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## Branching out with art



Olivia Richman photos

Eastford resident Johanna Pike has been painting on wood for a few years, something she does for herself between her work as an art therapist.

BY OLIVIA RICHMAN  
NEWS STAFF WRITER

EASTFORD — Inspired by nature and the peaceful scenery of Eastford, Johanna Pike has taken her painting to a whole new level by painting on circular wood pieces. While she's always been passionate about painting, the wood is a new canvas for her.

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Olivia Richman photo

## POWERING THROUGH TACKLE THE TRAIL

POMFRET — Runners from throughout the Quiet Corner participated in the Tackle the Trail footrace on Saturday, Oct. 21. Individuals and relay teams raced on the Airline Trail from Pomfret to Willimantic to benefit Quinebaug Valley Community College's scholarship program. The Power Rangers team included Evan Rollins, Dylan Bryant, Mike Ruggiero, Joe Burgos and Eddie Graff.

## Storing horror in the garage

BY OLIVIA RICHMAN  
NEWS STAFF WRITER

PUTNAM — Haunted houses are a dime a dozen in October. But Putnam is home to a unique haunted house unlike any other in the area. Aeternum Vale Attractions: Mystery of Vault 145 is a garage transformed into an eerie nightmare, and free to the community. A detailed, gruesome journey through a "vault" inspired by a popular post-apocalypse video game, the haunted house was created, designed and organized

by home owner Kevin Butler, with help from his friends and family. "I've always been really big into Halloween and haunted attractions," said Butler. "I like Halloween in general." When Butler was a child, people would walk right into his family's home, thinking it was a full haunted house. That was the kind of Halloween spirit Butler has always had. And four years ago he decided to bring this festive feeling to the community. "Putnam doesn't have anything remotely close

to this anymore," he said. "There was a haunted house a year ago... But I don't know what happened to it. Looking at people's faces as they enter the garage... They look so thankful that we're doing this. That's what stands out to me." Last year, Butler had almost 300 people visit his themed haunted attraction. Despite the rain on Halloween they still had "an incredibly crazy" weekend. They even had a line cue all the way around their yard. And they expect the same this Friday and Saturday as well.

"People are enjoying having something to do, or to take their kids to," said Butler. "It's a great time to just get away and have fun." Having the unique themes has helped keep residents coming back to Aeternum Vale Attractions every year. They picked a Fallout 4 theme this year because all of the haunted house actors and creators had played the game. It was a theme that younger people would enjoy and relate to. His garage was transformed into a "vault," like the ones seen in the



Photos courtesy of Kevin Butler

Kevin Butler transformed his garage into a Halloween experience. game. One of his favorite rooms is a security room. He explained: "I have multiple cameras set up throughout the haunt. Essentially, what happens in that room is you can see yourself on camera. I have an actor

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## Camera at the ready

Olivia Richman photos

Photographer Martin Stepalavich and his wife, Susan, — an "excellent spotter." He has his camera with him everywhere he goes.

BY OLIVIA RICHMAN  
NEWS STAFF WRITER

DANIELSON — The only time Martin Stepalavich doesn't have his camera with him is when he's at work or restoring old pinball machines. But that's it. "My wife always notices beautiful spots," said Stepalavich. "And I am always ready to take pictures. Even when I'm grocery shopping, my camera is always with me." In fact, one of Stepalavich's favorite places to take photos is at the Salvation Army. He gets a lot of inspiration there,



from the dishes, the plates, the jewelry ... I spoke with the passionate photographer about his obsession with abstract photography and discussed the difference between film and digital photography.

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## Ghost writer

BY OLIVIA RICHMAN  
NEWS STAFF WRITER

THOMPSON — With published books like "The Art of Mediumship" and "Seance 101," it's no surprise that her work as a professional medium finally led Elaine M. Kuzmeskus to Connecticut, a state that Kuzmeskus described as "jamming with ghosts." She visited the Thompson Public Library on Thursday, Oct. 19 to discuss one of her eight books, "Connecticut Ghosts." The book discussed her investigations throughout Connecticut, visiting 31 towns. According to Kuzmeskus, she was born with the gift of clairvoyance and mediumship. Since her certification by the National Association of Spiritualist Churches, she's conducted many well-publicized seances (including the 1997 Official Houdini Seance) and has been featured on The Paranormal View, Better Connecticut and the PBS Special,



Olivia Richman photo

Thompson Public Library was packed to capacity for Elaine M. Kuzmeskus' discussion on her book on Connecticut ghosts, followed by one-on-one séance sessions.

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# Former Thompson official applies for accelerated rehabilitation

DANIELSON — Leo Adams, Thompson’s former public works director, could soon learn if he’s eligible for a pre-trial diversionary program that would erase a criminal record. On Oct. 18 Adams made application for the accelerated rehabilitation program. If the program is granted, Adams must follow the conditions the court places on him including treatment, restitution or community service. If the conditions are followed the charges against Adams would be dismissed.

Adams, 63, is due back in Danielson Superior Court on Nov. 29. Adams was accused of using town money to buy a forklift for his own use. In

May, Thompson First Selectman Kenneth Beausoleil told police Adams had town approval to spend \$9,000 on a used forklift which was bought at a close-out sale at the former Norampac facility with a municipal check.

Town officials later learned the \$9,000 covered the cost of the forklift and a front-bucket payload, though the loader was never included on a bill of sale. Adams first told town officials he paid cash for the loader, which police found at his property, but did not get a receipt.

State police detectives said Adams changed his story several times during an interview. At first, Adams said he agreed to pay \$9,000 for the forklift and

offered to take the loader for himself at no cost for scrap. He later told police that the \$9,000 town check was for the purchase of the forklift and loader. Police executed a search-and-seizure warrant at Adams’ Waltham Avenue property in Putnam and found a loader. The loader’s estimated value was between \$6,100 and \$6,950. On June 16 Adams told police he brought the loader to his house with plans to clear a space for a garage before bringing it back. Town officials have not commented on the arrest but a job posting on the town’s website is advertising for a new public works director.

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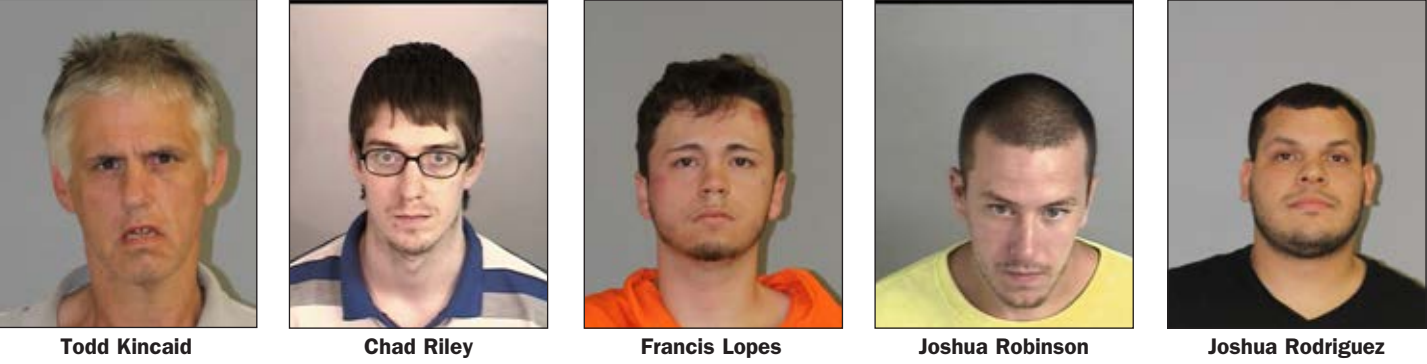
Bird sightings at Connecticut Audubon Society Center at Pomfret and Wyndham Land Trust properties for the week of Oct. 16: Ruby-crowned Kinglet, Yellow-rumped Warbler, Golden-crowned Kinglet, Wood Duck, Mallard, Tree Swallow, Bluebird, Mockingbird, Pileated Woodpecker, Eastern Screech Owl, Barred Owl, Rusty Blackbird, Swamp Sparrow, White-crowned Sparrow, White-throated Sparrow, Red-eyed Vireo, Blue-headed Vireo

**Day Kimball hosts free prostate cancer screening**

PUTNAM Day Kimball Healthcare will hold a free prostate cancer screening event on Saturday, Nov. 11 from 8 a.m. to noon at the Hale YMCA in Putnam. The screening will include a PSA blood test, medical review by Dr. Raja Fattaleh of Priority Family Healthcare of Northeastern Connecticut, follow-up with an oncology nurse navigator and information on risks, symptoms and ways to prevent prostate cancer. No pre-registration is necessary. For more information, call the Rose Bove LaRose Cancer Center at Day Kimball Hospital, at (860) 963-6425. Prostate cancer is the most common cancer among men in the United States, with about one in seven men receiving the diagnosis in his lifetime. It is highly treatable if it is found early, which is why early detection is so important.



# Police arrests 12 in warrant roundup



**Todd Kincaid**  
**Chad Riley**  
**Francis Lopes**  
**Joshua Robinson**  
**Joshua Rodriguez**  
**Lasonya Sharita**  
**Laura Lay**

DANIELSON — From 11 a.m. to 7 p.m. on Oct. 19, members of the Connecticut State Police Troop D – “Quality of Life Task Force”, the Killingly Resident Troopers, the Brooklyn Resident Trooper, the Killingly Police Officer and Danielson Adult Probation conducted a warrant round up which targeted people wanted on outstanding arrest warrants within Troop D’s patrol area. Law enforcement members broke up into teams of two and were assigned multiple arrest warrants to serve.

As a result of the warrant sweep,

twelve arrests were made: Todd Kincaid, 45, of Furnace Street, Danielson, was charged with Criminal Trespass First Degree. William Reis, 70, of Woodland Drive, Brooklyn, was charged with Cultivation of a Controlled Substance. Debra Reis, 65, of Woodland Drive, Brooklyn – Cultivation of a Controlled Substance. Chad Riley, 27, of Pleasant View Drive, Killingly, was charged with Failure to Register as a Sex Offender. Laura Lay, 48, of Main Street, Danielson, was charged with Failure to Appear 2nd Degree. Joshua Rodriguez, 26, of Hawkins Street, Danielson, was charged with Failure to Appear 2nd Degree. Joshua Robinson, 28, of Litchfield Avenue, Killingly, was charged with Violation of Probation. Lasonya Sharita, 38, of Main Street, Danielson, was charged with Failure to Appear 2nd Degree.

During the arrest of Francis Lopes, he ran from Troopers and broke into a nearby house by forcing his way in. Troopers located him inside the house where Lopes

assaulted a Trooper. Lopes was arrested after a brief struggle. Lopes, 19, of East Franklin Street, Danielson, was charged with Burglary 3rd Degree; Assault on a Police Officer; Violation of Probation (two counts). Burglary 3rd degree, Assault on a Police Officer and (2) counts of Violation of Probation.

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

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<b>PUTNAM</b> No meetings scheduled	<b>WOODSTOCK</b> <b>Wednesday, Nov. 1</b> Historic District, 6:30 p.m., Town Hall Democratic Town Committee, 7:30 p.m., Town Hall <b>Thursday, Nov. 2</b> Board of Selectmen, 4 p.m., Town Hall Planning & Zoning Subcommittee, 7:30 p.m., Town Hall
<b>THOMPSON</b> <b>Wednesday, Nov. 1</b> Thompson Fire Department, 8 p.m., Thompson Fire Station <b>Thursday, Nov. 2</b> Friends of the Thompson Public Library, 1 p.m., Thompson Public Library	

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## Woodstock fall ball results

SATURDAY, OCT. 21

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SUNDAY OCT. 22  
SOFTBALL - MAJORS  
Woodstock 5, Colchester 17  
The Riptide fell behind quickly against Colchester trailing 11-0 after two innings eventually losing 17-5. Madison Nichols filling in for an injured Annika LeBoeuf pitched the last three innings to keep the Riptide in the game. At the plate, Ainsley Morse was 3-4 with an RBI, Madison Whitehouse was 2-2 with an RBI and walk, Lana Syriac had 3 walks with and a RBI and Sarah McArthur laid down a nice bunt hit and walked two times. The Riptide fall to 2-5 and finish out their season against Putnam on Sunday, Oct. 29.

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Ann-Marie Morin

**Name:** Ann-Marie Morin

**Occupation:**  
Kitchen & Bath Designer - owner of Tailored Kitchens by Ann-Marie

**Lives In:** Brooklyn

**Family:** Husband Alan and two adult children - daughter Taylor and step-son Alan (AJ), daughter-in-law Megan.

**Pets:** Cats, chickens and rabbits

**How long have you lived in the area?**  
All my life

**Do you have a favorite food?**  
Seafood

**What is currently your favorite TV Show?**  
It's a tie between "Fixer Upper" and "Doc Martin"

**What is your favorite travel destination?**  
Jamestown

**What's the best part about your town?**  
The small town charm and all the good community-minded things that come from it

**Who has been the greatest influence in your life?** My late great uncle Peter

**Who is your favorite musical artist?**  
I like so many - but my favorite song of all time is "Kashmir" by Led Zeppelin

**What is the greatest piece of advice you have ever been given?** "Never judge a book by it's cover"

**Favorite Sports Team:** Patriots

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## MEET THE CANDIDATES

### Adam A Griffiths

**Name:** Adam A Griffiths  
**Position sought:** Town Council  
**Town:** Killingly District 3  
**Background/Qualifications:** Lifelong Killingly resident; Co-owner Quandoc Valley Farm; Married, Father of two; Graduate Killingly H.S, Quinebaug Valley C.C.; Graduate of Monterrey Defense Language Institute Foreign Language Center. A.A. German; Graduate Uconn, B.S Diagnostic Science; Doctorate of Physical Therapy; US Army Reserve (8yrs.) Operation Iraqi Freedom; Member VFW Post 2650; Founded veteran's group QVCC; Killingly Town Councilor District 3 (2010-2012; 2015-2017); Charter Revision Commission; Agricultural Commission; Steward, Quandoc Conservation Area

**What makes you the best candidate for this position?**  
I believe in the will of the people. Some officials feel that, once elected, its "carte blanche" to do whatever they'd like. Can we truly represent our citizens by ignoring what they have to say? As a counselor, I've been willing to listen to and weight citizens' viewpoints before making decisions. In Addition, I believe my life experiences in the military prepared me to work with all groups of people,

not just a select few.  
**What differentiates you from your opponent(s)?**  
First, I'm very proud to have served my country for 8 years in the US Army. Second, I'm in favor of seeking grants to help ease the burden on taxpayers for town projects. Third, I believe citizens should express their opinions at the polls when a major decision is to be made such as the establishment of a constabulary. Many people on both sides of the issue wanted the opportunity for a town-wide vote.

**What is your vision for the future?**  
Killingly is a town that has much to offer and room to grow. I see killingly continuing to be a safe, friendly community that's a good place to raise and educate children. Therefore, we must preserve its rural character as we make intelligent business decisions. Going forward, I would like to see further cooperation between the Town's commissions as they educate, entertain and inspire the community. This CAN be done while remaining fiscally responsible.



### Alvan R. Hill

**Name:** Alvan R. Hill  
**Position Sought:** Planning and Zoning Commission, Alternate  
**Town of:** Thompson  
**Background/Qualifications:** Past ZEO of the Town of Thompson 2015-2017, involved with the present 2017 zoning regulations; employed as a Building Official since 1996 for the Town(s) of Thompson, Columbia, part-time for Somers, Ellington and now Stafford, CT.

**What makes me the best candidate for this position?**  
with my knowledge of both land use regulations and State of CT Building Codes I am very familiar with how regulations are written and enforced.

**What differentiates me from opponent(s)?**  
Having written and with a full knowledge of how land use regulation are enforced I understand the difficulties our citizens may view zoning regulations.

**What is your vision for the future?**  
Can the land use regulations in Thompson continue to improve with a clear written document for our residents and local business enterprises and future business prospects? I am willing to enlist for that effort.



### Carol Barry

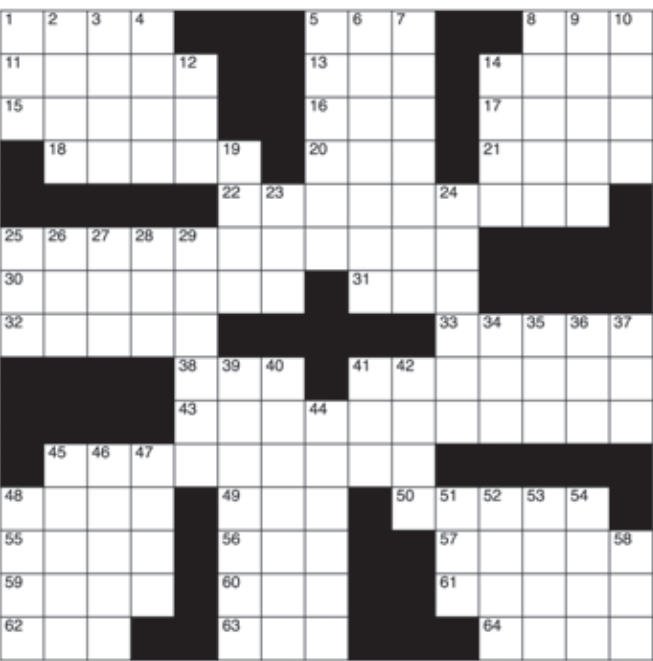
**Name:** Carol Barry  
**Position sought:** Library Trustee  
**Town of:** Eastford  
**Background/Qualifications:** Retired School Library Media Specialist

**What makes you the best candidate for this position?**  
As a full-time resident, parent of two sons, and professional librarian, I am dedicated to helping the library serve the needs and interests of all the citizens of Eastford. We have used the library regularly for years. I am familiar with its outstanding staff and offerings which provide vital access to free public information. I am committed to assuring that the library continue it's outstanding services for all ages, interests and skills.

**What differentiates you from your opponent.** My background brings perspective and profes-

sionalism to the library board. I know Eastford's library and its wonderful staff. I support library collections and activities for all ages, especially school visits starting with kindergarteners, as integral to our library's offerings.

**What is your vision for the future?**  
As a supporter of public libraries throughout my life, I place great value on Eastford's outstanding library. My vision is to maintain a collection that reflects and serves wide-ranging needs and points of view. My commitment is to making sure that the Library continues to offer quality services to all the citizens of Eastford, and that we move forward with changing technologies.



#### CLUES ACROSS

1. Inventor of the apochromatic lens  
5. Time units (abbr.)  
8. Cool!  
11. NY football family  
13. A way to consume  
14. Competition  
15. Monetary units  
16. Plant in the daisy family  
17. Ottoman military title  
18. Small Polish village  
20. Relatively insignificant lie  
21. Argument  
22. Comforts  
25. Early  
30. Went on and on  
31. Type of IRA  
32. Short musical composition  
33. Images
38. Major component of wood glue (abbr.)  
41. Observing expeditions  
43. Used as a lightweight foam  
45. Recall knowledge  
48. Afrikaans word for "language"  
49. Fried chicken guru Sanders' title (abbr.)  
50. Caucasian language  
55. A Spanish river  
56. Used to pierce holes  
57. Song of praise  
59. In bed  
60. Originally called  
61. Iron Age Brittonic tribe  
62. Young goat  
63. Not even  
64. Make from wool or yarn

#### CLUES DOWN

1. Current unit  
2. Bleats  
3. Soft creamy white cheese  
4. Opposite of west  
5. Young female cow  
6. Deep, narrow gorges  
7. Freestanding sculpture  
8. Finger millet  
9. Hurts  
10. Unable to hear  
12. Vast body of water  
14. Volcanic island in Fiji  
19. Not early  
23. Wet dirt  
24. Be characteristic of  
25. Before  
26. Tell on  
27. Resembles the ostrich  
28. Million barrels per day (abbr.)  
29. War-torn city in Syria
34. Mode of transportation  
35. Metals and minerals are extracted from this  
36. Trent Reznor's band  
37. Midway between south and southeast  
39. Vesuvius is one  
40. Permitted  
41. A type of corrosion (abbr.)  
42. Tip of Aleutian Islands  
44. Shouted  
45. Jewish spiritual leader  
46. Punched in the side of the head  
47. Lout  
48. Used to make furniture and ships  
51. Spectrum disorder (abbr.)  
52. A way to talk  
53. American shoe company  
54. Chinese ethnic group  
58. Egg of a louse



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# MEET THE CANDIDATES

## Chandler Paquette

**Name:** Chandler Paquette  
**Position sought:** Board of Selectman  
**Town of:** Woodstock  
**Background/ Qualifications:**  
I am a lifelong resident of Woodstock, Woodstock Academy graduate, and have served on the Board of Selectman for nearly 10 years. I own and operate a small custom home building company here in town. I was chairman of the building committee for the new DPW complex and the school roof project. I was a member of the economic development committee and have held several positions in the Republican town committee.

**What makes you the best candidate for this position?**

As a lifelong resident, selectman, and small business owner I know and am in contact with the residents of Woodstock. I have 10 years experience with this position which means I have been through 10 budget cycles and 3 rounds of union negotiations. I work well with the town employees, and have a vested interest and genuine concern for the future of our town.

**What differentiates you from your opponent(s)?**

I tend to be a bit more conservative than my opponent. While my opponent and I don't always agree on decisions and policy I have worked very well with Mr. Eaffy for the last 10 years. I don't really consider Mitchell an opponent but rather an ally. We both have common concerns such the maintenance of our infrastructure, public safety, and preservation of open space and farms in our town which are really the important items that benefit Woodstock.

**What is your vision for the future?**

My goal is to keep Woodstock an affordable place for our future generations to raise their families, enjoy the rural character, and receive a top quality education while providing all necessary services. Given the impending budget cuts from the state regionalization with other towns for equipment and services will be a key to success.



## D.Mitchell Eaffy

**Name:** D.Mitchell Eaffy  
**Position sought:**Selectman  
**Town of:** Woodstock  
**Background/ Qualifications:**  
Served on Board of Selectmen for the past 13.5 years. Small business owner for the past 32 years

**What makes you the best candidate for this position?**

Have many years of experience doing the job of selectman. Been able to work successfully with different people on the board.

**What differentiates you from your opponent(s)?**

My experience and commitment.  
**What is your vision for the future?**

Do what I can to try and keep Woodstock a safe affordable place to live in.Will try to maintain the rural character of our community.



## Danielle Montville

**Name:** Danielle Montville  
**Position sought:** Board of Education  
**Town of:** Killingly  
**Background/ Qualifications:**  
Graduate of Ellington High School. Bachelor of Arts Degree in Communications from American International College. Former Dance Teacher at Putnam Dance Center: Levels Pre-K to 5th grade. Council member at St. John's Lutheran Church with a focus on social media outreach, fundraising efforts, and Hurricane relief campaigns. I have organized fundraisers on behalf of the National MS Society. A member of the Killingly Center School PTO, wife to Trevor Montville and a mother to Evelyn - a Kindergarten student at KCS.

**What makes you the best candidate for this position?**

I'm passionate about doing the right thing for the children of Killingly, and for the whole town as. I'm ready to ensure that all the children in our district are supported. And that they receive all proper resources, a well-rounded educational experience and are prepared to be contributing members of society.

**What differentiates you from your**

**opponent(s)?**

While I am on the Democratic ticket, politics, specifically the board of education should not be about parties. I believe in having a moral responsibility to both our town and our schools. I want to do what's right and responsible for our community.

**What is your vision for the future?**

For the town of Killingly to have open communication between the district and the community. I would love to see more community outreach from our students and foster a community that is invested in our students. It all starts with communication, allowing the resident of Killingly to see what going on in our schools and what our accomplishments are is critical. I want Killingly to be proud of their kids, even if they don't have kids in school. For that to happen, I believe we need increased involvement from the both town and the schools.



## Daniel Bastura

**Name:** Daniel Bastura  
**Postion sought:** Constable  
**Town of:** Pomfret  
**Background/ Qualifications:** I have lived in Pomfret for most of my life and I currently hold the position of constable.

**What makes you the best candidate for this position?**

I truly enjoy helping people and being

a part of my community.

**What is your vision for the future?**

To continue to provide a safe environment for us all to live in and raise our families.



## David A. Griffiths

**Name:** David A. Griffiths  
**Position sought:** Councilor-at-Large  
**Town of:** Killingly  
**Background/Qualifications:**  
Lifelong resident of Killingly; Attended Ellis Tech; Graduate, Killingly HS and the Univ. of CT; Veteran, US Air Force; Farmer; Former Killingly school bus driver; Former So. Killingly Volunteer Fire Fighter; Former Sheriff/ State Marshal; Conn. Judge of Probate (retired); Member Killingly Town Council; Vice chair, NDDH' Member, Last Green Valley; Member, Killingly Historical Society; Assoc. Member, Killingly Grange; Former Member, Danielson Lions Club.

**What makes you the best candidate for this position?**

I have the experience, time and dedication to make Killingly a great place to live, raise a family and retire. Through involvement in commissions, civic organizations and community activities such as Killingly's 300th Anniversary Celebration, Killingly's Great Tomato Festival, volunteering at Frostival and Bike Night, just to name a few, it has afforded me the opportunity to hear people's concerns. This helps me make decisions that reflect the wishes of the citizens of Killingly.

**What differentiates you from your opponent(s)?**

I have an understanding of what's necessary to successfully lead our town into the future and to do it within a budget that doesn't continually raise taxes. We haven't raised taxes for 2 years, something that hadn't happened since the last time I was Chairman. When Republicans were in power, taxes went up. Because our opponents couldn't find the time to debate, it's difficult for me to say how they'll perform on the Town Council.

**What is your vision for the future?**

My vision is for a united Killingly where all elected officials work together for the betterment of its citizens. The future of Killingly is bright and full of potential. Although we need to preserve our town's rural character, we must encourage new enterprises, all the while supporting and retaining our current businesses. I also envision continuing to support our school system and recreation department as they help ALL our citizens achieve their goals.



## Donna Smith

**Name:** Donna Smith  
**Position sought:** First Selectman  
**Town of:** Pomfret  
**Background/Qualifications:**  
27 year resident, B.S. Economics Nichols College. Financial Analyst at Fleet Bank and Raytheon Company and Controller at Rectory School. I am currently a self-employed securities trader. Extensive work experience in financial analysis, strategic planning, and budgeting. I am a current Selectman and a member of the NDDH Board. I served eight years actively as a PCS and EASTCONN Board of Education member, and two years on the Woodstock Academy Board of Education.

**What makes you the best candidate for this position?**

I am open, honest, have a strong work ethic, and proven leadership skills. I have been very effective in my role as Selectman. I have been working to help advance Pomfret's plan for economic development as well as participate in the day to day operations of the town. I have proven that I am fiscally responsible. We have continually made budget cuts year over year without cutting services. The core of my leadership philosophy is one of creativity, caring and collaboration.

**What differentiates you from your**

**opponent?**

I am honest, and I have experience that is more effective. I have extensive experience in the areas of financial analysis, budgeting, and long term strategic planning. I am more committed to diversifying Pomfret's tax base through smart economic development. I am more mindful of rising taxes. I use creativity when finding solutions. I am more objective in my decision making. I am more willing to work collaboratively with all boards and commissions, regardless of political affiliation.

**What is your vision for the future?**

It is time to reorganize because of what's happened in Hartford, and to assign key value to the functions of our town operationally. We need a long-term strategy that will keep our schools strong and maintain our town services. We need to continue to diversity our tax base through smart economic development, while being mindful of Pomfret's scenic beauty. With respect to the life of our roads, we need to move from repair and replace to prevent and extend in order to save money. Let's make an effort keep our taxes down!



## Doug Farrow

**Name:** Doug Farrow  
**Position sought:** Town Council District 5  
**Town of:** Killingly  
**Background/qualifications:**  
I have been an active citizen in the Plainfield/Killingly area since 1985, and a resident of Killingly since 2002. I am a special education teacher of 25 years and a parent of 5 biological, adopted, and foster children, all of whom have attended Killingly schools. I'm a former Killingly Little League baseball coach and I served on the KLL Board of Directors. I currently coach softball for Quineboag Valley Special Olympics.

**What would make you the best candidate for this position?**

As a homeowner and father of 5 children, I understand the need to be fiscally conservative, but I also understand the town's responsibility to provide services to it's citizens, particularly the young people. I'll find ways to provide those services in an efficient and effective manner. I look forward to representing the citizens of District 5, and being a

voice to share their ideas and visions as we move forward.

**What differentiates you from your opponent?**

I haven't run for public office before. I feel that that's an advantage. I have a proven record of volunteering within the community. I feel that my real life experiences parenting, coaching, and as a special education teacher give me a unique perspective that I can bring to the table. It's time for fresh ideas and new voices.

**What is your vision for the future?**

I feel that economic development is a key to Killingly's growth. Attracting new businesses, possibly through the use of short term incentives, will increase revenue to the town without adding to the tax burden of it's citizens and existing businesses. I also look forward to supporting our school system to provide every Killingly student the opportunity to maximize his or her potential.



## Edward N. Larson

**Name:** Edward N. Larson  
**Position sought:** Board of Assessment Appeals  
**Town of:** Woodstock  
**Background/ Qualifications:**  
I have served on the Board of Assessment Appeals for 25 years, attended many BOAA workshops when pertaining statutes have been modified. My professional background and experience have been invaluable.

**What makes you the best candidate for this position?**

My ability, based on experience enables me to determine what is factual in an "appeal" versus an "opinion"

which seeks to reduce an assessment and subsequently a tax bill.

**What differentiates you from your opponent(s)?**

My experience, in "hands on" construction management, including cost estimating, is a true advantage.

**What is your vision for the future?**

Property assessments and taxes will continue. We must endeavor to assure these are correct and therefore fair.



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# MEET THE CANDIDATES

Additional Candidate Profiles on pages A10-11

## Jeffrey A. Rawson

**Name:** Jeffrey A. Rawson  
**Position Sought:** Selectman  
**Town of:** Putnam  
**Background/Qualifications:** Bachelor of Arts - Assumption College (double-major in Sociology and Political Science, double-minor in Philosophy and Anthropology); President of private, for-profit corporation; director of non-profit boards (NOW, Arc, NECT Chamber of Commerce, QVCC Foundation, Putnam Business Association); current commissioner of Town of Putnam Redevelopment Agency and Economic and Community Development Commission; recipient of DEEP Green Circle and NECT Chamber of Commerce's "Business Leader of the Year" awards, finalist for the Hartford Business Journal's "Nonprofit Heroes".

**What makes you the best candidate for this position?**

My background and qualifications, coupled with my willingness and ability to work in a bi-partisan manner, make me a strong candidate for the position of selectman.

**What differentiates you from your**

## Judy Walberg

**Name:** Judy Walberg  
**Position sought:** Town Clerk  
**Town of:** Woodstock  
**Background/ Qualifications:** I have proudly served as Town Clerk since 1987. I received certification from the Connecticut Clerks Association and the International Clerks Association. I will continue to deliver professional and friendly service to all. Local folks call me the local government "Sherpa".

**What makes you the best candidate for this position?**

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## Karen Fitzpatrick

**Name:** Karen Fitzpatrick  
**Position sought:** Treasurer  
**Town of:** Woodstock  
**Background/ Qualifications:** My background is business management, bookkeeping and accounting. In 2013, I was appointed as Deputy Treasurer and currently as Acting Treasurer. I have taken charge of our finance most of Woodstock's Boards and Commission including the Board of Finance and Board of Selectmen, Bond Counsel and Financial Advisors and have earned their utmost confidence to lead the finance department. I am a current member of the Government Finance Officers Association and have received Certification from Tunxis Community College in Governmental Accounting.

**What makes you the best candidate for this position?**

I have spent the past 11 years working for Woodstock as Recreation Director,

## Kathleen Herbert

**Name:** Kathleen Herbert  
**Position Sought:** Board of Education  
**Town of:** Thompson  
**Background/Qualifications:** Six-year member of the Board of Ed, two as Vice-Chairman. I am on the BOE Budget (Chairperson), Finance, Negotiation and Strategic Planning sub-committees. I sat on the Superintendent Search Committee in 2017. I've also served on many other Town committees. I earned my MBA from Nichols College and was the Director of Finance for a \$20 million company for many years before I retired. I have lived in Thompson for 34 years.

**What makes you the best candidate for this position?**

I bring my financial experience to the Board along with six-years of actual BOE experience. I am not afraid to ask the hard questions about financial

**opponent(s)?**

As a candidate, I offer a "Business Approach to Municipal Management" with experience in the for-profit sector, fifteen years of which as president, as well as exposure to many non-profit organizations as a director (former president of the Putnam Business Association, The Arc Quinebaug Valley).

**What is your vision for the future?**

My vision for the future of Putnam: 1) at-capacity industrial and technology parks, 2) stabilization of taxes as a result of increased revenues (new businesses), 3) enhanced infrastructure including streets, sidewalks, lighting, landscaping, 4) completed construction of municipal buildings, 5) creation of an atmosphere where town employees and the public at large will be treated fairly and with respect. Putnam needs "A New Beginning" and I vow to give my best to provide just that.

**What differentiates you from your opponent(s)?**

**What is your vision for the future?**

I'll continue the process of indexing all minute books so they can be accessed easily. This past term, I completed digitizing and putting on-line, all land records beginning back in 1749 when Woodstock became part of Connecticut.

Highway Assistant, Bookkeeper and Deputy Treasurer. I feel that my background and I have worked with our Board of Selectmen and Board of Finance to pass the last 4 budgets with success. I have built great relationships with many families in Woodstock and I will maintain an open door policy in the Treasurer's office.

**What differentiates you from your opponent(s)?**

**What is your vision for the future?**

To work in collaboration with the Board of Selectmen and the Board of Finance to maintain financial stability for Woodstock during these uncertain times for Connecticut.

matters concerning the budget and operating expenses and I expect answers. I am a strong advocate of technology for learning enhancement and for cost containment. Our new Superintendent has brought new insights and I am excited to be able to be part of this new chapter.

**What is your vision for the future?**

My vision aligns with that of Thompson School's which is to be the "Highest performing public school in Northeast Connecticut". We can attain this by enhancing the curricula through technology, enabling the school to offer more Advanced Placement and College Credit classes enriching the curricula at minimum or no increased cost to the taxpayers. I am a member of the Three-Year Strategic Planning team charged with making this vision a reality.



## Jenn Trayner

**Name:** Jenn Trayner  
**Position sought:** Constable  
**Town of:** Pomfret  
**Background/ Qualifications:** Experienced constable, enjoy the job and working with residents. Physically fit and ready, willing and able!

**What makes you the best candidate for this position?**

I have experience and get along well with the public. I enjoy my assignments as constable and frequently volunteer to help out different organizations.

**What differentiates you from your opponent(s)?**

Other than being the only woman, I have the same experience they have. I enjoy working with people and it gives me a great sense of pride to be an active part of my community.

**What is your vision for the future?**

I want to see Pomfret continue to be a safe, friendly community where residents get along, work together for the greater good, and care about each other.



## Joe Voccio

**Name:** Joe Voccio  
**Position sought:** Board of Selectmen  
**Town of:** Brooklyn  
**Background/ Qualifications:**

Joe Voccio has been a member of the Brooklyn Board of Selectmen for the past 4 years and a past Chairman and member of the Board of Finance for nearly 9 years. He also serves on the Capital Committee and the Resource Recovery Commission. Professionally, he has 25 years of experience in real estate lending, affordable housing development, community development, and tax credit financing.

He earned an MBA in Finance from Bryant University.

**What makes you the best candidate for this position?**

In 13 years of town service, I believe I've earned the respect of fellow board members and residents by demonstrating professional expertise and acting in the best interests of taxpayers. With a career based in central Connecticut, I have no nest to feather and am free of professional and personal conflicts of interests. In these difficult times, I would do a better job than anyone in confronting our challenges and finding workable solutions for Brooklyn.

**What differentiates you from your opponent(s)?**

From a personal standpoint, I don't believe my opponents can bring the same level of experience, integrity and expertise to the Board of Selectmen as I do. They believe Brooklyn needs "saving". I don't. Brooklyn needs leadership willing to confront our challenges and not "turtle" from them. It's okay to have differences of opinion but it should be a requirement to face the residents, debate the issues, and let the chips fall where they may.

**What is your vision for the future?**

Connecticut's budget will not increase subsidies for education spending, business park development, or infrastructure improvements. Instead, the state continues to shift costs to towns like Brooklyn.

We need to focus on Return on Investment. Before Brooklyn invests in infrastructure to add more businesses, infrastructure investments should enable new technologies, like fuel cells, to reduce the town's operating expenses. These reductions will likely provide a greater return on investment to Brooklyn than new business revenue will.



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# Power to the people

On many roadside corners there are forests of political signs. Signs crowd the edges of busy intersections and perch precariously on steep slopes. Some are made from heavy card stock, others from painted plywood. A few feature photos of the candidates, while others merely a last name. Identification with a particular party is not as common as it once was. The predominant colors are red, white and blue. Some signs feature a motif of stars and stripes. Some note the particular office that is being sought or pair two candidates. Election season is in full swing and our region is brimming with activity. The energy is extraordinary.

A few years ago many elected positions in local towns and cities were uncontested. Once a person was chosen, especially to a top slot, they could sit tight for several terms as no one ran against them. Seats on the myriad boards and commissions, where much of the important work of local government is handled, were hard to fill and often dotted with vacancies. Times have changed, at least from my observation.

What has caused this uptick in interest in running for political office? Perhaps the current divisiveness at the national level is affecting local races. Perhaps we hear so much talk about politics and politicians that it has percolated down to the state and local level. Because Connecticut eliminated county government in the 1960's we don't have county contests, but many of the state representative slots and the state senate seats are multi-town. Dipping one's toe in political waters is never a move to be taken lightly as there are always surprises.

If by running for office a person thinks it will somehow be to their advantage, it is worth thinking again. As far as I know, holding office isn't going to keep most from getting a parking ticket or slipping past a zoning issue. It won't prevent a library fine or get your child picked first for the soccer team. It won't even get your road plowed first in a blizzard. It certainly won't offer much financial advantage, even for the paid positions, as the hours spent on the job will be long.

The process of running can be quite a lot of fun. There is the feeling of being on the inside track on local gossip, especially as it pertains to the opposition and the camaraderie of working with others on a group project. Making and putting up election signs is a bonding experience as is going door-to-door. Community is vivid when one is staring into the jaws of a barking dog while campaigning. Long overlooked houses and driveways take on more importance and there is time to look at the condition of the homes of our neighbors. Campaigning creates friendships, reveals previously unknown skills and links local politics to all the other levels.

Winning an election feels good and losing can taint one's feelings forever. I've know people who moved away when they lost and people who stepped down when they won a seat because it took up too much time or was too unpleasant. But, I've also know plenty of people who felt they grew in competence and self-respect, learned to be clearer thinkers or spoke more deliberately because they served in an elected position.

Columnist David Brooks writes about rebalancing the scales of our lives from "resume virtues – achieving wealth, fame and status", to "eulogy virtues of kindness, bravery, honesty and faithfulness". If I had to wager, I'd bet that most people whose names are on the campaign signs we see are running because of the legacy they wish to leave. More power to them.

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# OPINION

Opinion and commentary from the Quiet Corner

## LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

### Election Letters Policy

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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## Courtney endorses Griffiths

To the editor:

After speaking with Adam Griffiths, the incumbent Councilman from Killingly's 3rd District, I am proud to grant him my endorsement and urge the citizens of Killingly's 3rd District to re-elect Adam to the Town Council.

Adam is a lifelong resident of Killingly. He was educated in its schools. Inspired by his parents' involvement in the community, he joined the US Army and, became a member of the 443rd Civil Affairs Battalion. This battalion's specialty is to work with local foreign governments to assess their needs and capabilities, and then facilitate a plan to meet their most imminent needs.

Serving in Operation Iraqi Freedom, his duties included, but were not limited to, procuring or returning equipment needed by Iraq's Civil Defense force; also, standing alone (except for a civilian interpreter) 200 ft out from the front gate of his unit's base, listening to concerns, complaints and requests from local Iraqis.

In one episode of the former duty, he had to procure a fire tanker truck from a local farmer, who was using it to irrigate his fields. Iraq's Civil Defense force needed that truck for the community as it had no other way to effectively fight fires. Being the son of a farmer, he empathized with the Iraqi farmer's plight, but he also understood that the tanker truck was needed for public safety and the good of the community.

To the editor:

The advantage of living in a small town is that we are blessed to know both candidates. Pomfret is lucky that both candidates are pleasant women with good intentions. In my opinion, however, Maureen Nicholson is the clear choice for First Selectman.

In her three years on the job, Maureen Nicholson accomplished a great deal for our town. She presented a new budget format to make it more transparent for Pomfret taxpayers. Not once did she raise our property taxes. She got us grant money – more than half a

While performing his duty of listening to local Iraqis, he and his unit garnered some of the most valuable information that the Army could acquire — information that led to the arrest of Iraq's 46th most-wanted, Sayf al-Din al-

Mashhadani (nicknamed the Three of Clubs), a Baath Party regional chairman.

"Local people are the ones who have their ears to the ground and shouldn't be taken lightly. It's always important to listen to the concerns of local people," Adam told me, and I agree.

After the military, Adam earned a Doctor of Physical Therapy degree from the University of Connecticut, but he decided to take over the Griffiths' 4th-generation family farm. He is married and has two children, ages 3 and 15 months. His roots run deep in Killingly.

Adam's experiences in the US Army, especially his service with the 443rd Civil Affairs Battalion, and his decision to stay in Killingly to manage the family farm and raise a family in town, make him the ideal candidate to serve on Killingly's Town Council. He's home-grown but also has experiences outside the town that will help him bring new ideas to advocating for Killingly's needs and managing its resources. Again, I am proud to grant Adam Griffiths my endorsement and I urge the citizens of Killingly's 3rd District to re-elect Adam Griffiths to the Town Council.

CONGRESSMAN JOE COURTNEY

## DiIorio endorses Nicholson

million dollars – to improve infrastructure and services in town. Those sidewalks recently installed in town? Maureen got those for us with grant funding. She added more days at the library and senior center and installed the secondary well at PCS.

Maureen Nicholson has always had our back. This Election Day, I'll have hers. Together, we'll put Pomfret back on track.

JOHN A. DIIORIO  
POMFRET CENTER

## Dunning endorses Lewerenz

her community regardless of the sacrifice. Pam has children and grand-children still in Connecticut. She understands the difficulty young people face to stay in Connecticut. Pomfret needs leaders like Pam to serve the people of Pomfret. I urge citizens of Pomfret to choose wisely on November 7th, vote Pam. Lewerenz for selectman.

DONALD DUNNING  
POMFRET CENTER

## Pomfret citizen says Dems tax and spend

To the editor

As you consider your choices on November 7th, try to think of one Democrat-controlled town, city, or state that is not besieged by punishingly high taxes and outrageous spending projects. Then think of the salaries that the so-called public servants of these areas award themselves at your expense. There is not an economic system run by Democrats that is

not in freefall, burdened by its own lavish spending and debt. Is this what you want for Pomfret? Democrats have an insatiable appetite for taxes, which is to say other people's money, and yours will only ever go up if they gain control.

FREDERICK E. KAMP JR.  
POMFRET CENTER



BEYOND THE PEWS

JOHN HANSON

# We have an anchor

Megatons of water aggressively assaulted the rugged coastline, ripping and tearing at the very fabric of the earth. The angry sky thundered as did the colossal waves of the Atlantic, which had been stirred by the category five hurricane which now threatened millions of lives. Plants and animals perished in the violent display of nature's fury. What a frightening enemy – the unmanageable sea.

The aqua waves frolicked on the enormous, crusty, brown rocks that lined the breathtakingly beautiful shoreline. They playfully splashed into every nook and cranny, toying with the edges of the earth. The ebb and flow of the waves was so pleasant and soothing. What a beautiful natural wonder – the majestic ocean.

Wait just a minute! Which is it? Is the ocean a raging menace or a beautiful and soothing comfort? The same could be asked about life in general. Is life terrible or is it wonderful? Sometimes the people, events and season in which we live cause us to wince in fear because of the challenges and stresses we experience. At other times, life seems like a great gift to be cherished. How does one survive the difficult times and enjoy the wonderful things God makes possible?

The trick is to find an anchor. The ocean is so big and our ships are so small. We need a hand to hold on to that is bigger than ours during the stormy times. Our firm faith in a good God helps us survive the storms. Then, when better days come, we can relax and soak in the blessings. An old hymn says it well:

"We have an anchor that keeps the soul steadfast and sure while the billows roll; fastened to the Rock which cannot move, grounded firm and deep in the Saviour's love!"

Life can be wonderful, but it can also be terrible. But God is an Anchor. Spending time with Him and His Word gives stability to life. One of the many benefits of being part of a local church or prayer group is that each week when believers gather, they share their faith. Those in a dark time draw strength from others who are experiencing blessings. The prayer, worship and preaching are like a feast to a famished soul. Some days life will rage and other days it will sooth, but the God we worship and the principles we live by never change, and they provide a solid foundation for us all. We have an anchor.

If life seems menacing right now, just hold on to your faith. Tomorrow, you may find yourself enjoying the sunshine and loving life more than ever before. If you don't have an anchor, Jesus is only a prayer away and there are many people waiting to help you find a personal relationship with Him. You can have an anchor.

*Bishop John W Hanson oversees Acts II Ministries in Thompson. The public is invited to attend each Sunday at 10 a.m. For more information, please visit [www.ActsII.org](http://www.ActsII.org).*



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# Halloween and the cemeteries of Killingly

As I was writing this column, I realized that it would be the one closest to Halloween, “Hallowed Eve,” the eve of All Saints Day. That led me to think about the many, many individuals who are buried in the cemeteries of Killingly and Northeastern Connecticut. Did you realize that Killingly has 73 known cemeteries? During the Depression the Hale Cemetery Collection was compiled with all the legible tombstones being recorded for Killingly and many Connecticut towns. What a wealth of information! This has also been a blessing since a number of the older stones from the 1700’s are no longer legible. The Killingly Historical Center has copies of the Hale collection for many of the towns in this area. If you are interested in looking for relatives whose burial places are unknown to you, try the website [www.findagrave.com](http://www.findagrave.com). You may even discover that someone has included a photo of your relative’s tombstone.

The earliest Killingly cemetery that I am aware of is now located in Putnam off Route 12 and Nancy Drive. Called Aspinwall Cemetery after one of the town’s earliest inhabitants who donated the land, it probably was used as early as 1708 when Peter Aspinwall’s stepson Peter Leavens passed away. The old Chestnut Hill/Bateman cemetery off of North Road in East Killingly also contains early pre-1720 burials.

The old Thompson Cemetery (once also part of Killingly) is located adjacent to Route 12 near West Thompson Dam. The older section of Westfield Cemetery in Danielson also contains a number of early burials including James Danielson, who died in 1728. Breakneck Hill Cemetery (Warren) and South Killingly Cemetery are also some of the older burying



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grounds in the town. I’m sure many of you frequently pass the Dayville High Street Cemetery when you enter Killingly Commons. That cemetery dates to the nineteenth century and contains members of the Day, Blanchard, and Alexander families. Prosper Alexander, who is interred there, was a known agent on the Underground Railroad.

Have you ever thought about the men who engraved the stones in our cemeteries? I consider myself fortunate to own James A. Slater’s The Colonial Burying Grounds of Eastern Connecticut and the Men Who Made Them. He not only includes biographical sketches of gravestone carvers from the eighteenth century, but also lists known carvers from that time period for each town.

In Killingly Slater attributes stones to the following: Killingly egg carver (21), Elijah Sikes (23), Spalding (9), Roberts (4), Soule (8), Bartlett (1), Barker (1?), G. Allen (5), Oneco White-stone carver (4), B. Collins (5), Manning (1), and Stephen Hartshorn (2). There are also unknown slates and sunbursts. In Brooklyn there are 32 stones by Sikes in the Old Brooklyn Cemetery and 21 stones by Soule in that same cemetery. In that town there are also stones by Manning, perhaps Barker, R. Kimball, Bartlett, Hodgkins, L. Kimball, G. Allen, J. Stevens, Jr., Haskins, and the Killingly Egg carver. There are 6 Boston-area slates and three sunburst slates. Aspinwall Cemetery in

Putnam has a number of identified stones including one for Joseph and Judith Leavens, two of Killingly and Putnam’s earliest settlers. Their stone is attributed to Jonathan Roberts. Slater included a photo of the stone in his book.

There are 12 stones by Roberts and 22 by Sikes in that cemetery. Other identified carvers are the Killingly Egg carver (9), B. Soule (9), Holmes (7), Winslow (6), Allen (4), Hastings (1), Wheeler (1), Manning (1), Barker (1), Boston area slate (1), marble Sunburst (1). In Pomfret Slater visited the Old Pomfret Cemetery (Sabin), Abington, Pomfret Village, Bruce Sawyer, and Chandler cemeteries. He found 83 Boston-area slates and 100 stones by R.Kimball. There were also stones by Sikes, L. Kimball, Soule, Lamb, Mannings, Haskins, Barker, Bartlett, Spalding, Gabriel Allen, Holmes, A. Loomis, Young, Hodgkins, and the Charlie Brown carver. In the West Thompson Cemetery there are 78 stones by Holmes and 11 others in East Thompson. Sikes has 50 in West Thompson and 7 in East Thompson; Soule has 19 in West Thompson and 1 in East Thompson. Other Thompson carvers include Stevens, Warren, Manning, Barker, Lamb, R. Kimball, S. Hartshorn, Ezra Stebbins, Roberts, Hastings, Winslow, Gabriel Allen, Seth Luther, and Samuel Fisher.

There are also Boston area slates and an unidentified sand-stone grave marker. Slater identified stones in four Woodstock cemeteries: Woodstock Hill, East Woodstock, West Woodstock, and Woodstock Center. He attributed 98 stones to Holmes, 145 stones to Manning, 61 Boston-area slates, and 38 stones to Bartlett. Others were by R. Kimball, Hastings, Barker, Wheeler, Walden,

Soule, Haskins, Gabriel Allen, Ashford’s Charley Brown, Huntington, B. Collins, Stevens, Spalding, P. Buckland, Hodgkins, Warren, Z.Collins, George Allen, and G. A. Angel.

I was intrigued by Slater’s descriptive name “the Killingly Egg carver.” Slater says, “The most unique feature of Killingly is the work of a local carver who, using a hard white stone, produced a series of simple, yet very effective, images, usually with simple ovoid or egg-shaped faces (Seth Spalding, 1755). The most striking of these is not one of the face stones but rather the stone for Nathaniel Pattin (1757), a magnificent small primitive stone of an abstract figure with upraised arms, giving a pathetic quality and intensity of feeling.” (p. 197-8).

An identified gravestone carver from Killingly was Stephen Spalding who worked on slate among other things. Slater noted, “On the Boaz Stearns (1796) stone in Mansfield, (Spalding) identifies himself as ‘of Killingly.’ Spalding stones are quite distinctive with cherubim that generally have thick necks and strongly slanted eyes that terminate laterally in long, oriental-looking pointings. Frequently he used a wig design above the face similar to that used by Beza Soule, Jonathan Roberts, and Gabriel Allen.”(p. 98). Boaz Stearns had been one of the Danielson area’s earliest settlers, building a house in the vicinity of present-day Killingly Memorial School about 1726 and family members had remained here after Boaz moved.

Slater’s commentary on Elijah Sikes suggests “probably more than one carver produced the beautiful and distinctive ‘Sikes stones.’...the heads of the cherubim have a rather classical look, with elongate elliptical faces and tapering chins. They often have elaborate scroll-like

headdresses. The border panels and lunettes frequently contain large ivy-like leaves...Another somewhat unusual feature of a number of Sikes stones is the carving of two or more heads on a single stone. That for Captain Benjamin Peirce (1782 and his three wives and son (Brooklyn, Connecticut) shows a stone with five heads of differing sizes on the same lunette.

You might find it quite interesting to take a walk in the cemeteries near you and look at the stones and the varied carvings. You will note that the symbolism changes during the nineteenth century. For much more information see [www.ctgravestones.com](http://www.ctgravestones.com).

Mark Your Calendars: The next Killingly Historical Society program will be Saturday, November 4 at 1:15p.m. at the Killingly Historical Center 196 Main Street, Danielson. The program will be presented by Killingly residents Major Kenneth Giella and his wife of the Lebanon Militia and Is entitled The Life of a Colonial Soldier plus Women of the Colonial Soldiers. The program will include a “show & tell” of artifacts from the period which include a Brown Bess. The program is free and open to the public. Refreshments will be served.

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## Maintaining your financial records: the importance of being organized

An important part of managing your personal finances is keeping your financial records organized. Whether it’s a utility bill to show proof of residency or a Social Security card for wage reporting purposes, there may be times when you need to locate a financial record or document—and you’ll need to locate it relatively quickly.

By taking the time to clear out and organize your financial records, you’ll be able to find what you need exactly when you need it.

What should you keep? If you tend to keep stuff because you “might need it someday,” your desk or home office is probably overflowing with nonessential documents. One of the first steps in determining what records to keep is to ask yourself, “Why do I need to keep this?”

Documents you should keep are likely to be those that are difficult to obtain, such as tax returns, legal contracts or insurance claims. Other documents that should be kept include documents for proof of identity.

On the other hand, if you have documents and records that are easily duplicated elsewhere, such as online banking and credit-card statements, you probably do not need to keep paper copies of the same information.

How long should you keep your records?

Generally, a good rule of thumb is to keep financial records and documents only as long as necessary. For example, you may want to keep ATM and credit-card receipts only temporarily, until you’ve reconciled them with your bank and/or credit-card statement. On the other hand, if a document is legal in nature and/or difficult to replace, you’ll want to keep it for a longer period or even indefinitely.

Some financial records

may have more specific timetables. For example, the IRS generally recommends that taxpayers keep federal tax returns and supporting documents for a minimum of three years up to seven years after the date of filing. Certain circumstances may even warrant keeping your tax records indefinitely.

Records to be kept for one year or less include credit-card and bank statements. Other documents that should be saved for this period of time include utility bills as well as auto and homeowners insurance policies.

Records to be kept for more than one year may include Tax returns and supporting documentations along with mortgage contracts, property appraisals, and annual retirement and investment statements.

Some records may want to be kept indefinitely. These include birth, death, and marriage certificates along with other exclusive documents like citizenship and military papers. You may also consider to keep records relating to adoptions and your social security information.

Keep in mind that the above recommendations are general guidelines, and your personal circumstances may warrant keeping these documents for shorter or longer periods of time.

Out with the old, in with the new

An easy way to prevent paperwork from piling up is to remember the phrase “out with the old, in with the new.” For example, when you receive this year’s auto insurance policy, discard the one from last year. When you receive your annual investment statement, discard the monthly or quarterly statements you’ve been keeping. In addition, review your files at least once a year



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to keep your filing system on the right track.

Finally, when you are ready to get rid of certain records and documents, don’t just throw them in the garbage. To protect sensitive information, you should invest in a good quality shredder to destroy your documents, especially if they contain Social Security numbers, account numbers, or other personal information.

Where should you keep your records?

You could go the traditional route and use a simple set of labeled folders in a file drawer. More important documents should be kept in a fire-resistant file cabinet, safe, or safe-deposit box.

If space is tight and you need to reduce clutter, you might consider electronic storage for some of your financial records. You can save copies of online documents or scan documents and convert them to electronic form. You’ll want to keep backup copies on a portable storage device or hard drive and make sure that your computer files are secure.

You could also use a cloud storage service that encrypts your uploaded information and stores it remotely. If you use cloud storage, make sure to use a reliable company that has a good reputation and offers automatic backup and technical support.

Consider creating a personal document locator

Another option for organizing your financial records is to create a personal document locator, which is simply a detailed list of where you have stored your finan-

cial records. This list can be helpful whenever you are trying to locate a specific document and can also assist your loved ones in locating your financial records in the event of an emergency. Typically, a personal document locator will include personal information as well as personal contacts. It also may include a list of the online accounts used with username and passwords, and accordingly specific locations of where to find paper copies.

It may seem like an tedious task, but Planning Well in a smaller area of your life such as organizing documents, may

benefit your Planning in greater circumstances and may help you reach your goals.

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# MEET THE CANDIDATES

## Linda Bernardi

**Name:** Linda Bernardi  
**Position sought:** Tax Collector  
**Town of:** Woodstock  
**Background/ Qualifications:** Bachelor of Science /Mathematics; Accounting Supervisor at Automatic Data Processing; and C.C.M.C. – Certified Connecticut Municipal Collector for the past 7 years.  
**What makes you the best candidate for this position?**  
As a Certified CT Municipal Collector, I've had the experience and opportunity to serve the town of Woodstock for the past ten years, build relationships with many community members and have maintained a high collection rate.  
**What differentiates you from your**

**opponent(s)?**  
N/A  
**What is your vision for the future?**  
To maintain and maximize the collection of taxes while providing exceptional, friendly, and accurate service to the community members of Woodstock; To maintain an open door policy with the tax payers struggling to meet their civic responsibilities and working towards a resolution; To adhere to all General Statutes of the State of CT, State Constitution, and local Ordinances.



## Michael D. Gerrity

**Name:** Michael D. Gerrity  
**Position sought:** Planning and Zoning  
**Town of:** Pomfret  
**Background/ Qualifications:** I have lived in Pomfret for 16 years. My job as an electrical designer, estimator and project manager for 28 years requires familiarity with planning and zoning regulations.  
**What makes you the best candidate for this position?**  
I'm objective, passionate and enthusiastic about everything I do.  
**What differentiates you from your opponent(s)?**

I don't want to just "maintain" the beauty and charm of Pomfret. I would like to explore our options so theres more places to go and things to do in Town. We have lost many such places recently.  
**What is your vision for the future?**  
To make it easier for small, "mom and pop" businesses to establish themselves in Pomfret. To attract more business to Pomfret and ease the property owners tax burden.



## Mike Schultz

**Name:** Mike Schultz  
**Position Sought:** First Selectman  
**Town of:** Eastford  
**Background/qualifications:** UCONN: B.A.-Political Science (Pre-law, History; Connecticut Scholar 4 years). Forty-five years ago, I was drawn to live here by Eastford's great people and its rural quality. I have 30 years' experience in the private sector; managed staffs of 80 with budgets from \$2 to \$10 million annually; increased annual sales by millions of dollars; increased efficiency; member of multiple trade organizations; retired; two-year employee of Town at transfer station.  
**What makes you the best candidate for this position?**  
For 30 years I managed million-dollar projects from the ground up, including highway construction. This gives me the experience to move forward as first selectman from day one. I've met a payroll. My door is always open. Working at the transfer station has given me the opportunity to hear the concerns of residents. I enjoy helping folks, have been accountable to the Town for my work, and have a good track record throughout my career.  
**What differentiates you from your**

**opponent?**  
I bring private sector experience and a lifetime of managing major business challenges to the job, experience which will sustain and improve town services. State cutbacks mean towns face major challenges in funding services, especially education. I want to make a difference by using my hand-on experience to being first selectman. I know most of the folks in town and their concerns. People here know that I work hard and will work for them.  
**What is your vision for the future?**  
I share the concerns of our residents that we sustain all that is wonderful here. I promise bottom-line, transparent fiscal responsibility to: enhance our services and excellent school system; seek efficiencies; expand services for elders and at-risk populations; support local business; and increase the safety of our roads. I applaud our first-responders and volunteers who give so much to make Eastford a great town. My promise is: Eastford-Care for it, Enhance it, Pass it on.



## Nick Gardner

**Name:** Nick Gardner  
**Position Sought:** Constable  
**Town of:** Pomfret  
**Background/Qualifications:** I have over 8 years of experience serving the residents of Pomfret as a Constable. My full-time employment is with Farm Credit East in Dayville, where I work in commercial lending. Additionally I serve as the Chairman of the Pomfret Board of Assessment Appeals and Economic Planning and Development Committee. I am also a 12 year member of the Pomfret Lions Club, including a term as President.  
**What makes you the best candidate for this position?**  
If given the opportunity to serve

another term as Constable, I will be able to put my 8+ years of experience to work on day one. As an experienced Constable I have respectfully dealt with a wide spectrum of people, both residents and visitors.  
**What us your vision for the future?**  
Pomfret has a unique camaraderie among its 7 elected Constables who work together for the betterment of our town, regardless of political party. I want to continue to work to make Pomfret a great, safe place to live and raise a family.



## Roy B Bradrick Jr.

**Name:** Roy B Bradrick Jr.  
**Position sought:** Board of Finance (Full Term)  
**Town of:** Woodstock  
**Background/ Qualifications:** Retired managing partner of a New England regional law firm. Former First Selectman and Chair, Board of Finance, Town of Union.  
**What makes you the best candidate for this position?**  
I have long experience in both business and municipal finance, dealing with large budgets and complex operations. My present position as an Alternate on the Board of Finance has allowed me to learn how Woodstock

operates. Every town is different.  
**What differentiates you from your opponent(s)?**  
I am running unopposed.  
**What is your vision for the future?**  
Balancing the needs, wants, and nice-to-haves against the limited finances available through taxation and Woodstock's Proposition 46. Facilitate dialog between stakeholders and work towards a long-term plan to get Woodstock where its voters want it to be.



## Terry Cote

**Name:** Terry Cote  
**Positions sought:** Selectman & Board of Ed  
**Town of:** Eastford  
**Background/ Qualifications:** Eastford resident for 28 years with a strong history of public service to the town. Board of Selectmen for the past 8 years. Active volunteer, service on town committees for over 22 years including Library Trustees, School Readiness Council, Agriculture Committee, Transfer Station Committee. Masters Degree and 34 years in state service including 15 years in senior management - supervising staff, overseeing multiple statewide programs, managing multimillion dollar budgets, and directing federal grants. Eastford Board of Selectmen and the Eastford School Readiness Council for 8 years.  
**What makes you the best candidate for this position?**  
Experience, dedication, and hard work. I have a proven record of responsible service to the town. I have significant experience developing and managing town budgets that meet the needs of the town and our citizens while keeping taxes low. I am committed to quality education and the success of all students. I have extensive experience developing and managing budgets and am well prepared to be a team player in making the tough choices we may have to face due to potential cutbacks in state funding.  
**What differentiates you from your opponent(s)?**  
I have served on the Board of Selectmen for 8 years and have exten-

sive fiscal and management experience. Eastford is a great community where one person can make a difference. I take pride in Eastford and my contributions to the town. In a small town where the Board of Selectmen also serve as the Board of Finance, I am very familiar with the budgets and needs of both the town and the school system.  
**What is your vision for the future?**  
I believe it is important to continue to budget wisely, to ensure our children receive a quality education, to support our local businesses, to protect the beauty and rural character of our town, and to keep our community vibrant. We need to continue to explore partnerships with other towns and use our resources efficiently. As we face difficult decisions, I believe it is important to ask the right questions, listen carefully, promote discussion, and build consensus. I believe that Eastford is a great place to raise a family and that our school system provides a great educational experience for our children. In these uncertain fiscal times, I want to ensure we maximize the benefit of every dollar so our students continue to have opportunities to maximize their potentials.



## Raymond Lajoie

**Name:** Raymond Lajoie  
**Position sought:** Putnam Special Service District  
**Town of:** Putnam  
**Background/ Qualifications:** 1991-93 Served as Town of Thompson Water Pollution Control Authority, WPCA Member, Elected Position. 2008-15 Served as Vice Chairman of Putnam Special Service District, Elected Position. Presently Chairman of said Special Service District.  
**What makes you the best candidate for this position?**  
I have a strong desire to serve my town through the supervision of both the fire and police departments.

**What differentiates you from your opponent(s)?**  
I believe both my opponent and myself share the same wish of serving our town well.  
**What is your vision for the future?**  
My desire is for the police department and fire department to have the best equipment and training with which to serve and protect the town of Putnam through close budget supervision and a keen outlook for the safety of our community.



## Tammy Wakefield

**Name:** Tammy Wakefield  
**Position sought:** Town Council District 1  
**Town of:** Killingly  
**Background/ Qualifications:** Served on the Council in 2009-2011 and 2013-2015; Chair of the NDDH Board of Directors; member of the Killingly Public Safety Commission; Chaired the Special Commission on Law Enforcement Strategies  
**What makes you the best candidate for this position?**  
I've grown up in Killingly, and my family has been here for several generations. I love my town and want to continue to work to improve it.  
**What differentiates you from your opponent(s)?**

What makes me different from my opponent is that I'm younger and have the energy that it will take to get the work done. As a single working parent, I understand how hard it is to raise your family in the financial state that our town and state are in.  
**What is your vision for the future?**  
I hope to see our constabulary to continue to expand and provide the best protection to our citizens. I would also like to see our Grand List to continue to grow so we can keep our mill rate stable and perhaps see it be reduced.



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# MEET THE CANDIDATES

## Richard Ives

**Name:** Richard Ives  
**Position sought:** First Selectman  
**Town of:** Brooklyn  
**Background/ Qualifications:**  
I've lived in Brooklyn for over thirty years. I've been the First Selectman since I was elected in 2013. Prior to that I served on the Board of Finance for five years, spending the last three as Chairman. I served on the Board of Education from 1985-1995, spending seven years as Chairman. I also currently serve as Chairman of NECCOG (Northeastern CT Council of Governments), as a member of the Board of Directors of COST (Council of Small Towns) and as a member of the Access Community Action Agency. Professionally, I spent over thirty years as a licensed Insurance Broker.

**What makes you the best candidate for this position?**  
I've been a proven leader as First Selectman who understands the real issues that face Brooklyn. I have maintained minimal expense growth of the

general government budget. I pride myself on having an open-door policy where residents can voice their concerns.

**What differentiates you from your opponent(s)?**  
I have the experience needed to face the problems that come with the current State budget crisis. I understand that pandering and political stunts are not what is going to keep Brooklyn the charming, wonderful place to live that it is. Leadership, effectiveness, knowledge and experience are what will get the job done.

**What is your vision for the future?**  
I plan to continue to help grow our commercial district in town, while maintaining our rural charm elsewhere. I want to promote regionalization to save Brooklyn money and look for revenue opportunities to help keep our tax rate stable.



## Robert Johnson

**Name:** Robert Johnson  
**Position sought:** Board of Assessment Appeals  
**Town of:** Eastford  
**Background/ Qualifications:**  
I am currently studying Political Science and Math at Eastern Connecticut State University, and have a 3.92 GPA. I have been involved in politics for several years and recently took part in Eastford's efforts to ban fracking waste. I took part in Model UN in high school and was a delegate to Connecticut's American Legion Boys State. I also Achieved Arrow of Light as a Cub Scout quite a few years ago.

**What makes you the best candidate for this position?** As someone who is 19 years old and new to this process, I bring in optimism and a willingness to learn. I believe that taking part in this will further me as an individual, and further the community by bringing in young people into the political process, who might not otherwise get involved. I have always been interested in politics,

and I thank you for giving me this opportunity.

**What differentiates you from your opponent(s)?**  
Because I am running unopposed, this question does not really apply to me, but, I am the youngest person running on either ticket, so that sets me apart from everyone.

**What is your vision for the future?**  
As a resident of Eastford for almost all my life, my hope is that we can continue to maintain the small town New England charm we have, and continue to foster a sense of community. I hope that we will continue to be fiscally responsible, encourage small businesses, foster economic growth, and protect our environment. As a member of the Assessment Appeals Board, I will work to ensure that every citizen's Constitutional rights are protected.



## Robert Mann

**Name:** Robert Mann  
**Position :**Board of Finance  
**Town:** Thompson  
**Background/Qualifications:**  
Growing up here in Thompson in a one-income family with real life struggles taught me valuable lessons I have been endorsed by the Thompson Republican party. I have lived in Thompson almost my entire life. I attended school here from Kindergarten all the way through to the 12th grade. I am a 1991 graduate of Tourtellotte and am one of many alumni that chose to continue living in Thompson due to my love for this very rural small town. I am married to Laura Jean and we have a daughter Savannah-Jean.I have been a city letter carrier for the USPS for the past 25 years and have owned 3 different homes in Thompson. It is my belief that our town should budget much the way that I do in my own home.

**What makes you the best candidate for this position?**  
Over the past three years I've learned how Thompson's government operates from attending many board and commission meetings. I attended all but one Board of Finance Budget Workshop this year and recorded many so I could review them to understand the budget process better. I know the duties and responsibilities the position entails. I'm a fiscal conservative that believes in fairness and transparency so that all the townspeople know where and how their money is being spent.

**What differentiates you from your opponent?**

I have lived most of my life in Thompson and I understand it's uniqueness. I have never been a politician or ever want to be one. I simply want to serve the townspeople in a fiscally responsible manner. I have been following the Thompson budget for a number of years and want to become an active participant in the process. I was not asked to run for this position as my opponent was. I chose to do it on my own and I approached the RTC. Unlike Putnam, which is a charter town, Thompson is a town meeting type of government. I'm hoping the state resolves it's budget issue so we can resolve ours this year.

**What is your vision for the future?**  
I envision Thompson getting back some of the tax base it lost. Some of the big corporations we lost revenue from were XtraMart and Norampac. I hope that companies come in and fill these vacant buildings. I also hope that some of the mills in town will be revitalized through economic development. Two brownfield grants on two mill sites have been received and one has been completed. This tells the town where contamination is and what cleanup costs are now so potential developers know. Many of the smaller mills have projects in the works such The 910 Riverside Drive mill, and the 962 Riverside Drive mill.



## Roy Simmons

**Name:** Roy Simmons  
**Position sought:** Selectman  
**Town of:** Putnam  
**Background/Qualifications:**  
Raised in Putnam. Graduated Putnam High School, then enlisted in the U.S. Navy in 1980. Served as a member of the Submarine Force. Commissioned 1997 and retired as a Lieutenant Commander in 2008. B.S. in Organizational Management. Served on several town boards and commissions, including the Board of Selectmen from 2015 to present. Member of the Putnam Lodge of Elks, American Legionnaire. Community theater enthusiast.

**What makes you the best candidate for this position?**  
I am not the "best candidate," but a member of a team whose sum is greater than our individual parts. Each of us - Barney Seney, Rick Hayes, Jeff Rawson, and Don Steinbrick brings a record of public service, professional and civic leadership experience, and diverse skill sets to the table.

**What differentiates you from your**

**opponent(s)?**  
I conduct myself in a manner becoming of a public servant. I welcome and embrace public inquiry and scrutiny. I discuss issues with, and seek the opinions, ideas, and recommendations of others - regardless of political affiliation. I don't take credit for, or seek political gain from, the contributions and accomplishments of others.

**What is your vision for the future?**  
Putnam's best days are ahead if we must take an aggressive approach to improving our town's sidewalks, roads, and parking spaces. This would address longstanding public safety issues and potentially increase property values. It would also aid in attracting new businesses, creating jobs and increased tax revenue. We must take a hard look at existing financial resources and use them to address or existing and future infrastructure needs.



## Pamela Lewerenz

**Name:** Pamela Lewerenz  
**Position sought:** Selectman  
**Town of:** Pomfret  
**Background/Qualifications:**  
40-year resident of Pomfret; attended PCS, Putnam High School, Dudley Hall Career Institute, and QVCC with a concentration in business and accounting. I worked in Pomfret's tax office for 12 years and was your tax collector for 7 of those years. I have been involved in the greater community in various roles since high school including the PCS Board, the Abington Social Library board, the Pomfret Library board, the Putnam Lions, and Boy & Girl Scouts.

**What makes you the best candidate for the position?**  
I'm an active, well-respected, vibrant member of the community. I'm honest, trustworthy, and have proven leadership skills. I was successfully elected as Pomfret's Tax Collector. During my tenure, I not only met but exceeded the Board of Finance's collection rate expectations. I did this by working with the taxpayers, listening to their needs, and balancing that against the town's needs. I have 30+ years business background along with considerable knowledge of municipal government.

**What differentiates you from your opponent?**  
I am one of the most dedicated people you will meet -- to my family, my work, and my community. I also possess an irrefutable work ethic. I'm committed to providing a respectful town government where everyone knows their opinions count. I have been an active participant in Pomfret's government and volunteering in Pomfret and surrounding towns for more than two decades.

**What is your vision for the future?**  
My vision includes working to lessen the impact of rising personal property taxes that are forced on municipalities by the large reductions in State municipal aid. I'll maintain the current positive collaboration between Boards and Commissions, focus on broadening Pomfret's tax base through smart economic growth, develop budget saving strategies, and work to implement long-term strategies for our town and school. I believe every voice needs to be heard and great ideas come from teamwork.



## Stephen L. Hebert, Sr.

**Name:** Stephen L. Hebert, Sr.  
**Position Sought:** First Selectman  
**Town of:** Thompson  
**Background/Qualifications:**  
Current Selectman. Disabled Veteran. Eagle Scout. US Military Academy, (Army) West Point, Commissioned Army Officer upon graduation, Served in Germany and Korea. Airborne School Graduate. Harvard MBA. Business Experience including starting his own multimillion dollar retail and online business - "X Fire Paintball & Airsoft". Lived in Thompson for over 15 years. Married to Kathleen. We have 5 adult children.

**What makes you the best candidate for this position?**  
Honest, open and dedicated. Willing to consider alternatives to past practices - "I don't just do it the way we did it last time". Bring real CEO and financial experience to the job. I know what fiscal management means. Every dollar we spend I treat as a dollar that someone entrusted me to handle carefully and that is what I will do. I will not waste

taxpayers' dollars.

**What differentiates you from your opponent?**  
Successful business experience. Knowledge of financial controls - I have many years of experience in accounting, analysis and control. Management experience - I have operated my own company for 20 years. A willingness to listen, analyze and make the hard decisions when needed. I will not waste taxpayers' dollars.

**What is your vision of the future?**  
I see Thompson growing in the future. But growing in a wise and managed way that protects the quality of life we currently enjoy in our Town. This growth will help provide improved services for our citizens. I see improved communication and collaboration among the various town entities; government, school, businesses and the other stakeholders in our community.





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**WOODSTOCK** – Friday, October 27, 5pm-7:30pm – Trick or Treat at Woodstock Academy (Bowen Building). Trick or Treat from classroom to classroom.

**PUTNAM** – Friday, October 27, Friday, 5-7pm, The annual Putnam Trick or Treat Night: Children and their parents are invited to trick or treat from business to business in the downtown area, from Union Square to the area of Jade Garden.

**KILLINGLY** – Saturday, October 28, 1-2pm Scarecrow Kingdom – Bring your old clothes and help us build a Scare Crow Kingdom at Davis Park! Killingly Business Association will also be hosting their annual trick or treat on Main Street that same day for children 12 and under from 2-3:30pm.







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It all started with thick wood pieces that were being used as centerpieces at her wedding two years ago. After the wedding, Pike had taken all of the centerpieces home.

“So, I had, like, 14 of these thick pieces of wood,” she said. “I started to wonder what I could do with them.”

No stranger to painting, it’s no surprise that Pike’s imagination ran wild. She began to wonder what it would look like to paint on the wood pieces.

So she painted a little scene on one. And then another.

Soon, her father was cutting up pieces of birch to give to her so she could continue painting on the unconventional surface.

“I’ve painted on so many canvases,” said Pike. “Large canvases, it takes a long time... And with my job as a mental health counselor and art therapist, I don’t have a lot of time. I wanted to be able to fit painting into my schedule. These little wood canvases are perfect, and they’re already framed in a way. I wanted to continue my art for myself.”

While painting may be “just a hobby” for Pike, it’s also a major portion of her professional life as well.

After studying art therapy at Lesley University, Pike started an art therapy program at the Silver Circle Gallery in Putnam.

“For me, growing up with art, I always felt very happy,” she said. “It’s very relaxing. You’re in your own world. So in college, I decided to get my masters in how psychology and art can really go together, exploring your inner thoughts and expressing yourself.”

She usually works with tweens and teenagers, helping them utilize their own creativity to work through personal issues, thoughts and feelings. With art, young adults don’t have to use words. There’s no pressure. No judgement. And that’s why they respond so well to her art therapy programs.

“The mental health field can be tough,” said Pike. “Sometimes you never know how you’ll impact someone’s life if they don’t tell you. But I get to see them really get into it. You see a change in their personality. They come in and they’re closed off, nervous, quiet .



Inspired by nature scenes in her mind, Johanna Pike’s scenic paintings on circular wood pieces make great decorations or even coasters.

.. Over time you get to see them express themselves. It’s really amazing the work that comes out and the thoughts they have when they explain what they did with the art. It feels really, really great to be able to bring them to a personal place and have them express that.”

Pike started painting herself at a really young age, using it as a way to make homemade gifts for friends and family for Christmas. She’s always been into creating.

“My mom recently showed me a video of my first time painting. I was so young, I didn’t know what was going on. But you could tell I was really into it,” she said.

In school, Pike began to take art classes. She was “extremely drawn” to painting in college. Mostly because of the colors, mixing and blending them.

“For some reason I really love doing that,” she said. “It’s really relaxing for me. I love creating landscapes. I don’t base them on a picture. I come up with these random landscapes in my mind. They’re places I wish I could see or a place I wish I could go to someday. I’m really in my own world.”

Ever since she was little, Pike lifted up rocks to see what was underneath. Nature has always been her escape. A place to be inspired by.

“I’m inspired by the natural beauty that’s out there,” said Pike. “That’s something I really, really enjoy.”

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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Barton supports Killingly’s Democratic slate

To the editor:

Congratulations to Adam Griffiths on earning a well-deserved endorsement by Congressman Joe Courtney. When Adam told me stories of what he did in the U.S. Army’s Civil Affairs Battalion, his duties, tasks and decisions he had to make reminded me of what a town councilor and town manager would be doing stateside. Adam’s experiences in this battalion make him a uniquely qualified and the ideal candidate to serve on Killingly’s Town Council. I’m glad that Congressman Courtney agreed with my assessment. I join the Congressman in urging voters in District 3 to re-elect Adam Griffiths for Killingly’s 3rd District Town Councilman.

On Monday, October 16, why did Killingly’s Republican Town Council candidates withdraw from a scheduled debate with the Killingly Democrats that was supposed to occur on Thursday, October 19 on a local radio station. The Republicans motto this year is “Vote for a Better Killingly.” What do they mean by that? Why

didn’t they want to debate their opponents, the Killingly Democrats, and get free air time to make their case? What are they afraid of?

Killingly’s Democratic Town Council candidates stand proudly behind their accomplishments. They are proven leaders and competent stewards of our town’s finances and resources. Under the incumbents’ stewardship, our property taxes did not increase. Ironically, when the Republicans controlled the town council, our taxes were raised each and every year for 6 years. Killingly Republicans say that residents are taxed enough, but their actions, when they controlled the town council, are opposite of what they preach. Actions speak louder than words.

Please support the Killingly Democratic ticket. Vote Row A on November 7.

TERESA M. BARTON  
DAYVILLE  
CHAIR, KILLINGLY DEMOCRATIC  
TOWN COMMITTEE

Woodstock reader questions Alberts’ commitment

To the editor:

For the last 10 years the town of Woodstock has elected a full-time First Selectman who has received an adequate salary and a benefit package. This year the Republican candidate for the position, Mike Alberts, has declared that he will be a part-time First Selectman. In addition to his duties as first selectman, my understanding is that he will continue to work a full-time job.

The more I heard about this, the more I wanted to know how he envisions performing his duties on such a limited part-time basis. To this end, I sent him an email with some specific questions asking for details about how many hours he would work a week,

what his office hours would be and other questions. I was disappointed that he refused to answer my questions. Instead, he suggested that he hopes to answer some of my questions at a forum to be held on October 30th for First Selectman candidates in Woodstock. My fear is that these questions will not be answered before the election and I feel the electorate in Woodstock has a right to know these answers in a timely fashion prior to making their decision about who to vote for as our first selectman. October 30th is too late. We need to know his thoughts now so that we can evaluate for ourselves whether this is a doable situation.

SUZANNE WOODWARD  
WOODSTOCK VALLEY

Expanded breakfast program  
in Thompson schools

THOMPSON — The Thompson Board of Education recently approved the implementation of a free universal breakfast program for all students at Mary Fisher Elementary School starting on Nov. 6. Breakfast will be delivered to each classroom at the start of the school day. Students will be encouraged to take and eat a free meal to start the learning day.

The breakfast program is free for all students at MRFES. The district will monitor the federal reimbursement rates for meals served at MRFES during the remainder of the 2017-18 school year. If the program breaks even or is at a minimal cost, the Board of Education will discuss expanding the free program during the 2018/2019 school year at both Thompson Middle School and Tourtellotte Memorial High School.

Thanks to grant funding from the New England Dairy Council and NFL Fuel Up to Play 60 Program the district received funds to purchase kiosks to serve breakfast at different locations other than the cafeteria at both Thompson Middle School and Tourtellotte Memorial High School. Students will be encouraged to eat breakfast daily and be offered the opportunity to grab a breakfast and eat it during their first class. Lisa Durand, Food Service Manager has developed some new breakfast menu items including fruit smoothies, scratch muffins and breakfast sandwiches. The Grab and Go program will start mid-November. Middle and high school students who already receive free and reduced lunch are eligible for a free breakfast. Remaining students may purchase a breakfast at the kiosk for \$1.75.

Research is clear that hunger is a barrier to learning. The members of the Thompson Board of Education want to ensure that every child starts the learning day with a nutritious breakfast to remained alert and focused.

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behind the curtain, behind the monitors. So as you’re looking at yourself, he can see you moving. Once he sees that, he knows he can reach out behind you and get that scare.”

People can then find a video of themselves being scared on their Facebook page, found under the name Aeternum Vale Attractions.

Aeternum Vale Attractions will be open on Halloween weekend, from 8 p.m. to midnight, at Butler’s home on Farrow Street in Putnam.

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GHOST

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“Things That Go Bump in the Night.”

I sat down with the college professor to find out about her Connecticut findings.

**You said this book resulted in your first time visiting Connecticut. What did you think about your findings?**

“Connecticut is an old state. We are jamming. We are jamming with ghosts. It’s one of the best states in the whole US to research. Mass., Conn., New York and Maine... They have a lot, too. We are loaded. I didn’t know until I was asked to write the book. I couldn’t believe the activity.”

**What was one of your favorite experiences in Connecticut?**

“One of the first places I went to was the Mark Twain house. I walked in the door and saw three spirits looking at me. One was Olivia Clemens. The other was Susy Clemens, Mark Twain’s daughter. These ladies were dressed in Victorian gear. Susy was wearing a wide brimmed hat with an ostrich feather. It was hard to see her face so I wasn’t sure it was her. But later I saw the photographs of her wearing the same hat.”

**How did it feel seeing them in the parlor like that?**

“I felt so great. They just smiled at me as if to say welcome to our home. These three ladies really love our home. I felt they were very gracious. This was a great start to my book.”

**What is the most haunted place in Connecticut?**

“The scariest place was Dudley Town. It had an eery stillness. It makes people nervous. I even got in a fight with my husband. But when we drove away I was fine. A lot of people say that. When they camp near there, they get in fights, arguments.”

**It just has a bad vibe?**

“Dudley Town changes the name of the road every year – they don’t like people ghost hunting. There’s even a sign that says ‘if a car is left unattended for more than 15 minutes, it will be towed by the Board of Selectmen.’ You have to have two people – one to sit in car and one to investigate. I stayed in the car. My husband said there was stillness. There was no wild life in the woods. The bark had been stripped from the trees. But we couldn’t figure out why. There was a very negative charge. I personally

would avoid it.”

**Why is this place so haunted?**

“Everything that could possibly go wrong, went wrong. Soon after the town was founded many people fell ill. It was known as a ‘curse’ and it turned it into a ghost town. Indians from New York came in and massacred people, kidnapping some children.”

**What are some other popular haunts?**

“Union Cemetery has the Lady In White. That’s a great place to start for paranormal investigation. We went on a very cold day in January. I brought two photographers. We all took pictures, about 30 to 40 each. Every picture had orbs in it.”

**What do the orbs represent?**

“I taught a class in Psychic Photography. Orbs are very interesting – they’re signs of spirits. There were orbs everywhere – in the trees, tombstones. I was looking for the picture of Lady in White but didn’t get a photo of her. She’s a spirit that walks through the eastern area in Union Cemetery. Many people have spotted her.”

**Connecticut has a lot of well-known haunts it seems.**

“There’s the New London Ledge Lighthouse. It was investigated by the Ghost Hunters. They always find spooky activity. They are very simple investigations – they bring a thermometer. If the temperature drops 10 to 20 degrees, there is very likely a spirit is presence. They bring a tape recorder and get activity or spirit voices. And of course a camera is always helpful. Many people have spotted spirit of Ernie there.”

**What was another interesting place you visited?**

“We went to the Old New Gate Prison, which was used during the Revolutionary War. I went on June 10. As I entered I heard music. Ragtime jazz music. I saw all these cute little animals walking around... I said to the guide, ‘Was this always a prison?’ He told me it had been turned into a speak easy and then in the 40s it was a petting zoo for children. In the prison, orbs followed us around. It shows intelligence. They probably were not happy spirits though.”

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CAMERA

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**How long have you been a photographer?**

“Since I was 13 years old. So that’s like 50 years. I’ve been doing this a very long time. I started taking pictures in junior high school.”

**What made you decide to pick up a camera?**

“It was an extra elective class. Believe it or not, got us out of the school. We took photos outside, so I was kind of excited about that.”

**Was it the fact that it was an escape from the classroom?**

“I fell in love with photography, right at the beginning. As soon as the teacher started teaching us. It was kind of like love at first sight. But that was back in the old days of using film.”

**What did you like about it?**

“By taking pictures with camera and doing development myself, I could make the picture what I imagined it to be. It allowed me to be very creative with color and texture and things like that.”

**So that’s different than digital photography. Do you still use film today?**

“I use both. I still use film, too. Digital is a lot easier. You can shoot a lot more pictures. It doesn’t cost as much. Film – you have to be absolutely sure what you are taking pictures of. Film will always look a lot better than digital, but it’s not as convenient.”

**Why do you feel digital looks better?**

“Film is better than digital because it’s clean. It’s clearer. Digital is better than film because you can manipulate the photograph. In the dark rooms, you can do on a computer now. You have the opportunity to make ten pictures of the same thing and pick the best one of the group.”

**What’s kept you taking photos all these years?**

“It’s just always what I’ve done. It’s just so nice to take photos and see people admire them... We tell stories about the photos... It’s gratifying when people appreciate the work. It’s kind of like a drug. It keeps you going strong. In my lifetime of being a photographer, I’ve given more pictures away than I’ve ever sold. If someone falls in love and wants to hang it in their living room, that’s really the happiness part of it.”

**I saw a lot of your work at the craft fair. A lot of it was of animals**

**and nature. Is that what inspires you?**

“Nature sells. I do a lot of other work, too. I do a lot of abstract. But flowers sell. Landscapes sell.”

**How do you go about getting a perfect shot of a bird? Or other hard to get photographs?**

“If you’re taking wildlife, have to be very patient for it. You want to be where they’re at. You need to be very slow with your motions, yet ready to take the picture. A bird sitting at a bird feeder... Those are easy catches. Harder to catch are birds in flight. You have to anticipate where the bird will be, so it passes in front of the camera. You can’t follow the bird. It’s all about timing.”

**But your real passion is abstract photography. Why is that?**

“It’s fun taking an everyday object and turning it into art. Pure and simple. I can take a picture of an angle of something and make it into a beautiful piece of art. People wonder what it is. ‘It’s a lampshade.’ They’ll say, ‘No it’s not.’ It’s the angle that you take it at. You have to be very creative and have very good perspective.”

**What is one of your favorite photos you’ve taken?**

“One of my favorite ones is a picture of a box of tools. They were old tools. I black and whited it out and called it ‘Grandpa’s Tool Box.’ It’s what you can do to these things... It’s very gratifying when you take a shot like this and people look at them and are absolutely amazed to find out what they are.”

**How do you choose what to take photos of? How can you tell if an item will make a good photo?**

“I have always had the ability to take a look at something and take a picture in my head. I know what I want it to look like when it’s done. You have to have a very strong perspective. I can take photos of almost anything and make it into artwork. I’ve been at a beach this weekend and I’ve been taking pictures of all these weird things at the beach.”

**Most people take photos of the waves. Seashells. What are you taking photos of?**

“I take pictures of sand. I take pictures of feathers. I take pictures of rocks. I look for formations in the ground. I take pictures of dunes. Fences. I took a really good shot — about 20 of them – of dune fences. They hold the sand back. Each photograph was a different color, a different tone.”

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NATIONAL COMMANDER VISITS PUTNAM

PUTNAM — American Legion National Commander Denise H. Rohan, center, is escorted by American Legion Post #13 Sgt.-at-Arms Victor J. Kratz, left, and Commander Ronald P. Coderre, right, on a walking tour of Putnam on October 17. During the tour she observed the flags on the WWI Veterans Memorial Bridge and the “Hometown Hero” banners located throughout downtown Putnam.



Erick Taylor photo

GIVING A HOOT

This Barred Owl perches on a lantern at the residence of Paul and Ramona Geotis on Old Hall Road in Woodstock on Oct 12.



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# Scarecrow contest in Putnam



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This is Halloween! This is Halloween! Jack Skellington and Sally Stitches from cult classic The Nightmare Before Christmas are hanging out on Kennedy Drive



A beautiful princess scarecrow greets downtown visitors.



"President Mike," by Bank Hometown featured a very realistic face painted on a pumpkin.



PUTNAM — To excite Putnam residents and visitors alike, the Putnam Business Association hosted their annual scarecrow contest. Businesses, organizations and individuals from Putnam designed unique, spooky and innovative scarecrows to decorate downtown Putnam, just in time for The Great Pumpkin Festival on Saturday, Oct. 21.

At left: The Relay For Life of NECT provided some inspiration to Putnam's fall decorations.



A spooky spiderweb witch was spotted outside Woolworks Yarn Shop.



Gerardi's Insurance created their own Flo from Progressive to greet customers.



"Waldo the Scarecrow Serving Pumpkin For Dinner," by Chase Graphics.



Cousin It paid a visit to The Courthouse.

## Pomfret resident receives Audubon honor



Courtesy photo

Pomfret's Richard Telford was honored by the Connecticut Audubon Society.

POMFRET — The Connecticut Audubon Society presented Pomfret resident Richard Telford with its Dave Engelman Volunteer Benchmark Award at the organization's annual meeting on Oct. 15 in Sherman. Telford was one of four honorees. He was chosen for his work at Trail Wood/The Edwin Way Teale Memorial Sanctuary, in Hampton. The 168-acre property is the site of Pulitzer Prize-winning author and naturalist Edwin Way Teale's home and the subject of many of his publications.

"Over the last six years, Richard has worked tirelessly on behalf of our Trail Wood sanctuary and the legacy of Edwin Way Teale," said Patrick M. Comins, executive director of Connecticut Audubon, at the meeting, which was held at the organization's Deer Pond Farm preserve.

Among many other achievements,

Telford wrote a 10-year revitalization plan for the sanctuary as part of his master's thesis. He founded and has run Trail Wood's artist-in-residence program, which is in its fifth season, and has given numerous lectures. A scholar and author, Telford is currently at work on a biography of Teale while on sabbatical from Woodstock Academy.

Connecticut Audubon Society's Volunteer Benchmark Award was established in 1993, and is given annually by its Board of Directors to one or more individuals whose volunteer activity has significantly enhanced the organization's mission.

Each year at the annual meeting recipients are presented with a plaque commemorating their dedication to conservation. The other 2017 recipients are Dan Miller of Manchester, Louise Crocco of Milford, and D.G. Warner of Southport.

In 2007, the award was renamed the Dave Engelman Volunteer Benchmark Award for a longtime member, donor, board member, and one-time interim president. Engelman epitomized the characteristics of an extraordinary volunteer by helping Connecticut Audubon Society grow both in spirit and as an organization.

The Connecticut Audubon Society conserves Connecticut's environment through science-based education and advocacy focused on the state's bird populations and habitats. Founded in 1898, Connecticut Audubon operates nature facilities in Fairfield, Milford, Glastonbury, Pomfret, Hampton, and Sherman, a center in Old Lyme, and an EcoTravel office in Essex.

Connecticut Audubon also manages 19 wildlife sanctuaries around the state, preserves 3,300 acres of open space in Connecticut, and educates over 200,000 children and adults annually.



## LEGIONNAIRE OF THE YEAR

PUTNAM — Donald Steinbrick, left, was recently honored by American Legion Post #13 Commander Ronald P. Coderre, right, as the Post's Legionnaire of the Year. Steinbrick, an Air force veteran, is a longtime member of the Post and served as Chaplain for the past eight years. He was recently named the Post's Chaplain Emeritus.



Carol Davidge photo

## EASTFORD HISTORICAL SOCIETY DEMONSTRATION

EASTFORD — Colonial military expert Ed Parry, pictured, demonstrated a musket after his talk on Oct. 19 to the Eastford Historical Society about General Nathaniel Lyon (1818-1861), who was the first Union general killed in the Civil War. The meeting included a large picture of Lyon which is on display in the new Florence Warren Latham Museum of Eastford History.



# Spooky nights at Brooklyn Fairgrounds

BROOKLYN – The Brooklyn Fairgrounds were transformed on Friday, Oct. 19 and Saturday, Oct. 20. As darkness enveloped the sky and the moon came out, so did the witches, demons and clowns. It was Brooklyn’s annual Spooky Nights. With a giant bonfire, live entertainment, music, food, hayrides and a very scary haunted house, it was an excellent ode to Halloween season.



Brooke Mayo got her face painted by Andrea McConnell.



Olivia Richman photos

Reiannon Wessell’s eye-catching “fire demon” costume was inspired by one of her favorite anime series.



Kristy Conway, Richard Lidberg and Kendra Lidberg in the “Entrance To Hell,” one of the rooms in the haunted house.



Danielson Martial Arts put on a live demonstration as the night grew nearer.



Can you tell which clown is Rick LaBonte?



Vikki LaBonte, Sherri Souchy, her son Cole and his grandmother Nancy Zurowski: “We love it. We’ve been doing the haunted house since they started!”

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# Tackle the Trail race benefits QVCC



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Team If You Count Five... We Made It Out Alive: Liza Monaco, Jen Kane, Bevin Kavanagh, Abbey Duval and Audrey Ahmetovic.



The Putnam Posse, Melissa Zablonksi and John Allen.



Putnam Plastics came to win.

At right: Power With QMC: Tyler Rasmussen, Drew Rivard, Hayley Haapala and Emma Dio

POMFRET — Teams and individual runners from throughout the Quiet Corner gathered at the Airline Trail in Pomfret to start Tackle the Trail footrace on Oct. 21. Solo runners and five-person relay teams ran 20 miles from Pomfret to Willimantic, raising money for Quinebaug Valley Community College’s scholarship program in the process.



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Two Road Dogs teams took the to trail. Pictured: Alex Cristofori, Brooke Dragon, Nick Bertora, Nate Patrylak, Cyndi Costanzo and Thomas Laetsch.



With boas and tiaras, the Fab Five was ready to tackle the trail! Pictured: Susan Gada, Laura Joyal, Chloe Markley, Lisa Reid and Lauri Bartholic.



## Logee’s Greenhouses shift to solar power

DANIELSON — Logee’s Greenhouses celebrated its 125th year in business this past June and is keeping up with the times by shifting to solar power. The purchase of Logee’s solar panels was made possible through technical assistance provided by the Connecticut RC&D’s Connecticut Farm Energy Program in applying for a U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA) Rural Development Rural Energy for America Program (REAP) grant which partially funded the 47.26 kw roof mounted system. Logee’s system includes 139 solar panels creating enough electricity to power 5.5 homes annually.

Logee’s was founded in 1892, 13 years after the invention of Thomas Edison’s light bulb and one year before the first American automobile. During the 1900’s electricity became a commodity that was in high demand and expensive.

“My grandfather, was in the horse and buggy era and never would have believed that all of Logee’s electrical needs would now be generated by the sun,” says Byron Martin, third generation owner of Logee’s.

“We want to do our part for the planet and decrease the demand for energy through energy efficiency improvements,” says Laurelynn Martin, the other owner of Logee’s. “Seven years earlier, we had built an energy efficient greenhouse that transformed how we did business, now with the solar panels, we will be able to continue on this path to truly becoming green.”

Logee’s Greenhouses, is a local horticultural company that ships plants nationally. They are open year-round and specialize in fruiting, rare and tropical plants for the home and garden. They have a retail store, where they sell plants to the end consumer. Nationally known, Logee’s has attracted visitors from all over the country including Martha Stewart who frequents Logee’s annually.



Courtesy photo

Logee’s Greenhouses recently shifted to solar power.



## DANIELSON PHARMACY OPENS

DANIELSON — Danielson Pharmacy recently celebrated its grand opening. It is located on 77 Westcott Road in historic Danielson. It is a full-service pharmacy that offers free delivery. Celebrating the opening, from left, Joyce Ricci, John Comeau, Nivi Kadiyala (owner), Venkata Kadiyala (owner), David Griffiths and Lynn LaBerge.



POLICE LOGs

*Editor's note: The information contained in these police logs was obtained through either press releases or public documents kept by the Putnam Police Department or Connecticut State Police Troop D and is considered the account of the police. All subjects are considered innocent until proven guilty in a court of law. If a case is dismissed in court or the party is found to be innocent, The Villager, with proper documentation, will update the log at the request of the party.*

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**KILLINGLY**

**Wednesday, Oct. 18**  
Lucy Warren-Stewart, 43, of 48 Mechanic Street Apt. #B, Killingly, was charged with disorderly conduct and violation of a protective order

**DANIELSON**

**Wednesday, Oct. 18**  
Bryant D Stewart, 29, of 48 Mechanic Street Apt. #B, Danielson, was charged with disorderly conduct and violation of a protective order

**Friday, Oct. 20**  
Jonah Heith Phaneuf, 43, of 220

Cranberrybog Run, Danielson, was charged with operating a motor vehicle while registration or license was refused/suspended/revoked, operating under the influence of alcohol, stop sign violation

**Saturday, Oct. 21**  
Kevin McCarthy, 30, of 514 Jarrod Way, Danielson, was charged with illegally operating a motor vehicle under the influence (third time)

**Saturday, Oct. 14**  
Thomas Goyette, 34, of 27 Nichols St. Putnam, was charged with Criminal Trespass 1st, Violation of a Protective Order, Disorderly Conduct, Breach of Peace

**Friday, Oct. 20**  
Payton Livingston, 20, of 77 Chapman St. Putnam, was charged with Failure to Appear 2nd (two counts), Failure to Appear 1st.

**Saturday, Oct. 21**  
Alexander Frankhouser, 19, of 3 Windswept Drive, Woodstock, was charged with Operating Under the Influence, Traveling Unreasonably Fast.

Kieffer Roireau, 21, 184 South Main St., Putnam, was charged with Disorderly Conduct.

Putnam Police Department



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CAREER DAY AT TOURTELLOTTE

Tourtellotte Memorial High School's annual Career Day was on Oct. 20. Over 50 alumni met with students to discuss possible career pathways and advice for job interview success. Three Thompson Board of Education members, Thomas Angelo, Joseph Lindley and Shawn Brissette were among the alumni.

Parafinowicz is in Tourtellotte's spotlight

THOMPSON — Each month Tourtellotte Memorial High School's Student Spotlight program recognizes a student who has demonstrated outstanding achievement, character, leadership, attitude, and/or contributions to the school and community. October's Student Spotlight honoree is junior Eric Parafinowicz.

Parafinowicz was nominated for the Student Spotlight recognition by sophomore Jordan Bergeron.

"Eric is always very positive. He says 'hi' to everyone in the hallway and is always smiling," said Bergeron. "He makes sure everyone is in a great mood and never is down on themselves. He has a way to brighten a room with his positive attitude."

"My parents and friends motivate me to try my best and be a better person," Parafinowicz said.

Parafinowicz is an active part of his school community. He particularly likes



to run, especially long-distance running. He is a member of TMHS's cross country, indoor track, and outdoor track teams. Parafinowicz has lettered in both indoor and outdoor track, and he earned the Cross Country Coach's Award.

"Every time, I try hard to improve my records. My coaches, Mrs. Ten Eyck and Mr. Shelton, helped me to be a good runner," Parafinowicz said.

Parafinowicz is also on the Robotics team and is an active member of all of his classes.

"Eric never quits. He has a great attitude and is a role model for other students," said his art teacher, Mrs. Picozzi.

"I would like to be a scientist or work in the lab. I love experiments," said Parafinowicz of his future plans.

Parafinowicz's personal message to his school community reflects his positive attitude.

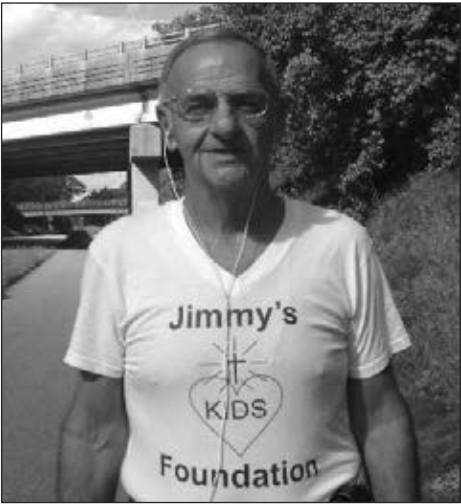
"Try to do your best every day with a smile," Parafinowicz said. "Respect everyone."

Fundraiser for Jimmy's Kids Foundation

BROOKLYN — In the last 15 years since founding Jimmy's Kids Foundation, along with the generosity of many local supporters, the foundation has raised some \$100,000 in approximately 21 fundraisers that went directly to particular organizations that cater to children and families.

This season's beneficiaries are the Tommy Toy Fund and The Friends of Assisi Food Pantry. All checks may be made out specifically to both groups, and either forwarded directly to them, or can be sent to the Foundation's address in care of Jim Phaiah, 24 Gunnar Drive., Brooklyn, Ct., 06234, and such will be forwarded to them.

A drop-off site is located at Brooklyn Market at 107 Hartford Road (Rte. 6) for both toys and/or turkeys and trimmings for the Holiday Charity Fundraiser. For more information or pickup of donations, call Phaiah at (860) 774-1720. The fundraiser continues through Dec. 4.



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Jim Phaiah

Funding pledge heralds anniversary of Putnam's Birth

BROOKLYN — The Brooklyn Meeting House (1771), built under the leadership of then-Colonel Israel Putnam, is scheduled for an exterior restoration. The Unitarian Universalist Society is mounting a fund drive, with an eye to celebrating the 300th anniversary of Putnam's birth in 2018, through the building's renewal. Colonel Putnam looked after the Meeting House and saw to ringing its bell until he was called away by the Revolution. Some concerned citizens have pledged to match, dollar for dollar, all contributions to the restoration of the Meeting House, up to a maximum total of \$20,000. Contributions, which are tax-deductible, may be directed to the UUSB Restoration Committee, P.O. Box 38, Brooklyn, Ct., 06234. The building is listed on the National Register of Historic Places, and anchors the Brooklyn Green Historic District.

For more information: Dennis C. Landis, Restoration Chairman Tel: 860-779-2623

Putnam business collective to celebrate opening

PUTNAM —Several established businesses recently announced the grand opening of a new collective, Block 134, at 134 Main Street in Putnam. Evelyn Cole Smith Architects LLC, Epiphany on Main, Pomfret School Gallery, and Silver Circle Gallery will be hosting a free public event from 6 p.m. to 9 p.m. on Friday, Nov. 3, to celebrate the grand opening of the businesses at the new location. Downtown Putnam has become a destination for both locals and tourists with its eclectic blend of restaurants, boutiques, art galleries, theaters, and more. The celebration will feature refreshments, live music, art demonstrations and displays, and a ribbon cutting to commemorate the expansion.

The collective includes Evelyn Cole Smith Architects LLC, a design firm specializing in the study, preservation and adaptive reuse of historic and culturally significant properties. Principal Architect, Evelyn Cole Smith, is certified by the National Park Service as a Historic Architect. With over 30 years in practice, the firm provides a full range of architectural services, assists private property owners, institutions and municipalities to assess existing conditions, prioritize goals, and develops conservation strategies for their historic structures.

Epiphany On Main is nestled inside the original Bosworth Brother's building surrounded by its industrial history with

exposed brick walls and wood beams, now known as Block 134. As Putnam has evolved over the years, Epiphany On Main has also followed suit. The shop has recently gone through a rebirth of its branding and retail pieces. Epiphany On Main offers statement décor, accessories, clothing, and vintage pieces that pay homage to the authentic industrial western vibe.

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## Redmen thrive on Indian summer night



Killingly's Zach Caffrey picks up yardage against New London last Friday, Oct. 20, at Killingly High School.

BY CHARLIE LENTZ  
VILLAGER EDITOR

DAYVILLE — Spencer Lockwood is still waiting for football weather. The senior running back made do on an Indian summer evening at Killingly High last Friday to rush for 218 yards and three touchdowns in a 39-16 victory over New London. But Lockwood is waiting for the mercury to drop so he can deliver a cold hard truth when he lowers his shoulder.

“That’s our favorite time of the year because when it starts to get cold we feel like we’re a very tough, physical group of kids,” Lockwood said. “We feel like when others don’t really want to play in cold weather that’s when we thrive.”

Lockwood has delivered his share of hard knocks through six games, rushing for 1,377 yards and 16 touchdowns while averaging 7.9 yards per carry. Coach Chad Neal would prefer Lockwood be more judicious and side-step head-on collisions but knows he can’t control his abandon.

“He loves contact,” Neal said. “We have to talk to him a lot about avoiding contact because he looks for contact a lot of times.”

Lockwood’s battering style wasn’t needed on Killingly’s first touchdown against the Whalers because special teams took care of that. Zack Burgess jumpstarted the win, returning a punt 77 yards for touchdown with 9:58 left in the first quarter after New London’s opening possession stalled.

“Coach always says that we need someone to start the team and I’m just happy that it was me,” Burgess said. “I just got some good blocks from all of my teammates.”

Burgess also set up the Redmen’s third touchdown — returning a punt return 60 yards to New London’s 34-yard line to set up a two-play drive, capped by senior fullback Zach Caffrey’s two-yard touchdown run with 1:51 left in the first quarter.

“The special

teams have been the unsung hero for us because they’ve been playing so well,” said coach Neal. “We’ve just got to keep playing great special teams and setting up field position for us.”

The Redmen stretched their margin to 33-0 at halftime with a pair of second-quarter touchdown runs from Lockwood of 30 and 41 yards. Lockwood’s 218 yards on ground came via 33 carries, averaging 6.6 yards per tote.

On the other side of the football Killingly limited the Whalers to just eight yards rushing on 12 car-

ries. New London’s record fell to 1-5. The win was Killingly’s sixth-straight and kept the team ranked No. 1 in the state in Class M. The Redmen have a bye this weekend and return to Killingly’s High

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#### FIRST QUARTER

K-Zack Burgess 77 punt return  
(Luke Desaulnier kick) 9:58  
K-Spencer Lockwood 1 run  
(run failed) 4:23  
K-Zach Caffrey 2 run (pass failed) 1:51

#### SECOND QUARTER

K-Lockwood 30 run (Desaulnier kick) 9:48  
K-Lockwood 41 run (Desaulnier kick) :43

#### THIRD QUARTER

K-Jake Gauthier 21 pass from Desaulnier  
(pass failed) 4:45  
NL-Gio Lopez 20 pass from Owen George  
(Lopez pass from George) 0:00

#### FOURTH QUARTER

NL-Lopez 41 pass from George  
(Elijah Parker pass from George) 6:42

	New London	Killingly
First Downs	8	20
Rushes-yards	12-8	49-302
Passing	199	98
Sacked-yds lost	2-13	1-6
Comp-Att-Int	11-20-0	7-8-0
Punts-Avg.	7-34	1-36
Fumbles-Lost	2-0	1-1
Pentalties-Yards	2-8	2-30

#### INDIVIDUAL STATISTICS

**RUSHING**- George 1-8; Parker 2-(-5); Jacob Commander 5-1; Niko Braggs 4-4.  
**K**: Desaulnier 3-17; Lockwood 33-218, 3 TD; Caffrey 12-68, TD; Vasileios Politis 1-(-1).

**PASSING**- **NL**: George 11-20-0 for 199 & 2 TD. **K**: Desaulnier 7-8-0 for 98 & TD.

**RECEIVING**- **NL**: Lopez 8-147, 2 TD; Parker 5-52. **K**: Gauthier 4-55, TD; Politis 2-30; Burgess 1-13.

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# Foucault gets 100th goal as Putnam girls head toward postseason



Putnam High's Morgan Foucault boots the ball against Tourtellotte last Saturday, Oct. 21, in Thompson. Tourtellotte shut down Foucault but she scored her 100th career goal two days later on the road in New Britain against Innovation.

BY CHARLIE LENTZ  
VILLAGER EDITOR

THOMPSON — Putnam High senior striker Morgan Foucault departed Tourtellotte Memorial's soccer field last Saturday unable to score her 100th career goal. She would get that milestone two days later against Innovation. Foucault and her teammates got no satisfaction against backyard rival Tourtellotte on Oct. 21, leaving with a 2-2 tie. But as the season

winds down the Clippers are focused on tying up some loose ends and then making a run in Class S state tournament. "We've picked it up a lot," said Putnam coach April Chavez. "I want to finish 10-5-1, that's my goal. It's very important for our team to stay strong and learn how to work together and not get so frustrated out there." Alyson Morris scored off an assist from Aliceya Labonte to

give Clippers a 1-0 lead over Tourtellotte at 8:11 of the first half. Tourtellotte's Kaylee Tackson tallied with an assist from Ashley Morin at 21:46 of the first half to tie it at 1-1. Tourtellotte took a 2-1 lead on an unassisted goal from Harley Dimock at 7:07 of the second half. Putnam's Jaidyn Gillette scored to knot the match at 2-2, with an assist from Laylah Chavez at 31:31 of the second

half. The match ended in a deadlock after 80 minutes of regulation. There was no overtime frame. Coach Chavez was happy that the Clippers rallied on Gillette's goal to avoid the loss. "I'm all for a tie but I would have liked to play overtime and get the win," Chavez said. Foucault came into the match against the Tigers with 99 career goals. Following the Tourtellotte match, the

Clippers had three more games left in the regular season and Foucault got her milestone goal on the road against the the Academy of Innovation and Science in New Britain. The Clippers finished up with another road game at Public Safety Academy in Enfield, and then returned home against Capital Prep. Tourtellotte led Putnam 12-9 in shots and 5-4 in corner kicks. Putnam goalkeeper Kayleigh Lyons made 10 saves. Keeper Kaliel Copley made seven saves for Tourtellotte (9-4-2). The tie against Tourtellotte on Oct. 21 put the Clippers record at 7-5-1. Putnam is scheduled to close out its regular season at home against Capital Prep at 3:45 p.m. on Friday, Oct. 27, at Rawson Field. The first round of the Class S state tournament is scheduled to begin on Tuesday, Nov. 7. The Clippers have some loose ends to tie up before the tourney starts. "I do think there's more room for improvement with chemistry," coach Chavez said. "We have a lot of strong-willed girls out there that kind of want to take control but I know next week they'll pull it together and finish strong." Putnam 5 Innovation 3 NEW BRITAIN — Foucault scored her 100th career goal in the victory over Innovation on Monday, Oct. 23. Alyson Morris notched the assist on Foucault's milestone score. Morris added two goals and Laylah Chavez, and Jaidyn Gillette each scored one goal for the Clippers. Chavez and Aliceya LaBonte each had one assist and Morris finished with two assists for the Clippers (8-5-1).

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Putnam High's seniors, from left: Ashley Burke, Aliceya Labonte, Hailey Bocash, Morgan Foucault, Jaidyn Gillette, and Alyson Morris.



Putnam's Aliceya Labonte, left, and Tourtellotte's Harley Dimock battle last Saturday in Thompson.

## Burgess leads Killingly girls past Putnam

PUTNAM — Freshman Abbie Burgess scored five goals to help Killingly High defeat Putnam High 6-2 in girls soccer last Friday, Oct. 20, at St. Marie-Greenhalgh Complex. Taylor Jax added one goal for the Redgals. Jax opened the scoring less than three minutes into the game on a header off a corner kick from Burgess. Burgess scored four goals in the first half to give Killingly a 5-2 lead at break. Killingly outshot the Clippers 13-12. Grace Nichols notched two assists and Julia Mossey, Jax, and Burgess each had one assist for Killingly. Jaidyn Gillette and Laylah Chavez each scored one goal for Putnam. Putnam goalkeeper Kaleigh Lyons made six saves. Killingly keeper Sarah Azizi made three saves. The win lifted Killingly's record to 7-7-2. The loss dropped Putnam's record to 7-5-0; Killingly 7-7-2.

KILLINGLY 6,  
WHEELER 0

DAYVILLE — In her first varsity game Lexi Purcell scored two goals to help Killingly High defeat the Lions on Oct. 19 at Old Killingly High School. Abbie Burgess, Haylee Chester, Chloe Hibbard, and Taylor Torcoletti each scored one goal for the Redgals. Emma Marceau notched two assists, and Taylor Jax and Burgess each had one assist. Killingly outshot Wheeler 28-2. Sarah Azizi and Taylyn Lemoine split time in goal for the Redgals but neither notched a save.

Courtesy photo

The seniors on the Killingly High girls soccer team were recognized before the team played Stonington on Oct. 17. From left, Taylor Torcolletti, Allison Bonneau, Aurora Greene, Julia Mossey, Kayla Picciarelli, Ashley Depointe, Sarah Azizi, and Felicia Horne.





# Griswold tops Woodstock grididers

**JEWETT CITY** — Griswold defeated Woodstock Academy 41-13 in football last Friday, Oct. 20. Woodstock senior running back Kameron Janice rushed for 126 yards and one touchdown on 17 carries. Janice has 16 touchdowns on the season. Woodstock junior quarterback Derek Thompson connected with Jacob Straub for a 28-yard touchdown pass. Straub led the defense with seven tackles. The win lifted Griswold's record to 4-2.

The loss dropped Woodstock's record to 2-4. The Centaurs are next scheduled to travel to Putnam on Friday, Oct. 27, to face the Quinebaug Valley Pride (2-4), with the kickoff set for 6 p.m. at St. Marie-Greenhalgh Complex in Putnam. Quinebaug Valley is coming off an 18-0 loss to Abbott Tech/Immaculate on Oct. 20.

**WOODSTOCK 2, KILLINGLY 0**

**WOODSTOCK** — Haley Armstrong and Emma Durand scored in the Centaurs win over the Redgals in field hockey on Tuesday, Oct. 24. Avery Jones and Natalie Crose notched assists for Woodstock (5-8 overall, 5-6 Eastern Connecticut Conference). Killingly's record fell to 4-11, 4-8 ECC.

**KILLINGLY 3, ELLIS TECH 0**

**DANIELSON** — Kelsey Allen had six kills, 23 service points and four aces to help Killingly defeat Ellis Tech in volleyball on Monday, Oct. 23. Reilly Allen notched three kills and had seven service points for the Redgals. Set scores were 25-10, 25-17, 25-16. Sydney Tetrault notched eight service points for Ellis Tech and Victoria

LaBarre had eight service points for the Golden Eagles. The win lifted Killingly's record to 18-1. The loss dropped Ellis Tech's record to 9-10.

**WOODSTOCK 3, MONTVILLE 0**

**WOODSTOCK** — Hannah Walley had 15 digs and 14 service points, Sammie Orlowski had 24 assists, and Paula Hernandez had 12 kills to help the Centaurs defeat Montville in volleyball on Oct. 23. The win lifted Woodstock's record to 15-3, 7-1 ECC. Montville's record fell to 5-13, 1-7.

**WOODSTOCK 6, STONINGTON 0**

**STONINGTON** — Kayla Gaudreau scored two goals, Ivy Gelhaus had a goal and two assists and Kennedy Davignon had three assists to help Woodstock defeat the Bears in girls soccer on Oct. 23. Woodstock lifted its record to 12-4, 8-2 ECC Division II. Stonington's record fell to 3-12-1.

**WHEELER 3, PUTNAM 1**

**PUTNAM** — Wheeler defeated Putnam in volleyball on Oct. 20 at Putnam High School. Set scores were 10-25, 25-10, 20-25, 16-25. For Putnam: Savannah Kruger had seven service points, two aces and two kills. Kaitlin Zamora had six service points two aces, and four kills. Molly McKeon notched nine service points with two aces, one block, and three kills for the Clippers. The loss dropped Putnam's record to 8-8. The win lifted Wheeler's record to 8-9.

**WOODSTOCK 3, OLD SAYBROOK 0**

**WOODSTOCK** — Aislin Tracey scored two goals and Makara Sorel scored



File photo  
Woodstock Academy's Paula Hernandez notched 17 kills in a win over Bristol Eastern on Oct. 20.

one goal in the Centaurs win over Old Saybrook in girls soccer on Oct. 21. Ivy Gelhaus and Regan Stuyinski notched assists for Woodstock (11-4). Old Saybrook's record fell to 0-9-1.

**PLAINFIELD 3, TOURTELLOTTE 1**

**THOMPSON** — Harley Dimock scored for the Tigers with an assist from Meg Roy in Tourtellotte's girls soccer loss to Plainfield on Oct. 18. Kate Carlson scored two goals and Madalyne Collins scored one goal for Plainfield. Plainfield led 13-5 in shots. Keeper Kaleil Copley made 10

saves for Tourtellotte (9-3-2). Keeper Stephanie Cooper made four saves for Plainfield (13-2).

**WOODSTOCK 3, BRISTOL EASTERN 0**

**WOODSTOCK** — Paula Hernandez had 17 kills and 22 digs for Woodstock in the volleyball win over Bristol Eastern on Oct. 20. The win lifted Woodstock's record to 14-3. Maddy Gronski added 14 digs and nine service points and Sammie Orlowski notched 22 assists for the Centaurs. Bristol Eastern's record fell to 9-7.

**OLD LYME 3,**

**WOODSTOCK 0**

**OLD LYME** — Woodstock goalkeeper Irene Askitis had two saves in the girls soccer loss to Old Lyme on Oct. 19. The loss dropped Woodstock's record to 10-4. The win lifted Old Lyme's record to 14-0.

**ELLIS TECH 3, PUTNAM 2**

**PUTNAM** — Ellis Tech edged Putnam in volleyball on Oct. 18. Set scores were 25-20, 15-25, 25-15, 19-25, 6-15. For Putnam: Kaitlin Zamora had 11 service points, seven aces, and 10 kills. Molly McKeon had 13 service points, two aces, and nine kills. Victoria Dias had four service points, two aces, and five kills. Putnam's record fell to 8-7.

**WOODSTOCK 2, OLD LYME 0**

**OLD LYME** — Jack Gelhaus and Eli Child scored to help Woodstock defeat Old Lyme in boys soccer on Oct. 19. The win lifted Woodstock's record to 10-5-1 record. The loss dropped Old Lyme's record to 0-9-4.

**IMMACULATE 2, WOODSTOCK 0**

**WOODSTOCK** — Caroline Wax and Celia Preveza each scored one goal to help Immaculate of Danbury defeat the Centaurs in field hockey on Oct. 21. The win lifted the Mustangs record to 12-1-2. Eliza Dutson made seven defensive saves and Olivia Stanikmas made three saves for Woodstock (4-8).

**WOODSTOCK 2, WINDHAM 1**

**WOODSTOCK** — Will Schad and Cole Hackett scored for the Centaurs (9-5-1) in boys soccer on Oct. 18. Alfonso Villar scored for Windham (11-2-1).

**KILLINGLY 3, MONTVILLE 0**

**DAYVILLE** — Gabi Moore had 20 service points, four kills, and five digs to help the Redgals defeat Montville in an Eastern Connecticut Conference Division II volleyball match on Oct. 18 at Killingly High. Set scores were 25-17, 25-16, 25-11. Reagan Morin had five kills and eight digs for Killingly (16-1 overall, 6-1 ECC-II). Abby Diamantini had three aces and nine digs and Kenzie Ullrich notched five digs with six assists for Montville (5-11, 1-6 ECC-II).

**WOODSTOCK 3, WATERFORD 0**

**WATERFORD** — Caroline Eaton had 10 kills and 14 service points to lead the Centaurs to the volleyball win over Waterford (10-5, 2-4 ECC Div. II) on Oct. 18. Sammie Orlowski and Maddy Gronski had 18 digs for Woodstock (13-3, 6-1).

**WOODSTOCK CROSS COUNTRY**

**NORWICH** — Woodstock Academy freshman Stella DiPippo finished in third place at the Eastern Connecticut Conference cross country championships at the Norwich Golf Course on Oct. 19 with a clocking of 21 minutes, 27 seconds. Mady Whittaker of Montville finished in first place. Stonington finished first in the team competition in ECC Division II and third overall. Woodstock took second in ECC-DII and fifth overall. Woodstock's Hannah Matsas finished 14th followed by teammates Emily McClure (34th), Alexia Bourbeau (39th), Megan Gohn (41st), Amelie Pressel (44th) and Iris Bazinet (56th).

## Killingly booters end season with win over Plainfield



Charlie Lentz photo  
Killingly High's seniors were honored at Killingly High School on Oct. 19. Front row, from left, Stephen Wetherell, Justin Comtois, Connor Wood, Connor Pelletier, Griffin Ware. Back row, from left, head coach Ron Frechette, Zach Schena, Sean Johndrow, Gavin Turner, Andrew Chappell, Sam Burdick, and assistant coach John Naylor.



Charlie Lentz photo  
Killingly's Christopher Lackner, white jersey, battles Putnam Hayden Belliveau for the ball at Killingly High School on Oct. 19.

**DANIELSON** — Griffin Ware and Stephen Wetherell each scored one goal to help the Killingly High boys soccer team closed out its season with a 2-1 victory over Plainfield last Saturday, Oct. 21, at Old Killingly High School.

The local rivalry game resulted in a tightly played physical game. Killingly got on the scoreboard first with a goal from Ware in the first half. Plainfield responded in the 45th minute with a goal from Zach Lewis to tie up the match.

Killingly applied pressure and earned a penalty kick in the 53rd minute — with Plainfield goalkeeper

Keaton Barry taking down Connor Wood in the box. Wetherell scored his third penalty kick of the season to seal the win for the Redmen. Gavin Turner notched one assist for Killingly. Andrew Curran notched one assist for Plainfield. Plainfield outshot Killingly 10-8. Killingly goalkeeper Connor Chahanovich finished with nine saves. Barry made seven saves for Plainfield.

Killingly finished the season with a two-game winning streak but failed to qualify for the postseason. The win ended Killingly's season at 4-11-1. Plainfield's record fell to 6-7-2.

**KILLINGLY 1, PUTNAM 0**

**DAYVILLE** — Killingly High's Senior Night was a local backyard rivalry game against Putnam High under the lights at Killingly High School on Oct. 19. Emotions ran high and both teams came out to play soccer on a warm autumn night and the Redmen came away with a 1-0 victory.

Killingly High coach Ron Frechette said he thought his team had scored in the first half only to have a foul away from the ball called in the box to negate the goal. The Putnam Clippers hit on a counterattack and Killingly's goalkeeper, sophomore Connor Chahanovich made two point-blank saves to keep the score at zeros at halftime.

In the second half Killingly got back on the attack and was rewarded with a goal by senior captain Griffin Ware in the 49th minute off an assist by Ryan Axtell. Putnam, as expected, raised its game and applied pressure. Late in the second half it looked like Putnam would score but Killingly senior Stephen Wetherell saved a ball off the line to preserve the shutout. This was the first Senior Night win for Killingly in three years. Next season Putnam High rejoins the Eastern Connecticut Conference and with its admission there is a potential of renewing a regular playing between these two schools.

Killingly led Putnam 9-6 in shots. Putnam High senior goalkeeper Scott Davagian, Jr., made eight saves. Chahanovich finished with six saves for the Redmen. The loss dropped Putnam High's record to 7-3-3.



# Tourtellotte honors its senior soccer players



Charlie Lentz photo

Tourtellotte's Meg Roy readies to pass upfield against Putnam High last Saturday, Oct. 21, in Thompson.

BY CHARLIE LENTZ  
VILLAGER EDITOR

THOMPSON — Tourtellotte coach Deb Spinelli doesn't believe in naming team captains. She expects her soccer players to lead by deed. The coach honored her upper-classmen on Senior Day last Saturday and although mid-fielders Meg Roy and Katey Kwasniewski never wore a 'C' on their jerseys they've stenciled their mark on the Tigers turf.

"I don't really do captains," Spinelli said. "It's leadership by play on the field."

The duo has given Spinelli everything she's asked for over their careers.

"Maegan Roy, I can't speak enough about here. She's been an All-Stater all three years and hopefully she'll be an All-Stater this year. You can see the guts on the team out there — she will kill herself

to get that ball forward or win balls," Spinelli said. "Her and Katey (Kwasniewski), the same thing. Both of those kids are very unselfish. They'll play anywhere on the field. They're leaders by their play on the field. They demonstrate what the others need to be doing."

Roy said she'll savor the memories.

"It's going to be tough. I'm going to miss Deb (Spinelli) and the girls. Our time's up but we worked our best, did our best," Roy said. "The chemistry was definitely on this year and last year. Each year we just improved more and more. We moved people around but we ended up working it out."

The Tigers battled Putnam High to a 2-2 tie on Senior Day in the final game of their regular season on Oct. 21. Tourtellotte spotted Putnam a 1-0 lead on a goal from Alyson Morris at 8:11 of the first half.



Charlie Lentz photo

Tourtellotte Memorial's seniors, from left, Becky Torres, Katey Kwasniewski, Meg Roy, Julie Annese, Samantha Morin, Amber Dickson, Justyna Gil, Hayley Dauphanais, Morgan Graham, coach Deb Spinelli.

Tourtellotte freshman striker Kaylee Tackson scored to tie it at 1-1 with an assist from Ashley Morin at 21:46 of the first half. Tackson might be the next field leader for the Tigers and has made an impact in her first season on the varsity.

"(Tackson) is great. She's still a little bit young. She hides behind defenders sometimes and now after the first three games of the season, when she had all those goals, of course everybody's looking for her so they're sometimes double- and triple-teaming her," Spinelli said. "She has to learn as a freshman that she's got to keep making herself available and not get caught — they're sand-wiching her, one in the front, one in the back."

Tourtellotte went up on Putnam 2-1 with a goal from freshman Harley Dimock at 7:07 of the second half. Putnam's Jaidyn Gillette knotted the match at 2-2 at 31:31 of the second half to complete the scoring. The match ended in a deadlock after 80 minutes of regulation. There was no overtime frame. Tourtellotte led Putnam 12-9 in shots and 5-4 in corner kicks. Keeper Kalliel Copley made seven saves for Tourtellotte (9-3-2). Putnam goalkeeper Kayleigh Lyons made 10 saves for the Clippers (7-5-1).

The first round of the Class S state tournament is scheduled to begin on Tuesday, Nov. 7. Coach Spinelli said the Tigers need to heal up some players before trying to make a run in the state tourney. Junior defender Lauren Ramos is out for the rest of the season. Senior Becky Torres is expected to return after recovering

from a concussion.

"We're trying to get back all our players back. This was Katey's (Kwasniewski's) first game back after being out for a week and a half," said Spinelli after the tie with Putnam. "We've been pretty beat up so today was a test to see if we were going to survive through this and get through it with hopefully a win, or at least a tie, until we get all our complement players back on the field."

And regardless of how far the Tigers advance in the state

tourney, Spinelli said her seniors won't soon be forgotten.

"Two years before they came in as freshmen we were 2-14, then the next year we had four wins," Spinelli said. "When they stepped on the field as freshmen we ended up winning six that first year, 10 the next year — there's been a huge impact."

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Charlie Lentz photo

Tourtellotte's Katey Kwasniewski carries the ball last Saturday in Thompson.



Charlie Lentz photo

Tourtellotte's Kaylee Tackson settles the ball last Saturday in Thompson.

## Quinn named NEWMC Defensive Player of the Week

NORTHFIELD, Vt. — Sophomore inside linebacker Cahan Quinn of the Norwich University football team was named the New England Women's and Men's Athletic Conference (NEWMAC) Defensive Player of the Week on Oct. 23. Quinn is a Woodstock Academy alumnus and the son of Julie and Eric Quinn of Putnam.

Quinn did not waste his first taste of collegiate action on Saturday, Oct. 21, the sophomore saw his first playing time of the year and made the most of it. The 6-foot linebacker put together a fine day during a 24-22 win over Maine Maritime Academy, accounting for eight solo tackles and 17 total tackles altogether. Quinn didn't stop there as he also managed to force a Maine Maritime fumble in the fourth quarter, break up a pass, and chip in for a tackle for a loss.

With 17 total tackles on the day, Quinn is now responsible for the second most tackles in a single game this season for the Cadets. Only senior captain Austin Roberts has put up a bigger number this year when he accounted

for a record-breaking 22 tackles during last week's matchup with Merchant Marine.

Freshman kicker Clyde Tamburro is the only other Norwich football player to receive a NEWMAC weekly honor, this being Norwich's first season in the brand new conference. Quinn and the Cadets hit the road this weekend, as they look to keep the momentum from last week's win rolling against Catholic University, as the Cardinals host Norwich in a conference game at 1 p.m. on Saturday, Oct. 28.

Courtesy photo

Norwich University's Cahan Quinn makes one of his eight solo tackles against Maine Maritime on Oct. 21. Quinn was named NEWMC Defensive Player of the Week.





# CT Mustangs win AAU baseball title

WEST WARWICK, R.I. — The local Connecticut Mustangs Under-13 age group team won the New England AAU Fall Baseball Championship on Sunday,

Oct. 22, at a tournament in Rhode Island. Kaden Murphy pitched a two-hitter to help the team defeat the Inside Corner Coyotes from Massachusetts 18-1 in the semifinals. Cam L'Hereux tossed

a five hitter in the finals, helping the Mustangs defeat the Rhode Island Rays 13-4. Hitting stars in the tournament were Mason Barber (two triples, three hits), L'Hereux (five hits, two doubles, four RBIs) Diego Mercado (two hits), and Murphy (two hits, four RBIs). The team finished with a record of 16-4

for the fall and a combined record of 40-10 for spring and fall and took second place in the spring. Team members also included: Brady Waterman, Jack Valliere, Hamilton Barnes, Zack Rothlein, Michael Burns, Cale Hart, and Alex Grauer. The team coaches included Brian Murphy, Scott Waterman, and Ken Valliere.



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The Connecticut Mustangs celebrate their title.



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# OBITUARIES



## Sandra Elaine Sparks, 71

**DANIELSON** -- This is the story of Sandra Elaine Sparks. Sandra was a wonderful woman that was loved, is missed, and will always be cherished. A wife to one, mother of two and grandmother of five, she was an amazing person, with a huge heart.

Sandra's story starts on November 14, 1946, the second oldest child born to Stanley and Theresa Schapp in Putnam. She spent her childhood living in Danielson, where she grew up, made many lifelong friends and went to school. She was very proud of her upbringing. Danielson is where she would meet the love of her life, the late James D. Sparks, Sr. of Greensboro, North Carolina. Sandra and James were married in February 1966. James was drafted to the United States Army during the Vietnam War which led to a brief residency in Barstow, California for the newlyweds. They returned to Danielson, with their first child in tow, James D. Sparks, Jr., born September 23, 1967. Sandra and James lived in a neighborhood surrounded by family, literally. From Sandra's parents, to aunts and uncles, and friends that were considered family, every apartment in their neighborhood was occupied by a relative, blood related or chosen. Their lifestyle was typical of that era, James was the breadwinner and Sandra stayed home and took care of their son and their home. In 1973, their daughter, Tammy Lyn (Sparks) Shirley, was born December, 13. That completed their family, and they continued their same roles for the coming years. James and Sandra shared a twenty year marriage, which unfortunately ended in divorce. After their divorce, Sandra struggled with achieving independence, but she overcame and conquered this challenge. She lived in Fredricksburg,

Virginia for about ten years where she worked as a convenience store manager. She moved back to Connecticut in 2000, she began working for Staples, to which she retired from in 2015. In 2001 her brave battle with head and neck cancer began, she fought long and hard, but it unfortunately took her life on October 5, 2017.

Sandra loved her family, especially her grandchildren; she took great pride in their existence. She loved having her family get together for special occasions; Christmas was her favorite holiday and her favorite time to do this.

Loved ones that cleared the path for Sandra are her father Stanley J. Schapp, Sr., her mother Theresa M. (Bombardier) Schapp; ex-husband, James D. Sparks, Sr. Loved ones that will miss Sandra until they meet again are her children, James D. Sparks, Jr. and Tammy L. (Sparks) Shirley; her daughter and son in-law, JoAnn M. Sparks and Michael R. Shirley; her grandchildren Taylor J. Sparks, Sheldon M. Sparks, Lynden M. Sparks, Austin M. Shirley and Jocelyn D. Shirley; her sisters Patricia A. Gingras and Carol M. Hebert; her brother Stanley J. Schapp; her brother in-laws Dante Gingras and Norman Hebert; her nephew Shawn Hebert and his wife Ann. And so the story goes on until we see our mother, grandmother and sister again. We love you and miss you with all our hearts Mom.

Please join us for a Memorial Service honoring Sandra on Saturday, October 28, at 12:30 p.m. at Holy Cross Cemetery, 372 Maple Street, Danielson. Those, who so desire, may make memorial donations in memory of Sandra to The Northeast Connecticut Cancer Fund of DKH, Day Kimball Healthcare Development Department, P.O. Box 632, Putnam, CT 06260 and online at <https://www.daykimball.org/give/make-your-gift/>.

## Daniel Creevy Cording, 31



**WOODSTOCK** -- Daniel Creevy Cording, 31, of Woodstock, died Saturday, October 14, at his home in Woodstock.

Born on August 18, 1986 in Uxbridge, Massachusetts, he was the son of Robert and Colleen Cording. Daniel married Leisl Lissfelt on August 11, 2012; married for five years, they were both loving spouses and each other's most loyal and devoted friend.

Daniel graduated from Woodstock Academy and College of the Holy Cross. He started his own business, Cording Painting LLC, and painted houses and businesses throughout the northeast corner of Connecticut.

Daniel was first and foremost a loving husband, son, brother, and friend. More than all else, he enjoyed spending time with his wife, Leisl, and with family and friends. Daniel approached life with great passion and was never afraid to show it. He enjoyed the outdoors, a good beer, a poker game among friends, and was an avid fan of both the New England Patriots and the Boston Celtics. Daniel was often quick to smile

or laugh, and had amazing dimples. In high school, he won "best smile," and no one else even came close. He preferred a simpler life and found that in his home in Woodstock, surrounded by trees, quiet, and his devoted, yet insatiably hungry black lab, August. He leaves behind not only friends who loved him, but also a trail of Dunkin' Donuts cups, empty bags of Skittles, and a colorful array of discarded Starburst wrappers. Daniel was smart. He questioned everything and liked to think deeply about philosophy or ponder the expanse of the universe. Moreover, Daniel was skilled with his hands. He was an ardent worker and painter who strived and succeeded in breathing life back into the houses he repaired.

Daniel is survived by and lives on in his wife, Leisl; his parents, Robert and Colleen; his two brothers, Robert and Thomas; Leisl's family; and numerous aunts, uncles and cousins—all who love him and miss him dearly.

Visiting hours were on Thursday, October 19 at Smith & Walker Funeral Home in Putnam. A memorial service took place the following day, Friday, October 20, at the First Congregational Church of Woodstock, 543 Route 169, Woodstock.

## Alvin N. Baker, 73



**DUDLEY, MASS.** -- Alvin N. "Al" Baker, 73, died Friday, October 20, at home after being stricken ill. His wife of almost 18 years, Cynthia A. "Cindy" (Fontaine) Baker, died on August 25, 2016.

He leaves two daughters, Justine L. Wilga of Webster, Mass. and Michelle J. Choquette and her husband Raymond of Dudley, Mass.; five grandchildren, Matthew McConnell and his wife Holly, Brianna Oroszko, Evan Wilga, Krystal Fontaine and Garrett Wilga; three great-grandchildren, Jordon, Brooklyn and Emma Rose; four siblings, Pauline Baker of N. Grosvenordale, H. Russell Baker, Jr. of Southington, Deborah Carlieil of Greenfield, Mass., and Kay Sargent of Canandaigua, New York; nephews, nieces and many friends.

He was born on July 4, 1944 in Putnam, and raised in Oxford, Mass., the son of Harry R. Baker, Sr. and Rena

M. (Barton) Baker and lived in Webster and Dudley for most of his life. He graduated from Oxford High School in 1962.

Mr. Baker first worked at Rogers Corporation in Rogers, in several capacities, including machine operator and custodial engineer. He then worked for the Town of Dudley Water Department for 25 years before he retired.

Al loved to go to flea markets and yard sales. He always had a friendly smile and liked finding a "great bargain." He was an ardent fan of the Boston Red Sox and the New England Patriots. He enjoyed spending quality time with his family.

A funeral service was held on Wednesday, October 25, in Scanlon Funeral Service in Webster, Mass. Donations in his name may be made to Harrington Hospital Cancer Center, 55 Sayles Street, Southbridge, MA 01550. Arrangements are under the direction of Sitkowski & Malboeuf Funeral Home. [www.sitkowski-malboeuf.com](http://www.sitkowski-malboeuf.com)

## James M. Hicks, 40

**DANIELSON** -- James M. (Jim) Hicks, 40, of Danielson passed away unexpectedly on Tuesday at Day Kimball Hospital in Putnam. Jim was born in Putnam on March 11, 1977, son of Daniel C. and Sandra (Thayer) Hicks. Jim was a 1995 graduate of Killingly High School and worked as a union carpenter for 15 years. He was a motorcycle enthusiast

and enjoyed camping in Maine with his family. Besides his parents he is survived by his daughter Tiffany Hicks of Dayville; sister, Janine M. Vose and husband Jason of East Killingly, four nieces, and numerous aunts, uncles and cousins. Funeral services will be private. There are no calling hours. [tillinghastfh.com](http://tillinghastfh.com)

## Helen "Cin" (Nowicki) Tsigaridas, 91



**DUDLEY, MASS.** -- Helen "Cin" (Nowicki) Tsigaridas, 91, passed away Thursday, October 19, at Webster Manor. Her husband of 43 years, Aristotle "Ted"; Tsigaridas died December 14, 2011. She leaves behind several nieces and a nephew, three sisters-in-law: Florence Nowicki of Florida, Maria Econome (her Godmother) of Dudley and Elaine Patrinos of Topsfield.



Cin was born in Moosup, daughter of the late Stanislaw and Kamilla (Slywa) Nowicki and was predeceased by brothers, Edward, Theodore, and Joseph Nowicki and a sister, Louise Guca.

Cin and Ted owned and operated the former Aristotle Restaurant in Burrillville, Rhode Island, Cin was the manager of the kitchen and business and Ted was bartender. She grew up on a farm and continued to enjoy gardening at her home. Later she worked at the former Anglo Fabrics Co. in Webster, where she retired.

Cin was an active member of Sts. Constantine & Helen Greek Orthodox Church in Webster and the Ladies

Philoptochos Society of the church. She and Ted also enjoyed outdoor activities, especially ice fishing and would often have friends join them for coffee and hot dogs. They also enjoyed polka dancing and dining. Cin was an avid UConn girl's basketball follower, where her beloved brother Ed and sister-in-law Flo had attended. She was also the lady that whenever she saw you, would give you a candy from her purse, and was an 'outstanding' cook and baker, meticulously dressed and very much a lady.

A funeral service for Cin will be Monday, October 30, 2017 at 10AM in Sts. Constantine & Helen Greek Orthodox Church, 35 Lake Parkway, Webster. Interment will be next to her beloved husband Ted in Mt. Zion Cemetery. Calling hours will be Sunday, October 29, 2017 from 1-3PM (at the church)

A Trisagion Service will be Sunday at 2:00 PM also in the church.

In lieu of flowers, Memorial Contributions may be made to: Sts. Constantine & Helen Greek Orthodox Church, P.O. Box 713, Webster, MA. 01570.

THE ROBERT J. MILLER FUNERAL HOME and LAKE CHAPEL, 366 School St. has been entrusted to direct and assist the family with arrangements, as per Cin's wishes. For an on line guest book, or to share a memory, please visit: [RJMillerfunerals.net](http://RJMillerfunerals.net). "May Her Memory Be Eternal!"

## Laura Lee (Czajka) Hunt, 49



**PUTNAM** -- Laura Lee (Czajka) Hunt, 49, of Putnam, passed away peacefully at her home in Putnam, on October 15, 2017 after an illness. She was born on January 24, 1968 in Worcester, Massachusetts,

daughter of Marion (Skip) Czajka and her step-mother, Rita Cardinali, of Quinebaug. She was predeceased by her mother Elizabeth (Pastva) Czajka. She was the beloved mother of Nathan, age fourteen and Corinne, age twelve of Putnam. Also surviving are two brothers James Czajka of Snoqualmie Falls, Washington, Gene Michael Czajka of North Windham; three sisters Christina Konarski and her husband Ken of Pomfret Center; Victoria

## Dorothy F. (Skrzypczak) Yurkevicius, 72

**WEBSTER, MASSACHUSETTS** -- Dorothy F. (Skrzypczak) Yurkevicius, 72 died Monday, October 16, at the Overlook Masonic Health Center, Charlton, Massachusetts. She was the wife of Paul Yurkevicius who died in 1994. She leaves a son Paul Bugar of Pomfret, and a daughter Cheryl Bellantoni and her husband David of Dudley, Mass. and two granddaughters. She also leaves a brother, Adam Skrzypczak of Dudley, Mass. She was born in Worcester, Mass., daughter of

the late Adam and Cecile (Mailloux) Skrzypczak and lived in Webster, Mass. all her life. Dorothy worked for many years at the American Optical in Southbridge, Mass.

There are no calling hours and all services and burial are private. The Shaw-Majercik Funeral Home, Webster, Mass., has been entrusted with the arrangements. A guest book is available at [www.shaw-majercik.com](http://www.shaw-majercik.com) where you may post a condolence or light a candle.

## Paul Levesque, Sr., 92



**PUTNAM** -- Paul Levesque, Sr., 92, of Thurber Rd., died Thursday, October 19, in Matulaitis Nursing Home. He was the loving husband of the late Theresa (Dufault) Levesque. Born in Fall River, Massachusetts,

he was the son of the late Mitchell and Lumina (Breault) Levesque.

Mr. Levesque was a WWII United States Navy Veteran. He earned the WWII Victory Medal, American Area Medal, Asiatic Pacific Medal, 10 Stars Philippine Liberation Medal, and 2 stars Navy Unit Commendation. He went on to work as a Union Carpenter, Local 24, for Peasley Construction. He was the past commander of Albert J. Breault VFW Post #1523 in Putnam, a member of the Thompson American Legion, and was a Communicant of St. Mary Church, where he attended daily Mass. In retirement, he worked as a professional dressman for Gilman & Valade Funeral Homes & Crematory.

Paul is survived by his son, Paul Levesque, Jr. and his wife Lea of Dayville;

his sisters, Lorraine Menzone of Dudley, Massachusetts, and Viviane Murray of Woodstock; and his grandchildren, Matthew Levesque and his companion Theresa Wrenn, and Monique Braman and her husband Spencer; his great grandchildren, Christopher Frost, Cooper Levesque, Cameron Frost, Madeleine Frost, Sawyer Braman, and Stratton Braman. He is predeceased by his twin sister Pauline Lorange and his sister, Germain Mountford and his brothers Raymond and Normand Levesque.

Relatives and friends were invited to visit with Paul's family on Tuesday, October 24 in the Gilman Funeral Home, which was followed by a Mass of Christian Burial on Wednesday, October 25, in St. Mary Church in Putnam. Burial followed in St. Mary Cemetery. In lieu of flowers, memorial donations may be made in Paul's name to Project Northeast, 81 Church St., Putnam, CT 06260. For memorial guestbook visit [www.GilmanAndValade.com](http://www.GilmanAndValade.com).

## Lorna E. Boucher, 56

**NORTH GROSVENORDALE** -- Lorna (Hebert) Boucher, 56, of Quinebaug Rd, died Thursday, October 19, unexpectedly in her home. She was the loving wife of 37 years to Phillip D. Boucher. They met at the age of 16 at a pizza parlor and have been together ever since. Born in Putnam, she was the daughter of Roland and Lucille (Auger) Hebert of Quinebaug.

Mrs. Boucher was a graduate of St. Joseph School, Marianapolis Preparatory School, and Nichols College. She was employed with

Cerrone, Graham & Shepherd, P.C. as a C.P.A. for ten years. She was a member and treasurer of the Pomfret Rod and Gun club, a member of the Hamilton Rod and Gun Club and the Massachusetts Society of C.P.A.s. Lorna was a Level II Archery Instructor and a deer and pheasant hunter. She will be missed by her beloved miniature dachshund, "Daisy."

In addition to her husband Phillip and her parents, Lorna was survived by her daughter, Vanessa Boucher and her husband Michael Pescheta of Worcester; her son, Eric Boucher and his wife Dounq of N. Grosvenordale; her sister, Linda Valade and her husband Joe of Woodstock, and Lorie Bonnette and her husband Cory of Woodstock.

Relatives and friends were invited to visit with Lorna's family on October 22 in the Valade Funeral Home in N. Grosvenordale. A Mass of Christian Burial was held on October 23 in St. Joseph Church in N. Grosvenordale. For memorial guestbook visit [www.GilmanAndValade.com](http://www.GilmanAndValade.com).

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# OBITUARIES

## Henry R. Mayotte, 87



**DANIELSON** -- Henry Mayotte, 87, formerly of Peckham Lane, died Friday, October 20, in Day Kimball Hospital. Born in Putnam, he was the son of the late Henry and Jennie (LaCroix) Mayotte.

He met his loving wife Beatrice (Benard) Mayotte at age 14 and they spent the next 70 years together. They spent their retirement living in Ocala, Florida and traveling the country together. He lovingly cared for her at home with debilitating Alzheimer's for five years until her death in 2014.

Mr. Mayotte worked as an electrician for Local 35 and was a proud sixty-three year member of the International Brotherhood of Electrical Workers. He was a Korean War Army Veteran. He enjoyed traveling, taking family and friends to dinner and regaling everyone he met with stories of his life or a quick-witted joke.

He was a member of many organizations over the years in both Connecticut and Florida such as The Elks, The

American Legion and local sportsmen's clubs.

Henry is survived by his grandchildren; Melissa Hynes and her husband Don, Gabriel Mayotte and his wife Sharon, Joshua Keen and Kayla Keen of Hawaii; and six great-grandchildren. He is predeceased by his children, Timothy Mayotte and Patricia Keen.

Henry donated to the Alzheimer's Association for research and programs and services in honor of his beloved wife Beatrice. His family requests that in lieu of flowers donations be made in memory of Henry and Bea.

Relatives and friends are invited to a graveside service with Military Honors for Henry on Friday October 27, 2017 at 2:00 p.m. in St. Mary Cemetery, Providence St. Putnam. Gilman Funeral Home & Crematory have been entrusted with his arrangements. For memorial guestbook visit [www.GilmanAndValade.com](http://www.GilmanAndValade.com).



## Thomas J. Duprey, 76



**MOOSUP** -- Thomas J. Duprey, 76, of Moosup died Wednesday October 18, at home. He was born in Putnam on May 19, 1941, the son of the late Charles R. and Ermie (Jenkins) Duprey. Tom served

in the Army during the Vietnam Era and worked for many years at the Staples Distribution Center in Plainfield. He is survived by his daughters Angie Duprey (D.D. Fritch) of Atlanta, Georgia, and Valarie Gaskins (Paul Bell) of Portsmouth, Virginia, grandsons Alex and Stephen, his lov-

ing goddaughter Yvonne Coons (Fred) of Moosup, and his sister Blanche Blanchard of N. Grosvenordale, along with several nieces and nephews. Tom also leaves behind a special close friend in Sylvia Wetherell, and his friends at George's Galley. Funeral services will be private and there will be no calling hours. In lieu of flowers, donations in Tom's memory may be made to: TVCCA Meals on Wheels Attn: Megan Brown 1 Sylvandale Rd. Jewett City, CT 06351. [tillinghastfh.com](mailto:tillinghastfh.com)



## Oie V. Maynard-Murd, 84



**PUTNAM** -- Oie V. Maynard-Murd, 84, of Putnam, formerly of Brooklyn, died suddenly October 18, at the Mautulaitis Nursing Home. She was born in Saaremaa, Estonia on August 5, 1933, daughter of the late Sergei and Juuli (Eist) Vapper. She dedicated herself to her grandchildren.

Oie spent many years waitressing in local restaurants and was known for her vivacious personality to her customers.

She is survived by two grandchildren, Christopher and Catherine Maynard of Brooklyn, a sister Maie Valma, a

nephew Alfred Valma and niece Anita Horan all of Long Island, New York, a stepson Karl Murd of Brooklyn, a stepdaughter Vicki Davis of Plainfield as well as several cousins, nieces and nephews. She was predeceased by a son Leonard M. Maynard in 2010; her first husband Leo Maynard, Jr in 1992 and husband Leo Murd in 2008, a brother Julius Vapper in 2013.

Calling hours were held October 23, at the Gagnon and Costello Funeral Home in Danielson which was followed by a Funeral Service. Burial will follow in Westfield Cemetery, Danielson. Donations may be made in her memory to St. John Lutheran Church of Killingly, 190 Wauregan Road, Danielson, CT 06239. Share a memory at [www.gagnonandcostellofh.com](http://www.gagnonandcostellofh.com)

## Ruth Mack, 83

**QUINEBAUG** -- Ruth (Farley) Mack, 83, died Monday, October 16, in Harrington Memorial Hospital, Southbridge. Her husband of 48 years, John J. Mack, died in 2003.

She leaves 2 daughters, Kathleen F. Chahanovich, and Barbara A. Gaudion and her husband John, all of Quinebaug; 5 grandchildren, D. Christopher, Jon, Anne, Scott and Tim; 3 great-grandchildren, Caden, Elsie and Emma; a brother-in-law, John Trainor of North Grafton, Massachusetts; a cousin, Theresa Menard of Southbridge, Massachusetts; and a longtime family friend, James C. Mack of N. Grosvenordale; and several nieces and nephews.

She was born at home in Dudley, the daughter of Lawrence E. and Sophie J. "Sally" (Pietros) Farley and had lived in Quinebaug since her marriage in 1955. She graduated from Bartlett High School in Webster, Mass. in 1952 and

then earned a diploma in nursing from St. Vincent Hospital School of Nursing in 1955.

Mrs. Mack worked at the office of Dr. Charles Roy in Southbridge for many years. She then worked in various capacities, including utilization review, at Harrington Memorial Hospital before she retired.

She was a member of Saint Stephen's Church. She enjoyed going on cruises and visiting the casino.

A memorial Mass was held Friday, October 20, in St. Stephen's Church, corner of Routes 131 & 197. There are no calling hours. Donations in her name may be made to the Quinebaug Volunteer Fire Department, PO Box 144, Quinebaug, CT 06262-0144. Arrangements are under the direction of Scanlon Funeral Service, 38 East Main St., Webster, MA. [www.scanlonfs.com](http://www.scanlonfs.com)

## George Anthony Coderre, 91

**DANIELSON** -- George Anthony Coderre, 91, of Danielson died October 16, 2017 at Matulaitis Nursing Home in Putnam. Beloved husband of Georgette (Surprenant) Coderre, he was born on March 9, 1926 in North Grosvenordale, son of the late Henry and Anna (LaCroix) Coderre.

George was the owner of a painting and wallpaper company and later worked for Electric Boat in Groton. He was a Communicant of St. Joseph Church in North Grosvenordale. He loved to jog and was active in running

marathons. He was a very hard worker, a member of the Thompson Lions Club and The Thompson Fire House. He was a great husband and a great dad, he will be missed.

He is survived by his wife Georgette Coderre of Danielson and a nephew. George was predeceased by his siblings.

A graveside service was held Saturday, October 21, in St. Joseph Cemetery, in North Grosvenordale. Share a memory at [www.smithand-walkerfh.com](http://www.smithand-walkerfh.com)

## William A. Figueroa, 76



**PLAINFIELD** -- William A. Figueroa, 76, died October 9, at the University of Massachusetts Healthcare Center, Worcester, Mass. He leaves three sons; Antonio Figueroa of Lebanon, William

Figueroa of Danielson, and John Mayo of Plainfield. William also leaves his companion Linda A. (Mayo) Figueroa of Plainfield. He also leaves seven grandchildren; Angela, William, Keisha Figueroa, Mateo and Jovan Ortiz and Hailey and Braedon Horn. He has a sister Juanita in Puerto Rico and a brother Jose who predeceased him.

He was born in Puerto Rico, son of the late Antonio and Anastasia (Maldonado) Figueroa and lived in Plainfield for the past 34 years, prior to that in Dayville. He was a painter and of recent worked at Sorel's Garage in Brooklyn. He enjoyed fishing and old cars.

Calling hours will be held Saturday, October 28, from 11am - 1pm in the Shaw-Majercik Funeral Home, 48 School St., Webster, Mass., with private burial. A service will be held at 12:45pm in the funeral home. In lieu of flowers donations may be made in his memory to the Puerto Rico Relief Fund. A guest book is available at [www.shaw-majercik.com](http://www.shaw-majercik.com) where you may post a condolence or light a candle.

## Theresa P. "Terry" Choiniere, 83



**WEBSTER, MASS.** -- Theresa P. "Terry" Choiniere, 83, died peacefully Sunday, October 22, at Webster Manor with her loving family at her

side. Mrs. Choiniere was born March 17, 1934 in North Grosvenordale. She is the daughter of the late Henry and the late Josephine (Gagnon) Anderson. She was predeceased by her husband of 49 years, Jean Paul Choiniere in 2008.

She is survived by two daughters: Michelle Donovan and her husband Timothy of Webster, Mass., and Monique Snyder and her husband John of Charlton, Mass. She also has four grandchildren; Spencer Donovan, Morgan Donovan, Madison Snyder and Carly Snyder. Sister In Law, Lola Anderson of North Grosvenordale, and many nieces and nephews. Predeceased by her brothers, Henry, Richard, and Raymond Anderson, and sister Rachel Anderson.

Terry worked 40 years as a cutter

at Bates Shoe. Mrs. Choiniere was a life-long member of Sacred Heart of Jesus Parish and a supporter of St. Anne School. She spent many years volunteering her time at church festivals and school functions. What brought T.C. the most pleasure was cooking a good meal for her family and friends. She was an avid card player and would win at cribbage more often than not. Her joy was her love of her family and her grandchildren and supporting their endeavors. The family would like to thank the staff at Webster Manor for their love and care of their mother "the governor."

A Mass of Christian burial was held on Thursday, October 26 at Sacred Heart of Jesus Church in Webster, Mass. Burial followed in Sacred Heart Of Jesus Cemetery. Calling hours were held October 25 at Bartel Funeral Home & Chapel in Dudley, Mass. In lieu of flowers, memorials may be made to Sacred Heart of Jesus Church C/O Rectory, 18 East Main St., Webster, MA 01570 or to Webster Animal Control, c/o Webster Town Hall 350 Main St. Webster, MA, 01570 .[www.bartelfuneralhome.com](http://www.bartelfuneralhome.com)

# LEGALS

### NOTICE TO CREDITORS

ESTATE OF Chloe J. Puffer (17-00402)

The Hon. Leah P. Schad, Judge of the Court of Probate, District of Northeast Probate Court, by decree dated October 17, 2017, ordered that all claims must be presented to the fiduciary at the address below. Failure to promptly present any such claim may result in the loss of rights to recover on such claim.

Heather Crecco, Clerk

The fiduciary is: Charles H. Puffer, C/O Thomas A. Borner, Esq. Borner, Smith, Aleman, Herzog & Davis, LLC, 155 Providence Street, PO Box 166, Putnam, CT 06260-0166, (860)928-2429 October 27, 2017

### NOTICE TO CREDITORS

ESTATE OF Joyce A Hewitt (17-00403)

The Hon. Leah P. Schad, Judge of the Court of Probate, District of Northeast Probate Court, by decree dated October 16, 2017, ordered that all claims must be presented to the fiduciary at the address below. Failure to promptly present any such claim may result in the loss of rights to recover on such claim.

Brenda Duquette, Clerk

The fiduciary is: Pamela L. Bouten, 126 West Quasset Rd., sWoodstock, CT 06281 October 27, 2017

### NOTICE TO CREDITORS

ESTATE OF Joseph E. Crouse (17-00400)

The Hon. Leah P. Schad, Judge of the Court of Probate, District of Northeast Probate Court, by decree dated October 16, 2017, ordered that all claims must be presented to the fiduciary at the address below. Failure to promptly present any such claim may result in the loss of rights to recover on such claim.

Brenda Duquette, Clerk

The fiduciary is: Ian Crouse, 42 Brockway Road, Woodstock Valley, CT 06282

October 27, 2017

### LEGAL NOTICE

The Woodstock Historic District Commission will hold two public hearings on November 1, 2017, 6:30 p.m. at Woodstock Town Hall on applications from Paul and Ramonda Geotis of 49 Old Hall Rd to put a cupola and weathervane on a garage and from Timothy and Melita Monahan for porch lights and driveway lamp post and light at 512 Route 169.

OCTOBER 23, 2017

Timothy Monahan, Chairman, Woodstock Historic District Commission October 27, 2017

### NOTICE TO CREDITORS

ESTATE OF William Byron Grinold (17-00382)

The Hon. Leah P. Schad, Judge of the Court of Probate, District of Northeast Probate Court, by decree dated October 18, 2017, ordered that all claims must be presented to the fiduciary at the address below. Failure to promptly present any such claim may result in the loss of rights to recover on such claim.

Brenda Duquette, Clerk

The fiduciary is: Michael L Alberts, 35 Cornfield Point, Woodstock, CT 06281 October 27, 2017

### NOTICE TO CREDITORS

ESTATE OF Joseph E Green (17-00380)

The Hon. Leah P. Schad, Judge of the Court of Probate, District of Northeast Probate Court, by decree dated October 23, 2017, ordered that all claims must be presented to the fiduciary at the address below. Failure to promptly present any such claim may result in the loss of rights to recover on such claim.

Brenda Duquette, Clerk

The fiduciary is: Jennifer G Green c/o Tracie Molinaro, Esq., St. Onge & Broillard, Post Office Box 550, Putnam, CT 06260 October 27, 2017

### Legal Notice Town of Thompson Municipal Election November 7, 2017

The electors of the Town of Thompson are hereby warned to meet at their respective polling places in said town on Tuesday Nov. 7, 2017 for the following purposes:

TO ELECT BY BALLOT: One First Selectman for two years; two Selectmen for two years; one Town Clerk for two years; one Tax Collector for two years; two members to the Board of Finance for six years; two members to the Board of Education for six years; two members to the Board of Assessment Appeals for four years; three members of the Planning and Zoning Commission for six years; one member as Planning and Zoning Alternate for six years; two members for Zoning Board of Appeals for six years; one member for Zoning Board of Appeals Alternate for six years; two members to the Water Pollution Control Authority for six years; one member to the Water Pollution Control Authority for two years; two Library Trustees for six years; one Library Trustee for two years.

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406 Chase Rd., Thompson

District II

Merrill L. Seney Community Room  
Town Hall, 815, Riverside Dr.,  
North Grosvenordale

District III

Quinebaug Fire Station  
720 Quinebaug Rd., Quinebaug

District IV

East Thompson Fire Station  
530 East Thompson Rd. Thompson

Optical Scan voting machines will be used. Polls will be open at 6:00am and remain open until 8:00pm in the evening.

In accordance with Public Act 77-187 of the General Statutes, the Registrars of Voters have designated the Norman Babbitt Veteran's conference room, first floor, Town Hall, 815 Riverside Dr. N. Grosvenordale, CT, as the official location for Central Counting of absentee ballots.

Absentee ballot counting will be held at 2 p.m. and 8:00 p.m. if necessary. Dated at Thompson, Connecticut this 27<sup>th</sup> day of October, 2017.

Renee Waldron, Town Clerk  
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# OBITUARIES

## Tina R. Schwartz, 54



**SOUTHBRIDGE, MASS.** -- Tina R. (Prince) Schwartz, 54, of Roosevelt Drive, passed away on Sunday, October 22, in her home surrounded by her family after a long battle with cancer.  
  
She leaves her husband of 37 years, Edward S. Schwartz; her daughter, Wendie Dilk and her husband Joseph of Wilbraham Mass.; her son, Eric Schwartz of Brooklyn; her mother, Judith (Deering) Prince; her two brothers, Wayne Prince of Detroit, Maine and Warren Prince of Dayville; her three sisters, Wendie LeBlanc of Fiskdale, Tammy Tokarz of Southbridge and Tracy Prince of Warren; her three grandchildren, Damon Lafreniere, Bridgett Schwartz and Maya Dilk; and many nieces and nephews. She also leaves her close group of friends, the "YaYa Sisters." She was born in Southbridge the daughter of the late Henry Roy Prince.  
  
Tina was a hairstylist and owned and

operated Cuts 2 a T Hair Salon for 25 years. She previously worked at the Hairport Hair Salon and Salon 484 in Sturbridge, Mass. Tina loved to travel and has traveled all over the world. She especially enjoyed traveling to beaches to sun bathe, in both Florida and Old Orchard Beach, Maine. She also enjoyed going to the casino. Tina was a very social person and was always concerned for everyone else's wellbeing.

Tina's family would like to thank her close friend, Pam Corriveau, for all of the care and support she gave. They would also like to thank Dr. Ian Krop and PA Danielle Bowers for their care and compassion they gave to Tina.

Calling hours for Tina were held on Wednesday, October 25, in the Daniel T. Morrill Funeral Home in Southbridge, Mass., followed by a funeral service in the funeral home. Burial will be private.

In lieu of flowers donations may be made to the Dana-Farber Cancer Institute, P.O. Box 849168, Boston, MA 02284-9168.

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## Ronald W. LeBlanc, 77



**DUDLEY-** Ronald W. LeBlanc, 77, died Sunday, October 22, at UMass Memorial Healthcare/University Campus, after a long illness. He leaves his wife of 37 years, Mary (McClune) LeBlanc. They were married April 19, 1980. He also leaves 2 daughters, Meaghan and her husband Jacob Castiglione of Southbridge, Kelli and her husband John Robbins of Holland, and 4 sons Kevin LeBlanc and his wife Susan of Dudley, Kyle LeBlanc and his wife JoAnn of Sturbridge, Kerry LeBlanc and his wife Laura of Willow Springs, NC, and Kory LeBlanc and his wife Koury of Putnam, and a sister Elaine Fuller of Taneytown, MD. He also leaves 12 grandchildren, and 6 great-grandchildren. He was predeceased by 2 grandchildren Jenelle LeBlanc and Keegan Robbins.

Ron was born in Southbridge, October 23, 1939, son of Theophile and Alice (Collette) LeBlanc and has lived in Dudley for most of his life. He was a graduate of the former Notre Dame High School, Class of 1958. He still counted his NDHS classmates among his friends, meeting with them regularly to reminisce. He was a proud veteran of the US Navy, serving for 4 years. During his service, his travels took him to Great Lakes, IL, Imperial Beach, CA, and Cyprus. His proudest Naval moment was marching to Anchors Aweigh while graduating as Honorman of his company. Ron was an active member of Sacred Heart of Jesus Church in Webster, and could be found every week in the front pew at the 4:00 Mass. He was a retired kitchen designer for Rivco Company, retiring in 2005. Ron's sense of humor and easy laugh will be missed by all who were blessed enough to have crossed paths with him. His hobby was being a model railroader. Ron was an

accomplished model builder, often giving clinics to others in the hobby. He loved spending time in his train room, listening to swing music, while adding more detail to his extensive model layout, the Blackstone Valley Railroad, which was his pride and joy. His love of trains took him on many adventures, including trips with his sons and daughter, Meaghan. He was a former member of the National Model Railroad Association's HUB Division. His train buddies were his second family, often meeting up to share their love of railroad. His wife, Mary, was the great love of his life. Despite finding each other later in life than they would have preferred, they shared an unending bond that was obvious to anyone who looked at them. Most of all he loved his family above everything. He will be greatly missed by his children, who were lucky to call him Dad. Ron especially loved spending time with his grandchildren, who will lovingly remember their Pèpère. He always had a warm lap to welcome them, an easy laugh to cheer them, and plenty of popcorn to share.

The funeral will be held on Friday, October 27 from Sansoucy Funeral Home with a Mass at Sacred Heart Church at 10 AM (PLEASE MEET DIRECTLY AT CHURCH) 18 E. Main St. Webster, MA. Burial with Military Honors will follow at St. John Cemetery, 260 Cambridge Street, Worcester, MA.

Calling hours will be held on Thursday, October 26 from 6-8 PM at Sansoucy Funeral Home, 40 Marcy Street, Southbridge. Donations in Ron's memory may be made to the American Heart Association, 20 Speen Street, Framingham, MA 01701. www.sansoucyfuneral.com

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Killingly tight end Jake Gauthier fights for a yard after a reception against New London last Friday.

FOOTBALL

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football field on Saturday, Nov. 4, playing host to Trinity Catholic of Stamford with kick-off scheduled for 4 p.m. Trinity Catholic (2-4) offers the Redmen a chance to play a team they haven't met before — much like the scenario Killingly will likely face should it qualify for the Class M state tournament. “It's exciting because we've never played them before. We don't know much about them. They probably don't know much about us so it's a little bit interesting,” Lockwood said. “We're going to go into the bye week, learn a little bit about

them. It's like a playoff game. We're playing them here. It's a different environment, different setting, but really by the time the game comes we're just going to go into it like we play any other game.” Senior tight end Jake Gauthier had four catches for 55 yards against New London including a 21-yard touchdown reception with 4:45 left in the third quarter that helped stretch Killingly's lead to 39-0. Gauthier looked forward to facing Trinity Catholic after the bye this weekend. “It is a challenge we look forward to. We wanted to expand, we wanted add a couple new teams to our schedule,” Gauthier said. “We don't

know a lot about them. We're going to learn as much as we can. It's going to be a great challenge for us. It is the same type of challenge we face in the playoffs.” The bye week will give Killingly a chance to heal up some injuries. Senior lineman Ethan Canova and junior safety Tyler Cournoyer sat out the New London game but are expected to return against Trinity Catholic. “We're going to evaluate what we've got to do. We probably could use the rest because four games in November is going to be a stretch,” Neal said. “We're looking forward to it. We're looking forward to getting back out here. We're



Charlie Lentz photo

Killingly quarterback Luke Desaulnier gets around left end with New London's Jaheed Marcus in pursuit last Friday at Killingly High School.

going to have two of those four games at home.” Trinity Catholic, from the Fairfield County Interscholastic Athletic Conference, marks the first of four November games — followed by a trip to Plainfield (Nov. 10), Capital Prep (Nov. 16) at home, and traveling to Woodstock Academy on Thanksgiving Day. It's no accident that two of the last four teams the Redmen face down the stretch haven't previously appeared on Killingly's schedule. “That was the idea of scheduling Trinity Catholic and Capital Prep, is to prepare our team for the state playoffs and facing someone we don't know too much about,” Neal said. “(Trinity Catholic) is from the FCIAC Conference, as of last week five teams were in the top ten out of the FCIAC in the state polls. It's good football so our kids are going to be tested.” Lockwood isn't the only one

who looks forward to football weather. Killingly has reached the semifinals of the Class M state tournament the past two seasons. November signals the start of another push toward the playoffs. “That's perfect Killingly Redmen football weather,” Gauthier said. “We love cold weather. It's our favorite weather.” Last Friday was another balmy evening at Killingly High School but Indian summer can't last forever. The Redmen are counting on the cool chill of November, and if they make the playoffs — December. “It's when championships are going to be won,” coach Neal said.   
  
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# VILLAGER NEWSPAPERS COMMUNITY SPOTLIGHT

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- October 27, Fri., 5-7:30**  
Trick or Treat at Roseland Cottage - Trick or Treat at the Pink House! Figures from the past give candy to all who have the courage to knock on our doors. 556 Route 169, Woodstock
- October 27, Fri., 7:30pm**  
Hampton Community Center, 178 Main Street, Hampton presents “Three Ghost Stories”, an anthology of three short spooky tales, all of which are original radio plays by Connecticut playwrights. Content is family-friendly. The first, “The Ledge”, is inspired by ghostly legends that the Ledge lighthouse in New London harbor. “Pooka,” is set in a bed and breakfast in Ireland. The final play is an adaptation of Washington Irving’s short story, “The Legend of Sleepy Hollow.” Info: 860-455-9875
- October 28, Sat., 10am to noon**  
Walktober: Trek to the Tri-State Marker, Air Line Trail, E. Thompson Rd. & New Rd. intersection, Thompson. Park at lot at Trailhead. 860-923-9900. Trek to the Tri-State Marker and be in CT, MA & RI all at once in this popular walk! Join Thompson Trails volunteer John Kochinskas, care-taker of the trail.
- October 28, Sat., 10:30am  
Halloween Story time & Craft, Eastford Public Library, for children 3+, Register by 10/21 860-974-0125 or [eastfordpub-lib@gmail.com](mailto:eastfordpub-lib@gmail.com)
- October 28, Sat., 9am-2pm  
Moosup Fire Department Auxiliary is hosting its annual Fall Craft Fair. Doors


- open at Moosup Fire Department at 37 South Main St. Vendors offering jewelry, specialty foods, soaps, unique greetings cards, and more. Lunch includes homemade chili, meatball subs, and hot dogs.
- October 28, Sat., 5:30pm**  
Bluegrass concert and dinner at Killingly Grange; we will entertain you with Nick Anderson and Shady Creek, along with Grass Routes, two groups known well throughout the area. Dinner will be baked pasta with meatballs and sausage, veggie, salad, bread, and dessert. Donation of \$12 for the music, and dinner will be \$8. Killingly grange, 102 Hartford Pike, Dayville - dinner at 5.30, music starts at 7pm.
- October 28, 1-3:30 pm**  
Scarecrow Kingdom and Trick or Treat on Main Street, Davis Park, Main St., Danielson. 860-779-5390. Bring down your old clothes and help us build a Scare Crow Kingdom at Davis Park. Check out a live jack-o-lantern carving. Killingly Public Library will also be at the park, visit them for a book giveaway. Killingly Business Association will also be hosting their annual Trick or Treat on Main Street that same day for children 12 and younger from 2 - 3:30 pm. Visit the Main Street merchants & other Killingly businesses after you've scared all those crows in the park away!
- October 28, Sat., 2-4 pm**  
Walktober: Mills, River & Rails of Putnam, Rotary Park Bandstand, 196 Kennedy Dr., Putnam. 860-928-5947. A historical walk about the development of the Town of Putnam, encompasses the mills, mill life (not an easy life), the railroad and

- the devastating 1955 flood.
- October 28, Sat., 9:30**  
Book Club--If you want to join us, stop by for a copy of the book: *America's First Daughter* by Stephanie. Bracken Memorial Library, 57 Academy Road, Woodstock.
- October 29, Sun., 1-2:30 pm**  
Walktober: The Old Darn Man and Halloween Tales, Hampton Community Ctr., 179 Main St. (Rte. 97), Hampton. 860-884-5162. Storyteller Sharon Lynch will regale us with the tale of the legendary Old Darn Man, wanderer and frequent visitor to the Bennett farm in Hampton, as well as the story of the origin of Connecticut's state song, “Yankee Doodle.” In the spirit of the Halloween season, she will include a tale or two to put folks in the mood for that eerie night when things aren't always as they seem. No dogs please.
- October 29, Sun., 9:30-11 am**  
Walktober: Tricky Trail Run, Owen Bell Park, 580 Hartford Pike, Killingly. 860-779-5390. Pre-registration not required but recommended; online [www.aratrace.com](http://www.aratrace.com). Tricky Trail Run is a challenging 3-mile trail race, with optional challenge stations throughout the course to really test your grit! There will be a FREE kids' race with challenge stops, too! The 1st 50 to register before 10/1 will receive a race-day goodie bag! \$20 adults, \$15 students, \$25 day of race registration for adults.
- October 29, Sun., 2-4pm**  
Which wild animals are increasing in Connecticut and which are getting rare? “Wildlife and Connecticut's Changing

- Landscape” will be presented by Ginny Apple, Ct.-Certified Master Wildlife Conservationist, Roseland Park, Barn, 205 Roseland Park Road, Woodstock.
- October 30, Mon.**  
The Town of Putnam will begin Leaf Collection- do not bag leaves. All leaves are to be piled on the lawn or edge of the property. (not in the road, road gutter or on public sidewalks. No brush. If you have questions, please call 963-6800 Ext. 140
- October 31, Tues., 7pm**  
Bingo every Tuesday at the VFW, 1523 Providence Street, Putnam.
- November 2, Thurs., 7:30 pm**  
The Brooklyn Historical Society will sponsor The Railroads and The Industrial Revolution, an illustrated lecture by Bill Pearsall, Putnam Municipal Historian, who will speak about the impact that railroads had on Northeast Connecticut for both industry and personal travel. Location: Brooklyn's Trinity Episcopal Parish Hall, 7 Providence Road (Route 6). For more info: 860-774-7728.
- November 3, Fri. 9am-12pm**  
As Friends of Assisi prepare for food basket distribution for Thanksgiving, those needing food baskets register at the Killingly Library and must be a resident of Killingly/Brooklyn with identification for all family members and current proof of address (license or utility bill, etc.). Individuals or families may only register with one agency/church. Donations welcome. For info, 860-774-2310.



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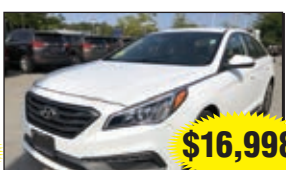
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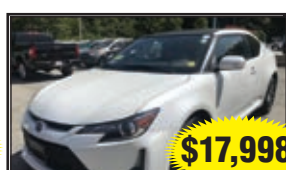
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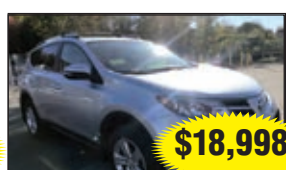
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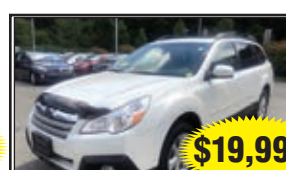
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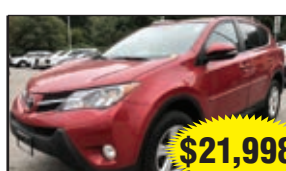
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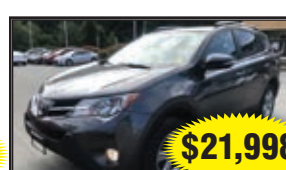
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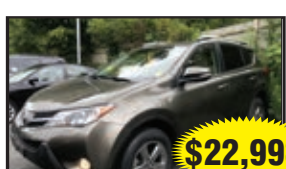
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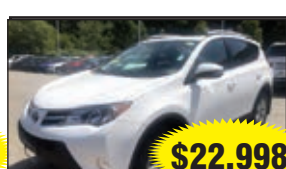
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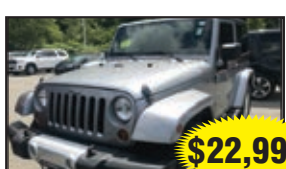
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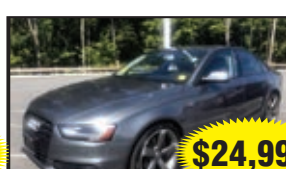
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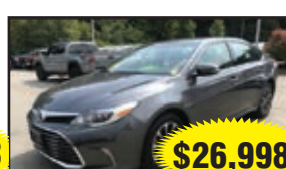
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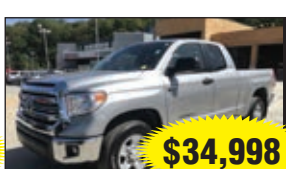
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