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Serving up some friendship

Olivia

Richman photo

Volunteers from the Living Faith United Methodist Church and its surrounding community serve a turkey dinner at the church's fourth year anniversary Community Cafe.

BY OLIVIA RICHMAN
NEWS STAFF WRITER

PUTNAM — The four-year anniversary of Living Faith United Methodist Church's Community Cafe provided a hearty turkey dinner to over 100 guests. The weekly meal has been a huge hit week after week, bringing together the community and creating an atmosphere of acceptance and support.

The Community Cafe's co-coordinator Judy Gehrig brought the idea of the meal to the church in Sept. of 2013. It was an idea she brought with her from her time as a United Methodist pastor at a church in New Jersey.

"I started a very similar lunch down there,"

she said. "With the same vision of offering a place for people to come and feel valued and welcomed and have a very diverse group of people as possible, to help us all remember we're all the same, no matter where we are in life."

According to Gehrig, the people who regularly attend Community Cafe each Friday aren't only in need of food. Others are in need of fellowship. They want company, happiness . . . the meal gives people a place to "come and share with each other" said Gehrig. "And get to know the people in their community."

The first Community Cafe four years ago had over 50 people in attendance, proving just how

welcome that kind of program was in Putnam and the surrounding community.

Gehrig and her husband, Michael, moved back to Connecticut in 2012. Right away, they noticed many differences between Putnam and their old community in New Jersey. It was a small, affluent Jersey town of only 2,000 people along the Delaware River. She noticed that Putnam had a lot more economic struggles and less diversity. But the Community Cafe had a special way of bringing all kinds of people together, which has made it a very important program.

"For me familiarity is what helps people understand each other,"

Gehrig said. "We have much less fear of others when we know people. We're all 'other' to somebody. I think it gives us a platform for people to know people from different groups they wouldn't normally come in contact with on their day to day basis."

While the meal is a mission of the church, they still acknowledge the importance of volunteers and donations from local businesses, like Price

Chopper (which donate breads and desserts each week).

The woman who does the majority of the cooking each week is Christine Castonguay. She took over the cooking from Michael, when he hurt his knee a few years after founding the Community Cafe.

"She loves it," said Gehrig. "This is a passion for her. She loves cooking. She loves serving these people. She has

her heart in it. She gets what we're doing."

Castonguay's passion for giving is the heart of the Community Cafe.

"There is so much joy in being able to give people a sense that they're loved and cared for," said Gehrig. "And you don't often get the opportunity to do this every week for 100 people. It's a wonderful opportunity. What I love is that everyone

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The apple of his mother's eye

BY OLIVIA RICHMAN
NEWS STAFF WRITER

BROOKLYN — The winner of the Brooklyn Fall Festival's annual

apple pie contest may come as a shock to most. But it's even more shocking when you find out who he beat: Ten-year-old Jackson Sorel took first place and his mother, Ellen, took third. A competitive family

that loves to cook and bake together, baking apple pie was nothing new to Jackson. I visited mother and son at home – and even saw the kitchen they baked their apple pies in – to find out how Jackson grew to be such a successful baker.

How did you feel when they announced you as the winner?

Jackson - "Good and excited."

Ellen - "I was a little jealous. No, kidding. I was very proud. I wanted him to have these skills and want him to cook with his family someday."

What made you decide to enter the contest?

Ellen - "We found an advertisement. I asked him if he wanted to have a little contest with his mom. We used different apples and different recipes."

How did you come up with the recipes?

Jackson - "We looked it up. I picked mine because it had a lattice top. I just

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Olivia Richman photos

Jackson with his winning apple pie.

A thousand ways to learn

BY OLIVIA RICHMAN
NEWS STAFF WRITER

THOMPSON – "Can you do it? We think you can!"

The Thompson Public Library is encouraging families to read at least 1,000 books to or with their children before kindergarten. The program, according to the library, provides parents with fun and exciting ways to get kids ready for kindergarten, "giving them the skills and tools they need to be ready to read in kindergarten and be more successful in school."

With Toddler Time and Preschool Hour, Children's Librarian Kim Flynn believes the library is not only benefiting children who sit in on the interactive sessions, but the parents, who can learn how to emulate the programs at home.

"It's to encourage parents to read, talk, sing, write and play with their children," she said. "The single most important thing you can do for a child's reading development is to read to them aloud."

According to Flynn, there's been studies done on children who have been read

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Olivia Richman photo

"I like connections to things," said Ann Vallencourt of her passion for painting, "and beauty and integrity and truth and all the things that come with it. It's being able to look at something and see a story in it. I just love color and making things. If I'm not busy sewing or painting I'm making apple pie I don't need."

A passion for painting

BY OLIVIA RICHMAN
NEWS STAFF WRITER

BROOKLYN – The Brooklyn Fall Festival was a chance for well-known artists in the area to show off their

latest work. This included pastel and water paintings by Canterbury artist Ann Vallencourt. The landscapes, portraits and still life pieces were a huge hit at the festival.

"They're paintings of things I'm connected to," Vallencourt said. "These are places I see every day. Flowers in my backyard. A moment or a person or a place or a thought... Or just the light hitting something."

For example, her latest painting

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Troop D makes drug bust

DANIELSON — On Monday, Oct. 2, at approximately 8:38 pm, members of the Connecticut State Police Troop D – Quality of Life Task Force conducted a motor vehicle stop in Sterling on a silver Buick Lacrosse for a motor vehicle violation. QLTF Troopers approached the vehicle and interviewed the occupant. During the interview, consent to search the vehicle was requested and granted. Troopers began a search of the vehicle. During the search, Troopers, along with



Joseph Lombardy

K9 Ambrie, a narcotic detecting Labrador, located and seized 12 bags of crack cocaine (eight grams) pre-packaged for sale in the vehicle. Troopers arrested Joseph Lombardy, 60, of Lake Street in Moosup. Lombardy was transported to Troop D and charged with Possession of Crack Cocaine and Possession of Crack Cocaine with intent to sell. Lombardy was released on a \$25,000 non/surety bond and is scheduled to appear in Danielson Superior Court on Oct. 18 for the charges.

Police dog helps out with cocaine bust

KILLINGLY — On Sept. 27 at approximately 10:50 pm, Killingly Resident Connecticut State Police Trooper Kane and the Troop D Quality of Life Task Force were conducting narcotic interdiction in the town of Killingly. Trooper Kane observed a Cadillac Escalade making an illegal U-Turn on Broad Street in Danielson. Trooper Kane caught up to the Escalade on Reynolds Street and noted that it was towing an unregistered trailer. The Escalade was stopped on Reynolds Street for the motor vehicle violations. Trooper Kane and QLTF Troopers approached the vehicle and interviewed the occupant. During the interview, consent to search the vehicle was requested and granted and Troopers began a search of the vehicle.



Courtesy photo

K9 Ambrie

During the search, Troopers located and seized a machete and a bag of heroin. K9 Ambrie, a narcotic detecting Labrador, sniffed the occupant and alerted to the odor of narcotics near his waist band area. Troopers located and seized 15 bags of crack cocaine (10 grams) pre-packaged for sale in his waistband area. Also seized was \$1,076.00. Troopers arrested Shaquille Reece, 27, of Whitcomb Street, Webster, Mass. Reece was transported to Troop D and charged with Possession of Narcotics and Possession of Narcotics With Intent to Sell, Weapons in a Motor Vehicle, Illegal U-Turn, and Towing an Unregistered Motor Vehicle. Reece was held on a \$2,500 cash/ surety bond and appeared in Danielson Superior Court on Sept. 28 for the charges.

Members of the Connecticut State Police are committed to combating drug activity in the Quiet Corner and anyone with information regarding the illegal sale of narcotics are encouraged to call the Troop D QLTF anonymous Tips Hotline at (860) 779-4950 or message the QLTF Facebook page.

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Coat drive underway in Putnam

BY OLIVIA RICHMAN
NEWS STAFF WRITER

PUTNAM — The Knights of Columbus Cargill Council No. 64 held a coat drive at St. Mary's parking lot on Saturday, Sept. 23, collecting over 50 coats and a large amount of blankets and baby clothes. While those numbers sound amazing, the coat drive was one of many events the Knights have been hosting throughout Windham County since May.

The Knights will be collecting coats, blankets and baby clothes for families in need until Nov. 25.

At the moment, the Knights of Columbus Cargill Council have over 100 coats. But for the members, including "Coats for Kids" program Chair John D. Ryan, that's only the beginning.

Last year, the Knights collectively gave out 322 coats, 53 blankets and 75 pounds of baby clothes.

"And I would imagine we would top that this year," said Ryan.

This is a unique program. The Knights purchase new jackets for children for their "Coats for Kids" program. But they also rally the community to donate jackets, blankets and baby clothes in an attempt to help entire families.

The families are found by visiting local schools and agencies to figure out which families may be in need of assistance.

"We're doing it for needy families," said Ryan. "The point is, these needy families shouldn't need an explanation. What I've been fond of saying is that these coats are better on somebody's back than they are on somebody's closet. They're not being used anymore. Isn't it better to have it used by someone in need rather than take up space?"

And while the Knights are organizing the donation events, it really takes the entire community to make it all happen.

"We can't do it without them," Ryan said. "The fact is, this is dealing with the generosity of donors. Yes, the Knights

do purchase new coats for children — something the Knights do throughout North America — but we added the used coats for adults because we want to help whole families. This is something done collectively throughout all Knights in Windham County. None of this can happen without generosity of donors. We're very pleased with the communities taking part."

So why are the Knights trying so hard to gather all of these articles of clothing? According to Ryan, charity work is part of the Knight's guiding principles: Charity, unity and fraternity.

"We have Knights coming together from throughout the county to make this a success," Ryan said. "It's what we do since we were founded in 1882 in New Haven. We can do more together than we can by ourselves."

Anyone who wants to donate a coat, blanket or baby clothes can call Ryan at (860) 928-7241. The Knights will arrange for the donations to be picked up. They



John Ryan photos

The Knights of Columbus Cargill Council No. 64 — with a lot of help from spouses — have been organizing and storing over 250 coats they've collected for needy families across Windham County.



will then be brought to their storage, where they are organizing and sorting them until the day after Thanksgiving.

Olivia Richman may be reached at (860) 928-1818, ext. 112 or by e-mail at olivia@stonebridgepress.com

Bracken Memorial Library Upcoming Events

Thursday, October 19 at 7:00--Ted Reinstein

Boston "Chronicle" reporter Ted Reinstein will be speaking about his newest book, *General Stores of New England: Exploring an American Classic*. He is a great speaker! Copies of his book will be available for sale & signing.



Wednesday, November 1 at 6:30--Sam Ducharme

Woodstock resident and retired K9 officer, Sam Ducharme will be talking about his 2,180 mile journey along the Appalachian trail! He will be doing a slideshow, showing his gear, and more. This is an awesome presentation!



Bracken Memorial Library is located on The Woodstock Academy North Campus, 57 Academy Rd, Woodstock, CT
Parking is available on Hill Cemetery Rd. and Academy Rd.
 All events are free and open to the public
For more information: 860-928-0046/brackenlib@gmail.com/Facebook

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POMFRET

Tuesday, Oct. 10

EPDC, 8 a.m., Pomfret Community/Senior Center

Board of Finance, 6:30 p.m., Pomfret Community School

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

Thursday, Oct. 12

Conservation Commission, 7 p.m., Old Town House

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Tuesday, Oct. 10

Economic Development Commission & Redevelopment Agency, 8 a.m., Town Hall

Thursday, Oct. 12

WPCA, 6:30 p.m., Town Hall

THOMPSON

Tuesday, Oct. 10

Board of Education, 7 p.m., Middle School Media Center

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

Water Pollution Control Authority, 7 p.m., WPCA Treatment Plant Office

Wednesday, Oct. 11

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

Zoning Board of Appeals, 7 p.m., Town Hall

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Housing Authority, 5:15 p.m., Housing Authority Office

EASTFORD

Tuesday, Oct. 10

Planning Commission, 7 p.m., Town Office Building

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Board of Education, 7 p.m., Eastford Elementary School

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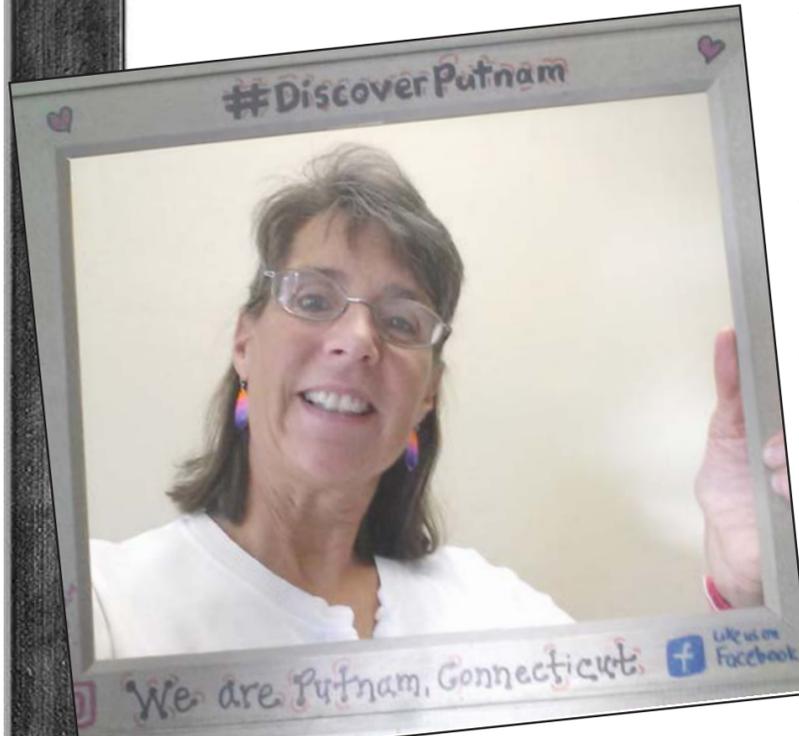


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Marcy B. Dawley

Name: Marcy B. Dawley (aka the Putnamaniac)

Occupation: Coordinator for Putnam Business Association, Team member for Chase Graphics, Office person for Wyndham Land Trust

Lives in: Putnam, CT

Family: Husband, Bob White, plus the best Mother (Jackie Dawley), Sister (Sue Dawley), and brother (Si Dawley)

Pets: None – just lots of squirrels & chipmunks, and an occasional skunk in the yard!

How long have you lived in the area? About 12 years

Do you have a favorite food? Veggies

What is currently your favorite TV Show? Seinfeld re-runs

What is your favorite movie? Caddyshack/Happy Gilmore

What is your favorite travel destination? Other than downtown Putnam, I'd say Squam Lake area of New Hampshire

What is the best part of your town? The people! The community that happens because of them.

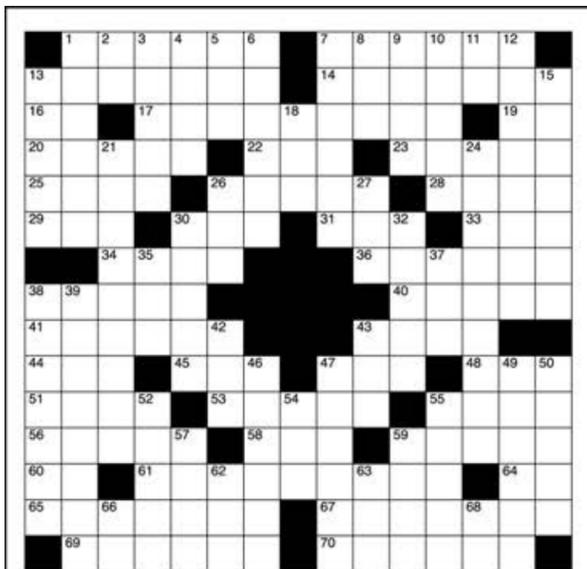
Who has been the greatest influence in your life? My mother. Sincerely the best person I know on Earth.

Who is your favorite musical artist? Barry Manilow! I am a FANILOW!

What is the greatest piece of advice you have ever been given? Don't try to be great tomorrow, try to be a little bit better each and every day.

Favorite Sports Team: Red Sox, Bruins, Patriots, Celtics (in that order, although I still have not completely gotten over Ainge's triple trade of Doc, Paul Pierce, and KG)

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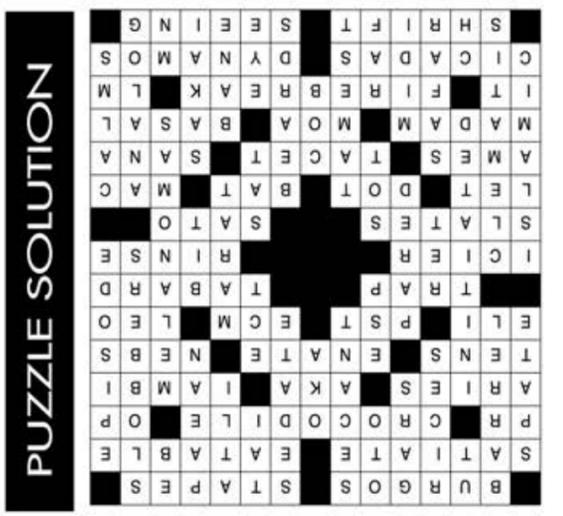


CLUES ACROSS

- 1. Spanish city
- 7. Middle ear bone
- 13. Satisfy to the fullest
- 14. Able to be consumed
- 16. US island territory (abbr.)
- 17. Predatory reptile
- 19. Beachwear manufacturer
- 20. European space program
- 22. Alias
- 23. Metrical feet
- 25. Large integers
- 26. Matrilineality
- 28. Snouts
- 29. Giants' signal caller Manning
- 30. Pacific Time
- 31. Electronic countermeasures
- 33. "Anna Karenina" author
- 34. Snare
- 36. Sleeveless garment
- 38. More arctic
- 40. Clean off
- 41. Signs
- 43. Common Japanese surname
- 44. Allow
- 45. A way to mark
- 47. Ballplayers need one
- 48. ___ and cheese
- 51. KGB mole
- 53. Indicating silence
- 55. Capital of Yemen
- 56. A woman of refinement
- 58. Extinct flightless bird of New Zealand
- 59. Belonging to a bottom layer
- 60. Stephen King novel
- 61. Fire obstacle
- 64. Lumen
- 65. Loud insects
- 67. Energetic persons
- 69. Confession (archaic)
- 70. Witnessing

CLUES DOWN

- 1. Whiskey receptacle
- 2. Western State
- 3. Cereal grasses
- 4. Needlefishes
- 5. Relating to the ears
- 6. Mathematical ratio
- 7. Dignified
- 8. Pacific sea bream
- 9. One of Thor's names
- 10. Song of praise
- 11. Equal to one quintillion (abbr.)
- 12. Drools
- 13. Cluster
- 15. One in a series
- 18. Egyptian unit of weight
- 21. Broached
- 24. Skin cancers
- 26. Second sight
- 27. Shock treatment
- 30. Whittled
- 32. Murdered in his bathtub
- 35. A way to soak
- 37. Small piece
- 38. Relating to Islam
- 39. Climbing plant
- 42. Drunkard
- 43. Test for high schoolers
- 46. Least exciting
- 47. Amanda and James are two
- 49. Something comparable to another
- 50. Soother
- 52. Month in the Islamic calendar
- 54. White gull having a black back and wings
- 55. Japanese seaport
- 57. The south of France
- 59. Batman villain
- 62. British air aces
- 63. Body part
- 66. Clearinghouse
- 68. Manganese



American Legion Post 13 tourney benefits charity

PUTNAM — The second annual American Legion Post No. 13 Golf Tournament was held on Sept. 24 at Connecticut National Golf Course. Twenty-six foursomes, the largest number in the brief tournament history, teed up at Connecticut National Golf Course in support of the Putnam-based veterans organization. The tournament also registered its largest net profit, bringing in \$14,500 in support of the numerous community programs sponsored by Post #13.

“Although the temps were very summery the golfers appeared to enjoy the unusually ideal weather conditions. The competition for the Commander’s Cup was spirited but the overall atmosphere was relaxed and friendly,” said Post 13 Commander Ronald P. Coderre. “Thanks to the large field of golfers, the support of our major and tee sponsors we were able to realize our largest net profit in the two years of the event. This tournament continues to put us in a financial position where we are able to provide scholarships, programs and special projects in the Putnam community.”

On the course a mere one stroke separated the top three foursomes of Michael Vassar, Daryl and Jimmy Stevens and Ted Ratyna posted a 13 under par score of 58 on the par 71, 5913-yard Connecticut National layout. The winners shot 29-29-58 with four birdies and an eagle on the front and birdies on seven of the nine holes on the back. In addition to individual trophies, the winners received the Commander’s Cup, which they’ll maintain in their possession for one year.

Second place by virtue of matching cards was the group of Tom Auclair, Marc Allard, Paul Leduc and George Dumas. They posted a score of 29-30-59. The third slot went to the Gerardi Insurance foursome of Eric Quinn, Matt Desaulnier, Andy Crowley and Bryan Maker. They carded a 27-32-59.

The co-ed team competition title went to the foursome of Donna Coderre, Charles Boivin, Brian Streczala and Ron Desrochers. In winning the mixed field event they posted a six under par 65.

Closest-to-the pin winners were Ron Desrochers (4th Hole); Andy Crowley (7th); Nicholas Cote (9th); Ron Coderre (11th); and Butch Hansen (15th). Joe Lindley of Thompson walked off with the 50/50 raffle prize.

The Post honored Jo-Ann Chenail of bankHometown with an American Legion certificate of appreciation. bankHometown was the this year’s tournament sponsor. The Major sponsors were Fluid Coating Technology, G-Seven Catering Company, Gerardi Insurance Services and RPC Associates.

Monies raised from the tournament will assist in supporting the Boys State program, a scholarship to a Putnam High School student and a veteran at Quinebaug Valley Community College, Americanism programs at Putnam Elementary School, Tri-Town American Legion baseball, and the high school oratorical contest. The proceeds will also support the flag project on Pomfret Street and the “Hometown Hero” banner project.

Members of the tournament committee included Rick and Dee Carnahan, Quinn, Charlie Leach, Victor Kratz, Brian Maynard, Roger Franklin, Chas MacKenzie, Earl Rosebrooks, Vassar, and Alan and Jo-Anne Joslin.

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Kathy Parker and Jen Briere, co-directors of "Death By Fatal Murder"

BY OLIVIA RICHMAN
NEWS STAFF WRITER

PUTNAM – Just in time for the spookiest month of the year, the Bradley Playhouse is presenting "Death By Fatal Murder," a comedy with a paranormal twist.

I sat in during a late-night rehearsal to speak with co-directors Kathy Parker and Jen Briere. I not only learned more about the play itself, but heard why it's the perfect play for all audiences to check out this season. The play opens on Oct. 6 and runs through Oct. 22.

What is "Death By Fatal Murder" about?

Kathy Parker – "It's a spoof on the Agatha Christie murder mystery genre. So it's funny. There's lots of laughs."

Jen Briere – "But there's still a murder mystery story in there."

Kathy – "It's set in 1940 in England, at a manor."

Jen – "Out in the country."

Kathy – "It's an old estate. It takes place in one wing of the house. The lady who has inherited the property is played by Jen, who's doing double duty in this show. Her character's name is Nancy. There's a constable missing in the town. They are coming to find out where he went and it turns out it's a murder."

Sounds like a classic murder mystery with a twist. How did you



Scenes from "Death By Fatal Murder"

A side order of murder

end up picking this play?

Kathy – "We have an artistic committee."

Jen – "Which I'm on. We're always looking for ensemble pieces. We want something around this time of year that's a little bit mysterious. We've done darker things like Frankenstein. Last year's show was not a comedy."

So you wanted to stay away from straight up horror this time around?

Jen – "We did do that the past couple of years. We thought this would be a little different. We thought it was too funny not to do it. I think we have a lot of straight horror going on in the real world. It's distracting and light-hearted, while also having drama. Which makes it particularly fun."

But it still fits into this season's theme.

Jen – We like that mystery. Sometimes it's a little more ghost... This play does have nice ghost elements in it for Halloween."

Kathy – "We have a medium."

Jen – "There's lots of talks of ghosts. There's a séance scene, which is a lot of fun. It works with that whole October vibe."

So what makes it a comedy?

Jen – "Oh my gosh."

Kathy – "One of the basic things is a lot of misunderstandings of what's being

said. The main character, Inspector Pratt, is an Inspector Clouseau type by Pink Panther. He's bumbling. He has a lot of trouble accomplishing what he should be accomplishing."

Jen – "Like anything."

Kathy – "There's different accents. He misunderstands words because of that. He just uses wrong words for things. For example, he asks for your 'circumstantial for being in the house', instead of 'circumstances.'"

Jen – "What are the circumscisions of your father's death?" Things like that. But for people who really love the British mystery genre – which are very popular on TV – it has that sense of humor for those people who love that world. They'll get a kick out of it. But it also has slapstick. It just has fun with that material."

How is the cast?

Kathy – "Really good. It's a strong, strong cast."

Jen – "We could not ask for a better cast."

Why should people see this play?

Jen – "Because it's funny."

Kathy – "Escapism. Yeah, it's about a murder. But it's about the personalities that are involved at the house."

Jen – "Everyone on stage is having such a good time. The audience can have a good time with us. It's two hours of pure fun. With a side order of murder."

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LEARNING

QVCC faculty member is honored

DANIELSON — Many adjunct faculty members at Quinebaug Valley Community College bring years of work experience and the latest expertise to the classroom, most often to specialized programs such as allied health, computer science, and manufacturing. One of those adjuncts also shares his skills with the community — mostly as a volunteer.

Jon Gorman, who teaches Basic Life Support at QVCC, is a nurse at Harrington Hospital in Southbridge, Mass., who has worked in health care for 35 years. In addition, he works tirelessly as a volunteer trainer of CPR at many community events, schools, and other venues.

“My passion is for education for everyone, from health

care providers to members of the community,” Gorman said. “After my father died of a sudden cardiac arrest early in my nursing career, I wanted as many people as possible to know what to do if the event ever happened to them.”

Gorman has been teaching CPR and other advanced courses for close to 20 years. Due to the costs for CPR classes, he started reaching out to the community and teaching Hands Only CPR in conjunction with the American Heart Association. Earlier in September he and the Harrington team offered Hands Only CPR training to attendees at the Eastern States Exposition Fair in West Springfield. He will spend Columbus Day weekend certifying people at Old Sturbridge

Village.

Gorman was recently honored by the New England Regional Emergency Cardiovascular Care (ECC) Committee at its meeting in Manchester, NH. He was presented the 2016-17 Outstanding Volunteer Award for having trained more than 3,500 people in Hands Only CPR during the year.

Gorman is enjoying his first semester at QVCC.

“The teaching experience has been wonderful,” Gorman said. “It is always a joy to teach individuals who want to learn.”



Courtesy photo
From left, Ray Barry, ECC Chairman, Jon Gorman, and Michael Smith, Director-ECC Network Relations.

SCHOOLS AND THE PUBLIC are encouraged to submit items for inclusion on the Learning Page. The deadline is noon Monday. Send all items to Editor Charlie Lentz at charlie@villagenewspapers.com.

QVCC celebrates 24-hour comics day

DANIELSON — Artists who want to test their creativity and push their artistic limits are invited to Quinebaug Valley Community College for this year's 24-Hour Comics Day. The day of extreme cartooning allows 24 straight hours for amateur and professional cartoonists of any age to challenge themselves to write, draw and letter an entire 24-page comic in 24 hours. This year's 24-Hour Comics Day starts at the QVCC Cafeteria at 3 pm on Friday, Oct. 6, and continues through 3 p.m. on Saturday, Oct. 7.

Creating comic art can be lonely work. 24-Hour

Comics Day provides an opportunity to stretch creative muscles and get invigorated by working alongside a group of fellow artists.

This annual international festival of comics creation draws in young and old, experienced and novice. Don't let a lack of experience or materials keep you away — previous participants have been as young as 7, and have used supplies ranging from a box of crayons to top-of-the-line drawing pencils. “Celebrity” 24-hour comic book creators include: Neil Gaiman (“Sandman”), Erik Larsen (“Savage Dragon”), Steve Bissette

(“Swamp Thing”), and 24-hour comics inventor, Scott McCloud (“Understanding Comics”).

Artists who complete the challenge may submit copies of their comics to be included in the official 24-Hour Comics Collection hosted by the Ohio State University Billy Ireland Cartoon Museum & Library. For more information about the event, contact Jakob Spjut, QVCC associate professor of engineering science, at (860) 932-4156 or visit <http://qvcc.edu/event/24-hour-comic-book-day/> or www.24hourcomicsday.com

NEWS BRIEFS

Blumenthal to speak with vets in Danielson

DANIELSON — On Tuesday, Oct. 10, at the Danielson Veterans Coffeehouse, U.S. Senator Richard Blumenthal, Democrat from Connecticut, will speak on the latest developments on veterans legislation and what his office does to assist veterans and general updates on what is happening in Washington in regards to veterans issues. The Coffeehouse is located at the Killingly Community Center, 185 Broad St., 2nd floor and open to all veterans starting at 9 a.m.

Auto fatality in Putnam

PUTNAM — On Saturday, Sept. 30, at approximately 1 a.m., the Putnam Police Department responded to a one-vehicle motor vehicle accident at the intersection of Grove and Tatem streets that resulted in a fatality. The victim has been identified as Marissa Rocks, 24, from Dayville. The accident remains under investigation. Anyone who may have witnessed the accident is asked to contact the Putnam Police Department at (860) 928-6565.

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THE 7TH ANNUAL TRICKY TRAIL RUN
Sunday, October 29th @ 9:30am

Location: Owen Bell Park
Fee: \$20 adults
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This year the Tricky Trail Run has some new tricks! There will be optional physical challenge stations throughout the course that can be completed for free raffle tickets! Awards will be given for best costume and to the top 3 men and women who complete the race with all challenges and without.

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Borner re-elected to ICBA Federal Delegate Board

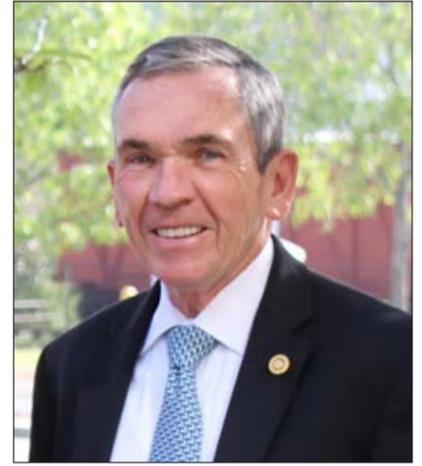
Washington, D.C. — The Independent Community Bankers of America (ICBA) announced that local community banker Thomas A. Borner, President & CEO of Putnam Bank was re-elected to the ICBA Federal Delegate Board. ICBA is the nation's voice for community banks.

"I am honored to be re-elected to this position," Borner said. "It gives me a chance to work for community banks across the country that practice trusted, relationship-based lending and offer hands-on personal service and invaluable financial expertise to local consumers and small businesses."

In addition to helping shape and advocate ICBA's national policy positions and programs, Borner's duties include being a liaison between independent community bankers in Connecticut and ICBA staff and leadership in Washington, D.C. He will also work to recruit new members to ICBA.

ICBA is the only national trade association dedicated exclusively to promoting the interests of locally operated community banks and savings institutions. With trusted financial expertise and high-quality customer service as their hallmarks, community banks offer the best financial services option for millions of consumers, small businesses, farms and ranches.

"Tom is a dedicated community banker who is respected by his industry peers," said ICBA Chairman Scott Heitkamp, President and CEO of ValueBank Texas of Corpus Christi, TX. "We are delighted that Tom will be generously offering his time and valuable professional talents to the service of the community banking industry."



Courtesy photo

Thomas A. Borner

Woodstock fall ball results

BASEBALL: MAJORS

Woodstock Rock Cats 6, Thompson 6

Though the weather was raw in most of Woodstock on Sept. 30, the Major League Rock Cats had Roseland Park heated up. The game against Thompson was close, with a tie at the end of the 6th inning. Time allowed for two extra innings. The highlight for both teams was the pitching. Thompson had a total of 16 strikeouts in the 8 innings. Woodstock Rock Cats pitchers, Gabe Luperon, Bradley Blair and Zachary Renaud, also had a total of 16 strikeouts. Fielding also

played a large part in this game, with Matthew McClure winning the "pickle" battle with the third base runner. The game ended after 8 innings tied at 6 runs. Matthew McClure and Dominick Tocci each had two hits for the game. Gabe Luperon, Dominic Dennett and Matthew Letourneau each had a single hit for the game.

BASEBALL: MINORS

Woodstock River Dogs 10, Killingly 0

The Woodstock River Dogs defeated the Killingly Rebels 10-0 on a cool and blustery Sept. 30 afternoon. The River Dogs bats exploded tallying a sea-

son high 12 hits. Leading the charge was Kieran Shepherd who was 3-for-3 on the day. Nate Jezierski, Jonah Labonte and Aaron Adams also recorded multiple hit games while James Rice, Luke Thompson and Brady Hebert all added 1 hit apiece.

Labonte, Jezierski, and Hayden Maloney combined to pitch the first shutout of the season for Woodstock. They were once again backed by a solid defensive effort all around.

SOFTBALL: MAJORS

Preston 16, Woodstock Riptide 6

The Woodstock Majors Riptide fell to 2-2 with a 16-6 loss to Preston. Preston's starting pitcher dominated the game

striking out 17 Woodstock hitters. The Riptide did manage two hits with Sarah McArthur and Logan Reynolds each getting a hit and walking twice. On defense, Avery Kollbeck, Sarah McArthur and Reagan Reynolds led the way.

SOFTBALL: MINORS

Killingly 12, Woodstock Warriors 10

The Woodstock Warriors lost to Killingly 12-10 in a hard-fought Minor League softball game in Killingly. The Warriors battled hard, grabbing leads in the top of the first, the top of the third and again in the top of the fourth but they ultimately could not hang on as Killingly plated three runs in the bottom of the fourth to seal the victory.

Woodstock had 12 hits on the day. Ellary Sampson led the charge with three hits, including a triple, while collecting five RBIs. Katelyn McArthur and Kaylee Ziarko each had two hits with one and two runs batted in, respectively. Also collecting hits for the Warriors were Campbell Favreau, Abigail Suarez, Caralyn Tellier, Kaylee Letourneau and Savannah LaFlash.

The Woodstock pitching trio of Ellary Sampson, Kaylee Ziarko and Katelyn McArthur combined to pitch four innings and strike out nine Killingly batters. They limited Killingly to four hits. The loss evens up Woodstock's record at 1-1. The next game is Saturday Oct. 7 at 10am in Woodstock against Hebron.



MARY FISHER ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

Monday, October 9 - no school (Columbus Day)

Tuesday, October 10 - Chickens nuggets w/ Mac 'n cheese, tuna salad sandwich, yogurt parfait w/pretzel fruit and veggie choices: broccoli crowns, garden salad, fresh seasonal fruit, applesauce cup. Milk choice.

Wednesday, October 11 - Hamburger/bun, oven baked fries, toasted cheese sandwich, yogurt parfait w/pretzel. Fruit and veggie choices: baked beans, garden salad, fresh seasonal fruit, applesauce cup. Milk choice.

Thursday, October 12 - Mozzarella sticks w/marinara, turkey cheese sandwich, yogurt parfait w/pretzel. Fruit and veggies choices: celery sticks, garden salad, fresh seasonal fruit, applesauce cup. Milk choice.

Friday, October 13 - Cheese or pepperoni pizza, ham cheese sandwich, yogurt bag lunch. Fruit and veggie choices: baby carrots, garden salad, fresh seasonal fruit, applesauce cup. Milk choice.

POMFRET COMMUNITY SCHOOL

Monday, October 9 - no school (Columbus Day)

Tuesday, October 10 - Cheese pizza served with baby carrots and a garden salad with ranch dressing. Breakfast: breakfast roll.

Wednesday, October 11 - Sloppy Joe on a WG roll, served with corn and oven baked French fries. Breakfast: mini pancakes.

Thursday, October 12 - BBQ roasted chicken, served with seasoned brown rice, three bean salad and coleslaw. Breakfast: breakfast roll.

Friday, October 13 - Meatball and cheese wrap sandwich served with baby carrots and cucumber wheels with ranch dip. Breakfast: saus. Waffle.

PUTNAM ELEMENTARY SCHOOL & PUTNAM MIDDLE SCHOOL

Monday, October 9 - no school (Columbus Day)

Tuesday, October 10 - Crispy chicken sandwich, plain or BBQ on WG roll, topping bar, side of lettuce and tomato, roasted butternut squash

Wednesday, October 11 - Beef burger w/cheese, crisp lettuce and tomato topping bar, seasoned curly fries, 100% juice sherbet.

Thursday, October 12 - fiesta taco bowl, seasoned ground beef, lettuce, tomato, cheddar cheese, salsa in a WG tostado bowl, Spanish rice, seasoned corn.

Friday, October 13 - Putnam special pizza, assorted fresh toppings on home-made whole wheat pizza dough, fresh garden salad with cherry tomatoes and cucumbers.

THOMPSON MIDDLE SCHOOL & TOURTELLOTT (GRADES 5-12)

Monday, October 9 - no school (Columbus Day)

Tuesday, October 10 - Turkey enchilada w/Mexican rice, cheese pizza, specialty salad w/muffin, yogurt parfait, tuna salad sandwich, PB&J sandwich. Sides: roasted carrots, fresh fruits, veggies, salad. Milk choice.

Wednesday, October 11 - Chicken patty/bun (grilled or breaded), hamburger bar, specialty salad w/muffin, yogurt parfait, Italian bulkie, PB&J sandwich. Sides: roasted squash, fresh fruits, veggies, salad. Milk choice.

Thursday, October 12 - Hot dog/bun w/oven baked fries, cheese pizza, specialty salad w/muffin, yogurt parfait, turkey/cheese sandwich, PB&J sandwich. Sides: baked beans, fresh fruits, veggies, salad. Milk choice.

Friday, October 13 - Stuffed crust pizza, plain or pepperoni, hamburger bar, specialty salad w/muffin, yogurt parfait, ham/cheese sandwich, PB&J sandwich. Sides: roasted broccoli, fresh fruits, veggies, salad. Milk choice.

WOODSTOCK ELEMENTARY SCHOOL & WOODSTOCK MIDDLE SCHOOL

Monday, October 9 - no school (Columbus Day)

Tuesday, October 10 - Fish sandwich, cole slaw, oven fries, fruit/milk.

Wednesday, October 11 - Mozzarella stix, marinara sauce, tossed salad, fruit/milk.

Thursday, October 12 - Taco boat, refried beans, fruit, milk.

Friday, October 13 - Pizza, carrots, fruit, milk.



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NECTWSL soccer competitors play on Sundays in Woodstock.

NECTWSL soccer kicks off 2nd season

WOODSTOCK — Every Sunday at 11:30 in the morning at the Woodstock Middle School Soccer field, a group of local women gather for health, exercise and a little fun competition. Over 20 women from Griswold to Sturbridge join up to play about ninety minutes of soccer.

A variety of age levels (18 and up) are represented from college age to mothers of college-age kids. Some athletes have never played soccer before and were welcomed and supported while learning the game. Other athletes dusted off their cleats from playing in college. LeeAnn Ducat is one of those newcomers.

"I decided to join because I was looking for something healthy to do, close to home, with other people. This was perfect. When I first played I was a little nervous. I had never played before and was concerned that some of the more experienced players may become frustrated with my inexperience. The opposite actually happened. I had women from both teams supporting, encouraging, teaching, and including me. It was empowering," Ducat said.

New players and spectators are always welcome. There are 10 games in the fall and 10 games in the spring. Any commitment level is welcome however many athletes want to play every game because it is so fun. For more information, people can go to the NECTWSL Facebook page (<https://www.facebook.com/groups/677697052393769/>) or email league president Jen Ducat at nectwsl@gmail.com



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Making peace with the past

There is so much to admire about the Japanese and Japan. The streets are clean. Even in large cities there is little noise. No one toots a car horn, shouts or blares a radio. The people are unfailingly polite. Even little children are quiet and obedient. A small sign at the entrance to the hot springs baths notes that no one is allowed in either the women's or men's pools if they have tattoos. They wait until everyone has exited an elevator before stepping in themselves. There are smiles and much bowing and graceful bobbing up and down in respectful recognition.



NANCY WEISS

But what about all I had studied of the ferocity of the Japanese in World War II? What about the American couple I knew, who on their honeymoon happened to be in the wrong place at the wrong time? They were imprisoned and sent on a cruel march during the war.

Anyone who travels is confronted with the same questions. Our assumptions, including what we learned in history class, take on another dimension when we see the places where events actually took place and meet the people who were either alive during key time periods or are the next generation.

While on a recent trip to Japan, we visited the Yushukan War Museum, a Shinto shrine, which presents the events of WW II from the Japanese point of view. The site is controversial as a number of war criminals are enshrined there. Although there was little translation related to the exhibits, we saw a Kamikaze plane, photos of Emperor Hirohito, walls of photos of young soldiers and copies of letters to their families. There were exhibits highlighting the diplomatic efforts on the American and Japanese side first to avoid the war and later to end it. The faces of the negotiators looked old and tired.

Our 40-year-old guide rebuffed questions about Pearl Harbor and comfort women. Her job was to present current Japanese culture. For her, the war might have been as long ago as the Samurai era. Traces of war had been removed in what seems to be successful modernization. Japanese transportation systems and shiny cities are models to the world. The government has an anti-war article their constitution and the population is conflict adverse. The current generation of Japanese, just like any other group anywhere, is interested in the future, their families and their careers.

Throughout the tour, I couldn't help but remember my father's stories about a young man from Abington, who was on a ship in Pearl Harbor on December 7, 1941. I thought of another man who was on his deathbed before he ever told his daughter about what he saw in the Philippines. I wondered what those men would say if they were by my side visiting the museum.

There are no easy answers to questions about war and moving on. The current PBS documentary on Vietnam is stirring old memories among those of us who were alive at the time. What we recall is largely from our personal frames of reference. The show fills in the gaps in what we either never knew, misunderstood or forgot. For veterans, it must be an emotional program to watch.

One of the reasons we travel is to move out of what makes us comfortable. By staring into the eyes on the photo of a young Japanese boy, who died in the 1940's, I can look at the face of a person who was once an unwitting foe. I can see the same features in the charming guide who led us through elegant gardens, on to the bullet train and inside a war museum. I can see that over time we seem to be able to make peace, move on and even come to admire people who once were our foes.

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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Election Letters Policy

Editor's Note: With an election season upon us, the Villager's guidelines for submitting election-related letters. Should you have any questions, do not hesitate to call us at (860) 928-1818.

It's election season. Candidates in our communities are gearing up for Nov. 7, and just as they are hoping for a good voter turnout, Villager Newspapers wants to hear from you. Who do you support in your town's upcoming election? Why? What issue is most important to you?

Our Election Letters Policy is as follows: Absolutely no anonymous Sound Offs may be submitted in endorsement of any candidate for political office. Any mention of a political candidate and/or issues he or she has addressed, and any election-related matter, must be done in a signed Letter to the Editor. All letters must be sent from the sender's e-mail — no batches of letters or multiple letters can be sent from one e-mail address.

All endorsement/election-related letters must be received in a timely enough fashion to allow for publication up until one week before your town's election. While space dictates how many letters are published in each issue, prompt submission will increase the likelihood of inclusion. In other words, writers are advised not to wait until two weeks before an election to submit a letter.

The last edition including political letters will be the Friday, Nov. 3 Villager. Letters must be received by the editor no later than noon on Tuesday, Oct. 31.

All letters must be signed, with a place of residence and phone number supplied for

verification. Failure to include any of that information will result in your letter not being published.

All letters must be free of personal attacks and libelous remarks. Letter writers are encouraged to remain focused on endorsing a candidate, and to refrain from commenting negatively about opponents. Failure to follow that guideline will result in the rejection of a letter to the editor.

For election-related letters only, there is a 500-word limit, and all submissions will be published as space is available.

The editor reserves the right to edit any and all submissions at his discretion. When possible, attempts will be made to allow the letter writer to rewrite, but the final decision rests with the editor.

No "Guest columns" will be accepted as candidate endorsements.

The editor reserves the right to refuse a submission if it does not meet any of the aforementioned guidelines for publication. The editor may otherwise edit or reject a letter at his discretion.

There are a lot of important issues facing every town this year and you deserve a say in them. You'll get one chance at the polls on Election Day. You have another chance on our Op/Ed pages.

E-mail Editor Charlie Lentz at charlie@villagernewspapers.com, fax us at (860) 928-5946, snail mail us at P.O. Box 196, Woodstock, CT 06281, or come drop it off in person at 283 Route 169, Unit #2, Woodstock, CT 06281. Letters will not be accepted by phone or by voicemail. E-mail is preferred.

Reader says Trump needs to calm down

To the editor:
 Nuclear war and the escalation of words and insults between Donald Trump and the North Korean leader is a very dangerous situation, there are no winners in a nuclear war. Nuclear waste poisons and destroys living organisms not only people but plants, animals, water and soil. Horrific loss of life, burns and suffering and contamination such as in Nagasaki and Hiroshima will be the result. We cannot condone nuclear proliferation, but we can also not threaten to wipe

out a country and its people. The radioactive fallout of nuclear explosions will travel here by air and water. The Trump White House needs to calm down the rhetoric and seek an approach to North Korea that is reasonable and measured, bullies only want to intimidate and frighten, but carried too far the result is a major catastrophe for this planet and its future.

ANN C. ROSEBROOKS THOMPSON

Another response to Mr. Leonard

To the editor:
 The Connecticut Teachers' Pension Fund: Mr. Leonard claims he didn't break it so he won't fix it. He complains that everybody else associated with the underfunded pensions has been greedy and irresponsible and unwilling to solve the problem, so that absolves him of his financial obligations. I suspect that, as a good citizen, he participated in the election that put in place the folks who picked the folks who got us into this mess: State managers who raided the teachers' pension fund to pay for programs without raising taxes. Taxpaying Mr. Leonard benefited from that.

A big piece of my own Federal taxes goes to pay for wars, past and present and future, that I vehemently oppose. Still, I pay, and would never argue that our veterans not get the retirement care and support we promised them, though that cost may even exceed the original cost of their deployment. That was the contract my government made with them and it must be honored.

My teacher wife is still in the trenches. She worked hard for her advanced degree and continues training every month of the year. She signed a contract with the local BOE and the state government giving up her right to Social Security. She didn't negotiate it. She didn't manage the investments or divert her

contributions. It's not lavish but she signed it and the folks that represent you and me, Mr. Leonard, they signed it on our behalf.

She didn't break it, and she sure can't fix it. Mr. Leonard's desire to renegotiate or default on the retirement contracts is similar to businessman Trump's documented history of refusing to pay his contractors the full amount he had agreed to, knowing that the cost of suing him exceeded the amount he was cheating them out of. "We don't have your money, take what we offer," is not legal or honorable.

At 70, I'm the leading edge of the Baby Boom, and already the Conservatives are making the same dire predictions about our Social Security and Medicare: "The programs are too generous. The money is not there. We'll have to cut benefits. You'll have to work longer." This is just what Leonard is saying to our teachers, but the money for their pensions, for our SS, has been siphoned off for other projects and now they want us to show fiscal responsibility, when they have shown none.

Pay attention when you hear the teachers' pensions must be cut. Your SS and Medicare are next. You have no more protection than they do.

G. LESLIE SWEETNAM WOODSTOCK

Huoppi endorses Board of Finance pick

To the editor:
 Having served on the Board of Finance for 12 years, I believe I have a pretty good idea of what makes a good candidate for this board. In these uncertain times when financial support from the state can have a significant impact on the town's budget, it is essential to have citizens on the Board of Finance who can look at the big picture, carefully weigh all options, and be willing to make difficult, and often unpopular, decisions.

This year we are fortunate to have two outstanding candidates who will bring impressive qualifications to the Board of Finance.

Dayna Flath has strong roots in Pomfret—she grew up here, attended Pomfret Community School, and graduated from Woodstock Academy. With a bachelor's degree in computer science from Boston University and an MBA from the University of Vermont, Dayna worked as a financial analyst and software project leader before purchasing her father's business, Common Sense Payroll (located in Pomfret), in 2005. In fact, her dad, the late David Flath, was chair of the Board of Finance when I first became a member. Dayna's two daughters have attended PCS and Woodstock Academy and she is a long-time active member of Christ Church. Dayna's finance and accounting background coupled with her love for the town she grew

up in, make her an excellent candidate for the Board of Finance.

Debi Thompson was appointed to the Board of Finance earlier this year to fill a vacancy and hit the ground running. Debi possesses a wealth of financial knowledge having worked for the state of Connecticut for 30 years as a fiscal administrative manager and director of business operations for the Central Office of DCF, an agency with an annual budget of \$990 million. Her understanding of budgets and knowledge of state finances have been a real asset to the Board of Finance. Debi is a graduate of Central Connecticut State University who has called Pomfret home for 27 years. Now retired, Debi is a member of the Democratic Town Committee, vice president of the Pomfret Senior Association, and an alternate for the Zoning Board of Appeals. She recently was promoted to District 9 coordinator of the AARP Free Tax Preparation Program.

In these challenging economic times, I am confident Dayna and Debi have the background and experience that the Board of Finance needs. I look forward to working alongside them for the last two years of my term, and I strongly urge you to support them in November.

MARGIE HUOPPI POMFRET

Hear Ye, Hear Ye

The production team created my new fall ad, and my head is in an acorn. Not sure how I feel about that. Might



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leave too many joke openings. "Aren't you that nut that works for The Villager?" I adore my job, the people I work with...and I LOVE my customers. There's a certain satisfaction that comes from helping folks

who have put their blood, sweat, and tears into building a business, and watching it take off. I couldn't imagine putting your life savings into your dream only to have it fall apart in just a few months because no one knew about it.

In ancient times the most common form of advertising was by word of mouth. There weren't as many people in cities then so it was probably pretty effective. Town criers were paid to travel around town spreading news, and make announcements in the streets. Archaeologists have discovered a Babylonian clay tablet dated 3000 BC containing an inscription of a shoemaker, a scribe and, an ointment dealer. Did husbands have to hold their wives animal skin purses while they tried on shoes? Commercial messages and political campaign displays have also been found in the ruins of Pompeii, where shops used to have inscriptions on the walls near the entrance to inform the public about the products they could purchase. Window-shopping without the windows.

Johannes Gutenberg, a German inventor created the first moveable type in 1438. Advertising started to flourish. The first printed advertisement in English was created by William Caxton who was England's first printer. On it he praises a book he just produced, the Sarum Ordinal, which was a manual for priests. The single sheet ad describes the book, and states that "you can get a copy at the Red Pale" (the name of Caxton's shop) in Westminster, London. "You will not be disappointed because the book is good and cheap", Quite the catchy slogan eh?

Fast-forward to the present...there are so many advertising mediums to choose from! The Internet, TV, radio, billboards, and print are your new town criers now. Word of mouth isn't as effective as it used to be because there are so many people in the world, and studies show that a satisfied customer will tell 2-3 people about his experience with your company. A dissatisfied consumer will share their lament with 8-10 people and some will push that number to 20! It's a team effort for a business to succeed. The owners do their best to make their service or product the very best it can be, and my job is to make certain everyone knows about it. Take Articles in Danielson for example; Lynn and Richard have the most creative artisan made treasures ever, and they just signed on to the Villager to let everyone know because they know how important it is to get the word out.

I can't stress enough how important supporting local businesses is. The money we spend stays here, and puts someone's kids through college, feeds families, and grows the community. Buying a local craft beer from Black Pond Brews beats buying into a massive commodity, and you can visit with the people who actually created it. Every time you spend money, you are casting a vote for the kind of world you want.

Have a splendid week!

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When diapers were nappies

Recently I took a look at the Daybook of James A. Paine, which is on loan to the Killingly Historical Center from Bob Taber. Its beginning entry is dated January 30, 1858. According to Natalie Coolidge's Killingly Business Encyclopedia, James Angel Paine "established his general store business in East Killingly in 1857." In 1860 the U.S. census for Killingly shows him, age 26, living in the house of Daniel and Caroline Fairman, which appears to be a boarding house.

The U. S. Civil War Draft Registration Records, 1863-1865 (1 July 1863) list him as living in Killingly and married. It gives his place of birth as Massachusetts. The 1870 census for Killingly gives his age as 46; he is head of the household and married. His spouse is Marietta Paine; James' occupation is dry goods merchant. Members of household included the following: James A. Paine, age 46; Marietta Paine, 43; James Paine, 16;

Almond Paine, 10; Elisabeth Mathews, 84. A January 23, 1884 Windham County Transcript noted that his store was a place to pay taxes in Killingly.

James A. Paine died of pneumonia on June 17, 1897 and was interred in the new section of Westfield Cemetery. (Killingly Vital Records, Vo. 5, p. 17; Hale Cemetery Collection, p. 257).

At this point in the town's history, East Killingly had a number of mill villages along the Whetstone Brook. However, there were also many farmers. I am always fascinated by the entries in old daybooks and journals since they tell much about the everyday life of the area's residents. The first



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(or Bitters) I did see "Aunt Polly's 5 Piece Kitchen Kit. Makes cooking easy as eating. Vintage jade green handles." Perhaps someone has some among their treasures!

Although I saw no Aunt Pollies Bitters, Ebay listed old bitters bottles including "DeWitt's Stomach bitters - A tonic Antique bottle with labels Chicago; Applied Top Dr. Hoofland's German Bitters; St. Drake's 1860 Plantation X

Bitters, WF Severa Stomach Bitters, Cedar Rapids Iowa; very early Lash's Bitters" and many more. Note below where the definition mentions patent medicines. "A bitters is traditionally an alcoholic preparation flavored with botanical matter such that the end result is characterized by a bitter, sour, or bittersweet flavor. Numerous longstanding brands of bitters were originally developed as patent medicines, but are now sold as digestifs and cocktail flavorings." "The earliest origins of bitters can be traced back as far as the ancient Egyptians, who may have infused medicinal herbs in jars of wine. This practice was further developed during the Middle Ages, where the availability of distilled alcohol coincided with a renaissance in pharmacognosy, which made possible far more concentrated herbal bitters

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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

WMS playground committee is thankful

To the editor:

The Woodstock Middle School playground committee would like to extend our sincere appreciation and thanks to the Woodstock PTO, Woodstock Public Schools administration, faculty and staff, and Woodstock students and families who have supported the playground so far. In the last seven months we have raised almost 50 percent of our fundraising goal, and it would not have been possible without your support.

Classes at the Woodstock elementary and middle schools have been collecting coins for the last four weeks, and the results are amazing. Our students have raised over \$2,800 during this coin drive! We have offered extra recess, gym, art, and a picnic with the principal to the WES class with the most coins each week. The WMS classes have been able to earn homework passes, cafeteria and comic book coupons, and two pizza parties.

We would like to acknowledge and thank the following businesses and clubs for their support to date: Devon Point Farm, Fairvue Market,

Fiberoptics Technology, Foster Corporation, Gerardi Insurance, Giant Pizza, LeBoeuf Rubbish Removal, Inc., Linemaster Switch, New Leaf Foundation, Northwood Childcare, Putnam Price Chopper, Putnam Chrysler Kia, Rogers Corporation, Soleil & Suns Bakery, Sweet Evalina's Stand, The Crossings Restaurant & Brew Pub, Wonderland Comics, Woodstock Line Company, and Woodstock Lions Club.

The Woodstock PTO phase I of the Rev Up Recess campaign has been a huge success with the recent completion of the Gaga ball pit at the middle school. We are delighted that so many students are enjoying the game, not just at recess but also during some physical education classes. Rev Up Recess phase II is well underway as we continue to raise funds toward the WMS playground. We look forward to bringing this to our students and community.

CRYSTAL ADAMS
WOODSTOCK

Pahl wants Nicholson for Selectman

I am writing as a former Pomfret Selectman and as a Pomfret taxpayer to endorse Maureen Nicholson in her run to become Pomfret's First Selectman. When Ms. Nicholson served as First Selectman from 2012 to 2015, she set a new standard for quality and dedication. Her work in that office was as a manager rather than as a politician, and for that alone, she deserves to return to office.

She made a number of changes that improved the efficiency and availability of town services. A manager more interested in politics than in quality of service might have avoided those issues. Maureen didn't.

Her management style is to involve those with boots on the ground. When she made decisions about roads and road maintenance, she consulted and listened to the residents, and to the Road Crew as well as the Town Engineer. When she worked on Agricultural policies, she consulted with and listened to local farmers, who know the issues and who would be affected by any changes

she made.

When it seemed risky for the town to purchase open space and development rights, she investigated and proved that the money spent would come back by slowing growth and keeping taxes low. And now Pomfret is known state-wide for its open space preservation.

Even today, two years since she held the First Selectmen's office, Maureen's work continues. I noticed projects are finally going forward on an Emergency Operations Center, on a sidewalk between the Vanilla Bean and Pomfret School and on the sewer line extension to Putnam. All are projects that were put forward during Maureen's time in office. One wonders why they are all springing to life just now, just in time for election season. Hmmm?

Pomfret needs management, not politics. I urge you to elect Maureen Nicholson First Selectman. Again.

TOM PAHL
POMFRET

Angry men with weapons

To the editor:

Do we really want a system that lets one angry man fire military weapons into a crowd, killing 59 innocent people? Do we really want a system that lets one angry president have sole authority, without a declaration of war by Congress, to launch a pre-emptive

first-strike at North Korea, killing millions? Let your Congressmen know how you feel about these issues. It only takes five minutes. Call 1 (844) USA-0234.

JOCK MCCLELLAN
WOODSTOCK

Displeased with Pomfret's plan to sell Murdock property

To the editor:

I was disheartened to learn of the Baldwin/Smith plan to market the Murdock property. Donna Smith recently wrote that of plans to sell the Murdock property for commercial development. When did Pomfret decide to abandon its rural character in favor of becoming the next Route 6 in Brooklyn? Are we now in the real estate business? As a town we affirmed a \$5 million bond to preserve open space not so many years ago.

Baldwin and Smith ran on a platform of 'Transparency' and 'Let's Talk.' They peddled economic development and a 'server farm' on the Murdock property. Now they want to sell it, with no public discussion?

There is a reason I consciously chose to live in our quiet town. I thought the idea of building a server farm was just campaign hot air but selling the Murdock property to be commercialized seems to be selling out the small town values that make Pomfret what it is. We know that our town is a great place to raise our kids with expansive

open fields and farms. Everything we need is within a 10-minute drive just beyond the town line.

As a member of the EPDC (Economic Planning and Development Commission) our responsibility is to advise the Board of Selectmen and discuss ideas they wish to pursue. We had the opportunity to weigh in only after the decision to market the property was made and they already had a realtor in mind. We recommended an RFP (Request for Proposal) would be in order. But I don't agree with the way it was done and the lack of public discussion.

I worry about first selectman candidate Smith's intention for the Murdock and other open space parcels in town. The townspeople should have been included in the discussion and I hope the next administration will ask the townspeople what they want to do instead of assuming that everyone here wants to abandon the very qualities that make it such a great place to live.

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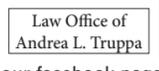
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FDIC insurance does not cover mutual funds, stocks, bonds, life insurance policies, annuities, or other securities, even if they were bought through an FDIC-insured bank. It also does not cover U.S. Treasury securities (because they are backed separately by the full faith and credit of the federal government as to the timely payment of principal and interest) or safe deposit boxes.

You can't increase your protection simply by opening more than one account in your name at the same bank. For example, splitting the money between a checking and a savings account or opening accounts at different branches of the same bank do not increase your coverage.

However, deposits that represent different categories of ownership may be independently insured. For example, a joint account qualifies for up to \$250,000 of coverage for each person named as a joint owner. That coverage is in addition to the \$250,000 maximum coverage for each person's aggregated single-owner accounts at that bank. For example, a married couple with three accounts at one bank—they each have \$250,000 in an individual account, and they also have \$200,000 in a joint account—would qualify for FDIC insurance on the entire \$700,000.

The limit on the amount protected in one or more retirement accounts at one bank also is \$250,000; this is separate from the \$250,000 coverage of individual accounts.

There also may be additional safety nets. In some states, a state-chartered savings bank is required to have additional insurance to cover any losses beyond the FDIC limits. Some banks also may participate in the Certificate of Deposit Account Registry Service (CDARS), which enables a bank to spread large CD deposits among multiple banks while keeping the amount at each individual bank, including the original bank, within FDIC insurance limits.

You do not have to be a U.S. citizen or resident for your account to receive FDIC protection. According to the FDIC, no depositor has ever lost a penny of funds that were covered by FDIC insurance. An online calculator at the FDIC's website, www.fdic.gov, can help you estimate the total FDIC coverage on your deposit accounts.

Credit unions
 Member share accounts at most credit unions are insured by the National Credit Union Share Insurance Fund (NCUSIF). It is administered by the National Credit Union Administration (NCUA), which like the FDIC is an independent agency of the federal government and is backed by the full faith and credit of the U.S. Treasury. (Some credit unions are not federally insured but are overseen by state regulators; they typically have private credit insurance.)

NCUSIF insurance is similar to FDIC insurance; it covers share accounts, share certificates, and share draft accounts but not investment products sold through a credit union. It covers single-owner accounts up to \$250,000 per customer per institution. Retirement accounts such as IRAs and Keoghs have separate coverage up to \$250,000. As with bank deposit accounts, independent coverage may be available for different categories of ownership. You can estimate your existing coverage by using the calculator at the NCUA's website www.ncua.gov.

Brokerage accounts and SIPC
 Most brokerage accounts are covered by the Securities Investor Protection Corporation (SIPC). Unlike the FDIC, the SIPC is not a government agency but a nonprofit corporation funded by broker-dealers registered with the

Securities and Exchange Commission. (A non-SIPC member must disclose that fact.)

SIPC was created by Congress in 1970 to help return customer property if a broker-dealer or clearing firm experiences insolvency, unauthorized trading, or securities that are lost or missing from a customer's account. Many brokerages also extend protection beyond the SIPC limits with additional private insurance. If a member firm became insolvent, SIPC would typically either act as trustee or ask a court to appoint a trustee to supervise transfer of customer securities and cash. The SEC requires brokerages and clearing firms to segregate customer accounts from their proprietary assets and funds.

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TOWN OF THOMPSON ANNUAL TOWN MEETING
Wednesday, October 11, 2017 7:00 p.m.

Thompson Library/Community Center
934 Riverside Drive, North Grosvenordale, CT

Regarding the FY 2017-18 Budget and referral to referendum along with voting on proposed land acceptance, Tourtellotte Reserve Fund transfer of funds, property transfer to Historical Society, and proposed/amended ordinances. The meeting will be held at the Thompson Library/Community Center 934 Riverside Drive, North Grosvenordale, CT. The Budget will be moved to Referendum to take place on Thursday, Oct. 19, 2017 from noon – 8:00 pm at all regular polling places. The full legal notice, along with details on the above items, is available at Town Hall and on our website at www.thompsonct.org.
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and tonic preparations. Many of the various brands and styles of digestive bitters made today reflect herbal stomachic and tonic preparations."

(From en. Wikipedia).
 Jonathan Aldrich's purchases included "1 nappy." It was not a napkin but was what we now refer to as a diaper. Killingly Historical Society board member Frank Aleman chuckled and commented when traveling in Europe, one should not ask for an extra "napkin" at the table but should ask for a serviette since the older meaning still prevails. Mill owner Asa Alexander purchased 1 pound Salratus. Do you know what that is? I didn't but learned it was a forerunner of baking soda. "Saleratus was a chalk-like powder used as a chemical leavener to produce carbon dioxide gas in dough" (www.cooksinfo.com/saleratus).

I noticed that the spelling in the daybook differed greatly from how we spell words today. For example plate was "plait" and slate was "slait". I have many more entries to peruse and am sure I will learn a lot in the process.

I thought I would add a few extracts from old Windham County Transcripts about what was happening 100 years ago and how World War I was affecting those here on the home front.

"A New Social Club. "The regular weekly meeting of Danielson's Home Guard Company was held in the State Armory on Tuesday evening. At the close of the military part of the session, the company held a meeting and formed a civilian club, that is expected to keep things lively in the

social life of the borough, this winter. The officers of this new club are, president, Captain F. O. Armington; vice presidents, Lieutenants Burton and Davis; secretary-treasurer, R. H. Gray.

"The report of the committee who had charge of the recent prize drill and dance was received and it was decided to make this committee a permanent entertainment committee. The members are: Chairman, Corp. S. P. Marland, Sergt. Laforme, Sergt. H. Brown, Corp. Herbert Chase and Corp Devandrilie." (WCT 10/4/1917).

A second article summarized how local women were being taught numerous ways to conserve when cooking. "Friday afternoon the Equal Franchise League gave a demonstration in the making of War breads. About 40 housewives availed themselves of this opportunity and found the war breads appetizing, as well as economical. It was demonstrated that by the use of cornmeal 50 per cent of wheat might be saved. Mrs. Robinson and Miss Spaulding were in charge.

"The Mother's Club of Danielson will hold a demonstration on meats at the kitchen of the Baptist church, Thursday afternoon, Oct. 11. Mrs. Young, president of the Club will be in charge. This demonstration will include a talk on the food value of various cuts of meats and how to prepare them to obtain the greatest amount of nutritive value. Open to the public.

"Mr. Hoover has asked the housewives to be as economical as possible in the use of sugar for the next two months, as France is destitute and we must send her 100,000 bbls. of sugar, which can be done if the women will co-operate and use one third less sugar for two months.

"It can easily be done by omitting sugar on cereals, making less cake and deserts that require sugar. From all directions the most encouraging reports of women's efforts to comply with meatless and wheatless days has been received by the chairman and are a guarantee of like assistance in the saving of sugar" (WCT 10/4/1917).

Walktober event: The Killingly Public Library will sponsor the free event Connecticut Ghosts on Thursday, October 19 from 6-8 p.m. "Join clairvoyant Elaine Kuzmeskus as she speaks of ghosts in famous homes, including the residences of Mark Twain and Harriet Beecher Stowe. (Event #161). For more information visit www.killinglypl.org.

ATTENTION CRAFTERS!
 The Killingly Historical Society will present its 3rd annual Fall Craft Fair on October 14 from 9-3 at St. Joseph's Church Hall, Dayville. Cost is \$30 per table. If you are interested in participating please contact Kira Holmes at 203-583-5073, holmes2012@yahoo.com; or Michael Warren, 860-634-4501, mwarrensales@gmail.com.

Margaret M. Weaver Killingly Municipal Historian, September, 2017. Thanks to Bob Taber, Frank Aleman and to Marilyn Labbe for the Transcript extracts. For additional information email me at margaretmweaver@gmail.com or visit the Killingly Historical Center Wed. or Sat. 10-4 or www.killinglyhistorical.org or call (860) 779-7250. Like us at Facebook at www.facebook.com/killinglyhistoricalsociety. Mail for the Killingly Historical & Genealogical Society, Inc. or the Killingly Historical Center should be sent to PO Box 265, Danielson, Ct. 06329.

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NECT calls in troops to battle cancer

October is Breast Cancer Awareness Month, when the color pink becomes infused with the autumn paint pallet, and the annual campaign to raise awareness of breast cancer officially begins. It's a time when pink ribbons abound, symbolizing the highly profiled and national movement for heightened awareness of the risks, the value of screening and early detection, and treatment options available to women and men who are diagnosed with the many forms of breast cancer that exist. It's a personal reminder to be vigilant and proactive about your health — we've learned that earlier detection increases the chances for effective treatment.

But for those who have been affected directly or indirectly, it's a stark reminder that a cancer diagnosis, breast cancer or otherwise, is devastating news and something that we aren't prepared for. Cancer comes with a host of challenges that affect every aspect of daily life for ourselves and those close to us. For those who are willing and able, it's a reminder to help where needed most. I am very proud to say that when it comes to support for cancer care at Day Kimball Healthcare, there is no shortage of the 'willing and able', nor do they need reminding to heed the call to action. At DKH, we're reminded to be thankful for them each and every day.

Rallying the Troops at Day Kimball

For many years, the Day Kimball Development Office has enlisted the help of numerous community and staff volunteers to organize a series of fundraising events, several of which are dedicated to support the Northeast CT Cancer Fund of DKH which provides financial assistance for cancer related screening and treatment services to individuals living in northeast Connecticut who otherwise may not have the financial resources to obtain medical attention. Such events include the NE CT Cancer Race and Walk, originated by the Deary family and now in its 28th



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year; Cruisin' for Cancer Care, a classic car and motorcycle ride inspired by Rita and Dave Conrad in 2004; and a Guest Bartender Night hosted by the Cruisin' Committee for the past two years. Through the hard work of our dedicated volunteers, community participation, and the support of our major business partners who continually come forward to sponsor these events, \$21,000 was raised this year for the NE CT Cancer Fund.

COMMUNITY CRUSADERS

In addition to these efforts, cancer care at DKH continues to benefit from the initiatives of individuals and community groups who have taken it upon themselves to organize their own fundraisers to assist our cancer patients. This year, through the selfless generosity and enthusiasm of the Northeast Cancer Crusaders, the staff at Putnam Bank, and individuals like Lance Collins, Missy Bonsall, and Hayden Breault, another \$36,000 has been raised for the Northeast CT Cancer Fund of DKH Rose Bove LaRose Cancer Center.

In 2001, the Rose Bove LaRose Cancer Center became the fortunate beneficiaries of fundraising by the Northeast Cancer Crusaders. From its modest beginnings with a simple Cancer Dance in 1974, this group has raised over \$500,000 in the fight against cancer, dancing to 20-piece orchestras, small bands, and trios. Led by community members and champions for our Oncology Department, Arlene Baril and Linnea Sarantopoulos, the group's current goal is to keep all proceeds raised in northeast Connecticut, earmarked to our Cancer Center to directly

benefit local cancer patients. With their most recent donation in September, a total of \$93,000 over the past nine years has provided upgrades and equipment including infusion chairs, an electronic medical records system, a medication scanner, a vein light, and a portable suction unit to name a few. In addition, the Crusaders began the Camisole Fund at DKH, providing free camisoles to women who have had breast radiation or surgery.

Our Cancer Center has also benefited from the efforts of Lance Collins and his family who have been organizing an annual kayaking event called 'Paddle for a Cure' since 2011. Inspired by the loss of several relatives to cancer and his personal involvement in their journey, Lance reached out to DKH because of what he had learned about cancer and the need to help others facing the disease. Marking the 6th year of the Paddle this past June, Lance's initiative has distributed over \$60,000 in support for patient care in our Cancer Center, providing funding for everything from patient recliners for patient comfort, to a refreshment station for patients and families, to a digital medical records system. This year's proceeds have been earmarked for upgrades and enhancements to the infusion room.

In addition to annual gifts, memorials, and DKH sponsored events, the Northeast Connecticut Cancer Fund continues to garner attention from community groups and individuals. Once again, the staff at Putnam Bank continue to amaze us with their community spirit, generosity, and enthusiasm. In addition to being involved in every other event committee throughout the year at DKH, they spearhead an annual Wine Tasting and what has become a sell-out event at the Golden Lamb Buttery; organize 'Scoops Night' in partnership with Deary Brothers Mike's Stand; and most recently took the lead in another breast cancer awareness initiative by putting pink flamingos up for adoption

at all of their bank branches. Collectively, these initiatives raised over \$7,000 to help our families, friends and neighbors in need of cancer care.

We've also been honored to be sought out by individuals like Missy Bonsall, who came to us in 2016 with an inspiring message of hope for cancer patients and their families. Missy's 'Hike for Hope' was born out of her personal loss of her fiancé to cancer and the strength to be found in others to help them through the difficult times. Her mission: to educate health care providers, patients, and their families about the importance of hope in the recovery process. The sunrise hike around beautiful Roseland Lake, was repeated this past September, raising awareness and contributing upwards of \$5,000 to the NE CT Cancer Fund.

Also raising awareness and a message of hope this past year, was twenty-one year old college student Hayden Breault. Hayden, a fourth generation member of the Deary family of Putnam, came to our office in the spring to let us know that he was going to set out on a three month hike across the Pacific Crest Trail, spanning 2,658 miles from the U.S. Mexican border at Campo, California to Manning Park in British Columbia, Canada. His goal: to raise \$3,000 through pledges for each leg of his hike and he would be donating all of the proceeds to his family's legacy of the NE CT Cancer Fund. 'Hayden's Hike for Hope' began in May and ended in July with 70 days on the trail and an emotional and heartfelt thanks to his family, friends and followers for helping exceed his goal and donating \$4,440 in support of the fund.

STRONGER TOGETHER

The overwhelming support and attendance at DKH annual events and the grassroots efforts of the Northeast — the inherent instinct and ability of our community to respond, is what sets DKH apart from other hospitals. At DKH and the Rose Bove LaRose Cancer Center, we are continuously and gratefully reminded of just how fortunate we are to have you on our team.

The impact of all of these efforts couldn't have been more evident than by what transpired at the Oncology Department's annual Cancer Survivor's Day in September which I had the privilege to attend. More than 150 people were in attendance, including more than 70 cancer survivors and their families, all celebrating the power of hope and support in healing in a fun, end of summer luau. Three individuals who received treatment at DKH shared their stories. Doug Young, Elizabeth Aucoin, and Kathy Fontaine talked about their battles with cancer, each with a different type of cancer, but uniquely similar in the way they described their relationship with the doctors, oncology nurses, staff, and volunteers. They were 'family', relationships were nurtured, and whole families cared for. This is what we all should be reminded of not only in October or when we see a pink ribbon, but every time we hear of a life affected by cancer — that none of us are alone; that we are in this together — and that makes us all so much stronger.

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Mass shootings: a problem with a solution

On awful, gut-churning days such as last Monday, I find it important to remind myself that mass shootings happen almost nowhere else but the United States. As we become normalized to the regular pace of massive, execution-style killings — Sandy Hook, Charleston, Orlando and now Las Vegas — it's critical to understand that the Groundhog Day phenomenon of horrific mass shootings is exclusive to the United States. I find consolation in this fact, because if the problem is particularly American, then the solution can be, too.

GUEST COLUMN
 CHRIS MURPHY

Thus far, though, our response to regular mass slaughter has been, quite frankly, uniquely un-American. Our nation, in a short quarter-millennium, catapulted itself to global preeminence by solving the world's greatest problems and exporting those solutions to the rest of the world. Participatory democracies. Open economies. Web-based communication. All American innovations to the great conundrums of the globe.

But when it comes to perhaps the oldest and most important human concern — the fear of physical harm — the United States does not lead. In fact, we choose to be an increasingly distant outlier of exceptional violence.

I served as congressman for Newtown, Connecticut, when a gunman opened fire in Sandy Hook Elementary School, killing 20 children and six educators. The parents of those kids are now my friends. They will never recover from what they have endured. The scars are brutally deep and exposed for all to see. No one should wish the scorching pain of losing a son or daughter on anyone. And so, in a very personal way, my heart has been with Las Vegas every minute since news broke of the tragedy.

And I awoke Monday hoping that maybe this shooting is the one that will persuade America to reclaim the mantle of global leadership that has been at our core since our origin. The path to this leadership lies, I believe, in the special nature of gun violence as a political issue.

First, contrary to the mythology spread by the gun lobby, there is not much real controversy around the first steps we should take to trim rates of gun crime. Large majorities of Americans support universal background checks, permit requirements for gun ownership and bans on the

most dangerous kinds of weapons and ammunition. The gun lobby, and the loud vocal minority it echoes, make the issue seem like more of a hot button than it is.

Second, scores of research shows that these interventions work to a stunning degree. In my state of Connecticut, which has expanded background checks and requires issued handgun permits, gun crimes have dropped by 40 percent.

Americans want change, and we know the changes that work. So why are politicians so scared to get it done? Because the gun lobby has rigged the official and unofficial rules of the game to prevent common-sense change. Just take the rhetoric from gun-lobby loyalists following the shooting: Some chided advocates such as me for "politicizing" the tragedy by calling for policy change to make our communities safer. This tried-and-true tactic attempts to silence voices of change at the height of public receptivity to these calls. Others talked about the inability to "regulate evil," as if the entire history of government isn't tied up in passing laws — such as those prohibiting assault, murder and arson — to try to prevent acts of evil.

In the coming days, Republicans who call for sensible changes in our laws will be told that their position is politically unsustainable — the gun lobby will defeat them if they advocate for gun-safety laws. But even this is a fiction: In 2016, four states had gun-law referendums on their ballot, three passed. The winners of three top U.S. Senate races — New Hampshire, Pennsylvania and Nevada — all won with the support of advocates in the anti-gun-violence movement. (Two Democrats and one Republican, by the way). The gun lobby is certainly politically powerful, but it loses as many races as it wins.

What happened in Las Vegas reminds us that evil does exist. But we bind together to protect ourselves from the destruction that evil can deliver unchecked. America's reputation is based on its ability to deliver the world big, Earth-changing solutions. Our failure to lead on the most basic of human desires — physical security — is in many ways the great American paradox. It doesn't have to be.

Chris Murphy is the junior United States Senator from Connecticut, and a member of the Democratic Party, in office since 2013

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Day Kimball Healthcare hosts Cancer Survivors Day

POMFRET — More than 150 people, including more than 70 cancer survivors, attended Day Kimball Healthcare's annual Cancer Survivors Day on Sept. 16 at Grill 37 in Pomfret. The celebration featured a "Late Summer Luau" theme, which provided a festive atmosphere where those who are currently fighting cancer and those who are survivors, along with their families, celebrated the power of hope and support in healing.

In addition to a brunch buffet, attendees enjoyed a special visit from Indy, a pet therapy dog who regularly visits Day Kimball Hospital's Rose Bove LaRose Cancer Center, and musical entertainment by "DJ Dr. Johnson" – Dr. Vanessa Johnson, oncologist with Eastern Connecticut Hematology and Oncology Associates and a member of Day Kimball Hospital's medical staff.

Three guest speakers who have received treatment at the Cancer Center also addressed the crowd and shared their stories: Douglas Young of Woodstock, who survived stage 4 bone marrow cancer; Elizabeth Aucoin of Putnam who has been in remission from non-Hodgkin lymphoma for two months; and Kathy Fontaine of Killingly, who has been fighting esophageal cancer for the last 12 years.

The event was offered free of charge to participants, thanks to donations to the hospital's oncology unit as well as donations and volunteer support from local businesses and individuals, including: Grill 37, Woodstock Farms, New England Awards and Trophies, Garden Gate Florist, Arlene Baril, Heidi Hare and the staff of Day Kimball Hospital's Oncology/Hematology Department.



Kathy Fontaine

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Plan your fall foliage excursion

Autumn means different things to many people. Students may embrace the dawn of a new school year, while others might embrace the crisp weather after a season of heat. One of the more widely enjoyed aspects of autumn is the chance to take in the brilliant foliage.

Although New England may be renowned for its bright, orange, red and yellow panoramas, dazzling displays of foliage can be witnessed anywhere temperatures descend enough for deciduous trees to shed their leaves.

The first step to a successful fall foliage excursion is to find the right spot. The Catskill and Adirondack Mountains of New York, Amish Country in Pennsylvania, the Great Lakes from Michigan to Ohio, and many other areas can be great places to witness nature at its most colorful. To make the most of fall foliage road trips, drivers can keep the following suggestions in mind.

- Get off the highway. To see great fall vistas, take a detour from major thoroughfares and visit small towns and mountain passes. Invest in some maps, as cellular networks may be inaccessible in remote locales.
- Avoid tourist-heavy areas. Drivers may prefer less crowded roadways to accompany the great scenery. Such drivers should visit areas that are not tourist meccas. Any area that plays home to forests and sprawling landscapes will do.
- Go on foot. To get the best photos, head out at sunrise or sunset. Soft, golden light dappled by leaves will bring out the golden tones in photos. Going on foot will help you discover the nuances of the season and slow down for a change.
- Don't overlook overcast days. Traveling in the rain may not be fun, but overcast days might be ideal. On such days, the sun won't be too warm and drown out the colors.
- Bring along binoculars. Wildlife is often mobile and abundant in the fall, as animals scurry to feed and gather supplies before the winter. As a result, autumn is a great time to spot wildlife that's normally hiding in thickets and woodland areas.
- Plan for stops along the way.



Fall is the time of year to take in colorful foliage and landscapes.

Don't forget to bring some spending money in the form of cash so that you can enjoy the small farm stands and shops that often dot rural landscapes. Pick up farm-fresh produce or choose a plump pumpkin. Yard sales also are abundant this time of year. Small shops may not take credit cards, so if you plan to buy, cash is king.

Trees begin shedding their leaves as early as the beginning of September in Canada and the northern United States. As the days press on, the fall foliage will gradually shift southward. For those who can afford to take a weekday off, do so, as weekends might be overcome with fellow nature enthusiasts.

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Walktober events in Killingly, Pomfret, Brooklyn

DANIELSON — The Last Green Valley has scheduled more than 65 opportunities to enjoy 35 towns in conjunction with its Walktober event. Here's a sampling of Walktober events from Oct. 5-9. Killingly, Pomfret, and Brooklyn will be among the towns featuring events.

The events are as follows: Walktober: 4th annual Big-little Apple Festival, Oct. 7, 9 a.m. to 4 p.m., Killingly Grange Hall, 801 Hartford Pike (Rte. 101), Killingly. Park on corner of Route 101 and Dog Hill Road, call (860) 705-3643 information. Enjoy all things fall harvest and apples once again at this popular annual event. Festivities include: an Apple Pancake Breakfast, live music, a "Salon De

McIntosh" art show, reenactors, traditional crafts, primitives, children's activities, chrysanthemums, apple pies, pumpkins, candy apples, cider & donuts, apple sauerkraut hot dogs and a basket raffle. Admission is free.

Walktober: From Forest to Flooring, Oct. 7, 8-9:30 a.m., 11 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. and 1-2:30 p.m., Hull Forest Products, Inc., 101 Hampton Road, Pomfret. (860) 377-0117. You'll have 3 chances to take this walking tour today. Learn how locally-grown trees are sustainably harvested and the fascinating process of turning logs into lumber for flooring, furniture, post & beam timbers, and railroad ties and pallets. This is an easy, interesting and very popular behind-

the-scenes, 90-minute tour of a modern sawmill and lumber manufacturing facility.

Walktober: Where the Buffalo Roam, Oct. 9, 10-11:30 a.m., Creamery Brook Bison, 19 Purvis Road, Brooklyn (860) 779-0837. Take a walk to see the bison and their handling facilities. Warm up after the walk with Wild Rice and Bison Soup. Remember to wear walking shoes that can get dirty.

Walktober: Hopeville Pond State Park - Pitch Pine/Scrub Oak Sand Plain, Oct. 5, 9-11 a.m. Hopeville Pond State Park, Rte. 201, Griswold. Join foresters from the Connecticut DEEP for a guided walk through the Pitch Pine - Scrub Oak Sand Plain of Hopeville Pond State Park.

Walktober: Behind the Scenes at Otis Library, Oct. 5, 1-2 p.m. Otis Library, 261 Main St., Norwich. 860-889-2365. You are invited to a private tour of Otis Library given by a knowledgeable staff member.

Walktober: Black Tavern's Annual Craft Fair, Oct. 7, 10 a.m. to 3 p.m., The Black Tavern, 138 Center Rd., Dudley, Mass., 508-943-8782. No admission fee for this great annual craft fair, but there will be a lot to tempt you, so be prepared. Pick up a unique gift as you visit The Black Tavern, listed on the National Register of Historic Places.

Walktober: Norwich Founders Day at the Leffingwell, Oct. 7, 11 a.m. to 4 p.m., Leffingwell House Museum, 348

Washington St., Norwich, CT. 860-889-9440. Celebrate the Founding of Norwich in 1659 at the Leffingwell House Museum. During your tour of this historic museum, take part in a "Find the Founder" artifact/scavenger hunt and look for historic artifacts from the 35 Founding families. See the John Mason Sword. Hear the bells ring as the 35 family names are read, and listen to the Founders Day Proclamation from the City and State at noon. Light refreshments will be served. Living history presenters, "Crew of the Raven," will be present. \$5 fee.

Walktober: UConn Horsebarn Hill and Animal Barns Walk, Oct. 7, 1:30-3 p.m., 2618 Horsebarn Hill Road, Storrs. Join us for a walk around UConn's Horsebarn Hill to enjoy views of the surrounding UConn Forest's fall foliage, visit the animal barns and learn about what's going on at the College of Agriculture, Health and Natural Resources.

Walktober: Camp Laurel Back Trails Hike, Oct. 8, 9-11 a.m.; Camp Laurel, 175 Clubhouse Road, Lebanon. 800-922-2770. Come to Camp Laurel and enjoy this beautiful property as we hike the "Back Trails" of the camp.

Walktober: Gray Ledge Tree Farm Leaf Hunt, Oct. 9, 10-11:30 a.m. and 2-3:30 p.m., Gray Ledge Tree Farm, 210 Lathrop Road, Plainfield. 860-564-8769. Visit Gray Ledge Tree Farm on your quest for fall foliage color. Find and identify hardwood tree species by their colorful fall leaves, using the "Plant Science 101" approach. Bring something to collect (and later preserve) your finds. Great for children.

The Last Green Valley National Heritage Corridor is the last stretch of dark night sky in the coastal sprawl between Boston and Washington, D.C. The Last Green Valley, Inc. works for you in the National Heritage Corridor. To learn more about the organization, visit thelastgreenvalley.org.

Enjoy an eco-friendly autumn

Autumn arrives with cool breezes, awe-inspiring foliage and the hint of holidays on the horizon. Fall is a favorite time of year for many people because the crisp weather motivates people of all ages to enjoy the great outdoors.

Individuals conscious of their carbon footprints can use fall as a time to take inventory of their behaviors and make changes where necessary. The following are some steps to take right now that fit perfectly with the harvest season.

- Shop at a local farm stand. Take advantage of the many roadside stands that crop up this time of year where you can find bushels of apples, pumpkins, gourds, and late-summer vegetables. After a day of sightseeing, visit a farm stand for warm cider and freshly baked doughnuts. Buying local produce reduces reliance on foreign-shipped foods and other products, while also cutting back on the fuel consumed to get foods from the farm to the table.

- Use nature to decorate. Skip

plastic, mass-produced decorations and rely on nature to dress up your home. Fill vases with leaves and berries. Place small pumpkins on mantles, and enrich the landscape of your home with vibrantly hued mums and other cool-weather plants. Corn husks and stalks can add harvest flair to front porches. Twigs nestled and tied together can make interesting table centerpieces.

- Create a composting pile. Outdoor chores are easier in cool weather than they are when the mercury rises. Set aside a place in the yard for composting. A healthy compost pile should have roughly two-thirds carbon (brown) materials and one-third nitrogen (green) materials, says EarthEasy.com. Use those lawn clippings and raked leaves to make compost for spring plantings.

- Visit a corn maze. After corn has been harvested, farm owners often use their land for supplemental income. Corn mazes can be simple or complex depending on visitors' ages. Engage in fam-

ily bonding outside and turn off electronics in the process.

- Bake your own pie. After a fun-filled day picking apples at a nearby orchard, head home and use those locally sourced apples to whip up a delicious pie.

- Recycle old clothes to dress your scarecrow. Clothing that is not worthy of donation can be transformed into a festive scarecrow just in time for Halloween hijinks. Fill out the body of the scarecrow with newspaper and then add some pieces of straw around the neck, hands and feet.

- Host a football party. Watch the game on television or have a pickup game in the yard. Serve finger foods to cut down on the need for plastic or paper plates and flatware. Purchase a keg of beer from a local brewery to eliminate individual beer cans and bottles. Set out a nonalcoholic punch bowl so the kids can enjoy refreshments, too.

Autumn can be a great time of year to embrace some eco-friendly practices.

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October is Breast Cancer Awareness Month

BY JEFF GORDON

Breast cancer affects the lives of many people. Although October is the official Breast Cancer Awareness Month, every day someone is either given the diagnosis of or is undergoing treatment for it. You may know someone. In the U.S., for women, it is the most common cancer and the second leading cause of cancer-related death.

The American Cancer Society estimates approximately 252,710 women and 2,470 men will be diagnosed this year with invasive breast cancer. For every 100 women diagnosed with breast cancer, 1 man is diagnosed with it. Approximately 63,410 women will be found to have non-invasive (in situ) disease, which increases their risk of getting breast cancer. There are over 3 million breast cancer survivors in the U.S. One out of every eight women is at risk in their lifetime of developing breast cancer.

Over the past several decades, the rate of dying of breast cancer has declined significantly. This is fantastic news! It is due to a combination of public education efforts, better availability of screening tests (mammogram, ultrasound, and MRI) that can detect cancer at an early stage, and improved treatments. All of these things save lives.

A mammogram combined with you doing monthly self-breast examinations and your doctor doing routine clinical breast examinations is the best way to screen initially for breast cancer. No one likes having a mammogram, but no one would like getting a breast cancer at an advanced stage when it could have been picked up at an early stage.

Because of screening tests, approximately 60 percent of breast cancers are found at an early and very curable stage. A mammogram is an easy and safe test. If you cannot afford it, then there are resources that can help you.

If a breast cancer or non-invasive breast disease is found, then surgery is often used to remove it, especially when it is small before you can even feel it (hence why mammograms are done, because they can see it). Depending upon the features and extent of the cancer, as well as the type of surgery done, other treatments may be offered to increase the likelihood of being cured: chemotherapy, biologic therapy (medicines that target specific features or growth mechanisms of cancer), radiation therapy, or hormonal therapy. These treatments can be very effective, thanks to continued, exciting advances in cancer care. Most people are offered a combination of these different treatment types.

For many people, molecular or genetic tests of the breast cancer can aid in decision-making as to who may or may not benefit from chemotherapy. Nowadays, breast cancer treatment is individualized on a person-by-person basis. It is not a "one size fits all" approach.

If hormonal therapy is used to block estrogen from stimulating breast cancer or to decrease the body's production of estrogen, then such treatment can decrease significantly the risk of a breast cancer and non-invasive disease developing not just in the breast in which the cancer was found, but also in the other (unaffected) breast. This

is an additional benefit of this type of therapy. Furthermore, some women are offered hormonal therapy as primary prevention of breast cancer, not because they have been diagnosed with it, but because an assessment indicates they have an elevated risk of developing breast cancer.

Various surgical techniques are routinely offered to tackle a wide range of breast cancer presentations. Advances have helped define who should and who should not get certain types of surgeries so as to better improve cancer cure and to decrease side effects.

In situations where the cancer has spread to other areas of the body (called advanced stage disease), a renaissance in treatment has been ongoing such that an array of chemotherapy, hormonal, and biologic drugs is now the standard of care. With such progress, people with advanced stages of breast cancer can enjoy better qualities of life for longer periods of time than ever before.

A family history of breast cancer may increase your breast cancer risk. You cannot change your family history, but you can take control of your own future. In certain cases, genetic testing can be done to assess your risk, using only a simple sample of blood and a sit down chat to discuss what is involved with the testing and what the results mean. Common tests include the BRCA-1 and 2 genes, as well as others. Having an abnormal gene mutation can increase the risk of getting breast cancer and other cancers. Up to 10 percent of female breast cancers and up to 20 percent of male breast cancers are due to a

gene mutation. If an abnormal gene is found, then a lot can be done to decrease the inherent breast cancer risk and to be super-vigilant with screening.

There is much that can be done to screen for, diagnosis, and treat breast cancer; to provide cancer survivorship care; to care for people affected by breast cancer; and to assess the risks of developing breast cancer. Unfortunately, only approximately 50 percent of U.S. women get their mammograms done. The important first step is for you to talk with your doctor or health care provider to learn more about what you can do for yourself, for a family member, or for a friend. The answers are readily available. The resources to help are easy to access. The difference it can make is priceless.

According to the American Cancer Society (www.cancer.org), every woman beginning at age 40 should be given the choice of getting annual mammograms. This may start at an earlier age based upon family history or other risks factors. Additional types of screening may be used, if needed, such as ultrasound and MRI.

Healthy living is always a good thing, such as remaining physically active, eating right, maintaining a good weight, and limiting the use of alcohol. So, remember, October may be the official breast cancer awareness month, but any day is a good day to do something to help yourself live healthier and longer. For more information, you can contact the American Cancer Society at (800) 227-2345.

Dr. Jeff Gordon lives in Woodstock

Apple- and pumpkin-picking tips



Apple-picking is an autumn activity both kids and adults enjoy.

that apples ripen from the outside of the tree inward. Those are the ones usually picked first, anyway.

Try to get to an orchard earlier in the season. If you wait too long, the trees may be picked of most of the best fruit. Depending on where you live, apple-picking season may begin in mid-September and continue into mid-October.

Apples can bruise, so don't toss them into baskets when picking. Also, wait to wash apples until right before eating to prevent moisture-related spoilage. Apples keep best in a cool location.

PUMPKINS

Pumpkin patches are often found in close proximity to apple orchards. Picking pumpkins to eat or decorate the home is a popular autumn activity, one that families often enjoy together.

When visiting a pumpkin patch, dress accordingly. That means wearing shoes that you don't mind getting dirty, as the patch may be muddy. Layer clothing in case it is a chilly day. Breezes are more pronounced in open fields.

Pumpkins are "long-keepers," which means if they are uncut or not damaged, they can last for several weeks. This means you can pick pumpkins at the same time as apples. When selecting a pumpkin, look for one that is completely orange. After picking, a green or yellow pumpkin may never ripen to orange.

Bring along a small wagon and knife so that you can cut the vine, if necessary. Pumpkins are heavy, and a wagon will come in handy, especially with youngsters in tow.

Ripe pumpkins should not dent easily. Examine your pumpkin for holes or insects, which could indicate internal rot that greatly reduces the shelf life of the pumpkin. Remember, carving the pumpkin reduces its life expectancy, so be sure to reserve that task until close to Halloween.

If you desire a pumpkin to turn into a baked treat or other dish, you will need a type of small, sweet cooking pumpkin known as a "sugar pumpkin." The meat of this pumpkin is much less stringy and more smooth than decorative pumpkin varieties.

Autumn is the season for apple- and pumpkin-picking. This is a great way to spend an afternoon outdoors with the family. If possible, visit an orchard on a weekday, when the crowds will be much smaller than during prime fall weekends.

Although scores of people cite summer as their favorite time of year, autumn also is a beloved season. Cool breezes and crisp air seem tailor-made for afternoons spent enjoying the great outdoors. The pleasant autumn weather and awe-inspiring foliage may be the reason so many festivals and outdoor events are scheduled this time of year.

Apple- and pumpkin-picking are popular fall pastimes. Neighborhood orchards open their doors to the public, allowing men, women and children to scour their fields and trees for the perfect finds. Heed these picking tips to make the experience even more of a success.

APPLES

Many orchards that have open picking seasons plant dwarf apple trees to make the picking process easier, particularly for young children, so there's no need to bring along a ladder. You should still be able to find plenty of apples close to the ground.

A good farmer will know when certain varieties of apples are ripe, and he or she will likely cordon off trees that are not ready for picking. Ripe apples will be crisp and firm. Keep in mind

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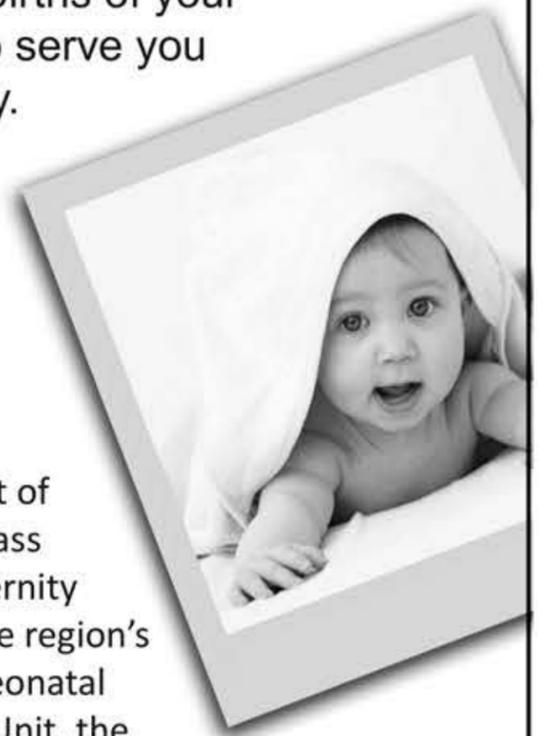
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who volunteers with us understands that they get what we're doing and why we're doing it. You just can't get that usually." The Living Faith United Methodist Church gathering is every Friday, from 11:30 a.m. to 1 p.m.



The Community Cafe's founders, Judy and Michael Gehrig. "This meal was started with a vision of offering a place for people to come and feel valued and welcomed."

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Olivia Richman photos

Christine Castonguay does most of the cooking for the Community Cafe each week.

At right: State Senator Mae Flexer and her sister, Hoween Flexer, were guest servers at the anniversary meal. They're both not strangers to helping out at food pantries throughout Windham County.

Over 100 guests were served at the Community Cafe, a weekly meal that not only gives community members food, but people to spend time with.



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to since they were infants versus children who didn't have the same experience. The children who did not have books read to them had a three million word gap. "That," she stated, "is a pretty good reason to read 1,000 books before kindergarten."

If you read one book a day for three years, that's 1,095 books. Three books a day for one year is 1,095 books. Ten books per week for two years is 1,040 books.

It may sound like a lot, but the Thompson Public Library is there to help and support families. They have a program at the library that helps families keep track of the books they've read. They even get prizes - like children's books and t-shirts - for each milestone they reach.

"Libraries are the perfect place for reading and learning," said Flynn. "You have books. You have kids. I have a lot of parents who say the kids who are shy will come home and know all the words. They'll sit in the bathtub and sing the whole song. It's kind of cute. If you can teach a very young child to love books and learning and reading, you have instilled that love of learning and made them successful throughout their schooling."

To help encourage the love of books and learning with children, the library has Toddler Time Monday, Tuesday and Thursday at 10:30 a.m. and Preschool Story Hour on Thursday at 10:15 a.m.

Flynn said she loves leading Toddler Time, not only because it's fun to interact with the children, but because it's a chance to talk to the parents.

"If they have questions about what to read and how much to read. You lead by example," said Flynn. "This is how you read a book and make it sound interesting. You're really laying the foundation for them to learn new songs. You're teaching them 'Itsy Bitsy Spider' so they can put their own words in it when they get to elementary school."

As an experienced reader, Flynn knows that toddlers love books about animals, especially if they have a chance to emulate the sounds the animals make. They currently enjoy "Brown Bear, Brown Bear," "The Very Hungry Caterpillar," "The Busy Little Squirrel" and "Little Blue Truck." These books include a lot of movements and songs. They're short, interactive books with a lot of call and response.

Flynn started as an assistant at the Thompson Public Library in 1989. She became the Children's Librarian in 2000.

"I love everything about it," she said. "I was a teacher before. It's so fun. I like kids. I love children's literature. It's just a natural fit."

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PAINTING
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(which she called "last week's struggle") was of a bird sanctuary in Pomfret. It was called "Early Light."

"The early morning light is exceptionally valuable to artists and photographers," said Vallencourt, who took over 100 photos of the scene before painting. "I probably got 15 paintings out of that one shoot. If it's right, it's right. There was mist. There was dried leaves. The fall colors. It was just perfect."

The process of producing these paintings (which can sometimes take an hour, sometimes months) is something Vallencourt has down to a science. She's been a full time artist for 12 years.

She first got into art in high school, when she discovered her love of drawing and painting. She told herself that she'd paint in her retirement ("after I finished my other two careers"), but she was able to start a bit earlier than she expected.

Which is a huge feat for someone who raised 12 children.

"I called it extreme parenting," Vallencourt said. "Rich and I had six biological children. But we had always talked about adopting. The first six children I had in seven years was a challenge. But we adopted six special needs children right after."

This was something Vallencourt wanted since the two started dating. She had always told him she wanted 10 children, despite him saying he wanted a whopping zero.

It's obvious who won that argument.

But raising 12 kids was not enough for Vallencourt. She also worked at a daycare and as a substitute teacher. She did landscaping, baking. She was a dress maker and a quilter. She was always busy.

Then she went back to college. "I wanted to be a therapist," she said. "I wanted to train parents for special needs adoption. I was very excited. I had an entire plan for a business."

But despite her set path, unforeseen events took Vallencourt from teaching to painting.

"You may have a plan at the beginning," she said with a laugh. "But then you look back and think, 'That's funny.'"

Not that painting was a bad thing.

Vallencourt fell in love with art even more, immersing herself in the world of color and lighting.

"I like connections to things," she said. "And beauty and integrity and truth and all the things that come with it. It's being able to look at something and see a story in it. The houses around here even look like paintings. I just love color and making things. If I'm not busy sewing or painting I'm making apple pie I don't need."

Her favorite pieces are the figure portraits she's done for her grandchildren. That's the only collection of paintings she doesn't give away. She currently

has them all in a gallery in her home but - according to her will - she will give each grandchild the portrait when she's gone.

That's 24 paintings in total. "Grandkids are the best thing in the world," she said. "They're revenge for all of the awful things your kids did to you. We have a rule: It's my house. Jelly beans and candy corns are vegetables here."

She even has great-grandchildren.

"I've reached my highest calling now," she said. "Nobody outranks me now. I've beaten all my friends to being a great-grandmother."

And how does she feel now that she's been crowned this title?

"I feel liberated," said Vallencourt. "It's great to be this old. You can say anything you want. If anyone calls you, you can just say you 'forgot.' You can say, 'Oh, did I do that?' to almost anything. It's a license. It's a license to be free."

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Landscapes, portraits and still life are the usual topics for local artist Ann Vallencourt.



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Monday, Sept. 26
Dustin Orr, 33, of 299 Brickhouse

Road, Killingly, was charged with disorderly conduct (threatening)
Keith Quinones, 32, of 261 Coomer Hill Road, Killingly, was charged with breach of peace (threatening)

DAYVILLE
Wednesday, Sept. 28
Sheila Anne Swanson, 38, of 32 Pleasant Street, Dayville, was charged with disorderly conduct (fight/cause/capable of causing minor injury), assault and assault on elderly
DANIELSON
Saturday, Sept. 24
Daniel Morency, 38, of 26 Palmer Street, Danielson, was charged with disorderly conduct (fight/cause/capable of causing minor injury)

Tuesday, Sept. 27
Charlotte Larrow, 26, of 537 Cook Hill Road, Danielson, was charged with a warrant
Ryan M Wetterskog, 27, of 45 Spring Street Apt. #E, Danielson, was charged with a warrant
Wednesday, Sept. 28
Nicholas Below, 19, of 99 School Street Apt. #A, Danielson, was charged with larceny (shoplifting)
Brandon A Stevenson, 31, of 38 Wyndham Landing, Danielson, was charged with a warrant
BROOKLYN
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Jessica Parker, 40, of 12 Elm Street, Brooklyn, was charged with a warrant
Brianna C Kroeger, 36, of 72 Wolf Den

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THOMPSON
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Monday, Sept. 25
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Monday, Oct. 2
Ryan J Snay, 32, 67 Pomfret St. Putnam, was charged with Disorderly Conduct

10 fun facts in time for fall

Autumn is a season of many changes, with some of the most notable including the dramatic multicolored displays that occur just prior to trees shedding their leaves. It's also a time of year when many people feel reenergized by cooler temperatures and spend many hours outdoors enjoying all that fall has to offer.

Whether one is collecting leaves, picking apples, exploring corn mazes, or driving the countryside enjoying the foliage, autumn is full of fun facts that can make the season that much more enjoyable.

1. Autumn begins on the autumnal equinox, which occurs on or near September 22 in the northern hemisphere. This year, September 22 is the day when the sun crosses the celestial

equator moving southward. When the equinox occurs, there are an equal number of daylight and nighttime hours.

2. Since ancient times, autumn has been an important time of year for many civilizations. Autumn is a main harvesting time in many areas, and a successful harvest was once necessary for survival. Many steps are, and have long been, taken to ensure a bountiful autumn harvest.

3. Fall is a time when trees and other plants prepare for dormancy during winter. As autumn progresses and the hours of daylight gradually decrease, trees begin to close down their food production systems and reduce the amount of chlorophyll in leaves. Chlorophyll is the chemical that makes tree leaves green, and as it

declines, other chemicals become more prominent and shine through in the leaves. That is why leaves change color.

4. Some scientists believe that global climate change can impact autumn colors, such as delaying the change in trees. Also, red pigments may start to decline as trees use sugary fuel to grow new twigs rather than to cause red leaf displays.

5. Americans more readily refer to this time of year as "fall," while the British use "autumn." Both terms date back to around the 16th century. Prior to this period, autumn was known as "harvest."

6. Much of the United States bids farewell to monarch butterflies in the fall. Each autumn, the monarch butterflies migrate from the United States to Mexico and

some parts of Southern California. They fly at speeds ranging between 12 and 25 miles per hour.

7. A study of U.S. centenarians born between 1880 to 1895 published in the Journal of Aging Research, found that babies born during autumn months are more likely to live to age 100 than those born during the rest of the year. Thirty percent of the centenarians followed were born during the fall.

8. Squash, pumpkins and other gourds are prominent in the fall. The largest squash grown on record belonged to Joel Jarvis of Ontario, and his huge winner weighed in at 1,486.6 pounds in 2011.

9. The many-colored leaves are not the only display one might see during the fall. The autumn equinox signals the aurora borealis, also called the Northern



Lights. Besides the lengthening of nights and cool evening weather, which are great for stargazers, autumn is "aurora season," according to NASA. That's because, during the fall, geomagnetic storms are about

twice as frequent as the annual average.

10. Full moons are named for the month or season in which they rise. The Harvest Moon is the full moon closest to the autumnal equinox.

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always kind of liked that kind of top on a pie."

It sounds like you really know your stuff. Do you guys bake a lot?

Jackson - "Yes, we bake a lot."

Ellen - "We make a lot of apple crisp. Jackson started with an Easy Bake Oven."

Jackson - "I grew out of that when I was four. I have always liked baking. And I do it with my mom, so it's really fun."

Your mom said you are very competitive.

Jackson - "I like to have bake offs with my brother, Nick. We do Chopped challenges. We'll have five mystery ingredients and we have to figure out what to make with it."

Who picks out the ingredients?

Ellen - "Me. I put it in a basket and then reveal it, like the show."

What is your favorite thing to cook or bake?

Jackson - "Shepherd's Pie. That's always been my favorite food. I follow my mom's recipe."

Ellen - "I taught him how to make rux, which is the gravy that goes in the Shepherd's Pie."

How did you enjoy making apple pie with your mom?

Jackson - "It was really fun. We helped each other along the way."

Ellen - "I always enjoy baking with my son. We made dough the night before."



Jackson's favorite part: "I like making the crust and decorating it."

Jackson - "Then we woke up really early to start making the pie."

What's your favorite part about baking apple pie?

Jackson - "I like making the top. I like decorating the pie. I put a leaf out of dough and apples."

When you're not baking, what are your other hobbies?

Jackson - "Football, baseball, basketball, tennis, golf, wrestling, swimming..."

Ellen - "He does them all. But football, basketball and golf are the big ones."

Jackson - "I've always watching them. I always wanted to become a pro."

What do you prefer? Cooking or sports?

Jackson - "Sports!"

But cooking is a close second?

Jackson - "Yeah!"

How did you two enjoy the Fall Festival?

Jackson - "I liked the musicians that were there. We sat in front and watched

for a while."

Ellen - "It was great. There was a lot to see and do. Even though it was old songs, like Elvis, Jackson and Nick really enjoyed the music."

Did you get to try the apple pies?

Ellen - "Yes. It was good. His definitely was better than mine. He did a traditional one with white sugar and lemon juice. Mine was salted, caramel apple."

What kind of apples did you use?

Jackson - "I used Gala."

Ellen - "I used Granny Smiths. I think that made a big difference. His were sweeter and had a better texture."

What does your family like to do?

Jackson - "We go to Cape Cod every year. Which is fun."

Ellen - "We like to travel a lot. We like to go to my brother's house in New Hampshire and hang out there. We've gone to Giant's Stadium in New Jersey."

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Jackson and his mother Ellen took first and third place at Brooklyn Fall Festival's annual apple pie contest.



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An Italian touch in the Quiet Corner

BY CHARLIE LENTZ
VILLAGER EDITOR

WOODSTOCK — Woodstock Academy made a trade for a goal scorer from Italy and thus far the exchange rate has favored the Centaurs. With 15 goals through Woodstock’s first nine games Jacopo Ambrosetti has been followed by more than his share of defenders. And with matinee-idol looks perhaps it was no coincidence that a contingent of followers from Woodstock’s girls soccer team sat near midfield when Ambrosetti and his teammates played host to Amherst Regional in Woodstock’s Homecoming game last Saturday.

Despite his dominance on the field the soft-spoken exchange student affects no hint of ego or braggadocio. Content to let his feet make some noise in the Quiet Corner, he revels in how quickly his new hometown has adopted him.

“Americans are not afraid to accept people in their country. They’re not afraid to accept people in their lifestyle because I see that my classmates and my teammates, they always ask me to come with them, to enjoy time with them,” said Ambrosetti, 17. “America is not a closed country. It’s a very open-minded country — you can see because lots of people are here from all over the world.”

By the luck of the draw Ambrosetti landed in Woodstock as an exchange student. On his first day of practice back in August coach Paul Rearden quickly understood Ambrosetti’s addition would be a net gain.

“Let’s just say I was very happy. It’s not just what he’s doing with the ball, it’s what he’s doing off the ball,” Rearden said. “I think the great thing for me looking into the future — because obviously we know he can only do 12 months here — the things that our kids who’ll be playing next year and the year after, the things they’re learning from him — his movements, just the way he thinks through a game, the way he approaches



Charlie Lentz photo

Jacopo Ambrosetti tracks down the ball against Amherst Regional last Saturday in Woodstock.

the ball, his touch on the ball. They’re learning. We’re all learning to become better players for having him here.”

Ambrosetti’s home is Varese, located at the base of the Alpine foothills in northern Italy, 34 miles north of Milan and just a few kilometers south of the Swiss border. Surrounded by stunning

views of the Alps, historic palaces, and a rich sense of history — it’s no surprise Ambrosetti’s favorite subject is classical literature.

“I came here for the life experience, for school first of all, and to live somewhere different than I’m used to,” Ambrosetti said. “I also have the

chance to play soccer.”

In Ambrosetti’s estimation the typical American is more pragmatic than his fellow countrymen.

“I really like the people and the lifestyle of the people, it’s complete-

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Redmen get passing grade heading into bye week



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Killingly's Jake Gauthier races ahead of the pursuit en route to a 36-yard touchdown in the first quarter against Windham High last Friday night.

KILLINGLY 44, WINDHAM 6				
Killingly	21	6	17	0-44
Windham	6	0	0	0-6

FIRST QUARTER
 K - Jake Gauthier 36 pass from Luke Desaulnier (Desaulnier kick) 9:30
 W - Issiah English 21 pass from Jovany Almodover (kick failed) 5:54
 K - Spencer Lockwood 22 run (Desaulnier kick) 4:00
 K - Lockwood 71 run (Desaulnier kick) 1:08

SECOND QUARTER
 K - Desaulnier 8 run (kick failed) 4:38

THIRD QUARTER
 K - Lockwood 1 run (Desaulnier kick) 8:53
 K - Vasileios Politis 25 pass from Desaulnier (Desaulnier kick) 8:39
 K - Desaulnier 25 field goal :38

	Killingly	Windham
First Downs	18	11
Rushes-yards	38-389	22-81
Passing	68	1133
Sacked-yds lost	0-0	0-0
Comp-Att-Int	4-6-0	7-15-1
Punts-Avg.	0-0	4-27
Fumbles-Lost	0-0	2-1
Penalties-Yards	2-28	5-45

INDIVIDUAL STATISTICS
RUSHING- K: Desaulnier 4-38, TD; Lockwood 18-202, 3 TD; Zach Caffrey 4-24; Tyler Cournoyer 9-102; Derek Turner 3-21.
W: Almodover 2-16; Barbosa 13-32; Aaron Spicer 7-33.

PASSING- K: Desaulnier 4-6-0 for 68, 2 TD. W: Almodover 7-15-1 for 113, TD.

RECEIVING- K: Politis 2-34, TD; Gauthier 1-36, TD; Cournoyer 1-(-2). W: Spicer 2-45; English 3-57, TD; Barbosa 1-(-1); Brian Rodriguez 1-12.

BY CHARLIE LENTZ
 VILLAGER EDITOR

it in because it looks bad.”

Through four victories the Redmen have looked good. Killingly defeated Windham 44-6 last Friday while rushing for 389 yards. Through four games the Redmen have picked up 1,515 yards on the ground on 151 carries, averaging just over 10 yards per tote. But before arriving at Windham High's Ferrigno Field on Sept. 29, junior quarterback Luke Desaulnier had attempted a total of just seven passes this season, completing five for 86 yards and three touchdowns. Coach Neal decided to let Desaulnier drop back and use his right arm on Killingly's first offensive series against the Whippets.

“We wanted to come out, establish a little bit of confidence throwing the ball,” Neal said. “I think we did that tonight.”

On Killingly's first possession Desaulnier completed 2-of-3 passes for 45 yards punctuated with a 36-yard catch-and-run score to senior tight end Jake Gauthier, capping a 48-yard drive that took just 67 seconds. Desaulnier ended up completing 4-of-6 for 68 yards — adding a 25-yard touchdown toss to senior receiver Vasileios Politis. Politis loves to play catch but he'll take whatever works.

“It was nice to come out passing but I will tell you one thing, (receiver) Zack Burgess and I actually love to block for Spencer (Lockwood) and Zach (Caffrey) and Tyler (Cournoyer),” Politis said. “So it's win-win either way, running or throwing.”

Killingly senior runningback Spencer Lockwood ran over the Whippets for 202 yards and three touchdowns on 18 carries before taking a break from his rushing duties after one series in the third quarter. Through four games Lockwood has run for 915 yards and 12 touchdowns on 114 carries, averaging just over eight yards per carry.

While Killingly's offense has been humming, its defense has been stout as well. The Redmen limited Windham's Nate Barbosa to just 32 yards on 13 carries and held the Whippets to 81 yards on the ground. Inside linebackers Zach Caffrey and Matt Phelan were a big part

of Killingly's defensive effort.

“Zach Caffrey and Matt Phelan did a heck of a job and (defensive end and linebacker) Nsaiah Harriet made some plays tonight,” Neal said. “Those three guys and (Ethan) Canova, (Alex) Fontaine, (Jake) Gauthier — (defensive tackle) Derek Turner's really been a pleasant surprise. A lot of the guys are playing well.”

Fontaine is just one of Killingly's line-man who helped collar the Whippets.

“We're going into every week thinking were 0-0, playing for that win, playing for something greater than this game. We're trying to go as far as we possibly can,” said Fontaine, a senior defensive tackle. “We're just giving everything we can every week to put us on top. Coach says if you want to get that far you have to win every week.”

The win lifted Killingly's record to 4-0 overall, 2-0 Eastern Connecticut Conference. While the Redmen aced their aerial exam against Windham (0-4 overall, 0-2 ECC), their grade-point average returns to zero this week as they head into a bye. Gauthier said it's sometimes difficult to ignore his team's potential and return to the starting block every week.

“You know it's hard to not think about it because there are some times where we play so well that we get so excited about wins because we're on a win streak, and we get so excited that we just look to the future and we keep looking ahead to playoffs and stuff. But we can't do that,” Gauthier said. “I try to just simplify everything. I try to not really look at the big picture. I try to live in the moment. I try to just take everything second by second.”

The Redmen view each week as a new beginning with much more to prove. They have two weeks to prepare for their next game at Bacon Academy.

“The bye week comes at a good time for us. I think that will allow us to recharge. During the bye week we want to evaluate ourselves. And we'll evaluate ourselves and see where we are, where we've got to get better,” coach Neal said.

Politis said the Redmen will take advantage of the break from competition.

“I think we're already a close team but we'll take the time to build that bond even stronger and work on the little things,” Politis said. “We have a week to not focus on a team but focus on ourselves, get the little details sharper because I think that's what we'll bring us to the next level. We're playing well but we're also making a lot of mistakes, once we fix those we'll be in good

shape.”

Neal's seniors have reached the Class M tournament semifinals the last two seasons and have played 28 games since the start of their sophomore seasons. While Neal refuses to look ahead, he pointed out that his last two play-off teams started the season with 3-1 records.

“We haven't been 4-0 with those other two teams. But again, you play your best football at the end of the season. We'll see where we are at the end of the season,” Neal said. “The last two years we played our best football at the end of the season. So we've got to maintain that this year.”

Neal said his players are an experienced group that knows much work remains. The Redmen return to action on Saturday, Oct. 14, traveling to Bacon Academy (2-2) with kickoff scheduled for noon.

“We're taking it one game at a time. Next is Bacon Academy, which is going to be a big game in two weeks, it's going to be an away game on a Saturday,” Neal said. “We've got to worry about ourselves over the next week, evaluate ourselves, and then we'll prepare for Bacon Academy. And then we'll prepare for New London. We'll take it one week at a time.”

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Woodstock gridders defeat Ludlow

WOODSTOCK — Senior runningback Kameron Janice rushed for 344 yards on 21 carries and scored six touchdowns to help Woodstock Academy defeat Ludlow, Mass., 54-28, last Friday, Sept. 29. Janice scored on touchdown runs of 4, 24, 23, 50, 5, and 11 yards. Junior quarterback Derek Thompson completed 7-of-10 passes. Caleb Feen caught five passes for 78 yards. Dan Suitum had a 27-yard touchdown reception. Jaden Dennett also scored for the Centaurs. The loss dropped Ludlow's record to 0-4. The win lifted Woodstock's record to 2-1. The Centaurs are next scheduled to play at Amherst Regional in Massachusetts on Friday, Oct. 6.

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Putnam volleyball hunts playoff berth

BY CHARLIE LENTZ
VILLAGER EDITOR

PUTNAM — It's been a while.

Putnam High's volleyball team is seeking its first state tournament berth in six years and the Clippers have a legitimate shot at the playoffs as the season heads down the home stretch. With an independent schedule this season Putnam has added some tough teams and coach Curt Hull said that's been a benefit.

"One, we are no longer in a conference so we are playing a much more diverse group of teams. This year we're playing some better opponents mixed in with the same level of opponent we had last year," said Hull, in his 17th season. "I think that's bringing us up a little bit and I really wanted that because I know next year we go to the ECC (Eastern Connecticut Conference)."

Plainfield High is one of those better opponents and the Panthers defeated Putnam in straight sets (25-9, 25-16, 25-13) on Monday at Putnam High, dropping the Clippers record to 5-5. After falling to Plainfield on Oct. 2, the Clippers had seven games remaining on their schedule and needed three more wins to gain the required eight victories needed to guarantee a berth in the Class S Tournament. Putnam finished 3-13 last season but this year's version of the Clippers has a strong junior class that has reversed the team's fortunes.

"We graduated five seniors last year. We only have one returning senior but we have a group of eight juniors and then we have a group of roughly six sophomores coming up behind it," Hull said. "So those juniors have been playing together now for three years, so that cohesiveness, I think, is helping as well."

Senior setter Savannah Kruger, junior outside hitter Kaitlin Zamora, and sopho-



Charlie Lentz photo

Putnam High's Mya Meadows attempts a spike against Plainfield, flanked by teammates, Kaitlin Zamora, left, and Savannah Kruger, right, at Putnam High on Monday, Oct. 2.

more hitter Molly McKeon are among the players who have contributed to the turnaround. Kruger is thriving as a setter.

"Savannah's our senior. She was never a setter as a freshman and sophomore but she became a setter last year to help us because we lost our setter," Hull said. "She's super tough. She's my senior. She's a leader."

Zamora and McKeon are expected to help anchor the Clippers both this season and next.

"Kaitlin (Zamora) and Molly (McKeon) are probably fairly

equal in skill — very, very good players," Hull said. "Kaitlin's a year older, a little bigger at the net but Molly McKeon is a fantastic sophomore. And even though Molly doesn't have the size, Molly has a great presence at the net blocking. Molly works really hard at the net. Kaitlin is awesome in the back row at passing. Together on the court, the two of them, I have them opposite in the lineup so one of them is always in the back, one's always in the front. They really help steady the team, I think."

In addition to this season's

playoff hopes, the future looks promising as well.

"We bring 99 percent of the team back next year. So moving into the ECC will be against more difficult competition but the team will also have been together a solid four years," Hull said.

Against Plainfield, Zamora had six kills, five assists, three service points and six digs; Kruger had six assists, five service points, four digs, and one kill; McKeon had four assists, five service points, five digs, and one kill. Plainfield (7-4 through 11 games) interrupted

Putnam's playoff hunt but the Clippers still have their eyes on the postseason — focusing on their berth in six seasons. It's been a while.

"The girls need to find the energy, regardless of the day and regardless of the outside distraction," Hull said. "They need to learn how to make the outside distraction a reason to play up and not a reason to play down."

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Killingly Redgals remain unbeaten in volleyball



File photo

Tourtellotte's Kaylee Tackson scored one goal and notched two assists in a 5-2 win over Lyman Memorial last Friday, Sept. 29, in Thompson.

EAST LYME — Killingly High's Ally Conde had 13 kills, six blocks, and 10 digs for the undefeated Redgals in a 3-0 win over East Lyme in volleyball on Monday, Oct. 2. Set scores were 25-20, 25-22, 25-16. Reagan Morin had 15 digs and seven service points. Meredith Zamperini had 24 assists, 14 service points and three aces. Reilly Allen had seven kills, five digs, and two blocks. The win pushed Killingly's record to 11-0, 4-0 ECC. East Lyme's record fell to 5-4, 3-0 ECC. The Redgals are next scheduled to play at Norwich Free Academy at 2 p.m. on Saturday, Oct. 7.

TOURTELLOTTE 5, LYMAN 2

THOMPSON — Katey Kwasniewski and Maegan Roy each scored two goals to help Tourtellotte defeat Lyman Memorial in a girls soccer match at Tourtellotte on Sept. 29. Kaylee Tackson scored one goal and notched two assists for the Tigers. Lauren Ramos added one assist for Tourtellotte. The loss dropped Lyman's record to 2-5-1. The win lifted Tourtellotte's record to 7-1-1. The Tigers are next scheduled to play at Wheeler on Friday, Oct. 6.

WOODSTOCK 3, COVENTRY 0

COVENTRY — Paula Hernandez had 18 kills and Natalie Low added 12 to help Woodstock Academy defeat Coventry in volleyball on Oct. 2. Set scores were 25-14, 25-20 and 25-20. Sammie Orlovski had 33 assists for the Centaurs (8-3). Woodstock is next scheduled to play at Ledyard on Friday, Oct. 6.

KILLINGLY 1, GRISWOLD 0

GRISWOLD — Freshman Abbie Burgess notched the lone goal with an assist from Chloe Hibbard to lead the Redgals past Griswold in girls soccer on Oct. 2. Killingly led 18-7 in shots. Keeper Sarah Azizi had five saves for Killingly (4-4-0). Brianna Becotte made eight saves for Griswold (3-7-0). The Redgals are next scheduled to play at Bacon Academy on Friday, Oct. 6.

ELLIS TECH 3, GOODWIN 1

DANIELSON — Victoria LaBarre had 10 service points, 10 assists, and three kills to help the Golden Eagles defeat Goodwin Tech in volleyball last Friday, Sept. 29, at Ellis Tech. Set scores were

25-19, 10-25, 25-21, 28-26. Sydney Tetrault had nine service points and eight kills, and Kirstin Light had eight service points and four kills for the Eagles. The win lifted Ellis Tech's record to 4-6. Ellis Tech is next scheduled to play host to Plainfield at 5 p.m. on Friday, Oct. 6.

KILLINGLY 3, WINDHAM 0

DAYVILLE — Kelsey Allen had 21 service points with six aces and added five kills to help the Redgals sweep the Whippets in volleyball at Killingly High on Sept. 29. Set scores were 25-4, 25-9, 25-8. Reagan Morin had eight kills, 15 service points with six aces, and Lauren Kirkconnell notched five kills for the Redgals. Madison Vargas had six digs, two kills, and two aces, and Allie Vining had five kills, one ace, and one block for Windham (1-7 overall, 0-4 Eastern Connecticut Conference).

WOODSTOCK 3, NEWTOWN 1

WOODSTOCK — Caroline Eaton had 19 kills for the Centaurs in the volleyball win over Newtown on Sept. 29 at the Alumni Fieldhouse. Set scores were 25-9, 20-25, 25-21, 25-16. The win lifted Woodstock's record to 7-3. Natalie Low had 13 kills and 12 points, and Sammie Orlovski notched 30 assists for the Centaurs.

KILLINGLY 2, PUTNAM 1

PUTNAM — Longtime rivals Killingly High and Putnam High faced off in a boys soccer match on Sept. 29 at St. Marie-Greenhalgh Complex and Killingly's Griffin Ware was the difference maker. Killingly got on the board first off a corner kick by Sean Johnndrow headed in by Ware in the 17th minute of the first half. Putnam answered with high pressure at the start of the second half and scored in the 43rd minute off a cross by Simon Morente that Kobie Bates put into the back of the net. Killingly responded and got the game winner with a long range shot by Ware in the 58th minute. Killingly goalkeeper Connor Chahanovich made seven saves. Putnam keeper Tyler Fitts had five saves.

The win lifted Killingly's record to 2-5-1. The Redmen are next scheduled to play at Bacon Academy on Friday, Oct. 6. The loss dropped the Clippers record to 5-2. Putnam is next scheduled to play at Parish Hill on Oct. 6.

AMHERST 1, WOODSTOCK 0

WOODSTOCK — Marshall Hanke scored the match's lone goal with 14:04 left in the second half to help Amherst Regional (Mass.) defeat Woodstock Academy in boys soccer last Saturday, Sept. 30, at Bentley Athletic Complex. The win lifted Amherst's record to 6-3. The loss dropped the Centaurs record to 6-3. Woodstock is next scheduled to play

at Bacon Academy on Tuesday, Oct. 10.

KILLINGLY 5, PUTNAM 2

DAYVILLE — Abbie Burgess scored three goals and notched one assist in the Redgals' win in girls soccer on Sept. 29 at Killingly High. Chloe Hibbard and Taylor Jax each scored one goal and Taylor Torcoletti had two assists for Killingly. Morgan Foucault scored two goals for Putnam. Killingly led 18-9 in shots. Goalkeeper Sarah Azizi made seven saves for Killingly. Keeper Kayleigh Lyon made five saves for Putnam. The loss dropped Putnam's 5-3-0. The Clippers are next scheduled to play at Parish Hill at 2 p.m. on Saturday, Oct. 7.

WHEELER 3, PUTNAM 1

PUTNAM — The Lions defeated the Clippers in volleyball on Sept. 29. Set scores were 25-5, 25-23, 11-25, 25-18. Putnam's Molly McKeon had seven service points including four aces, with seven digs, one block, and three kills. Kaitlin Zamora had eight service points, five aces, six digs and six kills for the Clippers. The win lifted Wheeler's record to 4-5. Putnam's record fell to 5-4. Putnam is next scheduled to play at Innovation Academy on Friday, Oct. 6.

WOODSTOCK 5, NEW LONDON

NEW LONDON — Jacopo Ambrosetti scored three goals to lead Woodstock Academy to the boys soccer win over New London on Sept. 28. Jack Gelhaus scored one goal and had two assists and Ethan Holcomb scored one goal and Sean Rearden had one assist for Woodstock. The loss dropped the Whalers record to 1-5-1.

PUTNAM 7, MLC 2

PUTNAM — Kobie Bates and Mohamed Sano each scored two goals to lead the Clippers past Metropolitan Learning Center on Sept. 27. Jacob Clinkscale, Hunter Touchette, and Justin Haynes also scored for Putnam. Ben Smith notched two assists for Putnam. Tyoin Harris, Hayden Belliveau, Simon Morente Uz, and Bates each had one assist for the Clippers.

WOODSTOCK 4, NFA 0

WOODSTOCK — Avery Jones scored two goals and Hannah Chubbuck and Rachel Canedy each added one goal to give Woodstock Academy the win over Norwich Free Academy in field hockey on Sept. 28. The win lifted Woodstock's record to 3-3 overall, 3-3 ECC. The loss dropped the Wildcats to 0-6, 0-5. Woodstock is next scheduled to play at Enfield on Saturday, Oct. 7.

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ly different from the Italian one, from the European. I'm getting used to it," Ambrosetti said. "I noticed that every problem here is not a problem. Every problem has a solution, where maybe sometimes in Europe we just go crazy for something. Here you always find a solution. You know your abilities."

Ambrosetti's abilities are apparent. He started playing soccer when he was 5 years old. His understanding of the game and vision on the field are among the qualities coach Rearden hopes rub off on his teammates.

"In Europe we give more importance to tactical play," Ambrosetti said. "Americans like to play the ball, like playing vertical. I mean every American sport like basketball, football, is a vertical sport, so it's a very attackers' sport."

Ambrosetti can attack as well and that's no surprise because soccer is steeped in his genes. His father, Gabriele,

played for Vicenza when it won the Coppa Italia in 1997. Last year Gabriele was an assistant coach for Swansea City of the English Premier League, assisting manager Francesco Guidolin. Guidolin was Gabriele's coach when he played for Vicenza. When Jacopo was a youngster his father also played for Chelsea of the Premier League.

"I lived in England for two years when I was very little, when he played for Chelsea," Ambrosetti said. "My dad knows very well that soccer here in America is expanding because it's his job. He follows Woodstock athletics on Twitter, so he can see my goals."

Jacopo was able to hang out with his father when he coached with Swansea City so he's seen soccer at its highest level.

"It was an amazing experience. I went there many times. I'm a Liverpool fan so I went there to see Liverpool, when Swansea played against Liverpool," Ambrosetti said.

Representing his school is a new experience. Europeans typically com-

pete for athletic clubs and he played for Varesina last season. The variety of athletic offerings and opportunities at Woodstock Academy has impressed him.

"In Italy we don't have high school teams," said the senior striker. "School programs in the U.S. are very big and better than Italian ones."

His teammates have been taking advantage of his soccer acumen — Ambrosetti dishes out a dollop of diplomacy when his opinions are solicited.

"They ask me 'Do you think I can play in Italy?' I answer 'I don't know. The system is different,'" Ambrosetti said. "On my team everybody, I think, is competitive. They are good players and good boys. We are a great group."

Ambrosetti will go back to Italy in June and then will be required to complete his secondary education, returning to high school for one more year. He hopes to return to the United States for college.

"In Italy high school is five years. My dream is to come back here. I've been here just for a month but I'm really in love with the system, with the people, the landscape, with everything," Ambrosetti said.

Petrarch is credited with initiating the 14th-century Renaissance and is known by many as the founder of Humanism.

"(Petrarch) lived centuries ago during the Italian Renaissance but in his poetries he passed a message which people can still now understand, which is crazy," Ambrosetti said. "He writes about love and a lot of students still understand his idea of love and this is very amazing."

Ambrosetti understands his role as an exemplar of his nation and his people. He doesn't take the responsibility lightly.

"I am an ambassador of my country. Everybody, when they look at me, thinks about Italy," Ambrosetti said. "So I have to behave at my best because I know I don't just represent me, or my family, but my country."

He is being hosted by the family of Ethan Holcomb, a center defensive midfielder. It's been, as they say, a kick to have him on the team.

"The first day we saw him play it was like 'Wow, something different.' We lost a great striker (to graduation) last season, Ryan Black, we just replaced him with Jacopo and it was amazing," Holcomb said. "It's really cool to see how different playing styles come from different places in the world."

There are bonuses to hosting an Italian exchange student with culinary capabilities.

"It's a lot of fun. He's a really good cook and he makes me food a lot so I enjoy it, he's like a brother," Holcomb said. "He makes a lot of pasta, it's all good though."

Ambrosetti's melting pot is the soccer field for now. Next June Woodstock Academy's Italian import will return to Varese — the exchange rate may favor him for years to come.

"I looked for this experience. Sports unites people. I think it could be a good way to solve many problems in the world," he said. "I don't think that a ball can solve problems about money, or about politics, or about killing people. But sometimes it makes things easier because running and playing is in every person."

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THOMPSON-This contemporary style home has an amazing year round waterfront view of Quaddick Lake. Sitting high on a 1 acre lot, this home features 3 bedrooms, 2 full bathrooms and a great contemporary open floor plan with wide pine floors, exposed wood beams, industrial style heating vents and much more. One car garage under the house & ready to be finished basement. Home does need finishing (decks, trim, doors etc.) and won't qualify for all financing types. Asking just **\$219,900**.



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October 7, Sat., 9am-4pm

The Killingly Grange's 4th annual BIG-little Apple Festival (rain or shine) at the Grange Hall in Dayville, at the corner of Route 101 and Dog Hill Road (801 Hartford Pike) Dayville. The festival will once again feature live acoustic music. For more information or to reserve tickets, call 860-705-3643. Admission and parking free.

October 7, Sat., 9:30am-3pm

FACES at FAHS: The 7th Annual Fine Art & Craft Exhibit & Sale at the Finnish American Heritage Society, 76 N. Canterbury Rd., Canterbury. 860 546-6671. Indoor artisan exhibits and craft demonstrations. Tours of the Finnish Heritage Museum and Finnish sauna. Refreshments, live music, free admission.

October 7, Sat., 4-6pm

Bungay Fire Brigade's Chicken Barbeque Dinner, \$10 per person. 1256 Rt. 171, West Woodstock. Take out only! For tickets call 860-974-0316, 860-424-2895, 860-377-3874

October 7, Sat., 5pm

14th Annual Auction-VFW Memorial Post 10088, 654 Quinebaug Road (Rt. 131), Quinebaug. Food starts at 5pm, auction at 6pm. To benefit veterans and community programs.

October 7-9, 10am - 4pm

Walktober: Old Pomfret Town House, 11 Town House Dr., Pomfret Center. Off Avriil Rd. between the junction of Rt. 101/Rt. 44 and Rt. 169/Rt.44 – watch for signs. 60+ pieces of art will be displayed for your viewing pleasure and purchase. Refreshments will be served. Sponsored by NECTAG.

October 7, Sat., 9am - noon

Walktober: Mountain Bike Ride at Goodwin State

Forest 20 Potter Rd., (Off Rte. 6), Hampton. 860-230-1237. NEMBA will lead guided mountain bike rides through Goodwin State Forest's trails in Hampton. All levels. Groups will be divided to cater to various experience levels. Bike & helmet required.

October 7, Sat., 9am - 1pm

Walktober: Hike It Up With Thompson Trails, Cheney Rd., Thompson. Parking at trailhead. 860-923-9900. Enjoy diverse terrain & sights on this long trail hike that runs through the USACE West Thompson Lake property with Thompson Trails. Get a move on for 7.5 miles, with a 10-15 minute stop at the dam to have a snack.

October 7, Sat., 10 am to noon

Walktober: Chestnuts and Overlooks, Colbridge Rd., Plainfield. Follow signs to parking area at end of Colbridge Rd. 860-230-3000. Take a walk along the orange trail and view various identified species of trees.

October 7, Sat., 1-3:30 pm

Walktober: Stories in Stone Walls, 147 Wolf Den Dr., Pomfret. Meet at the park office lot in Mashamoquet Brook State Park. 860-974-1336. The still-standing stone walls that crisscross the upland forests are the ruins of a long-gone agricultural way of life that once claimed 80% of the land.

October 7-9, 10am-4pm

“Fall Colors,” an Interactive Art Exhibit, Demonstration and Artisan Sale. A partnership of the Northeastern CT Art Guild and “Walktober” to be held at the Historical Society, 11 Town House Drive, Pomfret Center.

October 8, Sun., 10 am

Walktober: Rolling Out the Stone Dust Carpet, Riversidet Drive, near the Putnam Town line in the Airline Trail State Park parking lot. This bike trip will go to the Massachusetts state line and back with a few stops for points of interest. A bike and helmet are required.

October 8, Sun., 10am-noon

Walktober: Autumn Wild Edible Plants and Fungi, Goodwin Conservation Center, 23 Potter Rd., (Off Rte. 6), Hampton. 860-455-9534. Pre-registration required by calling 860-455-9534. \$5 for the public, free for Goodwin & CFPA members.

October 8, Sun., 10:30am-12:30pm

Josias Byles Sanctuary Hike, Rte. 44 (118-125) Ash-

ford Center Rd., Ashford. Park at Henrietta House or at North Veterinary Clinic across the road. 860-477-0318. Two mile long loop as you pass a meadowland, then descend down a steep section next to a stream, and then travel through a bio-diverse forest, and a beaver dam on the river.

October 8, Sun., 11 am to noon

Walktober: Talk & Tea in Thompson, Old Thompson Town Hall, 339 Thompson Rd. (Rte. 193), Thompson. 860-923-3776. Tour starts at the 1842 Old Thompson Town Hall located on the Thompson Common. The tour will continue as the group moves east and discusses the history of the Common.

October 8, Sun., 2pm-4pm

Paint with PAWS at Sawmill Pottery (112 Main St, Ste 14, Putnam). Select from the diverse selection of bisqueware available to paint! Sawmill Pottery is donating 20% of sales during this time to PAWS.

October 8, Sun., 7:30-10:30

American Legion All You Can Eat Breakfast to benefit Legion programs on a.m. Breakfast includes scrambled eggs, home fries, bacon, sausage, ham, hash, English muffins, sausage & gravy, beans & kielbasa, French toast, pancakes, coffee, juice including waffles & omelets all for just \$8.

October 8, Sun., noon-2pm

Walktober: Tour the Fire House on the Hill, South Killingly Fire Company, 803 Providence Pike, Danielson. 860-334-4355. Come to the Open House Tour of the Fire House on the Hill! Meet your local fire fighters and heroes. See the equipment they use.

October 9, 10-11:30 am and 2-3:30 pm

Walktober: Gray Ledge Tree Farm Leaf Hunt, 210 Lathrop Rd., Plainfield. 860-564-8769. Find and identify tree species by their colorful fall leaves, using the “Plant Science 101” approach. Great for children.

October 9, 10-11:30 am

Walktober: Where the Buffalo Roam, Creamery Brook Bison, 19 Purvis Rd., Brooklyn. 860-779-0837. Take a walk to see the bison and their handling facilities. Warm up after the walk with Wild Rice and Bison Soup. Remember to wear walking shoes that can get dirty.

October 10, Tues., 7pm

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

October 10, Tues., 10am-1pm

The Putnam Commission on Aging is hosting the second annual Senior Information Fair on at St. Mary's Church Hall in Putnam. Light refreshments will be served and all are welcome.

October 11, Wed., 9-11:30 am

Hike Friedman Forest, Bebbington Rd., Ashford., Roadside parking only. 860-942-9377. Pre-registration required, email surcarol@gmail.com. The main trail goes straight, crosses Bebbington Brook, then shortly splits and becomes a loop trail.

October 11, Wed., 5 - 6:30 pm

Killingly Grange No. 112, Route 101 and Dog Hill Road, 80 Hartford Pike, Dayville, 2nd Wednesday Supper, Roast Pork, mash potatoes, vegetables, rolls, butter and desserts, \$12.00 donations.

October 12, Thurs., 2pm

Afternoon Book Club- 2nd Thursday of the month. Killingly Public Library 25 Westcott Road Killingly. Register at www.killinglypl.org, call 860-779-5383, or stop by for a visit!

October 12, Thurs., 2pm

Putnam Senior Citizens meeting, the second Thurs. of every month, at Putnam VFW, 1523 Providence Street, Putnam.

October 13, Fri., 6pm

“Pumpkins & Pearls” Annual Auction and Cocktail Party, Roseland Park, Woodstock. Enjoy an evening at this annual fundraising event to support Day Kimball Hospice. Music, appetizers, desserts too! Tickets \$45pp. Info at daykimball.org/pumpkins-pearls or (860) 928-7141.

October 13, Fri., 1-2:15pm

(rain date, October 20) The view from Aicher's Hill, Weiss & Hale, 697 Pomfret St., Pomfret. 860-928-2341 Pre-registration required, email info@weissandhale.com. The midpoint of the walk is the “Fairy Pond.” Most of the walk is a grassy path, though there may be some muddy terrain. Enjoy cider, donuts offered in the tent.

October 13, Fri., 9:30-11:30am

Stoncroft Women's Connection brunch at The Inn at Woodstock Hill, 94 Plaine Hill Road, Woodstock. \$13 per person. Reservations required at 860-774-5092 or 860-455-7671 or email wccwc81@hotmail.com. Includes auction with Ernie Eldridge and entertainment by Ladysmith Fiddle Trio.

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Deadline for submission is Friday at Noon

HERE & THERE → Local Events, Arts, and Entertainment Listings

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 7

10:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m.
39th ANNUAL APPLE COUNTRY FAIR
Brookfield Town Common
Rain or shine
70+ booths, handmade crafts, baked treats, live music, country store, children's games, raffles, apples, cider, apple pie contest 5K run



SUGAR PUNCH BAND
9:00 p.m.
Electronic dance rock band
308 LAKESIDE
308 East Main St.
East Brookfield, MA
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THURSDAY, OCTOBER 12

8:00 p.m.
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308 East Main St.
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SATURDAY, OCTOBER 14

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AXIS
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SATURDAY, OCTOBER 21

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5:30-6:30 p.m.
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Soup to Nuts
Daniel Aaron, MD
7-8 p.m.
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ANNUAL HARVEST FAIR
BETHEL LUTHERAN CHURCH
90 Bryn Mawr Ave.
Auburn, MA
Handmade knits and vintage linens, white elephant attic treasures, bake shoppe, homemade pies, candy,cakes and cookies.
Pickles and cheese.
Holiday shoppe and crafts



ALBANIAN KITCHEN & BAZAAR
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OBITUARIES

Laurence Roscoe Green, 83



N O R T H GROSVENORDALE -- Laurence "Larry" Roscoe Green, 83, of Raymondville, Texas, and North Grosvenordale, Connecticut went home to be with the Lord on Saturday,

September 30, at his home, surrounded by his loving family. He was the adored husband of Arline (Palaski) Green.

Larry was born in Monkton, Vermont on August 30, 1934, one of six sons born to Carlyle and Alice (Boughton-Hall) Green. He proudly served in Korea as a US Marine and was a strong patriot until his dying days. Following his service, he returned home and married his wife Arline in Goshen, Connecticut, on September 17, 1955. They just celebrated their 62nd wedding anniversary.

Larry and Arline lived and raised their three daughters in Torrington, Connecticut, where Larry proudly served as a Torrington firefighter for 17 years until he was disabled by a heart attack that ended the career that he loved so much. His family enjoyed hearing his stories of the many fires he fought, specifically the Bradlees and Gavlick fires, and the barn fire where he fell off the roof and landed safely in a pile of warm cow manure. In keeping with others in his profession, Larry loved to cook and was a true prankster.

Following his retirement, he enjoyed

RV-ing, golfing, and of course, spending time with his family. His family will cherish their many family get-togethers, particularly their recent "bucket list" vacations to Maine. Larry loved his family dearly; and left to mourn his loss in addition to his wife are daughters, Lynn (Charlie) Rategan, Lori (Mark) Brodeur, and Lisa (Michael) Durocher; grandchildren, Charlie (Susan) Rategan, Chrissy (Cory) Austin, Jed (Emma) Rategan, Roger and Joshua Brodeur, and Mitchell Durocher. He also leaves brothers, Carl (Celeste) Green, Wayne (Helen) Green, Richard (Nancy) Green, and William Green in addition to his sister-in-law, Lucille Soucie, brother-in-law, John (Darlene) Palaski, and his golfing family at Harrisville Golf Course. Larry also leaves many cousins, nieces, and nephews. He was predeceased by his brother, Peter Green, and brother-in-law, Norman Soucie.

Visiting hours were held on October 4, at the Gilman Funeral Home & Crematory in Putnam. A memorial service to celebrate Larry's life will be held on Friday, October 6, at 11:00 a.m. at Faith Bible Church, 368 Main Street, Winsted, Connecticut. In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to Hospice & Palliative Care of NE Connecticut, PO Box 632, Putnam, CT 06260. For memorial guestbook please visit www.GilmanAndValade.com.



Blanche J. (Ziobrowski) Mayo, 90



PUTNAM--Blanche J. (Ziobrowski) Mayo, 90, of Myers Street in Putnam, died Thursday evening, September 28, at home. She was the loving wife of Bernard "Gus" Mayo. Born in Putnam in

1927, she was the daughter of the late Frank and Eva (Jankot) Ziobrowski.

Mrs. Mayo attended St. Mary's School and Putnam High School in Putnam where she was on the women's basketball team. She was to have gone on to work as a clerk for the FBI in Washington, D.C. after high school but with the end of World War II and the return of the troops imminent, the offer of employment was rescinded and Mrs. Mayo went to work in the bookkeeping department at one of the local textile mills in Mechanicsville, Connecticut. She went on to work as a bookkeeper for Fisher Pontiac/Buick and City Beverage Company, both in Putnam, and later chose to remain home to be a care giver for her elderly mother.

Mrs. Mayo enjoyed stamp collect-

ing, playing cards with her friends and family, playing bingo at the local churches and her not too infrequent visits to the local casinos. She was also a member of the VFW Ladies Auxiliary, Post 1523 in Putnam.

Blanche is survived by her husband Bernard and her son Bernard P. of North Grosvenordale as well as many nieces and nephews. She was predeceased by her daughter Kathleen Mary Mayo; her two brothers Edward and Edwin "Chick" and her sister Stacia Ziobrowski.

Relatives and friends are invited to visit with Blanche's family from 5:00 PM to 8:00 PM on Friday, October 6, 2017, at the Gilman Funeral Home, 104 Church St., Putnam. A gathering will begin in the funeral home on Saturday October 7, 2017, at 9:00 AM, followed by a Mass of Christian Burial at 10:00 AM at St. Mary's Church of the Visitation, 218 Providence St., Putnam. Burial will be private. Memorial donations in Blanche's memory may be made to Hospice of NECT, P.O. Box 632, Putnam, CT 06260. For memorial guestbook visit www.GilmanAndValade.com.

Gladys Pizzotti



QUINEBAUG -- Gladys Pizzotti, formerly of Breezy Lane, died Sunday October 1, in Day Kimball Hospital. Born in Wilsonville, she was the daughter of the late Dominic and Lillian (Gilmore)

Pizzotti.

Miss Pizzotti graduated from Tourtellotte Memorial High School. After graduation, she worked at a variety of jobs including as an inventory clerk for Webster Shoe Company; a machine operator for Beneeda Bed Spread Mill; a sales person in the Men's Department for Montgomery Ward; assistant bookkeeper for Putnam Hardware; and as a bookkeeper for Windham Hardware. Gladys found her niche with the Kenyon Oil Company, Inc. She began her employment with them as bookkeeper, moving up to the position of office manager. She retained this position

for many years before becoming the treasurer for Kenyon Oil Co. and several of its subsidiary companies. She relinquished her management position in 1993 and was appointed executive administrative assistant until she retired to care for her family.

Gladys is survived by many nieces, nephews, great-nieces and great-nephews. She was predeceased by her brothers, James Pizzotti, Earl Pizzotti, and Arthur Pizzotti; her sisters, Irene Pizzotti, Dorothy Groh, Mae Stiles, and Rose Pezolesi; and her sister-in-law, Claire Pizzotti.

Calling hours are respectfully omitted. Relatives and friends are invited to attend a Funeral Mass of Christian Burial at 11:00 am on Friday October 6, 2017 in St. Joseph Church, 20 Main Street, North Grosvenordale. Burial to follow in Calvary Cemetery, Oxford Avenue, Dudley, MA. Gilman & Valade Funeral Homes & Crematory has been entrusted with Gladys' arrangements. For memorial guestbook, visit www.GilmanAndValade.com

John Thomas DeBerardinis, 77



SALISBURY, MARYLAND -- John Thomas DeBerardinis "Grampa" of Salisbury, Maryland, passed away peacefully at his home surrounded by his loving family on Thursday,

August 24, 2017.

Born in Putnam, on May 22, 1940 and raised in Thompson, he was the son of the late Thomas and Sara (Rhodes) DeBerardinis. Active in 4-H, he attended Tourtellotte High School, the University of Connecticut and received a Master's degree in Extension Education from the University of Maryland, College Park. Following graduate school, John was commissioned, Ensign, USNR in July 1967. His active duty service was aboard the U.S.S. Columbus (CG12) followed by many years at the Pentagon as a reservist, retiring after 27 years at the rank of Commander in 1994. John spent most of his professional career as an administrator with University of Maryland, University College until his retirement in 1997.

John treasured his years of retirement the most, relocating with Carol to Salisbury in 2001, devoting his time to

their grandchildren, his greatest joy. All of John's interests and actions in life centered on strong family values which he attributed to his close childhood relationship with his grandfather, Forest Rhodes.

He is survived by his wife of 50 years, Carol (Dawson) DeBerardinis, sons; John Jay (Tammy) and Jeffrey Thomas (Sarah), grandchildren; Ryan-19, Jenna-16, Ezra-4 and Salter-19 mos., sister, Carol (DeBerardinis) Wozniak and several nieces and nephews.

In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to Coastal Hospice, P.O. Box 1733, Salisbury, MD 21802-1733.

All are welcome to join a celebration of John's life to be held at 1:00 pm, Saturday, October 21, 2017 at Bethesda United Methodist Church in Salisbury, Maryland. Interment will be at 12:00 pm, Saturday, November 11, 2017 at East Thompson Cemetery.

Arrangements are in the care of Holloway Funeral Home, P.A., 501 Snow Hill Road, Salisbury, MD 21804. Visit www.hollowayfh.com to send condolences and for additional information about services.



Barbara T. (Poore) Swol, 74

WILLIMANTIC -- Barbara T. (Poore) Swol, 74, of Willimantic, wife of Theodore A. Swol Jr., passed away Saturday, September 23, at Hartford Hospital after a short battle with cancer. Barbara was born in Webster, Massachusetts on April 3, 1943, to Charles A. and Helen D. (Gorela) Poore, where she lived with her parents and her sister, Helen M. (Poore) Bousquet until moving to Willimantic, after marrying in 1969.

Barbara graduated from St. Louis High School in Webster, Mass. and attended Salter Secretarial School in Worcester, Mass. In addition to raising a family, Barbara worked for the Windham Public School System, The Migratory Children's Program, and retired from the University of Connecticut. After retirement Barbara found joy in staying active in the community working for and becoming President of the Windham Historical Society. She was an avid fan of UConn Women's basketball. She enjoyed having more time to spend with her daughters and their families.

Barbara is survived by her loving husband Theodore A. Swol Jr. of Willimantic. Also surviving her are two daughters, Carol-lynn Swol (Ed Meidenbauer) of Hyattsville, Maryland

and Laurel-Lynn Swol (Frank Lockhart) of Seattle, Washington; two granddaughters, Abigail Barbara Swol and Daphne Sinclair Swol of Seattle, Washington; mother-in-law Beatrice S. Swol of Wimauma, Florida; cousin, Antoinette Methe of Webster, Mass.; nephews, Michael Bousquet of Worcester, Mass., Charles Bousquet of Woodstock, Terry Bousquet of Worcester, Mass., Jason Bousquet of Scotland; and niece, Sandra Bousquet of Putnam. Barbara has many living great nieces and nephews. She was predeceased by her parents, sister and great-great niece.

The Swol family will have a memorial service for their beautiful wife, Mom, and Grammie at a later time. Barbara's vision was her love of family and friends, and an ever-growing circle of kindness, compassion and generosity. Each moment of her life was a step in this direction. Continuing that effort would be the highest tribute. Therefore, in lieu of flowers, Barbara would have preferred donations to an organization dedicated to historical preservation, education or the arts, such as Jillson House, The Windham Historical Society, or the University of Connecticut Women's Basketball.

Cathy F. Wallace, 54



DAYVILLE -- Cathy F. Wallace, 54, of Dayville, passed away unexpectedly, September 25, at her home. She was born September 29, 1962 in Woonsocket, Rhode Island, daughter of Ronald and Helen (St.

Hours) Edson. Cathy was their third child. She was the loving wife of John Wallace for twenty-three years and mother of two sons. She was an active and involved member of her community.

Cathy was an active member and life member of KB Ambulance Corp., as well as a member of the American Red Cross and a former volunteer of the S. Killingly and Dayville Fire Departments. Cathy served in the US Navy for nine years, working as a diesel mechanic, before working as a Power Plant Technician and a Control Room Operator at AES Thames, TransCanada and the University of Connecticut. She was also co-owner of

STAT Uniform Shop in Dayville. Cathy loved spending time with her dogs and caring for other animals.

She is survived by her two sons Eoin Wallace of Woodstock and Duncan Wallace of Killingly; her brothers Chris Edson of Georgia and Keith Edson of South Carolina. She was predeceased by her mother Helen; her husband John Wallace and her younger brother Kevin Edson.

A Mass of Christian Burial was Saturday, September 30, in St. James Church, in Danielson, followed by burial with Military Honors in St. Joseph Cemetery, Dayville. Calling hours were held at Gagnon and Costello Funeral Home in Danielson. In lieu of flowers donation in her memory to the American Red Cross or the NECCOG animal shelter. Share a memory at www.gagnonandcostellofh.com



Leon J. Grudzinski, 78



EAST KILLINGLY -- Leon J. Grudzinski, 78, passed away at Day Kimball Hospital on Saturday, October 1, 2017. He was the husband of Beverly (Osterhoudt) Grudzinski, they were married March

19, 1960. Leon was born in New Britain on April 10, 1939, son of the late Leon and Agnes (Arbour) Grudzinski. He served in the Airforce from 1959-1963 and was employed at Ivanhoe Tool and Die Company in Thompson as a tool maker, retiring after 32 years. Prior to that he worked at Rogers Corporation for 11 years. Leon was cofounder of the Bannertail Muzzleloaders Club, member of the National Rifle Association, member of VFW Post #21 East Killingly and The American Legion. Besides his wife he is survived by his children, Michael L. Grudzinski and wife Anne

of East Killingly and Sherri Pasco and husband Jeffrey of East Killingly; three grandchildren, Mikayla Pasco, Anna Grudzinski and Joshua Pasco. Funeral services will be held on

Friday, October 6, 2017 at 10:00 A.M. at Westfield Congregational Church, Danielson. Burial will be in Westfield Cemetery, Danielson with full military honors. Calling hours were held on Thursday, October 5, in Tillinghast Funeral Home in Danielson. In lieu of flowers donations in his memory may be made to The Wounded Warrior Project, P.O. Box 75817, Topeka, KS 66675-8517 or The Hospital for Special Care Foundation, 2150 Corbin Avenue, New Britain, CT 06053. tillinghastfh.com



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Grayce E. Sanga, 89



EASTFORD -- Grayce E. Sanga, 89, of Eastford most recently of Union, died Thursday, September 28, at Day Kimball Hospital in Putnam. Beloved wife for 68 years of the late Charles J.

Sanga, they were married March 28, 1948. She was born September 23, 1928 in Valley Stream, New York, daughter of the late Norman J. Sr. and Emma (Kuckler) Jobes.

She served on the Republican Town Committee for years, was very active in the community, was a past organizer for Heritage Day in Eastford, she was an active member of the Eastford Congregational Church, she was a member of the American Legion Women's Auxiliary. She taught swimming lessons for years at Crystal Pond, in Eastford. Grayce was a Cub Scout Den Leader, enjoyed sewing and knitting. She enjoyed her quilting group the Quilters even after she couldn't

quilt anymore. She enjoyed her last summer at her favorite beach house in Charlestown, Rhode Island.

She leaves, her children and their spouses, Charles and Kathleen Sanga; Ron and Martha Sanga; Janice and Walter Bradway, whom she made her home with after Charles' passing; Jody and Patricia Sanga; Theresa and Dave Reynolds, eleven grandchildren and fourteen great grandchildren, several nieces and nephews. She was predeceased by her brother Norman J. Jobes, Jr.

Calling Hours were on October 1, at the Smith and Walker Funeral Home in Putnam. A Funeral Service was held Monday, October 2, at the Eastford Congregational Church. Burial will follow in Grove Cemetery, Eastford. In lieu of flowers donations may be made in her memory to the Eastford Congregational Church or The Eastford Independent Fire Company, PO 333, Eastford, CT 06242. Share a memory at www.smithandwalkerfh.com

Eileen Adams Baker Montpelier, 90



DANIELSON -- Eileen Adams Baker Montpelier, 90, died Wednesday September 27, at Davis Place. She was the wife of the late Francis Montpelier. Eileen was born on February 17, 1927 in

Killingly, daughter of the late Jabez and Caroline (King) Adams. She worked in local factories all her life. She enjoyed dancing, bluegrass music and spending time with her family. Eileen was the life of the party, readily sharing her thoughts on any topic. She was a loving and caring person that was always there to lend a caring ear

and loving hug. She is survived by her children Joan Warren and husband Charles Jr. of Thompson and Edmund Baker Jr. and wife Nancy of Texas. Three grandchildren Lori Fafard and husband Charles of Thompson, Kellie Kirsch and husband Aaron of Texas and Karrie Bourquin and husband Jimmie of Texas. Four great grandchildren Kayla and Kimberly Fafard and Emilie and Ryan Kirsch. She is also survived by her sister Elsie. Eileen was predeceased by her siblings Lester, Lawrence, Earl, Clarence, James, Robert, George, Doris, Ruth and Vera and grandson Charles E. Warren III. Graveside services will be private. tillinghastfh.com

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- **Route 66:** Now known as "Historic Route 66," this famed road stretches from Los Angeles to Chicago, cutting a path through a vast portion of America's heartland. Some say driving along 66 is an adventure in American history and that the road embodies the best of the United States.

- **Pacific Coast Highway:** While not the fastest way to



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travel, this winding road that hugs the California coast owes its popularity to stunning views of the Pacific Ocean. It's difficult to avoid being swept up by the breathtaking views of rock formations, waves and cliffs.

- **Highway 99:** Referred to as

the Sea to the Sky Highway, this roadway in British Columbia begins outside of Vancouver and rises up into the mountains. This road trip is full of various climate zones, mountains, lakes and rivers. The 700-meter rock face of "The Chief" also is a popular draw.

- **Columbia River Highway:** The first paved road in the northwestern United States, Columbia River Highway also is the first scenic highway in America. It is renowned for being a portion of the original Oregon Trail, and its 70 miles offers spectacular views year-

round.

- **Overseas Highway:** This impressive roadway extends more than 100 miles from Key Largo to Key West, Florida, linking all of the islands that comprise the Florida Keys. The Overseas Highway includes a seven-mile bridge across the water.

- **Highway 12:** This route in Utah offers impressive views of natural features. Attractions include the Bryce Canyon, Red Canyon and Grand Staircase-Escalante National Monument.

- **Loess Hills Trail:** Loesses, which are hills formed from silt, give land alongside this trail in Iowa interesting topography and varied flora. Fall foliage here has been formally qualified as a National Natural Landmark.

- **Highways 44 and 240:** These routes in South Dakota take travelers through the area known as the Badlands, giving adventurers a glimpse of the American West. Badlands National Park, Mount Rushmore and the Crazy Horse Memorial are other attractions to take in while in the area.

North America is filled with many scenic roadways perfect for road trips, which remain one of the best ways to explore and experience the United States and Canada.

LEGALS

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

ESTATE OF Joanne M Jolly (17-00373)

The Hon. Leah P. Schad, Judge of the Court of Probate, District of Northeast Probate Court, by decree dated September 25, 2017, 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:

Francis S Wojtasiewicz,
233 Providence Street,
Putnam, CT 06260
October 6, 2017

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

ESTATE OF Philippe F. Roy (17-00378)

The Hon. Leah P. Schad, Judge of the Court of Probate, District of Northeast Probate Court, by decree dated September 27, 2017, ordered that all claims must be presented to the fiduciary at the address below. Failure to promptly present any such claim may result in the loss of rights to recover on such claim.

Heather Crecco, Clerk

The fiduciary is:

Philippe M. Roy, 88 Court Street,
Suite 4,
Brooklyn, NY 11201
(917)353-8422.
October 6, 2017

TOWN OF THOMPSON ZONING BOARD OF APPEALS LEGAL NOTICE

The Town of Thompson Zoning Board of Appeals will hold a public hearing on October 9, 2017 beginning at 7PM in the Merrill Seney Room, Thompson Town Hall, 815 Riverside Dr., North Grosvenordale, CT for the following:

Variance 17-10: Woodstock Building Associates, Applicant. Trebor Realty, LLC, Owner of Record. For property

at 23 Main St. Map 169/Block 91/Lot 26/Zone R20. Requesting variance for handicap ramp to front door.

Files are available to review in the Planning & Development Office, Town Hall. At these hearings, interested parties may appear and be heard, and written testimony received.

Respectfully submitted,
Daniel Roy, Chairman
September 29, 2017
October 6, 2017

TOWN OF WOODSTOCK

The Zoning Board of Appeals has scheduled a Public Hearing for October 10, 2017 at 7:00 p.m., Woodstock Town Hall, 415 Route 169, lower level, conference room B, to hear the following variance application: #17-02 The Arc of Quinebaug Valley, Inc. 22 Route 171, (Map 6397, Block 57, Lot 1D) – relief from Art. IV. E.1.c.ii (side-yard setback) Chair William Brower. September 29, 2017
October 6, 2017

TOWN OF WOODSTOCK

On September 26, 2017, Wetland's Agent for The Town of Woodstock granted wetland's approval for the following applications: #09-17-32 David Copeland, 63 Crooked Trail (Lot 109) – Construction for SF dwelling, septic, grading; #09-17-35 Michael O'Shaughnessy, 109 Crooked Trail Ext. – Creating beach area. Chair Mark Parker. October 6, 2017

TOWN OF THOMPSON ZONING BOARD OF APPEALS LEGAL NOTICE- REVISED

The Town of Thompson Zoning Board of Appeals, at its September 11, 2017 meeting, rendered the following decisions:

Variance 17-07: Gary and Debra White, Applicants and Owners of Record. For property at 36 Klondike St.

Map 83/Block 57/Lot 20/Zone R20. Variance requested to build egress deck, as small as could be built following all guidelines. **Approved.**

Variance 17-08: Paul Cloutier, Applicant. Krystal Baker, Owner of Record. For property at 26 South Shore Rd. Map 133/Block 1/Lot A13/Zone R20. Variance requested to demolish existing home and build new home with better lot conformity. **Approved.**

Appeal and Variance 17-09 Russell Mackowiak, Applicant. Jean and Joseph Seraphin, Owners of Record. For property at 769 Quinebaug Rd. (aka 773 Quinebaug Rd.). Appeal of ZEO decision revoking local approval for on premises liquor permit, and variance to allow serving of liquor at the location which is within 1,000' of a place of worship and within 1500' of another establishment selling alcoholic beverages. **Appeal Denied, Variance Approved.**
Respectfully submitted,
Daniel Roy, Chairman
October 6, 2017

CERTIFICATION OF COMPLIANCE PUBLIC NOTIFICATION

Public Water System Name: Canterbury Plains Mall
Public Water System Town: Canterbury
Public Water System ID: CT0220104
Reason for Public Notification: Total Coliform Maximum Contaminant Level (MCL) Violation
Compliance Period: January 1, 2014 to January 31, 2014, April 1, 2014 to June 30, 2014 and October 1, 2015 to December 31, 2015
Reason for Public Notification: Failure to conduct an RTRC Level 1 Assessment
Compliance Period: October 1, 2016 to December 31, 2016
October 6, 2017

NOTICE TOWN OF THOMPSON PLANNING AND ZONING COMMISSION

The Planning and Zoning Commission at its September 25, 2017 regular meeting took the following action:

Approved: In accordance with the State of Connecticut Aquifer Protection Area Program (CGS 22a-354a to 22a-354bb), the Planning and Zoning Commission of the Town of Thompson, hereby delineates the "Level A" Aquifer Protection Area for the Connecticut Water Company Thompson Well Field located east of Riverside Drive (aka SR 12).

The "Level A: Map for the Connecticut Water Company Well Field in Thompson, CT can generally be described to include the following areas: Portions of properties with land in Thompson on Thompson Hill Rd. street numbers 0, 0, 23, 27, 33, 45, NNO, NNO, 56, 62, 17, 71, 0, 67, 83, 110, 104, 96, 92, 88, 86, 82, 76, NO INFORMATION, Rachel Dr. street numbers 35, 30, 29, 24, 21, 10, 15, 16, 12, 11, 7, 8, 23, Marcy La. street numbers 45, 37, 29, 21, 36, 32, 26, 20, Beattie Ave. street numbers 0, 0, and Buckley Hill Rd. street numbers 0, 201, 205, 291.

The "Level A" Aquifer Protection Area boundaries are shown in more detail on a certain map entitled, "Thompson Connecticut ZONING MAP, 1"=1,000', prepared by the Town of Thompson, Revised to March 2017," a copy of which is available for viewing in the Planning and Development Department and the Office of the Town Clerk at the Thompson Town Hall, 815 Riverside Drive, North Grosvenordale, CT 06255.

For further information, contact Mary Ann Chinatti, Director of Planning and Development at 860-923-9475 or planner@thompsonct.org.
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YOUR PRICE **\$16,988**

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ALL WHEEL DRIVE, KEYLESS ENTRY, REAR CAMERA, ONE OWNER, #SI17135A

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GM CERTIFIED, AUTOMATIC, ONE OWNER, LOW MILES, EXCELLENT CONDITION, #TK17641A

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ONE OWNER, LEATHER, HEATED/COOLED SEATS, NAVIGATION, MOONROOF, #CA17613A

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ALL WHEEL DRIVE, LEATHER, PANORAMIC MOONROOF, HEATED/COOLED SEATS, NAVIGATION, 20" WHEELS, ONE OWNER, #TK17514A

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LAREDO, FULL POWER, ONE OWNER, #TC17635A

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ONE OWNER, LOW MILES, #TK17309A

YOUR PRICE **\$23,988**

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