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The third verse

It's that time of year again, when the colored leaves fall; I would daresay it's the most beautiful season of all.

It's the harvest, when the nights get a little more cool; the jackets come out, and we go back to school.

Playoff baseball, and football of quality highest; and also the day of my birth ... so I'm guess I'm a tad biased.

But it's also time to continue a newfound tradition; it's quickly becoming my most favorite edition.

You see, it's a week in which I can switch things up a bit; and deliver my weekly words with a smidge more wit.

So just like last year, and the year before that, it's time; it's the third verse of my annual column, written completely in rhyme.

The first was a silly experiment, the second a thank you letter; so as you can deduce, this verse needs to be just that much better.

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Flexer, French ready for rematch for 29th District

SENATE CANDIDATES COMMENT ON ISSUES IN VILLAGER INTERVIEW



Mae Flexer



John French

BY JASON BLEAU
NEWS STAFF WRITER

Continuing the *Villager's* 2016 Q&A debate series for the state election on Nov. 8, the penultimate debate of the series focuses on one of the most closely watched races in the region, the campaigns for the 29th Senate District covering Brooklyn, Canterbury, Killingly, Mansfield, Putnam, Scotland, Thompson and the Windham and Willimantic areas.

That race has an interesting story to it, as Democratic

incumbent Mae Flexer and Republican challenger John French are engaging in a rematch after less than 500 votes separated the two candidates two years ago. Flexer, a Killingly native and former state representative, hopes to maintain the seat, while French, a Windham resident, businessman and Board of Education member, is hoping to have a little more success and maybe come out on top the second time around.

Continuing the pre-election Q&A format, Staff Writer

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WA launches local Sparrow Club

BY JASON BLEAU
NEWS STAFF WRITER

WOODSTOCK — Woodstock Academy is having quite an October. In addition to its Homecoming weekend festivities, the school also recently announced it will be buying Hyde School — and now, the school has announced a new partnership with an national organization, the Sparrow Clubs.

Based in Bend,

Ore., the nonprofit group's mission is to help children suffering from medical issues, involving students from partner schools in those initiatives. The school held a dining for a cause event in September to support the local Sparrow Club and now it appears the school will be rolling out its own chapter of the club with a partnership with Generations Family

Health Center. "Our students, faculty and staff are incredibly grateful for this opportunity," Headmaster Christopher Sandford said in a press release. That same release detailed the Academy's "sparrow" as a young 11-year-old named Kenny who was diagnosed with craniopharyngioma and a non-cancerous

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Courtesy photo

A cast photo from the production of "Death of a Don," a new adult-themed play, rated PG, that the Little Theater on Broad Street hopes will revive its more adult programming for future seasons.

Back to its roots

LITTLE THEATER PRESENTS
'DEATH OF A DON'

BY JASON BLEAU
NEWS STAFF WRITER

DANIELSON — The Little Theater on Broad Street is rolling out a new production in early November, returning to its roots with its first adult-themed show in nearly four years.

Responding to requests from its loyal fans and patrons, the small theater housed within the town's Community Center will hold a one-weekend show called "Death of a Don," which will be the first show in years not to incorporate only younger child actors in the production.

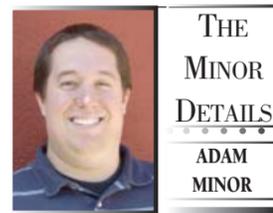
The Little Theater on Broad Street has certainly been busy the past few seasons, bringing junior versions of popular production to the stage for the rising stars of the region. However, "Death of a Don" will be the first in quite some time to have adults incorporated, with the youngest actor being 14 years old and much of the cast being in their late teens, early

20's and even older than that.

Allegra Plantier, the theater manager for the Little Theater on Broad Street, which is a publicly funded theater through the town's Recreation Department, told The Villager that the idea to bring adult shows back to the stage actually came from the demands of patrons who, while appreciating the offerings the theater have provided for younger viewers, were missing the more adult-appropriate shows of the past.

"We wanted to revive the adult program and we started with this comedy, murder mystery," Plantier said. "Our patrons have been asking about it and we wanted to give them what they asked for. This is a new director who has never worked with our theater before, but he's known in the area. We looked at a few different shows and we do a lot of musicals with the

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FACES OF FEAR

Olivia Richman photos

"We like getting scared!" said the Neal family.

BROOKLYN — More than 2,000 people flocked to Spooky Nights on Friday, Oct. 14 and Saturday, Oct. 15, some in costume, some not, but all hoping to be scared out of their minds.

For more photos, turn to page A4!



Mother and daughter duo Nancy Zurowski and Sherri Soucy couldn't wait to get spooky later in the night.

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Ushering in a new era

In last week's column, I mentioned that Killingly had a second U.S. Commissioner of Education in addition to William Torrey Harris. Did you figure out who it was?

It was Sidney P. Marland Jr., who was United States Commissioner of Education in the early 1970's. Dr. Marland, was born in Danielson, received bachelor's and master's degrees at the University of Connecticut in 1936 and 1950, and a doctorate in educational administration from New York University in 1955. During World War II, he served in the Army in the Pacific theater and was discharged with the rank of colonel, having been awarded the Distinguished Service Cross, the Bronze Star and the Legion of Merit. Among many activities, Dr. Marland was chairman of the editorial board of Scholastic Inc., and a member of the Connecticut Board of Governors for Higher Education. He served on numerous national education commissions and study groups before and after his service as Commissioner of Education from 1970 to 1972 (extracted from a New York Times article at www.nytimes).

It seems as though there have been certain periods in Killingly's history where huge changes have come about ushering in the beginning of a new era. Looking back through old Windham County Transcripts, I noticed that 1886 was that sort of year.

Area residents were not far into the year when rains on accumulated snow and ice caused major problems according to the Feb. 17 Transcript.

"The Great Flood of 1886. Early Friday evening the pouring warm rain upon the large amount of snow on the streets of the village and the fields and roads in the vicinity brought apprehension of a severe freshet to many minds, especially to the agents and others connected with the manufacturing corporations. By 10 o'clock Main Street and the sidewalks were a river. ... Saturday morning the walks on either side of Main Street were covered



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with light clay that must have come from a considerable distance. At early daylight a tide of people began to move toward the iron bridges across the Five Mile River where the mad rushing waters seemed bent on the greatest possible amount of damage. Early in the day Selectman Burlingame sent a party out for two long timbers, and these were joined to the upper iron bridge by heavy chains, and this precaution was not taken any too soon, for in a few hours one side of that bridge began to settle. These heavy timbers alone saved it, and probably both, for if one had gone the other would probably have followed it. The loss will only be hundreds of dollars instead of thousands by this timely work (did you notice that the Five Mile River was crossed by means of not one, but two, iron bridges, at this time?).

In the Quinebaug River the volume of water was immense, and as cakes of ice, wood and other heavy things struck the piers and embankments of that long bridge, there seemed danger that it might succumb to the furious assault, and that communication between Danielsonville and Brooklyn people would be imperiled for a season. And the danger began to be more imminent as the waters began to make a perceptible breach in the northwest embankment. By evening half of this embankment, reaching back more than a dozen feet, had been swept away, and the north side of the bridge hung over the river without any apparent support. The break, however, stopped nearly in the center of the last-named abutment, and the bridge is saved, to the surprise and gratification of the people of both towns."

"About noon, Saturday, the foot bridge across the Quinebaug River belonging to the Quinebaug Company, after quivering for a time from the attack of ice etc. gave

way; the debris went on its rapid course toward Long Island Sound..." Cotton Bridge was also taken out, apparently for the third time in a dozen years.

The March 3 issue of the Transcript reported that repairs had been made to the abutments to the bridges over the Quinebaug and Five Mile Rivers. The conditions of the bridge over the Quinebaug surfaced later in the year and a November town meeting voted to join with Brooklyn in having a new iron bridge erected across the river. The selectmen of the two towns contracted with the Berlin Iron Bridge Company to construct the bridge at a cost of \$7,895. It was to be 138 feet long and would rest on "abutments without piers," and would include two side walkways. It would be four feet higher than the old bridge (WCT 11/10/86; 11/17/86).

The March 3 paper also carried a notice to the citizens of the Borough about a proposed change that would dramatically alter the lives of the residents.

"The citizens of the Borough of Danielsonville are invited to meet in Borough Hall on Friday, March 5 at 7:30 p.m. at which time and place a proposition for introducing and maintaining a system of public water works will be submitted for their consideration and advice. The next week's paper brought additional information. "Borough Hall was well filled with the representative men of the borough. Mr. M. P. Dowe clearly stated the terms upon which the Crystal Water Company were ready to bring an abundant supply of water into this borough, which are substantially the same as those accepted by the town of Putnam — namely, that the borough would contract for fifty hydrants, paying \$30 for each hydrant, for a term of 20 years, the company guaranteeing an ample quantity of water for fire purposes; and also to furnish pure water for domestic uses at the price of \$6 for the first faucet and \$2 for each additional one."

Before the end of April the Crystal Water Company had decided to "go forward immediately with the construction of works to bring good water into this village, and that is expected that the pipes will be laid and water passing through them before the end of the present year...The location from which the water is to be obtained is not yet decided upon." (WCT 4/22/1886)

It seems strange that the location for obtaining water had not been decided.

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QUOTATION OF THE WEEK

"Our patrons have been asking about it and we wanted to give them what they asked for."

- Allegra Plantier, the theater manager for the Little Theater on Broad Street commenting on returning back to more adult-oriented shows at the theater with the upcoming production of "Death of a Don."

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Thompson resident arrested for heroin possession

POMFRET TRAFFIC STOP LEADS TO ARREST ON DRUG CHARGE



Margaret Williams

BY JASON BLEAU
NEWS STAFF WRITER

POMFRET — State Police have released the details of

a drug-related arrest from Tuesday, Oct. 11, following a traffic stop in Pomfret. According to a report out of the State Police Quality of Life Task Force at Troop D in Danielson, at around 6:18 p.m. on Tuesday, Oct. 11, members of the task force were conducting narcotic interdiction exercises on Route 44 in Pomfret. It was at that time that police stopped a vehicle that had turned onto Day Road with several motor vehicle violations having been committed. However, police would find that the violations went way beyond simple motor vehicle infractions. Trooper said the recognized the occupants of the

vehicle upon conducting the stop, noting there was a recent narcotics search warrant executed in the town of Thompson during the summer. Police interviewed the two male passengers in the front seats of the vehicle as well as a female passenger in the rear seats. It was at that time police began to suspect that the individuals were trafficking heroin from Hartford into Pomfret. The female passenger, who was identified as 19-year-old Margaret Williams, a resident of Thompson, reportedly admitted to police that she did, in fact, have heroin on her person. She subsequently turned over the clear plastic baggie containing a small

block of the drug to troopers who described the substance as appearing to be “right off the brick.” As a result of the incident police reported that Williams was arrested and transported to the Troop D Barracks in Danielson where she was charged with possession of heroin. Williams was processed and released on a \$2,500 cash surety bond. She is scheduled to appear in Danielson Superior Court to face her charge on Oct. 26.

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Wednesday, Oct. 26

Recreation Commission, 7 p.m., Seney Room, Thompson Town Hall

Thursday, Oct. 27

Transfer Station Advisory Committee, 7 p.m., Merrill Seney Room, Town Hall

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Monday, Oct. 24

Board of Finance, 7 p.m., Selectmen's Chambers

Library Board, 8 p.m.

Wednesday, Oct. 26

Charter Revision Commission, 7 p.m., Selectmen's Chambers

Thursday, Oct. 27

Facilities Study Committee, 7 p.m., Selectmen's Chambers

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Monday, Oct. 24

Historic Properties, 7 p.m., Room B Conservation Commission, 7:30 p.m., Room A

Historic District, 8 p.m., Room B

Tuesday, Oct. 25

WPCA, 7 p.m., Room A

Thursday, Oct. 27

Board of Education, 7 p.m., Room 1

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Saturday, Oct. 22

Registrar of Voters, 10 a.m., Town Office Building

Monday, Oct. 24

American Legion, 7:30 p.m., Town Office Building

Tuesday, Oct. 25

Democratic Town Committee, 7:30 p.m., Eastford Public Library

Wednesday, Oct. 26

Registrar of Voters, 5 p.m., Town Office Building

Thursday, Oct. 27

Union Society Building Committee, 8 a.m., Town Office Building

Inland Wetlands & Watercourses Commission, 7 p.m., Town Office Building

Library Board, 7 p.m., Eastford Public Library

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Wednesday, Oct. 26

Board of Education, 6:30 p.m., PCS Library

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Apparently immigrants were hired to help with the work of digging the infrastructure. The Aug. 11 1886 Transcript noted, “The Italian brigade, digging the trenches for the water pipes, was reinforced by new arrivals yesterday.”

The same issue also had the following item, “The Crystal Water Company announce that they are prepared to receive applications for water or domestic, mechanical and manufacturing purposes, and hope to have it flowing into the borough early in December. Water supplied through services laid before January 1st will be furnished at half the schedule rates until July 1, 1887. Applications will be received by M. P. Dowe, secretary.”

By October the Italians were packing up their tents and many were moving to East Greenwich to do similar work.

“The Crystal Water Company have their pipes all laid, and the dam will soon be completed. Water will probably be coming into the village from the Hygeia springs sometime in November.” (WCT 10/6/1886)

The first business establishment to take advantage of the new water system was that of M. P. Dowe & Sons. The Nov. 10 Transcript reported that the trench had been dug and that George C. Keach had the contract to supply the pipes. A fire hydrant was to be situated near the Attawaugan Hotel (WCT 11/24/1886).

Finally, in late December, the long-awaited day arrived.

“The Crystal Water made its entrée into the village Wednesday evening Dec. 22, 1886...The first faucet through which the pure water flowed is in M.P. Dowe & Sons store and it came with force enough to fill an ordinary water pail in four seconds! A large number have tested the water, and the general verdict is pleasing to those who have been active in bring water into this borough.” (WCT 12/29/1886)

A new era had commenced. Margaret M. Weaver is the *Killingly Municipal Historian*. For additional information visit the *Killingly Historical Center* Wednesday or Saturday, 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. (or by appointment), visit www.killinglyhistory.org, or call 860-779-7250. Mail for the *Killingly Historical & Genealogical Society, Inc.* or the *Killingly Historical Center* should be sent to P.O. Box 265, Danielson, CT 06329. Margaret Weaver may be reached at margaretmweaver@gmail.com. Note: Neither the *Killingly Historical Center* nor *I have Caller ID*. Please leave your name and phone number when calling. Thank you. Note the new post office box number for the historical center.

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'Spooky Nights' bring the screams to Brooklyn

BROOKLYN — More than 2,000 people flocked to Spooky Nights on Friday, Oct. 14 and Saturday, Oct. 15, some in costume, some not, but all hoping to be scared out of their minds. "We love doing this!" said Rick Labonte. "It's Halloween, the best holiday!"

The Labonte family and friends have been putting together the haunted hayride and house for 11 years. What makes them set up the spooky scenes and get dressed up year after year?

Said Labonte: "We have some people peeing their pants, some running away. I love it! It's a rush!"



Spooky Nights offered haunted hayrides throughout the night.



Olivia Richman photos

"It's Halloween," said Vikki Labonte, who helped put together the haunted house. "It's the best time of the year!"



Autumn Fortin and her mother Tina Fortin (right) love Halloween. Tina said she was even married on Halloween.



It was the Romanchuk family's first year experiencing Spooky Nights.



Family friend Deb Wnek said she loves dressing up for Spooky Nights year after year, scaring the families that come through the haunted house.



"I like reviving traditional American Halloween," said Kevin Longo, who played the spooky keyboard music in the haunted house. "I love the movie monsters, the organ."



Why does Perry Fortin like to scare people? Said the masked volunteer: "People remember nightmares!"



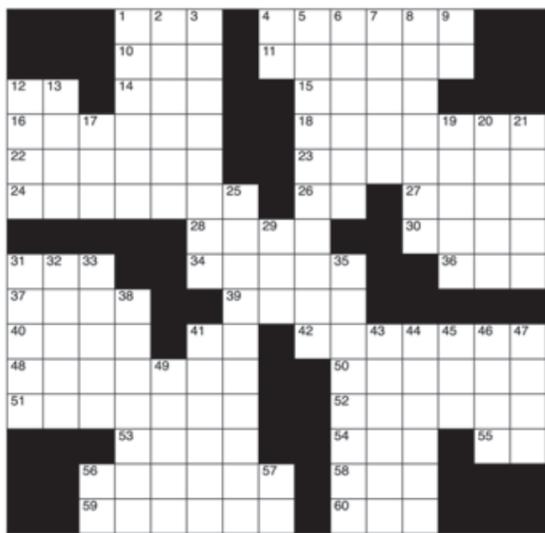
Quin Coderre and Mya Harris posed in the graveyard scene.



Kathleen Howard has been part of the "family thing" for years.



Loretta Lamot said she just loves scaring people.



CLUES ACROSS

- 1. Not him
- 4. Discrimination against older people
- 10. A team's best pitcher
- 11. Hard aromatic seed of an East Indian tree
- 12. San Francisco
- 14. Superhigh frequency
- 15. Not fat
- 16. A movable indicator on a computer
- 18. Endings
- 22. Rapper Iggy
- 23. Environmental kind
- 24. Agent of downfall
- 26. Spanish be
- 27. Rocky Mountain herb
- 28. ___ and void
- 30. Uprising
- 31. Automatic teller machine
- 34. European country
- 36. No seats available
- 37. Make sense of a language
- 39. Sea eagle
- 40. One of Thor's names
- 41. Public relations
- 42. Chitchat
- 48. Metal alloys made of copper and zinc
- 50. Explain
- 51. Canned fish
- 52. Of the nervous system
- 53. Surrounded by
- 54. Adam's wife
- 55. Thallium
- 56. Called
- 58. Monetary unit
- 59. If not
- 60. Very fast airplane

CLUES DOWN

- 1. Bother
- 2. Sounds caused by reflections
- 3. Abstains from
- 4. Article
- 5. Intuition
- 6. Ideas of right and wrong
- 7. Group of chemicals
- 8. Elected official
- 9. Magnesium
- 12. Inspect
- 13. Initiates function (military)
- 17. Los Angeles footballer
- 19. Decomposition of a cell
- 20. Spartan Magistrate
- 21. Treaty organization
- 25. Supplants
- 29. The common gibbon
- 31. Members of a Semitic people
- 32. Small tropical fish
- 33. Of the cheek
- 35. Closeness
- 38. Consider to be unworthy
- 41. Of the penis
- 43. Plural form of beef
- 44. Able to speak or write a language
- 45. Body part
- 46. Information
- 47. Communicate information
- 49. Nabran village
- 56. Of (French)
- 57. Darmstadtium



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Killingly returns home after long road swing



Ticket booth volunteers Kathy Whitehead, left, and Diane Peterson.

DAYVILLE — After opening the season at home against Bacon Academy on Sept. 9, the Killingly High football team spent the next three games on the road followed by a bye week. The Redmen returned home on Oct. 14 to their adoring fans to play host to Montville. Killingly defeated Montville 46-20. Killingly is scheduled to play host to Windham this Friday, Oct. 21, with kickoff set for 6:30 p.m. at Killingly High School.



Charlie Lentz photos

From left, Faith Perry, Julia Bridges, and Dave Bridges.



From left, Steve and Isaac Bean.



From left, Brandee Ashmore, Ciara Bessette, and Justin Lumbr.



From left, Andy and Drew Crowley.



Mark and Diane Tibbetts.



From left, Betty and Brianna Caffrey.



From left, Kerri Fulton, Chad Fulton, and Cade Fulton.



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‘Playing for Patrick’ CDs now available locally



Courtesy photos

“Playing for Patrick” CDs are now available at Pizza 101, Martha’s Herbarry, the Vanilla Bean, Pomfret Spirit Shoppe, and the Pomfret School Store.

POMFRET — “Playing for Patrick” CDs are now available at Pomfret businesses.

Pizza 101, Martha’s Herbarry, the Vanilla Bean, Pomfret Spirit Shoppe, and the Pomfret School Store are offering Pat’s CD for \$15 to ben-

efit his scholarship at Pomfret School.

“Playing for Patrick” is a live recording of a memorial concert for Patrick Wood by his piano teachers at the Pomfret School chapel last fall. Howard Frazin and Deborah Yardley Beers

composed and performed original pieces. Kathleen Stephenson Sadoff, and Margreet Pfeifer Francis performed pieces by Chopin and Schumann. Ann Warde, who first guided Patrick’s voracious appetite for music, contributed a digital

recording based on piano four-hand pieces she played with Patrick when he was seven years old. The CD culminates with Patrick’s own performance of the Saint-Saëns Piano Concerto No. 2 in G Minor.

“Patrick was a brilliant but sensitive student, and these teachers knew how to guide without being too demanding. Their tactfulness and expertise is reflected in the fine pieces they played and which are now available on the CD,” said Lisette

Rimer, Patrick’s mom. “Pomfret businesses have been longtime supporters of Pat’s scholarship with sales from his first CD, Patrick Wood: Piano Solo and Trio, at over \$1,500.”

Both CDs are also available at www.PatrickWoodPrize.org.

Patrick was a Peck Scholar at Pomfret School and a National Merit Scholarship winner. He earned perfect SAT scores and went on to graduate with distinction from Stanford University in 2005. He was a computer programmer for the Automation and Drive division of Siemens in Berlin when he took his own life at age 23.

“The CD is a tribute to Patrick and the magnitude of his loss, but it is also a recognition that gifted students are vulnerable to depression. We have to be vigilant for students of all abilities,” Rimer said.

QVCC students ‘speed date’ the candidates



Courtesy photos

Joe Courtney with students John Ross and Heather Vogt.

DANIELSON — Twelve candidates whose names will be on the ballot in November spent the morning on Wednesday, Oct. 12 answering questions and sharing their views with students at Quinebaug Valley Community College.

Organized by the college’s Student Government Association, Speed Date the Candidates drew over 50 students from business, psychology, and public speaking classes, as well as others who stopped during a break between classes.

The goal of the event, according to SGA President



Joe Courtney with student Christina Small.

Sondra Adams, was to get students more involved in their communities and in politics in general.

“Their voice is needed if they want to see change,” she said. “This event gives them the opportunity to express their concerns to the candidates they will be voting for.”

Questions about college affordability and student loans were high on the list of concerns. Immigration, job growth, healthcare, and the economic issues faced by the State of Connecticut were also on the students’ minds.

Pat Boyd, Democratic candidate for state representative from the 50th District, was happy to spend the morning listening to students’ questions and concerns.

“This is a great way to meet college students,” he



John French with student Michael Wetherell.

said.

Other participants included Congressman Joe Courtney (D), Daria Novak (R), and Jonathan Pelto (Green Party), candidates for 2nd Congressional District; Mae Flexer (D) and John French (R), candidates for state senator for the 29th District; Anne Dauphinais (R) and Christine Rosati-Randall (D), candidates for state representative for the 44th District; Brian Lynch (R) and Danny Rovero (D), candidates for state representative for the 51st District; Ty Perry (Libertarian Party) and Nora Valentine (R), candidates for state representative for the 50th District.

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Friday, Oct. 28: Pizza, Spinach salad, Fruit, Milk

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Thursday, Oct. 27: Enchilada stack, salsa and sour cream, garlic breadstick, steamed carrots, Alt: pizza
Friday, Oct. 28: Chipotle chicken patty on bun with lettuce tomato and pickles, mashed potato, steamed broccoli, alt: chicken patty on bun

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Wednesday, Oct. 26: Cheesy pizza (plain or pepperoni), veggie boat, apple juice, fruit choice, milk choice
Thursday, Oct. 27: Chicken patty sandwich, mayonnaise, mashed potatoes, garden peas, orange juice, fruit choice, milk choice
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Quilt show at Thompson Public Library

Charlie Lentz photos

THOMPSON — The Art at the Library series continues this month at the Thompson Public Library. The current show is entitled "The Gifted Quilters ... My Story Told Through Friends & Fabric," by Alison Boutaugh. The show continues through Oct. 28 and is supported by The Friends of the Library.



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Sense of direction

In 375 feet, slight left. In 500 feet, merge right. Take Thorndike Street to Cross Street and stay straight.

GPS was guiding us to a birthday party at the home of a friend of a friend in Amherst. We were running late, of course, and the directions made no sense. How could they? Where were we? We had given over entire control of our journey to my little yellow cell phone. Whatever sense of direction I once possessed seems to have disappeared. I don't think I am alone.

Once the average glove compartment contained legal documents pertaining to the car and an assortment of maps. Before setting off on a trip, it was possible to see a route and drive. While the maps were impossible to properly refold, they showed the entire area one was traveling through as well as detailed inserts of city streets. Some of us are more skilled than others at actually reading maps, and their interpretation is an age-old source of marital discord, but overall, they are a tangible representation of an area. They are artifacts now.

A friend gave me the book, "Why Place Matters," by editors Wilfred M. McClay and Ted V. McAllister. It looks at "geography, identity and civic life in modern America." I was reminded that back in the 1990's it was President Reagan who opened up the use of GPS to civilians. GPS and digital mapping came along in the early part of this century, first with Map Quest and later with Google Maps. These technologies change our fundamental sense of place, according to the authors and in my own little brain.

Now don't get me wrong. I embrace the technology wholeheartedly. In my former job, I called on people in their homes. I did development work for a university and drove all over New England and once a year, Florida. When I couldn't find a residence, I would stop at a fast food place, spot the gray-haired men in the corner drinking coffee, and ask them for directions. They would offer up more details than a research team. I would follow the landmarks they referenced and end up where I was expected to be. I also gained a sense of the community.

Today we can detach ourselves from the physical environment and the conversations at the coffee shop to find our way. We use the GPS instead. The book noted that we navigate in two basic ways: by learning spatial relationships between various landmarks to form a mental map or by memorizing a sequence of turns using landmarks as the clue. My daughters, who spent their childhoods in the same place, have moved away and say they have lost their "mental map" for their hometown.

I suppose once we no longer need certain information, our minds let it drift away, but how can we forget to turn left at the big elm tree or right at the blue house without losing something important?

On our trip, we were instructed to take the Mass pike on the way there and back roads when returning. We passed through many towns, but I have no recollection of them. The GPS provided us the chance to meander through little towns without going off course, but our attention was hyper-focused on following directions. The journey was merely the beginning and ending not the process.

Next time we travel, I won't turn on the GPS and see if I have a better sense of the places I am traversing or if we just feel lost.

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THE EVERYDAY ECOLOGIST
 LIZ ELLSWORTH

The foggy mist

Early in the brisk morning, on the way to school the other day, when the temperature had dropped down the evening before (inviting the first autumn frosts), we noticed a white cloud over the meadow.

I said to my daughter, "Look at the mist!" and she said "No, mommy, that's fog!"

The white material was quite majestic and mysterious, hiding the colorful reds, oranges, and yellows behind its curtains, slowly divulging the grazing sheep and migrating Canadian Geese. Which one of us is right — what is this white formation dancing on top of the long, winter-welcoming grasses?

Fog and mist are both created from water droplets. Fog and mist are frequently called low-lying clouds (Wikipedia). These "clouds" are most often observed at sunrise during the spring and autumn months (National Weather Service).

Fog and mist occur when warm, damp air quickly cools (Wikipedia) or more technically, fog appears when water vapor (invisible gaseous version of water) condenses. The process of condensation occurs when the molecules of water vapor mix and make tiny fluid water droplets that dangle in the air. The formed water globules allow us to see the fog (National Geographic). You know that fog will most likely appear when it's very, very humid.

The main difference between fog and mist is the visibility. A low-lying cloud is classified as fog when visibility is reduced to less than 1 kilometer (0.62 miles). A cloud is considered mist when visibility is reduced to between 1 and 2 kilometers (0.6-1.2 miles). National Geographic points out that there "are more water molecules in the same amount of space in a fog" than in mist. Fog is denser, and more massive. Hence, it is easier to see with mist-cover.

Wind, bodies of water, and landscapes largely impact the formation of fog (Wikipedia). Most of us associate fog with boating, and the image of a lighthouse showing ships the way through the foggy seas. Fog over water is often called lake fog or sea fog. The humid, warm air travels over the cold water, forming the fog. This type of cloud cover can be found on the Great Lakes, on the Pacific and Atlantic Oceans, in bays, sounds, harbors, and estuaries (National Weather Service).

The National Weather Service offers advice on traveling (flying, driving, boating) in fog. For more information, go here: <http://www.nws.noaa.gov/om/fog/>

There are many add-on lessons to a discussion about fog and mist. You can look at the water cycle, for example, or try forecasting the weather. The National Weather Service has some great educational materials: <http://www.weather.gov/owlie/>.

Well, it seems that technically I was right, due to the ease in visibility while driving the car. Perhaps the best nature lesson here is to explain to my daughter that we could see the trees and roadway ahead while traveling in the car, so the white clouds were only mist.

For fun, I'll leave you with one of my favorite poems about fog — titled "Fog" by Carl Sandburg (1878 – 1967):

The fog comes on little cat feet.

It sits looking over harbor and city on silent haunches and then moves on.

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Election Letters Policy

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

Election season is coming to a close! Candidates in our communities are gearing up for Nov. 8, 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 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. 4 Villager. Letters must be received by the editor no later than 12 p.m. Tuesday, Nov. 1.

All letters must be signed, with a place of residence and phone number supplied for verification if needed. Failure to include any of that information could 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 could result in rejection of a letter to the editor.

Letters should not be written as though to a particular individual (for example: "Your decision was wrong. You should not act in that way."). Refer to individuals by name, and then by "he" or "she" or "they" in subsequent references.

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

Any candidates for office will be allowed one letter to introduce themselves and their candidacy. Candidates will not be allowed to submit any other election-related letters.

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 "Your Turn" 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.

So what are you waiting for?

E-mail Editor Adam Minor at adam@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.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Alemian: Dauphinais for state rep

To the Editor:

I am writing to you and the public to show my support for Anne Dauphinais and her bid for state representative in Connecticut's 44th District.

I have known Anne for quite some time and have gotten to know her and her family very well. During this time Anne has become a close friend of mine, and when you think about it, how many people can you say that about?

Anne is a loving wife, mother, daughter, (and important to me) friend. Anne has been with me for my three elections to the Killingly

Town Council and has always been there for me by way of advice and support. She is a hard working, dedicated woman who does her homework, listens to both sides of an issue and makes up her mind, not swayed by others. This is what we need in Hartford — someone to look out for us and what's in the best interest of Connecticut.

This is why I am proud to endorse Anne Dauphinais for state representative in Connecticut's 44th District.

DENNIS S. ALEMIAN
 KILLINGLY

Dauphinais 'smart, compassionate and energetic'

To the Editor:

I was a practicing physician for 32 years; during that time, I met Anne Dubay Dauphinais.

I found her to be a smart, compassionate and energetic. Her lifetime of dedication and advocacy for the sick, elderly and young as a nurse has guided her work for our community.

Unlike our current representative, she would not have voted on the 2015 budget that was the second largest tax hike in the history of Connecticut, which resulted in cuts to hospitals, mental health and disability services in our health care system.

In the past years, she has acquired a great deal of experience dealing with local, county and state legislation and wants to do more for

our towns.

Her honest, pragmatic, and hopeful insight into our community's problems and needs; and her willingness to examine the issues and listen closely to the public's questions and concerns, sets her far apart from the other candidate.

My intention in writing today to spread the word of the value of Anne's policies and abilities. What I believe sets her apart will be that she doesn't agree with the policies of Gov. Malloy.

I believe she will be a tremendous help to the citizens of Plainfield and Killingly. Let's elect her to represent the 44th District.

SALVADOR C. AROMIN, MD
 MOOSUP

Barton: Proud to be a "liberal"

To the Editor:

President Kennedy's definition of a liberal was "... someone who looks ahead and not behind, someone who welcomes new ideas without rigid reactions, someone who cares about the welfare of the people — their health, their housing, their schools, their jobs, their civil rights and their civil liberties — someone who believes we can break through the stalemate and suspicions that grip us in our policies abroad.

If that is what they mean by a "Liberal," then I'm proud to say I'm a "Liberal."

While I'm not related to the Kennedy family, my father, the son of Irish Catholic immigrants and a grassroots Democratic Party activist wherever we lived, was euphoric the day John F. Kennedy became the 35th President of the United States. Sadly, four months to the day after President Kennedy's assassination, March 22, 1964, my father died of a heart attack. Both my parents considered themselves Liberals in the mold of JFK, so I take exception when conservatives hijack President Kennedy's legacy.

In Killingly, we have six excellent candidates that President Kennedy would be proud to support.

Hillary Clinton's historic run for president will not only shatter the toughest glass ceiling in our country but along with Democrats down the ticket, will continue to fight for improving the general wellbeing of our nation, especially that of working families.

Sen. Blumenthal is a long time champion

for the People of Connecticut. Let's keep him fighting for us in the U.S. Senate.

Along with our Senators, Rep. Joe Courtney has helped slice through red tape to assist businesses and individuals with getting the government support they deserve. We need him back in Washington D.C. fighting for us in the US House of Representatives.

State Sen. Mae Flexer, State Rep. Christine Rosati Randall (44th) and State Rep. Dan Rovero (51st) worked together to restore funding to Day Kimball Hospital. They also fight to protect and enhance our local economic prosperity by supporting legislation to fund training of our workforce for jobs that pay a living wage and meet the needs of local employers. We need all three back in Hartford fighting for us in our State Legislature.

Our state and nation are not businesses. You cannot fire or layoff citizens because they disagree with you or they don't meet your standards of productivity. Per our Constitutions, our state and nation are commonwealths and Republics. The six candidates I mentioned above are the best team of candidates we need right now to tackle our state's and nation's challenges.

Please vote for Hillary Clinton for President, Sen. Blumenthal, Rep. Joe Courtney, State Sen. Mae Flexer (29th), State Rep. Christine Rosati Randall (44th) and State Rep. Dan Rovero (51st) on Nov. 8.

TERESA M. BARTON
 DAYVILLE

Things to consider in an early retirement offer

Should I accept my employer's early-retirement offer? The right answer for you will depend on your situation.

First of all, don't underestimate the psychological impact of early retirement. The adjustment from full-time work to a more leisurely pace may be difficult. So consider whether you're ready to retire yet. Next, look at what you're being offered. Most early-retirement offers share certain basic features that need to be evaluated. To determine whether your employer's offer is worth taking, you'll want to break it down.

Does the offer include a severance package? If so, how does the package compare with your projected job earnings (including future salary increases and bonuses) if you remain employed? Can you live on that amount (and for how long) without tapping into your retirement savings? If not, is your retirement fund large enough that you can start drawing it down early? Will you be penalized for withdrawing from your retirement savings?

Does the offer include post-retirement medical insurance? If so, make sure it's affordable and provides adequate coverage. Also, since Medicare doesn't start until you're 65, make sure your employer's coverage lasts until you reach that age. If your employer's offer doesn't include medical insurance, you may have to look into COBRA or a private individual policy.

How will accepting the offer affect your retirement plan benefits? If your employer has a traditional pension plan, leaving the company before normal retirement age (usually 65) may greatly reduce the final payout you receive from the plan. If you participate in a 401(k) plan, what price will you pay for retiring early? You could end up forfeiting employer contributions if you're not fully vested. You'll also be missing out on the opportunity to make additional contributions to the plan.

Finally, will you need to start Social Security benefits early if you accept the offer? For example, at age 62 each monthly benefit check will be 25 percent to 30 percent less than it would be at full retirement age (66 to 67, depending on your year of birth). Conversely, you receive a higher payout by delaying the start of benefits past your full retirement age — your benefit would increase by about 8 percent for each year you delay benefits, up to age 70.

What are my health-care options if I retire early? If you're



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eligible for an early-retirement package from your employer, determine whether post-retirement medical coverage is included. These packages sometimes provide medical coverage until you reach age 65 and become eligible for Medicare. Given the high cost of medical care, you might find it hard to turn down an early-retirement package that includes such coverage.

If your package doesn't include post-retirement medical coverage, or you're not eligible for an early-retirement package at all, you'll need to look into alternative sources of health insurance, such as COBRA continuation coverage or an individual health insurance policy, to carry you through to Medicare eligibility.

Under the Consolidated Omnibus Budget Reconciliation Act (COBRA), most employer-provided health plans (typically employers with 20 or more employees) must offer temporary continuation coverage for employees (and their dependents) upon termination of employment. Coverage can last for up to 18 months, or 36 months in some cases. You'll generally have to pay the full cost of coverage—employers aren't required to continue their contribution toward coverage, and most do not. Employers can also charge an additional 2 percent administrative fee.

Individual health insurance is available directly from various insurance carriers or, as a result of the Affordable Care Act, through state-based or federal health insurance marketplaces. One advantage of purchasing coverage through a marketplace plan is that you may be entitled to a premium tax credit if your post-retirement income falls between 100 percent and 400 percent of the federal poverty level (additional income-based subsidies may also be available).

Some factors to consider when comparing various health options are (1) the total cost of coverage, taking into account premiums, deductibles, copayments, out-of-pocket maximums, and (for marketplace plans) tax credits and subsidies; (2) the ability to con-

tinue using your existing health-care providers (and whether those providers will be in-network or out-of-network); and (3) the benefits provided under each option and whether you're likely to need and use those benefits.

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SOUND OFFS

What is going on in Pomfret?

SOUND OFF:

The Pomfret Conservation Commission failed to approve a motion when asked to send a letter of concern to the State of Connecticut Siting Council regarding the proposed natural gas power plant in Killingly.

First Selectman Craig Baldwin met with the developer of the plant to offer the Murdock property in Pomfret as an alternative site if it was turned down in Killingly. This project, whether in Killingly or Pomfret, will adversely affect Pomfret residents.

Longmeadow Estates is an environmental disaster with a carcinogenic containing coal tar sealant/rejuvenator having been spewed on

every road, cul de sac, curb, and catch basin in the subdivision. The next project on the Pomfret drawing board is to bring a data center/server farm to Pomfret also on the Murdock property. Server farms use excessive amounts of water, electricity and diesel fuel; bringing with them the same environmental concerns the Killingly power plant raises. What's next? The State Police gun range?

We could have a Pomfret cluster of bad news for residents of Pomfret, Killingly and other surrounding towns.

Where is the Pomfret of preservation, conservation, open space, and rural character?

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Corrupt bankers deserve to be prosecuted

To the Editor:

Wells Fargo. Well, one CEO got caught defrauding loyal customers and stockholders. And what will happen to him? Virtually nothing.

He may be relieved of a few dollars by his board, his pals, for purposes of appearances, but his comfortable future is not in peril. He clearly committed real crimes with real victims, but conventional conclusions from conventional experts in the law have concluded that no "reasonable prosecutor" would prosecute because he/she could not prove that this CEO knew what his bank was doing. Clearly it was the little person on the front line that committed the wrongdoing knowingly, not the chief that encouraged or instructed the person to do so if he/she

wanted to keep the job.

We all know that the "cost of doing business" easily absorbs the (relatively) miniscule fines imposed by Justice on the Big Bank. The only sanction that would force these jokers to fret is the threat of personal criminal prosecution.

We have no hesitation about incarcerating state governors, etc., why are Wall Street big timers exempt? Yes, Senator Elizabeth Ann Warren, you are so right.

Of course, most bankers (mostly local) are fine people. But the exceptions need attention.

DAVID B. BOYD
WOODSTOCK

Blackmer: Dauphinais will advocate for DKH

To the Editor:

To my friends in District 44, I recommend you vote for Anne Dubay Dauphinais for state representative.

Anne is a nurse, mother and grandmother. She understands how important the survival of Day Kimball Hospital is to our community. She will not be a "Johnny Come Lately" to the hospital funding crisis like others. She

will not be voting for punitive taxes on DKH that reduce healthcare services to citizens of District 44.

Anne Dubay Dauphinais will be a proactive advocate for Day Kimball Hospital and deserves your vote this November.

DEBBY BLACKMER
WOODSTOCK

Fedor: Randall for the 44th District

To the Editor:

It is without reservation that I will again vote for State Rep. Christine Rosati Randall to represent me in Connecticut's 44th District, even though I am a registered Republican.

During the horrid winter in February 2015, I contacted Rep. Rosati Randall as I was struggling, along with my neighbors, at Primrose Crossing/Village, a USDA funded senior housing complex in Killingly to manage the inclement weather. The accumulating snow and ice, compounded by the ineffective snow removal by our landlord, impeded the activities of our daily life. We had great difficulty leaving our buildings to safely navigate our walkways and parking lot. The

few able-bodied residents shoveled the walkways, applying sand. Tremendous ice dams accumulated on the roof of the building.

Only State Rep. Rosati Randall responded to my call for assistance. She returned my call directly, on a Saturday, listening carefully. Then she personally intervened on our behalf with the landlord, and directed me to the appropriate town officials for further assistance. This example of her responsive, practical intervention to a constituent's concerns makes her the kind of pragmatic person I want to send to Hartford.

KATHY H. FEDOR
KILLINGLY

Pat Boyd: For our district, for us

To the Editor:

Pat Boyd is an emergency medical responder and a volunteer firefighter. He teaches American government, is an Eagle Scout, and a coach. Pat is a candidate for state representative of the 50th District. Our district.

Since entering the race, Pat has talked to hundreds of residents, been at numerous events, meeting people and listening to their concerns and issues. One issue that is important to me is protecting funding for Day Kimball Hospital. Governor Malloy and others in Hartford are trying to cut more than \$100 million from Connecticut hospitals—Day Kimball would be hit hard. Day Kimball Hospital is the only

emergency room within 30 minutes for many residents of the 50th District. Protecting the future of Day Kimball is important to saving lives, jobs, and our lifestyle. Cuts to hospital funding are just one problem facing us. Small towns like the ones in the 50th District are being discounted to protect larger Connecticut cities. Having lived his life here and volunteered extensively here, Pat Boyd knows us and understands what is important to us. Pat Boyd will be a strong independent voice for our part of the state.

KATE CERRONE
POMFRET

ECOLOGIST

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And for a poem about mist, look to "Mist" by Henry David Thoreau (1817-1862):

Low-anchored cloud,
Newfoundland air,
Fountain-head and source of rivers,
Dew-cloth, dream-drapery,
And napkin spread by fays;
Drifting meadow of the air,

Where bloom the daisied banks and violets,
And in whose fenny labyrinth
The bittern booms and heron wades;
Spirt of lakes and seas and rivers, —
Bear only perfumes and the scent
Of healing herbs to just men's fields.

Liz Ellsworth grew up in Eastford, and holds a master's degree in Environmental Education from Antioch University New England and a B.A. in English from Bates College. She specializes in conservation and recycling initiatives.

Conservation Commission to host drinking water meeting

To the Editor:

The Woodstock Conservation Commission (WCC) invites members of all town agencies, boards and commissions, along with the general public, to participate in and provide input at a special meeting.

This WCC meeting will be held on Monday, Oct. 24, at the Woodstock Town Hall, beginning at 7 p.m. Marc Cohen of the Atlantic States Rural Water and Wastewater Association will give a presentation and lead the discussion on strategies to protect Woodstock's drinking water supply.

Under Section 7-131a of the Connecticut General Statutes, a Conservation Commission can inventory natural resources and formulate watershed management and drought management plans. The WCC conducted an extensive natural resource inventory before developing A Plan of Open Space and Conservation (APOSC). One of the goals in the APOSC was to

"Establish Aquifer Overlay Protection Zones" to protect existing and future underground water supplies.

One of our most important natural resources is a potentially high-yielding aquifer in the southeastern part of Woodstock. Aquifers like this, which are situated in stratified drift deposits, are highly vulnerable to contamination from aboveground land uses. Though the Town of Woodstock is not legally required to protect this aquifer, it is important as a town to carefully consider the types of land uses that should be allowed over this vital resource. Our businesses and citizens may need to rely on this source of water for future growth.

If you are interested in being part of the discussion, we hope you will be able to attend this meeting.

LEE WESLER
CHAIRMAN, WOODSTOCK
CONSERVATION COMMISSION

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Lambert: Time for a change, vote for Boyd

To the Editor:
This election season finds voters faced with an increasingly divisive political landscape, and many of my friends and neighbors are discouraged by this seeming inability for politicians to find any kind of common ground.

Here in the 50th House District, Mike Alberts is retiring, leaving voters in Woodstock, Pomfret, Eastford, Brooklyn, and Union with three candidates to choose from to fill this seat. I've been a Republican for most of my life, but this November, I'm reaching across the aisle and voting for Pat Boyd.

This country can no longer continue to stand divided and expect that we will get any other result than the gridlock that has become so pervasive in today's political culture. Connecticut faces some real challenges over the next few years and it's going to take hard work and cooperation to be sure we can continue enjoying the lifestyle we cherish in Northeast Connecticut.

The issues we face in this corner of the state are different than the problems faced by cities like Bridgeport or

Hartford. We need a strong voice in the Capitol that cannot only listen to the views of others, but has the knowledge and critical thinking skills to recognize a good idea when it is presented - no matter the source. I've had the opportunity to work closely with Pat over the past few years, and it's clear to me that he knows that when good people work toward common goals, great things can happen.

I trust Pat to be my voice advocating for fiscal responsibility within the State, but never losing site of the unique needs of our District. I believe he will fight hard to balance our budgets, educate our children, preserve our agricultural heritage, and care for our senior citizens and veterans. If you think it's time to get past all of the negativity and blame and look to a future in which we have politicians who will advocate for our community and build on positive ideas, then I encourage you to vote for Pat Boyd on Nov 8.

HEIDI LAMBERT
UNION

Sweet: Re-elect Christine Rosati Randall

To the Editor:
Please join me in re-electing Christine Rosati Randall for a second term representing Plainfield-Killingly 44th District.

She is a great asset to our towns and has proven herself over and over, leading her district for the better. She was tenacious in her efforts to keep education monies in her district and would not go along with the idea of cutting our resources in order to give money to other parts of the State. She helped get STEAP grant monies, which resulted in infrastructure improvements that expanded tax revenues and

created jobs. As a freshman legislator, she learned how to communicate and collaborate with her peers, without sacrificing what is important to her district. Case in point: Day Kimball Hospital funding. She worked tirelessly with the whole northeast political delegation, making enemies with the Governor's staff, to ensure that Day Kimball Hospital survived.

That's leadership, that's courage. Re-elect Christine Rosati Randall.

PAUL E. SWEET
PLAINFIELD

Ten sobering truths

To the Editor:

1. Centralized power is never benevolent. Socialism to function must be enforced, thus despotism. Those that produce need be systematically fleeced to provide for envious sloths. There is nothing social about socialism. Majority despotism is as intolerable as tyranny from a minority.

2. The vote as it exists today is a silly opiate of the masses. Goethe, "None are more hopelessly enslaved than those who falsely believe they are free."

3. The greatest threat to mankind is man. The largely ignored 800-pound gorilla in the room is population growth.

4. We are in the midst of a fantastic information age, and most people are ignorant to the point of imbecility.

5. The adjustments required for any rational world re-balance and reduction in energy consumption to avoid eventual fatal environmental collapse are both inconceivable to most and through voluntary action impossible to obtain. For those who think that solar, wind, tidal, etc. if vigorously pursued, may have any significant impact on the increasing world energy demand, please refer back to number (4).

6. It has been said that the devil's greatest deception is convincing the world he does not exist. Even accepting that premise, a close second would be convincing humanity that true happiness may be obtained through the baser senses rather than the intellect. Rounding out the Trifecta would be the firmly established liberal tenet that there is no such thing as a fact; ever. There exist only relative opinions, passion and desired result based, malleable to serve the one universally recognized God; self.

7. Musing on the painfully slow process of human evolution, and mans

current nuclear capability, brings to mind a vicious, psychotic, LSD laced, juvenile monkey playing with a loaded handgun in a biological weapons lab.

8. The 58 million (and counting at the rate of approximately 3,000 per day) abortions "performed" in the U.S. since the 1973 Roe vs. Wade decision represent the greatest genocide in the history of mankind. Even for those of us who simply stood aside it is hard to imagine redemption.

9. Negative events do not occur for lack of understanding, but for understanding coming to late. Mankind appears doomed, and yet it would serve no purpose to allow oneself to become depressed. There is almost certainly a cataclysmic loss of credit confidence driven economic crash looming which although initially horrific may over future decades serve as a desperately needed reset button. Paradoxically extreme hardship may serve as salvation.

10. God and the devil are one, and to each perceived as themselves judged. Heaven and hell are metaphors for truth. The statistically rare sociopath aside, people know the truth and yet are capable of vigorously denying it even to themselves. Therein lies the hell of it.

Freebie errant thought. Regardless of your position as relates to number eight above, why is it not possible for all of us to agree to work shoulder to shoulder assiduously to reduce the "market demand" for the approximately 1 million abortions in the U.S. yearly? What possible rationale would a sane person use to object to such an initiative?

ALLAN PLATT
EASTFORD

We support Dauphinais for the 44th District

To the Editor:

As you know, Anne Dauphinais is running for state representative in the 44th District. The purpose of this brief letter is to let your readers know why my wife, Jeanne, and I are supporting Anne for this seat.

To put it simply, Ann is a mother and grandmother, whose family has been involved in owning and operating a successful local family business (Dubay Tractor) locally for years. Anne understands what it takes to run a successful business, how to invest your time and money, to create jobs, to balance the books, and to make a profit. Politically, Anne is a true conservative, how refreshing! She believes in smaller government, lowering our existing taxes, fewer regulations for small businesses, and supports our troops and Veterans. Anne's father, husband and son are Veterans. Anne believes in taking responsibility for one's personal and business success, and wants to offer those in need with a "hand up," and not just a free "hand out."

As a proud mother with four adult children, one with special needs, Anne has had to wear many hats over the years. Anne's experience in raising her children and grand-children will serve as an important reminder that all laws that we create and live by, here in Connecticut, will have an immediate impact on the legacy that we will leave our children. Anne is a hard working candidate who wants to do everything she can to improve the quality of our lives. Anne is passionate about her decision to run for public office, as she recognizes that we need some fresh ideas, combined with will to implement them.

My wife, Jeanne and I, appreciate Anne's desire to become a public servant. We want to ask you to vote for Anne Dubay Dauphinais for State Representative in the 44th District.

WILLIAM T. MORRONE
JEANNE A. MORRONE
BROOKLYN

Folsom: Boyd 'exactly what we need' in Hartford

To the Editor:

Pat Boyd has been involved in a wide variety of activities to make Pomfret and all of northeast Connecticut a better place to live, and this involvement has led to a wealth of experience that will serve both him and the towns of the 50th District well in Hartford.

For me, what stood out is Pat's service as a member of the Pomfret Fire District. Unlike many towns, Pomfret's fire department does not get its funding from the town; it is its own separate taxing district. This means that Pat has worked with the other district mem-

bers and the members of the department to come up with a budget that is sufficient to keep the firefighters and the public safe and allow the firefighters to be proud of the job they do, set a mill rate sufficient to fund the budget and then make the budget transparent and clear to the public that will vote on the budget.

Pat knows the difference between needs and wants. I think Pat Boyd is exactly what we need in Hartford.

JOHN FOLSOM
POMFRET CENTER

Smith: Woodstock Academy story 'poor journalism'

To the Editor:

In the above-mentioned article, Jason Bleau reported on his interview with Christopher Sandford, headmaster of Woodstock Academy. The discussion revolved around the recent purchase of the Hyde School campus by Woodstock Academy.

From that article: "Numbers for the sale were not disclosed during Sandford's interview with the Villager..."

Huh?
But ... why weren't those numbers

disclosed? Was the question about numbers not asked? If not, why not? Or maybe a question about numbers was asked, but Mr. Sandford declined to answer. If this was so, why didn't the interviewer relate this to the reader?

By any measure, the article is an example of poor journalism.

We need something better.
But at least we got to read about Mr. Minor's haircut.

PATRICK SMITH
WOODSTOCK

Sipila: Boyd the best choice for Hartford

To the Editor:

With the retirement of Mike Alberts as our representative in the 50th House District, it is incumbent upon us, and our duty as citizens, to vote for the individual who we believe will best represent us and our ideas in Hartford after the upcoming election.

I am writing this letter to endorse Patrick Boyd as our next District 50 representative in the House of Representatives in Hartford.

I have known Pat since his high school days when I was a substitute teacher at Plainfield High School, after retiring from 21 years of active duty in the Navy. I became very familiar with Pat through the Boy Scout program at June Norcross Webster Scout Reservation, where he served as the lifeguard director, assistant program director, program director, assistant camp director, camp director, and finally as the reservation director. I have worked with Pat at camp for the last 17 years. In order to broaden his experience, Pat certified as a NRA rifle and shotgun instructor. He would assist me on the ranges when we needed extra help to accommodate all the scouts wanting to earn their merit badges.

I believe that Pat's devotion to education and being a teacher at Pomfret School (teaching U.S. history and American government) stems from the scouting program where he became an Eagle Scout. The training that he received through the scouting program is still deeply ingrained in Pat.

"A scout is ... loyal..." Pat definitely has been loyal to his community, currently serving as the Deputy Emergency Management Director and board member of Fire District Taxing Authority in the Town of Pomfret as well as the Emergency Management Advisory Council in the Town of Ashford, where June Norcross Webster

Scout Reservation is located.

"A scout is ... helpful..." Patrick is currently the President, as well as the EMS Lieutenant and firefighter on the Pomfret Volunteer Fire Dept; he also supports the KB Ambulance Corp as an emergency medical responder. He is associated with the CT Camping Association, Knights of Columbus (4th degree), and is a trustee on the Nathan Hale Heritage Center at scout camp.

"A scout is ... trustworthy..." As the camp director for over 10 years, the Connecticut Rivers Council has trusted Pat in his decisions to improve the camp for the scouts. There certainly have been many improvements over the past 6-8 years. Without Pat there to push these programs forward, many of the improvements would never have taken place.

Being independent minded, Pat strongly believes in serving the local community. I really enjoy the small community atmosphere that these towns represent where neighbors know their neighbors and are willing to help each other. I trust Pat to do the right and responsible thing in Hartford by supporting our local hospital (DKH), our local businesses, including farms, supporting education, which is very important, and trying to get the state's financial situation back into order. Some financial decisions may be very difficult to make. But I believe that Pat will make the right decisions that will help the local communities and the state in the future.

Due to his commitment to protect the Constitution and its amendments, especially the 2nd, Pat has been endorsed by CCDL. I firmly believe that the individual who will best represent us in Hartford is Patrick Boyd.

George Wm Sipila
Brooklyn

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1960's and earlier superhero comic books are popular with collectors.

Some of my past columns have offered reasons that people collect. There may be a connection to happy times in their lives, it may be because they couldn't afford things when they were younger and want to own them now or they may just have an interest in historical items from the past.

"The National Psychologist"

More on why people collect

website provides a further explanation of the psychology of collecting. During the 1700's and 1800's aristocrats scoured the globe searching for "fossils, shells, zoological specimens, works of art and books." They housed their finds in special rooms called "cabinets of curiosities." Some of the more advanced collectors opened museums with all of their finds.

Modern collectors may collect everything from "Cracker Jack toys to manhole covers." The "National Psychologist" says that some collect for the pure enjoyment and others collect to expand their social lives. They enjoy the camaraderie of meeting and sharing information with others who also collect what they do. They claim that building a great collection brings status for others. Some people find security and a calming effect in arranging, classifying and cataloging items.

The United States Mint estimated that 120 million people

set aside quarters that honored the 50 states. Collecting is part of our culture with scouts able to earn merit badges in collecting. Words were coined to identify many types of collectors. A stamp collector is a philatelist. Numismatics is the study or collecting of coins. Deltiologists collect postcards and horologists collect clocks. There are even names for collectors of more obscure items. Phillumenists collect matchbooks or matchboxes and sacrologists collect sugar packets.

The website rewireme.com provides a list of reasons of "why collecting things you love is good for your brain." Collecting builds observational skills. It improves organizational thinking and enhances pattern recognition. Collecting awakens a desire for knowledge. It inspires creativity. They state that it may forge a commitment to a good cause. By prominently displaying collections it may install a desire

to work with a cause related to the collection. It fosters social connections. It may pave the way to a career. Mineral collectors may become geologists. They note that a 19th century student at the University of Cambridge collected beetles. His interest developed into his life's work. The student was Charles Darwin.

Moneycrashers.com notes seven reasons to collect coins. The reasons are to make money, for the challenge, it's educational, for the metal content of the coins, the hobby can be passed on to children and it's a way to relax. If you don't already collect something, there are plenty of reasons to start.

My friends at the Finnish American Heritage Society of Canterbury, Conn., were kind enough to invite me to appraise items and speak at the "Finn Funn" event at the Tori (Finnish Marketplace) at the Fitzwilliam VFW, Fitzwilliam, N.H. on Oct. 29. I'll be apprais-

ing items from 9 to 11 a.m. and speaking and doing additional appraisals from 1:30 to 3:15 p.m. The second session of the antique radio auction will take place on Nov. 13 in Carlisle, Mass. Other future events are currently being scheduled. Please see www.centralmassauctions.com for more information on upcoming events.



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TAKE THE HINT
KAREN TRAINOR

Tips to carve out a Halloween display

No traditional New England harvest display would be complete without a parade of fat pumpkins and a sprinkling of assorted gourds.

The simple pumpkin, rich in both nutrition and heritage, has long served as an object of intrigue. In the 17th century fairy tale, Cinderella's coach magically appeared from a large, stout pumpkin; and even today, generations of Native Americans hail the pumpkin's healing seeds

as a medicinal sedative. Add in the mystique of the annual Halloween Jack-O-Lantern, and its no wonder both pumpkins and gourds remain an autumn wonder, touted for both their culinary and decorative virtues. Here are some tips to "carve out" a fun fall display!

For carving, choose pumpkins with a sturdy stem, as this is the sign of a healthy pumpkin. Never lift a pumpkin by its stem, not only do you risk it breaking off, a stemless pumpkin ages faster.

If you are tracing a

design to carve from a pumpkin or gourd, use a chopstick or nut spear to press into the gourd for a foolproof guideline.

To cut out a top lid that won't fall inside the pumpkin, carve a hexagonal shape to keep it sitting pretty throughout the night.

Better yet, cut off the bottom of the pumpkin instead of the top. Place the carved pumpkin over a candle safely set on a plate, or for optimum safety, simply use a flashlight.

If you plan to place a pillar candle inside your

Jack-Lantern, first cut a hole in the bottom of the pumpkin the same size as your candle to stabilize it.

For a festive twist on traditional Jack-O-Lantern lights or candles, stuff a string of small white Christmas lights inside the carved pumpkin. Make a hole out the back to feed plug through.

Need a creativity boost? Log onto these websites for pumpkin and gourd designs you can download for free: www.pumpkinmasters.com or www.spookmaster.com.

Carving a gourd? Here's a hint to halt the hassle. Simply place a towel inside a large bowl to hold the gourd steady. Place the gourd in the padded bowl to keep it from moving while you

trace or cut.

Did you know? The Japanese considered the gourd a lucky token and believed a set of six gourds had the power to improve health and spiritual power. Plus they believed the set of gourds could produce six fortunes!

Want your Jack-O-Lantern or gourd sculpture to last longer? A spray of Lysol or other disinfectant will prolong life of pumpkins and gourds.

For long term storage, put a thin amount of petroleum jelly on the exposed, sawed edges. This prevents water from getting out. If water gets out, your pumpkin will shrivel.

Stretch the longevity

of a Jack-O-Lantern by giving it a bath. Let the pumpkin float for a few hours, or even overnight, allowing the insides fill with water. Put a little bleach in the water if you wish to prevent mold. The pumpkin absorbs the water and become very firm. Anytime your pumpkin shrivels, soak it in a bath of cold water for one to eight hours to rejuvenate it.

Another way to extend a lighted Jack-O-Lantern's life is to poke a vent hole or two in the top of the pumpkin to vent the heat and slow the rotting process.

FYI: Jack-O-Lantern Lore — Legend has it the Jack-O-Lantern evolved from an Irish tale involving a drunkard named

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Pappas: Re-elect Christine Rosati Randall

To the Editor:
This upcoming election, I will be voting to re-elect Christine Rosati Randall as our state representative because she is a champion for working people in Killingly and Plainfield.
Since she was first elected in 2014, Christine helped secure a \$1 million grant for downtown Danielson to help spur economic development.
She supported QVCC's new Advanced Manufacturing Center, which will help train people in the area to take advantage of high skill manufacturing jobs that will pay a living wage.
She worked with her colleagues Sen. Mae Flexer and Rep. Danny Rovero to successfully fight against the governor's rescission authority cuts to hospitals in September 2015. In October 2015, \$2.8 million of Small Hospital funding was restored, and in December 2015 she worked with her leadership to restore

\$1.7 million to Day Kimball Hospital thus helping to preserve jobs for one of our largest local employers.
These are impressive results for a freshman state legislator.
This time of year you may hear distortions of facts from those trying to score political points, but the facts are clear. When it came to protecting and enhancing the wellbeing of working families, Christine Rosati Randall was there from the start, and she will be there in the future to fight for more economic prosperity for the people of Killingly and Plainfield.
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Jason Bleau spoke with both candidates separately, asking them the same exact questions pertaining to issues relevant to both their district towns and the state as a whole to get a better idea of where these candidates stand on the issues. Candidates were interviewed separately in an attempt to gain a more intimate and “real” perspective of where they stand as individuals on issues without outside influence from the other candidates in the race, thus they were not given opportunities to respond to each other with these answers being their own personal thoughts and statements rather than rebuttals.

Please note that these Q&A’s are more about the personal responses of each candidate separately more than anything else, and that their answers or information provided are meant to be presented for the interpretation and consideration by the voters. Some of these answers may have been slightly altered for space, however they were not changed in any ways that would significantly alter the tone or content of each response.

Before we start, I want to give each of you the opportunity to share a little bit about yourselves and why you decided to run for the 29th District Senate seat in Hartford.

Flexer: “I love northeastern Connecticut and I think this part of the state needs a strong voice at the state Capitol. I grew up here. I’m a graduate of Killingly High School, Quinebaug Valley Community College and UConn. My sister [Hoween] and I are the children of a Vietnam veteran and an Irish immigrant and they instilled in us the values of giving back to our community. That’s why I feel so lucky to represent northeastern Connecticut in the State Senate. I’d love to continue that work. I’ve lived in this area almost my whole life. I’ve served as a volunteer and on the boards of a number of a different organizations like the Access Agency, NECASA, the QVCC Foundation, and the Northeast District Department of Health, and I feel like I’ve been privileged to grow up and build my life in this corner of the state. I know a lot about the concerns people have here in Northeastern Connecticut and that’s why I believe I’m an effective voice for our corner in the capital.”

French: “I was born in Windham and I’ve lived there almost my entire life. I’ve been a businessman for almost 40 years. I run my own construction business. I got into politics around 1985 working on a charter revision. I was appointed to the Board of Finance, won an election to that board a couple of times and became chairman in 1990 and held that position through 1998. I took a break from politics or a little while and came back five years ago. I ran for the Board of Education and now I’m in my fifth year on that board. I served two years as finance chairman for that board. We were so close the last election. We lost by just under 500 votes. I guess at the time I felt the state was going in the wrong direction. I saw how deficits were coming. My opponent said there weren’t any deficits. The governor himself said there would be

no new taxes and a week after the election he came out and admitted the state was in a bad deficit position. Mae Flexer voted on a budget that was the second largest tax increase in Connecticut. I saw the writing on the wall and predicted that we really needed to start to straighten out our budget situation. I’m coming back saying it’s too bad we didn’t start to figure this out two years ago. Now it’s understood that we are in deficit mode and the deficit will continue. We need to get in there and restructure the state so we can get our lives back together and in the right direction.”

There has been a lot of talk over the past few years about the cuts to hospitals, especially Day Kimball in Putnam. We’ve seen some progress towards helping bring that funding back, but the topic still persists as a major concern for those in your district. If elected to the Senate, what efforts will you make to fight for these hospitals, prevent future cuts and preserve or return funding to these entities on the state level?

French: “I did a rally in downtown Putnam in the spring when Governor [Dannel] Malloy was not going to release some funds, I believe it was about \$161 million, to the hospitals. We were protesting that he should release the funds. I come from Windham so I have Windham Hospital right in the middle of my city. You have Day Kimball out here in Putnam. It’s very clear the governor shortchanged the hospitals. Hospitals were supposed to receive more funding when they signed on to being taxed from Medicaid reimbursement from the federal government and it worked the first year, but speeding up to this year, they’re going to lose \$448.5 million in this year’s budget due to people like Mae Flexer supporting the governor’s cuts in the budget. So, it’s imperative that these hospitals get their money back. Hospitals are a big generator of jobs in any town. They’re probably one of the largest employers. Right now, it’s in a frenzy. It’s a shame the governor’s budget guru came out and said, ‘Why don’t we go after hospitals? That’s where the money is.’ All they did was balance the budget on the backs of hospitals. We should have the best hospital system we can afford, but these institutions can’t afford being taken for almost a half a billion dollars a year and still be expected to provide the services we all need. I will fight as hard as I can to bring that money back, and I can’t come out and promise to get all the money back. The state is in such dire shape. I, as a finance guy, want to see what our status is, and we need a true revenue picture. For years, the governor has given us false revenues. We need a legitimate budget. You’d think the democrats would be asking for that. You need someone who will buck the system. The governor does whatever he wants and gets away with it and that’s what happens when you don’t have balanced government.”

Flexer: “I feel like during my two years in the State Senate my number-one job has been fighting Governor Malloy’s cuts to hospital funding, particularly those to Day Kimball Hospital. It’s been very frustrating to watch the governor continue

to cut hospital funding and as a delegation, along with State Rep. Danny Rovero and State Rep. Christine Rosati Randall, we’ve had to fight those cuts what felt like every couple of months. We were successful in fighting many of those cuts and we worked closely with the hospital to understand exactly what their needs are. We made sure anything we advocated for as a delegation met the needs of Day Kimball and allowed the hospital to move forward with a promising future and with reliable state funding. We tried to exempt Day Kimball from the hospital tax bringing new status for a small, locally dependent hospital and I’m going to continue to work on that to make sure Day Kimball doesn’t have to pay the hospital tax in the future. I’m proud that we created the small hospital pool that recognizes hospitals like Day Kimball as the local independent institution that they are and gives them additional state funding. This year, we enacted a law to prevent the governor from cutting that funding again so we won’t be on the roller coaster ride we’ve been on the last couple of years. I’ve only voted for budgets that supported strong funding for Day Kimball. I authored the small hospital pool to make sure entities like Day Kimball were recognized as the unique and independent and locally important hospitals that they are. I’ve never voted for a budget that cut hospital funding and I did make the efforts to put new measures in place to make sure the governor can’t cut that funding going forward.”

Let’s look at the state budget from the bigger picture. It’s no secret that the state is in the middle of a budget crisis. Many have called for cuts to programs and other actions to help bring some balance to the budget. As a potential lawmaker in Hartford, what will your focus be when it comes to cuts or any action to be taken to help balance the state budget without hurting your constituents or the needs of your Senate district as a whole?

Flexer: “It’s been a very challenging time for our state government. We’ve cut services quite a bit over the last several years. In fact, this year’s budget is 99 percent, in terms of dollars spent, of what we spent a year ago. That means even with inflation we are spending 99 percent of what was spent last year. We’ve made a lot of tough choices and we’re seeing the impact of those choices. Cutting services has a strong impact on people, and unfortunately, there are many areas of the budget where we just don’t have a lot of control. That’s where I think we have to focus on a few things, including paying down our unfunded pension obligations and our long-term liabilities and making sure that we are being responsible so those debts don’t continue to mount. That’s \$1 billion of the state budget right now is those unfunded liabilities. Frankly, if we didn’t have that bill due and the people who were in office so many years ago had paid the promises they made to state employees at the time we wouldn’t have the sizable deficits we have now. We’d still have some difficulties, but it wouldn’t be anywhere near as large as it has been the past couple of years. I think we need to continue to be responsible when it comes to managing our debts and we need to look at

other big spending areas like Medicaid. That’s a huge portion of the state budget and accounts for 20 percent of state spending. We need to be focused on patients to make sure they are getting the best primary care and making that lower cost investment at the beginning of the healthcare system could help alleviate some of the more expensive services you get when someone is in a crisis situation.”

French: “Unfortunately, the governor in the last session really devastated the nonprofits. The thing is we don’t have anything in place for safeguards. We’re not running the state as a business, which we should be. They play games with the cap. When they need to expand the budget, they all of a sudden decide to pull something out of the budget that’s under the cap situation. We’re only supposed to spend so many dollars, but one year they pull out pension and another year they pull out Medicaid payment so what they’re able to do is not really follow what the people of Connecticut voted on back in the 90’s when the income tax came in and a cap was put in place. We need to make sure there’s teeth in the budget cap and that they’re not going to expand more than the state residents said that they wanted to. We need to control what we do with bonding. In the case of this year, what was totally ridiculous as a member of the Board of Education in Windham, I saw the budget cut hundreds of thousands of dollars while we’re trying to educate our kids and we’re just turning around the Windham school system and going in the right direction. Just a couple of months later, Mae Flexer and my state representative, Susan Johnson, walk into Windham with a check for \$650,000 and say we can build a band shell on our major parcel. I’m still totally upset with the fact that instead of putting that money where it was really needed, they gave us this check to do something on a parcel. It’s a ridiculous spending of money. The rainy day fund has almost nothing left in it and they go out and use the state credit card to pacify some people, especially in the cities, to retain votes — so that’s not the right thing to do either.”

The 29th Senate District includes some major economic centers in eastern Connecticut. Putnam, Killingly, Willimantic and Windham are just a few. We’ve seen some major economic growth and commitment to bringing businesses to these towns in recent years. As a lawmaker, how do you plan to continue to make positive progress in growing the local economy and creating an environment for businesses to feel confident in calling the towns in your district home?

French: “I don’t necessarily see the great economic growth that you mentioned. Case and point, Rogers Corporation is moving out of their hometown, a part of Killingly that was named after them. They’re going to Arizona. I know as a senator, my priority would be the 29th District, but you have to look at Connecticut as a whole, and right now the health of Connecticut is very poor. Just two weeks ago, \$220 million was given to Sikorsky because we were basically blackmailed into giving them something

or they were leaving the state. The State of Connecticut should be in better economic health where we shouldn’t be threatened by someone moving out. We should be at a point where people want to move in, and that’s what we need to do on a statewide level. The same goes for northeastern Connecticut. We have a beautiful area. It’s the Quiet Corner. It makes you think of a nice relaxing place to live, but we need to have the jobs. We need to cut back on regulations on small businesses and the continued attacks of raising taxes and fees on businesses. There’s so many things that businesses get hit with constantly. We have one of the highest unemployment rates in the country that are starting to scale back down now. This January, we in the businesses world, if we had employees, were hit with a surcharge per employee to pay back the billion dollars the state borrowed. I know there was a bill two years ago that the Republicans pushed forward to bond the money to pay off that debt so that all people paid it. The Democrats vetoed that and said no, we’ll put it on the backs of the businesses. We should be thrilled that businesses survived the recession, but they turned around and thanked business owners by hitting them with higher rates and a fee per employee. Those are the things that need to stop. We need to take a step forward and look at everything that’s causing problems in the state and make Connecticut business friendly. The Connecticut Business Association is taking a strong stance in my campaign to get me elected because they know we need to put business people back in state government.”

Flexer: “I think it’s really important that the state be a partner with small- and medium-sized businesses. That’s where economic growth is happening in our state. I think it’s important state government is a partner for local towns and for our downtown centers. I think downtowns in the 29th District, whether it’s in Putnam or Danielson or in Willimantic, are important assets and I’ve worked hard to make sure the state is making investments in those downtowns. I think we’ve seen the results. I’ve been proud over the last couple of years for revitalizing mills projects in those downtown centers, revitalizing the Main Street streetscapes with new facades for buildings and other initiatives. I think those spaces are where businesses want to grow and where people with innovative ideas want to come and thrive. That’s why I’ve been working on the innovation place initiatives, trying to connect all of the downtowns in the region with the great assets that we have like our hospitals and education institutions. Through those partnerships we can make sure that young people who are going to school are connected with others who might have similar ideas and that there are connections between those educational institutions and the businesses are strong. We can facilitate the relationships with those doing economic development so that those connections allow young entrepreneurs an idea of where they can grow their businesses and they know they can make a home here in northeastern Connecticut.”

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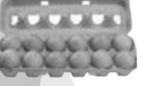
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Audience members at the Candidates' Forum.



Democrat Candidates: Susan Johnson, Christine Randall, Daniel Rovero, Timothy Bowles, Kate Donnelly, Patrick Boyd and Mae Flexer.



Jamie Lazaroff, The Arc's Self Advocate Coordinator; Lorraine LaGarde, Arc Board member; Dawn Lazaroff, Arc Board member.

from a moderator, Gian-Carl Casa, of CT Community Nonprofit Alliance, and given one minute to respond.

When asked if candidates would support or oppose any budget that cuts funding for nonprofits or contains budget-cut targets that could result in the Executive Branch cutting nonprofits, it was made very clear that all candidates would not support targeting this population.

Candidate Brian Lynch responded, "I would oppose cutting and would suggest we look into restoring funding."

Candidate Daniel Rovero made similar remarks regarding nonprofits, and stated, "I do not agree with the Executive Branch making broad-brush cuts across the state."

Other topics discussed encompassed public to private housing transitions for individuals with disabilities, shifting savings to ensure cost-based reimbursement for private community providers and fair wages for direct support professionals, employed by private providers, who provide support to individuals with disabilities in the community.

Along with the candidates' answers to the extremely important questions asked, there was an overwhelming sense of understanding and togetherness that overcame the room.

Candidate Anne Dauphinais commented, "I have a special needs daughter, so I understand the struggle that many of you face in this room."

Although The Arc Quinebaug Valley continues to be affected by budget cuts made to the Department of Developmental Services (DDS) budget, this agency stands united and will continue to fight for the quality of life the individuals we serve deserve.

"We are a small agency in the Quiet Corner trying to make a big difference in the lives of people with life-affecting disabilities. The support and action of all legislators is crucial to our longevity and success in making a difference in our community and state," said Susan M. Desrosiers, executive director of The Arc Quinebaug Valley.

The Arc Quinebaug Valley intends to host future legislative meetings.

DANIELSON — On Oct. 11, The Arc Quinebaug Valley & CT Community Nonprofit Alliance hosted a Candidates' Forum at The Arc's Cook Hill Office location regarding the budget priorities of each candidate in connection to nonprofits.

The Arc provides programs for individuals with intellectual, developmental and other life-affecting disabilities. Vocational, residential, recreation, education, day and retirement services offer opportunities for people with disabilities to reach their goals and be integral members of their community. CT Community Nonprofit Alliance is an organization that advocates and builds capacity for community-based, nonprofit organizations that strengthen and sustain healthy communities.

Candidates in attendance were Tony Guglielmo, Susan Johnson, Mae Flexer, John French, Anne Dauphinais, Christine Randall, Brian Lynch, Daniel Rovero, Heather Somers, Timothy Bowles, Kate Donnelly, Kevin Skulczyk and Patrick Boyd.

This well-attended event ranged from families, individuals we serve, Arc Board members, Arc staff and various members from the community. All candidates were asked questions



Republican Candidates: Kevin Skulczyk, Anne Dauphinais, Tony Guglielmo, Heather Somers, John French and Brian Lynch.

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Local Knights make trip to help patients at vets' hospital



Rev. Archibong Cosmas preaches the homily during Mass for patients and visitors.

WEST HAVEN — Nobody wants to be a hospital patient. You're sick or injured, isolated from your family, your friends and your life in general. But thanks in part to Connecticut's Fourth Degree Knights of Columbus, the Catholic patients at the U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs hospital in West Haven don't have to be isolated from their faith.

For the past decade, several of the state's K of C fourth degree assemblies have taken turns driving to West Haven on Sunday mornings, to escort patients to Mass at the hospital's chapel. The hospital's orderlies don't work on Sundays, so the Knights pick up the slack.

This past Sunday morning, Oct. 16, members of the Right Rev. Monsignor Jean C. Mathieu Fourth Degree Assembly 114, based in Putnam, drove more than 180 miles round-trip to take their turn helping the veterans. Mathieu Assembly members have made the same trek every three months, since the statewide program started almost ten years ago.

Rev. Archibong Cosmas, one of the hospital's two Catholic chaplains and himself a Fourth Degree Knight, said what the Knights of Columbus are doing for these hospitalized veterans epitomizes Christian service to others.

"It's a real contribution to make sure the patients get to Mass, but it's just as important that the Knights are there with them, visiting them and sharing the celebration of the Mass with them, showing our veterans that they care for them, the people who sacrificed themselves for us," he said.

The Fourth Degree, also known as the Patriotic Degree, is part of the worldwide Knights of Columbus organization, a fraternal benefit society made up of Catholic men and their families. Many people have seen Fourth Degree Knights at a parade, funeral or other event, wearing their black tuxedos and colorful knee-length silk capes and ostrich-plumed hats.

What is not generally known, however, is that the Fourth Degree supports patriotism and the Catholic Church in the 13 countries around the world where the Knights of Columbus exists. Every Fourth Degree Knight is at the same time a member of a local K of C council, but fewer than one out of five of the world's 1.9 million Knights of Columbus have taken on the optional, extra commitment of joining the Fourth Degree. Nearly all of the members of Mathieu Assembly 114 are also members of a local council in northern Windham County, with a few participating in local councils elsewhere.

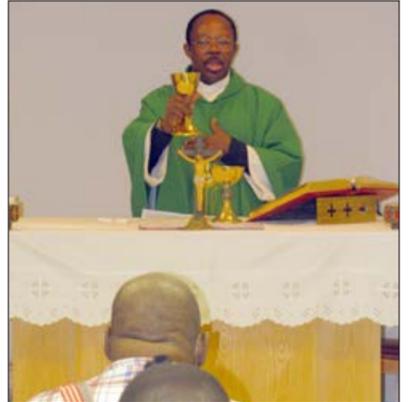
Mathieu Assembly Knight of Columbus David J. Meunier Jr., of Killingly, said he wouldn't have wanted to be anywhere else last Sunday morning.

"These hospitalized veterans have served our country and now we're serving them," Meunier said. "The Fourth Degree exists to support patriotism and the Catholic Church, so it's a privilege for our assembly to come down here four times a year and go to Mass with them. It's an honor to share our faith together."



Photos courtesy John D. Ryan

A solitary veteran prays just before last Sunday morning's Mass for patients and visitors in the chapel at the U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs hospital in West Haven.



Rev. Archibong Cosmas consecrates the sacramental wine.



Rev. Archibong Cosmas preaches the homily during Mass for patients and visitors.



Last Sunday, Oct. 16, Rev. Archibong Cosmas (right), one of the two Catholic chaplains at the U. S. Department of Veterans Affairs hospital in West Haven, accepted a donation of toiletries and other personal care items from the Right Rev. Monsignor Jean C. Mathieu Fourth Degree Knights of Columbus Assembly 114, based in Putnam. Assembly 114 Knight David J. Meunier, Jr., of Killingly (left), was in charge of collecting donated items in Northeastern Connecticut for all of the hospital's patients. Meunier led the assembly's delegation that drove to West Haven to make the presentation.



Rev. Archibong Cosmas celebrates Mass for patients and visitors last Sunday morning, Oct. 16.

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that we actually almost overlook. This is one of those questions, and I'm glad someone brought it up. Earlier this year, Gov. Dannel Malloy embraced a "mileage tax" study, one of many transportation-themed initiatives and plans the governor has either acted on or embraced during his time in office. The \$300,000 study examining the program could mean taxation on motorists for the miles they drive, which has gained quite a bit of attention in your district and throughout the state. Is this a tax that you as a lawmaker would support? And overall, what is your take on how to pay for the needed transportation and highway improvements in Connecticut?

Flexer: "I absolutely oppose a mileage tax. I'm frustrated that this conversation is even happening, because I don't think it's the most responsible way to try to fund our transportation initiatives, particularly representing northeastern Connecticut. People have to drive a good distance sometimes just to get to the grocery store, let alone the commutes that many people in our corner of the state have to make to get to work each and every day. I don't think a mileage tax is responsible, and I think it is unfair to people who live in more rural areas of the state. I think we need to be investing more in public transportation and trying to build up those systems. That's one thing I've been trying to do as a senator is build up our connection here with our limited public transportation systems and connect them to other systems in the state of Connecticut and build a great connection between Putnam and Danielson or Willimantic and Storrs for example. I think we need to continue to

use existing state resources to invest in transportation."

French: "I guarantee you right now, I will never support that mileage tax. We have way too many taxes in the state right now. That's why we're in the situation that we're in. Governor Malloy is spending \$300,000 on the study, but there's also a \$1.5 million matching fee from the federal government so it's really \$1.8 million that's being spent of our tax dollars to figure out how to tax us for being on the road. So no, I don't approve of this. Everyone I've talked to thinks it's absolutely crazy. They do not want the governor in the back seat counting the miles we drive. But how do you take care of the roads then? Well, if you recall two years ago, I had a few gas tax rebate days. We had one in Danielson, which was a tremendous success. We do have one of the highest gas taxes. Right now it's a little lower than it has been, but there is a tax in there people don't even know about. You're paying so much per gallon, but when that gasoline is delivered to the station they pay 8.1 percent added on to the gas when it goes into the ground. So looking at \$3.59 a gallon two years ago we were paying 50 cents a gallon in just state taxes. The price of fuel has come down to that percentage is not as large as it was and that's why the state doesn't have as much money. The key here is they've been stealing money, the Legislature and the governor, from that tax to pay other bills. That's why you've heard a lot about lock boxes. The money that comes in from the gasoline should be designated for those road improvements and that's where it needs to stay."

We just saw the QVCC Advanced Manufacturing center opening up in Danielson. It's one of many educational institutions and upgrades to be proud of in this region. There is a debate in Hartford about the recent

discussions to change the funding format for education cost sharing. This is a conversation that could lead to sacrifices or cuts from your towns when it comes to the money schools receive from the state and could impact local educational institutions either negatively or positively. How would you plan to embrace or initiate those changes if they were truly considered without hurting what has been accomplished in your district in terms of education improvements and progress?

French: "The problem that you have here is educational cost sharing funding that the state has implemented for years was never really fully funded. That's why there was a push by many towns. You've got Bridgeport, Hartford, New Haven, they're all looking for more money from the other towns basically. There needs to be a good, equitable way of educating all people of Connecticut, but you don't need to hurt some towns to get to that point. The decision that is now going to the Supreme Court, I went through a meeting just a couple of weeks ago with the Windham Board of Education and we had a lawyer there. It made it very clear to me that the judge went way outside his spectrum. He spent a huge amount of time trying to solve the problem that the entire country is trying to solve. This is a judge, not an educator or a group of people, it's a judge who is telling us how we should take care of education and cost sharing. He even got down to how to grade teachers. This judge went way beyond his call of duty and that's why it's getting brought to the Supreme Court. Does something need to be done? Yes. Should we fix the cost-sharing grant and fully fund it? That probably is the real answer. But, we have to do it so it's fair and equitable to all. We can't take money from Putnam or Windham and siphon it out to the cities. It's

not right to do that. Still we need to make sure all students have the right to education and it won't be an easy thing to do."

Flexer: "I think it's important that the state be focused on education funding for the towns with the least ability to pay for it themselves and I do think many of those towns are here in northeastern Connecticut. It's been frustrating to watch communities in Connecticut that can afford to pay for their own educational systems be funded at 150 percent or 200 percent of what their existing educational formulas say that they should get. Representing towns that struggle to pass education budgets every year and see them get less funding, I see that leveling out. That's one good opportunity I see coming out of this court decision. I think the state needs to be a stronger partner with poorer communities in funding education because education is the great equalizer. Regardless of the appeal results change is absolutely needed. We need to at the very least hold true to the existing cost sharing formula and stop giving so much money to towns that frankly don't need it and we should invest that money in communities that can least afford to pay for their own educational system."

Thank you both for participating in this story. I know you're both very busy with your campaigns and responsibilities in the real world and I hope our readers get what they need from this exchange to make a decision. Before we close out, I want to give each candidate a chance to present a closing statement.

Flexer: "It's been a real honor to serve as the state senator for the 29th District over the last few years. I've worked really hard to listen to the concerns of the people of northeastern Connecticut and try to bring their voices to the state capital. I've advocated for

veterans and trying to make Connecticut the most veteran friendly state in the country. I've fought for protections for our seniors and to make sure we're doing everything we can to help seniors stay in their homes. I've advocated for our higher education systems and to make sure that young people in Connecticut can afford to go to public colleges and choose to stay here when they graduate. I've tried to build up our downtowns in northeastern Connecticut to make them strong vibrant places and I'd like to continue that work for another two years."

French: "I'm hoping people realize that two years ago when I ran I was trying to be totally honest with them about how bad the state was, and my opponent wasn't honest and the governor wasn't honest. This time around, I think people realize how bad the economy is and how tough it is out there with healthcare and keeping their jobs. It's an awful situation and I want people to realize that I can give them the possibility of a brighter future. I can go out as a business man and we can start to role back on regulations and try to start to lower taxes so we can grow the economy again and create good jobs. We have a long way to go and it'll be a tough road. I want to be honest with people about where we sit today and give people a solution. It may take time, but looking five or ten years into the future we can get back to where we should be, a state where people want to live and work and retire and be with their families. I want to retire and stay here with my family too. We need to be able to help everyone, veterans, elderly and more, but to do this we need to grow the economy and Governor Malloy and the Democrats have turned the state in the wrong direction."

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Woodstock Academy unveils local Sparrow Club chapter

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brain tumor. A “sparrow” is defined by the Sparrow Club as a child under 18 years old with a life threatening or disabling medical condition, creating financial and emotional hardships for themselves and their families in the process. The goal of Sparrow Clubs is to help children

like Kenny and their families where appropriate and able. According to the release, Kenny has undergone quite the journey over the last two years, including an 8-hour brain surgery to remove the cyst portion of the tumor.

Students of Woodstock Academy were set to meet Kenny as well as Matt Sampson, the Oregon Director for Sparrow

Clubs USA, the parent organization of Sparrow Clubs across the country, on Wednesday. Karin Cournoyer, the Dead of Students for Woodstock Academy spoke highly of this new opportunity for students at the school to not only get involved in another great cause, but one that helps those going through some of their hardest times that the members students

may have never had to deal with in their own lives.

“Sparrow Clubs USA’s core values are compassion, conscience, character, and community, all of which are complimentary to Woodstock Academy’s mission to prepare all students for a lifetime of learning through a diversity of educational experiences, which will foster a sense

of respect for self and others,” Cournoyer said in a release. “By adopting a local ‘Sparrow’ our students are able to see just how impactful their actions can be.”

Cournoyer also spoke about how school officials hope the club will provide students a change to actively invest in family, school, community and beyond and the value of going outside of their

own worlds to make a difference. Details from the Wednesday, Oct. 19 meeting with representatives of Sparrow Clubs USA and the young sparrow Kenny that Woodstock Academy has adopted were unavailable for this story as the meeting took place after press time.

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Death of a Don’ ushering in new era for Little Theater

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kids so we wanted to do something a little different. The murder mystery is always fun but this show brings in some good humor, has a 70’s vibe and offers something like ‘The Godfather’ with a less serious spin. It seemed like something that would appeal to people and in this election season too. I mean, who wouldn’t want to enjoy a laugh?”

John Basnight, the first time director for The Little Theater on Broad Street, is no stranger to adult shows. He has directed for other entities before and even taught theater for a few years, but this is his first time working at Danielson’s local theater. As both a director and actor in the play, Basnight said that directing older, more experienced actors bring its own sense of adventure and even a little frustration and humor.

“I think when your working with only high school students or younger actors, they

know this is the blocking and they don’t really question what you’re having them do. With adults they don’t feel that. Sometimes there are actors with their own vision for their character. I have my vision and they have theirs,” Basnight said. “It is frustrating sometimes because I’m trying to work on their characters and the show as a whole, but each one of these actors has a unique character as well and in the case of this show I’m playing a role in act one so I’ve got to juggle that as well - I think with adults you have to give them that leeway. They want to express themselves. There are some that don’t, but others want to know why their characters do this or that so it can be more challenging in that sense.”

As for selecting the first adult show in years for the Little Theater, Plantier said the considered a lot of options, including musicals, but felt a mystery comedy would stand out. “Death of a Don” starts with the Don himself, the lead-

er of a crime family, and the struggles of his loved ones to enjoy their own lives while the Don has his own plans.

“The godfather doesn’t want these characters to do anything. The whole first act builds up to his demise without giving too much away and the second half is the accusation of who did it. There’s a twist and so forth as every good mystery play has,” Basnight explained. “It’s exciting to bring the adult shows back. We worked hard and tried to build a real nice set to show the audience how important this play is to us and how we really want this to work. When I found out it was the first adult play in a while I was really excited and maybe we can make this something we have more of in the future. Normally we would do two weekends for a show, but I’m just starting to get to know the audience and so we’re hoping this play is the first of many to come.”

That excitement is shared by the actors involved in the play as well. One of those

actors is young Plainfield actor Michaela Grimaldi, who plays Baby Giovanni, the Don’s youngest daughter. Grimaldi is far from the oldest member of the cast, but she’s certainly not the youngest and sees being part of a more adult-oriented production as a tremendous learning experience.

“I think it’s an awesome opportunity to get to learn from people who have been doing it for so long. It allows us to share our wisdom and learn from other actors,” she said. “It’s helped me figure out my characters a bit more and to sort of be more comfortable with improvising and knowing how to bring my character to life.”

For Allegra Plantier, the hope is that “Death of a Don” becomes a smash success for the theater and that this production could be the start of a new age for more adult-themed plays for the future to match the more child-friendly productions that have dominated the theater’s schedule for the past few seasons.

“To have the patrons saying they wanted to be involved in the theater and come and see our shows is just great. Our adult followers do want to come out and experience something that’s not just for kids so it’s great to see the community investing in this and talking to us about it and letting us know what they want from us,” Plantier said. “We’d love to do more of this. It comes down to the budget we have and you want to make sure the show doesn’t lose money and if it’s attended well it makes us ask ourselves what else is out there for us to do.”

“Death of a Don” will be a one-weekend showing with four shows. The production will be shown on Nov. 4 and 5, at 7:30 p.m., and two matinees will be shown at 2 p.m., one on Nov. 5 and another on Nov. 6. Tickets are \$8 for the general public and \$5 for students and senior citizens.

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and stories (#214), and Tom D’Agostino speaks of Southbridge area legends and haunts (#218).

Plenty of variety fills the pages of the Walktober brochure this week, with something for everyone. History (#187, 160, 189, 209), train wrecks (#200), festivals (#193, #204), children-friendly scavenger hunts (#194, #208), cemeteries (#165, #188, #212), birds tweet (#191), nightmares (#190), scout camp tour (#40), dog walks (#195), meteor craters (#198), time capsules (#199), swim with pumpkins at the Hale YMCA (#202), open house (#203), forests & conservation walks (#205, #206, #207, #210), investigate the paranormal (#215), poetry readings (#217), fat tire fun (#211), and Climbtober (#59).

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Aspinock Historical Society featured during First Friday

PUTNAM — Amid spooky zombies and music from the “Big Easy”, those enjoying this year’s last First Friday in Putnam were given glimpses into Putnam’s great past and a look into its future. The Aspinock Historical Society presented vignettes from the important aspects of Putnam’s history.

From the early settlement, through the revolution in transportation and industry and immigration the formation of the economy of our area was shown. In addition, major disasters of floods and fires that shaped Putnam were documented. A “What’s This?” collection was displayed challenging the audience to guess what various items were and what they were used for.

Culminating the work of the Society honoring the World War II veterans which was presented last summer on the 70th anniversary of the end of the war, the book, Wall of Remembrance, was debuted. Names and pictures of Putnam’s veterans of WWII and those who gave the ultimate sacrifice are included in this publication. This book may be purchased for \$15. by contacting Fab Cutler at 860-928-2127 (fabcutler@att.net) or Susan Miour at 860-928-9330 (slm44@sbc-global.net).



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level, she is making progress with the help of her Individualized Educational Plan (IEP). Yessenia is strong minded and at times can become frustrated when things aren’t going her way. She is continuing to learn healthy ways to communicate and learn coping skills.

Jeremiah is an independent child with is talkative and has a wonderful sense of humor. Jeremiah enjoys reading books, coloring, and playing with his cars. He plays well with other children and enjoys being with his friends and teachers. Jeremiah is currently in the 2nd grade. In play therapy, Jeremiah receives support around understanding limits, boundaries, and following directions.

Yessenia and Jeremiah are part of a sibling group of three. They will need a family that will allow them continued contact with their brother who is not able to be placed with them at this time. Their social worker is open to exploring families who are prepared for two energetic, funny, and courageous siblings who are ready to be placed with their forever family!

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POLICE LOGS

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STATE POLICE TROOP D LOGS

THOMPSON

Thursday, Oct. 6

Steven A. Gardner, 31, of 417 East

Thompson Road, Thompson, was charged with sixth degree larceny.

Tuesday, Oct. 11

Margaret Williams, 19, of 13 Ravenelle St., Thompson, was charged with possession of heroin.

Arrest details: On Oct. 11 at approximately 6:18 p.m., members of the Troop-D Quality of Life Task Force were conducting narcotic interdiction on Route 44 in Pomfret. QLTF Troopers stopped a vehicle as it turned onto Day Road in Pomfret for several motor vehicle violations. QLTF Troopers recognized two of the passengers from a recent narcotics search warrant they had executed in Thompson over the summer. The Troopers interviewed the two front male passengers and the rear female passenger and became suspicious that they were trafficking heroin from Hartford

to Pomfret. The rear female passenger, identified as Margaret Williams of 13 Ravenelle Street, Thompson admitted to having heroin on her person and subsequently turned over a clear plastic baggie containing a small block of heroin that appeared to be right of the brick. As a result, Margaret Williams was arrested and transported to Troop D Danielson where she was charged with Possession of Heroin 21a-279a. Williams was processed and released on a \$2500.00 cash-surety bond and is to appear at Danielson Superior Court on Oct. 26 for the aforementioned charges.

PUTNAM POLICE DEPARTMENT LOGS

Wednesday, Oct. 12

Dino Porcic, 22, of 88 Mechanic St. Putnam, was charged with improper passing of a school bus

Saturday, Oct. 15

John McDonough, 31, of 10 Russell Ave., Brooklyn, was charged with speeding, operating without a license

Daniel Mayo, 31, of 38 Marshall St., 1st Floor, Putnam, was charged with second-degree strangulation, third-degree assault, second-degree threatening, first-degree reckless endangerment, first-degree unlawful restraint, risk of injury to a minor

Sunday, Oct. 16

Tyler Pollette, 22, of 396 Church St., Putnam, was charged with possession of less than 4 ounces of marijuana.

QUIET CORNER ROUND-UP

Day Kimball Healthcare: Birth Announcements

Sept. 13

A baby girl was born to Matthew Cusson and April Lynn Watson of Central Village

Sept. 19

A baby girl was born to Scott Belleville and Lindsay Kaitlyn Rhodes of Woodstock

A baby boy was born to Michael Avery and Audra Renee Weber of Voluntown

Sept. 21

A baby girl was born to Kecin Swiencki and Amanda Piers of Thompson

A baby girl was born to Jason Hadley and Morgan Keane Murphy of Putnam

Sept. 24

A baby girl was born to William Herrera and Emily Marie Blackmer of Pomfret

Sept. 28

A baby girl was born to Ryan Hibbard and Patricia Lynn Turbert of North Grosvenordale

Oct. 3

A baby boy was born to Richard Lopez and Jennifer Nichol Hunt of Danielson

Oct. 4

A baby girl was born to Sean Konarski and Jennifer Lee Jasmin if Danielson

Oct. 5

A baby girl was born to Anthony Baule and Alicia Kay Hughes of Plainfield

A baby boy was born to Christopher Trahan and Tricia Susan Thompson of Sterling

A baby boy was born to Zachary Mineau and Miranda Lyn Pipkin of Dayville

Oct. 8

A baby boy was born to Nelson Cardona and Jillian Perreault of Putnam

Oct. 9

A baby girl was born to Raymond Stockwell and Mary-Frances Holte of East Killingly

Oct. 10

A baby boy was born to Daniel Huff and Carolyn Emily Morrison of Pomfret Center

Courtesy photo

From left, Day Kimball Hospital Oncology Receptionist Lauren King, Thompson Middle School PTO President Shannon Julian, Oncologist Dr. Jie Yang, Thompson Middle School PTO Vice President Mary Poulin, DKH Oncology Nurse Denise Spirito; DKH Pharmacist Eileen Berti; and DKH Oncology Nurses Renee Delude, Michelle Donahue, and Megan Belanger.



TMS donates to Day Kimball Hospital

PUTNAM — The Oncology Department at Day Kimball Hospital received an unexpected cash donation of \$108 on Friday, Oct. 7, presented to the staff in person by the president and vice president of the Thompson Middle School PTO.

The funds were raised by TMS students through a program that allows them to wear a hat to school on half-days in exchange for a \$1 donation. For each half-day, the students select a cause they'd like the day's donations to benefit, this time choosing the Rose Bove LaRose Cancer Center at Day Kimball Hospital.

Though the donation was unexpected, the oncology staff at Day Kimball had an immediate idea on how to put the funds to good use.

"In other cancer centers, when a patient completes their chemotherapy regimen they get to ring a ship's bell that is stationed within the chemo room. We'd like to use these funds to purchase a ship's bell of our own and have it installed in our chemotherapy infusion suite, so that our patients can have a physical and meaningful way to mark the completion of their chemotherapy treatment," said Linda Daniels, administrative coordinator for the hospital's Oncology/Hematology Department.

The students included a signed poster with the donation, which Daniels says will be hung in the Cancer Center's waiting room to cheer patients and let them know about the donation and the intent for the funds.

About the donation, Day Kimball Healthcare Director of Development Kristen Willis said, "I often comment on the extraordinary generosity of citizens in our Northeast corner of Connecticut, but this is a true example of just how deeply it has been woven into the fabric of our community. It is heartwarming and quite encouraging to see how informed these youngsters are about the needs of others and how willingly they respond. The best part is that they are not only learning about the importance of giving, they are having fun and experiencing the joy in doing it."



Courtesy photo

CorePlus Credit Union held its seventh "Unsung Heroes Recognition" event on WINY 1350AM Radio's Morning Show.

CorePlus donates \$3,175 to local charities

PUTNAM — CorePlus Credit Union recently held its seventh "Unsung Heroes Recognition" event on WINY 1350AM Radio's Morning Show with host "Gary O" in Putnam.

This popular event has members of the listening audience

call in to name an 'unsung hero' in their community or someone who may have had a special impact on their life so that that person might receive recognition as an "Unsung Hero". For every call received, CorePlus then donated \$25 towards a local charity of the caller's choice, in the hero's name.

Calls came into the station from 7am until 9am and were answered by members of the CorePlus team; Putnam Service Manager LisaBeth Adamick, Putnam Assistant Service Manager Brett Lovett, Brooklyn Assistant Service Manager Maryssa Blanchette, and Director of Marketing, Susan Dombrowski. 127 callers named their unsung heroes, and \$3,175 total was donated to dozens of local non-profit and charitable organizations.

Each caller was asked to explain why the person named was their hero and then each hero was recognized "on the air" by Nicholas Fortson, President and CEO of CorePlus Credit Union, Ray Currier, Chief Operations Officer, Community Relations Manager Elizabeth Zachow, and WINY host Gary Osbrey. In addition to the names of the heroes, listeners also were told the caller's name and why the hero was being recognized. All of the stories were truly from the heart, and provided genuine recognition of the many unsung heroes in our community, including veterans, cancer survivors, hospice, senior center and food pantry organizers, religious leaders and family members, to name a few.

Through the "Unsung Hero Recognition" campaign, CorePlus has donated over \$23,675 to area charities over the past seven years, honoring close to 950 local heroes.

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TRAINOR

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Jack. According to the long-time yarn, Jack was a trickster who playfully deceived family members. His fate was sealed the day he attempted to trick the devil into climbing an apple tree. Once Jack convinced the devil to climb the tree, he placed crosses around the tree trunk, trapping the devil. With the devil cornered, Jack refused let him down until he promised not to take Jack's soul when he died. The story goes that many years later when Jack

died, he couldn't get into heaven, yet he was turned out of hell too, because of the devil's long ago promise. Jack found himself with nowhere to go. He asked the devil how to leave the gates of hell as there was no light to guide him. According to the tale, the devil threw him an ember from the flames of hell to help him light his way. Jack put the burning ember inside a hollowed out pumpkin. From that day on, it is said that Jack wandered the earth without a resting place, lighting his way with his lantern, thus the legend of the "Jack-O-Lantern," was

born.

Win Dinner for Two at the Publick House — Your tips can win you a fabulous dinner for two at the historic Publick House Historic Inn in Sturbridge! Simply send in a hint to be entered into a random drawing. Hints are entered into a drawing for a three-course dinner for two at the historic Publick House Inn! One winner per month will win a fabulous three-course dinner for two at the renowned restaurant, located on Route 131 across the town common in historic Sturbridge. Because I'm

in the business of dispensing tips, not inventing them (although I can take credit for some), I'm counting on you readers out there to share your best helpful hints!

Do you have a helpful hint or handy tip that has worked for you? Do you have a question regarding household or garden matters? If so, why not share them with readers of Stonebridge Press publications? Send questions and/or hint to: Take the Hint!, c/o Stonebridge Press, P.O. Box 90, Southbridge, MA 01550. Or e-mail kdr@aol.com.

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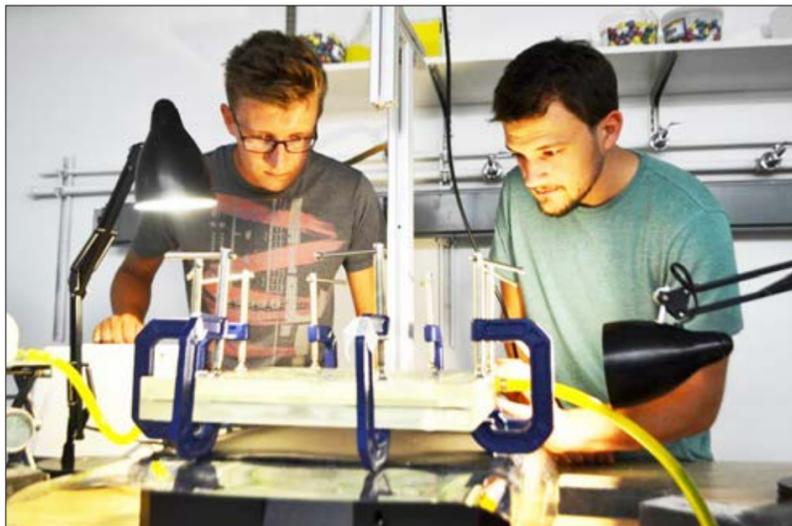


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NEWS BRIEFS



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Nikolay P. Ionkin, left, of Pomfret, a junior at Clark University, recently participated in a project to fine-tune a mathematical model that captures the development of erosion underground.

Pomfret student researches the physics of fracking

WORCESTER, Mass. — Nikolay P. Ionkin, of Pomfret, a junior at Clark University, and a fellow physics major from Rumford, worked with Physics Professor Arshad Kudrolli to fine-tune a mathematical model that captures the development of erosion underground.

Their research, which was funded by Clark's Liberal Education and Effective Practice (LEEP) initiative, could eventually help scientists better understand the effects of hydraulic fracturing, or fracking, and other cases where fluids carve out channels and destabilize the earth.

Both students used a device and applied the theories of physics – and engineering – to a hands-on experiment. Their research may be included in a publication in a scientific journal.

"Before we got into our LEEP project, we had no idea what research was like," said Ionkin. "If you're considering graduate school, it gives you a taste of what that might be like. So if you find out you really hate research, then maybe graduate school isn't for you."

To learn more about this project, visit this blog on the Clark website. Ionkin will graduate with Clark's Class of 2018; he hopes to pursue Clark's 3/2 Engineering Program with Columbia University. Ionkin is a 2014 graduate of Woodstock Academy.

Liberal Education and Effective Practice (LEEP) is Clark's bold effort to advance liberal education, linking a deep and integrated curriculum with opportunities to put knowledge into practice in order to prepare students for remarkable careers and purposeful, accomplished lives.

Now in its fifth year, LEEP projects have helped Clark University students pursue funded and directed problem-based summer projects. The projects—several of which are hosted by Clark alumni—offer real-world application of course material and provide an opportunity to engage with professionals outside of the University. LEEP Projects also enable students to develop marketable skills, and focus on characteristics the University refers to as LEEP Learning Outcomes.

This summer, more than 100 undergraduates were awarded LEEP Fellowships to pursue projects ranging from international social action initiatives to internships with leading corporations. LEEP Fellows are expected to devote approximately 150 hours to their LEEP Project and participate in workshops on professionalism and project management. LEEP Fellows complete a written reflection upon completion of their experience, are able to participate in the Hervey Ross Oratorical Contest each fall, and share results with the Clark community in one of the University's annual undergraduate student research showcases.

"Students who are selected as LEEP Fellows progress through a competitive and intensive series of preparatory activities designed to help them successfully complete their LEEP Projects. From proposal writing and résumé development, to professional communication and research skills, the LEEP Fellow experience helps prepare students to fully engage in the world and integrate their academic work with their professional interests," said Michelle Bata, director of the LEEP Center at Clark.

'Fill the Totes' when you vote on Election Day

NORTH GROSVENORDALE — TEEG and Interfaith Human Services of Putnam (Daily Bread) encourage all voters to Fill the Tote when they vote!

Election Day is fast approaching and will be here before we know it. As you head to the polls to cast your vote for the candidate that you feel would be the best fit, please consider bringing a non-perishable food item with you. TEEG and Daily Bread will have collection bins at voting sites in Thompson, Woodstock, Pomfret, and Putnam.

Food insecurity is a real challenge, especially for our friends and neighbors in the Quiet Corner. Recently, there have been cuts in funding to the SNAP benefits that individuals and families receive to help them supplement the cost of their monthly food bills. Cuts in funding make it more of a challenge to purchase adequate food to sustain their families. This is why supporting local food banks like TEEG and Daily Bread is crucial.

By filling the tote when you vote, you are helping to ensure that the shelves of your local food pantries are stocked, especially during the winter months where times get a little tougher for everyone. Any support helps and through your generosity we will be able to meet the needs of our friends and neighbors.

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Lockwood and Redmen run over Montville



Charlie Lentz photo

Killingly's Spencer Lockwood picks up yardage against Montville last Friday at Killingly High School.

BY CHARLIE LENTZ
VILLAGER SPORTS EDITOR

DAYVILLE — Killingly's running game hit its stride against Montville last Friday night while the Redmen's defense simply hit. Killingly's first team allowed Montville a meager 10 yards rushing on 20 carries during a 46-20 victory — the Indians padded their rushing total on a final possession against Killingly's junior varsity — moving 63 yards on three carries over the final 50 seconds. "Our defense shut down the run," said Killingly coach Chad Neal. "We want to stop the run in high school

football. That's our goal. We don't want teams to run the football against us. If they're going to beat us, high school quarterbacks, we knew Montville was down to their second- or third-string quarterback at this point — if they were going to beat us it was going to be with him." Junior running back Spencer Lockwood rushed for 251 yards on 31 carries including a 73-yard touchdown run in the win at Killingly High School — lifting the Redmen's record to 4-1 and keeping Killingly on track for what Lockwood hoped would be a berth in the Class M state playoffs. "We have to take it game by game and

we just have to keep improving week by week," Lockwood said. "There's still a lot of areas of improvement. If we improve week to week then I think we definitely have a shot. We have the ability, we have the talent, we just need to improve — that's the biggest thing." Neal said the Redmen can't afford to take any plays off. Montville sophomore quarterback Luke Hall tossed 48-yard and 23-yard touchdown passes to Brad Johnson. Johnson caught eight passes

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Putnam girls surging toward postseason



Putnam's Aly Morris moves upfield against Grasso Tech last Friday in Putnam.

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BY CHARLIE LENTZ
VILLAGER SPORTS EDITOR

PUTNAM — Putnam High's girls soccer players use social media for group chats about the upcoming Class S State Tournament — and why not? — with a record of 9-3-2 after 14 games they're not only talking the talk but walking the walk.

"We actually have a group chat and we hype it up all the time," said junior striker Morgan Foucault. "All of our numbers are in one spot so we can text each other and we hype it up all the time — just saying how great that we really think we are and how far we can go."

Foucault scored two goals in an 8-0 victory over Parish Hill last Friday

at St. Marie-Greenhalgh Complex. Foucault has tallied 20 goals through 14 games this season, giving her 67 for her career. Only two games remained in the regular season following the win over the Pirates and Foucault said the Clippers want to win out to improve their seeding for the state tourney.

"It's definitely important to get a good seeding, the higher you get, the lower a team you play and that will boost our confidence," Foucault said.

Coach Molly Panteleakos said the Clippers are motivated for a tournament run and want to finish the regular season strongly.

"We just had a team meeting about this the other day. It's one of the important parts of the season — the end of the

season — because now you're looking at seeding and you're looking at where we land in the state tournament and who we play, and whether it's going to be a home game or an away game," Panteleakos said. "It's a huge difference come November if you're going to be home or you're going to be taking a long trip for an away game."

Maria Fredette also notched two goals in the win over Parish Hill. Also scoring goals for the Clippers were Kira Clinkscale, Jillian Gray, Saige Morin, and Mariah Travisano.

Foucault was glad to see so many of her teammates getting involved in the scoring.

"We're at the peak of our season right now and we all know how to work

together, which is the most important part — especially today's game," Foucault said. "We got our goals that we needed in the first half. Our second-half goals, they're kind of good-pass goals or through-ball goals — that's really putting us in a good spot."

Panteleakos said the Clippers are peaking at the right time. Junior Aliceya Labonte and Jaidyn Gillette both missed the game against Parish Hill but Putnam did not miss a beat. Both Labonte and Gillette are expected to be back for the state tourney.

"At this point in the season we'd love to have (Labonte and Gillette) in there, they're great players. But it's caused other people to step up and it's given the team confidence to play through adversity," Panteleakos said. "We can still implement the game plans that we work on in practice. Every day, every practice, every game — we're getting more confident. Our skills are improving. We're working together. We're getting the results we want in games. We need to keep carrying this on throughout the last three games so we can enter the tournament solid."

Morin, a junior midfielder, said the Clippers have positioned themselves for a good seeding in the state tournament.

"The higher seed we are determines whether we play home or away. Obviously we want to play on our home field," Morin said. "We don't want to travel on a long bus ride."

Morin broke her leg midway through last season and missed the trip to the state tourney. She's counting on a good run this year.

"I'm looking forward to it a lot," Morin said. "We're going strong and we know that we can do it."

Putnam finishes out the regular season playing host to Norwich Tech on Wednesday, Oct. 26, with the kickoff set for 3:45 p.m. at St. Marie-Greenhalgh Complex. Coach Panteleakos doesn't need to get in on the group chat to understand how much her players are looking forward to the postseason.

"These girls talk about it all year long, they don't just talk about it now," Panteleakos said. "You know how much they want it because they talk about it 365 days of the year. Now it's time. The season's coming to a close. Every game they've got to come out together, strong, and give their all. I think they know that. They're really coming together as a team. It's really fun to watch."

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Putnam boys working for tourney berth

BY CHARLIE LENTZ
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PUTNAM — Coach Jon Miller likely hopes Putnam High's 2-1 loss to Tourtellotte Monday night won't be the game that keeps the Clippers out of the Class S Tournament. The defeat dropped the Clippers record to five wins, seven losses, with one tie. Putnam needed two wins in its last three regular-season games in order to qualify for the tourney.

"We've got some work to do," said Putnam coach Jon Miller.

The work was made tougher after Putnam senior striker Lucas Basilio was issued a red card for physical play against Tourtellotte and ejected late in the second half. The red card disqualified Basilio from Putnam's game against Grasso Tech Tuesday.

"I have to treat it like any other coach would, you play with what you have," Miller said. "We make adjustments every game as it is. At this point I have seven, eight guys on the bench constantly that we sub in and out. If Lucas isn't there we put the next one in, make adjustments and we move forward."

Tourtellotte sophomore striker Spencer Fulone scored at 24:47 of the first half to put the Tigers up 1-0. Putnam answered on a spectacular goal from Basilio with 1:01 left before halftime. From 17 yards out and with his back to the goal, Basilio scissored-kicked a shot just beneath the crossbar to knot it at 1-1.

"(Basilio) hasn't showcased what he has as much as we would have liked to have seen all year. That (goal) is not a hidden gem. That's something we know he can do all the time. He just doesn't get the opportu-

nities the way that we would like," Miller said.

Fulone scored on a break-away at 26:33 of the second half to put the Tigers up for good, 2-1.

"That late goal by Tourtellotte, it's not deflating but it hurts," Miller said. "My boys didn't back down. They kept playing hard at that point. They played hard for the next 15 minutes right to the end."

Tourtellotte outshot Putnam 22-12 and the Tigers outshot Putnam 11-2 in the second half. Tourtellotte goalkeeper Mike Falco made four saves. Cutler finished with 10 saves including stopping a penalty kick. Tourtellotte led 5-3 in corner kicks.

Tourtellotte and Putnam battled to a 1-1 tie in their last meeting on Sept. 27 at Tourtellotte Memorial. The Tigers are 4-1-1 against Putnam over the past three seasons. Monday night's game was a physical contest played in front of a vocal crowd.

"This game's becoming a rivalry. Twice every year for the last three years every game's been close," Miller said. "Couple ties, couple losses — still think we have only the one win in the series. The first 20 minutes were relatively flat for both teams but the last 60 was intense on both sides."

Putnam is scheduled to play at Goodwin Tech on Monday, Oct. 24. The Clippers close out the regular season at home against Plainfield on Tuesday, Oct. 25. The loss to Tourtellotte Monday night made the odds slimmer on Putnam's play-off drive — but said they'll be ready for the challenge.

"I have to think that way. I'm not programmed to think my team's ever going to lose," Miller said. "We know we can



Putnam's Lucas Basilio heads upfield against Tourtellotte Monday.

Charlie Lentz photo

win these games if we do the right thing and we show up. We have the talent. We have the ability and the intelligence. We just have to show up to play."

Bacon 4, Killingly 3
DANIELSON — Killingly's DANIELSON — Killingly's DANIELSON tallied three goals but Bacon Academy's Liam McLoughlin scored

with six minutes left to give the Bobcats the win on Oct. 12. The loss dropped Killingly's record to 3-9 overall and kept the Redmen winless in ECC Division II. Gavin Turner, Alex LeBlanc, and Armondo Farraj each notched one assist for Killingly. Bacon outshot Killingly 13-12. Goalkeeper Luke Sanford made six saves

for Bacon (8-2-2). Keeper Bryan Barrow made four stops for Killingly. Killingly closes out its regular season at Fitch on Monday, Oct. 24.

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Woodstock booters heading toward postseason



Charlie Lentz photo

Woodstock Academy's Heather Converse controls the ball with Bacon Academy's Nicole Lizotte defending last Saturday in Woodstock.

BY CHARLIE LENTZ
VILLAGER SPORTS EDITOR

WOODSTOCK — Woodstock Academy coach Dennis Snelling saw proof that a letdown can cost a game in the Centaurs 3-2 loss to Bacon Academy last Saturday. Snelling was reminded the stakes get higher if a letdown occurs during the postseason.

"Eventually a loss means your season is over," Snelling said. "They all have that feeling of 'We could have done better.' If it's the last game of the season that you lose — then there's no opportunity to fix it."

The Centaurs got the message. The Bacon loss offered an

opportunity make some fixes as both the Eastern Connecticut Conference Tournament and the state tourney approach.

"I offered them tomorrow off and they said 'No,'" Snelling said. "That's where they're at. They want to just fix it right away, tomorrow."

Woodstock came into last Saturday's game with a record of nine wins, one loss, and one tie while Bacon entered the match with a mark of 5-6-1. Woodstock defeated Bacon 4-1 in the first meeting between the two teams on Sept. 26 in Colchester. The Centaurs took a 1-0 lead at 16:54 of the first half Saturday at Bentley Athletic Complex as Ashleigh Angle headed in a corner kick

from Kennedy Davignon.

The letdown came with time running down in the first half as Bacon struck twice in the final five minutes to seize the lead for good. Natalie Sedor tallied at 35:03 to knot it at 1-1 and Leah Beauton booted home a penalty kick at 38:13 to give the Bobcats a 2-1 lead at halftime.

Bacon stretched its margin to 3-1 as Nicole Lizotte scored on a breakaway at 16:36 of the second half. Woodstock closed to within one goal, 3-2, on a goal from Makara Sorel at 26:48.

Woodstock controlled play for much of the game, outshooting Bacon 16-12 and leading 6-2 in corner kicks. But the Centaurs did not muster enough quality shots.

"We're used to controlling play. We just weren't getting close enough to the net. We weren't getting great chances," Snelling said. "We didn't take advantage of our possession. We didn't create great chances with it."

Hanna Corso made 14 saves for Bacon (6-6-1). Goalkeepers Irene Askitis and Jessica Kasacek combined for nine saves for Woodstock (9-2-1). Woodstock closes out its regular season at Killingly High School on Saturday, Oct. 22, with kickoff set for 11 a.m. The Eastern Connecticut Conference tournament is scheduled to begin next week with state tourney arriving shortly thereafter.

Saturday's game marked Senior Day for Woodstock. The Centaurs seniors include Serenity Bottieri, Jessica Semancik, Colette Cloutier, Katherine Dalimonte, Mia Herrera, and Kiara Ballou.

"Every game matters towards that. You never know what you're going to draw in the state tournament," Snelling said. "It seems like one loss or one bad game can drop you three or four spots, and then you get closer to playing an away game. You want to win out and keep a high ranking so you can play home games and not have to travel."

Snelling said the Centaurs have to minimize the letdowns as they head toward the ECC and state tournaments.

"We still, if we win out, we still win the league. We just have to get over it today and move on," Snelling said. "We're good. I think we're among the best in the ECC. I think tournaments are all about who shows up and who can make a run and stay healthy for four games in a row."

KILLINGLY 2, BACON 2

COLCHESTER — Killingly's Audrey Grayson scored on a header off a direct kick from Taylor Jax with five minutes left to give Killingly the tie at host Bacon Academy on Oct. 12. Killingly's Payton Fitzgerald scored off an assist from Emily Watling with 23:00 left in the second half to put the Redgals up 1-0. The Bobcats scored twice within a five-minute span and led 2-1 with 12:00 left. Bacon led 10-6 in shots. Killingly's record was 3-7-1 through 11 games. Bacon's record fell to 5-6-1. Killingly is scheduled to play host to Woodstock on Saturday, Oct. 22, with kickoff set for 11 a.m.

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Tourtellotte's playoff hopes hang by a thread

BY CHARLIE LENTZ
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PUTNAM — With 13 minutes and 27 seconds left in Tourtellotte's annual grudge match under the lights against Putnam High, Tigers sophomore striker Spencer Fulone raced ahead of the Clippers defense on a breakaway — bearing down on Putnam goalkeeper Zach Cutler and intent on snapping a 1-1 deadlock at St. Marie-Greenhalgh Complex Monday night.

"I knew I had a little time at the end," Fulone said. "I took a small touch and put it low, opposite corner."

He picked a good spot — Fulone booted home the game-winner in Tourtellotte's 2-1 victory and in the process kept alive the Tigers slim hopes of qualifying for the Class S Tournament. The victory lifted Tourtellotte's record to 4-8-2. The Tigers needed to win their final two regular-season games against Lyman Memorial on Wednesday, Oct. 19, and at home against Plainfield on Friday, Oct. 21. Regardless of the playoff implications, the win was a confidence booster for a youthful Tourtellotte team.

"It's always a big game for us — Putnam/Thompson rivalry is always there — it's always a hard-fought game," said Tourtellotte coach Tim Groh. "The season's on the line right now. We've got to win out to make states so it was a huge game for us, just happy to come out with a win."

Fulone scored the first of his two goals at 24:47 of the first half to put the Tigers up 1-0. Putnam senior striker Lucas Basilio answered with a goal with just 1:01 left in the first half and the teams were tied at 1-1 at the halftime break.

Tourtellotte outshot Putnam 22-12 and the Tigers outshot Putnam 11-2 in

the second half.

"Fortunately we were able to get the first goal. When we get the first goal the team really gets amped up," Groh said. "Probably could have had a few more goals, got to work a little bit more on finishing. We talked at halftime about keeping up the intensity. You can't let a team like Putnam just hang around."

Tourtellotte goalkeeper Mike Falco made four saves. Cutler finished with 10 saves for the Clippers (5-7-1). Tourtellotte led 5-3 in corner kicks.

The Tigers lost seven senior starters from last season's team from June's graduation and are now a work in progress.

"We have a young team," Fulone said. "Every win helps our confidence. These young kids need all the confidence they can get for the future."

Coach Groh said the win should buoy his squad down the road.

"We only have four seniors this year so the rest of the team is real young," Groh said. "We've got a lot of young guys on the field getting experience, cycling guys out to give breaks, we're looking forward to next season as well."

Tourtellotte and Putnam battled to a 1-1 tie in their last meeting on Sept. 27 at Tourtellotte Memorial. The Tigers are 4-1-1 against Putnam over the past three seasons — Fulone took care of the latest victory.

"Spencer can shoot from anywhere," said Groh of his sophomore striker's game-winner on the breakaway. "Most kids have a hard time hanging with his speed. Speed and skill combined is a combination for a lot of goals."

Tourtellotte was scheduled to play host to Lyman Memorial on Wednesday, Oct. 19. The Clippers were set to finish the regular season at home against

Plainfield on Friday, Oct. 21. Although the Tigers' state tournament playoff hopes were hanging by a thread after they defeated Putnam Monday night — the Tigers came away with a win in their annual grudge match at St. Marie-Greenhalgh Complex — and Fulone came away with two goals and a night to remember.

"Every year we play Putnam under

the lights and we love it. It's the game of the season," Fulone said. "We get a lot fans here. It's a great atmosphere. It was a relief. We needed a win badly. It just felt great."

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Charlie Lentz photo

Tourtellotte's Eric Borski, left, tries to get past Putnam's Ahamed Sano Monday in Putnam.

Killingly volleyball clinches ECC tie

DAYVILLE — Killingly High's volleyball team swept Bacon Academy 3-0 Monday at Killingly High School and clinched at least a tie for the Eastern Connecticut Conference Division II title. It is the Redgals first-ever divisional title. The win lifted Killingly's record to 14-3 overall, 5-1 ECC. Set scores were 25-19, 25-20, 25-17. For Killingly: Ally Conde had 10 kills, seven digs, and three blocks and Reilly Allen had five kills, eight digs, and four aces.

Jillian Reynolds had 16 assists and seven aces for Bacon (5-11 overall, 1-5 ECC).

Killingly is next scheduled to play at Putnam High on

Monday, Oct. 24, with the first serve scheduled for 5:30 p.m.

ELLIS TECH 3 CLASSICAL 0

DANIELSON — The Golden Eagles swept Classical Magnet 3-0 (25-16, 25-14, 25-20) in volleyball Tuesday at Ellis Tech. For Ellis Tech: Kirstin Light had 10 kills and 14 service points, Sarah Tellier notched seven kills and 11 service points, Alyssa Pignataro had two kills four assists, and 11 service points. The win lifted the Eagles record to 11-6. Ellis Tech is next scheduled to play at Killingly High on Wednesday, Oct. 26, with the first serve

scheduled for 5:15 p.m.

PUTNAM 3, GRASSO 1

PUTNAM — The Clippers defeated Grasso Tech in volleyball on Friday, Oct. 14, at Putnam High. Game scores were 23-25, 25-15, 25-22, 25-14. Putnam's record was 3-10 through 13 games. Grasso Tech's record was 2-15 through 17 games.

KILLINGLY 3, MONTVILLE 0

MONTVILLE — The Redgals swept host Montville (25-20,

25-21, 25-11) in volleyball on Oct. 14. For Killingly: Ally Conde notched 19 kills, eight digs, and three blocks, Reilly Allen had 10 kills, 16 digs, and three aces, and Abby Laseter had 20 service points including five aces. Montville's record was 4-12 through 16 games. The win marked the 100th career victory for Killingly coach Dan Vogt.

ELLIS TECH 3, PUTNAM 0

DANIELSON — The Golden Eagles swept the Clippers in volleyball on Oct. 12 at Ellis Tech. Set scores were 25-20, 25-18, 25-17. For Ellis Tech:

Sydney Tetrault had 14 kills and seven service points, Sarah Tellier had 17 service points, and Alyssa Delaney had nine kills and one block.

KILLINGLY 3, WATERFORD 1

DAYVILLE — The host Redgals defeated the Lancers 25-27, 25-17, 26-24, 25-20 on Oct. 12. For Killingly: Ally Conde had 20 kills, 13 digs, six aces, and six blocks, Reilly Allen had nine kills, 17 digs, and five blocks, Meredith Zamperini had 18 digs, 26 assists, and four aces. Waterford's record fell to 7-6 overall, 3-2 ECC.

KILLINGLY FOOTBALL

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for 135 yards for Montville (2-4).
 “The thing we’re preaching, we want to be that elite team, if we want to play into December in the state playoffs we have to be consistent every play,” Neal said. “We’re not consistent enough right now. And that’s something, the little details in practice, and just being consistent. It can’t be great five out of seven plays. It’s got to be seven out of seven. We’ve got to execute.”

Sophomore cornerback Luke Desaulnier made three interceptions and junior Zack Burgess had one pick-off.

“Defensively they did awesome tonight, Luke had a great game,” said Killingly senior quarterback Kyle Derosier. “We’ve just got to keep pushing.”

Killingly junior running back Zach Caffrey rushed for 60 yards on eight carries including touchdown runs of five and 37 yards. Burgess turned a middle screen into a 29-yard touchdown reception on the final play of the first half to help Killingly lead 28-6 at the intermission. Senior Jeff Ward snared a 36-yard touchdown catch with 3:41 left in the third quarter to help Killingly stretch its cushion to 36-6.

The Redmen rolled against Montville despite the absence of junior tight end Jake Gauthier, senior receiver Bret Long, and junior lineman Ethan Canova — each nursing illness or injury. Derosier completed 6-of-15 passes for 108 yards and two touchdowns with one interception.

“There’s definitely more work to do. There’s always more work to do. We’re missing three starters tonight — everybody is good enough to play in the positions that they’re playing in,” Derosier said. “It was a great game but we need to put more drives together and score.”

Killingly is next

scheduled to play host to Windham (3-1) on Friday, Oct. 21, with kickoff set for 6:30 p.m. at Killingly High School. Windham, an Eastern Connecticut Conference divisional foe, is coming off a 47-13 victory over Griswold last weekend.

“Windham is huge, it’s our last divisional game. If we want to win the ECC we need to beat them. They’re going to be a real good team and it’s going to be a great game to watch. We need to come out and we need to play hard,” Derosier said. “This will set the tone going into, hopefully, the playoffs.”

Lockwood ran over Montville last Friday night and the Redmen continued their push toward the Class M Tournament — but he knew several obstacles remained in running down a state playoff berth.

“We have everything to lose at this point. If they catch us slipping then they’re going to take advantage of that,” Lockwood said. “Some teams, you can take a play off and nothing will happen — but Windham is definitely a team where you can’t make any mistakes at all. You have to play a complete football game or else they’re going to take advantage of you.”

BULLARD HAVENS 42, QUINEBAUG 0

BRIDGEPORT — Bullard Havens quarterback Tyrese Wright completed 7-of-11 passes including five touchdowns in the win over the Quinebaug Valley Pride in a Saturday. Wright added 47 yards and one touchdown carry. Mike-Lee Joseph caught touch-down passes of 22, nine, and 67 yards. Malik Lominy had a 57-yard touchdown reception and Roberto Hernandez had a 12-yard touch-down catch. Bullard Havens lifted its record to 4-1. The Pride’s record fell to 0-5. Quinebaug Valley is next scheduled to play host to Thames River (2-3) at 6 p.m., Friday, Oct. 21, at St. Marie-Greenhalgh Complex in Putnam.

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OBITUARIES

Elaine T. Auger, 57



PUTNAM – Elaine T. (Cutler) Auger, 57, of Senexet Rd., died Friday evening October 14 at home surrounded by her family. She was the loving wife of Michael Auger. Born in Putnam, she was the daughter of Rita (Roy) Cutler of Pomfret and the late Raymond E. Cutler, Sr.

Mrs. Auger worked for the State of Connecticut Department of Retardation for 34 years and Seely Brown Village in Pomfret.

She was a member of the Pomfret's in Stitches and enjoyed cooking, sewing, knitting, and all things crafty.

Elaine is survived by her husband Michael Auger of Putnam; her mother Rita (Roy) Cutler of Pomfret; two daughters Heather Auger and her fiancé Jason and his daughter Zoe Bellanceau of Woodstock, and Marie Auger of Putnam; a stepson Christopher Auger of Minot, North Dakota; and

siblings Raymond E. Cutler, Jr. and his wife Deborah of Pomfret, David Cutler and his wife Linda of N. Grosvenordale, Joanne Mortellite of Largo, Florida, Russell Cutler of Hilo, Hawaii, Anita Cutler-Whitten and her husband Kenneth of Woodstock, and Susan Rhodes and her husband Jerry of Colorado Springs, Colorado; and several nieces, nephews, and many friends.

Relatives and friends are invited to attend a Mass of Christian Burial on Saturday, October 22, at 1:30p.m. in Most Holy Trinity Church, 568 Pomfret Rd., Pomfret, followed by a reception at Seely Brown Village, 400 Deerfield Rd, Pomfret Center. In lieu of flowers memorial donations in Elaine's memory may be made to the American Cancer Society, 825 Brook St., Rocky Hill, CT 06067 or Hospice of N.E. CT, P.O.Box 632, Putnam, CT 06260. Funeral arrangements have been entrusted to the Gilman-Valade Funeral Homes and Crematory, 104 Church St., Putnam, CT. For memorial guestbook visit www.GilmanAndValade.com.

Sharon J. Marciano, 72



PUTNAM – Sharon (Crossman) Marciano, 72, of Providence Pike, died unexpectedly October 10, in her home. She was the loving wife of the late Frank Marciano. Born in Providence, Rhode Island, she was the daughter of the late Henry and Kathin (Bass) Crossman.

Mrs. Marciano worked as an inspector and a mender for Stevens Linen in Dudley, Massachusetts.

Sharon is survived by her sons, Joseph A. Marciano of Quinebaug, Michael H. Marciano of Putnam, and Anthony J. Marciano of Dayville; her brothers, Bruce Crossman, and Ricky Crossman; her sisters, Gloria Laratzix,

Jean Keech, Joyce Crossman, and Judith Smith; her grandchildren, Mike J. Marciano of Putnam; and her great grandson, Logan Michael Marciano of Putnam; many nieces and nephews. She is predeceased by her sister, the late Joan Drain.

Relatives and friends are invited to visit with Sharon's family from 5:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. on Friday, October 21, 2016 in the Gilman Funeral Home, 104 Church St., Putnam. A gathering will begin in the funeral home 10:00 a.m. on Saturday, October 22, 2016 followed by a Mass of Christian Burial at 11:00 a.m. in St. Mary Church of the Visitation, 218 Providence St, Putnam. Burial will follow in Phillip Cemetery, Foster, Rhode Island. For memorial guestbook visit www.GilmanAndValade.com.

Gary Ernest Beaudoin, 62



KILLINGLY – Gary Ernest Beaudoin, 62, of Killingly died October 11 at UMass Memorial Hospital in Worcester, Massachusetts. He was born on January 19, 1954 son of the late Ernest and Theresa (Edwards) Beaudoin.

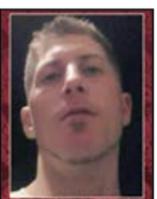
He went to Killingly High School and then worked at Acme Cotton as a setup man, then he worked at Danco as a machinist and then at the Rogers Corporation in material, dye and shipping and handling. His passion was music, he could play several different instruments like guitar, drums, banjo, and harmonica. Gary played in bands for 45 years. He was also a DJ (Blast from the Past), a professional clown

(Luney), and an all-around entertainer. He liked watching racing and football, but most of all he loved his Haunted Yard in Dayville. Gary was a friend who would always be there and he always put others first.

He is survived by his wife Kathleen Beaudoin, his two sons Kevin Beaudoin and James Beaudoin, his daughter Heather Horton, his daughter in law Amanda and son in law Michael Horton, his six grandchildren Alissa, Michael, Darren, Destiny, Christopher, and Kevin Jr., also three great grandchildren; Jeremiah and Tyler Tewksbury, and Ozzy Horton.

Calling Hours were held on October 20 at Gagnon and Costello Funeral Home. Funeral Service will be 11:00 AM, Friday, October 21, 2016 at the Gagnon and Costello Funeral Home. Share a memory at www.gagnonand-costellofh.com

William J. LeRoy, III, 37



PUTNAM – William J. LeRoy, III, 37, of Putnam, died October 5 in Hartford Hospital. Born in Putnam, he was the son of William J. LeRoy, Jr. of Florida and Rhonda (Noe) Markowitz of Putnam.

Mr. LeRoy worked as a self-employed carpenter and was a self-taught

computer programing "wiz."

In addition to his parents, William is survived by his son, William J. LeRoy, IV of Florida; his brother, Guillaume J. LeRoy of Putnam; and his sister, April R. Hudson of Florida.

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

Laura Jean Blanchette, 40



WILLIMANTIC – Laura Jean (Hesselman) Blanchette, 40, of Gifford Ave., died September 24 in her home. Born in Putnam, she was the daughter of Lillian (Thomas) Hesselman and the late Eugene Hesselman.

Laura Jean worked as an order picker for Brooks Distribution Center. She enjoyed poetry, reading, and spending time with her children.

In addition to her mother, Laura Jean is survived by her daughters, Brooke Blanchette, Emiley Blanchette, and Izebell Slater; her sisters, Tracy Hesselman, Cathy Hesselman

Doreen Romman, and Terra Hesselman; and her aunt, Eve LaFleche.

Services are private and have been entrusted to the Gilman and Valade Funeral Homes and Crematory, 104 Church St., Putnam. For memorial guestbook visit www.GilmanAndValade.com.

William A. Perry, Jr, 80



WOODSTOCK – William A. Perry, Jr, 80, of Woodstock died, October 14 at Matulaitis Nursing Home in Putnam. William was the beloved husband of 49 years to Susan Wayman Perry and they were married in Webster, Massachusetts. He was born on September 3, 1936 in Putnam, son of the late William A. and Ada (Morse) Perry, Sr.

William was an avid long distance hiker, hiking the Appalachian Trail, and would hike with his daughter Melissa on Mt. Monadnock in New Hampshire. He enjoyed the time he spent with his son Jeffrey at motocross events. His granddaughters were the light of his life, who he loved spending time with. He really enjoyed traveling and cruises with his beloved wife, his favorites were their cruise through

the Panama Canal and to Alaska. William also enjoyed scuba diving, skiing and racing motorcycles. He was an Aerospace Engineer working for the Whitcraft Group in Eastford, and served with the National Guard.

He leaves in addition to his wife Susan, of Woodstock, his daughter Melissa and her husband, Birien Chokshi of Woodstock, his granddaughters Sofia Jendrewski and Olivia Jendrewski, several brothers-in-law and sisters-in-law, several nieces and nephews. William was predeceased by his son Jeffrey A. Perry and his brother Bob Perry.

Calling hours were held October 16 at Smith and Walker Funeral Home. In lieu of flowers donations may be made in his memory to Matulaitis Nursing Home, 10 Thurber Road, Putnam, CT, 06260. Arrangements by Smith and Walker Funeral Home, Putnam, CT. Share a memory at www.smithand-walkerfh.com

Benjamin J. Lanning, 60

UNION – Benjamin J. Lanning, 60, of Buckley Highway, passed away on Sunday, Oct. 16, after a brief battle with cancer.

He leaves wife and best friend of 38 years, Susan J. (Oster) Lanning; a son, Joshua J. Lanning of Maine; his parents, Andrew and Louise Sabo of South Windsor, Conn.; three sisters, Karen Lanning of Connecticut, Betty-Lou Windowski of Windham, Conn. and Susan Tutu of Lebanon, Conn.; a brother Glenn Charette of Brooklyn, Conn.; a sister-in-law, Sara Sabo of Willimantic, Conn.; a grandson, Bentley Lanning; a nephew, James Lanning; a niece, Heather Lanning-Hoag; and 3 great nephews. He was predeceased by his son, Benjamin J. Lanning in 2008. He was also predeceased by three brothers, Frederick Lanning, James R. Lanning and John Sabo.

He was born in Norwich, Conn. the son of John R. and Barbara (Sherman) Lanning. He was a graduate of

Windham High School in Windham, Conn. and played football for the school.

Ben owned and operated his own flooring business for 35 years, retiring recently due to illness. He was an outdoorsman, enjoying fishing and hiking with his two dogs Bo-Jangels and Barnnie. He was an avid fan of the Patriots and the Red Sox. He was also a fan of the Chicago Bears and Green Bay Packers.

Calling hours for Ben will be held on Monday, Oct. 24, from 2 to 4 p.m. in the Daniel T. Morrill Funeral Home, 130 Hamilton St., Southbridge, with a service to follow in the funeral home at 4 p.m. Burial will be at the convenience of the family.

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

Visit www.morrillfuneralhome.com.

LEGALS

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

ESTATE OF John J Czernicki (16-00319)

The Hon. Leah P. Schad, Judge of the Court of Probate, District of Northeast Probate Court, by decree dated October 11, 2016, ordered that all claims must be presented to the fiduciary at the address below. Failure to promptly present any such claim may result in the loss of rights to recover on such claim.

Brenda Duquette, Clerk

The fiduciary is:
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October 21, 2016

TOWN OF THOMPSON ZONING BOARD OF APPEALS LEGAL NOTICE

The Town of Thompson Zoning Board of Appeals, at its October 12, 2016 meeting, rendered the following decisions:

Variance 16-07: Duane Higgins, Applicant and Owner of Record. For property at 1 Alix Dr. Map 143/Block 16/Lot 56/Zone R-40. Variance requested to decrease side and back yard setbacks from 25 ft to 5 ft. **Denied.**

Respectfully submitted,
Daniel Roy, Chairman
October 21, 2016

TOWN OF WOODSTOCK

On October 5, 2016, The Wetlands Agent approved the following applications:

#10-16-16 Creative Exteriors LLC, 171 Laurel Hill Drive – new pavers to be installed for patio; 10-16-17 Creative Exteriors, LLC, 116 Beaver Dam Rd – Restoration of an existing stone wall at water's edge. October 21, 2016

TOWN OF THOMPSON PLANNING AND ZONING COMMISSION LEGAL NOTICE

The Town of Thompson Planning and Zoning Commission, at its October 11, 2016 meeting, rendered the following decisions:

Application 16-13: Chip Fund 3, LLC, Applicant. Windham North Properties, LLC, Owner of Record. For property at 0 Riverside Dr. Map 61 and 167/Block 88/Lot 16 and 24/Zone I and R-20. Special permit request to construct a 180+/- kW P.V. solar array to net meter power to 962 Riverside Dr. **Approved w/ conditions.**

Respectfully submitted,
Greg Lee, Chairman
October 21, 2016

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QUIET CORNER ROUND-UP



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Westview Health Care Center Employee of the Month Ryan Campbell, of Danielson.

Campbell named employee of the month at Westview

DAYVILLE — Ryan Campbell, of Danielson, was named Westview Health Care Center's employee of the month for September.

"It's an honor," said Campbell. "I'm so appreciative for having been selected. I work with so many fantastic people. This really means a lot to me."

Campbell works in the Dietary Department at the facility and has been employed at Westview since August 2012.

"Ryan's exceptional dedication, positive attitude and eager work ethic are just a few things that he is being recognized for," said Administrator David T. Panteleakos. "He continually brings a smile to the face of everyone he encounters."

In his spare time, Mr. Campbell can be found outdoors golfing, fishing or canoeing with his longtime girlfriend, Hailey, and his close friends.

USI marks Domestic Violence Awareness Month with outreach

October is Domestic Violence Awareness Month, an issue that remains prevalent in northeast Connecticut communities; yet is often ignored and many times misunderstood due to its complexities.

This year alone, there have been nine intimate partner homicides in Connecticut, while Domestic Violence emergency shelter beds remain full throughout the state. Last year in Northeast Connecticut United Services' Domestic Violence Program (DVP) served 858 adults and 111 children with life-saving services including emergency shelter, hotline crisis calls, risk assessment, safety planning, advocacy, counseling and information and referral.

"Domestic violence is a global issue but we can make a difference right in our own communities," said Julie Hoagland, Domestic Violence Program manager for United Services. "Throughout the month we are organizing various community education projects designed to remember victims, survivors and fatalities of domestic violence, develop community awareness



Courtesy photo

A SUCCESSFUL TOURNAMENT

BROOKLYN — On Sept. 11, members of Graveline's American Martial Arts East Coast Striker Karate Team traveled to Warwick, R.I., for East Coast Nationals karate tournament. They did exceptionally well getting trophies and medals in many divisions.

to address these issue as well as partner with those professionals who work closely with domestic violence cases. Our goal is to ensure everyone knows help is available and how to reach a trained domestic violence advocate which is crucial when addressing intimate partner violence."

Residents of Northeast Connecticut can always speak to a trained advocate by calling 860-456-9476 or 860-774-8648.

United Services Domestic Violence Program encourages local residents to draw attention to the issue of Domestic Violence this month in different ways:

- Speak Out - Tell a friend, family member, colleague or neighbor about domestic violence. Talking about domestic violence helps to erase stigma and shows survivors that they will be supported.

- Wear Purple DV ribbons & wear purple each Tuesday in support of ending domestic violence in our communities. Let it be a conversation starter - tell others why ending domestic violence is important to you. (Additional ribbons available by calling United Services at 860-774-8648

- Donate - Make a donation to United Services' Domestic Violence Program at www.UnitedServicesCT.org in honor of the people who have been impacted by domestic violence.

- Visit United Services' "Clothesline Project" at the Easter Connecticut State University J. Eugene Smith Library during the month of October. The Clothesline Project is a powerful visual display of T-shirts that have been created by local survivors of domestic violence.

USI to hold "Super Hero Fun Day" at Wauregan clinic

WAUREGAN — United Services will hold its first-ever "Super Hero Fun Day" on Oct. 15 from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. at its Wauregan offices at 303 Putnam

Road, Wauregan.

The free event is an opportunity for children to meet and learn more about the roles of first responders and other service providers in their community.

"At United Services we know that children sometimes have anxiety about seeing doctors, riding in an ambulance, or might even hesitate to seek out police officers when they're in need of help," said Diane Manning, president/CEO of United Services, Inc. "A free, family friendly event like this can be great way to help children get to better know those in their community who are there to help them, as well honor as the 'hero's' in their own lives."

The free event will feature games, food, and an opportunity for kids to enjoy various activity such as:

- Make a Super Hero Cape and Mask at the Art Center

- Have a Super Hero Photo Opportunity

- Try the Super Hero Obstacle Course at the Super Hero Training Center

- Try their hand at Super Hero games at the Villain Defeater Arcade

- Re-energize at the Super Hero Refueling Hub (food provided by the Danielson Lions Club, courtesy of United Services)

At a time when children may be aware of escalating tensions between law enforcement and their community, this event provides a safe and fun opportunity for children to recognize the heroes in their every day lives - from parents to grandparents and those in personal or professional support roles, to the first responders, police, and firemen who are there when we need help the most.

Food Pantry preparing for food basket distribution

KILLINGLY — Thanksgiving is around the corner, and Friends of Assisi is preparing for its 26th annual

food basket distribution.

Guidelines are simple. Those needing food baskets must register at the Killingly Library on Friday, Nov. 4, from 9 a.m. to 12 noon, and must be a resident of the Killingly/Brooklyn area with identification for all family members and current proof of address (license or utility bill, etc.).

Individuals or families may only register with an agency/church (lists will be coordinated). Friends of Assisi hopes to take care of approximately 400 families with the help of this generous community. Donations are always welcome.

For more information, please call 774-2310.



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Rep. Christine Rosati Randall receives the 2016 Children's Champion award from Connecticut Early Childhood Alliance Executive Director Merrill Gay and two special presenters at Plainfield Early Child Center.

Randall named 'Children's Champion' by CECA

PLAINFIELD — State Rep. Christine Rosati Randall (D-Killingly, Plainfield) has been named a "Children's Champion" by the Connecticut Early Childhood Alliance at a ceremony at the Plainfield Early Childhood Center.

Randall was recognized for her passion and commitment in addressing issues impacting early childhood.

During her first term, Randall authored a new law that focuses on early intervention screenings to improve outcomes for students and lower the cost of special education for towns. She successfully fought to preserve the funding for local early childhood councils. In addition, Rep. Randall co-sponsored several bills that provide increased protections for the safety of our children.

"The foundation for our children's future is built during the early years," Randall said. "It is important that we look at all issues impacting children and provide the necessary resources to help each child be successful."

Randall has been named a Children's Champion in both 2015 and 2016.

Merrill Gay, Executive Director, CT Early Childhood Alliance, said, "Rep. Randall has been a real champion of issues for young children at the Capitol. We know we can count on her to advocate with her colleagues and leadership to make sure the issues faced by families are heard."

The Connecticut Early Childhood Alliance is a consortium of organizations and individuals committed to improving developmental outcomes in the areas of learning, health, safety and economic security for children ages birth to eight, and their families.

USI breaks ground for new regional behavioral health center

WILLIMANTIC — Congressman Joe Courtney, as well as representatives of Sen. Richard Blumenthal and Sen. Chris Murphy, joined United Services, Inc. President/CEO Diane Manning and other distinguished guests Tuesday, Oct. 18, at a groundbreaking ceremony for a new and expanded United Services Regional Behavioral Health Center.

The project will be largely financed through a low interest \$10 million federal loan made available through the U.S. Department of Agriculture's Community Facility Direct Loan Program.

The \$14 million health center, to be located on the Windham/Mansfield town line, will consolidate children, adult and family behavioral health services in one central location, accessible by public transportation, and allow United Services to address the region's growing need for behavioral health and related services to the area. United Services, Inc., a non-profit health and human service organization providing behavioral health, domestic violence prevention, autism and other vital services for the Windham Region, has an annual operating budget of just \$17 million a year.

In her remarks President & CEO Diane L. Manning thanked the Congressional Delegation for their support as well as local USDA Rural Development officials, noting the pressing behavioral health needs of the region. Since the start of the Great Recession, United Services' Outpatient Mental Health volume has more than doubled - and as of 2016 is now 256 percent the volume of outpatient mental health services provided in 2007, with no end in sight to the increased demand for services.

"Accessible and quality mental



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The shovels are officially planted in to the ground during the groundbreaking for a new and expanded United Services Regional Behavioral Health Center.

health services are some of the most urgent needs in the Windham area, and this new facility will ensure that the people of this region have the support and care they need," Congressman Joe Courtney said. "United Services is on the front lines of providing high quality care in eastern Connecticut, and I am proud to have worked to secure the resources needed to build this new center."

"This major federal loan enables United Social & Mental Health Services to provide expanded high quality behavioral health care and social services to thousands of Windham adults and children," Blumenthal said. "Communities across Connecticut are in dire need of locally-based mental health and addiction services— particularly as our nation's opioid crisis reaches epidemic proportions. I applaud this investment and look forward to continuing to support this important project as it moves forward."

"The mental health care system is broken, and I've made it my mission in the Senate to fix it," said Murphy,

who recently held a Mental Health Roundtable discussion in Willimantic and is a sponsor of the bipartisan Mental Health Reform Act. "I've heard countless stories from folks across Connecticut who are desperate to get access to mental health services. This major federal loan will help United Services build a new center to reach even more families in need across eastern Connecticut."

"We appreciate the leadership of our Congressional delegation in helping to make behavioral health care a higher priority in the nation, and remain hopeful that the State of Connecticut will also become a partner in this long-overdue expansion," said Manning. "Behavioral health care is as important, if not more important, in efforts to maintain healthy bodies and minds, yet public policy and support for mental wellness has yet to receive the same support as physical health."

"Expanding and consolidating these vital services on a public transit line will help ensure improved service to residents of the Windham region, while every dollar invested

in this Regional Health Center can also achieve significant taxpayer savings by diverting care from the more expensive alternatives of hospitals, prisons, and emergency room admissions," added Manning.

Members of Northeast Connecticut's General Assembly delegation who have been trying to secure state matching funds through the State Bond Commission were also on hand. Sen. Cathy Osten, Sen. Tony Guglielmo, Rep. Doug Dubitsky, Rep. Greg Haddad, Rep. Tim Ackert, Rep. Sam Belsito, Rep. Kevin Ryan and Rep. Mike Alberts have all appealed to the Bond Commission on behalf of United Services' efforts to expand access to behavioral health and other services in the Windham Region. United Services still seeks the support of other regional legislators who have yet to offer their support to efforts to secure state funding to help expand mental health services, as well as address major regional mental health funding disparities that leave Northeast Connecticut with 1/10th the per capita resources provided to comparable state-operated Local Mental Health Authorities.

The existing United Services Willimantic clinic space serving adults was constructed in the 1950s and includes space leased from Windham Hospital, while services for children are located at United Services' Columbia center, which is not served by public transit. Neither facility can accommodate the existing or expected growth in demand for services, nor accommodate co-located services for children and families, including services offered by the United Services Center for Autism. Federal Health Care Reform and other government mandates also require that United Services begin offering integrated primary care for clients with Serious Mental Illness, who die, on average, 25 years earlier than the general population due to the additional challenges and complications their treatment requires.

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From left, Joshua Cleaver on bass, Josh Green on acoustic guitar, artisans Brian Tracy and Jan Leitch in background.

Sixth Annual FACES at FAHS a success

CANTERBURY — "High caliber of artisans," "Great variety of mediums," "Loved the music!" "Delicious food at the Café," "Warm and intimate space." These are just a few of the positive comments from attendees and artisans at the 6th Annual FACES at FAHS, which took place on Saturday, Oct. 1.

Close to 200 folks turned out to participate in The Last Green Valley's Walktober event at the historic Finnish Hall, home to the Finnish American Heritage Society, on Route 169 in Canterbury. Visitors from Connecticut, Massachusetts, Rhode Island, Maine, and New York found many treasures and promised to return in 2017 for our seventh event.

The hall has many unique architectural features and levels, all wheelchair accessible, that surprised and delighted the guests. The lower hall, location of the FACES at FAHS Café (ably run by Woodstock's Dale Froehlich) and also featured the tantalizing sounds of accordion music, by Canterbury's own, Mike Kotowski. Demonstrations of wood carving by FAHS members, Ritva Autio, John Harris, and Roy Tapio added additional interest.

The main level of the hall had ample

space for fifteen artisans with a myriad of art works and a stage (dating from 1929) for four artisans, a demonstration on the potter's wheel by Richard Jakowski of Putnam, and musical performances by Joshua Cleaver of Ashford and Josh Green of Middletown. The music, singing accompanied by acoustic guitar and bass, was a blend of traditional and contemporary folk, bluegrass, and country music, which created a wonderful ambiance for the event.

The upper level of the hall houses the Archives, Museum, and Library of FAHS. All were open for tours and two artisans showcased Finnish birch bark crafts and handmade fine art photo cards.

Once again Matthew Froehlich and Mason Scott of Woodstock, carried artisans' works and materials to assist in setting up and striking. These remarkable young men did dou-



Putnam potter Deb Ginter.

ble duty as servers for the FACES at FAHS Café. The FACES Committee and volunteers are composed of both FAHS members and community volunteers. Artisans also aided in publicizing the event on Facebook as well as in their own communities. FAHS is extremely pleased that FACES is continuing to draw people from many communities, both near and far, to not only enjoy the offerings of this particular event, but to raise awareness of the Finnish American Heritage Society as a source of culture, heritage, and a place of friendship, where all are welcome!

Villager Newspapers COMMUNITY SPOTLIGHT

“Shining a light on community events”



October 22, Sat., 5:30pm

The Killingly Grange will begin their dinner and bluegrass winter series with Shady Creek and Bill Thibideau at the Grange, 801 Hartford Pike in Dayville, following a meatloaf dinner with all the fixings. \$8 for the dinner at 5:30, \$12 for the concert at 7pm. Please help support your local grange and help the continuation of bluegrass music.

October 22, Sat., 10:30am-12:30pm

Downton Abbey Tea Party Suffering from Downton Abbey withdrawals? Join us for a tea party and tales of outlandish parties of the fabulously wealthy from Newport's Gilded Age. Registration is required for this event. Killingly Public Library, 25 Westcott Road. Call 860-779-5383 for information or visit our website at www.killinglypl.org

October 22, Sat., 9:30am

Book Club - The Worst Hard Time by Timothy Egan, Bracken Memorial Library, 57 Academy Road, Woodstock.

October 22, Sat., 7pm

Coffeehouse Benefit Concert - Adele & Company, Central Village Congregational Church, 33 Main Street, Central Village. Come enjoy an amazing evening featuring an original musical, Wauregan World, written by Lloyd and Wally Salisbury. Portions of proceeds will go to The Hole in the Wall Gang Camp. Tickets are \$10 adults, \$5 children 5-12, under 5 are free.

October 22, Sat., 6pm - 9pm

PAWS Cat and Kitten Shelter Bingo Night at Charlie Brown Campground, 98 Chaplin Road, Eastford. Starts at 6 with doors open at 5:30. \$10 per person (adult or child)- includes all games. Prizes/gift baskets for the winner of each game. There will be a 50/50 raffle and refreshments to purchase.

October 22, Sat., 5-7pm

The Killingly-Brooklyn Interfaith Council's Roast Pork Dinner at St Joseph's Hall on Hartford Pike, Dayville. Tickets \$12 adults, \$6 children under ten years, available from local churches or at the door. Includes roast pork and gravy, mashed potatoes, glazed carrots, and home made apple sauce and tables of desserts! Music by "Dragonfly Diversion."

October 22, Sat., 9:30

Book club at Bracken Memorial Library, 57 Academy Road, Woodstock.

October 22, Sat., 9am - 4pm

St. Stephens Flea Market, 130 Old Turnpike Rd. Quinebaug. Rental Space available \$20 w/table. For info call Ronnie 860-753-1767

October 22, Sat., 9am-3pm

Fall Craft Fair & Bake Sale, rain or shine, at Lighthouse Church of God, 33 Plainfield Pike, Plainfield. Vendor tables available for \$25. Call 860-608-2757 for more info.

October 22, Sat., 11am-3pm

Sterling Agricultural Commission's 3rd annual Sterling Farm Day at the Sterling Ball field at Sterling Road & Main St. Fall produce will be available, plus farm animals, harvest games, contests, and plenty of great food!

October 23, Sun., 12noon

East Woodstock Congregational Church Auction at 220 Woodstock Rd., East Woodstock. Bidding numbers for live and silent auction items \$5. A brown bag lunch served at 11:15 for \$5. Preview 11:15 until 12noon. Free babysitting available with a children's activity. Auction items include antiques, furniture, gift certificates, artwork, and vacation rental in Rhode Island, legal services, local goods, services.

October 24, Mon., 7-8:30pm

Pomfret Library hosts local writing teacher Christine Kalafus in an adult beginners' creative

writing workshop series on Also on Thursdays, November 3 and 10, from 7:00 pm until 8:30 pm. The workshop is free. Registration is required at www.pomfretlibrary.org, by clicking on the calendar, or call 860-928-3475.

October 25, Tues., 10:30am-11:15am

The Pomfret Senior Center is offering Tai Chi for core strength and balance. Open to all area seniors. This is a free program, however donations are welcome. 860-928-7459. The Center is located at 207 Mashamoquet Road (Route 44) in Pomfret.

October 25, Tues., 8pm

Free Movie at the Community Center on Broad Street in Killingly, the newly released GHOSTBUSTERS! Bring a carved pumpkin for judging.

October 25, Tues., 6-7:30pm

cRIPT Research and Investigation team of the paranormal will be here to discuss the spirit realm. Sure to be a creepy good time! Killingly Public Library, 25 Westcott Road. Call 860-779-5383 for further information or visit our website at www.killinglypl.org

October 25, Tues., 12:15pm

Movie- "Young Frankenstein." Open to all area seniors. 860-928-7459. The Center is located at 207 Mashamoquet Road (Route 44) in Pomfret.

October 26, Wed., 10:15am

Walking Club. Join the walking club on Wednesdays as they enjoy the beautiful scenery as they stroll the Airline Trail. Open to all area seniors. 860-928-7459. The Center is located at 207 Mashamoquet Road (Route 44) in Pomfret.

October 26, Wed., 10:30am

A flu clinic is being held at the Pomfret Senior Center. The cost of the immunization should be covered by your health insurance. The cost without health insurance is \$25. The pneumonia

immunization will also be available. Open to all area residents. 860-928-7459. The Center is located at 207 Mashamoquet Road (Route 44) in Pomfret.

October 27, Thurs., 10:30am

Blood Pressure Clinic- Free Blood Pressure Screening starts at 10:30am. Open to all area seniors. 860-928-7459. The Center is located at 207 Mashamoquet Road (Route 44) in Pomfret.

October 27, Thurs., 2pm

Putnam Seniors Club meets second and fourth Thursdays at VFW, 207 Providence Street, Putnam. Dues are \$6 per year. Penny social/bingo after the meeting. Monthly luncheons and shopping at different locations.

October 27, Thurs., 12:30pm

The Pomfret Senior Center will visit Taylor Brooke Winery in Woodstock for an afternoon of socializing and wine tasting. We will be leaving the center at 12:30pm Open to all area seniors. 860-928-7459. The Center is located at 207 Mashamoquet Road (Route 44) in Pomfret.

October 27, Thurs., 1:00pm

Yoga at the Senior Center. Open to all area seniors. 860-928-7459. The Center is located at 207 Mashamoquet Road (Route 44) in Pomfret.

October 27, Thurs., 7pm

Concert to Honor Our Veterans - in the Killingly High School Auditorium. This concert will feature the Symphonic Band and Concert Choir of KHS. It is a FREE Concert!!

October 28, Fri., noon-8pm

Knights of Columbus Council 2087 will hold a Friday fish fry, in the Knights Hall, 1017 Riverside Drive, North Grosvenordale. Fish and chips (\$10); baked haddock or bay scallops (\$11); fried clams (\$14); combo platters (\$14-17), and more. 860-923-2967, council2087@att.net.

This page is designed to shine a light on upcoming local nonprofit, educational and community events. Submissions are limited to 50 words or less and are FREE to qualifying organizations, schools, churches and town offices. To submit your event contact: Teri Stohlberg at 860-928-1818 ext. 105, or teri@villagernewspapers.com. Deadline for submission is Friday at Noon



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

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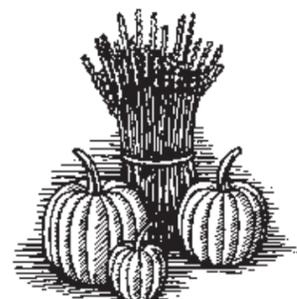


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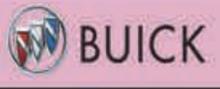
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YOUR PRICE \$13,988
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CENTRAL NEW ENGLAND'S BEST PRE-OWNED PRICES AND SELECTION!!

2012 GMC ACADIA SLT

 All wheel drive, leather, heated seats, moonroof, one owner
YOUR PRICE \$15,988
 ORIG. MSRP OVER \$24,000

<p>2004 CHEVY COLORADO LS EXT. CAB ONLY 60,000 MILES, ONE OWNER, ALLOY WHEELS, FULL POWER, LIKE NEW #CA16784A YOUR PRICE \$9,988</p>	<p>2011 CHEVY EQUINOX LS SPORT UTILITY, ALL WHEEL DRIVE, FULL POWER, LOW MILES, ONE OWNER, #TR17013A YOUR PRICE \$12,988</p>	<p>2014 CHEVY CRUZE LT SEDAN, AUTOMATIC, REMOTE START, ONE OWNER, LOW MILES, #P316 YOUR PRICE \$13,988</p>	<p>2011 CHEVY TRAVERSE LT 8 PASSENGER, FULL POWER, ALLOY WHEELS, EXCELLENT CONDITION #SI16560A YOUR PRICE \$13,988</p>	<p>2014 CHEVY CAPTIVA SPORT UTILITY, LEATHER, MOONROOF, HEATED SEATS, #EQ16191A YOUR PRICE \$14,988</p>	<p>CERTIFIED PRE-OWNED • 6 YEAR 70,000 MILE BUMPER TO BUMPER WARRANTY • 0.9% FINANCING • 1 YEAR FREE OnStar</p>		
<p>2011 BUICK LACROSSE CXL LEATHER, HEATED SEATS, LOW MILES, ONE OWNER, #LA16688A YOUR PRICE \$14,988</p>	<p>2013 BUICK VERANO AUTOMATIC, LOW MILES, ONE OWNER, ALLOY WHEELS, KEYLESS ENTRY, #P287 YOUR PRICE \$14,988</p>	<p>2011 CHEVY CAMARO LT RS COUPE, LEATHER, AUTOMATIC, MOONROOF, LOW MILES, #EQ161288 YOUR PRICE \$15,988</p>	<p>2013 NISSAN ROGUE SL ALL WHEEL DRIVE, ONE OWNER, LOW MILES, LEATHER, HEATED SEATS, MOONROOF, NAVIGATION, #P293A YOUR PRICE \$16,988</p>	<p>2012 GMC SIERRA EXT. CAB 4X4 SLE 1500 SERIES, Z71, 8 CYLINDER #TK16597A YOUR PRICE \$16,988</p>		<p>2014 CADILLAC ATS SEDAN LUXURY COLLECTION ALL WHEEL DRIVE, LEATHER, MOONROOF, NAVIGATION, HEATED SEATS, STK #P299 ORIGINAL MSRP \$45,682 YOUR PRICE \$22,988</p>	<p>2013 CADILLAC CTS LUXURY COLLECTION SEDAN ALL WHEEL DRIVE, ONE OWNER, LOW MILES, ULTRAVIEW MOONROOF, NAVIGATION, HEATED SEATS, STK #P299 YOUR PRICE \$26,988</p>
<p>2013 BUICK REGAL CXL ALL WHEEL DRIVE, TURBO, LEATHER, MOONROOF, HEATED SEATS, CHROME WHEELS, #R171A YOUR PRICE \$17,988</p>	<p>2002 FORD THUNDERBIRD CONVERTIBLE ONE OWNER, TRIPLE BLACK, ONLY 32,000 MILES, MOONROOF, NAVIGATION, HEATED COOLED SEATS, CHROME WHEELS, STK #P218 YOUR PRICE \$17,988</p>	<p>2015 CHEVY TRAX LT SUV ALL WHEEL DRIVE, LOW MILES, ALLOY WHEELS #P138 ORIGINAL MSRP \$26,900 YOUR PRICE \$18,988</p>	<p>2015 TOYOTA TACOMA 4X4 ACCESS CAB, ONE OWNER, LIKE NEW, SAVE THOUSANDS, #TK16825A YOUR PRICE \$21,998</p>	<p>2011 CHEVY SILVERADO 4X4 LT 1500, EXT. CAB, ONE OWNER, ALLOY WHEELS, #TC16408A YOUR PRICE \$21,988</p>		<p>2015 CADILLAC SRX ONLY 6,000 MILES, LEATHER, ONE OWNER, STK #X171616A YOUR PRICE \$28,988</p>	<p>2013 CADILLAC XTS PREMIUM COLLECTION, ALL WHEEL DRIVE, ULTRAVIEW MOONROOF, CUE NAVIGATION, HEATED/COOLED SEATS, STK #P290 ORIGINAL MSRP \$63,550 YOUR PRICE \$32,988</p>
<p>2015 GMC SAVANA 2500 CARGO VANS ONLY 9,000 MILES, 8 CYL, 510 CHOICE FROM #P237 YOUR PRICE \$21,988</p>	<p>2013 BUICK LACROSSE SEDAN PREMIUM EDITION, ALL WHEEL DRIVE, ONE OWNER, LOW MILES, ULTRAVIEW MOONROOF, NAVIGATION, HEATED/COOLED SEATS, CHROME WHEELS, STK #P218 ORIGINAL MSRP \$44,699 YOUR PRICE \$22,988</p>	<p>2014 CHEVY IMPALA LTZ SEDAN, LEATHER, MOONROOF, HEATED/COOLED SEATS, LOW MILES, #LA16727A YOUR PRICE \$24,988</p>	<p>2013 GMC TERRAIN DENALI ALL WHEEL DRIVE, LEATHER, MOONROOF, NAVIGATION, 6 CYLINDER, ONE OWNER, #YK16505A YOUR PRICE \$24,988</p>	<p>2012 CHEVY SUBURBAN 2500 4X4 LT, 7 PASSENGER, MOONROOF, NAVIGATION, DVD, #TS16265A YOUR PRICE \$25,988</p>		<p>2014 CADILLAC ELR COUPE ELECTRIC VEHICLE, NEVER USE FUEL AGAIN, ONLY 5,000 MILES, LEATHER, HEATED SEATS, STK #R941 ORIGINAL MSRP \$77,690 YOUR PRICE \$39,988</p>	<p>2013 CADILLAC ESCALADE ESV LEATHER, MOONROOF, NAVIGATION, HEATED/COOLED SEATS, ONE 7.3LIT MILES ORIGINAL MSRP \$78,090 YOUR PRICE \$47,988</p>
<p>2014 FORD F150 4X4 SUPERCAB STX, ONE OWNER, LOW MILES, #SI16651A YOUR PRICE \$28,988</p>	<p>2015 CHEVY SILVERADO 1500 LT DOUBLE CAB LOW MILES, ALLOY WHEELS, #TE161198 YOUR PRICE \$28,988</p>	<p>2013 GMC YUKON 4X4 SLT EDITION 8 PASSENGER, MOONROOF, HEATED SEATS, #YS1503A YOUR PRICE \$29,988</p>	<p>2015 GMC SIERRA 1500 SLE 4X4 DOUBLE CAB ONE OWNER, FULL POWER, LOW MILES, #IM167398 YOUR PRICE \$29,988</p>	<p>2014 JEEP GRAND CHEROKEE LTD ALL WHEEL DRIVE, LEATHER, MOONROOF, HEATED SEATS, ONE OWNER, #IM16358B YOUR PRICE \$29,988</p>			