, Eli Laffert, Riley Wilcox

High honors: Grade 7: Claire Beck, Emily Cournoyer, Campbell Fraser, Sydney Lundt, Emma Massey, Sophia Petrella, Kaelin Soukaloun, Madison Whitehouse

Honors: Grade 7: Peyton Bentley, Madison Brown, Summer Espeseth, Hailey Gagnon, Nicholas Gohn, Gavin Grant, Allison Griswold, Grant Hart, Sophia Hernandez, Kayla Leite, Alexandra Mattioli, Seamus McDermott, Samantha

McDowell, Cameron McNally, Timothy O'Sullivan, Evan Rhault, Noah Sampson, Ava Simoes, Talia Tremblay, Henry Wotton.

Recognition: Grade 7: Ethan Adams, Natalie Bell, Anthony Buckner, Charles Caggiano, Gabriel Cooke, Judd Green, Richard Grendell, Joel Koleszar, Maeve Lusignan, Scarlett Pierce, Reegan Reynolds, Autumn Rodio, Thomas Sweeney, Lucas Theriaque

High honors: Grade 8: Charlotte Adase, Aaron Allard, Kristen Ash, Maxwell Auken, Brooke Bergevin, Nicholas Betschmann, Mogan Bonin, Carah Bruce, Gabrielle Couture, Ethan Craig, Shannon Cunniff, Amanda Currie, Carolina Da Silva, Alexis Danila, Kirsten Deorsey, Ava Edwards, Lennon Favreau, Magnolia Hart, Brian Jameson, Annika LeBoeuf, Makala McDermott, Bryn Miller, Paige Owens, Amelia Racicot, Fiona Rigney, Braiden Saucier, Alexandra Taylor, Adam Thompson, Wyatt Robbie, Abdullah Zameer

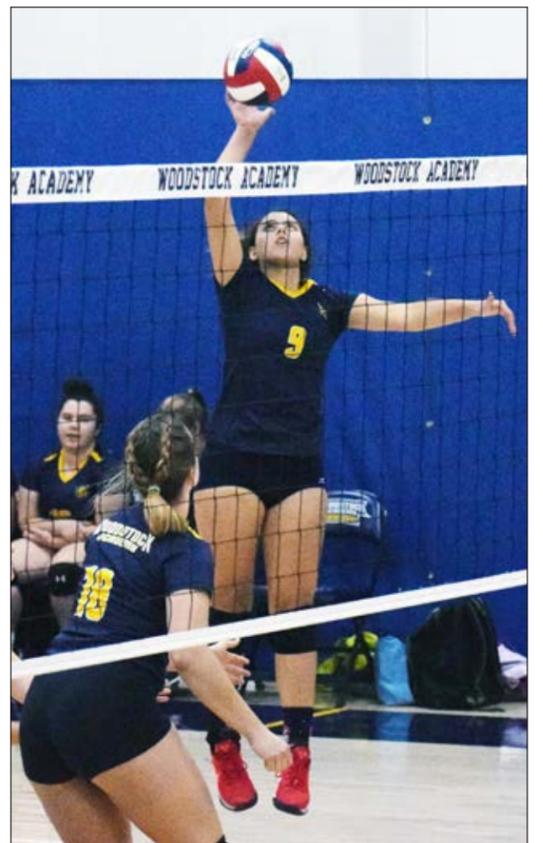
Honors: Grade 8: Abigail Armstrong, Ava Basak, Abigail Bennett, Summer Chaput, Mitchell Child, Brianna Connors, Jade Desmond, Baden Eaton, Katie Fortin, Kara-Lynn Hebert, Olivia Jendrewski, Dylan Mayo, Kaden McCullough-Murphy, Abigail Morse, Ellie Nunes, Kylie Quercia, Sophia Quinn, Alexa Rock, Natalia Sarette, MacKenzie Starr, Dominick Tocci, Matthew Wasielewski, Bella Webb, Patrick Webster, Liam Wilcox.

Recognition: Grade 8: Payton Barna, Amera Belle, Ella Chabot, Kyre Fontaine, Grace Gelhaus, Clinton Kallgren, Randall Rawcliffe, Lillian Rossi, Kenzie Sellers, Concetta Sumner, Dylan Veilleux.

Woodstock's Hernandez named Player of the Year

WOODSTOCK — Woodstock Academy junior Paula Hernandez was named the Connecticut High School Coaches Association girls volleyball Player of the Year at the CHSCA All-State banquet at the Aqua Turf Club in Southington.

Since she joined the Centaurs midway through the season last year, the Centaurs have won 44 of their 46 matches. The only two losses came in the two state championship matches. Hernandez finished with 493 kills, 370 digs, 145 assists, and 261 service points including 76 aces. Hernandez is the first player from the Centaurs program to be tabbed for the honor. Hernandez and teammate, senior Natalie Low, also received their Class L First team All-State awards.



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Woodstock Academy's Paula Hernandez was named the CHSCA Player of the Year.

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Opinion and commentary from the Quiet Corner

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Putnam reader respects Comey

James Comey was the Director of the FBI. As such, he could not be a stupid or ineffective person. In fact, I find him to be articulate, careful in his wording and deeply insightful. He was fired because he refused to swear personal loyalty to Trump. Hurrah for him, because if he had, he would have been in violation of his oath to protect the Constitution. His obligation is to the Constitution and not to any one person. This is the basic premise of our American Democracy. Fealty is to the nation, not to a would-be autocrat, aka dictator.

James Comey had an interview on April 19, 2018 with David Remnick, editor at the New Yorker magazine.

Remnick asked if Comey hated Trump for firing him. Comey said that he doesn't dislike President Trump. He said what he feels is more akin to sympathy. Trump "has an emptiness inside of him, and a hunger for affirmation, that I've never seen in an adult. He lacks external reference points. Instead of making hard decisions by calling upon a religious tradition, or logic, or tradition or history, it's all, 'What will fill this hole?'" "As a result, the President poses significant threats to the rule of law."

James Comey is right on. My many letters here have made it quite clear that I fear the destruction that Trump has done and continues to do will be most difficult to correct.

I seriously doubt that Trump is a mastermind who knows exactly what he is doing. So how has he been so successful? My view is that Trump panders, unwittingly, to fears or mindsets that people have – and indeed that is how many politicians get elected.

Trump panders to many by saying outrageous things which resonate with many people who feel that saying your mind is an asset, regardless if there is any substance in truth or if it offends others.

He has pandered to his base on immigration. Do we forget we are all immigrants? That the overwhelming majority of them have been assimilated into the American society? Look back at the Irish, Italians, Jews, Vietnamese, Chinese and so many other nationalities. They came in, most without extensive background checks to see if they were criminals, rapists or terrorists. They suffered great discrimination and hardship and yet worked to learn what America is about, fit in and contributed to America being as great as it is.

So what is so different with Trump's hatred with immigrants? Could skin color be a factor here? Most early immigrants were at least white and therefore acceptable on some basic level. Hmmm.

We have a system that, by law, says that anyone asking for asylum is entitled to a legitimate hearing, regardless of how they enter the US. That's right – look it up – it's the law.

I don't accept that we should have open borders. We have an obligation to society to accept only those who will contribute to the overall good of the nation. No system is perfect but our current setup works reasonably well and it should not be undermined by a simplistic fear of being overwhelmed by a flood of criminals.

Trump has pandered to those who tend to distrust any authority. Many conspiracy theorists and bigots fall into this category. Many of these, when challenged about their beliefs or actions, fall back onto their Constitutional rights. Even though they would deny those same rights to others.

Trump, himself, distrusts the Nation's established information sources. I am not going to defend any government agency by saying that its purpose and actions are entirely moral, ethical or legal. But to overwhelmingly disclaim the validity of their existence is foolhardy. Our information gathering agencies are not perfect but I think that a great many in government are trying to do what is right. They are challenged by a President who has minimal or no knowledge of anything he talks about. Indeed, he relies on his baseless intuition to dictate policy and to say whatever comes into his mind at that moment.

Trump also panders to his followers because he repeats false evidence endlessly. You beat on people long enough, and they give up and say that it is truth, regardless of overwhelming evidence to the contrary.

Finally, he panders to the human willingness to accept the simplistic solution because most people don't want to work very hard to survive, or to accept thoughts that make them concentrate. Indeed, this is precisely descriptive of Trump's limited intellect.

Thus ends the latest addition to my FBI file.

STEPHEN ETZEL
PUTNAM

Opposed to new Woodstock zoning

Perhaps I missed it: perhaps there was a 'Woodstock Vision 2050' town wide input meeting, and the 'will of the people' for Woodstock's future was '1 acre buildable' zoning? That as a town we decided to cast off what generations before us have enjoyed and fought to maintain in our Quiet Corner, in turn passed on that stewardship to us, and instead the 'our vision' of the future is a Woodstock overrun with 1.5 acre (with '1 acre buildable') subdivisions? That the will of the residents of Woodstock is to just become another town of subdivision sprawl that has only a distant memory of what we were once like? A town where our children and their children's children never have the opportunity to live the beauty that was passed on to us. In short, our 'vision' was to 'cash out'.

But then again maybe there was no such meeting where the voice of the people said 'one acre buildable lot size subdivisions is our the future of Woodstock'. But if one reads the proposed new zoning by-law changes written, and apparently to be approved by the Woodstock Planning and Zoning Commission (PZC), that some members of the PZC feel that this is the 'voice of the people'.

I for one, as many of us have, invested in Woodstock for what Woodstock is: its open spaces, its rural appeal, the small town community, its recreational opportunities, a civic population that seems aligned in the appreciation of our scenic vistas, rich history, quality of its residents. In short: We are proud to be not just another town that sold out its heritage for a sea of '1 acre buildable' lot subdivisions.

The Woodstock PZC is currently conducting its final public input on their proposed land subdivision regulations. The first public hearing in Oct had a 'full house' in which all in the audience (but one person) spoke out forcefully and completely against these proposed changes. The next public hearing held on Nov. 29 was pretty disappointing. Hardly any residents attended to voice their position on topic that will redefine what we are as a community. Of those that did attend, 100 percent were against these changes.

All this begs the question of 'who is driving these changes'? It is clear from the public input that this is not the future vision we have for Woodstock. The PZC likes to use the overused expression 'We have to be the voice of all property owners'. Well we have had both 'property owners' (if we want to use the PZC definition) as well as 'just homeowners' speak out opposed to this on what appears to be a 20 to 1 ratio. To the outsider looking in, this smells like some 'connected' prop-

erty owners what to 'cash out' and maximize their positions with more lucrative smaller house lot sizes. I do not see this as 'the will of the people' of the future of Woodstock. I see this as the 'will of a small connected few'.

Mind you, these proposed changes are town wide (not limited to some isolated parcel of land) and sets up a future of Woodstock will become. No, it will not happen overnight, but as sure as day follows night, we will become just another town of subdivisions, and to add insult to injury, lot sizes of 'one acre buildable' sets the high bar on lot sizes pretty low. Heck, one member of the audience stated they just relocated from a community where the minimum ag/residential house lot size was two acres, and that community did not even pretend to be rural. It was suburban. Yet Woodstock is proposing '1 acre buildable' lot sizes!

Look, Dear Planning Board Members; you do not establish zoning such as this and then 'pray no one uses it'. You set this level of lot size exactly because developers will use it.

A Warning: In Woodstock, you, the public, do not have the ability to vote to approve or deny these proposed changes (such as a vote in a town meeting). Only the members of your Planning Board get to vote. Only that small board votes. I am no poker player, so I cannot 'read the minds' of how the board members will vote. But one has to assume that because they wrote these proposed changes that it is what they will approve. They are judge and jury on this (they both write the rules and are the only ones that vote on the rules). That small group impacts what Woodstock 2050 will be.

Call to action to save Woodstock as we know it: There is likely one last public input session this December. This is the only input you have to influence how the board members will vote on this topic. Do nothing, and over the years, all that we love about our community, the Quiet Corner, our special corner of the Quiet Corner, will become just another faceless town of '1 acre buildable' lot subdivisions.

Email the Planning Board. State you want to be on the record, as with the full body of the Conservation Commission and almost all who have attended the public meetings, are opposed to approving these changes. Keep the land area sizes we have now intact in any new regulations. Write to; buildingclerk@woodstockct.gov and the Planning Board Chair, Jeff Gordon.

Qin Li lives in Woodstock

Hope homogenized

Cream always rises to the top. Right? Not always. In the typical milk you buy at the store, it's mixed evenly throughout the delicious liquid. Why? It's a process called homogenization. I fear that a great many Christians have become homogenized.

Cream rises because it's lighter than milk. To avoid



ON RELIGION
NATHAN HARDT

this, manufacturers use homogenization: the process by which the cream is forced through a very small opening so that it is broken down into tiny particles which are then weighed down by milk proteins. The cream is reduced, broken, weighed-down and blended-in. That describes a lot of Christians: reduced, broken, weighed-down and blended-in.

We see hope homogenized in the story of Naomi, especially when contrasted with her daughter-in-law, Ruth. In Ruth 1:12-13, Naomi lays it on the table: Turn again, my daughters, go your way; for I am too old to have an husband. If I should say, I have hope, if I should have an husband also to night, and should also bear sons; 13 Would ye tarry for them till they were grown? would ye stay for them from having husbands? nay, my daughters; for it grieveth me much for your sakes that the hand of the Lord is gone out against me.

But Ruth obstinately refused to let her hope be homogenized. She refused to live down to low expectations. She refused to be limited by not only her own grief but by the grief of her mother-in-law. She refused to heed the woeful caution, even though she loved and looked up to Naomi. Ruth refused to be homogenized.

Remember, homogenization includes the following basic phases: reduced, broken, weighed-down, and blended-in. The enemy of your soul wants to do the same thing to you.

Reduced: As cream is forced into a small place, the enemy works to shrink your faith and reduce you to small thinking. Ruth had lost her husband, Naomi had lost her husband and two sons. Have you lost something? Did your dream die? Your business fail? Your loved one leave you? Your ministry dry up? Life forces us into tight spots. Loss is inevitable. But you can't allow loss to limit your hope and break your faith.

Broken: Naomi's loss broke her. It defined her and dictated her thinking. Ruth refused to let loss determine her mindset. Naomi had no more children to give. She had no faith left to believe for God to supply in the midst of her lack. In your brokenness, you must choose whether you will be Ruth or Naomi. Will it break your spirit or will you retain your identity and believe to see the goodness of the Lord in the land of the living?

Weighed Down: The explanation Naomi offers as to why hope is ridiculous is laced with sarcasm and bitterness, "I'm too old to take a husband and have sons for Ruth and Oprah." But what Naomi didn't know is that God had better plans for her. As we'll see, Naomi changed her name, but God wasn't interested in her name. He was interested in magnifying His Name by tying Naomi (via Ruth) to the lineage of Jesus Christ.

Blended-in: Naomi (which means pleasant) suffered a loss so painful that she changed her name to Mara. Mara means bitter. Her justification was that God had dealt bitterly with her. Her pain was so visceral and unrelenting that she absorbed it. It blended with her character so much that,

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Remembering civility

Two friends and I happened to drive by Walker's Point in Kennebunkport, Maine on the very day that George H.W. Bush died. The Bush summer home is striking as it is set amid the drama of the rocky coast. We had spent the previous day and night enjoying the holiday atmosphere in the charming town. Our conversation turned to the Bush family. We had opinions. Hours later news outlets all over the world recounted aspects of the late President's life. Civility came up often.

Years ago my husband was a state legislator. We were young and the world of politics in northeastern Connecticut was quite enjoyable. My father had served in the legislature and although he had died years earlier, when my husband decided to run old family friends stepped up to help. Our friends joined in too. People painted signs in the barn using a paper stencil. We went to events in the seven towns my husband came to represent and nearly every encounter was pleasant.



NANCY WEISS

He won by a small margin the first time and two years later by a much larger one. Toward the end of his second term, he was asked to host an event for Barbara Bush. Of course, he agreed.

Two weeks before the gathering, I gave birth to our first daughter. I was a little frazzled, so I asked Richard Gratton, owner of the Harvest at Bald Hill in Woodstock, if he would put out some cheese and crackers for a little reception for Barbara Bush. He agreed. I invited as many people as I could find at the last minute. When I arrived at the restaurant, I was delighted. There was a handsome array of tasty things to eat. My husband delivered Mrs. Bush and her sole traveling companion, the granddaughter of her best friend, whose job was to carry a roll of needlepoint.

I don't remember anything that was said, but I do recall how I felt. I was proud because other people stepped up to present our area in the best possible light and with the warmest hospitality. I enjoyed my brush with the celebrity of Barbara Bush and I appreciated her candor and lack of pomposity. The press attended the event and asked a few probing questions, but in my recollection, everyone was polite and didn't expect a candidate's wife to offer complex political opinions.

The senior Bush family represented good manners and restraint. Although we know that sometimes such qualities may mask bad behavior, the wheels of human interaction work better when there are rules of communication and action.

Times change and we must change with them or become complete anachronisms. There seems little civility left in politics, despite the constant appeals for it. Aggressiveness is admired, at least in men, and restraint is easily seen as weakness more than a plus. My glimpse of Walker's Point underscored the privileged summer life the Bush family enjoyed, but it also reminded me of their manners and civility. Running for office today doesn't resemble what we experienced years ago. I'm not sure where our views would even fit, but I do know that good manners and civility still matter.

I was completing this column when I read the Sunday New York Times article about civility. In it, the author makes a distinction I was circling around, which is the difference between essentially good manners and "our moral and political duty of civility". The latter is the basis of civic life. There are moments now when both aspects are lost or at risk. In our own lives there are many opportunities to benefit from and practice simple civility toward one another. We don't need to come from Walker's Point to behave well.

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Rules for workers at Attawaugan Mills in 1897

The Killingly Historical and Genealogical Center is very fortunate to have a teen volunteer who is interested in local history and comes faithfully each week to help enter data into the computer and with whatever needs to be done. Recently Ethan Stepney in came with a huge smile on his face for he had purchased an old handbill, which he donated to the Center, with the "Regulations" of the Attawaugan Mills, dated January 1, 1914; C.H. Truesdell, superintendent. May 1, 1897 had been crossed out since a few changes had been made. I'll note them as I go along. The following are the regulations: "1st. All persons must be in their places ready to begin work promptly at 7:00 A.M. (6:35 crossed out) and 12:45 P.M. Hats and Coats are not to be put on until speed slackens. 2nd. No meals are to be eaten in the mill during working hours. 3rd. Running out during working hours is to be discouraged and only allowed in the case of necessity. 4th. Persons unemployed in the Mill, or by the Company, are not allowed in the mill without a pass from Supt. Or Office. *Help from Departments, or mills, of this Company, wishing to change to another Department must bring line, permitting said change, from the Overseer of Department where last employed. *The above must have been meant to be 5th for the next regulation is 6th. 6th. Help under 16 years of age will not be employed, or allowed to work as learners or helpers in Weaving, Slashing, Cloth or Machine Departments. Those not proficient in some branch of mill work will not be

employed in these Departments without special permission from the Superintendent. 7th. The requirements of 'Cotton Manufacturing' are such as call for the BEST QUALITY AND MAXIMUM QUANTITY the several machines are capable of producing. These results can only be obtained by each employee's CONSTANT and CAREFUL attention to THEIR WORK, keeping machines WELL OILED, NEAT and CLEAN. A prompt and cheerful compliance with the above will be expected. 8th Overseers will be held responsible for the enforcement of the above."

Attawaugan is the site of one of the earliest textile mills in Killingly and Northeastern Connecticut. Its first textile mill, the "Stone Chapel" was erected on the Five Mile River in 1810 only three years after the earliest one in Windham County, that of the Pomfret Manufacturing Company in present-day Putnam. According to Windham County historian Ellen Larned, the mill in Attawaugan "was built by Captain John and Ebenezer Kelley for John Mason of Thompson in 1810, but did not get into successful operation for some years, when John, James B, and Edward Mason, Jun., were incorporated as the 'Stone Chapel Manufacturing Company.' Messrs. John Mason and Harvey Blasfield had the oversight of this establishment. The tallow candles needed for its morning and evening service were dipped by Miss Harriet Kelley in batches of forty dozen at a time." (History of Windham County, Connecticut, Vo. 2, p. 431)

James B. Mason died prior

to May 7, 1820. His inventory provided a valuable summary of the holding of the manufacturing company at that early date and a glimpse back in time. The factory property included 73 acres, a cotton mill of about 100 spindles, one distillery, a grist mill, a sawmill, a dye house, and eleven dwellings with a value of \$17,000 (Pomfret Probate, Vo. 13, p. 76). Note then that by 1820 there was already a small mill village in the Attawaugan area with a diversity of enterprises.

Mason's successor, George Ruggles, expanded the capacity of the mill, which by 1833 had 2,000 spindles, second only in Killingly to the factory owned by Williams in present-day Rogers. (Lester's 1833 map). He also abolished the distillery, possibly as a result of the temperance movement, which was sweeping through Northeastern Connecticut at that time (Bayles, Richard, ed. History of Windham County, Connecticut, p. 937).

By the mid-1830's the factory was probably being operated by George Weatherhead, son-in-law of Ballouville's Leonard Ballou, who leased the property in 1834 following the demise of Ruggles. (Killingly Land Records, Vo. 29, p. 3). That meant that by the 1830's members of the extended Ballou family then operated three textile mills on the Five Mile River at Attawaugan, Ballouville, and Pineville and definitely contributed to making Killingly the greatest cotton manufacturing town in Connecticut in 1836.

The 1850's were years of change and calamity.



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Although the factory appeared on Woodford's 1856 map of Windham County, it apparently burned soon thereafter for it was not mentioned in a deed in 1857 (Killingly Land Records, Vo. 40, p. 41).

A positive turnaround occurred in the 1860's after Norwich investors under the firm of Blackstone & Norton, which later became the Attawaugan Manufacturing Company, began construction of the present mill. (Additions also were made during the 1890's). It is from this ownership era that the village gained its present name. By 1870's the company was operating all three of the textile mills in this vicinity (Attawaugan, Ballouville, Pineville) and employed 150 men, 130 women, and 130 children and 525 looms were producing sheetings. The workforce expanded to about 500 employees by the mid-1880s. (Roth, Matthew, et. al., Connecticut, An Inventory of Historic Engineering and Industrial Sites, p. 250). It was during this time-period that most of the mill housing, the former school on Country Club Road, and the former Methodist Church were constructed.

During the twentieth century the mill had several main textile owners. Powdrell and

Alexander curtain manufacturers acquired the property in October, 1926 (Killingly Land Records, Vo. 79, p. 278). By the 1950's the factory had become the property of the Danielson Curtain Company. It was used for a time by Hale Manufacturing Company, which purchased it in 1973, but by the latter part of the century its use as a textile mill had drawn to a close. Sansoucy Quarries currently utilizes the mill.

Are you looking for unique Christmas presents for those "hard to shop for" friends and relatives? Stop in at the Killingly Historical & Genealogical Center during regular hours to purchase postcards, maps, journals, and books. Gift memberships are also available.

Note: The Killingly Historical & Genealogical Center will be closed Wednesday, December 26th. It will be open Saturday, December 29th.

Margaret M. Weaver Killingly Municipal Historian. Special thanks to Ethan Stepney for the Attawaugan Mill handbill. For additional information email her at margaretmweaver@gmail.com or visit the Killingly Historical & Genealogical Center Wed. or Sat. 10-4 or www.killinglyhistorical.org. or call (860) 779-7250. Like us at Facebook at www.facebook.com/killinglyhistoricalsociety. Mail for the Killingly Historical & Genealogical Society, Inc. or the Killingly Historical and Genealogical Center should be sent to PO Box 265, Danielson, Ct. 06329.

Year-end tax planning basics

Looking back at 2018, it has been interesting. There has been plenty of domestic economic promise, coupled with increasing market volatility. No matter the current economic climate, as the year closes, it is important to make sure that you have taken care of all the year-end responsibilities for your finances, so you may Plan Well. Invest Well. Live Well.

In particular, the window of opportunity for many tax-saving moves closes on December 31, so it's important to evaluate your tax situation now prior to year-end.

Timing is everything: Consider any opportunities you have to defer income to 2019. For example, you may be able to defer a year-end bonus, or delay the collection of other income. Doing so may allow you to postpone paying tax on the income until next year. If there's a chance that you'll be in a lower income tax bracket next year, deferring income could mean paying less tax on the income as well.

Similarly, consider ways to accelerate deductions into 2018. If you itemize deductions, you might accelerate some deductible expenses like medical expenses, qualifying interest, or state and local taxes by making payments before year-end. Or you might consider making next year's charitable contribution this year instead.

Factor in the AMT: Make sure that you factor in the alternative minimum tax (AMT). If you're subject to the AMT, traditional year-end maneuvers, like deferring income and accelerating deductions, can have a negative effect. That's because the AMT effectively



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disallows a number of itemized deductions. For example, if you're subject to the AMT in 2018, prepaying 2019 state and local taxes won't help your 2018 tax situation, but could hurt your 2019 bottom line.

Special concerns for higher-income individuals: The top marginal tax rate (37%) applies if your taxable income exceeds \$500,000 in 2018 (\$600,000 if married filing jointly, \$300,000 if married filing separately). Your long-term capital gains and qualifying dividends could be taxed at a maximum 20% tax rate if your taxable income exceeds \$425,800 in 2018 (\$479,000 if married filing jointly, \$239,500 if married filing separately, \$452,400 if head of household).

Additionally, a 3.8% net investment income tax (unearned income Medicare contribution tax) may apply to some or all of your net investment income if your modified AGI exceeds \$200,000 (\$250,000 if married filing jointly, \$125,000 if married filing separately).

High-income individuals are subject to an additional 0.9% Medicare payroll tax on wages exceeding \$200,000 (\$250,000 if married filing jointly or \$125,000 if married filing separately).

IRAs and retirement plans: Take full advantage of tax-advantaged retirement savings vehicles. Traditional IRAs and employer-sponsored retirement plans such as 401(k) plans allow you to contribute funds on a deductible (if you qualify) or pre-tax basis, reducing your 2018 taxable income. Contributions to a Roth IRA or a Roth 401(k) aren't deductible or made with pre-tax dollars, so there's no tax benefit for 2018, but qualified Roth distributions are completely

free from federal income tax, which can make these retirement savings vehicles appealing.

For 2018, you can contribute up to \$18,500 to a 401(k) plan (\$24,500 if you're age 50 or older) and up to \$5,500 to a traditional IRA or Roth IRA (\$6,500 if you're age 50 or older). The window to make 2018 contributions to an employer plan typically closes at the end of the year, while you generally have until the April tax return filing deadline to make 2018 IRA contributions.

Roth conversions: Year-end is a good time to evaluate whether it makes sense to convert a tax-deferred savings vehicle like a traditional IRA or a 401(k) account to a Roth account. When you convert a traditional IRA to a Roth IRA, or a traditional 401(k) account to a Roth 401(k) account, the converted funds are generally subject to federal income tax in the year that you make the conversion (except to the extent that the funds represent nondeductible after-tax contributions). If a Roth conversion does make sense, you'll want to give some thought to the timing of the conversion. For example, if you believe that you'll be in a better tax situation this year than, you might think about acting now rather than waiting.

Previously, if you converted a traditional IRA to a Roth IRA and it turned out to be the wrong decision, you could recharacterize the conversion. Recent legislation has eliminated the option to recharacterize a Roth IRA conversion.

Changes to note: Recent legislation has modified many provisions for 2018, here are some of the major changes: Personal exemptions have been eliminated. Standard deductions have been substantially increased to \$12,000 (\$24,000 if married filing jointly, \$18,000 if head of household). The overall limitation on itemized deductions based

on the amount of adjusted gross income (AGI) was eliminated. The AGI threshold for deducting unreimbursed medical expenses was reduced from 10% to 7.5% for 2017 and 2018, after which it returns to 10%. The deduction for state and local taxes has been limited to \$10,000 (\$5,000 if married filing separately). Individuals can deduct mortgage interest on no more than \$750,000 (\$375,000 for married filing separately) of qualifying mortgage debt. For mortgage debt incurred before December 16, 2017, the prior \$1,000,000 (\$500,000 for married filing separately) limit will continue to apply. A deduction is no longer allowed for interest on home equity indebtedness. The top percentage limit for deducting charitable contributions is increased from 50% to 60% of AGI for certain cash gifts.

Live well: Making sure all your year-end goals are met is an important part to Living Well. Be sure that you are contributing and maximizing your potential for growth, so you can fulfill the goals you have set as you make new ones in 2019.

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in her own mind, bitterness became her defining characteristic. She adopted a perspective that couldn't see past her pain. Her hope, broken and battered, couldn't lift her anymore; it couldn't supply the positive energy required to pick her up one more time. Her hope had become homogenized, swallowed up by the weight of despair, disappointment, and grief.

But all along, Ruth is the counterbalance to Naomi. Ruth was so hopeful that even the rancorous Naomi couldn't dissuade her. This happened for one reason, Ruth was "steadfastly minded." In our terms, her mind was made up. In Hebrews, we learn that hope in God's faithfulness is an anchor to the soul.

The anchor of hope in God's unchanging goodness will empower you to weather the greatest storms of life. Dare to hope.

Nathan Hardt serves a youth minister at Acts II Ministries in Thompson. For more information, please visit www.ActsII.org.

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grams, field trips... We provided iPads for children that need assistance reading. Then there's the Spanish program for first graders"

The list goes on and on and on. And it will only get bigger each year.

LaFiandra's own children, who are now in college, participated in many

of these early-on programs. She has seen first-hand the spark they create for kids, letting them see that learning can be fun.

"It invokes curiosity that they may not have had if they just sat in a classroom," she said. "It's essential for our kids to have this extra stuff."

According to LaFiandra, many Woodstock Academy seniors have been getting "tremendous college placement." And a lot of the seniors

have provided testimonials stating that a program in WES or WMS got them "excited about learning."

"It projected them on the right path. Those [testimonials] are extremely motivating to the work that we do," she said.

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Day Kimball Healthcare service receives award

PUTNAM — Hospice & Palliative Care of Northeastern Connecticut, a service division of Day Kimball Healthcare, was recently honored with a 2018 Patient Satisfaction Award of Distinction by Fazzi Associates, A Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS)-approved administrator of the Hospice CAHPS (Consumer Assessment of Healthcare Providers and Systems) Survey.

The Hospice CAHPS Award of Distinction is presented annually to hospice organizations in the top 25 percent of Fazzi's National Patient Satisfaction Database. Hospice organizations from around the U.S. that are recipients of this prestigious award are considered leaders in their field, according to Fazzi.

"I am extremely proud and humbled having received this honor," said



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Day Kimball Healthcare Hospice & Palliative Care of Northeastern Connecticut Team, from left, Elaine Marcheterre, Debra Marshall, Rachel Bamber, Suzon Warner, Gail Morin, Janet Johnson, Rev. Jonathan Scott, Dr. Joseph Alessandro, Alecia Fontaine, Susan Antonelli, and Kim Durand.

Renee Smith, Executive Director of Day Kimball Healthcare at Home. "Our dedicated team is continually assessing and improving the quality of care we provide to our patients and caregivers. Receiving this award validates the exceptional

care shown by our staff and supported by our leadership."

Award criteria were based on scores obtained from the Consumer Assessment of Healthcare Providers and Systems (CAHPS) for 2017, which is designed

to measure the experiences of people receiving home health care from Medicare-certified home health agencies. Based on a comparative analysis of survey results for "Overall Satisfaction" and "Likelihood of Recommendation,"

Hospice & Palliative Care of Northeastern Connecticut has been ranked in the top 25 percent of hospice organizations nationwide.

Fazzi Associates recognizes these agencies as national best practice organizations, having

demonstrated superior performance in caregiver satisfaction. National best practice agencies, like Hospice & Palliative Care of Northeastern Connecticut, have excelled in one of the most important measures of their quality program – the one-on-one care provided to patients and their families.

"Knowing that our community recognizes the compassionate care our hospice and palliative care program provides throughout Northeastern Connecticut is truly rewarding," said Anne Diamond, CEO and President of Day Kimball Healthcare. "We at Day Kimball Healthcare value the quality of care we provide to our patients and families. We look forward to continuing to provide the specialized care our patients and community require."

QUEST MARTIAL ARTS

Mike Bogdanski, co-owner of Quest Martial Arts in Putnam, recently hosted an anti-bully program at Chesire High.

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Woodstock Planning & Zoning hearing on subdivisions

WOODSTOCK — The Woodstock Planning and Zoning Commission held its second month of a public hearing on proposed changes to Woodstock's Subdivision Regulations in a meeting on Nov. 29. There was further input received from the Commission and the public. The public hearing will continue on Dec. 20 at 7:30 p.m. in Town Hall. The Commission voted to hold a Special Meeting on Dec. 6 at 7:30 p.m. in Town Hall to continue its work on updates to Woodstock's sign regulations.

The Commission voted to dissolve the Regulations Review Subcommittee and to use those meeting dates (the 1st Thursday of the month) to focus its work on Town planning. The annual election of Commission Officers took place. The following officers were re-elected: Jeffrey Gordon as Chair, Fred Rich as Vice-Chair, and Dorothy Durst as Secretary.

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Christmas Story at Bradley Playhouse

BY OLIVIA RICHMAN
NEWS STAFF WRITER

PUTNAM – A Christmas Story has come to the Bradley Playhouse. On Friday, Dec. 7 and Saturday, Dec. 8 catch the Christmas Story at 9:30 PM, and then Sunday at 2 PM. The Christmas Story will be at the Bradley at the same times the following weekend, if you couldn't catch it this weekend. Or if you just can't get enough Christmas Story!

"What I love about the show is that it's full of laughter. A good feeling. It's not just about Christmas, but about family," said Director Jennifer Briere. "It's been a tough few years for all of us. For the community to have this opportunity to get together and share positive

feelings, a few laughs, and enjoy the holiday season... It seemed like a good choice."

A Christmas Story is the classic tale of a 10-year-old boy who is "dying to get the perfect Christmas present, as far as he's concerned," said Briere. But it's also about a boy growing up and reflecting on his life. This Christmas is a major turning point for him and his parents.

It's now a beloved classic and it has many layers of nostalgia. Some people who saw the movie as children are now adults, and can now take their children. But, believe it or not, there are some people who have never seen the movie. "We want to introduce the new gen-

eration to it," said Briere. "It blows my mind that some people haven't seen it. But it's true. Even people in my cast haven't seen the movie."

This includes the young boy playing Ralpie, the main role.

New to acting – and new to the Christmas Story – Ben Arters watched the movie immediately after getting the role, and he fell in love with the part even more.

"He had that certain spark," explained Briere. "He had very little experience, but he's a great kid and he worked so hard. He has great energy. He's very positive. People who knew the movie well and knew Ben, they could see it." Arters has mixed well with other cast

members, and they've been rehearsing hard since September.

For Briere, the biggest draw of A Christmas Story is the laughs.

"We need that more than ever," she said. "While there are many wonderful Christmas shows, but they're not funny. We want people to get together and laugh. It's cathartic for the audience, for them to have that moment and let loose. This show really brings that to the table."

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Pete the Cat at Woodstock Academy

BY OLIVIA RICHMAN
NEWS STAFF WRITER

WOOSTOCK — Professional actors came all the way from New York to perform Pete and Cat, a musical about a "groovy blue cat who helps a kid with second grade art." The story, based on a series of books everyone reads in elementary school, is about friendship, overcoming differences and personal growth. It's about communication and family.

Over 1,400 students from Woodstock, Pomfret, Eastford, Plainfield, Thompson, Putnam, Brooklyn, and even from out of state, came to Woodstock Academy's Center for the Arts

to see the Theatreworks USA production on Monday, Dec. 3.

According to the Chair of the Community Cultural Committee, Betty Hale, the Three C's are celebrating their 35th season of bringing professional theater productions to the area for the "education and enjoyment of area students and teachers." The professional national touring companies have performed for over 200,000 children in the Quiet Corner so far.

"It's about bringing arts to the curriculum," said Hale. "The arts are important for children to learn, and we want to add it to the curriculum since many schools can't

afford to bring that to the students. Life would be pretty bad if we didn't have any art in our lives."

For many students, seeing a musical production of this caliber is a brand new experience. It's something different for them to be a part of.

The Community Cultural Committee has been bringing these NYC productions to the Quiet Corner for 40 years. Hale herself is one of the founders of the Performing Arts of Northeast Connecticut.

"We thought it was important for the schools to have something new," she said. "We started bringing in shows that travel all over the United

States."

This is particularly important to Hale, who grew up in New York. Going to school in the city, "everything was more accessible." As a child she took the subway to Broadway shows — "matinee was just \$3 – I'm giving my age away" — and museums. Anything to do with music and art.

Seeing the Broadway production of Oklahoma and Sound of Music still stand out to her to this day.

"We feel there are a lot of kids [here] who don't have that same opportunity," she said. "We're not located in big cities with large museums. We can't just hop on a subway."

While many schools put on their own brilliant plays, it's a different experience to have professionals come in. For a lot of kids, it opens their eyes to new interests, and many go off to performing at the Bradley Playhouse or attending college for theater.

The next production coming to the Quiet Corner through The Three C's is The Magic School Bus on Friday, May 31 next year.

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PUBLIC MEETINGS

BROOKLYN

Tuesday, Dec. 11
Special Housing Meeting, 10 a.m., Brooklyn Community Center

IWWC, 6 p.m., Brooklyn Community Center

Wednesday, Dec. 12

Board of Fire Commissioners, 7:30 p.m., Mortlake Fire Department

Thursday, Dec. 13

Board of Selectmen, 6:30 p.m., Clifford B. Green Memorial Center

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Tuesday, Dec. 11
Town Council, 7 p.m., Town Hall

Wednesday, Dec. 12
Agriculture Commission, 7 p.m., Town Hall

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

Thursday, Dec. 13
Zoning Board of Appeals, 7 p.m., Town Hall

PUTNAM

Monday, Dec. 10
Special Services District, 7 p.m., Town Hall

Water Pollution Control Authority, 6:30 p.m., Town Hall

THOMPSON

Monday, Dec. 10

Board of Education, 7 p.m., Thompson Middle School Media Center
Zoning Board of Appeals, 7 p.m., Town Hall

Tuesday, Dec. 11
Housing Authority, 5:15 p.m., Housing Authority

Inland Wetlands Commission, 7 p.m., Town Hall

Water Pollution Control Authority, 7 p.m., WPCA

Wednesday, Dec. 12

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

WOOSTOCK

Monday, Dec. 10
Recreation Commission, 7 p.m., Town Hall

Tuesday, Dec. 11
Board of Finance, 7 p.m., Town Hall

ZBA, 7 p.m., Town Hall

Wednesday, Dec. 12

QiGong, 9 a.m., Town Hall
Thursday, Dec. 13
Beautification, 11 a.m., Town Hall

Thursday, Dec. 13
Open Space, 6:30 p.m., Town Hall

Arboretum, 7 p.m., Town Hall

Board of Education, 7 p.m., Woodstock Middle School

POMFRET

Monday, Dec. 10
Board of Finance, 6:30 p.m., Town Hall

Tuesday, Dec. 11
Economic Planning & Development Commission, 8 a.m., Pomfret Community/Senior Center

Recreation Commission, 7 p.m., Pomfret Community School

Wednesday, Dec. 12
Board of Education, 6:30 p.m., Pomfret Community School

Thursday, Dec. 13

Conservation Commission, 7 p.m., Senior Center
EASTFORD

Tuesday, Dec. 11
Planning Commission, 7 p.m., Town Office Building

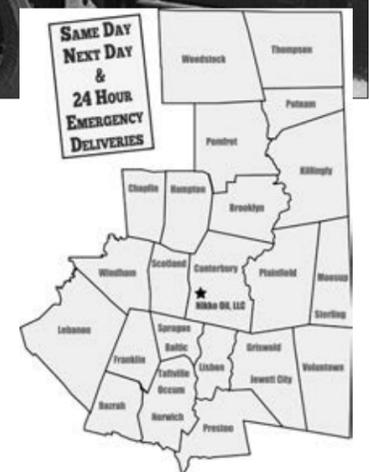
Wednesday, Dec. 12
Registrar of Voters, 7 p.m., Town Office Building
Clean Energy Task Force, 7 p.m., Town Office Building

Thursday, Dec. 13
Board of Education, 7 p.m., Eastford Elementary School



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BROOKLYN

Monday, Nov. 26

Michael W. Mattingly, 46, of 124 Gorman Road, Brooklyn, was charged with a warrant

Thursday, Nov. 28

Joslynn Nicole Reges, 24, of 16 Tiffany Street, Brooklyn, was charged with larceny

DANIELSON

Sunday, Nov. 25

Bacari Shanklin, 27, of 89 Pineville Street, Dayville, was charged with use of a motor vehicle without permission and interfering with an officer/resisting

Monday, Nov. 26

Gage Andrew Beausoleil, 19, of 35 Hawkins Road, Danielson, was charged with a warrant

Wednesday, Nov. 28

Darlene Anne Chapdelaine, 55, of 86 Lake Road, Dayville, was charged with interfering with an officer/resisting, disorderly conduct and assault of an elderly victim

Saturday, Dec. 1

Joseph C. Staton, 49, of 15 Bartlett Meadow Drive, Dayville, was charged with illegal operation of a motor vehicle under the influence of alcohol/drugs, unsafe passing distance, improperly turn/stop signaling and failure to yield to a motor vehicle

THOMPSON
Wednesday, Nov. 28

Leland B. Lambert, 32, of 11 Market Street, Thompson, was charged with a warrant

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And while many people have their eyes on kittens – which is great, too – adult cats at the shelter are usually in need of a loving family.

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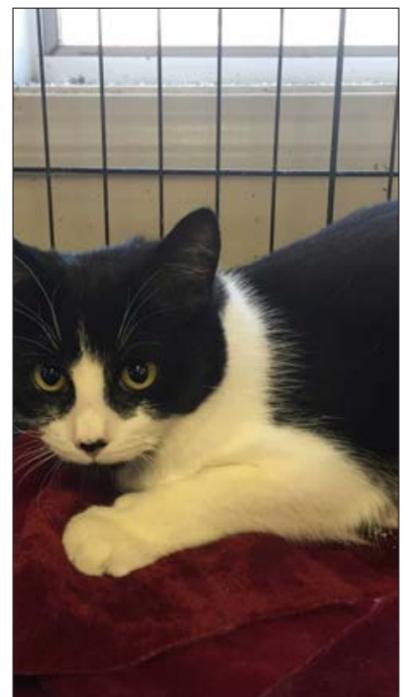
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DANIELSON – Board games. Strategy games. Video games. Did we mention games?! Ellis Tech’s annual Ellis Con brought out the geeky side of the Quiet Corner on Nov. 17. People came from all over to discover new games and new gaming groups.



Steven Lan and Matt Landry taught people how to play Warhammer 30K.



What do Ted Salonich and Mike Defevers like about Warhammer 40K? The model painting and the strategic thinking.



“X-Wing is challenging,” said David Poole, with Ken Howe. “It’s a game of wits. It’s chess on steroids.”



A Super Smash Bros Melee tournament was under way.



The Sullivan family plays Railroad Tycoon.



A group of friends play Magic the Gathering.



Eric Moore with an intense Warhammer 40K set up.



Some friends play Deadlands: Marshall Law. James Carpio acted as the Game Master, with friends Tim McCarthy-Bercury, Gary Ellis and Earl Gendron.



Dave Mills and Dylan Magnan play the Magic the Gathering card game.



Ed and Matt Murphy check out the board game Century Spice Road. “We like the game design,” they said. “It’s very fascinating.”

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Have you always been into sci fi and fantasy? Creating your own world?

I love it. I've always been a world builder. I love creating societies and different customs. Just different worlds. It originally wasn't a fantasy. It was contemporary. But my agent suggested it... I didn't like it at first. I couldn't understand it at first... But it started to make more sense because I could expand it a lot. At first the graveyard was the size of a normal graveyard, now it's miles and miles. It's an entire world.

That's interesting. So tell me about this world, and the importance of speaking to the dead.

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Have you always been into ghosts and the supernatural?

I've always been interested in ghosts. I've always been into horror movies and stuff. Maybe because I grew up next to a graveyard, I don't know.

What made you decide to write it for middle schoolers?

It's the genre I feel most comfortable in. I usually write children protagonists.

Why is that?

I think it's because I never really grew up. All my favorite films were always a group of kids. Out by themselves. The Goonies. The Lost Boys. Monster Squad.

I always just gravitated towards younger characters and protagonists in my stories.

So how do you get into the mind of a middle schooler? How do you write from the point of view of a kid?

I think you have to tap into this feeling of the outside world being this big mysterious place you're discovering. Your'e coming at it with this aspect of being a very small entity standing at the foot of a mountain. That's how you view everything. If you come at it from that mindset, the world is a very special and magical place.

That's an interesting way of looking at it. How do you feel about having a published book?

It's unbelievable. I still can't get over it when I see it on the shelf of a book store or library. It's such a culmination of what I've wanted to do since I was six.

How did you get into writing?

It started with a sister 10 years younger than me. I was making up stories for her. It was always something I did. I got a degree in English from Southern Connecticut State University, but I just went because college was expected of me. But I always knew what I really wanted to do was write books and there's no schooling for this.

You can teach people to write. But you can't teach people to have that special something. What is it you're hoping to do now?

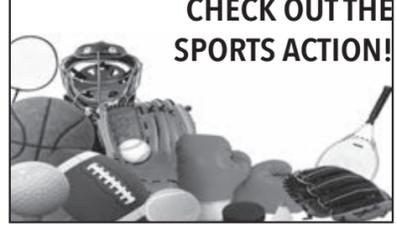
I'm just hoping to keep writing spooky books for kids. It's a genre I just love. This book is more fantasy with spooky elements, but I want to write scary stuff for middle-grade readers.

How do you go about writing scary things for a younger audience?

It's a fine line to balance. You have to make the villains sympathetic. You can't just write about evil people for evil's sake. For kids, it's important to not paint people as good or evil... You want to show that everyone has reasons for what they do. I'm working on a new book now that's in revisions. Hopefully that'll see the light of day, but you never now!

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St. Joseph knocks Killingly out of playoffs

BY CHARLIE LENTZ
VILLAGER EDITOR

TRUMBULL — A few tears mingled with the mist on a foggy afternoon at Trumbull High School last Sunday as Killingly High's football team walked off the gridiron one last time. The Redmen fell to St. Joseph 52-7 in the semifinals of the Class M state playoffs. It was the end of the road for an accomplished senior class — the fourth-straight trip the program made to the state semifinals.

"Can't say enough about these guys. They worked so hard in the off-season. They did everything we could ask of them and I could ask of them," said senior quarterback Luke Desaulnier. "Worked their tails off practicing every day — sucks that we should fall short. That's life sometimes."

The accomplishments of the last four seasons will be hard to match.

"The only class that's been for four years in the state playoffs," said Killingly coach Chad Neal. "They won a state championship and made the semifinals three times. They've got nothing to hang their heads about today."

Top-seeded St. Joseph jumped to an early lead and never looked back. Senior quarterback David Summers passed for 305 yards and four touchdowns to lead the attack.

"They just do so many things and they do so many things well, whether it's running the ball, their screen game, their rollout pass game — they're just solid all the way around,"



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Killingly High's Jackson Lopes heads down the sideline against St. Joseph in the Class M semifinals on Sunday, Nov. 2, in Trumbull.

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Killingly Nsaiah Harriet runs against St. Joseph.

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Neal said. Junior running back Jaden Shirden picked up 172 yards and three touchdowns on 10 carries. "We did everything we could. We just ran into a better team today," Neal said. "Our kids left everything out on the field today. They were just a better football team." Fourth-seeded Killingly could not find the end zone until early in the fourth quarter — after St. Joseph had built a 45-0 lead — Killingly senior running back Nsaiah Harriet ran two yards for a touchdown with 10:40 left in the game for the Redmen's lone score. Harriet finished with 74 yards on 13 carries. The loss could not detract from Harriet's last game for the Redmen. "I'm beyond proud of my team, beyond proud of my class. We've worked hard each and every year. We fought for what we got. No matter what we always fought throughout everything," Harriet said. "Even though the outcome wasn't what we wanted I'm proud of the way we fought." Harriet's touchdown was small consolation against an explosive St. Joseph team. "We knew they'd be a great football team. We knew we'd have to play a perfect game and they would have to make some lapses in order to beat them,"

Desaulnier said. "We had to play perfect. Left our hearts out there but you know we just didn't make it. They were clogging up our gaps. We were struggling to run the ball. We gave everything we had. Sometimes you've just got to tip your cap. They came out and they played. We fell short. That's it." There were few lapses for St. Joseph. Midway through the second quarter the Cadets led 24-0 after Summers hit Brady Hutchison (five catches for 110 yards) on a 17-yard touchdown pass. St. Joseph extended its margin to 31-0 with 1:28 left in the first half on an 81-yard touchdown run from Shirden. "They played perfect. We got out-performed. It happens sometimes," said Killingly senior fullback Derek Turner. "We made some mistakes. They capitalized. Hats off to them." Killingly's Josh Montpelier led the Redmen's receiving corps with six catches for 47 yards. He tipped his cap to a strong St. Joseph team but also also saluted the accomplishments of his senior teammates. "This class is amazing. Growing up with these kids and everything, knowing that we're going to play in high school. And then every year going to the state semis, practicing with them every day, and then coming down to this moment," Montpelier said. "They're a great group of kids and you wouldn't want to be with anyone else. I appreciate every moment, every day, every second of my life."

The loss ended Killingly's season at 10-2 and marked the end of a great run for the Redmen's seniors — every year beginning with their freshmen season they have reached the Class M semifinals. Over the last four years Killingly has posted a record for 43-6. When Desaulnier was a freshman in 2015 the Redmen finished 10-2 and fell to Brookfield 34-13 in the state semifinals. In 2016 Killingly went 10-2 and reached the semifinals, where it lost to Hillhouse High of New Haven 49-28. In 2017 Killingly finished with a perfect

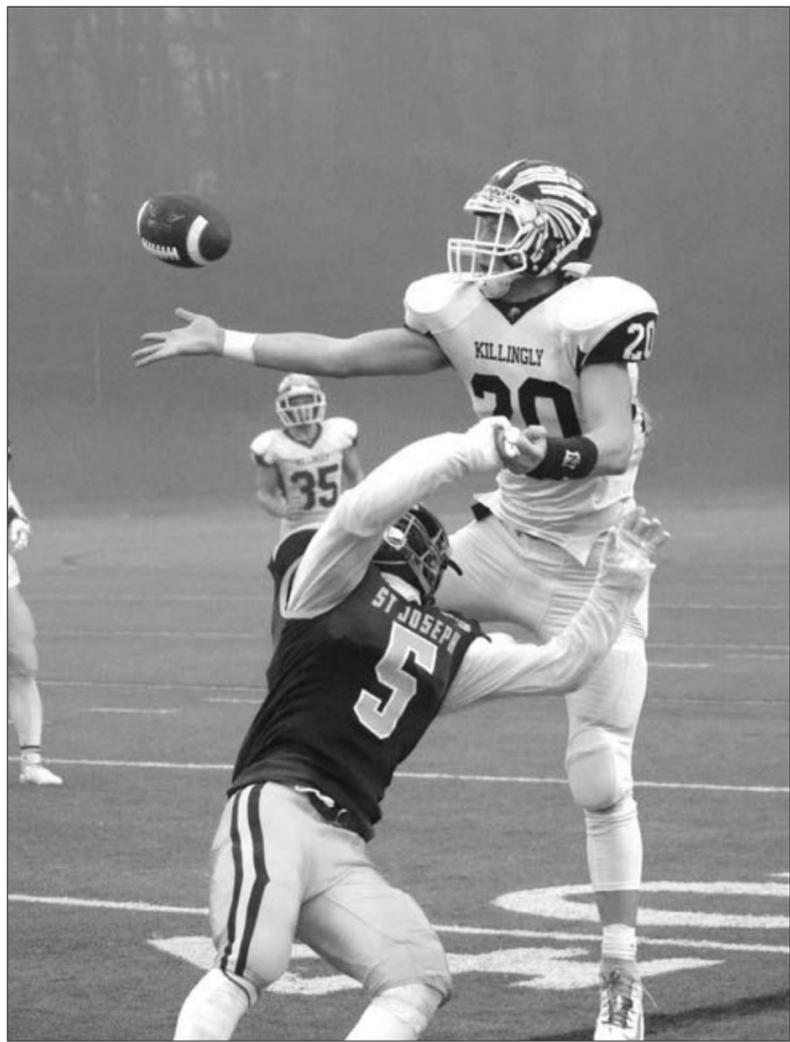
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SJ- Luke Kirby 30 field goal. 10:23				
SJ- Brady Hutchison 44 pass from David Summers (Kirby kick) 3:20				
SECOND QUARTER				
SJ- Jaden Shirden 14 run (Kirby kick) 9:12				
SJ- Hutchison 17 pass from Summers (Kirby kick) 5:58 SJ- Shirden 81 run (Kirby kick) 1:28				
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SJ- Shirden 40 run (Kirby kick) 8:24				
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RECEIVING-K: Quinn Gervasio 3-43; Montpelier 6-47. SJ: Hutchison 5-110 & 2 TD; Diamantis 3-89, TD; Shirden 2-85, TD; Owen DaSilva 1-10; Jesse Bike 1-11.				

record of 13-0 and defeated Joel Barlow 41-14 in the state championship game. The win over Killingly lifted St. Joseph's record to 11-1. St. Joseph is scheduled to meet third-seeded Berlin (11-1) in the Class M championship game at 10 a.m. on Saturday, Dec. 8, at Shelton. Killingly's season has ended. The mist may have mingled with a few tears on a foggy afternoon at Trumbull High School last Sunday, but it couldn't dampen a coach's pride. "I'm proud to be their coach and be out there with them," Neal said. "They fought to the end. I couldn't ask for anything more." *Charlie Lentz may be reached at (860) 928-1818, ext. 110, or by e-mail at charlie@villagernewspapers.com.*



Killingly's Quinn Gervasio finishes a 28-yard reception against St. Joseph.

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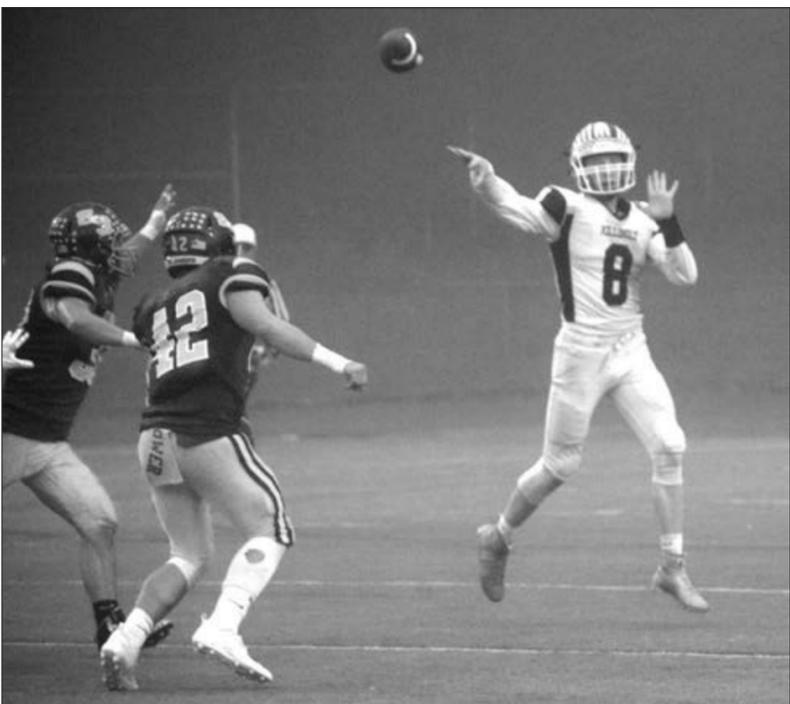
Killingly High's Quinn Gervasio attempts a catch with St. Joseph's Davee Silas defending in the Class M semifinals on Sunday, Nov. 2, in Trumbull.

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Killingly's Josh Montpelier tries to get around the corner.

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Victor J. Wonoski, 94



DUDLEY – Victor Joseph Wonoski, Sr., peacefully passed away Monday, November 26, 2018 at the age of 94. He was surrounded by his loving family at Saint Vincent Hospital in Worcester, MA as

he joined his dearly departed mother and father, Anthony and Bernice (Archacka) Wonoski; brothers, Louie, Henry, and Teddy; and sisters, Winnie Frolich and Irene Seraphin in Heaven.

Born October 8, 1924 Victor grew up in Dudley MA on his parents' farm and fell in love with the town he would return to as an Army veteran of World War II, who served in the Asiatic-Pacific Theatre. It was in Dudley, where Victor met and married the love of his life, Gertrude L. (LaFerriere) Wonoski, who succeeds him in this life. He also departs his three children – a son, Victor J. Wonoski, Jr. and his wife, Joyce, of Dayville, CT; Sandra A. Wonoski of Dudley and Nancy C. (Wonoski) Voutour of Uxbridge; his granddaughter, Victoria N. Voutour of New York City, and his grandson, Joshua Henries of Dayville, CT; as well as many nieces and nephews. The love Victor had for his family is too great to adequately put into words. He put them above all else and worked his entire life to provide for his wife,

children, and grandchildren.

Before retiring in 1986, Victor worked as a grinder at Webster Lens Company for over 10 years, a shipping manager at Preferred Plastics in North Grosvenordale, CT for several years, and then finished his career by working at Danco Manufacturing in Putnam, CT for 15 years. For the rest of his life, he worked on his family's home, watched his granddaughter ride horses, collaborated on home improvement projects with his son, and joined his wife in the leisure of their golden years – filled with holidays, birthdays, jigsaw puzzles, family pets, coloring books and so much love.

Victor was a member of Saint Anthony of Padua Church (24 Dudley Hill Road), where a memorial Mass will be held in his honor December 22 at noon. In lieu of flowers, please donate to Second Chance Animal Shelter, 11 Young Road, East Brookfield, MA 01515 or www.secondchance.org, so that Victor's love of dogs may continue for as long as possible. There will be no calling hours. Arrangements are under the direction of Sitkowski & Malboeuf Funeral Home, 340 School Street, Webster.

www.sitkowski-malboeuf.com



Richard Pelletier, Jr., 62



STERLING and FOSTER, RHODE ISLAND - Richard Pelletier, Jr., born on August 18, 1956, passed away peacefully in his sleep after fighting his battle with cancer. He was the

son of Richard Pelletier, Sr. and Irma Norton Pelletier. He worked at Superwinch and Northeast Connecticut D Bus Service and later dedicated 35 years at Frito Lay, working as a maintenance mechanic. He enjoyed riding his Harley Davidson and was a member of the Boozefighters

M/C Club. He resided at Dyer Woods Campground where he proudly served as a manager there. He was oftentimes known as the "shower guy" for his projects of installing outdoor showers here. He leaves behind two children: Melissa and Michael Pelletier; four sisters: Priscilla Larocque and husband Jim, Pamela Ducat and husband Joseph, Christine Trahan and husband Dave, and Tracy Dean; several nieces and nephews as well as several friends. A wake was held at Dougherty Brothers Funeral Home in Plainfield on Sunday, November 11. In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to the Philip Hulitar Hospice Center located in Providence, Rhode Island.

Carolyn Hughes, 77



DAYVILLE -- Carolyn Hughes, 77 of Dayville, passed away peacefully surrounded by family on November 27, 2018 at home in Dayville. She was born January 28, 1941 in Putnam,

daughter of the late Lester and Betty Adams. Carolyn was the beloved wife of Arthur Hughes, they were married on April 26, 1958. Carolyn devoted her life around her family and loved to travel the world.

Besides her husband of sixty years Arthur, she leaves her daughters Linda

Allen of Dayville, Debra Thurlow of Dayville and Brenda Caron and husband Ronald of Dayville, her grandchildren; Christine Farnier and husband Andrew, Peter Thurlow and wife Jaclyn, Jenna Allen and Brittany Carr and husband Scott; her great-granddaughter Kaydence Chloe Farnier; her great-grandson Finn Hughes Thurlow; and her sisters Dottie Berube and Jackie Hart. Carolyn was predeceased by a sister, Anne Adams.

Private services were held at Gagnon and Costello Funeral Home. Share a memory at www.gagnonandcostellofh.com

Paul W. Brinkley Sr., 67

WILSONVILLE, CT- Paul W. Brinkley Sr. age 67 died at home after a long illness. He leaves his wife of 47 years, Helen A. (Dungel) Brinkley. He also leaves three sons, Paul W. Brinkley Jr. of Foxboro, MA, Daniel Brinkley and his wife Maria of Wilsonville, CT and Scott Brinkley and his wife Ayesha of Tampa, FL, five grandchildren, Jared, Kyle, Daniel, Ella and Aiden and one great grandson, Cooper. He also leaves two sisters-in-laws, Maryann Dungel of Webster, MA and Betty Soule of Anchorage, Alaska. He also had one brother-in-law that predeceased him, John Dungel of Plymouth, MA. He was born in Hartford, CT son of the late Paul Brinkley and Margaret (McConnell) Brinkley and lived in

Thompson most of his life. Paul was a respiratory therapist and working for many years at the Hubbard Regional Hospital, Webster, MA. He was an avid New England Patriots and Red Sox fan. One of his great joys was his Harley Davidson. There are no calling hours, all services are private. The Shaw-Majercik Funeral Home, 48 School St., Webster, MA has been entrusted with his arrangements. A guest book is available at www.shaw-majercik.com where you may post a condolence or light a candle. Please omit flowers, donations in his memory may be made to the Hospice and Palliative Care of Day Kimball Hospital, Putnam, CT.

Daniel S. Noren, 46



WOODSTOCK – Daniel S. Noren, 46, of Route 198, died Tuesday afternoon at home. Born in Putnam, he was the son of Barbara (Paquette) Noren of Putnam and the late Edward Noren.

Mr. Noren worked as a parts salesman at Coult Truck Country and prior to that Putnam Ford.

Daniel enjoyed spending time in his pool, fishing, snowmobiling, and quadding. He will be remembered as a "Consummate Salesman."

Daniel is survived by his mother; a son, Charles E. Noren and his mother Rebecca (Willich) Gould of Woodstock Valley; two brothers, Bruce A. Noren and Glenn E. Noren and his wife Dineen all of Woodstock; a nephew, Jeffrey Noren of Dayville and a niece, Janel Noren of Knoxville, Tennessee.

Funeral arrangements were private and have been entrusted to the Gilman Funeral Home & Crematory, 104 Church St., Putnam. Memorial donations may be made to the Covenant Soup Kitchen, 220 Valley Street, Willimantic, Connecticut 06226. For memorial guestbook visit www.GilmanAndValade.com.

Raymond G. Rohrig, Jr., 88



DANIELSON -- Raymond G. Rohrig, Jr., 88, of Danielson, died November 28, 2018 at Hartford Hospital. Born February 23, 1930 in Providence, Rhode Island, son of the late Raymond and

Aurore (Desrosiers) Rohrig, Sr. He was predeceased by his first wife Eva (Stanley) Rohrig. On September 12, 2004 he married Georgette (Voisine) Rohrig in St. James Church in Danielson.

Raymond was an avid outdoors man. He enjoyed saltwater fishing, hunting, hiking and fishing in the beaver ponds in the White Mountains. He was a member of the Danielson Lodge

of Elks #1706. Raymond was a supervisor at Anchor Glass working there for 22 years.

Besides his wife Georgette, he leaves his children Raymond Rohrig, Eva Tolani, Carol Geary, Shirley Martin and Leah Meladossian; his step-children Juliette Centore and Philip Centore; his sister Jean Schaarschmidt; also several grandchildren, great grandchildren and two great great grandchildren. He was predeceased by his sisters Jannette Brown, Shirley Roy and a granddaughter Keloha Rohrig.

A Memorial Service was held December 6 at Gagnon and Costello Funeral Home in Danielson. Burial at a later date in St. Ann Cemetery, Cranston, Rhode Island. Share a memory at www.gagnonandcostellofh.com

Lisa A. Hunt, 51



Douglas- Lisa A. Hunt, 51, of Eagle Dr. passes away suddenly at home on Thurs. Nov. 29, 2018 after being stricken ill.

She is survived by her fiancé Paul Remillard of Pomfret, CT; a son Roger Hunt

of Douglas; a sister Jacqueline M. Ritchie and her husband Doug; a brother Jason R. Hunt and his companion Jill of W. Warwick RI; 2 step-brothers Edward Pulsifer Jr. of W. Greenwich, RI, and David Pulsifer of Coventry, RI; her loving step-dad Edward R. Pulsifer with whom she lived; aunts, uncles, cousins, nephews, nieces, and good friends. Born in Milford, MA on June 6, 1967 she was daughter of the late Gerald M. Hunt and Linda M. (Beccia) Pulsifer, and lived in Douglas 27 years. She was raised in Milford and lived several years in Woonsocket, RI.

Lisa loved driving trucks. She was employed as a Class A Truckdriver, working for Ryder Corp. in Worcester. Previously she worked for CarQuest and Keystone Corp. She was educated in the Milford Public School system. An automobile enthusiast, she especially liked muscle cars and belonged to the Tri State Cruisers with her fiancé. She loved her Pony Package Mustang and cared for it with passion. She was very close with her mom Linda Pulsifer, who recently died.

Her Funeral Service was held Wed. Dec. 5 at 7 pm in Jackman Funeral Home, 7 Mechanic St. Douglas. Calling hours were held Wed. Dec. 5 from 4 to 7 pm. Memorial donations in Lisa's memory may be made to the Milford Humane Society, P.O. Box 171 Medway, MA 02053. To leave a condolence message for the family please visit www.jackmanfuneralhomes.com

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Joseph Ray Wolter, II



STORRS – Joseph Ray Wolter, II, 80, of Warren Circle, died Thursday, November 29, 2018 at Mansfield Center for Nursing. Born in Indianapolis, he was the son of the late Joseph Ray Martz, I and Evelyn

Louise (Crostreet) Wolter. His step-father was the late Adolph Gustav Wolter.

Joseph was a United States Army veteran serving during the Vietnam

War. He then became a self-employed artist and worked as a print operator for several printing companies.

Joseph is survived by his daughter, Elizabeth Wolter of Storrs; two grandchildren, Zoe and Alec Stephen; his niece, Annie Tillie Grossman; and his nephews, Brian and Keith Grossman.

Funeral arrangements are private and have been entrusted to the Gilman Funeral Home and Crematory, 104 Church St, Putnam, CT 06260. For memorial guestbook visit www.GilmanAndValade.com.

Herbert H. Sward Jr., 73

NORTH GROSVENORDALE, CT—Herbert H. Sward Jr. age 73 died Wednesday, November 21, 2018 at the Webster Manor, Webster, MA. He leaves his wife Lynne M. (LaFountain) Sward of 30 years. He also leaves a son Scott Sward of Portland, Oregon, two daughters, Kerri L. Chase and Jonathan of North Grosvenordale and Sandra Ebersol of Florida, three grandchildren, Kaeden Mayo, Ellyana Mayo and Courtney Ebersohl.

He was born in Putnam, CT son of the late Herbert H. Sward Sr. and Olga (Martis) Sward and lived here all his life. Herbert did carpentry work and repair. He worked security at Thompson Speedway for over 40 years.

He was past president of the Eastern CT Police Association and Southern MA Police Association. He was president of the resident council at Webster Manor. One of Herberts great joys was travel. The Shaw-Majercik Funeral Home, 48 School St., Webster, MA has been entrusted with his arrangements. A guest book is available at www.shaw-majercik.com where you may post a condolence or light a candle. A celebration of life was held Saturday, Dec. 1, 2018 10 am - 12 am in the Shaw-Majercik Funeral Home. Please omit flowers. The family requests that donations in his memory be made to the Emanuel Lutheran Church, North Grosvenordale, CT

Margaret A. (Sugedi) Krukoff, 99

ASHFORD, CT—Margaret A. (Sugedi) Krukoff age 99 died Wednesday, November 28, 2018 at her home surrounded by her loving family. She leaves her two daughters, Shirley Kaba of Stafford, CT and Margaret R. Coup of North Scituate, RI, two sons, John Krukoff and his wife Beverly and Carl Krukoff and his wife Leora all of Ashford, CT, ten grandchildren and 12 great grandchildren. She also leaves a brother, Louis Sugedi of Ashford, CT. Margaret had three brothers who predeceased her, Joseph, Steven and John Sugedi and a sister Mary Pekarovic. She was born in Pennsylvania, daugh-

ter of the late Joseph Sugedi and Anna (Gaspar) Sugedi and lived in Ashford all her life. Margaret was a lunch lady at the Ashford Elementary School. There are no calling hours. All services will be private. Please omit flowers and donations in her memory may be made to the American School for the blind. The Shaw-Majercik Funeral Home, 48 School St., Webster, MA has been entrusted with her arrangements. A guest book is available at www.shaw-majercik.com where you may post a condolence or light a candle.

Arlene C. Carbone, 71

Arlene C. Carbone, 71, of Brooklyn died Sunday, November 25, 2018 at home. She was born in Putnam on November 26, 1946, daughter of the late Vincent and Lena (Dandeneau) Espinosa.

Arlene loved to spend time with her daughter and granddaughters.

She leaves her daughter Gina Carbone of Brooklyn, brother Fr. Donald Espinosa of Boston, Massachusetts, granddaughters Kayleigh and Mia.

There are no services. Share a memory at www.gagnonandcostellofh.com

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Revisit lesser-known Christmas traditions

Christmas celebrants participate in many different traditions year after year, but some may not fully understand the meaning behind such activities. A Christian holiday, Christmas did not originate with all activities centralized to the church. In fact, many of the traditions people hold dear have pagan roots, which were adapted as Christmas celebrations evolved.

People who hang mistletoe in doorways may be surprised to learn that this tradition dates back to the ancient Druids. The Druids believed mistletoe possessed mystical powers that brought good luck to the household and warded off evil spirits.

Evergreen trees are now associated with Christmas trees, but evergreen boughs were once used to decorate homes during the winter solstice to help people envision the spring to come. Christians often look at evergreen trees as a sign of everlasting life and their relationship with God.

However, while many Christmas traditions continue to be an integral part of annual celebrations, there are some customs that have fallen out of favor. Although these traditions may no longer be widely practiced, anyone can revive them and make them part of their holiday celebrations.

Wassailing is a custom that has ancient origins and is not as popular today as it once was. "Wassail" comes from the Anglo-Saxon phrase "waes hael," which means, "good health." Wassail is a drink made of mulled ale, spices and other ingredients. To go wassailing meant to travel door-to-door singing and offering a drink from a wassail bowl in exchange for gifts. Wassailing has been mentioned in certain Christmas carols, includ-



Wassail is an ancient spirited beverage that was brought house-to-house with the goal of spreading Christmas cheer.

ing "We Wish You a Merry Christmas."

Largely an English tradition, wassailing was brought to America by British settlers. January 17th, the old Twelfth Night, is the traditional date for wassailing. Although wassailing has largely fallen by the wayside, increased interest in ales and craft brewing may help revitalize this Christmas tradition, which can inspire community spirit.

Gifts with fruit cake is another tradition that has

been much maligned and does not enjoy the same popularity that it once did. Fruit cake is a cake made with chopped candied fruit, nuts and spices and is occasionally soaked in spirits. Fruit cakes have been enjoyed all over the world, but Americans may never have embraced the Christmas fruit cake tradition as much as those from other countries. However, with the right recipe and an open mind, it may be possible to resurrect the fruit cake tradition once again.

Mummers plays are another British tradition that arrived in North America with settlers but has largely fallen by the wayside. Mummers plays involved miming folk dramas, and the plays were commonplace around the holiday season. Celebrants may want to research such dramas and include them in this year's festivities to liven up celebrations even more.

Traditions passed on through the years

help make Christmas a favorite time of celebration. People may want to explore the less popular traditions today and once again make them interesting parts of this year's festivities.

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ESTATE OF Steven A Boggs (18-00467)

The Hon. Leah P. Schad, Judge of the Court of Probate, District of Northeast Probate Court, by decree dated November 29, 2018, ordered that all claims must be presented to the fiduciary at the address below. Failure to promptly present any such claim may result in the loss of rights to recover on such claim.

Brenda Duquette, Clerk

The fiduciary is:

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ESTATE OF Albert F Fougere, Jr. (18-00429)

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“Shining a light on community events”

From Lost & Found Cat Shelter in Thompson: We have quite a few empty cages and are currently accepting cats. We accept all cats that are not aggressive or have bite wounds. 459 Thompson Road, Thompson. Call 860-315-5792 first, thank you!

December 8, Sat., 10am-3pm
Putnam Baptist Church's Christmas Bazaar. Crafts Fair and Bake Sale. Raffles. Light fare available for purchase. - Mrs. Claus will be visiting for the children (and the young at heart!) 170 Church St, Putnam.

December 8, Sat., 10am-1pm
Lost & Found Cat Shelter will be at Petvalu in Putnam (in Riverfront Commons) for an adoption event. The shelter will also be opened that day (459 Thompson Road, Thompson), so people can stop both places to see our awesome kitties. (860) 315-5792 for info.

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December 8 & 9, 1pm-5pm
A Victorian Christmas at Roseland Cottage, Step back in time and see Roseland decorated for the holidays, in the manner of 1887. Costumed guides lead free tours. Please call 860-928-4074 for more information. 556 Route 169, Woodstock. Cosponsored by Archambault Insurance.

December 9, Sun., 7am - 11am
Pancake Breakfast by the Plainfield Lions Club at the Plainfield Recreation Center, 484 Norwich Rd. (Rte.12) Plainfield. \$5 Senior/child, \$6 Adults. Monies to benefit Project PIN food pantry in Moosup. Also Collecting used Eye Glasses for Distribution to Philippines to benefit Eye Sight Projects.

December 9, Sun., 7pm
Please join us for a candlelight service - An Evening of Lessons and Carols, featuring the Pomfret School Chorus and Grifftones at Clark Memorial Chapel, Pomfret School, Pomfret. Doors will open at 6:30pm. Refresh-

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ments following. Parking available across the street from the chapel.

December 9, Sun., 1pm - 4pm
Holiday Fair and Open House at PAWS Cat Shelter at 240 Route 171 Woodstock. New and gently used jewelry/purses, hand-made gifts and baked goods, & a gift wrapping station! Tours. Adoptions. 860-315-1CAT

December 12, Wed., 7pm
Bingo every Wednesday at St. James School, 12 Franklin Street, Danielson. Proceeds benefit St. James School.

December 15, Sat., 9am-2pm
BIG ANNUAL HOLIDAY COOKIES “SOLD BY THE POUND” GREAT BASKET RAFFLE also Our Lady of LaSalette Church, 21 Providence Rd (Rt 6) Brooklyn (In the church basement) try us and it will become your new holiday tradition!

December 15, Sat., 10am-3pm
Lost & Found Cat Shelter, 459 Thompson Road, Thompson is having a craft fair. The craft fair will also be held on Sunday December 16, from 10am-1pm. (860) 315-5792 for info.

December 15, Sat., 10am-12pm
Santa will be in town at the Plainfield Social Club, and will be handing out gifts to the children, and you can have your picture taken with Santa as well! FREE event. 42 Railroad Ave., Plainfield.

December 15, Sat., 10am
Cookbook Club's Annual Cookie Swap and Yankee Swap!! Bracken Memorial Library, 57 Academy Road, Woodstock.

December 15, 7-8:30am
Soldiers, Sailors and Marines Fund assistance is available every Saturday morning, at the Pomfret Senior Center 207 Mashamoquet Road (Rt. 44 in Pomfret. Best to call ahead, 860-928-2309. Always free/ confidential. (the fund is administered by the American Legion to provide temporary financial assistance for qualified veterans.)

Do You Remember the Quiet Corner of Many Years Ago?



We would like to hear from readers who have stories to tell about the way things were here in the Quiet Corner in days gone by.

Send us your memories from years ago. Any year or time period will do between the 1930s to the 1990s. We want to hear your memories! We will share them with our readers. Don't worry about your writing — we will edit it so it looks good.

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SATURDAY, DECEMBER 8

9:00 p.m.
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SUNDAY, DECEMBER 9

11:00 a.m. - 3:00 p.m.
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ONGOING

MARIACHI BAND
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TRIVIA SATURDAY NIGHTS
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7:30 p.m. start up
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WISE GUYS TEAM TRIVIA
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