

Biomass advocate in the Quiet Corner



Jeff Hollowell is hoping to change the world with Biomass Control's sanitation solutions.

BY OLIVIA RICHMAN
NEWS STAFF WRITER

WOODSTOCK — When Jeff Hollowell found out that his two sons had asthma, he started asking himself, “How can we make the air cleaner?” And as an engineer and businessman, Hollowell knew he had to find the answer. He wasn’t yet aware that he’d soon be part of a sanitation that improves the lives of entire villages and cities as CEO of Biomass Controls.

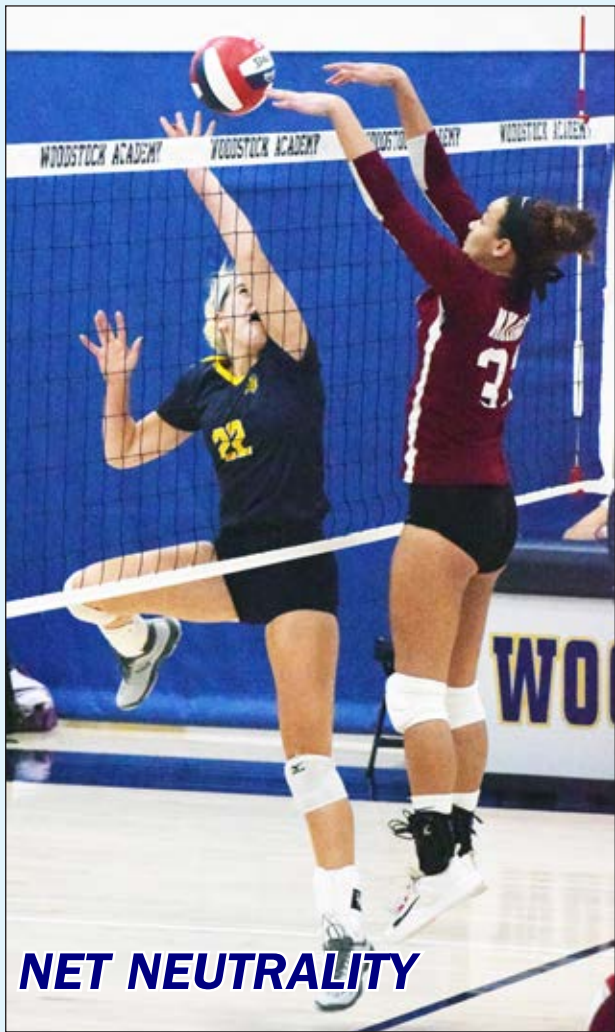
Located out of Putnam, Biomass Controls creates biogenic refineries that, simply put, take human waste and create clean drinking water, energy and other useful materials. This is a very important sanitation solution for third world countries, remote villages, and other places that are lacking public toilets and sewage systems.

Hollowell is hoping to change the world with his team, including some plans for the Quiet Corner in the future.

What is Biomass Controls working on right now?

For now, our eyes are on India, where Prime Minister

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NET NEUTRALITY

Charlie Lentz photo

WOODSTOCK — Woodstock Academy’s Natalie Low, left, and Killingly High’s Trinity Angel, battle at the net on Saturday, Oct. 27. Woodstock topped Killingly to lift its record to 20-0. The Centaurs are ranked No. 1 in the state in Class L and begin the first round of the state tournament on Monday, Nov. 5. High school sports coverage begins on page B-1 of today’s Villager.

Talking train history in Danielson

BY OLIVIA RICHMAN
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DANIELSON — Join the Killingly Historical and Genealogical Society for a special presentation at the Killingly Historical Center: Trains of Yesteryear. On Nov. 3 at 1:30 p.m., the public is

invited to learn more about the importance of trains throughout Connecticut – and the country’s – history, featuring guest speaker Pieter Roose of the Connecticut Eastern Railroad Museum.

Twice a year, the Historical Society features an interest-

ing speaker at the Killingly Historical Center to help residents learn more about what the society does, and the history that shapes their current surroundings.

The trains are of special interest because there are train tracks just a few blocks away

from the Killingly Historical Center, although many people don’t even know this.

“Transportation is a topic that people should know about,” said Vice President Kiara Holmes. “It’s how you get to your job. It’s how you get to family gatherings. It’s a cru-

cial part of your life, but history-wise it’s very neglected.”

In an area where cars are the main modes of transportation, how we got to that point is often forgotten. Despite the big role they play in history, trains

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Book sale binds community

BY OLIVIA RICHMAN
NEWS STAFF WRITER

PUTNAM — Over last weekend the Friends of the Putnam Public Library sold over \$200 worth of books at their fall book sale. Thanks to the generosity of the community — and the crowds from the Great Pumpkin Festival — money was raised for the library’s programs and materials.

The \$200 profit was impressive with hardcovers at the sale for only \$1, and paperbacks are just 50 cents. That’s a lot of books sold.

“It was an amazing day,” said Library Director Priscilla Colwell. “We had 526 people in the building because of the Pumpkin Festival. It was wild for those five hours. We had people everywhere. It was just one part of the general craziness that is Pumpkin Festival day. But it was wonderful, just great.”

There were many reasons the large crowd benefited the library. One being – raising money. The Friends, a 501c3 nonprofit organization, uses these fundraisers to help provide materials and programs for the library that benefit the community. This year, the money raised by the Friends helped with the Teen Summer Reading Program’s weekly prizes and the musical per-

formance at the kickoff event in June.

The money also went towards the library’s plastic bags, their movie viewings every last Saturday of the month, and some children’s programs.

But while the main purpose is to sell books, the crowd meant even more to the library than that.

“We want people to know that the Book Nook is there,” said Colwell. That’s the book store down in the library’s basement, where the book sale was held. “It’s just a wonderful way to recycle books and support the library.”

The books are also at very low prices, even the ones that are brand new. It’s a great place to find gifts, or your next favorite book.

Colwell herself has purchased many books at the Book Nook, most of them non-fiction.

“I’m a real non-fiction buff,” she said with a laugh. “I just read so many.”

She noted that sometimes people will even buy books at the Book Nook, read them, and then donate them back to the store. The Friends can then resell the book, helping raise more money for the library and keeping the books available to the public.

People just don’t like

throwing away books, said Colwell.

“We’re so happy when the community shows up and shows their support,” Colwell said. “It’s a wonderful thing. We just want to give the community good service, programming and staffing.”

The library is not just about books, another reason that the library is always pleased to provide more programs and services through these fundraisers. They’re a community gathering place. You can use the Internet. Apply for jobs. Get help

with tablets or phones.

“We’re not just about books,” said Colwell. “But we love books.”

If you missed the first book sale, be on the lookout for a Book Nook sale in December. Everything will be half off, making paperbacks only 25 cents

and hardcover books 50 cents.

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BEWITCHING NIGHT IN PUTNAM

PUTNAM – Putnam Public Library Circulation Supervisor Mary Jo Abt gets in the spirit for Putnam’s Trick-Or-Treating night on Friday, Oct. 26.

Olivia Richman photo

Teed at Danielson vets coffeehouse

DANIELSON — The Tuesday Morning Danielson Veterans Coffeehouse speaker on Nov. 6 is Mike Teed, Killingly Business Association. The Danielson Veterans Coffeehouse morning edition has moved back to our regular venue at 185 Broad Street in Killingly. The coffeehouse opens at 8:30 a.m. for social time with coffee and buffet, The meeting formally opens at 9:15 a.m. with announcements and then the guest speaker program will begin at 9:30 a.m.

The guest at the Nov. 6 Evening Coffeehouse is Linda Colangelo. Colangelo will do a Veteran's Day Tribute with a medley of patriotic songs. Colangelo started singing the

National Anthem at sporting events while a freshman in high school and says she was "hooked for life." Since then, she has performed at hundreds of venues throughout New England. She was the lead female vocalist in a number of local bands, including the popular "Coachmen" in the early eighties. She has also performed at The Bradley Playhouse in Putnam and The Hyde Cultural Center in Woodstock in numerous theatrical productions, many of which she has written for charitable causes. She currently performs with the group "Local Vocal." When not performing or volunteering in the Quiet Corner, Colangelo can be found at the Northeast District Department of

Health in Brooklyn, where she serves as their Education and Communications Coordinator. In that role, she coordinated a large-scale Fall Prevention Exposition at the Veterans Stand Down Event at Quinebaug Valley Community College in June and will organize another expo for veterans in 2019. She proudly wears the dog tags of her beloved, late father, Bert Colangelo, who served in the United States Army. In her own words, Linda offers this sentiment: "For the veterans I am honored to know today, and for the countless ones I never had the chance to thank...every freedom I enjoy is owed to you. My deep, abiding, gratitude is best expressed in performing the songs that lifted and inspired

you in times of service – and those that still stir your memory. It is a privilege to perform for you."

The Nov 6th Evening Coffeehouse is open to all veterans and a guest. The evening coffeehouse will continue to be at St. John Lutheran Church 190 Wauregan Road, Danielson. The evening coffeehouse opens at 7 p.m. For information and questions about the Danielson Veterans Coffeehouse see our facebook page "Danielson Veterans Coffeehouse" or our website dvcoffeehouse.com you may also call Fred Ruhlemann at (860) 428-4299.

November events with QVCC

DANIELSON — Quinebaug Valley Community College has a variety of free community events in the month of November.

On Wednesday, Nov. 7 – Financial Aid Night, 5:30 p.m. Kim Rich, QVCC Director of Financial Aid, will

present important information to help you make the important decisions about paying for a college education. Topics include: Funding Your College Education, Sources and Types of Financial Aid, How to Complete the FAFSA and Common Questions of Misconceptions about Financing College. This is open to anyone interested in attending any college and parents of high school seniors.

On Thursday, Nov. 8 – Waiting for Yoko Ono: Spoken Word Series, 6 p.m. The QVCC Fine Arts Department and the

QVCC Cultural Programming Committee present Waiting for Yoko: A Celebration of Faculty Authors featuring Faculty Cindi Brassington and Jonathan Andersen. Both will be reading from their latest publications. An open mic follows the featured performances. This show is the latest in the popular Waiting for Yoko Spoken Word Series and is open to the public.

On Friday, Nov. 9 – Veteran's Day Celebration, 2 p.m. Join the college as it celebrates veterans. After a ceremony in the QVCC Auditorium, guests are invited to spend time in the Veterans Garden, where 38 new bricks will be dedicated and for the opening of the Veterans Connection Photo Exhibit, in the SPIROL Art Gallery.


On Wednesday, Nov. 14 – Fall Open House, 6 p.m.

Prospective students can learn about our 50 degree and certificate programs and meet with the faculty who teach the courses. There will be a \$1,000 scholarship given to one student who has applied on or before Nov. 14, attends open house and enrolls at QVCC for either the spring or fall 2019 semester.

On Wednesday, Nov. 21 – Alumni Mixer – Courthouse Bar and Grill in Putnam, 6:30 p.m. QVCC alumni are encouraged to attend for a night of networking and reconnecting to the college. QVCC graduates of all ages are invited to enjoy food, drinks, and good company in downtown Putnam.

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Pat Boyd

Name: Pat Boyd

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Background/ Qualifications:
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What makes you the best candidate for this position?
Over the last two years I proved myself as an independent legislator who has a demonstrated leadership ability to bring people together. We are at our best when we compromise to solve serious problems. I had a major role in ending the Governor's executive order and forcing a bipartisan budget agreement that for the first time brought Connecticut fiscal restraint in the form

of a Constitutional spending cap, a bonding cap and a volatility cap.

What differentiates you from your opponent(s)?
Unlike many other candidates across the country, I have taken a nonpartisan approach to law making. I have walked the walk and I have a voting record to prove it. While serving as a Board Member of the Pomfret Fire District we have been able to eliminate our debt, hold taxes flat and invest in the future. What we do on the local level is a model for what needs to happen on the State level.

What is your vision for the future?
Connecticut has many favorable attributes and we must get our fiscal house in order to realize the potential. Right now, in Connecticut manufacturing is up and business owners are struggling to find a qualified workforce to meet the demand. My vision for CT would be a State that invests in the workforce pipeline, becomes competitive with other northeastern states and is a State that is Pro-Business AND Pro-Worker. Two environments that are not mutually exclusive.



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Chen promoted at Weiss, Hale & Zahansky

POMFRET CENTER — Shandy Chen recently was appointed to the newly created position of Manager, Portfolio Analytics & Operations. Shandy joined Weiss, Hale & Zahansky Strategic Wealth Advisors team in June 2017 as the lead of client operations and will continue to manage the operations team, but in a more strategic role. In his time with the company, Chen has passed finance industry FINRA Series 7 and 66 exams. He has showed an exceptional ability to provide the best experience for clients. As Manager, Portfolio Analytics & Operations, Chen will focus on investment-oriented portfolio analytical elements. In particular, he will be tasked with measuring investment performance, conducting investment research, and bringing outcomes from our quarterly Investment Committee to ensure our clients continue to “Invest Well.”

“Shandy’s ability to analyze and solve problems has surpassed our expectations since he joined us in June of last year. This promotion and the newly created role recognize the great work he has done and now as a Manager, will be able to provide an even greater benefit to our clients going forward,” said Principal and Managing Partner, Jim Zahansky.



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Trick or treat night in Putnam

PUTNAM – Putnam’s infamous Downtown Trick-Or-Treating on Friday, Oct. 26, had families walking down Main Street, picking up candy from various participating storefronts. It’s a chance for families to show off their costumes.



Richard Thompson as a (stilted) Dementor, accompanied by daughter Harper, dressed as Harry Potter.

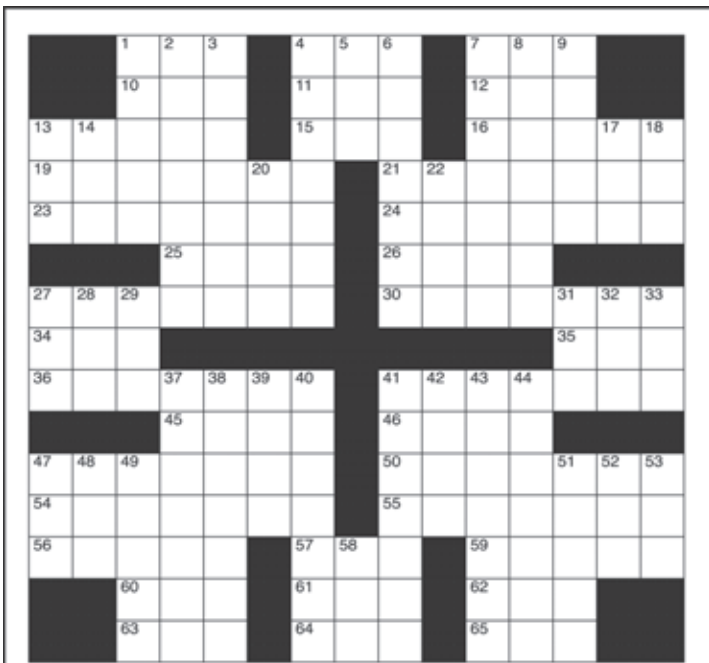


“We come every year,” said Matt, pictured with son Gabriel Mooney. “It’s better than Halloween.”



Greyson Fuller as the Marshmallow Man goes Trick or Treating with father Tim.

Olivia Richman photos



- CLUES ACROSS
1. Expresses weights (abbr.)

4. Pounds per square inch

7. Central Time

10. One who speaks for others

11. Aussie TV station

12. Swiss river

13. A way to improve

15. Awesome!

16. Appeal to

19. Satisfy

21. The Emerald Isle

23. Quick passages

24. Love of humankind

25. Fleshy beak covering

26. Type of sword

27. Basketball stat

30. Makes unhappy

34. The Princess can feel it

35. Bar bill

36. Of one

41. Prom accessory

45. Jai __, sport

46. Assist in wrongdoing

47. Small hill

50. Erases

54. Fill with motivation

55. Part of your face

56. Novelist Coelho

57. Francisco is one

59. Narrow space between two buildings

60. Soak

61. Proofreading mark

62. A baglike structure in a plant or animal

63. Time zone

64. Midway between northeast and east

65. Baseball stat
- CLUES DOWN
1. Sharp mountain ridge

2. Types of lenses

3. Informs

4. Partial paralysis

5. Helps little firms

6. Alphabetical lists

7. Danced about

8. Set out

9. Trick’s partner

13. Second sight

14. Disfigure

17. Comedienne Gasteyer

18. Tooth caregiver

20. Wrongful act

22. __ Nui, Easter Island

27. Away from

28. Member of Congress (abbr.)

29. Car mechanics group

31. When you plan to get there.

32. Bother incessantly

33. One point east of due south

37. Small giveaways

38. “MASH” actor Gould

39. A type of habitat

40. Refined delicacy

41. Inflection of the voice

42. Follow orders

43. Discharge

44. Of the stars

47. Briefly place into

48. Present in all living cells (abbr.)

49. Take illegally by force

51. Genus of moth

52. Midway between east and southeast

53. Bashful

58. French river



The Jacques family shows off their Mario Kart-themed costume collection.



“This is awesome,” said the costumed Charbonneau family.



Lucia and Chris Ariz in giant dinosaur and gorilla suits.



The Labonte and Beausoleil families get into the spirit.

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NECONN soccer results

CJSA NE District Jamboree: NECONN U10 and U9 girls were undefeated at the district jamboree at Star Hill in Tolland on Saturday October 27th.

U10 Girls: NECONN opened the day with a 2-0 win over Columbia Windham. The match was extremely physical but NECONN used their speed and a strong defensive performance to win the game. Annabelle DaSilva and Ashley Boudreau held Columbia Windham's all star striker scoreless. Amber Sherman scored both goals for NECONN. Lorelai Fish made some key saves in goal to earn her first of two shutouts for the day.

Next up was a 3-0 win against Willington/Ashford/Mansfield. Sherman continued her dominating performance notching a hat trick. Charlotte Caisse, Nyla Magalhaes, and Avery Grant all made strong runs up from the back to support Sherman on the attack.

NECONN finished the day with a 4-2 win over Ellington. Amber Sherman

and Rita Rawcliffe combined to score NECONN's goals. Journee Scott used her tenacity to cause major disruptions in the Ellington midfield which helped NECONN push numbers forward.

U9 Girls: NECONN handily defeated their opponents in all 3 games at the Jamboree. Kaitlyn Teal of Woodstock put on a offensive show scoring 7 goals. Kezlee Baker and Scarlett Beliveau Coyle also added goals for NECONN. Addison Shaw, Ella Nagle, Erin Park, and Kaylee Letourneau played strong on defense. Erin Russell, Danika Beliveau Coyle, and Grace Rose Carpenter all notched shutouts in goal. The team looks to finish their undefeated season on November 3rd against QVASA.



The NECONN U10 girls: top row: Annabelle Dasilva, Amber Sherman. Sitting: Lorelai Fish, Charlotte Caisse, Nyla Magalhaes, Avery Grant, Rita Rawcliffe, Ashley Boudreau. Kneeling: Nyla Magalhaes, Journee Scott.

Grant helps teens learn leadership



A grant helped teens at Windham Tolland 4-H Camp. Tyler Waterman, left, from Southbury and Ben Torre, right, from Brooklyn took part.

Early this year, the Windham-Tolland 4-H Camp was awarded a \$5,000 grant by Staples Foundation, through a program called 2 Million & Change. This program allows Staples associates around the globe to direct more than 2 million dollars in donations each year to not for profits they support. Camp Director, Heather Logee, was very excited to receive this funding to enhance the leadership training aspect of Windham Tolland's 4-H camp program. She was able to purchase leadership activity supplies and curriculum materials and to contract with Kim Aycock, MSTs, to conduct a series of three interactive workshops this year with camper teens . Kim is a North Carolina educator who has more than 30 years experience in year-round

and seasonal summer camp positions and as a middle/high school and college level teacher.

The first participants in this training were a group of 12 teens who were participating in the Teen Republic meeting in April. This group provides camper teens an opportunity to connect during the off season without technology and focuses on building leadership skills and community service. The second group to benefit were the teen leaders for the 2018 camp season as part of their staff orientation week. This program is open to teens who have completed 9th, 10th or 11th grades. Sixty teens participated this year, assigned to work with cabin counselors and assisting counselors in the 15 different activity programs that are offered during camp weeks.

Teen Weekend, held from October 19-21 at the camp. Thirty teens were in attendance at this two day event, which offered hiking, pumpkin carving, cupcake decorating, community service project work at camp, choosing theme weeks for camp next year and leadership training. After Kim's workshop on Saturday morning, each participant had three different chances to lead a group of their peers in some way during the rest of the day. Kim asked each of the teens to reflect on what leaders in their lives look like to them, to reflect on what qualities are needed for leadership and friendship skill building, and to think about how each of them could be leaders among their peers and family. Her mantra is everyone can become a

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Scarecrows on Thompson Common

THOMPSON – This is the last weekend to vote on the spectacular spooky scarecrows on the Thompson Common. The contest allowed residents to show off their creativity while giving them the chance to beautify the common for fall.



“My Kitty Cat”

Families can take pictures on the Town Common’s pumpkin fall display.

Olivia Richman photos



A classic scarecrow



The Grinch made an appearance, complete with a map.



“Cowboy Stormtrooper”



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“The Graduate”

Spooky scenes in Pomfret



BY OLIVIA RICHMAN
NEWS STAFF WRITER

POMFRET – The Carter Family Farm has over 1,000 carved pumpkins. And that’s not counting the plastic ones. There’s animatronics, spooky scenes, and almost 50 jug skeletons. So why have the Carter brothers been decorating their walkway for Halloween to the extreme for almost 50 years?

“We love scaring people,” said John Carter, who runs the farm with his brother, Jimmy. “It’s fun to watch them go, ‘Aaah.’ ”

Fair enough. That’s what Halloween is all about after all.

Since the 70s, the Carter Family Farm has been creating a Halloween horror-land for the Quiet Corner to come and experience up until the day after Halloween. It’s become a well-known tradition for many families in the surrounding towns, and there’s always something new to see.

Back when they started getting Trick or Treaters, the brothers had a dummy that would swing out of a tree halfway up their dark driveway. Seeing the kids react to the scare inspired them to keep doing more. It just grew and grew “until we had this.”

Now, there are 1,015 carved pumpkins, and over 400 plastic ones. There are 46 milk jug skeletons hanging throughout the property, including six aliens. There’s 40 glowing aliens in one area of the walk-through, and there’s also a vampire bunny and frog.

“This year, I made a spider skeleton,” said Carter with a chuckle.



“Around the corner we have some gory scenes, including a guy getting cut in half with a two-person saw. There’s also a deer head on a lawn mower. Underneath the lawn mower there’s hands and feet sticking out. This is the deer’s revenge. He’s running someone over.”

So how do the brothers come up with these spectacularly spooky displays?

“My warped sense of humor,” said Carter with a laugh.

And how do they set all this up in time for Halloween?

Well, the brothers start putting together all the displays at the beginning of October. John sets up the scenes and his brother sets up the pumpkin displays. The 1,000s of pumpkins are carved by volunteers, who have left their names over the years.

“We call them when the pumpkins are here,” explained Carter. “They come and take them home, have a carving party, then they bring them back to be put on display and lit up.”

Seeing the community come together to help out with their free Halloween attraction has really warmed the brothers’ hearts. They even have people come to help them set up.

“People come here to meet friends or make new friends and to get scared,” he said.

On Halloween night, the Carter Family Farm can see upwards of 400 visitors or more.

“It’s a unique experience,” said Carter. “There’s a lot of pumpkins.”



Courtesy photos

The Carter Family Farm in Pomfret decorates for Halloween.


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On Voting

This is not an editorial about politics. This is not a column written in support of a candidate. This is not even about any particular upcoming election or issue or policy. This is actually an editorial just about voting.

For most of us, voting isn’t super exciting. It’s not a holiday around which we can theme a cook-out or picnic or party. No one wishes anyone a Happy Election Day and children definitely do not clamor to be taken to the polls to watch the voting process. But wouldn’t it be terrific if they did? What if we treated elections the way we treat Super Bowl Sunday? What if we made it the “Big Deal” that it truly is? Why don’t all Americans LOVE voting? Does voting need a marketing make-over? Maybe so.

Think about it: your vote is your voice. It is your most powerful way to decisively state your preference. No one can or should influence your vote. Your vote is an actual, documented and counted opinion. It’s better than a Facebook “like”, or a retweet or a swipe. It means even more than holding a sign, or having a bumper sticker, signing an online petition, or sending an email.

Voting, in our country, is a right. It cannot be taken from you. Throughout American history, it has been fought for, debated, argued, amended and signed into law...for YOU. What was once a privilege restricted to a single, narrow segment of the population is now a freedom that all Americans are literally born with

Yet for many, voting is a guilt-driven, exasperating “why do I have to do this?” burdensome task. It’s one more thing to do on a busy work day and inspires inner arguments: “What if the lines are long?” “I can’t stand any of these politicians!” “Should I vote for or against Issue whatever?” “I don’t want to admit how LITTLE I really know about anything on the ballot.” In the same spirit of granting Election Day a status equal to major football games, what’s needed is just a little pre-game prep. You wouldn’t predict your Super Bowl winner without at least knowing the teams’ records. Do the same with those candidates and issues! We have so much information at our fingertips today, including right here in the newspaper you are reading. You know more than you think.

Along with voting, we are granted the right to express opinions. Active, engaged citizens can and do discuss issues and situations and very often disagree with one another. Voting is the civilized expression of putting action behind words. Anyone can speak an opinion. Anyone can also vote in matters relating to that opinion. If someone chooses NOT to vote, their opinion, while no less valid, is nonetheless wasted. Your vote is your choice to use your voice...and to truly make it heard.

On Tuesday, November 6, don’t sit this one out. Your vote is REAL. It is counted. It matters. VOTE!

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Opinion and commentary from the Quiet Corner

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Coderre’s history troubles Putnam reader

I have long been a supporter of Senator Mae Flexer for her work on so many issues, but especially her incredible record of accomplishment in giving voice to women’s and domestic violence issues. She is undoubtedly the leading voice in state government when it comes to confronting the disappointingly persistent problems of domestic violence in our culture.

It is therefore truly stunning, almost unbelievable, that I read in the Hartford Courant that Senator Flexer’s opponent in this year’s election, David Coderre, has been arrested multiple times for domestic violence incidents, including hitting his ex-wife in the head and violating a restraining order. This kind of behavior is entirely unacceptable for a would-be public official.

If Coderre represents the 29th district in Hartford what kind of example does that set for the men and women of our state. Will he continue the ongoing work to protect victims? With his history I doubt this issue

would be on his agenda.

The fact that Mr. Coderre is challenging Senator Flexer, who has won bipartisan accolades for her work on domestic violence, should be insulting to every voter. Republicans should have known better and Mr. Coderre should take responsibility for his actions.

CYNTHIA DUNNE
PUTNAM

(Editor’s note: Coderre acknowledged the arrests, two for disorderly conduct and one for violating a restraining order in 2011, and one for willful trespass at the Rhode Island home of his ex-wife in May 2017. The first three arrests, which occurred in Connecticut during the five-month period between January and May 2011, were erased after Coderre completed a court-mandated family violence program. The fourth arrest was dismissed in 3rd District Court in Warwick, R.I., in June 2017.)

Dauphinais supports freedoms

After meeting Anne Dauphinais at a Town Hall meeting in Killingly I quickly realized a couple important things about her and what she stands for. She is a strong supporter of the freedoms that were bestowed upon us by our founding fathers and is also a supporter of governmental fiscal responsibility. In a time when our liberties are being slowly stripped away from us we need more elected officials like Anne who will work to protect our freedoms not only at the state level but also at the local and federal levels.

We also need representatives who understand the burdens that high taxes have on all the working families and will work to reduce

our tax burden. Our state government does not have a revenue problem; it has what I call a ‘spend then tax’ problem. Higher taxes and tolls will not correct this issue they will only make it even more difficult to turn around the financial crisis our state is in. I cannot support a candidate who wants to increase the tax burden that will be placed on the backs of Connecticut’s working families for generations which is one of the many reasons why I support Anne Dauphinais — a working dad.

JASON ANDERSON
DAYVILLE

Coderre will make tough decisions

It is a real pleasure that I forward this letter of endorsement of David Coderre, candidate for State Senator in the 29th Senatorial District of Connecticut. The State of Connecticut is in a very tough financial condition. We need change. We need people who will look beyond the tax and spend policies of the past administrations and a person like Dave Coderre who can make tough taxpayer saving deci-

sions. Dave’s 30 year career in finance makes him very well qualified to do just that. If Connecticut is going to join the rest of the nation, as it prospers, we need Dave Coderre in the State Senate to help make that happen.

DAVID BABBITT
THOMPSON

Chviek endorses Rosati Randall

Christine Rosati Randall is an experienced candidate for state representative; she has first-hand knowledge of the workings of state government. In 2016, Christine worked to bring transit service to Plainfield after it left in 1998.

In Oct 2016 Christine put her support in writing, stating, “More travel opinions means better access to goods, services, employment opportunities and an improved quality of life for all residents of the region.” Whereas in that same year, Ann Dauphinais stated, on a local radio station, that the state had bigger priorities and that the bus was a want and not a need.

Two years have gone by without transit

Flexer will fight for local hospitals

Mae Flexer has been a strong proponent for those of us in the Northeast Corner. We need Mae to continue the fight to protect Day Kimball and Windham hospitals, to continue her support of teachers and of local and state schools, and to honor and guarantee veterans their earned benefits. We need Mae in Hartford to continue her fight to preserve

our environment, to speak up for seniors and all Connecticut residents health care needs. All of us in Northeastern Connecticut need a voice in Hartford who cares about our needs. Mae cares. I urge you to vote for Mae Flexer.

CATHY D’AGOSTINO
BROOKLYN

The power of charm

I read a piece recently about charm. At a time when the world is so full of sad, bad news, the article by Joseph Epstein, was a welcome change. The author decided to ask friends to name five people from any walk of life whom they thought charming. Most people were stuck after one or two. Many recalled actors from long ago, especially Audrey Hepburn and Cary Grant, names that my daughters might struggle to remember. Charm is an elusive quality, but one about which we might agree if we tried.

Charm isn’t charisma, a quality once associated with great leaders and occasionally with politicians. As we move toward local and statewide elections, I can’t say I’ve seen much charm or charisma, although both attributes would certainly be useful. I have noted that most candidates are certain they can change everything that has gone wrong before they arrived on the scene. They have to believe it or they wouldn’t run for office. Winston Churchill and Franklin Delano Roosevelt are cited in the piece I read. They apparently had charm, but FDR was deeply hated in some quarters and Churchill was voted out of office after all he had done during WWII.

Charm is also not style, according to



NANCY WEISS

Mr. Epstein’s work. Being well groomed like having good manners make relationships more pleasant and makes interactions go smoothly. In my childhood, good manners were constantly being reinforced. I did the same to my children and now I remind my grandchildren to look people in the eye, say please and thank you, all the usual rules. Good manners were created to make life move more smoothly. They add to charm but aren’t the entire package.

I suppose charming people must also be likeable, but think of friends and individuals one admires, who aren’t. There are folks who have interesting opinions, generous spirits but cranky personalities or a bit too much candor. I learned early in life not to ask my mother for a direct answer to a question if I didn’t want the unvarnished truth. She pulled no punches about Santa Claus or her position on the existence of angels and followed her own conscience in how she treated other people.

I asked my husband what he thought constituted charm. He pointed out that he sees charm in a person who asks questions and then listens to the answers and follows up with a comment or another query. He sees charm in a person who makes refer-

rals that help solve problems. Empathy is a major component of charm in his mind. He loves old movies and can identify the charming actors in an instant. He is pretty charming himself, actually.

It is easy to mix up charm with flirtatiousness. Once women were supposed to be charming and the most superficial way was to flirt. I’ve watched countless women flirt quite effectively with men, other women and even children. It works for the moment, but doesn’t get the the depth of real charm, which is always a bit undefinable.

The truly charming people I have known, some now gone and a few still living, worked hard without showing it. They didn’t necessarily reveal a great deal about themselves and weren’t aggressive with their opinions. They made me and everyone else feel that they had all the time in the world to hear stories. I miss the charming people who are gone and cherish the company of those whom I still encounter.

I’m quoting Joseph Epstein: “Charm elevates the spirit, widens our lens on life, heightens its color, intensifies and sweetens it.... No one truly needs it, but how sad to live without it”. Ditto. I wish there was more.

A symbol of hope and healing

On Sunday, December 2, the citizens of northeast Connecticut will gather together for what has become a beloved tradition in support of the Hospice and Palliative Care program of Day Kimball Healthcare At Home. Families and friends will gather together on village greens across the region, singing Christmas carols, sharing words of comfort and encouragement, and unite in one magical moment lighting the “Hospice Tree of Life”. As the season of giving approaches, we take



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Kristen Willis
DIRECTOR OF
DEVELOPMENT,
DAY KIMBALL
HEALTHCARE

time to reflect on the journey of hospice and significance of this community celebration of hope and healing.

The word ‘hospice’ comes from the name given to a place of refuge for

people making pilgrimages in the 15th century. Today, the word hospice is associated with world-wide organizations that care for the terminally ill and their families. The first hospice organization was begun in London, UK in 1967 and the first hospice in the United States was founded right here in the state of Connecticut in New Haven in 1974. The movement was of great interest to medical and lay people wanting to care for the terminally ill by using a team approach of nurses, physicians, social workers, clergy, home health aides, pharmacists and volunteers to care for and be supportive of patients and their families. This team approach in medical care was a new concept in the mid-20th century and until that time, had been physician oriented and most patients were cared for and spent their final days in a hospital or nursing home.

At the time of the hospice movement, visiting nurse agencies had been in existence for a century, caring for the indigent, chronically ill and making home visits to new mothers and babies. When the Medicare Act was passed in 1966, a provision was made in the law to cover home visits making home health care services more available to those in need. By 1976, most of the small towns of northeastern Connecticut who had begun their own home care agencies as early as the 1940’s merged to form Community Health and Homecare. This consolidation gave home care personnel the ability to come together in a more organized fashion in serving the residents of the northeast.

Over the next several years, a discussion began about starting an organized hospice program encompassing the service areas of Lawrence Memorial Hospital, Backus Hospital, and Day Kimball Hospital. Representatives from the three areas met for a period of three years and as a result of that collaboration, Hospice of Northeastern Connecticut was established in 1983. Since that time, the program has undergone various organizational configurations, and by virtue of its eventual merger with Day Kimball Hospital, added a palliative care program. The hospital also created an inpatient hospital suite located in what is now our Rose Bove LaRose Cancer Center and the first patient was admitted in October of 2013. In 1984, thirty-three patients and their families were served by the program. In 2017, our hospice team was honored to care for 148 patients and families.

While the program has grown, Hospice and Palliative Care of NE CT has

Who was Governor when Killingly was incorporated?

Election day 2018 is almost upon us. It's hard to miss the multitude of political signs that blanket the landscape. I am getting very tired of all the negative campaign ads on television.

Since this is a gubernatorial year, I think first I'll challenge your memories about our governors. Do you know who Connecticut's first governor was? Who was Governor when Killingly was incorporated in 1708? Can you name someone who was a governor from Northeastern Connecticut? The Last Green Valley?

In the earliest years of the Colony of Connecticut "the Governor presided over the General Assembly before it was divided into two houses in 1698. From that date until the adoption of the constitution of 1818 the Governor presided in the council or upper house, with a casting vote but no veto power. At the present time the Lieutenant Governor presides over the Senate" (Celebrate Connecticut 350, p. 34).

According to the above work the earliest Governor of Connecticut was John Haynes who first served in 1639, again in 1641 and then off and on until 1653. Edward Hopkins was elected the following year (1640) and seven other years. George Wyllys served only one term in 1642. Gurdon Saltonstall of New London was Governor in 1708 and was responsible for choosing the names of Killingly and Pomfret for the newly created towns after his ancestral manor in Killingsley in Pontefract, England.

During the Civil War William A. Buckingham (1858-66) of Norwich served as the State's Governor. Buckingham was born "May 28, 1804 in Lebanon, Connecticut...(and) attended the local village school as a child. He went on to attend the Bacon Academy in Colchester, where he stud-

ied land surveying. As a young



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man, Buckingham moved to Norwich to work in a dry goods store which was owned by his uncle, Giles Buckingham. He spent a short time working in a wholesale store in New York City, but by 1826 he was back in Norwich where he established his own dry goods business. In 1848, he left the business and helped form the Hayward Rubber Company, serving as its manager and treasurer... Buckingham was active in Norwich politics as a Whig, and he served several terms as mayor.

"In 1857, he was considered as a candidate for governor on the Union ticket, but a storm kept some of his supporters from attending the nominating convention in New Haven, and he lost in a close vote to Alexander Holley, who went on to win the election. In 1858, the American and Republican parties, which made up the Union slate of candidates, could not agree on whom to run for governor. Buckingham was chosen as a compromise candidate. He defeated the Democratic candidate, James T. Pratt. Buckingham would be reelected annually for seven more years, though the 1860 election proved to be very close" (<https://ctstatelibrary.org/wp-content/uploads/2015/05/William-A.-Buckingham.pdf>).

David Lucian wrote the following about Buckingham: "Often working around the clock, the governor felt person-

ally obliged to give his all to the state, even investing his own capital to help fund the war. On several occasions he took out personal loans to pay soldiers for their service. During the war, the governor kept in close

contact with Union leaders, including President Lincoln, who recognized the remarkable effort that he put forth. However, the governor had to fight opposition in Connecticut. Criticism for the war and the Union littered the papers, but Buckingham kept Connecticut largely unified.

With men across the nation injured and dying and with no end to the war in sight, Governor Buckingham continued to ask Connecticut residents to enlist in the Union army. With a population of only 475,000, the governor had a limited number of able men to fight the war. By the war's end, 55,000 Connecticut men were sent to battle. In his yearly message to the people of Connecticut, Buckingham continued to ask for more from his constituents. Thousands in Connecticut volunteered to fight, and few needed to be drafted to reach Lincoln's quota for the state. The governor spent as much time and money as was needed to make sure the troops were properly prepared for battle. He recognized the importance of having quality guns, uniforms, and equipment and the governor's relentless efforts to equip his men did not go unnoticed. President Lincoln commended the troops he received from Connecticut, stating, "The Connecticut regiments give me no trouble; Governor Buckingham always sends them fully equipped for any

emergency." Buckingham also raised money for his troops and when possible, he visited the camps. In one visit, someone asked the governor if he could make sure the paymaster could visit the troops because he was late on paying them. Governor Buckingham went one step further and left a personal check for his troops, covering all their salaries" (<https://connecticuthistory.org/connecticut-war-gov>).

Putnam's John Dempsey became Connecticut's 81st governor in 1961 following the resignation of Governor Abraham Ribicoff. "He served as Connecticut's Governor from 1961 to 1971, overseeing the passage of a job-training law that became the model for the Federal Manpower Training Act, and the first revision of the Connecticut Constitution in 150 years, which redrew the boundaries of the General Assembly districts.

"In the Dempsey years, Connecticut was also among the first states to impose restrictions on air and water pollution, well in advance of similar Federal laws. Mr. Dempsey also pushed through the first appropriations to establish the University of Connecticut Health Center, which includes the hospital named for him. Born in Ireland, John Noel Dempsey was born Jan. 3, 1915, in Cahir, County Tipperary, Ireland, the only son of a career British Army officer. He immigrated with his family in 1925 to Putnam in the northeastern corner of the state. Mr. Dempsey lived there most of his life, working first in the town's then-booming textile industry and then in Town Hall, which became the base for his rise in state politics. (He was) elected to the Putnam City Council at the age of 21, and over the next 25 years served in every elected municipal position, including six two-year terms as Mayor,

beginning in 1948. After his election to the General Assembly in 1949, he divided his responsibilities between local and state offices. He became Governor in January 1961, when Governor Ribicoff resigned to become Secretary of Health, Education and Welfare under President John F. Kennedy. Mr. Dempsey, Connecticut's first foreign-born Governor in almost 300 years, was elected twice on his own over Republican opponents, in 1962 and 1966. " He died July 16, 1989. (www.nytimes.com/1989/07/17/obituaries; www.nga.org/governor/john-dempsey)

Don't forget to vote on Tuesday, November 6. Your input is important.

Mark Your Calendars: The Killingly Historical & Genealogical Society will host a program on Trains of Yester Year by Pieter Roos from the Connecticut Eastern Railroad Museum on Saturday, Nov. 3, from 1:30-2:30 p.m. at the Killingly Historical & Genealogical Center, 196 Main St., Danielson, CT. Free and fun for the whole family. Free refreshments and food. Free parking at Key Bank or in front of the Killingly Historical Center. All are welcome! There will be a question and answer period after the program. Questions-call 860-779-7250.

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

Fundamentals of asset allocation

Sometimes, it seems that each day there is a news headline about a data breach or elevated risk within the markets. The financial industry, like any industry, has become more complicated as globalization and technology expand. Although you can never guarantee a risk-free world, there are things within your control that can help mitigate and reduce your risk.

For the month of November, we will be discussing risk management techniques from both an investment and personal perspective. Let's begin the month by discussing how to manage risk within your portfolio. Asset allocation isn't about picking individual securities. Instead, you focus on broad categories of investments, mixing them together in the right proportion to match your financial goals, the amount of time you have to invest, and your tolerance for risk.

The basics of asset allocation: The idea behind asset allocation is that because not all investments are alike, you can balance risk and return in your portfolio by spreading your investment dollars among different types of assets, such as stocks, bonds, and cash alternatives. It doesn't guarantee a profit or ensure against a loss, of course, but it can help you manage the level and type of risk you face.

Different types of assets carry different levels of risk and potential for return, and typically don't respond to market forces in the same way at the same time. For instance, when the return of one asset type is declining, the return of another may be growing (though there are no guarantees). If you diversify by owning a variety of assets, a downturn in a single holding won't necessarily spell disaster for your entire portfolio.

Using asset allocation, you identify the asset classes that are appropriate

for you and decide the percentage of your investment dollars that should be allocated to each class.

The three major classes of assets: Stocks: Although past performance is no guarantee of future results, stocks have historically provided a higher average annual rate of return than other investments, including bonds and cash alternatives. However, stocks are generally more volatile, therefore better in the long-term, than bonds or cash alternatives.

Bonds: Historically less volatile than stocks, bonds do not provide as much opportunity for growth as stocks do. They are sensitive to interest rate changes; when interest rates rise, bond values tend to fall, and when interest rates fall, bond values tend to rise. As a result, bonds redeemed prior to maturity may be worth more or less than their original cost. Because bonds typically offer fixed interest payments at regular intervals, they may be appropriate if you want regular income from your investments.

Cash alternatives: Cash alternatives (or short-term instruments) offer a lower potential for growth than other types of assets but are the least volatile. They are subject to inflation risk, the chance that returns won't outpace rising prices. They provide easier access to funds than longer-term investments, and may be appropriate for investment goals that are short-term.

Not only can you diversify across asset classes by purchasing stocks, bonds, and cash alternatives, you can also diversify within a single asset class. For example, when investing in stocks, you can choose to invest in large companies that tend to be less risky



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than small companies. Or, you could choose to divide your investment dollars according to investment style, investing for growth or for value. Though the investment possibilities are limitless, your objective is always the same: to diversify by choosing complementary investments that balance risk and reward within your portfolio.

Decide how to divide your assets: Your objective in using asset allocation is to construct a portfolio that can provide you with the return on your investment you want without exposing you to more risk than you feel comfortable with. How long you have to invest is important, too, because the longer you have to invest, the more time you have to ride out market ups and downs.

When you're trying to construct a portfolio, you can use worksheets or interactive tools that help identify your investment objectives, your risk tolerance level, and your investment time horizon. These tools may also suggest model or sample allocations that strike a balance between risk and return, based on the information you provide.

For instance, if your investment goal is to save for your retirement over the next 20 years and you can tolerate a relatively high degree of market volatility, a model allocation might suggest that you put a large percentage of your investment dollars in stocks, and allocate a smaller percentage to bonds and cash alternatives.

Build and review your portfolio: The next step is to choose specific investments for your portfolio that match your asset allocation strategy. Investors who are investing through a workplace retirement savings plan typically invest

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Once you've chosen your initial allocation, revisit your portfolio at least once a year or more to make strategic adjustments based on the changes in the market.

Note: Before investing in a mutual fund, carefully consider its investment objectives, risks, fees, and expenses, which can be found in the prospectus available from the fund.

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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Truppa is a proven judge

I urge my fellow voters to get out and vote in the upcoming election on November 6, 2018. What a crucial time for our us, nationally and locally. Probate Judge Andrea L. Truppa, serving the 27th Probate District (Canterbury, Killingly, Plainfield, and Sterling), is running for re-election, and I want to let you know why I think she is the best candidate. I have known Andrea Truppa for over 25 years. She has been a lawyer most of that time dedicating her practice to helping people in need and advocating for their rights.

For the past four years, Andrea Truppa has proven herself to be an outstanding judge of our Probate Court. She consistently has demonstrated sound judgment and an excellent judi-

cial temperament. Judge Truppa has served the public's best interest by catching up on a back log of cases, extended hours to make the court readily available to all and brought the courts up to the 21st. century by upgrading from dial up to digital internet! She has provided a welcoming, caring, and highly competent forum for individuals and families to resolve their cases in a fair, prompt and courteous manner. Judge Truppa has proven herself to be quite an asset to our Probate system. In my opinion, she is deserving of our vote in the upcoming election on November 6, 2018. Please join me and vote to re-elect Judge Truppa!

BONNIE DOMONTE
DAYVILLE

Gray is the right choice

Let's see, in the race for State Treasurer, Republican Thad Gray has 35 years of financial and investment management experience of billions of dollars, retiring at the top of his profession; his opponent has no professional investment experience. None.

Ask yourself, who do you want managing our state's cash, debt, and pension funds of \$42 billion? Someone

with 35 years of experience, or someone with no experience?

An easy choice in my opinion, experience does matter. Thad is the right man for the job.

JOANNE EILER
BROOKLYN

Additional Letters to the Editor on the following pages

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Barton supports Lamont and Bysiewicz

In 1983, after graduating from the University of Notre Dame, I moved to Hartford, not because, at the time, we didn't have an income tax. Illinois, the state of my birth and run by Republicans at the time, did. I moved to our state because one of the insurance companies offered me a job.

Creating jobs is what will really get our state moving forward, but it must be a fair economy, one that supports equal pay, fights workplace harassment, supports a living wage, offers job retraining programs and paid family and medical leave. What the Arthur Laffer and tinkle down economics disciples choose to ignore are the warnings of Presidents Franklin Roosevelt and Dwight Eisenhower. These two Presidents acknowledged that unbridled or crony capitalism is as much a threat to our democracy as communism and fascism were.

Over the past four decades, we have seen how Republican tax cuts favor the wealthy, who hoard it, thus widening income inequality and decreasing revenues to our federal and state governments. In addition, many captains of industry cheat taxpayers by impoverishing their employees, who must apply for government assistance to survive. Despite Republican promises that the recently passed tax cuts would increase revenues to the federal government, the opposite is happening. The same will happen to our state if we elect a candidate who repeats the same false promise that John "2 time felon" Rowland made: eliminating the state income tax will solve our problems.

The Governor's office has more important responsibilities than cutting taxes. S/he leads emergency services

during natural or man-made disasters, advocates for smart investments in our schools and transportation infrastructure, champions ways to make healthcare for everyone more affordable, and protects our civil rights and environment to name a few. This requires the governor to be a person who can facilitate a consensus among the various factions in our state and point them in the direction of resolving our state's myriad and complex issues.

This year the person who can best lead our state is Ned Lamont. His decades of business experience give him a fresh, energetic, and experienced view at how our government can better serve us. Without being governor, he already helped our state's economy by convincing Infosys to setup a headquarters in Hartford that will bring us a thousand jobs. In addition, his years teaching at Harding High School and CCSU helped him understand the plight of the poor, working and middle classes.

One of the first intelligent executive decisions he made was asking Susan Bysiewicz to be his Lt. Governor. Her extensive experience in government, as a 3 term state representative and then as a 3 term Secretary of State, will help both of them navigate our state through the complexity of resolving the problems we face.

On November 6, vote for Ned Lamont and Susan Bysiewicz. They are the best gubernatorial team to lead the various factions in our state in making our future better and more prosperous.

TERESA BARTON
DAYVILLE

Speak your mind at the polls

Are we doomed? It may seem so.

As reported by a CBS poll this summer, 91 percent of "strong Trump supporters" trust him to provide accurate information. It is okay to support your guy, but it is immoral, unethical and down-right stupid to not ever question the truth of even the most outrageous of claims. Especially when such claims refute reporting of events extensively documented by many independent sources.

The alt-right claims a vast conspiracy of the liberal media. This is patently absurd. How could hundreds of thousands of media personnel agree to and keep such a monstrous secret?

What is much more plausible is a relatively few, including the President, having a self-serving agenda based on fabrication and perversion. The agenda of Fox News pundits is fame and money. Their success is feeding information to the true believers. The problem is that they never provide, nor can they, proof of what they say. Assertions are made with the imprimatur of authority but they are built on a foundation of sand. The sad thing is that their audience will not or cannot make the least effort to check veracity. Thus a foundation of sand stands.

The agenda of Trump is also fame and money. Like all narcissists, everything is about him. He has stumbled onto a group hungry for change and for someone saying the outrageous.

A professor at University of Virginia, Eileen Chou, has determined that "naysayers were considered more powerful and suitable for leadership roles than cheerleaders." These naysayers are less likeable but are respected for their courage to go against the grain. In

doing so, they "transcend social constraints and therefore be more powerful". Certainly, Trump has tapped into this mind set.

However, Chou notes that when much has turned negative, "positive, optimistic, ideals may seem more powerful." (New Scientist, 13 October, 2018)

The problem here is that we, as a society, have become so arrogant and cynical that many don't care that truth has any importance to our existence, history or decisions. Just say things that we want to hear and feed our basest fears. As Giuliani said, "the truth is not the truth". Trumps avid supporters don't really care about the good of the many or the survival of a republic. Their agenda does not include any altruism. It aims only to the individual.

Here we have a President, a Congress and an element of the media who are unfettered by logic, shame, law, respect, greed or public opinion.

So, are we doomed to a fascist future? We can survive a Caesarian take-over only so long that individuals have the courage and energy to understand that preserving the Republic is tantamount. More important than single issue decisions. More important than fears blown out of proportion.

There is, indeed, much hope. Right now, the entrenched Trump supporters number only 25 percent or so of the electorate. We who oppose Trump's dictatorial and anti-Constitutional actions are obligated to speak our minds and vote to make changes according to the precepts of our Republic.

STEPHEN ETZEL
PUTNAM


Hayes will represent local interests

My choice for the 51st District should be that candidate who will not only represent our local interests in Hartford but have an adult working knowledge that will turn our bankrupted State back to prosperity. Both candidates express this or that idea to turn our State back to fiscal health. Both candidates are running for State office for the first time. So what factor is important to me as a voter? Knowing both candidates personally and observing their work habits for over a dozen years or so, whose personal work habits best serve our 51st District? That candidate would be Rick Hayes. Why? Just witness how his opponent ex-

cutes an important elective position. Would you hire (vote for) a person who arrives Monday morning for a few hours, attends a required evening meeting once a month and then disappears for the remainder of the work week? And now he vows to attend the important business requirements in Hartford, if elected. No thank you. Performance cannot be taught. Vote Rick Hayes for our important district and terminate Connecticut's corrupt fiscal policies.

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Thames Valley Council for Community Action and the
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WINY Radio and Brooklyn Walmart will kick off the Annual Santa
Winter Boot Drive for Windham County on Friday November 2.

The project has been one of RSVP's signature programs for 23 years, providing new winter boots to children of low income families living throughout New London and Windham Counties. This year we hope to fill over 550 requests throughout Windham County. RSVP relies on local contributions to fill the requests. Volunteers will be at WINY on Friday from 6:00 a.m. to 9:00 a.m. accepting donations. They will also be outside Brooklyn Walmart that morning accepting donations and promoting volunteerism. Monetary donations are appreciated any time. All of the funds collected goes toward winter boots purchases.

For additional information and to volunteer as Santa's Helper
for this project please contact the RSVP office:
Robin Lynch, RSVP Coordinator at 860-774-9286
or Jennifer Johnson, Program Director at 860-425-6615.




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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Political vitriol is concerning

The political vitriol I am witnessing in politics today is concerning. I hope we make our November voting decisions based on facts and not on attempts to play on our emotions through political rhetoric and out of context video clips.

One such example is HB 6695, an act concerning the protection of youth from conversion therapy, the so called “Conversion Therapy Bill” which proponents argue protected children from abuse and torture. The bill does no such thing. It does not even ban conversion therapy.

Let’s first understand what this bill bans. It bans licensed mental health professionals, counselors, therapists, psychiatrist, psychologist from providing talk therapy to parents and children about a personal, private, and difficult situation regarding child gender dysphoria or confusion. This law bans options for both parent and child to seek help from mental health professionals for such matters.

Factually, “conversion therapy” is still legal in Connecticut; you just can’t be a mental health professional or advertise or charge a fee to provide it. If you take your child to a pastor, priest, rabbi, social worker or friend, and they don’t charge for this talk therapy, it’s still permissible.

The idea that this bill banned conversion therapy is not true and a political lie. We’ve made it a crime for parents and children to seek help from mental health professionals. How does this make sense? And is this the proper role of government?

Consider, if you are a parent, and want to encourage your child to change

their biological sex, you can receive professional counseling. If you are a parent, and want to encourage your child to accept their biological sex, professional counseling is now illegal. Seriously? It is now unlawful to provide counseling to accept your biological sex, even if requested by the child.

Even the ACLU came out against these conversion therapy bills because of the detrimental slippery slope this type of legislation does to violate the doctor patient privilege.

In my opinion, the bill passed is unwarranted government intrusion into the lives of citizens that goes too far. The state should not be banning citizens from obtaining professional counseling to see their way through a very difficult and private family matter. Where does the state get the authority to ban free association between a parent and a doctor for counseling? What counseling will the state ban next? Giving the state power to intervene in such a personal matter only makes a difficult circumstance worse.

The state does not have a right or obligation to intervene in a personal family matter such as this. This law violates parental rights, violates the right of doctor patient privacy, and violates the right of free association.

Anne distinguished herself by voting against such bills based on her principles of parental rights, free association, and free speech. I ask you to vote for Anne Dauphinais on 6 November because she has the courage to vote based on principle, not for political expediency.

SHANNON GAMACHE
ASHFORD

LaBerge supports Rosati Randall

On Tuesday November 6th I am voting for Christine Rosati Randall to represent us in the 44th district in Hartford. Christine will be a voice for our schools, families, and senior citizens. She fought against cuts to Day Kimball Hospital. She helped to strengthen nursing home reforms and encouraged economic development

I am writing to offer my endorsement to re-elect Anne Dubay Dauphinais for the District 44 state representative.

As a lifelong Democrat and former 29th District Democrat State Central Committee Woman for 12 years, it saddens me, but my Democrat party no longer is the party of JFK, it’s no longer the party of the people In my view ,it has become the party of liberals.

At the state level the Democrats have controlled our state’s General Assembly for over three decades and have one party rule since the election of Governor Malloy in 2010.By all economic measures, we are not doing well, in fact we are doing very poorly.

We rank last or near last on every

in downtown Danielson by helping to secure a \$1 million grant. Christine will listen to her constituents and work hard for us. A vote for Christine is a vote for our voice in Hartford.

LYNN LABERGE
DANIELSON

Dauphinis is fiscally responsible

economic measure that matters .In the past 8 years they passed the two highest tax and fee increases in our state history. Billion dollar deficits appear the new normal. Budgetary chaos in Hartford is now routine.

I agree with Anne enough is enough. It is time we restore budgetary order and fiscal responsibility at our state capital. Many of our young people are forced to move away from their families due to the economic environment.

I urge all my friends in District 44 to vote for Anne Dubay Daughinais this November.

LORRAINE LAGARDE
KILLINGLY

How do we fund roads and bridges

I would like to respond to Norm Ferron’s letter to the editor in the Oct 19th edition. In an article by Alan Greenblatt for Governing.com, he writes Connecticut was warned in 1999 about its “aging transportation network, its ‘fragmented political structure’ and the lack of a metropolitan center or strategy as glaring weaknesses.” Instead of heeding these warnings, \$100 million in rebates were sent to residents; \$50 to individuals, \$100 to couples. It would have been prudent for Republican Governor Rowland to use that money to pay for more adequate infrastructure and pension funding responsibilities. We know, of course, what happened to the Republican governor and his two prison terms.

Republicans candidates love to complain about tax hikes when they are running a campaign. It certainly convinces voters to blindly back them. But let me ask you this. How will our deteriorating roads and bridges be funded? How will our school systems stay viable? Are we investing in our cities so millennials will move here? How will our state stay relevant? There must be a vision for the future.

It’s rich that Mr. Ferron talks about Democrats lying when the leader of our country, a Republican, lies at least 15 times a day. (In a fact checking USA Today article dated September 10, 2018, Trump’s lies per day have “more than tripled to 15.4 in the last three months.”) Why do Republicans think that is okay and yet call out Democrats as liars? Oh, the irony.

I was once a Republican. I switched parties in 2011 after I was appalled by the party’s lost principles, glaringly more so with Trump. You would be surprised at how many people I have spoken with that have switched from Republican to Democrat. The Republican party is unrecognizable.

We live in a beautiful area of Connecticut. Our education system is rated #3 in America, #4 for healthcare and #6 for the safest state. Our rural area has lower property taxes than most

Connecticut residents. When you say, “look at what they have done to me,” what exactly are you complaining about Mr. Ferron?

Please vote for Chris Murphy, Joe Courtney, Mae Flexer and Pat Boyd in November who represent American qualities of honesty, flexibility, integrity, and compassion.

NANCY IVES
BROOKLYN

Anne Dauphinais, candidate for reelection as the representative for Plainfield and Killingly to the Connecticut House, has demonstrated repeatedly she is her own person, with the welfare of her constituents foremost on her mind. Anne did not run for office just to gain her seat repeatedly during election cycles, but to try to make her district a better place.

Last year, Anne had the courage to vote her conscience, feeling that a bill known as the “conversion therapy bill” did not go far enough in allowing children and teenagers torn about their sexual orientation to see both sides of the equation. Bucking the trend to appear politically correct, she put vulnerable people above politics and party; in the

process earning my respect, while ranking the feathers of other career politicians.

While common sense seems in short supply in our state’s leaders these days, Anne Dauphinais stands out to me as someone who asks the important questions and isn’t satisfied until she hears a rational answer. She believes the Ronald Reagan quote about the Latin words “status quo” actually referring to “the mess we’re in”. Anne Dauphinais is the best choice to do something to fix that mess.

JOHN LINDELL
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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

We need a new way of doing things

This year's elections are very important. They will decide who will lead us through the next two years (State Rep and State Senator) and the next four years (Governor and Lt. Governor). Democracy depends upon people being informed and participating. Elections do matter and elections do have consequences. The default is an unacceptable acceptance of letting others decide things for us, and not always in our best interests.

Our state is at a critical crossroads. Continuing in the same direction in which we have been going these past eight years will lead us toward a catastrophic calamity. The facts are clear and should not be ignored. Despite two historic tax increases totaling \$2.8 billion, increased gas taxes, and continued lottery and casino revenue, Connecticut still faces a whopping \$4.5 billion projected deficit over the next two fiscal years. It took 122 days (approximately 4 months) for the average Connecticut worker to pay his or her amount of state income taxes the past year. This is the third largest number of days of all the states. Connecticut's economic recovery has been slower than the U.S. average, the jobs regained (only 90% of the total jobs lost) have not been of the same pay scale as they were prior to the Great Recession, and more people are working two jobs. Connecticut's gross domestic product (GDP) has decreased, leading to lost revenue. More people and businesses (and jobs) have left the state than have entered, leading to lost revenue. State government has increased its bonding to pay for various projects, many of which are not needed when the state does not have the money to pay anywhere near the full responsibility of its financial liabilities. Although Connecticut "balances" its budgets (by a type of "special" math of its own making, and even then, it is not really balanced), our state's debt burden is \$40.2 billion, with the debt standing at 14.4% of the state's GDP (one of the highest in the country). You and I, and each Connecticut taxpayer, owns a share of this debt. Your share is \$53,400. That is more than the median per capita income for Connecticut (\$36,775). For Windham County, it is more than twice the median per capita income of \$26,585. That means we need more than two times the number of people in our region just to handle Windham County's share of the state's debt burden. What a staggering fact.

Overspending and more borrowing of money lead to a worsening debt burden. Yet, this is the direction that Governor Malloy (an approval rating of 14.6% in a recent poll, the worst of any Governor in the country, and even worse than former Gov Rowland), Lt. Governor

Wyman, and the majority party in the Legislature have taken year after year. Those bills and interest payments will come due. We all, yourself and your children included, will have to foot the bills.

Where did all of the money go? The answer is excessive and misaligned government spending beyond its means. Where will the money come from? The answer is you, the hard working tax people of our state, who are the same people who are facing increased living expenses and trying to make ends meet every day. It is no wonder that more than two-thirds of people in a Quinnipiac poll stated that they are dissatisfied with the way things are going in Connecticut. I am too.

Over-taxation blunts real economic growth. And, it is the economic growth of more, good paying jobs that increases tax revenues in a sustainable manner: more income tax from more working people, more corporate tax from thriving businesses, and more sales tax from people and businesses spending more money. We need to guide our long-term future so that economic vitality helps everyone by being what President Kennedy called "the rising tide that lifts all boats".

We need a New Way and a New Direction!

As an elected official myself (Chair of Woodstock's Planning & Zoning Commission), I understand well the role that you and I as voters have in our government, and the role that elected officials like me have in our government. I understand the value of recognizing problems that we face; working with others, regardless of political party affiliation, to achieve consensus on common sense solutions; and rolling up one's sleeves to get meaningful things done. I understand the need to keep people informed, to listen to what people have to say, and to give people opportunities to have their voices heard. I look for people with the same work ethic and actions as me to represent me in government. We need people who are not and will not be the typical politicians who all too often become part of the problem in Hartford and who forget about us back home in their districts. We need people who can work with us to fix Connecticut and to help our communities. This election is about the economy, jobs, and our future.

Whoever you decide to support, and I hope that you will agree with whom I am supporting, please vote on Tuesday, November 6th, 2018. It is easy. You can vote in person or by absentee ballot. Your vote does make a difference.

JEFFREY A. GORDON, M.D.
WOODSTOCK

Dauphinais brings common sense

Plainfield needs Anne Dubay Dauphinais back in Hartford as our Representative for the Killingly/Plainfield 44th District. The issues we face are basic, and key on the fiscal situation and the budget that is passed in Hartford. It isn't all about political party. As a Democrat, I know Anne will again bring common sense to the decision-making process.

She has the courage to stand up and call out wrong-headed thinking, no matter what party a person may be a member. How can towns make smart

budgeting decisions when the state has shown that we can't count on the amount they tell us will be allocated to each community?

A state that engages in foolish spending, won't balance their own budget, bails out Hartford, yet cuts local school funding. This is why we need Anne more than ever.

Vote for Anne. The one with courage and common sense for Connecticut.

NORMAN LIVERNOCHÉ
MOOSUP

Coderre will bring jobs back

That liberal Democrat Mae Flexer is so stridently anti-business that she thoughtlessly destroys jobs isn't exactly news. Less well known is my state senator's penchant for rebuffing voter concerns.

Twice I have written Flexer an old-fashioned constituent letter about one of her bills. Twice she has ignored me. You would think Flexer would be happy to explain her positions even to a critic. Evidently this aloof attitude is typical of Flexer. She doesn't listen to what she doesn't want to hear. Flexer seldom ventures out of her minuscule

group of partisan cronies. This makes her a poor representative because we can't talk to her and she won't talk to us.

As the 29th District's new Senator, Dave Coderre will represent even those that didn't vote for him. Coderre will work with the new governor, not against him, to bring capitalism, prosperity and jobs back to this once prosperous state.

JOHN R. MCCOMMAS
WILLIMANTIC

Higginson is for Groh

On October 17th a joint meeting of the Town of Putnam's Board of Selectmen and Board of Finance was held to discuss the utilization of the Ash Landfill Fund and other financial resources to pay for the \$19.9 million-dollar Municipal Complex approved by the voters in September. As an alternate on the Board of Finance, representing the Democratic Party, I was proud to witness the majority of the members of both Boards working together to develop a sound financial solution that will not burden the citizens of Putnam any more than necessary. These decisions are very important to the people of Putnam as they will impact our tax rates and possibly our ability to fund the services the Town provides for many years to come. It may very well be one of the most important items that some members of these Boards will vote on during their service to the Town. Which is why I was very surprised to see one member of the Board of Selectman not make any comments, ask any questions, or participate in the discussions on this critical issue.

That Selectman was Rick Hayes, Republican candidate for State Representative in the 51st District. Selectman Hayes did not participate as can be proven by reviewing the minutes of the meeting. Do you want someone representing your interests in Hartford who does not speak up for the citizens of the Town who elected him to represent their interests for the last ten months? The Town that he was sworn in as

a Selectman for on December 5th and announced his candidacy for State Rep on February 5th. I know that I do not!

I want someone with more than ten months experience representing me in Hartford. Someone committed to the office they were elected to and the people they serve, not someone who will be looking to a better position for himself if it comes along just two months after being sworn in.

Larry Groh Jr. has the experience from serving on the Boards of Selectmen and Finance and as First Selectman in Thompson as well as from his 20 years working for the Department of Correction. Larry has the leadership experience that will be needed to hit the ground running in Hartford. Larry is committed to making our towns and our state better communities with vibrant futures for the people who reside, work, and own businesses here.

Larry Groh Jr. is the person who will research the issues, discuss them with his constituents, formulate strong plans, and most importantly someone who will speak up and fight for what he believes in for the citizens that he represents. Larry will not sit on the side lines and watch others get down in the trenches and do the dirty work. He will strive to find workable solutions to Connecticut's problems. Larry is a trusted and experienced leader with the skills in creating and balancing a budget as part of a team, not just spending the funds set for his department by the District Authority. Larry offers strong ideas and plans not just words on a campaign mailer.

Larry Groh Jr. will be the strong independent voice that the 51st District needs to represent us in Hartford. Please join me in voting for Larry on November 6th!

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leader if you take the time to analyze and develop the qualities and skills that good leaders possess.

Tyler Waterman from Southbury and Ben Torre from Brooklyn were two of the teens at the workshop. Ben has attended camp for 4 years and was a Teen Leader for the past two. Tyler has five years of camp attendance under his belt. Both said that camp encourages leadership growth among campers of all ages. They reported that they felt that they had both matured personally and developed confidence to be comfortable in assuming leadership roles in their school, family and camp lives as a result of their camp attendance. Whether as an experienced camper or as a formal teen leader, both stated that helping younger campers with homesickness, behavioral issues or social skills has been a rewarding part of their own camp experience.

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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Student says vote Republican

With election day right around the bend, I felt that I should say something concerning the future of Connecticut. First, Tony Guglielmo has decided to not run again. He has carefully chosen a candidate to take his position. Dan Champaign is running to take the seat for State Senate. I am pleased with what Mr. Guglielmo has done over the past years, and I would like to see that work continued by Mr. Champaign. John Perrier, his opponent, is campaigning under the slogan “A strong, independent leader”. We don’t want someone independent. If he is leading independently, he won’t be listening to what we have to say. We don’t want someone leading independently, we want someone we can depend on.

Bob Stefanowski is running for Governor against Ned Lamont. Ned Lamont has said that “Everyone needs to help out”. The problem is that everyone has already paid enough. Mr. Lamont has said that Mr. Stefanowski’s plan will hurt the middle-class families. Mr. Stefanowski’s plan will help middle-class families, though. His tax cuts will make it more affordable for middle class people to live here. His tax cuts will help businesses grow, creating more jobs for middle-class families. Because of high taxes, a lot of middle-class families were thrown below the poverty line. Mr. Lamont also likes

to say that the income tax provides over fifty-percent of all the state revenue. What he doesn’t mention is that before the income tax came in businesses provided economic growth, and when the income tax was put in, when were pushed into a hole of deficit.

As many may know, Chris Murphy is running for re-election to US Senate. Mr. Murphy has been a senator since 2012. I find that Murphy is not really representing us, and I think it is time for change. We need more representation. As a high school student, I want a future that is bright for my generation. This year Matthew Corey is running against Mr. Murphy. Mr. Corey has been part of his community for many years, has served with our Army, and is dedicated to helping all people in Connecticut. Mr. Murphy has responded many times to Mr. Corey regarding a debate saying that he is just too busy to debate. If he doesn’t have enough time to come to an hour-long debate, does that mean that he doesn’t have time to represent us? Mr. Corey has served America for many years and is ready to help us in Washington. Election day is in Tuesday, November 6. Please go to your poll and vote. Our future relies on you!

ISAAC TORCELLINI
EASTFORD

Why would you vote Democratic?

Connecticut is one the worst states for middle-class Americans. to live in. The median list price of a house is about \$325,000 and the cost of in-state tuition has risen 20 percent over the past five years, to \$12,390 and overall one of the highest cost of living especially with the state income tax imposed on us residents. Connecticut taxes every penny of pensions, motor vehicle property tax, some of the highest gasoline taxes, and one of the worst states to work in and/or own a business. The value of my home would double or even more in many other states. About half, 49%, of Connecticut’s residents have moved to a different state according to a Gallup poll conducted in all 50 states last year.

The Democratic governor and legislature’s belief that Connecticut is still the wealthiest state in the U.S. apparently means they can tax and regulate at will and without consequence. Their tax, spend and regulate culture with the confidence that the money will always be there has led to a corrosive and crumbling financial infrastructure with no regard for the people who have to support it. The Democratic continued fiscally irresponsible behavior is forcing me to move out of state and the last thing we need is their continuation of Democratic leadership. Promises by the Democrats that we hear now, “I did this”, “I fought for this and won”, “I lowered taxes” and especially “I will work for YOU” is all, you know what. You don’t hear most of them in their messages speak about what party they represent....

are they ashamed of what Democrats have done to Connecticut? What local politicians have been highly visible in our areas constantly, what local politicians have only been vocal only when it becomes personal or family members are involved and some I have never heard of and some have been around for some time. What politicians work for out 60,000 veterans in our district, more than double of any other district in Connecticut? Get out and vote and vote for who you know will truly work for us and not their party and definitely we do not need another Democratic leadership in Connecticut and a rubber stamp of the last eight years.

Today, Connecticut’s failed Democratic fiscal policies have resulted in the following state rankings...46th in economic growth, 46th in road quality, 47th in state-pension funding, 47th in population growth, 50th in personal income growth since 2007, and since 1992, 50th in employment growth. In 1920, the state government’s spending will outpace its revenue by 13 percent, a deficit of \$2.6 billion.

Connecticut is the only state with both a death and gift tax, and it won the Tax Foundation’s award for highest tax burden last year. A report by the Hartford Courant found that Connecticut’s home prices still haven’t recovered from the housing crisis. When considering the present attitude toward Democratic fiscal policies in the state why would you vote Democratic?

TOM PANDOLFI
WOODSTOCK

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remained true to its origins of quality, compassionate patient care with a team approach. The program, which is one of three vital programs of Day Kimball Healthcare At Home, provides a team of skilled and experienced professionals and volunteers – physicians, hospice nurses, home health aides, medical social workers, nutritionists, pharmacists, chaplains, occupational therapists, trained volunteers, and bereavement care professionals, all caring for the needs of seriously ill and terminal patients, their families, and caregivers. The team works together to provide care through an individualized plan that meets the physical, psychosocial, spiritual, and emotional needs of each patient throughout end-of-life and bereavement care to their families. From the moment a member of the hospice team steps through the doorway into a patient’s home, a sacred journey of companionship and compassionate care begins.

During the month of November, we are celebrating National Homecare and Hospice month, saluting our caring teams of in-home professionals and volunteers, past and present, for the support, companionship and compassionate care that has helped so many to stay home just when they needed the comforts of home the most. We also take time to recognize and give thanks to the people in our community who help to support these services through annual contributions. The Tree of Life in December is one of the most significant fundraising opportunities for family and friends to participate in support of Hospice. Most importantly, it’s a time to come together, to celebrate and reflect on the lives of those you love, as well as the hospice staff and volunteers who have accompanied us on our journey.

It is only fitting that the same kind of dedicated and caring professionals and volunteers who came together to create the hospice program were responsible for the inception of the Tree of Life. Known today as the Friends of Hospice, this group plays a vital role in supporting the Hospice mission through fundraising, advocacy, serving as in-home hospice volunteers and educating the community. In 1989, former Volunteer Coordinator Sue Lund brought forth the idea of a fundraiser which would incorporate a tree lighting ceremony with each light representing a gift in someone’s memory. The ceremony was held in Putnam, Danielson, and Plainfield for the first time and raised approximately \$6,500 in donations to Hospice.

Now in its 29th year, the Hospice Tree of Life event will take place in eleven different towns including Brooklyn, Canterbury, Danielson, Eastford, Griswold, Plainfield, Pomfret, Putnam, Sterling, Thompson, and Woodstock. Each location has a tree decorated with colored lights, each bulb representing donations we’ve collected in memory of loved ones or honoring caregivers throughout the community. The ceremonies begin

at 5:00 p.m. with prayer and reflection by a local clergyperson, followed by a Hospice representative, and the lighting of the tree by the family of a past hospice patient. Carols are sung throughout the evening which ends in a reception of friendship and refreshment generously provided by our site hosts. The funds raised through this event are used to support patient care and service provided to the community not covered by insurance.


In addition to nursing, therapy, home health aides, and drugs and equipment related to terminal diagnosis which are reimbursable through insurance, hospice offers many other services that are not reimbursed such as bereavement and spiritual care; companion and homemaker’s services; social workers; and integrative services for comfort care such as massage therapy, reflexology, and therapeutic touch. Philanthropic gifts help to make these services possible, along with patient education, training for staff and volunteers, or simple home and life improvements for patients such as an air conditioner during the summer or a delivery of home heating fuel. Last year, our Tree of Life event raised over \$32,000 in support of these services. With your support and that of the community, we hope to exceed our goal of \$30,000 again this year.

There are many reasons to participate in the Tree of Life and although the journey of Hospice is never easy, there are as many reasons to celebrate – for lives enriched and forever influenced by a loved one; for vivid memories of meaningful times well-spent; and for the compassionate care rendered by the team of caregivers from Hospice and Palliative Care of NE CT. Perhaps it is an opportunity to simply be present for the sheer peacefulness and spirit of this event.

This year’s Tree of Life Chairperson Holly Gilbert, a cancer survivor and 29-year hospice volunteer stated, “I do this in memory of my mother, Florence Mayhew who passed away from cancer. I know how important hospice is for both the patient and their family. Just knowing that someone is there for you, that you are cared for and loved, is so important. Many times there are no words that need to be offered, only your presence. The lights on the Tree are a symbol of hope and healing and a way to keep this compassionate care going.”

The Tree of Life ceremony is a deeply personal way to celebrate a loved one, honor a caregiver and pay tribute to so many remarkable individuals who have forever left their mark on our community and in our hearts. Please consider joining us at a location near you on December 2nd and watch the lights shine throughout our northeast community this holiday season.

Kristen Willis is the Director of Development for Day Kimball Hospital. For more information on how you can participate in the Tree of Life, or have questions, concerns, stories to share, or topics related to philanthropy and Day Kimball Healthcare that you’d like to learn more about, please feel free to reach out to Kristen at 860-928-7141 or email kewillis@daykimball.org.



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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

A sad three decades

This has been a very sad three decades for this child of a New England Republican family. My Harvard MBA, WWII veteran father believed that, except during wartime or severest recession, we should avoid deficits, we should expand and strengthen the SS system and try to ensure that every American has access to health care. He believed in science. He agreed with his party platform regarding immigrants and refugees that called for "...equality of treatment and freedom from implications of discrimination between racial, nationality and religious groups..." He'd fought in Europe. He'd seen where fear led.

My Dad's party has now taken the un-American position that it would not support any legislation originating in the other party, even if it would benefit the country, just to be sure the Democrats weren't re-elected. Newt Gingrich must be proud of the make-no-deals warfare he inaugurated in the 90s. Angry that government doesn't work? It's not both parties that are at fault.

Many veteran Republicans have spoken up this term to warn that the Tea Party Patriots, the Freedom Caucus, and Grover Norquist's no-tax pledgers have paralyzed the USA and given their party over to the American Oligarchy, the plutocracy, the One Percent, at a time when it could be acting on behalf of all Americans.

One of the most revered and eloquent of those is Max Boot, foreign policy

advisor to three Republican presidential candidates, whose essay in the Washington Post is worth your consideration. After listing the ways that the party has betrayed its roots and its country, he includes this paragraph:

"That's why I can no longer be a Republican, and in fact wish ill fortune on my former party. I am now convinced that the Republican Party must suffer repeated and devastating defeats beginning in November. It must pay a heavy price for its embrace of white nationalism and know-nothingism. Only if the GOP as it is currently constituted is burned to the ground will there be any chance to build a reasonable center-right party out of the ashes. But that will require undoing the work of decades, not just of the past two years."

Joe Courtney's Republican predecessor, Rob Simmons, was a lifetime Sierra Club member and had a 100% rating from NARAL. Can you imagine such a Republican candidate now? I've registered Republican, hoping to prevent extremist candidates like Donald Trump from being nominated, but in the near future, I'll be voting only for Democrats, for their lesser faults and in hopes of reestablishing a reconstituted Republican Party that works for all Americans. I believe my Father would agree.

G. LESLIE SWEETNAM
WOODSTOCK

Bogdanski's message hits home

"Master Mike Bogdanski, co-owner of Quest Martial Arts in Putnam, wrote a moving personal account in the October 26 Villager of his experiences of being bullied as a kid, finding an antidote to his resulting feelings of isolation and humiliation in martial arts, and going on to change his life and that of others by founding a martial arts school and becoming an anti-bullying advocate. I wish I had someone like him, an anti-bully, in my life when I was a kid. I was beaten up on the playground, ridiculed for

my small stature and lack of physical dexterity, and so on, just like Master Bogdanski described. Although these experiences happened many years ago, they shaped my life in many ways and affect me to this day. His message that children need heroes, people who "Help Everyone Respect Others", is one that I hope readers will embrace and share. Adults need heroes too."

GARY POWELL
WOODSTOCK

Boyd listens and responds

Pat Boyd works hard for the people of the Quiet Corner! I have been continually impressed by Pat's ability to listen and think critically about issues that impact our Quiet Corner and our State. This comes as a result of the fact that he is invested here. He lives, eats, and works in our communities and has the passion to represent us in Hartford. I was particularly impressed when he assumed a key role in the

so called "Common Sense Caucus" - a small band of Quiet Corner legislators who truly work to make our corner of the State a better. To be honest, I do not always agree with Pat, but I respect the fact that he is open to, and willing to, talk about issues and consider opposing viewpoints.

John Pepper
Brooklyn

Vote our conscience and checkbook

Please vote on November 6. However, before you vote, please review your choices. Are you voting for someone who agrees with abortion (the killing of infants in the womb)? Are you voting for someone who perpetrates tax increases for "some good reason?" Are you voting for someone who does not believe in the Constitution of the United States as written (it is not, by design, a living document)? Are you

voting for someone who is in favor of endless borrowing or the issuance of bonds to provide routine government expenses?

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Boy Scout Troop 26 makes field trip

POMFRET — Boy Scout Troop 26, from Pomfret, recently went on a two-night, three-day overnight camping trip to New Hampshire and hiked up Mount Monadnock.

The boys all worked together to prepare meals for the group for the weekend; working on their cooking merit badge as well as hiking and camping merit badges.

The trip, from October 19-21; skirted inclement weather and had only a few rain-drops overnight and a few while hiking. It was chilly but saw plenty of sun. It was very cold and windy on the top. It was a busy day for hiking on Mt. Monadnock with over 1,400 people going up from the same trailhead as Troop 26. If anyone is interested in joining Troop 26, contact Ann Stoddard at ajstodda@sbcglobal.net



Troop 26 Boy Scout Owen Gratton takes a quick break on way up to the top of Mount Monadnock.



From left, Owen Gratton, Jack Aitken, Hunter Fortier.



On the way up the mountain: Lucas Gustafson, Ethan Hemeon, Zach Stoddard, Owen Gratton, Jack Aitken, Hunter Fortier, Curtis Desabre.



Anne Stoddard photos

Seth Fortier, standing on left; lower row from left; Dave Gratton, Gabbi LaBonte, Lucas Gustafson, Jackie Tuttle; back row, from left: Owen Gratton, Ethan Hemeon, Zach Stoddard, Jack Aitken and Curtis Desabre, to the right sitting is Hunter Fortier.



On the way back down after scaling Mount Monadnock.

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Modi started a campaign to eradicate open defecation. This means millions of toilets are being installed. We want to be the solution by collecting, treating and transforming their waste into valuable products.

How are you going about this?
We are trying to scale manufacturing in India. We are trying to meet the demand of 1 million refineries, to treat pathogens from water.

Why is this important?
Clean water is really important. The direction we're going right now, something bad is going to happen. We need to be focused on clean water. There's so many outbreaks right now. Polio might even come back.

That's horrifying. Why is what you're doing at Biomass Controls so meaningful to you?
We can save lives. We can make the world a better place for our children. One statistic that has always stood out to me is that 2,000 children die every day from sanitation-related pollution. To provide future generations with clean water and clean air, we need a

change. We need a way to treat human and food waste without contaminating the air, water and land. This doesn't get much press. It's very sad.

What is your background?
For 30 years I commuted to the Silicon Valley, working in technology. My value was, 'If we can measure it, we can manage it.' That has carried over to my work with Biomass Controls, in the form of our phone app, Kelvin. It can be used to measure our biorefinery system performances' both out in the field and remotely.

How do you like being back in Woodstock?
I like that there are more trees and less traffic. No traffic, really. Everybody just hates the traffic out there. And the pollution is really bad there, too, but I don't know if they realize it. There's clean air here. It's a big difference.

What do you like to do when you're not working?
I do mostly work. I have only taken a few days off this whole year. And I travel a lot. I'm not in the US much anymore. I really like to travel, visiting new countries. I like the different cultures. The different food. The differ-

ent people.
What are some interesting foods you've tried?

I like wedding biryani, a rice meal I have in India. It's really delicious. And everything there is super spicy. Vegetables are really different than around here. Everything is cooked and mixed for colors and spices and flavors. The food in China is amazing as well.

What are you hoping your work will be able to do for the Quiet Corner?
Long-term, we want to divert organic materials from landfills. Food waste, human waste,

textiles, animal waste... We want to return that back to the soil. It reduces greenhouse gasses, and improves the soil for growing food and preventing erosion.
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are often neglected from history lessons. Especially in smaller towns that may not even know that trains once went through their very streets.

Connecticut chartered its first railroads in 1832, and by the end of the 19th century about two dozen railroad corporations had built approximately 1,000 miles of main line track within the state.

The most important of these, according to a historical document from the Historical Society, was the New York & New Haven, completed in 1848. This was part of the first all-rail route between New York and Boston. It also connected to Willimantic, and other spots throughout Connecticut.

The speech by Roose will dive further into this railroad's fascinating history. The trials and errors. The improvements and inventions. And the unusual stories, people, places and structures that went along with it.

"History is just so interesting because you can learn so much from it," said Holmes. "Even with politics, you can see certain trends happening today that we saw

20, and even 100, years ago."
Her interest in history led Holmes to the Killingly Historical and Genealogical Society when she moved to the area. She knew it would be a perfect fit for her, and was continuously surprised by the Quiet Corner's history.
She learned that a trolley line used to go through Danielson. This made the area a tourist destination, which made the town further develop Alexander Lake.
In an area like Danielson "you just never know what you're going to find," she noted. You can see the history throughout Main Street, hidden in plain sight.
"There's a rich history if you look close enough."
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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Griffiths supports Rosati Randall

This November, I will again be voting for Christine Rosati Randall to be state representative for Killingly and Plainfield because she has been a long-time champion for education. Her opponent, Anne Dauphinas, has put off educational needs “in any town”. Ms. Rosati Randall was an advocate for children long before her 2014-2017 term as representative from our district as evident by her extensive involvement in the Northeast Childhood Council. She continued to support children and education while in elected office. For example, she secured an additional \$250,000 in funding for schools, which, incidentally, helped hold down property taxes. I believe that Ms. Dauphinas, the current representative, has shown that she does not have the best interests of children at heart. While she expressed the desire “to fix the finances and get those in order” (Killingly Villager, September 30, 2016), she has

tried to do so at the expense of education. Plainfield and Killingly public schools missed out on millions of state dollars under her leadership, and the local Family Resource Center closed for several months costing its staff their jobs. Also, she has tried to cut funding to higher education in the state, including, of course, the QVCC in our district. The Quiet Corner needs someone who understands the importance of education to the district and Ms. Rosati Randall is that person. She understands the necessity of an educated workforce for a community to prosper and grow. She understands the impact that the appropriate funding of schools has on the economy and the future. Please join me in voting for Ms. Rosati Randall on November 6.

EMILY GRIFFITHS
KILLINGLY

One party control doesn’t work

It’s not working. And we have two choices this November: the status quo, or new ideas. Connecticut’s General Assembly, those that make our state laws and control our state budget and financial well-being has been ruled by Democrats for 39 of the past 43 years, often with veto proof majorities. With Malloy’s 2010 election, Democrats have had almost eight years of complete one party control in Connecticut. Ask yourself, how is that one Party control working for you, the taxpaying citizen of Connecticut? Consider, by every economic and financial metric used to measure state performance, Connecticut is ranked last or near last in every one. Commenting on Connecticut’s economy, the Wall Street Journal characterized 2007-17 as a “lost decade”, as “Connecticut’s GDP shrunk an incredible 9.3% and declined by 0.5% on average annually during Mr. Malloy’s governorship.” In 2017, Connecticut’s economy ranked 49th in the nation according to the U.S. Department of Commerce. Our economy shrank last year by .2% beating the negative .3% in 2016. Our total tax burdens the highest in the nation according to the Tax Foundation.

The Mercatus Center ranks Connecticut 49th for Fiscal Health, only surpassed in irresponsibility by Democrat controlled Illinois. Connecticut and Illinois are to the U.S. what Greece and Italy are to the EU. States closer to bankruptcy, than solvency. Fiscally, the General Assembly in 2019, along with our new Governor and state officials face a biennium budget deficit of about \$4.5 billion, or higher. We have an unfunded liability of \$128 billion by one estimate, or about \$36,000 per Connecticut citizen including our babies, or \$53,000 per taxpayer. Only Illinois is worse. We have two choices for governor: Democrat Ned Lamont, a continuation of Dan Malloy and the one Party Democrat control that has ruined our state, or Republican Bob Stefanowski, a businessman with serious CEO credentials offering new ideas like zero based budgeting to cut spending (practiced by 17 other states), or eliminating the income tax based on achieving economic growth metrics. To reduce spending, Bob believes there is a 10% cost savings by eliminating inefficiency and waste in state government and proper prioritization of funding using different ideas. Ned Lamont disagrees. Believes no new ideas needed, we do not spend enough. Bob recognizes, the entire state runs like the DMV. Ned, as Dan, will be controlled by public service unions. Public unions rule Hartford through their proxy Democrat lawmakers, and to think otherwise is naive. Bob is not a politician, beholden to no one in Connecticut politics, least of all to public service unions. Bob is not union controlled. Ned promises to raise taxes, will borrow more, and will spend more with more big government ideas. Bob promises to cut taxes, control and reduce the size of government spending, and bring new ideas to Hartford. Either you vote for Bob, or you vote for “Status Quo” Ned: higher taxes, more government regulation, more intrusion in your life. No thank you Ned. Bob Stefanowski is the right choice.

DUFFY DAUPHINAIS
KILLINGLY

Rosati Randall gets things done

This election, I will vote for Christine Rosati Randall again. Christine has proven that she can deliver results for our towns. In her two years in office (2015-2016), she successfully secured much needed state finding for economic development improvements in downtown Danielson. Christine successfully fought to get a \$200,000 grant from the state to bring a commercial water line into Plainfield’s Industrial Park. As a result, ARS products moved from Woodstock into Plainfield, bringing much needed, good paying jobs to the town. Christine didn’t stop there. She also secured an additional \$250,000 in state funding for Killingly and Plainfield Public Schools. I know without state funding, more of the tax burden would end up on the

backs of our local property owners. Christine was successful in securing the state funding we needed to keep our local property taxes at a zero mill increase in those two years. On the other hand, what has our current Representative, Anne Dauphinas delivered for our towns? It’s been two years and the transit bus expansion into Plainfield never happened. Plainfield and Killingly Public Schools lost millions in state funding. Anyone can say what they will do, but I think it’s important that we elect the candidate that has actually done what they said they would do. That candidate in Christine Rosati Randall.

ED GRANDELSKI
DAYVILLE

Rusack endorses Rosati Randall

I support Christine Rosati Randall because she is the candidate who will support the rights of the LGBT community. I would say that our current representative is hilariously out of touch, but terrifyingly out of touch is a better fit. Christine cares more about the wellbeing of her constituents, beyond just getting their votes. She is the clear

choice, the one that will make sure that we will continue making progress towards equality, not slide back. I see her as an actual representative, not just a politician trying to forward their own agenda.

NICK RUSACK
KILLINGLY

Groh will focus on solutions

Voters of Killingly, Putnam and Thompson have the opportunity on Tuesday, November 6, to send an excellent public servant to the state legislature to truly represent us: Larry Groh, Jr. of the 51st District. As a resident of Thompson for over 30 years, I have seen first-hand the way Larry Groh brings thoughtful intelligence, a calm demeanor, roll-up-his-sleeves hard work and a listening ear to whatever decision or policy is under consideration. Larry thinks things through in a very practical, caring, yet fiscally responsible manner, as was illustrated during his many years of service as Selectman, First Selectman, Vice-Chair of Finance Board and liaison to NECOG. These are times of great stress for most local residents-both financial and emotional-when friends, family mem-

bers and neighbors avoid bringing up certain topics with each other for fear of disagreement; we have forgotten how to constructively disagree with each other. I have every reason to believe that Larry can disagree without being disagreeable, focusing on the problems at hand instead of the personalities, political affiliation, or rhetoric that may need to be handled to move things forward. Larry Groh, Jr. will remember who he is, who his constituents are, and bring representation we can be proud of to a divisive, and often unpleasant Connecticut state law-making body. I urge my fellow voters to elect Larry as a voice of reason amid a storm of discord.

CLAUDIA ALLEN
THOMPSON

Tired of negative ads

As another political season comes to an end I look back on the months of increasingly negative political ads. Sadly, even our own local elections have not been free from negative political rhetoric and dishonest trickery. Over the past few weeks, voters in the 44th district have been bombarded with false and negative campaign ads endorsed by Anne Dauphinais. Anne’s photo-shopped mailers are a sad attempt to defame Christine Rosati Randall’s record and trick voters. I applaud Christine for her positive campaign and telling us what she has done and will do for the 44th. Christine is a champion for our

youth, elderly and our disabled individuals. We can no longer ask the most vulnerable population to carry the load. Christine is honest, transparent and fair. I encourage you to speak with her and obtain the truth and her vision for the people. She is action oriented. She does not just talk the talk, she is a go getter and will fight for us all! On November 6th vote for Christine Rosati Randall – the candidate who truly is putting “people before politics” and doesn’t just use the words to win over voters at election time.

RENÉE TOPER
CENTRAL VILLAGE

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

FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 2

7-10 p.m. in the bar
CHRIS BREAUT
308 LAKESIDE
308 East Main St.
East Brookfield, MA
774-449-8333



SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 3

10:00 a.m. - 3:00 p.m.
ALBANIAN KITCHEN AND BAZAAR
Bake table featuring traditional Albanian favorites.
Albanian-style café with a variety of food items to dine in or take out.
Theme baskets, this ‘n’ that table, handmade jewelry, and illustrated children’s books
by Ruth Sanderson
St. Nicholas Albanian Orthodox Church
126 Morris St., Southbridge, MA
FUNDRAISER FOR EDDIE
GREENVILLE BAPTIST CHURCH
700 Pleasant St., Rochdale, MA
8 a.m. - 3 p.m.
Indoor yard sale, bake sale, raffles, face painting, balloon animals for kids.
Early birds. \$10 entrance fee.
Proceeds to benefit Eddie Besse, a local 5-year-old with brittle bone disease in need of a van with a wheelchair lift.



FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 9

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FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 16

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SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 17

9 p.m.
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FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 23

7-10 p.m. in the bar
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THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 29

5:30 - 7:30 p.m.
LADIES’ NIGHT
Free raffles from local businesses & in store baskets
Wine (must be 21 years or older)
Refreshments
Free gift certificates to the first 50 people
Fill out a wish list
CORMIER JEWELERS & ART GALLERY
136 Main St., Spencer, MA
508-885-3385



FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 30

7-10 p.m. in the bar
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7:30 p.m. start up
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325 Pleasant St., Leicester, MA
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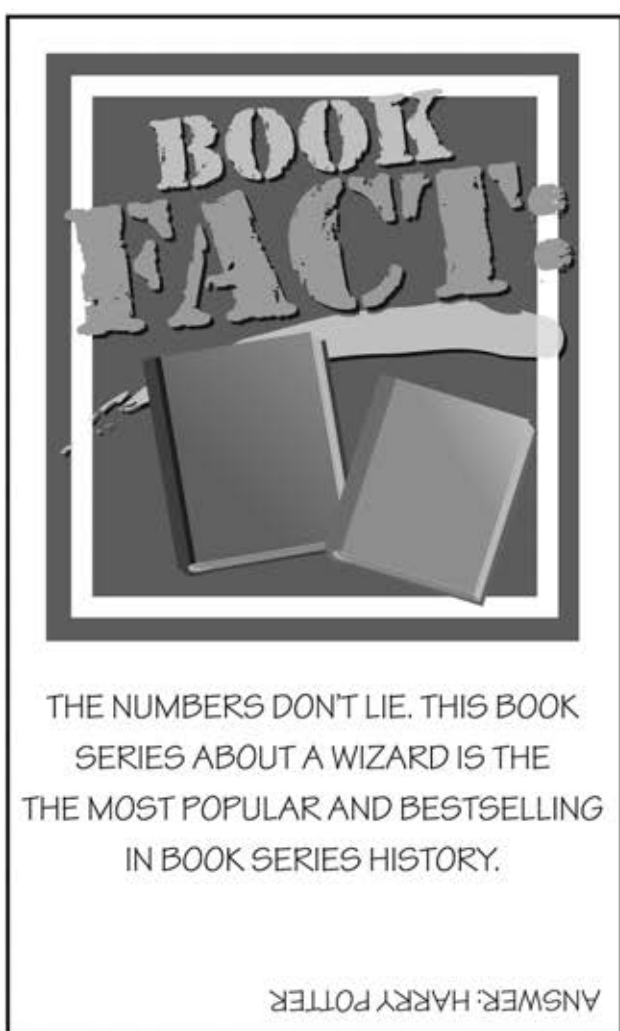


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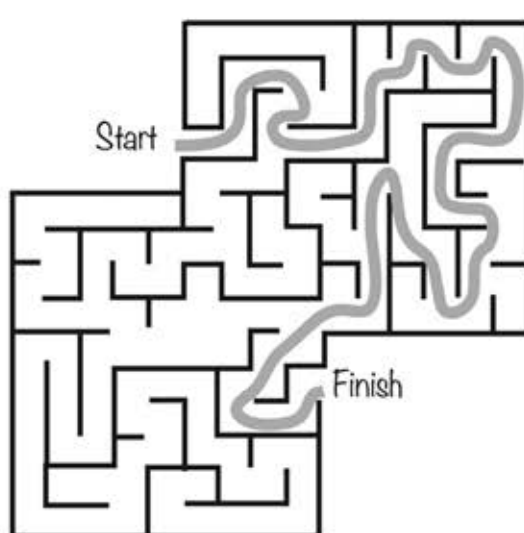


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FUN
This Weekend!





Can you find your way through the twists
and turns of this maze?



HISTORY

- **1787:** MOZART'S OPERA DON GIOVANNI RECEIVES ITS FIRST PERFORMANCE IN PRAGUE.

- **1923:** THE REPUBLIC OF TURKEY IS PROCLAIMED AFTER THE DISSOLUTION OF THE OTTOMAN EMPIRE.

- **1929:** THE NY STOCK EXCHANGE CRASHES ON WHAT WOULD COME TO BE CALLED "BLACK TUESDAY"

New Word

SUMMARY

a brief statement
of the main points
of something

How they SAY that in...

ENGLISH: Bookstore

SPANISH: Librería

ITALIAN: Libreria**FRENCH:** Librairie

GERMAN: Buchhandlung

Did you?
Know?

READING EVERY DAY CAN HELP HELP
ONE BECOME KNOWLEDGEABLE,
IMPROVE VOCABULARY,
STRENGTHEN MEMORY,
IMPROVE WRITING SKILLS,
AND STIMULATIE THE
MIND.



**GET THE
PICTURE?**



Can you guess what the bigger picture is?

ANSWER: READING NEWSPAPER

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A B C D E F G H I J K L M N O P Q R S T U V W X Y Z

CRYPTO FUN

Determine the code to reveal the answer!

Solve the code to discover words related to the 1950s.
Each number corresponds to a letter.
(Hint: 17 = d)

A. 17 5 17 17 26 - 25

Clue: Cool guy

B. 14 5 17

Clue: Apartment

C. 20 22 9 5 4 9 22

Clue: Guy with lots of hair product

D. 17 22 5 20

Clue: Bore

Answers: A. Daddy-O B. pad C. greaser D. drag

SUDOKU

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		1	9			8		
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6			1				5	

Level: Intermediate

Here's How It Works:

Sudoku puzzles are formatted as a 9x9 grid, broken down into nine 3x3 boxes. To solve a sudoku, the numbers 1 through 9 must fill each row, column and box. Each number can appear only once in each row, column and box. You can figure out the order in which the numbers will appear by using the numeric clues already provided in the boxes. The more numbers you name, the easier it gets to solve the puzzle!

6	4	8	1	3	7	2	5	9
9	7	5	2	4	8	6	3	1
3	2	1	9	5	6	8	7	4
5	3	7	6	1	4	9	8	2
1	8	2	5	9	3	7	4	6
4	9	6	7	8	2	3	1	5
8	6	3	4	2	5	1	9	7
2	1	4	3	7	9	5	6	8
7	5	9	8	6	1	4	2	3

ANSWER:

POLICE LOGS

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TROOP D LOG

DANIELSON	Charlene Brun, 49, of 51 Reynolds Street, Killingly, was charged with a warrant	Danielson, was charged with criminal trespassing and disorderly conduct
Sunday, Oct. 21	Tuesday, Oct. 23	Friday, Oct. 26
	Delana Hewig, 50, of 18 Potter Street, Danielson, was charged with larceny and conspiracy	Denise Schrake, 55, of 49 Welsh Street, Killingly, was charged with larceny and issuing a bad check
	Wednesday, Oct. 24	THOMPSON
	Luke William Myhre, 37, of 79 Winter Street Apt. #D, Danielson, was charged with larceny	Wednesday, Oct. 24
	Thursday, Oct. 25	Eric Lessard, 40, of 65 Bonnette Avenue, Thompson, was charged with disorderly conduct
	Daniel Baah, 53, of 314 Broad Street Apt. #BOTTOM,	

PUBLIC MEETINGS

BROOKLYN

Monday, Nov. 5

Ethics Commission, 7 p.m., Town Hall

Conservation Commission, 7:30 p.m., Clifford B. Green Memorial Center

Wednesday, Nov. 7

PZC, 6:30 p.m., Clifford B. Green

Thursday, Nov. 8

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

KILLINGLY

Monday, Nov. 5

Aquifer Protection Agency, 7 p.m., Town Hall

IWWC, 7 p.m., Town Hall

Tuesday, Nov. 6

Economic Development Commission, 5 p.m., Town Hall

Special Town Council, 7 p.m., Town Hall

Wednesday, Nov. 7

PUTNAM

Permanent Building Commission, 7 p.m., Town Hall

Thursday, Nov. 8

NE District Department of Health, 2 p.m., 69 South Main Street, Brooklyn

Killingly Community Gardens, 6 p.m., Town Hall

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

Monday, Nov. 5

Board of Selectmen, 7 p.m, Town Hall

Tuesday, Nov. 6

Commission on Aging, 6 p.m., Town Hall

Thursday, Nov. 8

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

THOMPSON

Monday, Nov. 5

Quinebaug Fire Department, 7 p.m., Quinebaug Fire Station

WOODSTOCK

Monday, Nov. 5

IWWA, 7 p.m., Town Hall

Wednesday, Nov. 7

Crystal Pond Park Commission, 6 p.m., Town Hall

WDTC, 7:30 p.m., Town Hall

Thursday, Nov. 8

Arboretum, 7 p.m., Town Hall

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

Open Space, 7 p.m., Town Hall

EASTFORD

Monday, Nov. 5

Registrar of Voters, 9 a.m., Town Office Building

Tuesday, Nov. 6

School Readiness Council, 5:30 p.m., Town Office Building

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

Wednesday, Nov. 7

Crystal Pond Park Commission, 6 p.m., Town Office Building

Thursday, Nov. 8

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

POMFRET

Monday, Nov. 5

Board of Selectmen, 7 p.m., Pomfret Community/Senior Center

Wednesday, Nov. 7

IWWC, 7 p.m., Senior Center

Thursday, Nov. 8

Conservation Commission, 7 p.m., Pomfret Community/Senior Center

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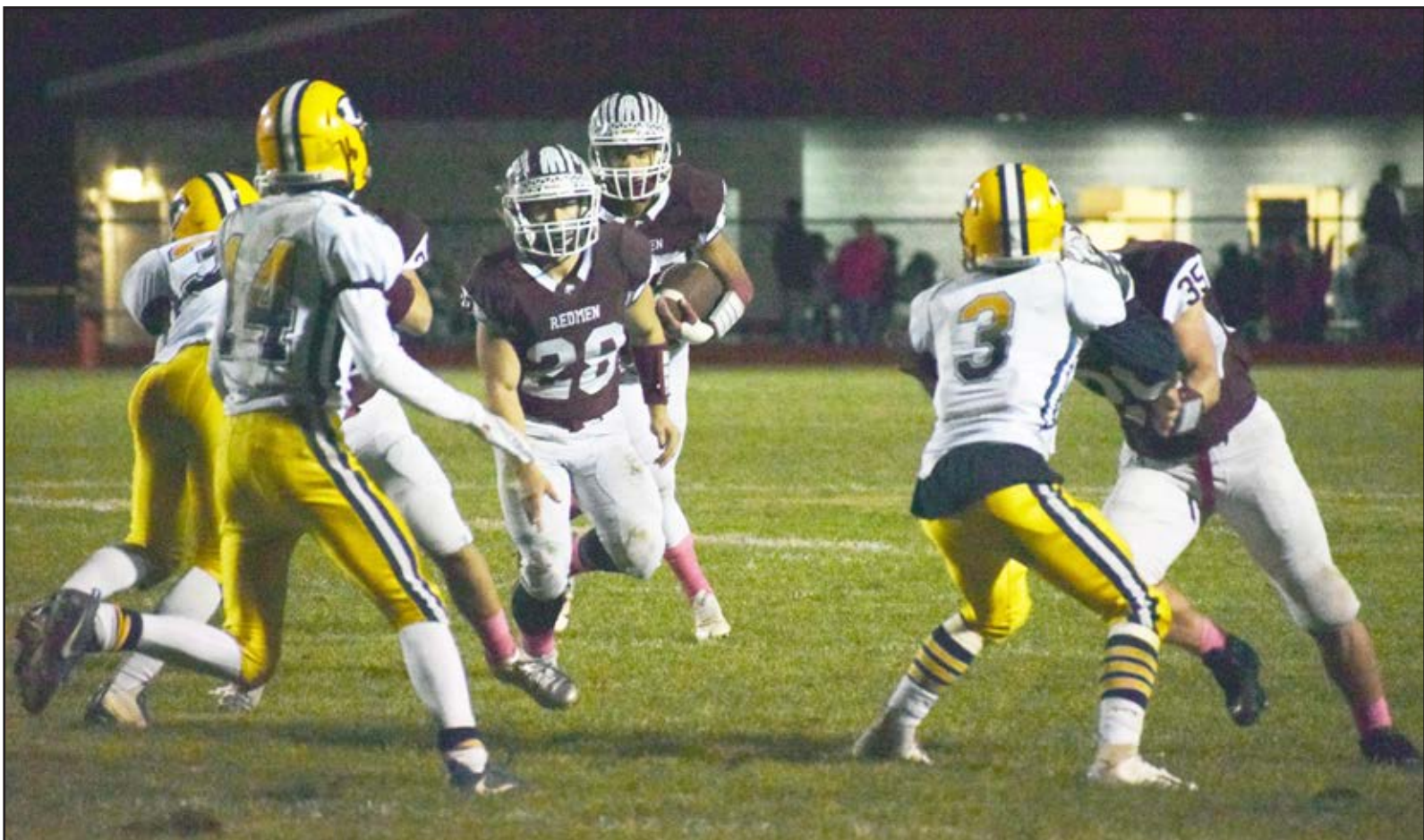
Special delivery for Cournoyer against Ledyard

BY CHARLIE LENTZ
VILLAGER EDITOR

DAYVILLE — Tyler Cournoyer and his torn anterior cruciate ligament limped up to Killingly High coach Chad Neal early last week. The senior running back had a request for his coach — a chance to suit up against Ledyard High last Friday night before walking away from football for good.

“I asked Coach what he thought,” said Cournoyer. “We didn’t want to risk anything but I couldn’t screw it up any more.”

Two weeks earlier Cournoyer had to be helped off the gridiron at Stonington High after tearing the ACL and the meniscus in his right knee — it was not the end to his career he envisioned. With medical clearance and assurance that Cournoyer could do no further damage, Neal relented and Cournoyer wore his number 27 jersey as he stood patiently on the sideline as the Redmen built a 31-7 fourth-quarter lead against the Colonels at Killingly High School last Friday night — with reconstructive surgery awaiting Cournoyer the following Monday at UConn Health Center in Farmington. The drama thickened as Killingly drove toward Ledyard’s goal line with time running out.



Charlie Lentz photo

Killingly High’s Jackson Lopes rushes with teammate Dylan Sanford ahead blocking against Ledyard last Friday, Oct. 26, in Dayville.

“Talking to the doctor and our trainer — what effect is it going to have to get one more play? — everybody gave the green light,” Neal said.

The coach wasn’t surprised that Cournoyer wanted one last carry.

“I just know him. I wouldn’t be surprised if he said ‘Hey, let me finish the year,’” Neal said. “I

think the team was excited. It kind of gave us a jolt that Tyler’s going to be able to dress with us. He’s getting one more shot. He’s going take the field on Homecoming. I think the team rallied him.”

With 3:47 left in the game Killingly got the ball back at its own 39-yard line for one

last possession. The Redmen moved the ball to Ledyard’s 7-yard line in five plays. With under a minute left Cournoyer took the field and entered the huddle. Neal called his number.

“That’s what coaching’s all about. It’s for moments like that,” Neal said. “The wins are great and everything else. But

when you have a moment like that with a kid. He’s going to remember that the rest of his life.”

A football life is a fragile existence and nothing is guaranteed.

“The kids know. We talk to them a lot. That could be your last play anytime,” Neal said. “It was very special for our program, for him and his

family, to have it end that way.”

From the 7-yard line Cournoyer took the hand-off and made the most of the last carry of his life.

“I just wanted to score,” Cournoyer said. “That’s all I wanted to do there.”

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OPEN HOUSE SAT 11/3 10:00-11:30



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Key calls go against Pride in loss to ATI



Charlie Lentz photo

Quinebaug Valley's Matt Fitzpatrick is off the races on a 25-yard touchdown run against Abbott Tech/Immaculate in Danbury last Sunday.



Charlie Lentz photo

ATI United's Matt Christie, left, tips away a pass intended for Quinebaug Valley's Jamie Talbot in Danbury last Sunday.

BY CHARLIE LENTZ
VILLAGER EDITOR

DANBURY — Mustang Valley football field sits a few miles away from Exit 3 off Interstate 84 in Southwestern Connecticut — Quinebaug Valley Pride coach Joe Asermelly might tell you it was the sight of a highway robbery last Sunday. Perhaps some dubious officiating calls contributed to Quinebaug Valley's 32-30 loss to Abbott Tech/

Immaculate and Asermelly spoke his mind after some key whistles by one official led to three ATI touchdowns in the final eight minutes and 14 seconds of the contest.

“That official should not be officiating high school football games anywhere in the state of Connecticut. He made four ghost calls today at critical times that completely changed the outcome of this game,” Asermelly said. “He is a joke.”

With Quinebaug Valley leading 22-12 early in the fourth quarter, the Pride forced ATI United into a third-and-12 situation from Quinebaug Valley's 49-yard line. A slew of Pride defenders knocked down ATI junior quarterback C.J. Cianflon's third-down heave but pass interference was called — and with the 15-yard penalty ATI was awarded a first down on Quinebaug's Valley's 34-yard line.



Charlie Lentz photo

Quinebaug Valley's Jeff Reed picks up yardage on a 22-yard reception in the first quarter against ATI United in Danbury last Sunday.

ABBOTT TECH/IMMACULATE 32,
QUINEBAUG VALLEY 30

Quinebaug	14	0	0	16-30
Abbott/Immaculate	0	6	6	20-32

FIRST QUARTER

QV- Nick Thomasson 1 run
(Jeff Reed pass from Josh Dodd) 7:13
QV- Matt Fitzpatrick 25 run (pass failed) 3:06

SECOND QUARTER

ATI- Anthony Frasier 4 run (pass failed) :31

THIRD QUARTER

ATI- Matt Christie 4 run (run failed) 4:15

FOURTH QUARTER

QV- Reed 13 pass from Dodd (Fitzpatrick run)
10:08 ATI- Frasier 34 run (Christe run) 8:28
ATI- C.J. Cianflone 45 run (run failed) 8:14
QV- Jamie Talbot 76 pass from Dodd
(Adrian Casiano run) 4:41
ATI- Frasier 1 run (run failed) :19

	Quinebaug	ATI
First Downs	15	18
Rushes-yards	25-112	40-259
Passing	218	64
Sacked-yds lost	2-18	2-17
Comp-Att-Int	15-27-4	7-15-1
Punts-Avg.	2-24	1-40
Fumbles-Lost	1-0	1-0
Penalties-Yards	8-55	2-17

INDIVIDUAL STATISTICS

RUSHING- QV: Dodd 4-11; Fitzpatrick 12-79 & TD; Casiano 3-5; Thomasson 3-3 & TD; Joel Comeau 2-11; Zach Andersen 1-5..
ATI: Cianflone 8-75 & TD; Christie 13-54 & TD; Frasier 19-130 & 3 TDs.

PASSING- QV: Dodd 15-26-3 for 218 yards & 2 TDs; Casiano 0-1-1. ATI: Cianflone 7-15-1 for 64 yards.

RECEIVING- QV: Casiano 6-51; Reed 4-48 & TD; Sebastian Ramos 1-16; Jamie Talbot 2-92 & TD; Fitzpatrick 2-11. ATI: Christie 2-23; Tom Fahey 2-15; Frasier 2-11; Ozy Friar 1-15.

“Basically it’s a critical call on a long-shot play by them,” Asermelly said.

On the next play junior running back Anthony Frasier ran 34 yards for a touchdown, Matt Christie ran for the two-point conversion and ATI trailed Quinebaug Valley 22-20 with 8:28 left in the game. On the ensuing kickoff ATI recovered an onside kick on the Pride’s 45-yard line and Cianflon needed just one play to race 45 yards for the score to put ATI up 26-22 with 8:14 remaining. But the Pride didn’t give up although the controversial calls didn’t stop.

“One official decided to get involved in the game,” Asermelly said. “My kids played great.”

The Pride regained the lead after Cianflon’s 45-yard touchdown run gave ATI a four-point margin. Quinebaug Valley moved 85 yards in six plays with senior quarterback Josh Dodd completing the drive by hitting senior receiver Jamie Talbot with a 76-yard touchdown pass with 4:41 left. Quinebaug Valley senior Adrian Casiano ran for the two-point conversion and the Pride led 30-26.

“My guys battled extremely hard,” Asermelly said. “They deserved to win this game.”

Quinebaug Valley attempted an onside kick after Talbot’s 76-yard touchdown and senior kicker Sebastian Ramos appeared to recover the football after it rolled 12 yards — but an official ruled it had been touched before it tumbled 10 yards and ATI was awarded the football on the Pride’s 49-yard line.

“We recovered it 12 yards downfield. Nobody touched it. That would have iced the game. It would have been victory. It would have been over,” Asermelly said. “They were unable to explain any of those calls to me today. The officials, more or less, gave me the silent treatment the whole game.”

Quinebaug Valley’s onside attempt gave ATI the football on the Pride’s 49-yard line. ATI United then moved 46 yards in five plays to Quinebaug Valley’s 3-yard line. The Pride held ATI on three consecutive rushing attempts but on fourth-and-goal from the 1-yard line, Frasier scooted around right end for the touchdown with 19.9 seconds left to put ATI United up 32-30 and complete the scoring. Coach Asermelly vented his spleen after the final gun.

“With us recovering the onside kick. With an imaginary block in the back on a pileup. With 12 men on the field that they didn’t call in the first half on a crucial third down. OK? All four of those calls from one official, it’s an utter joke,” Asermelly said.

The win lifted ATI’s record to 5-2. The loss dropped the Pride’s record to 3-4. Asermelly didn’t blame ATI United for taking advantage of some dubious calls and he offered congratulations to Chris Francisco when the ATI linebacker approached him at game’s end. The coach wasn’t as magnanimous with the officials at the site of an apparent highway robbery last Sunday — just off Exit 3 on Interstate 84.

“We got swindled,” Asermelly said. “And I know it sounds petty to blame an official. If it was one call I would say you can’t leave it up to one play, you can’t do that. But consistently — in all phases, in all quarters, in all situations — to get the hometown treatment like that. This film will go in for review, that’s really the only course of action that I have. It’s embarrassing frankly for them. We got swindled.”

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Unbeaten Woodstock and Killingly clash in ECC tourney



Charlie Lentz photo

Killingly High's Trinity Angel tries to block a kill attempt by Woodstock Academy's Natalie Low last Saturday in Woodstock.

BY CHARLIE LENTZ
VILLAGER EDITOR

WOODSTOCK — Undefeated Woodstock Academy built a volleyball team that's ranked No. 1 in Class L and is the favorite to win a state title — while Killingly High is rebuilding this season. The outcome was predictable when the backyard rivals met last Saturday in the opening round of the Eastern Connecticut Conference Division I Tournament at Alumni Fieldhouse. The Centaurs swept the Redgals 3-0.

Woodstock coach

Adam Bottone has the task of guiding his team to the promised land of a state crown. The Centaurs came agonizingly close last season, falling to RHAM in the Class L championship game — Woodstock's last loss. Bottone said last year's tourney run will better prepare the Centaurs for a shot at the state championship. The first round of the Class L Tournament is scheduled to begin on Monday, Nov. 5. Unbeaten Woodstock's record was 20-0 through its first 20 games.

"Getting that deep

last year was kind of an unknown to us. I think I only made it to the semifinals once before and we lost to East Lyme in 2012. We haven't really been much past the second round since then," Bottone said. "Getting that deep last year, losing, being in that environment . . . all of that really has really helped us and prepared us for the postseason."

Bottone said the Centaurs were playing well on the eve of the state tournament.

"We're in a good place right now. We've been

doing pretty well all season. The beginning of the season we started a little rough with two five-set wins against East Lyme and Waterford and then we kind of made some adjustments and started cruising I guess you could say," Bottone said. "We've had some tough matches at the end of the season here between Conard and RHAM. But we're in a good place. We're serving the ball pretty well. We're passing well out of receive. Defense is a little more inconsistent than I'd like but I think overall we're a

good place."

In the win over Killingly, Woodstock junior outside hitter Paula Hernandez had 19 kills, senior outside hitter Natalie Low notched 11 kills, senior setter Sammie Orlowski had 29 assists, and senior Libero Maddy Gronski had 14 digs and 23 service points. Set scores were 25-16, 25-11, 25. Low said her teammates are ready for run at a state title.

"We always try to stay loose and just have fun. We're really close this year which makes it a lot better," Low said. "We're so excited. It's all we're talking about right now."

Bottone said his players feel a sense of urgency.

"They know what's at stake. They know the gravity of the situation. Going undefeated, it's the first-time ever in program history. Being the number one seed in the state tournament, first time in program history. Winning the (ECC) division title, regular-season title outright, first time in program history," Bottone said. "They know what's on the line. They know what it's going to take. Being loose is kind of their M.O. and if they can keep loose and stay positive we'll be good."

The Centaurs are playing well but Bottone said there's still room for improvement.

"I wouldn't say we've peaked yet," Bottone said. "We've played some good matches but we haven't peaked yet."

Bottone expects the usual suspects to be top contenders for the Class L state title.

"Definitely RHAM, Joel Barlow — we faced them in the semifinals last year, they have one loss and that one loss was to Newtown so they're going to be good. Bristol Eastern was young team last year — they only have two losses this year so they're going to be a powerhouse. East Lyme is going to be good," Bottone said. "I think between us, RHAM, Joel Barlow, East Lyme, Bristol Eastern — those five teams I think are amongst the favorites."

The loss to Woodstock dropped Killingly's record to 4-17. Kelsey Allen had 10 digs and four kills and Trinity Angel had eight digs and two blocks against the Centaurs. This season's record was not surprising considering the

Redgals lost five senior starters to graduation including one All-State player, three ECC First Team All-Stars, and one ECC Second Team selection.

"We knew it would be a challenging season with what we lost from last year," said Killingly coach Dan Vogt. "We lost a lot of close sets and matches this year. We went 0-10 in two-point sets this year and that was really a backbreaker. I think mental toughness is something we're going to have to focus on next year. That was one of our weaknesses. We just weren't able to win the close matches and that kind of cost us. And we played a very difficult schedule and a really strong league."

But this year's lineup was sprinkled with underclassmen and Killingly also had a strong junior varsity program so Vogt expects the Redgals to bounce back.

"Our jayvee team came a long way this year. They had a great season. They finished the season going 9-1 in the second half of the season with mostly all freshmen and sophomores," Vogt said. "We have four seniors that we're going to definitely miss but we do have a strong sophomore and junior class to build on moving forward. So we're optimistic that we can get back to the state tournament and be a top team in the league. If you play hard and you're dedicated good things will happen so we're optimistic that the program is still going to be on good ground."

Woodstock Academy is on solid ground right now — the promised land of a state title beckons.

"They're the best team I've had overall," said Bottone, in his 17th season with the program. "One of the biggest things that sticks out about this team over the teams in the past is they don't let errors get to them. I've had some talented teams that had good skill and could make things happen but when they would make errors they would kind of get down on themselves. This team doesn't do that. Their positivity I think is what separates them from any other team I've had."

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HIGH SCHOOL ROUNDUP

CANTON 18, WOODSTOCK 16

WOODSTOCK — Canton defeated Woodstock Academy 18-16 in high school football last Friday, Oct. 26. The win lifted Canton's record to 1-6. The loss dropped the Centaurs record to 1-6. Woodstock Academy is next scheduled to travel to Windham High to take on the Whippets on Friday, Nov. 6, with kickoff set for 6:30 p.m. Windham's record is 4-2 and the Whippets are coming off a 30-20 win over Bacon Academy on Oct. 26.

TOURTELLOTTE 5, PUTNAM 0

THOMPSON — Kaylee Tackson scored three goals and notched one assist to lead the Tigers past the Clippers in the opening round of the ECC girls soccer tournament on Oct. 26. Ashley Morin had one goal and one assist, Kate Heffernan scored one goal, and Leah Groh had one assist for Tourtellotte. The Tigers outshot the Clippers 26-5. Tourtellotte goalie Kailei Coply made five saves. Putnam keeper Kayleigh Lyons made 21 saves.

WOODSTOCK 2 STONINGTON 1

NEW LONDON — Ethan Holcomb scored at 5:02 of the second overtime to lift the Centaurs over the Bears in boys soccer in the semifinals of the

ECC Tournament on Oct. 30. Alejandro Quintas-Gonzalez also scored for Woodstock (11-5-2).

WOODSTOCK 3, FITCH 0

GROTON — Paula Hernandez had 14 kills and 20 digs, Natalie Low had 16 kills, Sammie Orlowski had 28 assists, and Maddy Gronski had 31 digs for the Centaurs (20-0) in the win over Fitch (12-8) in the Eastern Connecticut Conference Division 1 Volleyball Tournament semifinals on Oct. 29.

KILLINGLY 2, WATERFORD 0

DAYVILLE — Abbie Burgess scored two goals to lead the Redgals past the Lancers in the opening round of the ECC girls soccer tournament on Oct. 26. Haylee Chester notched one assist for Killingly. Killingly outshot Waterford 11-5. Killingly goalkeeper Taylyn Lemoine made three saves. Waterford keeper Mackenzie Gregory made five saves. Leading 1-0, Abbie Burgess scored with four minutes left on a breakaway to put the game away.

STONINGTON 2, WOODSTOCK 1

STONINGTON — Miranda Arruda and Colette Dreher scored for the Bears (14-1-1, 11-1 ECC) in the win over the Centaurs in the ECC field hockey tournament on Oct. 29. Eliza Dutson scored

for the Centaurs (3-13, 3-9 ECC) with an assist from Emma Durand.

WOODSTOCK 3, RHAM 1

HEBRON — Paula Hernandez had 32 kills, Sammie Orlowski added 45 assists, and Maddy Gronski had 23 digs in the Centaurs volleyball win over RHAM on Oct. 26.

WOODSTOCK 3, EAST LYME 1

WOODSTOCK — The Centaurs (14-1-2) defeated the Vikings (4-12-1) in the first round of the ECC girls soccer tournament on Oct. 26. Peyton Saracina scored two goals and Adeline Smith scored one goal for Woodstock. Emma Belleville scored for East Lyme.

KILLINGLY 3, LEDYARD 2

LEDYARD — Abbie Burgess scored off an assist from Emily Watling with 3.7 seconds left in the second overtime session to give the Redgals the win in their regular season finale in girls soccer on Oct. 24. Burgess finished with two goals and one assist and Kaleigh Hopkins had one goal for the Redgals. Killingly trailed 2-0 at the half. Hopkins scored midway through the second half and Burgess tallied with 10 minutes left in regulation to tie it at 2-2. Lexi Laperle and Ally Van Volkenburg each scored one goal for Ledyard. Killingly led

15-4 in shots. Keeper Taylyn Lemoine made one save for Killingly. Savannah Wahrer made seven stops for Ledyard.

NFA 1, WOODSTOCK 0

NORWICH — Kayla Park scored the lone goal for Norwich Free Academy in the win over Woodstock Academy in girls soccer on Oct. 24 in the regular season finale for both teams. The win lifted the Wildcats record 9-5-2 overall, 4-1-1 ECC Division I. The loss was the first this season for Woodstock Academy (13-1-2, 5-1). Woodstock outshot NFA 15-4.

TOURTELLOTTE 2, PUTNAM 0

THOMPSON — Kaylee Tackson and Ashley Morin each scored one goal in the Tigers win over the Clippers in the regular season finale for both teams on Oct. 24. Morin and Harley Dimock each notched one assist. The Tigers outshot the Clippers 24-3. Kailei Copley made three saves for Tourtellotte. Putnam keeper Kayleigh Lyons made 22 saves.

WOODSTOCK 1 BACON 0

WOODSTOCK — Eric Phongsra scored in overtime with an assist from Alexander Quintas Gonzalez in the Centaurs (10-5-2) win over the Bobcats (9-7-1) in the first round of the ECC boys soccer tournament on Oct. 26.

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OBITUARIES

Jane E. Gibson, 74



SOUTHBRIDGE- Jane E. (Laughnane) Gibson, 74, of High Ridge Ave., passed away surrounded by her family on Sunday, Oct. 28th, in the UMass Memorial Medical Center, University Campus, Worcester, after a brief illness.

She leaves her husband of 25 years, William D. Gibson; her son, Francis Traficanti of Medway; her daughter, Kerri Avanesian and her husband Rumi of Sturbridge; her step son, Steven Gibson of Nantucket; her two step daughters, Laurie Johnson of West Boylston and Susan McDowell of Woodstock, CT; her sister, Janice A. Kennedy of Southbridge; her brother, James B. Laughnane, III of Dataw Island, SC; her eight grandchildren, Austin Avanesian, McKensie Avanesian, Christopher Traficanti, Michael Traficanti, Brianna Krushefski, Erin McDowell, Aiden McDowell and Tyler Gibson; and nieces and nephews. She was born in Southbridge the daughter of James B. and Jennette J. (Ste. Marie) Laughnane. She was a 1961 graduate of Mary E. Wells High School in Southbridge.

Jane worked for several years Woodbury Envelope Co. in Worcester before retiring. She previously worked as a hairdresser. She was a member of St. Mary's Parish, in Southbridge.

Jane had a motherly presence in everything she did. Whether you were her husband, children, grandchildren or friends - Jane always welcomed you with an open heart. Her door was always open for whoever needed it. She spent her days keeping up with her family and friends, knitting and shopping with her kids and grandkids. She enjoyed long weekends to the beach, with a special place in her heart for York Maine. She loved her friends and doing things with them. From cookouts to visits to the casino she was always around friends and family who loved her dearly.

With the spirit of family and friends constantly embodying her, she particularly loved Christmas. She loved getting her entire family together to celebrate the holiday, as the holiday spirit lived in her everyday life.

Jane will be deeply missed by everyone she touched, and the world truly lost a light that will never be put out.

Her funeral will be held on Friday, Nov. 2nd, from the Daniel T. Morrill Funeral Home, 130 Hamilton St., Southbridge, with a Mass at 11:00am in St. Mary's Church of the St. John Paul II Parish, 263 Hamilton St., Southbridge. Burial will follow in St. Mary's Cemetery, Southbridge. Calling hours will be held on Thursday, Nov. 1st, from 5:00 to 8:00pm.

In lieu of flowers donations may be made to St. John Paul II Parish, 279 Hamilton St., Southbridge, MA 01550. www.morrillfuneralhome.com

Albert (Al) F. Fougere Jr. , 57



N O R T H GROSVENORDALE, CT- Albert (Al) F. Fougere Jr. age 57 died Saturday October 20, 2018 after a five and a half year battle of Pancreatic Cancer. He leaves a sister Michelle

and her husband Donald Adams of Charlton, MA. Al leaves his life companion of over twenty years, Elaine T. Levesque with which he made his home and her children Allan and his wife April , Aimee and her companion Mike, two Godchildren his nephew Bryan Adams (Katrina) and grand daughter Calleigh, four grandchildren Eric, Samantha, Lindsey and he was predeceased by grand daughter Kauri. He also leaves several Aunts, Uncles and cousins. He was born in Putnam, Ct son of the late Albert Fougere Sr.

and Eileen (Carpenter) Fougere living in North Grosvenordale all his life. Al was a Senior Web Developer for Hanover Insurance for sixteen years and TACO Inc., Cranston, RI. Al loved sports, especially the children's sporting events. He enjoyed the casino, he also was an avid sports fan, especially the Red Sox and Patriots. There are no calling hours. A graveside service was held in St. Joseph Cemetery, North Grosvenordale, CT , Thursday October 25, 2018 at 11 am. Please omit flowers, donations may be made in his memory to American Cancer Society, PO Box 22478, Oklahoma City, OK 73123 for Pancreatic Cancer Research. The Shaw-Majercik Funeral Home, 48 School St., Webster, MA has been entrusted with his arrangements. A guest book is available at www.shaw-majercik.com where you may post a condolence or light a candle.

Robert George Dailey, 71



P O M F R E T -- Robert (Bob) George Dailey, 71, of Pomfret. Robert was born in Buffalo, New York, June 3, 1947 and was the loving son of Gladys D. and Wesley A. Dailey (both deceased). He

grew up in Arcade, New York and spent much of his life in Tonawanda, New York and Lake Worth. After his mother's passing, in 1984 Bob moved to Connecticut where he lived in several, loving, Community Training Homes.

Bob leaves his older brother James Walter (Sr.) and wife Marilyn D. of Bloomfield, as well as his twin brother's wife Judy Dailey of Franklin, North Carolina. He is predeceased by his twin brother Richard Arthur

Dailey. Bob also leaves many nieces and nephews.

Bob passed away peacefully, in his sleep, at home on September 25, 2018. He will be greatly missed by family and friends. (The Apostle Paul said "For to me, to live is Christ and to die is gain." Phil 1:21 (NIV2011))

A celebration of Bob's life / memorial service will be held:

Saturday, November 10, 2018, 10 AM, at High Pointe Church 1208 Thompson Road, Thompson. The church Web site: www.gotohpc.org. A reception for friends and family will be held after the service at the church.

The family is very grateful for the loving family members of the several Community Training Homes Bob was part of for 30+ years, as well as the friends and staff of the Connecticut Department of Developmental Services for all the ways they cared for Bob.

In lieu of flowers, donations in Bob's memory may be made to Bloomfield Volunteer Ambulance Fund, 785 Park Ave., Bloomfield, CT 06002. Tillinghast Funeral Home, 433 Main Street, Danielson CT 06239. tillinghastfh.com

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Brenda L. Provost



BROOKLYN - Brenda Lee Provost, 68, of Brooklyn passed away peacefully on Monday October 22, 2018 at Backus Hospital in Norwich with her family by her side. Brenda was born

in Putnam on August 4, 1950, the daughter of the late Lee and Cecile (Mazzarella) Franklin. She was the wife of Leo Provost. Brenda was a 1968 Killingly High School graduate. She along with her husband worked on their dairy and chicken farm while raising her two boys and later at the former Plainfield Dog Track until her retirement. She is survived by her loving husband of 49 years, children Lee Provost and his wife Karen of Amesbury, Massachusetts, Jason Provost and his wife Bernadine of Clinton, and Tammy Stachura of Brooklyn, a special friend who she considered as her daughter, sister Marcia Mailloux and husband Richard of Moosup, brother Alan Franklin and wife Jacqueline of Kentucky, granddaughters Magen Vaillant and husband Daniel of Hampstead New

Hampshire, and Kristen Provost of Westfield, Massachusetts. Brenda also leaves a great grandson Hunter Vaillant, her brother and sister-in-law Gerry and Denise Provost and their children Jennifer and Jeffrey Provost of Killingly and sister-in-law Lea Dion of Florida. She also leaves her four dogs Annabel, Rachel, Sadie and Cricket, who she loved very much. Brenda loved doing stained glass, making hats for veterans, and crocheting. She loved watching black and white movies, cooking, and playing cards with her family. She enjoyed going shopping at every Christmas Tree Shop she could find. She was also an avid New York Yankee's Fan. Brenda was a very loving and caring person who opened her heart and home to everyone. She will be greatly missed by all. A Memorial Mass of Christian Burial will be held on Friday November 2, 2018 at 10:30AM at St. James Church, Danielson. Burial will be at the convenience of the family. There are no calling hours. In lieu of flowers donations in her memory may be made to the Connecticut Chapter American Liver Foundation 127 Washington Ave. South, North Haven, CT 06473. tillinghastfh.com

Loretta B. Wood, 94



DANIELSON -- Loretta B. Wood, 94 of Danielson passed away on Wednesday October 24, 2018 at Westview Healthcare in Dayville. Loretta was born in Dayville on February 28, 1924, the daughter of the

late Alexander and Tessie (Stomski) Baranski. She was the wife of the late William J. Wood Sr. for 47 years until his death in 1989. Loretta worked at the former Acme Cotten in East Killingly. Her family was most important to her. Loretta was a communicant of St. Joseph Church in Dayville and Our Lady of LaSalette Church in Brooklyn. She was a member of the Brooklyn Grange, Killingly Senior Citizens. She is survived by her children Bonnie Zadora and husband John and William J. Wood Jr. and

wife Carol all of Dayville. A sister Elaine Gingras and husband Raymond of Dayville. Eight grandchildren, Scott Zadora, Kyle Zadora, Todd Wood, Tracy Mason, Troy Wood, Trevor Wood, Tessie Corcoran and Emily Wood. Seven great grandchildren, Teagan Waggoner, Connor Wood, Daniel Wood, Caleb wood, Colton Wood, Elizabeth Wood Cassidy Wood and Adalee Corcoran, and several nieces and nephews. She was predeceased by her son Barry Wood and siblings, Cecilia Ray, Florence Tourtellotte, John Baranski, Gloria Paine, Edward Baranski and Robert Baranski. A Mass of Christian Burial will be held on Saturday October 27, 2018 at 10:00AM at Our Lady of LaSalette Church in Brooklyn. Burial will be in St. Joseph Cemetery, Dayville. Calling hours will be held in Tillinghast Funeral Home 433 Main Street Danielson on Friday October 26, 2018 from 6-8PM.

Russell L. Cote, 43



SOUTHBRIDGE- Russell L. Cote, 43, died suddenly at his home on October 22, 2018.

Born in Southbridge on August 14, 1975, he was the son of the late Russell G. and

Doris Ella (Anderson) Cote. Russell is survived by his brother, Robert Peterson, of Charlton, MA; his sister, Linda Maciejewski and her husband, Gary, of Quinebaug, CT; his brother-in-law, Richard Marrier, of Dudley, MA; and many nieces and nephews. He was predeceased by his sisters, Beth

Marrier, and Heidi Filo.

Russell was previously employed as a truck stop attendant at Sturbridge Truck Stop.

Calling hours for Russell will be Friday, November 9, 2018. from 9-10AM, and his funeral service will begin at 10AM at Sansoucy Funeral Home, 40 Marcy Street, Southbridge, MA. Burial will immediately follow in West Ridge Cemetery, Charlton, MA. In lieu of flowers, the family requests you kindly consider making a memorial donation in Russell's name to New vision Church, PO Box 232, Southbridge, MA 01550. www.sansoucyfuneral.com

Phyllis M. Thornton, 94



DANIELSON -- Phyllis M. Thornton, 94 of Danielson, passed away Friday, October 5, 2018 at Davis Place in Danielson. Born January 28, 1924 in Putnam. Daughter of the late Fred and

Burnys (Kenyon) Thornton. Phyllis worked many jobs including as a cook for boys at Pomfret. She was employed by American Optical in Putnam and Jacob Rubber in Dayville. Her school years began in Abington and she graduated from Putnam High School in 1942.

Phyllis stayed many winters with her older sister Nola, who guided her in obtaining jobs. In her early years,

Phyllis found pleasure in performing in plays and minstrel shows at the Abington Musical Hall, and as a member of 4-H where she enjoyed animals and vegetable gardening.

Later, she lived a modest and ideal lifestyle in a home she had built. She is survived by her sisters, Minola Terwilliger of Inverness, Florida, and Dorothy Caparrelli of Scituate, Rhode Island and Celia Cristofori of Brooklyn, and also by several nieces, nephews, and friends.

She was predeceased by a brother, Fred Thornton and long-time friend, Charles Pike.

A graveside service was held last Tuesday in Old North Cemetery on Hammond Hill Road in Hampton, by Gagnon & Costello.

Lawrence (Larry) K. Doyle, 72

DUDLEY-Lawrence (Larry) K. Doyle age 72 died Monday, October 22, 2018 at the Lanessa Long Term Care, Webster, MA. Larry leaves two sisters, Mary O'Connor of Everett, MA and Martha Amidon of Glen, NH.

He was born in Everett, MA son of the late George Doyle and Mary E. Knox and lived in Dudley for the past 34 years, prior to that living in Everett. Larry was a Merchant Marine until

his retirement traveling the world in the shipping industry. He was a former chairperson for trapshooting at the Valley Springs Sportsmen Club, Thompson, CT. Larry was a avid hunter and fishermen and enjoyed reloading shells. He was a member of the Valley Springs Sportsmen Club and the Singletary Sportsmen Club in Sutton, MA. There are no calling hours, services and burial will be private in Malden. Omit flowers and donations in his memory may be made for wildlife preservation. The Shaw-Majercik Funeral Home, 48 School St., Webster, MA has been entrusted with his arrangements. A guest book is available at www.shaw-majercik.com where you may post a condolence or light a candle.



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Jose M. Herrera, 65



DAYVILLE – Jose M. Herrera, 65, of Barlett Meadow Dr., passed away Sunday, October 28, 2018 in Day Kimball Hospital surrounded by loved ones. He was the loving husband of Cecilia (Ruiz) Herrera. Born in Manhattan, New York, he was the son of the late Miguel Herrera Belpre and Antonia (Negron Hernandez) Herrera. Mr. Herrera worked as a truck driver for U.N.F.I. He was a member of La Iglesia Cristiana Casa del Alfarero in Webster Massachusetts. He was an avid musician and enjoyed playing the saxophone for his church. Above all, he enjoyed spending time with his family. In addition to his wife, Jose is survived by his children, Fannye V.

Herrera, Jose M. Herrera, Surheil Luciano, Cuqui Luciano, Jessica Luciano, and Tania D. Herrera; his brothers, Jose Antonio Herrera and Hector Herrera; his grandchildren, Wailer A. Herrera, Edward Westley Herrera, Luis M. Herrera, Luis A. Herrera, Suheidi Rodriguez, Sebastian Ruiz, Brandon Mead, Gabriel A. Archeval, Brianna Mead, Miguel Jose, Jelliani Gil, and Jeremias J. Archeval; and his son-in-law Derek Mead. He is predeceased by Miguel Herrera Belpre, Antonia Negron Hernandez, and Eduardo J. Herrera. Calling hours were held October 30, 2018 in the Gilman Funeral Home and Crematory, in Putnam, followed by a with a prayer service in the funeral home. Burial followed in West Thompson Cemetery, Thompson. For memorial guestbook visit [www. GilmanAndValade.com](http://www.GilmanAndValade.com).

Edna M. (Belair) Wasilewski, 101



Edna M. (Belair) Wasilewski, 101, passed away on Saturday, October 27, 2018 at Matulaitis Rehabilitation and Skilled Care Facility in Putnam, where she had received loving care since 2011. Beloved wife of the late Leo Wasilewski, he died in 1991. She was born in Putnam on January 20, 1917, daughter of the late Pierre and Dora (Gagnon) Belair. She graduated from St. Mary School and Putnam High School. A lifelong communicant of St. Mary Church of the Visitation, Edna worked at the Ration Board, Dearly Bros. Dairy, Putnam Woolen and retired as a Bursar at the Rectory School in Pomfret, after 25 years. She held memberships in the Ladies of St. Anne, the St. Mary League of Catholic Women, Putnam Travelers, Friends of Putnam Catholic Academy and volunteered for the American Red Cross. She enjoyed

traveling with family and friends in her retirement. Edna leaves her daughters, Louise (James) Honiss of Glastonbury, Rochelle (Richard) Cimochowski of Rogers, Mary (David) Vitale of Putnam, Anne (Michael) Portier of Portland, her beloved grandchildren James, Robert, Thomas, Stefan, Neal, Andrew, Peter, Lauren, great grandchildren Siena, Sophie, Ava and Simon. She was predeceased by her brothers John Lawrence and William (Lois) Belair. Calling hours were held Wednesday, October 31 at Smith and Walker Funeral Home in Putnam, which was followed by A Mass of Christian Burial at St. Mary Church of the Visitation, Putnam. Burial followed in St. Mary Cemetery. In lieu of flowers memorial contributions may be made to St. Mary Church of the Visitation, 218 Providence St. Putnam, CT or Matulaitis Family Council, 10 Thurber Rd., Putnam, CT. Share a memory at www.smithandwalkerfh.com

George L. Gendron, Jr. 85

DANIELSON – George L. Gendron, Jr. 85, of Danielson, passed away October 15, 2018 at Davis Place in Danielson. Born October 31, 1932 in Norwich, son of the late George L. Gendron, Sr. and Flora E. (Aubin) Gendron. He was the beloved husband of Louise (Champagne) Gendron. George was a communicant of St. Anne's Church in Ballouville till its closing and then of St. James Church in Danielson and recently of St. Mary's in Putnam. He enjoyed tools and making furniture. George was a resident of Alexander's Lake in Dayville for 79 years where he enjoyed swimming and sailing. George worked at Gendron Manufacturing till it closed in 1985, then for 25 years worked at Pervel Industries as a Coater Operator.

George loved to socialize and could spend more than an hour going to get the mail at Maple Court enjoying conversation and making people a laugh. Besides his wife Louise he leaves a son Gary L. Gendron; his daughter Jerilyn Gendron of Danielson and a grandson Richard Dauphinais, Jr. of Rhode Island. In Lieu of flowers donation maybe made in his memory to Villa Maria Nursing & Rehabilitation Community, 20 Babcock Ave., Plainfield, CT 06374 A Celebration of Life Service will be November 2, 2018 at 12:00 PM (Noon) at The United Methodist Church in Danielson, 9 Spring Street. Burial in the spring at Holy Cross Cemetery, Danielson, CT. Share a memory at www.gagnonandcostellofh.com.

Rita B. Larose, 91



N O R T H GROSVENORDALE – Rita B. Larose, 91, formally of Vandall St., passed away on Sunday, October 28, 2018 at Orchard Grove Nursing Home in Uncasville. Born in North Grosvenordale, she was the daughter of the late Edward and Virginia (Marcotte) Larose. Mrs. Larose worked at B&W Shoe and Cluett Peabody. She enjoyed working in her yard. Rita is survived by her sisters,

Alice Larose of North Grosvenordale, Lorraine Pellerin and her husband Roger of Brooklyn, and Doris Gagne of Niantic, and several nieces and nephews. She was predeceased by her brothers, the late Armand and Leo Larose. Calling hours were held on Thursday, November 1, 2018 in the Valade Funeral Home in N. Grosvenordale, which was followed by a Mass of Christian Burial in St. Joseph Church in N. Grosvenordale. Burial will follow in St. Joseph Cemetery. For memorial guestbook visit [www. GilmanAndValade.com](http://www.GilmanAndValade.com).

Susan Lorna (Rojecki) Lohrey, 62



Susan Lorna (Rojecki) Lohrey, 62, Green Bay, died unexpectedly Friday, October 26, 2018 at Froedtert Hospital and Medical College of Wisconsin in Milwaukee. She was born September 18, 1956 in Webster, MA to Anthony and Carmella (Smarelli) Rojecki. Susan attended the American School of the Deaf, Mystic Oral Institute and graduated from the South Windsor High School in 1975. Susan married the love of her life, Greg Lohrey on August 20, 2016. For those who knew Susan, they knew she was a beautiful person inside and out. She loved her many friends and relatives, fishing and going out to eat with her husband, dancing, cooking, baking, the holidays, especially Christmas. As a child, she spent time going to Webster Lake, the ocean and amusement parks with her family. She was an avid fan of the Boston Red Sox, New England Patriots and the Green Bay Packers. And we all know she is up in heaven celebrating the Red Sox's World Series win! She was the secretary for the Green Bay Deaf Club for a short period. Her favorite color was purple and enjoyed collecting anything related to purple, along with sea shells and

lighthouses. Susan is survived by her husband Greg, Green Bay, her mother Carmella Rojecki, brother John (Angela) Rojecki, Gorham, Maine, sisters Deborah (Alan) Cavicchi, Bolton, CT and Barbara (Louis) Godzik, North Grosvenordale, CT,her brothers-in-law Kevin (Narissa) Lohrey, Algoma and Scott (Candy) Lohrey, Brussels, in-laws Rich (Mary) Lohrey, Algoma, nephew Ryker Lohrey, many nieces, nephews, great neices and great nephews, cousins from Massachusetts, her dog Lucy and cat Rascal. She was preceded in death by her father Anthony. Family and friends may attend the Celebration of Susan's Life on Saturday, November 10, 2018 at St. John's Lutheran Church in Rankin, WI. The Celebration will start at 11 AM until the service at 1 PM with Pastor Patrick Hennessy officiating. Greg's wish is for everyone to wear something purple to honor Sue. The Lohrey and Rojecki families would like to thank all of the CVICU staff at Froedtert Hospital for the special care given to Susan. She was a strong fighter her whole life battling numerous health issues The SCHINDERLE FUNERAL HOME, Algoma, assisted the family with arrangements. Send your online condolences to our Tribute Wall at www.schinderle.com

Dorothy M. (Noack) Kindler, 84

WEBSTER/ WILSONVILLE, CT- Dorothy M. (Noack) Kindler age 84 died Friday, October 26, 2018 at Day Kimball Hospital Putnam. She was the wife of the late Alvin D. Kindler. She leaves her daughter Darlene L. Finamore and her husband Gregory, two grandchildren, Katherine and Madden, nieces and nephews. Dottie was predeceased by her son Donald Kindler who died in an auto accident with his f ather. She was also predeceased by a brother Frank and sisters Francis and Mildred. She was born in Webster daughter of the late George Noack and Catherine (Yanda) Noack and lived in Webster for the past eleven years prior to that liv-

ing in Wilsonville, CT. Dottie enjoyed crocheting. The funeral was held from the Shaw-Majercik Funeral Home, 48 School St., Webster, MA Tuesday, Oct. 30, 2018 with a Mass of Christian burial at 10 am in St. Louis Church, Lake St., Webster, with burial in Mt. Zion Cemetery, Webster. A calling hour was held prior to funeral mass, 9am-10:45 am. Please omit flowers, donations may be made in her memory to the St. Louis Endowment Fund. A guest book is available at www.shaw-majercik.com where you may post a condolence or light a candle

Christopher P. Donais, 51

POMFRET – Christopher P. Donais, 51, of Wrights Crossing Rd., died Friday October 19, 2018 in Hartford Hospital. He was the loving husband of Ellen (Indars) Donais. Born in Hartford, he was the son of Raymond A. Donais of Canterbury and the late Jacqueline (Quintal) Donais. Mr. Donais worked as a self-employed handyman. He enjoyed weaponry, martial arts, weight lifting and playing video games. Christopher is survived by his wife;

his father; a sister, Andrea Donais of Canterbury; and his adored cat Luna. Relatives and friends are invited to a Funeral Mass for Christopher on Tuesday October 30, 2018 at 9:30a.m. in St James Church, 12 Franklin St. Danielson, CT 06239. Funeral arrangements have been entrusted to the Gilman Funeral Home & Crematory, 104 Church St., Putnam, CT 06260. For memorial guestbook visit [www. GilmanAndValade.com](http://www.GilmanAndValade.com).

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Learn about the causes of adult hearing loss

Hearing loss is quite common and can impact people's lives in profound ways. Although there are some treatments that can improve one's ability to hear and communicate, many people are interested in learning about the ways they may be able to prevent hearing loss in the first place. Medical experts from the American Speech-Language-Hearing Association advise that hearing loss can be caused by different factors. Learning about these causes can help individuals make smart decisions at a young age to prevent future hearing loss when possible. In certain circumstances,

hearing loss may be unavoidable. In such instances, audiologists, or doctors specializing in hearing, can help. Conductive hearing loss Conductive hearing loss refers to problems with the ear canal, ear drum or middle ear and its bones, states the Hearing Loss Association of America. Some of the causes of conductive hearing loss include: • Otitis media is an infection of the middle ear in which fluid accumulation can interfere with the movement of the eardrum and ossicles. • Impacted earwax also can cause hearing problems.

- Fluid in the middle ear may obstruct hearing.
- Otosclerosis, which is a middle ear disease, can make it difficult for the tiny bones in the middle ear to move. Surgery can correct the problem.
- Malformation of the outer ear, ear canal or middle ear structure can impact hearing as well.

Sensorineural hearing loss Sensorineural hearing loss, or SNHL, occurs due to problems of the inner ear. It is often referred to as nerve-related hearing loss. • Aging is a common cause of hearing loss that may not be reversible. Age-related hearing loss is called presbycusis and is marked by muffled or unclear speech. Treatment with assistive hearing devices can help improve hearing. • Trauma to the ear or head may impact hearing. Wearing protective gear during sports or other activities can protect against neurological damage that may cause hearing loss. • Damage to the inner ear can result from prolonged exposure to loud noises, states the Mayo Clinic. These noises cause wear and tear on the hairs or nerve cells in the cochlea that send sound signals to the brain. When these hairs or nerve cells are damaged or missing, electrical signals aren't transmitted as efficiently, and hearing loss occurs. Using hearing protection and turning down the volume can help. • Ménière's disease is an inner ear problem of unknown origins. It usually starts in people between the ages of 30 and 50. Dizziness and ringing of

the ear are common, and hearing loss comes and goes. Some loss can become permanent. • Viruses and diseases as well as family history also may play a role in SNHL. In some instances, hearing loss may be the result of a combination of factors. Anyone finding their hearing has become less acute should visit with an audiologist. One resource to visit is www.asha.org/profind. The doctor can then prescribe a treatment plan to help improve hearing.



By learning about what impacts hearing loss, people can make changes to prevent damage.

LEGALS

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Killingly High's Derek Turner rushes against Ledyard last Friday in Dayville.

emotion — Cournoyer raced around right tackle and then committed to memory the final seven yards of his career before finding the end zone with 56 seconds left — completing Killingly's 38-7 victory over Ledyard.

"That will stick in my mind for a while," Cournoyer said. "Just get over the goal line. Just get over it."

He stepped off the football field last Friday night but hopes to patrol center field for Killingly High's baseball team next April.

"The plan is to try and make it back this spring. A lot of grinding and a lot of hard rehab this off-season," Cournoyer said.

Killingly senior quarterback Luke Desaulnier said he was incredulous when Cournoyer told him earlier in the

week that he planned to play against Ledyard.

"He comes up to me and says 'I'm playing. I'm playing on Friday.' I'm like 'No you're not.' He's like 'I am. I am.' He comes down to practice on Thursday all dressed and I'm like 'You're serious about this?' In pre-game today I saw him running and I'm like 'You can actually play, can't you?' He can't cut very well but he can still run so I'm glad we could get him in," Desaulnier said."

Cournoyer was one of Killingly's playmakers and he will be missed. Through Killingly's first five games Cournoyer rushed for 413 yards on 37 carries with five touchdowns, averaging 11.2 yards per carry. He caught seven passes for 80 yards and one touchdown. He will be hard to replace but junior Jackson

REDMEN

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Lopes (13 carries for 98 yards and one touchdown) and junior Kameron Crowe (five carries for 69 yards and two touchdowns) stepped up against Ledyard. Coach Neal said they'll have to continue to fill the void. Senior Nsaiah Harriet rushed for 77 yards and one touchdown on 14 carries and senior Dylan Sanford picked up 32 yards on four carries.

"Kameron had a couple great touchdown runs on end-arounds. He's going to continue to get better for us. He's going to have play better for us and finish. Lopes is still coming along, he's young. And Nsaiah, Sanford — I think we've got three, four, five guys — like we talked about in the preseason 'Who's going to have the hot hand? Who's going to be the better matchup for us?' " Neal said.

The loss dropped Ledyard's record to 2-5. The win lifted Killingly's record to 6-1. Through last weekend's competition Killingly — the defending Class M state champion — was ranked No. 4 in Class M. The Redmen travel to Trinity Catholic (1-6) in Stamford on Friday, Nov. 2 and then playing host to Norwich Free Academy (4-3) on Nov. 9 before finishing the regular season at Capital Prep (1-5) on Nov. 16. Killingly will have to finish strongly in its last three games to guarantee a berth in the Class M playoffs.

"I think we're going to have to at least win two out of three, definitely. And they're going to be difficult," Neal said. "Trinity Catholic, despite their record, we've seen them — they're big and they're talented, they're fast. They create a ton of matchup problems for us. And everybody knows NFA. They're a big school. They've got a lot of players. They're a very good football team," Neal said. "We have our hands full the next couple weeks."

Cournoyer had his hands full for one last carry — a seven-yard touchdown run that meant far more than six points.

"Not because I scored but because of my teammates — it just makes me realize how I love those guys even more,"

KILLINGLY 38, LEDYARD 7

Ledyard	0	0	0	7-7
Killingly	7	17	0	14-38

FIRST QUARTER

K- Jackson Lopes 15 run
(Luke Desaulnier kick) 9:32

SECOND QUARTER

K- Kameron Crowe 14 run
(Desaulnier kick) 11:50
K- Desaulnier 32 field goal 5:52
K- Crowe 40 run (Desaulnier kick) 1:51

FOURTH QUARTER

L- Caden Foote 59 pass from Jacob Sylvia
(Jaiden Bickham kick) 11:46
K- Nsaiah Harriet 3 run
(Desaulnier kick) 7:35
K- Tyler Cournoyer 7 run
(Desaulnier kick) :56

	Ledyard	Killingly
First Downs	10	19
Rushes-yards	15-50	49-355
Passing	160	39
Sacked-yds lost	7-47	1-7
Comp-Att-Int	12-21-1	6-12-0
Punts-Avg.	4-33	0-0
Fumbles-Lost	1-1	2-0
Penalties-Yards	6-42	5-40

INDIVIDUAL STATISTICS

RUSHING- L: Sylvia 2-5; James Smith 1-2; Brayden Grim 12-43. K: Desaulnier 2-15; Harriet 14-77 & TD; Lopes 13-98 & TD; Derek Turner 8-47; Kameron Crowe 5-69 & 2 TDs; Dylan Sanford 4-32; Josh Heaney 2-10; Cournoyer 1-7 & TD.

PASSING- L: Sylvia 12-21-2 for 160 yards. K: Desaulnier 6-12-0 or 39 yards.

RECEIVING- L: Jaiden Bickham 5-53; Grim 2-13; Rob Petriel 3-26; Smith 1-9; Foote 1-59 & TD.K: Josh Montpelier 4-24; Tom Bernier 1-11; Quinn Gervasio 1-4.

Cournoyer said.

Cournoyer had to be helped off the gridiron three weeks ago. Last Friday he left under his own power — leaving football behind but taking along a souvenir, coach Neal awarded him the game ball.

"That is my last play — ever," Cournoyer said. "We got one play. That's all we needed."

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COMMUNITY SPOTLIGHT

“SHINING A LIGHT ON COMMUNITY EVENTS”

November 3, Sat., 9am - 6pm
(and November 4, Sun., 7:30am-noon). The St. James School in Danielson is having their annual Christmas Craft Sale. The Craft Sale is being held in the church basement. There are paper crafts, tree ornaments, holiday decorations, gift cards, great gift ideas, gift baskets, raffles and baked goods!!

November 3 & 4, Sat. & Sun.
(Sat. 10am-3pm, Sun. 10am-1pm) We are having Second Chance Saturday and Second Chance Sunday at Lost & Found Cat Shelter, 459 Thompson Road, Thompson. We are reducing our adoption fees on some of our elderly or special needs cats. The pictures of the available cats are on our Facebook page.

November 4, Sun., 7:30-10:30am
American Legion Post 67, N. Grosvenordale, “All You Can Eat” breakfast Tickets only \$9 for adults and \$5 children under seven and include scrambled eggs, homefries, bacon, sausage, ham, hash, English muffins, sausage & gravy, beans & kielbasa, French toast, pancakes, plus Belgian waffles and omelets. To benefit Thompson Historical Society.

November 7, Wed., 5:30pm
Harvest Potluck Dinner - Bring a delicious potluck food item(s) to share,

Second Helping Entertainment by Michael Gallison & Bill Blanchard, Congregational Church of Eastford, 8 Church Road, Eastford. (Use REAR church parking lot) Be Sure To Call 860-576-7209 and let us know: how many are In your group and what food item(s) you will be bringing, hosted by the Eastford Senior Citizens. All are Welcome

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

November 9, Fri., 7pm
David Naumec speaks about “The Pequot War.” We are delighted to welcome David Naumec, Senior Researcher, Military Historian, and Archeologist for the Battlefields of the Pequot War project of the Mashantucket Pequot Museum. Free and open to the public. Community Room of the Canterbury Town Hall, 1 Municipal Drive, Canterbury.

November 9, Sat., 7-8:30am
Soldiers, Sailors and Marines Fund assistance is available every Saturday morning, at the Pomfret Senior Center 207 Mashamoquet Road (Rt. 44) in Pomfret. Best to call ahead, 860-928-2309. Always free and confidential. (The Soldiers, Sailors and Marines Fund is administered by the



November 4, Sun., 3pm,
First Congregational Church of Woodstock, 543 Route 169. *Take Note!* A cappella ensemble will perform to benefit Community Kitchens of Northeastern Connecticut. Concert is free; donations accepted at the door. For more information: www.take-note.org.

American Legion to provide temporary financial assistance for qualified veterans.)

November 9, Sat., 9:30-11:30am
Stonecroft Women's Connection Brunch at The Inn at Woodstock Hill, 94 Plaine Hill Rd. “Miracle of Squanto's Path to Plymouth” with Cathy Perrill. Speaker Marilou Johnson, Every Which Way but Up!. Music by Mariel Clores, UConn. Reservations required by November 5, cancellations essential. Call Helen @ 860-774-5092, Janet @ 860-455-7671 or email: wccwc81@hotmail.com. All women invited.

November 9, Fri., noon to 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); fisherman's platters (\$17), and more. 860-923-2967, council2087@gmail.com.

November 10 & 11, Sat. & Sun.
(Saturday 10am-3pm, Sunday 10am-1pm) Book sale, Rain or shine, at Lost & Found Cat Shelter, 459 Thompson Rd. Thompson.

November 10, Sat., 8am-1pm
There will be a Christmas Wonderland Bazaar II at the Atwood Hose Fire Station, Rte. 205, Wauregan. Many vendors, crafts, FREE COFFEE. Public invited. Please join us! Sponsored by the Ladies' Auxiliary.

November 10, Sat., 8am-2pm
Westfield Church Winter Wonderland Bazaar and Craft Fair, 210 Main Street, Danielson. We will have vendors who make handmade and upcycled crafts. We will also have raffle baskets, homemade bakery and gourmet foods, silent auction, wreaths, jewelry, holiday gifts, and attic treasures available. WestfieldUCC.org

November 10, Sat., 10:30-11:30am
The first Wee Wander is a Nature Scavenger Hunt, at the Lyon Preserve, Wrights Crossing Rd, Pomfret Center. Take Wrights Crossing Rd off of Rte 101 (you'll see the Audubon Sign on 101). Immediately after you go over the bridge, take a right onto the dirt driveway - you will see the Lyon Preserve sign. Park on right. www.wyndhamlandtrust.org

November 10, Sat., 9:30am
Book Club. Followed by Whist Club at 10:30 a.m. Bracken Memorial Library, 57 Academy Road, Woodstock.

November 10, Sat., 9am - 4pm
Woodstock Fire Stations 75, 76 & 77 and Community Fire Station 81 have joined together for the 13th Annual TOY COLLECTION Bring a new unwrapped toy or a donation and be greeted by fire dept. Toys for all ages needed, infant to teens. To benefit local families. WVFA Station 76, 399 Route 169, Woodstock (Next to the Woodstock Town Hall) www.wvfa76.org

November 10, Sat., 8-2pm
Daughters of Isabella Yuletide Festival. Raffle, Vendors, Café, Bake Sale, Basket Raffle, and More! St. Mary's Church Hall, 18 Providence St Putnam, \$1000 in Raffle Prizes, \$2 Tickets Sold @ St Mary's Parish Center, Joe's Jewelers, Henry's, Knights of Columbus Hall

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