

## Stringing together a life in America

BY KAREN BUTERA  
FOR THE VILLAGER

DANIELSON — Anna Mancini's future husband visited Italy over 30 years and eventually persuaded her to come back to Connecticut. He was of Italian descent and from Putnam. She was from the city of Benevento. They met and fell in love in 1985. Before moving to Connecticut she visited the area a couple of times — moved here and got married.

"The rest is history," said Mancini, who now lives in Danielson. "I was in my 20's and it was a cultural shock."

One of her passions now is Anna's Beaded Creations of Danielson and she opened her home studio on Nov. 30 and Dec. 1 — part of the Artists Open Studios series. Open Studios has been in existence for the past 31 years. She displayed her beaded embroidery, which is done with a backing, and also beaded weaving, which is a free form of beading. She started to make jewelry 26 years ago.

"I was allergic to base metals and could only wear silver or gold," said Mancini. "I decided to make my own jewelry. I started out stringing glass beads and adding a clasp, but I quickly got bored with it. Some people I knew asked me to make them jewelry pieces."



Karen Butera photos

Anna Mancini of Anna's Beaded Creations

As time passed she wanted to make something different to wear. She taught herself through books and research on the internet. It was a source of inspiration. All of her pieces are one-of-a-kind heirloom constructions. She said she only uses the best quality materials. She travels to shows to find many of her beads and

materials, or will go to her preferred sources on the internet. "I use Swarovski Crystals, fresh water pearls, beach glass, semi-precious cabochons, Czech glass, and more. I use silver and gold filled findings and accents. Most of the time the inspiration comes from the

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Karen Butera photo

From left, Julie and Michelle Martinik with a Christmas tree made from recycled albums.

## A crafty Christmas story

BY KAREN BUTERA  
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DANIELSON — St. James School took advantage of Small Business Saturday — holding its Festival of the Trees on Nov. 30 — a fundraiser held by students' parents. The school opened its gym for a variety of vendors and required a donation of a decorated tree that would be part of its raffle. One of the crafters was Julie Martinik, from Thompson, whose mother, Michelle, tagged along. Julie's love of crafting started when she was four or five years old. She inherited the gift from her mother.

"My mother use to craft with me," she said.

They would craft all of the fun little things a mother would craft with her young daughter.

"I remember making ear-

rings and a necklace out of Cheerios. Mom was always crafting," she said.

Five years ago, Julie and her dad started out making corn-filled heating pads for use on a stiff neck. Their time together was special to both of them.

"From there I figured I would start my own business. I always made crafty items but never sold them before," said Julie.

Small Sea Stones was born. She loved going to the beach to look for shells.

"I would go to beaches in Rhode Island to collect tiny sea shells. Then I decided to wire wrap them, turning them into necklaces," she said.

Even with another job at a bakery she makes sure she has time to work on her craft projects. Then she decided to

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## SANTA COMES TO TOWN

Karen Butera photo

PUTNAM — Santa Clause dropped in at Rotary Park on Nov. 29. Mark Menard tells Santa his wish list for Christmas.



## Killingly Library hosts Ireland Forever series

BY MONICA MCKENNA  
FOR THE VILLAGER

KILLINGLY — One does not have to be Irish to participate in the ongoing "Ireland Forever" series at the Killingly Public Library. But those in the crowd there on Nov. 21 were already fans of the Emerald Isle and some had visited the land of their ancestors. The series continues on Jan. 17 and all are welcome.

The program in November discussed and dissected the second topic of the series, Irish literature, specifically the book "Ulysses" by James Joyce. The topic was "How the Irish Saved Civilization: The Untold Story of Ireland's



Monica McKenna photo

Christina LaBrash, from Putnam, left, participated in the discussion of Irish literature that Kathleen Flaherty, right, at the Killingly Public Library.

Heroic Role from the Fall of Rome to the Rise of Medieval Europe," a book by Thomas Cahill, first published in 1996.

Program leader Kathleen Flaherty described "Ulysses" as a 1922 work by an Irishman who spent most of his life outside Ireland but whose influence is still commemorated yearly on "Bloomsday" — June 16 — when Joyce's fans visit the same Dublin sites that, in the book Joyce's hero Leopold Bloom had visited on that date. Joyce's fictional Bloom's encounters in Dublin on 16 June 1904 imitate, on a lesser scale, those of Ulysses/Odysseus in Homer's epic poem the "Odyssey."

Ironically, the work by Joyce — once forbidden

in Ireland for its racy elements — is now studied as outstanding literature worldwide, including in some American high schools. The next event in the series will be on Thursday, Jan. 16, at 7 p.m. when the group discusses another work that reflects Irish history and creativity, "The Book of Kells." Irish monks copied and illustrated the work over many years and hid it from marauding Vikings around the year 800. The Friends of the Killingly Public Library is sponsoring the series, which is free and open to the public. The library is located at 25 Westcott Road, Danielson. For more information, call (860) 779-5383.





Courtesy photo  
NOW Executive Director Sarah Wolfburg, left, received a donation from Berkshire Bank Branch Officer Sarah Wallace.

# NOW receives \$1,000 donation from Berkshire Bank

PUTNAM — Northeast Opportunities for Wellness, Inc. (NOW) received a \$1,000 donation on Nov. 21 from Berkshire Bank in Canterbury. Canterbury Branch Officer Sarah Wallace presented the check, which will support youth wellness programs in the region. NOW Executive Director Sarah Wolfburg received

the contribution and extended her sincere appreciation for the support. “This donation was a wonderful surprise and the perfect way to begin this season of giving. NOW is always grateful for the support we receive from businesses, individuals and organizations in our community; the \$1,000 from Berkshire Bank will greatly assist us in our mis-

sion to promote youth wellness in Northeast Connecticut,” Wolfburg said. Northeast Opportunities for Wellness, is a non-profit human services organization focused on youth wellness. Serving the 10-town area of Northeast Connecticut, NOW provides children with the opportunity to participate in area athletic programs and activities, offer-

ing scholarships to the youth of the community with up to 95 percent of the cost being subsidized by NOW. The mission of the organization is to provide all children, regardless of financial resources, equal opportunities to achieve and maintain youth wellness, beginning at an early age. To learn more about the organization, or to make a donation, visit [www.nowinmotion.org](http://www.nowinmotion.org).

# Pajama drive at bankHometown

PUTNAM —A pajama drive is being held by bankHometown. All are invited to donate brand new, unworn pajama sets, nightgowns, and slippers. While all donations are appreciated, children’s sizes 4T and up as well as women’s sizes small and medium are needed most. All of the sleepwear

collected will be distributed to local community schools and organizations expressing the greatest need. Donations can be made from Dec. 2 to Dec. 19 at any of bankHometown’s 15 branch locations. Visit [bankHometown.com](http://bankHometown.com) for a list of branches.

# K of C donates winter coats

BROOKLYN — For the seventh year in a row, seven of Windham County’s local Knights of Columbus councils joined forces to buy or collect a total of more than 550 new and used coats for needy, local children and adults. On Nov. 29, Knights went to the Brooklyn Parks and Recreation Department’s offices on South Main Street,

to give away the coats, along with their collection of almost 100 used blankets and more than 100 sets of used baby clothes. Also, for the first time, this program also included more than \$300 worth of winter socks bought by the K of C councils and given to area veterans groups for distribution to needy local vets. Working since this spring,

the seven local councils, which cover an area from Ashford east to Thompson and south to Plainfield and Moosup, bought and donated specially-made, new, K of C children’s winter “Coats for Kids.” They also collected good quality used coats for adults, as well as baby clothing and blankets, to give away at the same time.

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# Cournoyer at vets coffeehouse

DANIELSON —Dave Cournoyer from Matulaitis Nursing Home will speak about its “Whatever the Weather Campaign” at the Danielson Veterans Coffeehouse on On Tuesday Dec. 10. The Danielson Veterans Coffeehouse (open to veterans only) is

located at 185 Broad Street Danielson and opens at 8:30 a.m.. The guest speaker program starts at approximately 9:15 a.m. For questions regarding the coffeehouse see its facebook page Danielson Veterans Coffeehouse or the website at [dvcoffeehouse.com](http://dvcoffeehouse.com)

# POLICE LOGS

Editor’s note: The information contained in these police logs was obtained through either press releases or public documents kept by the 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.

## TROOP D LOG

### THOMPSON

- Nov. 23**  
Jamie Lee Parks, 43, of 210 Buckley Hill Road, Thompson, was charged with disorderly conduct, interfering with an emergency call, assault in the 2nd degree, unlawful restraint in the 1st degree and strangulation in the 2nd degree.
- Nov. 25**  
Jason Beshaw, 31, of 2 Thompson Road, Thompson, was charged with risk of injury to a child, breach of peace, assault in the 3rd degree of an elderly victim and reckless endangerment in the 2nd degree.
- Nov. 28**  
Alissa Rines, 46, of 9 West Thompson Road, Thompson, was charged with operating a motor vehicle under the influence of alcohol/drugs, failure to drive in a proper lane.

### DANIELSON

- Nov. 24**  
Richard Radio, 57, of 73 Morin Avenue, Danielson, was charged with violation of a protective order.
- Nov. 25**  
Michael J. Horton, 42, of 255 Main Street, Apt. A, Danielson, was charged with operating a motor vehicle recycler without a license, failure to maintain proper fencing and violation of a motor vehicle recycler registration.
- Nov. 29**  
Dale Robert Freitag, 53, of 11 William Street, Danielson, was charged with breach of peace in the 2nd degree.

### DAYVILLE

- Nov. 28**  
James Buzalski, 59, of 38 Clover Court, Dayville, was charged with operating a motor vehicle under the influence of alcohol/drugs.

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# VILLAGER ALMANAC At CT AUDUBON

Bird sightings at the Connecticut Audubon Society Center at Pomfret and Wyndham Land Trust properties for the week of Nov. 25: Bluebird, Barred Owl, Great Horned Owl, Red-tailed Hawk, Common Grackle, Golden-crowned Kinglet, Pileated Woodpecker, Hairy Woodpecker, Red-bellied Woodpecker, Canada Geese, Mallard, Robin, Song Sparrow, Red-winged Blackbird, Carolina Wren. Visit [ctaclubon.org/Pomfret-home](http://ctaclubon.org/Pomfret-home)

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Ashford author has

Night sky event on tap

book on gardening



Pomfret resident and UConn Professor of English Leigh Grossman, right, with author Suzy Staubach at a recent event for her colorful book: “A Garden Miscellany: An Illustrated Guide to the Elements of the Garden.”

\\POMFRET — Ashford author Suzy Staubach’s “A Garden Miscellany” has been recently published. Writer Sara Austin says: “A Garden Miscellany: An Illustrated Guide to the Elements of the Garden, is a sweet, alphabetical handbook to all things green, from arbors and arches to water features and yards. The painterly illustrations, quirky factoids and genuinely helpful tips make

this an ideal gift for anyone who has a garden ... or just imagines escaping to one.” This gardener/reporter’s favorite fact from the book is that Cleopatra and George Washington were both composters, but it’s a tough choice because every page has delightful — and new to me — insights about the world of gardens.

Day Kimball

welcomes physician

to Danielson

PUTNAM — Day Kimball Healthcare recently announced the addition of Eunice Asomaning, MD, to the Day Kimball Medical Group Family Medicine practice at 45 Green Hollow Road in Danielson.

Prior to joining Day Kimball, Dr. Asomaning served as a family medicine physician for over four years at UPMC Cole Memorial Hospital in Coudersport, Pennsylvania, a rural critical access hospital serving north central Pennsylvania and south central New York. She completed her Family Medicine residency at Genesys Regional Medical Center in Grand Blanc, Mich., in 2015.

She is board-certified by the American Board of Family Medicine. Her professional interests include chronic disease management and in-office procedures. When not seeing patients and practicing medicine, Dr. Asomaning enjoys music and cooking. Asomaning is accepting new patients at our DKH Center in Danielson.



Eunice Asomaning

Courtesy photo

THOMPSON — The Winter Solstice Starry Sky, a family-friendly program, is scheduled for 6 p.m. on Saturday, Dec. 21, at West Thompson Dam’s Overlook Shelter, located at 162 West Thompson Road. All are invited to join The Last Green Valley on the Solstice as it welcomes in the winter months with a celebration of our starry sky. Lead Night Sky Rangers Kim and Geoff will point out the constellations and share constellation stories of the First Americans. We will also have a chance to view deep sky objects, such as the Dumbbell Nebula, Andromeda Galaxy, and Owl Cluster, with telescopes. Also visible will be Venus, Uranus and Neptune, and the Ursids Meteor Shower will give us some shooting stars. The view should be great as the moon will not rise until late in the morning hours and the crisp winter night means little atmospheric disturbance. Dress warmly - hat, mittens, multiple layers, warm socks and shoes/boots. This is


a family friendly event and a great way to celebrate the season together.

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# St. James Festival of Trees

DANIELSON — On Nov. 30 St. James School the fundraiser Festival of the Trees. The Christmas craft and vendor event is put on by the parents of school students. All of the participants decorate a tree and donates it for the raffle.

Karen Butera photos



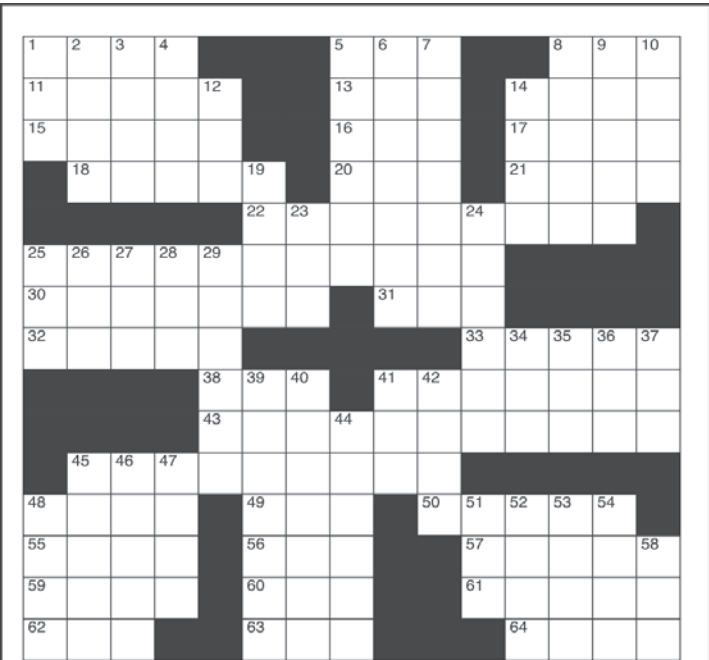
From left, Sophie Craig, Giana Milardo and Amelia Griffiths



From left, Tracie Craig, Jennifer Warner and Mariann LaPointe enjoying the Festival of the Trees



From left, Bill Roberts and wife Pam with Eugene Tougas and wife Mary



- CLUES ACROSS
1. Egyptian bull-god

5. America

8. Type of field (abbr.)

11. Reagan's Deputy AG

13. Negative

14. Mother of Hermes

15. Summer and Winter Olympics gold medal winner

16. In shape

17. Oh my goodness!

18. People of Guinea or Sierra Leone

20. A form of "to be"

21. Succulent plant

22. Estranges

25. Honest

30. Showing conviction

31. High schoolers' test

32. Implant

33. Acknowledgment

38. Cash dispenser

41. Transferred to another

43. Superhero group

45. Photographers

48. Small, rich sponge cake

49. Power to perceive

50. Heavy cavalry sword

55. Israel's first permanent UN delegate

56. Everything

57. Afflicted

59. Language spoken in Chad

60. Pioneering MC Kool Moe

61. Jewish spiritual leader

62. Keyboard key

63. Soviet Socialist Republic

64. Impudence

- CLUES DOWN
1. Type of degree

2. Expression of sorrow or pity

3. Large, predatory lizard

4. River in Romania

5. Biased

6. Parties

7. TV's used to need one

8. Philly football player

9. Recognized ethnic group of China

10. Gradually disappear

12. Large, dark antelope

14. Vegetarians won't eat it

19. Takes the energy out of

23. Body part

24. Succeed in achieving

25. Where golfers begin

26. Computer memory

27. One who buys and sells securities

28. Midway between north and northeast

29. Quiet and rather dull

34. A limb on which to walk

35. It precedes two

36. Of she

37. Commercials

39. Necessary for sewing

40. Infectious viral disease

41. Expression of good wishes

42. Some are contact

44. More plentiful

45. Secret political clique

46. Behind the stern of a ship

47. Supernatural force

48. Altar in Orthodox churches

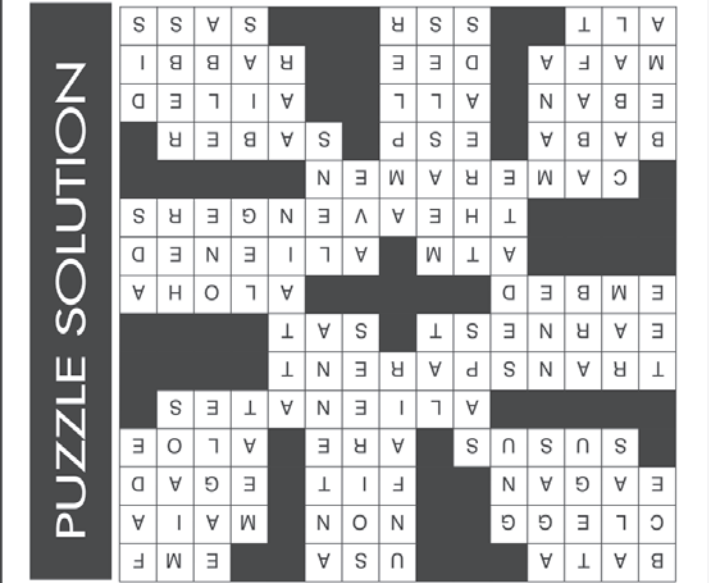
51. Swiss river

52. Impartiality

53. "Luther" actor Idris

54. They resist authority (slang)

58. Criticize



Emily Griffiths with daughter Amelia and son



Andrew Kennerson with wife Lauren and children Olivia and Ethan



From left, Sarah Nattress, Stephanie MacFarland and Ashley Milardl run the ticket table

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Some of the trees for the Festival of the Trees raffle



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colors of the season I am in,” she said. She selects her stones, beads and glass.

“I have lots of them and I will let the pieces talk to me,” she said.

Sometimes she arranges her pieces over and over until she likes what she sees. Along with Open Studios she shows her jewelry pieces at three or four shows a year and displays her work in local galleries. She has now added acrylic pour painting art pieces to show with her jewelry creations. She still thinks about her home country and still has an Italian accent, but she now appreciates what she has in the Quiet Corner.

Artists Open Studios continues for many artists on Dec. 7 and 8. The event includes artists from Woodstock, Thompson, Pomfret, Putnam, Danielson, Eastford, and Ashford. For a list of all artists, locations and their open studio dates, visit [www.aosct.org](http://www.aosct.org).



Steam punk style beaded jewelry



Acrylic pour painting



Necklaces from Anna's Beaded Creations



# Quest Martial Arts promotions

PUTNAM — Quest Martial Arts recently announced its monthly promotions.	
<b>Rank</b>	<b>Person</b>
Tiger Belt	Reed Hoenig
Orange Dragon	Tripp Hoenig
	Violet Parquette
Blue Dragon	Levi Bakanowsky
	Mahalia Winsey
Green Dragon	Layla Benoit
	Effie Caron
Yellow Belt	Alexandria Baron
	Sophia Benoit
	Julianna Labriola
	Jai'ana Lewis
Orange Belt	Avery Andrews
	Cameron Barclay
Orange-Blue Belt	Paul Azu
Blue-White Belt	Samantha Mills
	Lana Powell
Blue Belt	Samantha Smyth
	Julia Turner
	Lillian Webb
Blue-Green Belt	Kai Frechette
	Tyler Parkin
	Kaleb Scaplen
Blue-Black Belt	Marge Azu
	Kennedy Collier
Green-Red Belt	Emma Fournier
Jr. Apprentice Black belt	Lillian Frechette
Jr. Black Belt	Olivia Bedard
Junior Black belt	Georgia Cross
2 Stripe Blue	Sephora Nagel
2 Stripe Blue	Ray Rilling
1 Stripe Green	Anthony Mills
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3 Stripe Red	Lily Quinn
Apprentice black	Emma Chrzanowski



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# Santa Clause pays a visit to Putnam

PUTNAM — Santa Claus and Mrs. Claus arrived at Rotary Park on Nov. 29. Boys and girls waited in line to tell Santa what they wanted for Christmas.

Karen Butera photos



From left, Doniven and Tommy McCumber and Ashtin Dítmar tells Santa their Christmas wishes



John Pitzschler and wife Millie with Angela McCann and her son John III and daughter Lorelei



Chris Ferace of the Putnam Police, Rachel Dykerman and her daughter Elyse



Brad Smith with wife Michelle, son Jacob and daughters Mya and Kailyn



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collect items usable items that were disposed of. “I like to reduce, recycle and reuse these items. I received some glasses for free and decided to paint on them. It was fun,” she said. Michelle joined in putting her twist on them

by stenciling on the glassware. Sometimes Martinik will get ideas from YouTube or Pinterest. “Sometimes we will both come up with ideas in our minds,” said Michelle. Also an avid crafter, the idea for the donated tree came from Michelle. “I made it from old record albums that I had

hanging around,” she said. She used an oven technique to melt the albums into a bowl shape and attached them together into the shape of a Christmas tree. Both mother and daughter are always coming up with new ideas for recycled items.

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# Pleased to meet you

We’ve all been to them. Meetings that run on for an eternity. Meetings that leave us with a feeling of desolation. Meetings that make us question what we are doing whether as employees or volunteers. Meetings that we think are going to cover one thing and then drift off. Once in a while, there is a memorable meeting or meeting leader, but that’s rare. Meetings are a fact of life for anyone involved in the world and its worth thinking about what makes them tick.

I worked at a university for decades. Once I attended a meeting on the last day before I went on maternity leave. When I returned six months later, I swear I was back at the same meeting. Nothing had changed. We could have pulled out the old agenda from half a year earlier. It wasn’t that the participants weren’t smart and hardworking, it was that certain meetings were part of the culture. The conversations before and after were where real plans and information were exchanged.



NANCY WEISS

At some meetings, people play meeting bingo. A card is made up that includes the phrases the leaders of the meeting will invariably use, such as: in my wheelhouse or strategic thinking or maximize objectives. They vary, but you get the drift. The “winner” can’t call out, but everyone knows who it is.

Monday meetings were once a way to see who has turned up on time. Now that people work from home, it’s a bit easier to show up on line, but still hard to get people to plan ahead. Once I worked for a man who scheduled meetings on Fridays to make sure no one snuck out early. He was not well liked.

The best meetings have food, nice food. Too many donuts and too much coffee and discussions go awry. Nothing like an over caffeinated or hungry group to make bad decisions. The same is true with alcohol, although I’ve never seen it served at day meetings. Sometimes a little wine before an evening confab seems to warm people up for the task ahead.

Meetings may start with a prayer or a joke. If they start with directions to the exit doors and the restrooms, the latter is suddenly all I can think about. I’m sure I’m not alone. For years I was on a statewide board where the membership changed so frequently that we went around the table at every meeting to introduce ourselves. The self-intros were often so detailed that they took up an inordinate chunk of the time allotted to the meeting.


Wisdom has it that meetings should be short, with a tight agenda and cell-phones tucked away. I read that anything good can be shared in exactly five minutes. Then participants should break into groups and go to work. Some of the better meetings I’ve been in were more chaotic, without a tight agenda where people could really say what they were thinking. That type of meeting can take a long time, but can make a difference.

It’s wonderful when meetings include something positive and unexpected or when a deserving person is recognized. Emergency meetings are the worst as it is always bad news.

I serve on volunteer boards. I am impressed with the leadership, the modern approach and the quality of the discussions at the meetings. They are better than meetings in the workplace. Meetings are a way to interact with our community, do some good, and meet other people. We can complain about meetings, but they are how our society moves ahead, even if the pace is sometimes slow.

Reading the morning newspaper is the realist’s morning prayer.

George Wilhelm Friedrich Hegel



# OPINION

Opinion and commentary from the Quiet Corner

## LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

### Loffredo objects to Pandolfi and Villager

I have a question. Shouldn’t the Villager refrain from publishing opinion pieces that are filled with lies and misinformation from beginning to end? For the second time in a month, Mr. Tom Pandolfi (Letters to the Editor, Nov. 29) has stepped on his soapbox creating a litany of misinformation in support of Trump that would make InfoWars jealous. I accept opinions about political facts, pro abortion versus pro choice, full gun rights versus common sense regulation, and so on. However I am angered when I am presented opinions that don’t even qualify as opinions because there is little to no factual basis to back up these opinions.

In fact, Mr. Pandolfi sounds like he could be a Russian troll he is so far over the line. I’m not a Trump supporter, but as a moderate I enjoy many fact based civil discussions with Trumpsupporters, Republicans whodon’tlike Trump, progressive Democrats. I try to find a common ground with each and every one. Mr. Pandolfi is so clearly anti-Democrat, anti-Obama (only one of the most popular Presidents in history), and anti-Constitution (as he clearly buys the desperate right wing talking points because it’s the only direction one can take when the facts are obvious and in the process of being proven). I’m not going to say everything President Trump has done is wrong, but I will talk about one thing at a time and see where that discussion leads. If I want to hear a series of lies I’ll go to a

### DeLuca disagrees with Rosebrooks

Shifty” Schiff is yet another one of those California clowns who’s own home voting district is a filthy sewer. However, he can’t be bothered to take care of those people because he’s too busy being a Pelosi puppet as his focus is on this impeachment farce. First off, calling him shifty, a clown and a puppet will no doubt be criticized as the “name calling” that’s only done by Trump supporters, and I’ll no doubt again be lambasted about it - but I could care less! What is truly funny is how the name calling and threats to President Trump by the liberal politicians and certain celebrities basically goes unmentioned in the opinion pages of the Villager.

And if I mention Joe Biden wanting to punch the President, Madonna wanting to burn down the White House, Kathy Griffin with the bloody head, Rashida Tlaib calling the President a offensive name or Maxine Waters urging people to harass Trump supporters, it would probably be countered as social media fallacies.

Mr. Tom Pandolfi, I totally agree with you (Letter to the editor, Nov. 29) that this “bashing” and the “No Fan of Trump” stuff has gotten old, and you no doubt have noticed that it’s mostly being done by the same small group of people. Take Ann C. Rosebrooks for example (Letter to the editor, Nov. 29). It’s more than obvious that whatever the President does, and though all of her mentioned countries and peoples have received millions of dollars in U.S. aid while he’s been in office, it will never be enough to please her. Maybe she should join the President’s foreign advisory staff? But then again, when you aid one (so-called) ally, you no doubt anger another. I personally feel that aid to foreign countries should be drastically reduced and the money instead be used to help the American people. Yes, America first! And, in addition to beating the same old drum (though I may be guilty of doing some-

Trump campaign rally. I’m certainly done with someone who writes letters that even invoke the childish nicknames that our President uses to embarrass himself and our great Nation.

We do deserve better than Trump and that’s my opinion, whether that’s a Republican or a Democrat doesn’t matter. As long as we get the corruption out of government- and that starts with the Trump family, the ever-obstructing McConnell, or the other key players implicated by Republican appointees in the inquiry, Nunes, Pompeo, Pence, among others. Villager, I’ve seen many well thought out letters from both sides of the political spectrum in your paper, things that could educate or engage, kindly stop publishing far right propaganda, you are better than that and I hope your readers expect more than that.

BRIAN LOFFREDO  
THOMPSON

(Editor’s note: The Villager’s readers can expect, and will get, a non-censored Opinion Page that allows freedom of speech from letter writers, whether the opinion might come from Mr. Pandolfi or Mr. Loffredo, even if an opinion advocates for the suppression of freedom of speech. Following the guidelines of Benjamin Franklin: “If all printers were determined not to print anything till they were sure it would offend nobody, there would be very little printed.”

thing similar), I also have to comment on the part in her “Down on Trump” rant where she says: “he (Trump) only cares about keeping his base happy.” Like this doesn’t apply to any number - if not all - of the members of our Congress? Career politicians (on both sides of the aisle) are the problem here, not the President! A U.S. President does eight years tops, unlike Pelosi, McConnell, Schumer, Schiff and Waters who’ve been in office for 20-plus years and whose “base” have helped make them them rich. When are the American people going to wake up and vote them all out? Yes, term limits are a great idea but I doubt we’ll ever see it happen. Let’s take our own Connecticut U.S. representatives for example. Senators Blumenthal, Murphy, and Congressman Courtney are all against term limits and believe their positions should be a “for life” term. Do you expect them to support any measure that would essentially send themselves packing? So Ann C Rosebrooks, if you’re such a champion for the people, why don’t you get off the President’s back for a just minute and “shift” (yes, pun intended) your so-righteous focus to ask the likes of Pelosi, Schiff and Waters why they aren’t taking care of the people (that includes the producers, consumers, immigrants and possibly the farmers) who live in their own home voting districts? Maybe it’s because they’re only taking care of their own base? And, are these the people who you think “understand government?” God I hope not. That crew, along with “shady” Joe Biden, shouldn’t be allowed to clean the restrooms at the White House, never mind occupy it! Trump in 2020! And by the way, he’s not going to be impeached and Jeffery Epstein didn’t kill himself.

Ed DeLuca  
North Grosvenordale

### Cassettari agrees with Etzel and Rosebrooks

I am in total agreement with Stephen Etzel (Nov. 22 Letter to the editor) and Ann Rosebrooks (Nov. 29 Letter to the editor) concerning their last two editorials concerning the President of the United States and his actions in dividing this great country.

Trump’s agenda has always been and always will be about enriching himself as president and using the America people to do this work. “the Base” should be changed to the “Cult”, they are willing and able to drink the Kool-aid and look past those damn things called facts. Some of them write here and if there was a fact checker, their articles would not get published.

There is an increasing parts of the “Cult” who actually believe that Ukraine is responsible for the hacking during 2016 election of the cult leader. Really. Government agencies, have stated under the record many times over that the hacking was done by Trump’s buddy Putin of Russia. Side bar, some of the Cult now have more faith in Putin than any other persons in this country, beside the leader of the Cult.

Does anyone remember the Cold War. Russia’s goal is to dismantile this country.

This whole swamp thing is an easy thing, count how many of Trump’s people are, went or will be going to jail. Can anybody explain how a personal lawyer of the President goes around Europe looking for information on political opponents of the President.? Always with his hand open apparently, was never confirmed or vetted by Congress to do these things?

He has a speech writer, Miller, who has a white racist past. Cleaning the swamp?

DAVID CASSETTARI  
DANIELSON

# Year end planning checklist



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As 2019 draws to a close, this month we will be discussing year-end planning strategies and tips to begin organizing your finances for the new year. To help you get started, we’ve put together a list of key planning ideas to consider. At Weiss, Hale & Zahansky Strategic Wealth Advisors, we know how important it is to have a strategic plan in place for the new year as you develop, change, or achieve your unique financial life goals.

Savings and investments: Revisit your retirement contributions. Review how much you’re contributing to your workplace retirement account. If you’re not taking full advantage of your employer’s match, it’s a great time to consider increasing your contribution. If you’ve already maxed out your match or your employer doesn’t offer one, boosting your contribution could still offer tax advantages. Now is also a good time to ensure that your portfolio allocation remains in line with your financial life goals.

Take stock of your goals. Did you set savings goals for 2019? Realistically evaluate how you did, and think about your goals for next year. If you determine that you are off track, talk to your financial advisor to realign your investments to your financial life goals.

Health and wellness: Spend your flexible spending account (FSA) dollars. If you have an FSA, those funds may be forfeited if you don’t use them by year-end. (Some FSAs offer a 2.5-month grace period or the ability to carry over up to \$500 into the next year; check with your employer to see if those options are available.) It’s also a good time to calculate your FSA allotment for next year, based on your current account excess or deficit.

If you’re not using an FSA, evaluate your qualifying health care costs to see if establishing one for 2020 would make sense.

Taxes, taxes, taxes: Manage your marginal tax rate. If you’re on the threshold of a tax bracket, deferring income or accelerating deductions may help you reduce your tax exposure. It might make sense to defer some of your income to 2020 if doing so will put you in a lower tax bracket. Accelerating deductions, such as medical expenses or charitable contributions, into the current tax year (rather than paying for deductible items in 2020) may have the same effect. In addition, reviewing your capital gains and losses may reveal tax planning opportunities—for instance, harvesting losses to offset capital gains.

Here are a few key 2020 tax thresholds to keep in mind: The 37 percent marginal tax rate affects those with taxable incomes in excess of \$518,400 (individual), \$622,050 (married filing jointly), \$518,400 (head of household), and \$311,025 (married filing separately).

The 20 percent capital gains tax rate applies to those with a taxable income in excess of \$441,450 (individual), \$496,600 (married filing jointly), \$469,050 (head of household), and \$248,300 (married filing separately).

The 3.8 percent surtax on investment income applies to the lesser of net investment income or the excess of modified adjusted gross income over \$200,000 (individual), \$250,000 (married filing jointly), \$200,000 (head of household), and \$125,000 (married filing separately).

Consider the benefits of charitable giving. Donating to charity is another good strategy for reducing taxable income. If you’d like to help



LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Can't we all just get along

So proud to have taken part by voting in the recent local elections! Like many small towns in Northeastern Connecticut and across the country, we are creating a ripple effect by voting for the values and traditions that we care about in our communities. Numbers were strong and by electing like-minded neighbors and friends to their thankless positions and voting, we know that we will be represented with common

sense, fiscal responsibility and representation of the issues we care about. Our vote is our weapon of choice and will lead to state and national representation. The theme here is to vote. Stop arguing and name calling. Left, Right, Independent — really doesn't matter — just vote!

TAMI JO WYKES  
BROOKLYN

Letters to the editor may be e-mailed to [charlie@vil-lagernewspapers.com](mailto:charlie@vil-lagernewspapers.com)

*Please include your place of residence and phone number for verification, not publication. Letters must be received by noon on Tuesdays.*

Remembering the  
Thistle Worsted Company in Killingly

It's hard to believe that it's December already. I hope you all had a wonderful Thanksgiving holiday. This week I thought I'd write a few tidbits starting with several that Bernie Mitchell came across. "There may be a fortune in gold up in the lucate ledges along that stretch of the Quinebaug River where the Danielson Cotton Company is blasting out stone for their new dam and power-house foundations. Courtland Green of North Street was looking over the ledges the other day and from the mass of chipped rocks picked up a specimen of quartz that looks very much like a gold bearing specimen... The ledge from which it is taken is among the most precipitous cliffs in Eastern Connecticut and the formation of the rock in that vicinity has been of interest for years. Indian legends are connected with the picturesque spot where pounds of dynamite are being used to tear down great blocks of stone for the construction work und way and perhaps to reveal the deposits of precious metal it has held for ages. The specimen secured has not been passed upon by an expert, so it is still a little early to stake out any claims on the property" (Norwich Morning Bulletin; 8/13/1909).

I believe the "Indian ledges" in the above article may be those written about by H.V. Arnold in Historical Memoir of the West or Brooklyn Side Danielson, Connecticut. "Opposite the lower falls for a short distance the west bank of the river (Quinebaug) formed a rock cliff a dozen to twenty feet high, a rounded hill, the summit of which was about forty feet above a quarter mile stretch of slackwater ...and the hill was forested with oak. Below some fifty rods there appears to have been an open sandy plain about the first turn of the river, in aboriginal times. In the face of the highest part of the cliff there was a recess in the rock, difficult of access, where the Indians had a fire-place at which they cooked fish taken

about the falls. A sachem named Hyems or James, said to have been a Narragansett, resided at Quinebaug Falls in the middle of the seventeenth century and in a fortified site..." (p. 15, edition reprinted by the Brookly Historical Society, July 1976). This fortified site was apparently on the Killingly side of the river.

"Captain William H. Stone of the schooner Idaho is visiting for a few days (with) Mrs. C. N. Capron while his ship is discharging cargo at Allyn's Point. Mr. Stone was formerly a resident of Danielson, but has been engaged in the coast-wise trade for the last fourteen years" (Norwich Morning Bulletin 9/11/1909).

Have you ever heard of the Thistle Worsted Company in Killingly? I had not. "More than a score of looms are being operated in the mill of the Thistle Worsted Company at Elmville. The Company has been busy for several months making changes in the plant and its equipment and a great improvement has been effected. The mill is manufacturing worsteds for men's wear and the prospects are that a good market will hold for the product for many months" (Norwich Morning Bulletin 9/11/1909).

A check of the company in Natalie L. Coolidge's Killingly Business Encyclopedia provided a few facts about what turned out to be a short-lived enterprise. The March 25, 1909 Windham County Transcript announced that a certificate of incorporation of the Thistle Worsted Company had been filed with the Secretary of State. "It was projected to be in full operation by May 15 and to employ 75 individuals. (WCT 3/25/1909). In 1911 Frank E. Holden, J. B. Dunn and Farnell, of



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Woonsocket, J. B. Martin of Webster, and James H. Barnett of Danielson were elected as the board of officers. (WCT 2/11/1911). The February 23rd Transcript announced, "The Thistle Worsted Co. of Elmville is to liquidate, and is running now to use up the stock on hand."

Did you know that for many years there was a grist mill in the Killingly village of Attawaugan on the northerly side of the Five Mile River. "\$4000 Fire Loss...The grist mill of the Attawaugan Company, situated near that village, was totally destroyed by a fire that was discovered about 1:30 Wednesday morning. The loss is estimated at between \$4,000 and \$5,000. There was some insurance on the building, but none on the contents, which included a quantity of grain. There was no means to combat the flames and as the fire had a big start before it was discovered, the building was rapidly consumed. While nothing definite is known as to the origin of the fire, the supposition is that it was caused by tramps. The old mill had stood near the village for more than fifty years and was a landmark that was remembered by many residents of Killingly. George Wheaton has been in charge of the mill for the Attawaugan Company" (Norwich Morning Bulletin, 9/16/1909).

Unique Christmas Gifts: Surprise a loved one with something from the Killingly Historical Center. Reprints of old maps, postcards, books, booklets, and back issues of the Journal are available. Books include Williamsville by Ray C. Smith; Pictures on Memory's Walls; Dear Transcript: Letters from Windham County Soldiers During The Civil War; Killingly Moments and Mementos; Killingly Keepsakes

(Book 2); Killingly Treasures & Antique Advertising Cards (Bk 3,); The Blumenthals in Danielson and Beyond; Danielson Before the War; Mills Along the Whetstone Brook by Richard Adams; Chestnut Hill & East Killingly by Herbert Oatley; Perspectives of Putnam by Margaret M. Weaver; Killingly Revisted, Images of America series by Natalie L. Coolidge; Back issues of Killingly Historical Journals.

The Killingly Historical & Genealogical Society will be sponsoring a Mayflower trip on June 19, 2020 to Plymouth Plantation, the Gristmill, and the Mayflower II replica. The bus will depart from the Brooklyn Walmart at 7:15 a.m. and return at 5:30 p.m. For additional information and ticket prices contact 860-779-7250 or [director@killinglyhistorical.org](mailto:director@killinglyhistorical.org) for tickets by May 1, 2020. Surprise a loved one with a trip for a Christmas present.

If you are planning a December visit to the Killingly Historical & Genealogical Society, please keep in mind that it will be closed Dec. 25, 28, and Jan.1 for the Christmas holiday. It will reopen on Jan. 4. In case of inclement weather check the Society Facebook page at [www.facebook.com/killinglyhistoricalsociety](http://www.facebook.com/killinglyhistoricalsociety).

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a worthy cause while trimming your taxes, it's worth exploring your charitable goals and various gifting alternatives.

Make a strategy for stock options. If you hold stock options, now is a good time to make a strategy for managing current and future income. Consider the timing of a non-qualified stock option exercise. In light of your estimated tax picture, would it make sense to avoid accelerating income into the current tax year or to defer income to future years? And don't forget about the alternative minimum tax (AMT). If you're considering exercising incentive stock options before year-end, have your tax advisor prepare an AMT projection to see if there's any tax benefit

to waiting until January of the following year.

Plan for estimated taxes and required minimum distributions (RMDs). When considering your taxes for 2019, be sure to take any potentially large bonuses or a prosperous business year into account. You may have to file estimated taxes or increase the upcoming January payment. If you're turning 70½, you'll need a strategy for taking RMDs from your traditional IRA and 401(k) plans.

Adjust your withholding. If you think you may be subject to an estimated tax penalty, consider asking your employer (via Form W-4) to increase your withholding for the remainder of the year to cover the shortfall. The biggest advantage of this is that withholding is considered as having been paid evenly throughout the

year instead of when the dollars are actually taken from your paycheck. You can also use this strategy to make up for low or missing quarterly estimated tax payments.

Proactive planning: Review your estate documents. To help ensure that your estate plan stays in tune with your goals and needs, you should review and update it on an ongoing basis to account for any life changes or other circumstances. If you haven't done so during 2019, take time to check trust funding, update beneficiary designations, take a fresh look at trustee and agent appointments, review provisions of powers of attorney and health care directives, and ensure that you fully understand all of your documents.

Check your credit report. It's important to monitor your credit report regularly for

suspicious activity that could indicate identity theft. Federal law requires that each of the nationwide credit reporting companies (Equifax, Experian, and TransUnion) provide you with a free copy of your report every 12 months, at your request.

Get professional advice: Of course, this list is far from exhaustive, and you may have unique planning concerns that are not covered here. As you prepare for the coming year, remember to talk to your financial advisor to create a unique strategy that works best for your needs and financial life goals. Our unique and strategic Plan Well. Invest Well. Live Well.TM process will guide you as we work together to achieve your financial life goals. You can access weekly market highlights, along with additional information, on our

website at [www.whzwealth.com/resources](http://www.whzwealth.com/resources). Make sure to check in next week!

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PUBLIC MEETINGS

BROOKLYN

**Monday, Dec. 9**  
Parks and Recreation, 7 p.m., Clifford B. Green Memorial Center  
**Tuesday, Dec. 10**  
IWWC, 6:30 p.m., Clifford B. Green Memorial Center  
**Thursday, Dec. 12**  
Regular BOS, 6:30 p.m., Clifford B. Green Memorial Center

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**Tuesday, Dec. 10**  
Regular Town Council, 7 p.m., Town Meeting Room  
**Wednesday, Dec. 11**  
BOE, 7 p.m., Town Council Chambers  
Ag Committee, 7 p.m., Room 102  
**Thursday, Dec. 12**  
ZBA, 7 p.m., Town Meeting Room

EASTFORD

**Tuesday, Dec. 10**  
Planning Commission, 7 p.m., Town Office Building  
**Wednesday, Dec. 11**  
Registrar of Voters, 5 p.m., Town

Office Building  
Clean Energy Task Force, 7 p.m., Town Office Building  
**Thursday, Dec. 12**  
Board of Education, 7 p.m., Eastford Elementary School  
**Saturday, Dec. 14**  
AA, 7:30 p.m., Town Office Building

POMFRET

**Monday, Dec. 9**  
Board of Finance, 6:30 p.m., Pomfret Community School Conference Room  
**Wednesday, Dec. 11**  
Board of Education, 6:30 p.m., Pomfret Community School Library  
**Thursday, Dec. 12**  
Board of Education, 6:30 p.m., Pomfret Community School Library  
**Friday, Dec. 13**  
NECT Council of Governments, 9 a.m., Parson's Lodge, Pomfret School

PUTNAM

**Wednesday, Dec. 11**  
Inland Wetlands, 7 p.m., Selectmen's Chambers  
**Thursday, Dec. 12**  
WPCA, 6:30 p.m.

THOMPSON

**Monday, Dec. 9**  
Zoning Board of Appeals, 6 p.m., Town Hall, Merrill Seney Community Room  
Board of Education, 7 p.m., Thompson Middle School Media Center  
**Tuesday, Dec. 10**  
Housing Authority, 5:15 p.m., Housing Authority Office, 500 Riverside Drive, No. Grosvenordale  
Inland Wetlands Commission, 7 p.m., Town Hall, Merrill Seney Community Room  
**Wednesday, Dec. 11**  
Building Committee, 6 p.m., Thompson Middle School Media Center

WOODSTOCK

**Monday, Dec. 9**  
Recreation Commission, 7 p.m., Room C  
**Tuesday, Dec. 10**  
Board of Finance, 7 p.m., Room 1  
**Thursday, Dec. 12**  
Aboretum, 6 p.m., Room A

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# Woodstock Academy Fall Sports Awards Night



Holly Grube photos

Athletes who were named All-State and All-Eastern Connecticut Conference All-Stars were honored.

varsity record of 7-3 and was in the hunt for an Eastern Connecticut Conference Division II regular season title up until the next-to-last week of the regular season.

The volleyball team won the ECC Division I regular season championship and advanced to the Class L state tournament semifinals. The girls soccer team won its first Class L state tournament match since 2013. Junior Ethan Aspiras won the ECC boys cross-country championship meet and later qualified for the boys State Open championship. Sophomore Linsey Arends (2nd in the ECC championship) and junior Stella DiPippo (4th) also qualified for the girls State Open championship in cross-country and all three were Class MM All-State selections. Those who were recognized at the Fall Sports Awards night included:

Class MM All-State and ECC 1st team All-Star boys cross-country – Ethan Aspiras; Class MM All-State and ECC 1st team All-Star girls cross-country – Linsey Arends; Class MM All-State and ECC 1st team All-Star girls cross-country – Stella DiPippo. ECC Girls Cross-Country Honorable Mention – Iris Bazinet, Megan Gohn.

Class L 1st team All-State and ECC 1st team Volleyball All-Star – Paula Hernandez; ECC Volleyball All-Star – Marissa Mayhew.

Class M 2nd team All-State and ECC 1st team Field Hockey All-Star – Avery Jones; Class M 2nd team All-State and ECC Honorable Mention: Eliza Dutson. ECC Field Hockey Honorable Mention – Rachel Canedy.

ECC 1st team Football All-Stars: Luis Miranda; Travis White; Aidan Morin; Nick Bedard. ECC Football Honorable Mention – Ethan Davis.

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Athletic director and football coach Sean Saucier, left, presents senior Daniel Suitum with a Coach's award.



Cheerleading coach Dana Bein, left, presents junior Katelynn Niejadlik with a Coach's award.



Girls cross-country coach Joe Banas, left, presents senior captain Megan Gohn with a Coach's award.

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Red Cross seeks donations during holidays

Starlight Gala benefits Woodstock education

PUTNAM — Following a year of disasters affecting thousands of people in Connecticut and across the country, the American Red Cross asks everyone to help provide relief and comfort on Giving Tuesday by donating atredcross.org/gift.

“Every eight minutes, someone affected by a disaster in our country turns to the Red Cross for support,” said Mario Bruno, CEO, American Red Cross Connecticut and Rhode Island. “When people’s lives are upended by home fires, and other crises, your support through our Holiday Campaign can provide necessities like emergency shelter, hot meals and blankets.”

This year in Connecticut, local Red Cross volunteers responded to more than 700 disasters, the majority of which were home fires. When Red Crossers respond to home fires, they help people address their urgent needs like lodging, food and emotional support.

This year, Red Cross volunteers have been by the sides of families affected by large events like wildfires

in California, Hurricane Dorian on the East Coast, tropical storm flooding in Texas, and tornadoes and floods in the Midwest. On average, the Red Cross responds to a new major disaster every 14 days in the U.S. — on top of responding each year to tens of thousands of smaller disasters like home fires, which account for most of the 62,000-plus disasters that the Red Cross responds to annually across the country.

People can donate throughout the holiday season by donating at redcross.org/gift:

Help disaster victims: A gift of \$50 can deliver hot meals for five people or provide blankets for 10 people after a disaster, or a larger donation of \$100 can provide a family of two with a full day’s worth of emergency shelter, including meals, snacks, blankets, cots and hygiene supplies.

Help military members and veterans: Meanwhile, a donation of \$50 can help connect veterans and their families to critical community services, such as food, housing, mental health support and rehabilitation. A larger

gift of \$145 can provide hospital kits, filled with toiletries and other essentials, for 20 service members.

Help save lives internationally: People can also help save lives through our work with the Measles & Rubella Initiative, which provides vaccinations for children and educates families about the dangers of measles and rubella. A gift of \$100 can help provide lifesaving vaccinations for 100 children facing an increased risk of measles and rubella around the world.

The holidays are a difficult time to collect blood because of busy schedules and inclement weather. Still, the need for blood is constant to help accident victims, cancer patients and others who rely on lifesaving blood products every day. Make an appointment to donate blood or platelets by visiting redcrossblood.org.

The American Red Cross shelters, feeds and provides emotional support to victims of disasters; supplies about 40 percent of the nation’s blood; teaches skills that save lives; provides international humanitarian aid; and supports military members and their families. The Red Cross is a not-for-profit organization that depends on volunteers and the generosity of the American public to perform its mission. For more information, please visit redcross.org or cruzrojaamericana.org, or visit us on Twitter at @RedCross.

WOODSTOCK — A tradition of supporting educational excellence in Woodstock, The Woodstock Education Foundation’s 2019 Starlight Gala was an uplifting celebration of community, education and the children of Woodstock. The event raised much needed funds for teacher-initiated grants that provide funding for arts and educational enrichment programs for pre-K-8 students in Woodstock Public Schools. In addition to the many live and silent auction items that were available to guests to bid on, including original artwork created by the 3rd and 4th grade art classes, the stunning ballroom at The Mansion was adorned with student artwork.

“I am continually humbled by the continued generosity of our supporters and guests who helped us achieve our goal again this year,” said Gala committee chair Debra Lafiandra.

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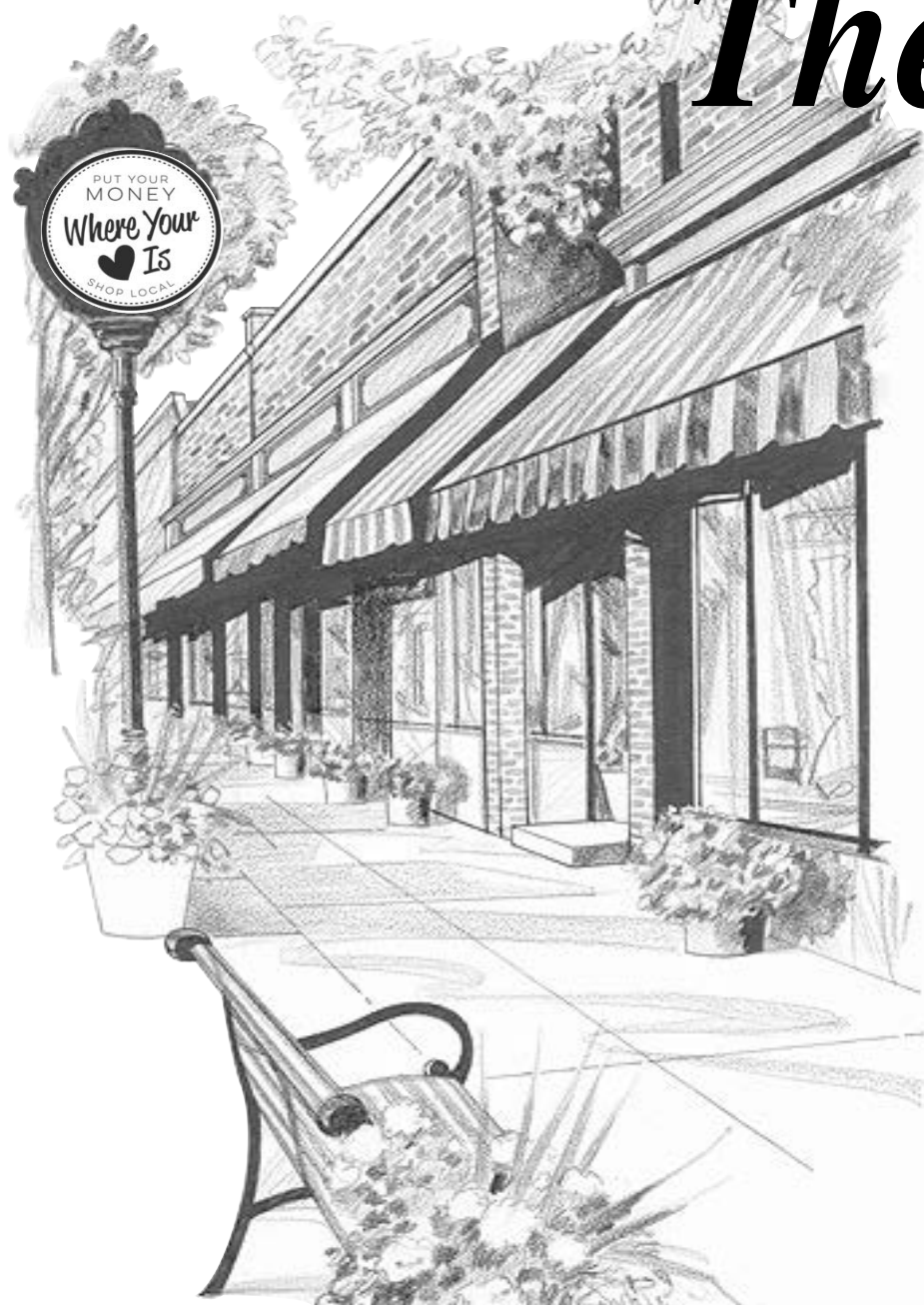


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## Pride caps season with win over Thames River

BY CHARLIE LENTZ  
VILLAGER EDITOR

NORWICH — The bond between coach and player extends beyond the 120 yards of the gridiron — a tacit understanding of the punishing toll that football can levy on the body. Quinebaug Valley Pride coach Joe Asermelly knows full well that at 5-foot-6 and 150 pounds, Isaiah Evans sacrifices more than most when he steps between the sidelines. So the coach was thankful on Thanksgiving Eve when his diminutive junior persevered in perhaps the key play in Quinebaug Valley’s 21-14 victory over Thames River in the season finale for both teams.

“That kid has experienced tremendous adversity — both on the field but especially off the field,” Asermelly said. “The mental toughness in the moment — he was ready for that moment in ways people will never understand, just he and I know. I couldn’t be more darn proud that he worked his way to finish this season and make a defining play like that.”

Evans’ “defining play” came after Thames River had seized momentum after grabbing a 14-8 lead with the help of Dominic Martinez’s 22-yard touchdown catch with 6:50 left in the third quarter.

On the ensuing kickoff the football floated to Evans at the Pride’s 22-yard line — he raced up the left sideline only to be met by a hoard of Crusaders at Quinebaug Valley’s 45-yard



Charlie Lentz photo

Quinebaug Valley’s Lee Schiavetti rushes against Thames River on Nov. 27 in Norwich. Schiavetti ran for 188 yards against Thames River, lifting his season total to 1,480 yards to establish a single-season rushing mark for Quinebaug Valley. Schiavetti broke the previous single-season record of 1,415 yards, set by Raiff Santerre in the 2014 season.

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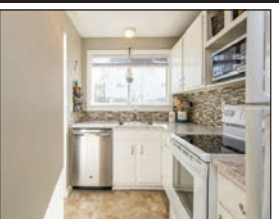
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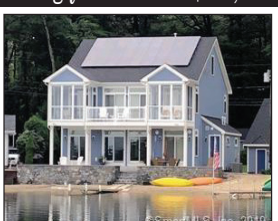
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# NOW and PSA host hoop clinic



Putnam Science Academy coach Tom Espinosa worked with kids at Tourtellotte Memorial.

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NOW staff members worked with clinic participants in a fitness and nutrition skill station.

Academy to play host to a free Youth Basketball Clinic on Nov. 17 at Tourtellotte Memorial High School. One hundred and 10 children participated in the clinic, learning a variety of skills from PSA coaches and athletes. The two-hour event saw participating children rotate through eight skill stations, with a goal of introducing and improving such skills as passing, shooting, dribbling, footwork, and more. The clinic was the final event in a series of free 2019 events hosted by NOW designed to introduce sports and wellness activities to children in the 10-town area of Northeast Connecticut. The Basketball Clinic saw a record number of children, with over 100 registrations in less than two weeks. The high number of participants is a

testament to the popularity of the sport and NOW Executive Director Sarah Wolfburg shared her appreciation for Putnam Science Academy's partnership in running the clinic. "We are always glad to work with coach Tom Espinosa and his players. NOW has had a long friendship with Putnam Science Academy and the success of this event is thanks to them," Wolfburg said. In addition to Coach Espinosa, PSA was represented by Coach Kevin Donovan, Coach Josh Scraba, and players Amir Sanders, Marty Silvera, Mekhi Gray, Jonnie Williams, Eli Everett, Viktor Shvetc, Melvyn Ebonkoli, Vladislav Goldin, Max Armstead, Jayden Brewington, and Travis Whitehouse. NOW has offered a variety of clinics in 2019,

including: Baseball, Track & Field, Soccer, Yoga, Swimming, Football, and with the December 17th clinic, Basketball. All NOW Clinics are designed to introduce area children to sports, offering instruction by local coaches and student athletes. NOW Programming Staff also run fun and interactive activities focused on nutrition education and general fitness. NOW staff are already working on scheduling 2020 clinics, with plans for additional Baseball and Track & Field events planned for late February and early March, respectively. The clinic also featured a new initiative to collect new stuffed animals to be used during youth medical exams at Day Kimball Healthcare. The stuffed animal drive will be a fixture at future

NOW events and clinics and Sunday's clinic saw over a dozen stuffed animals donated by families. NOW will donate all animals collected after each event. NOW is a non-profit human services organization focused on youth wellness. NOW provides children with the opportunity to participate in area wellness activities and athletics programs, offering scholarships to the youth of the community with up to 95 percent of the cost being subsidized by NOW. The mission of the organization is to provide ALL children, regardless of financial resources, equal opportunities to achieve & maintain youth wellness, beginning at an early age. To learn more about NOW, including future clinics and events, visit [www.NOWinMotion.org](http://www.NOWinMotion.org).

## PRIDE

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line. "I was trying to go all the way but I got stopped," Evans said. "I just kept pushing." Instead of going down at the Pride's 45 — a rugby scrum broke out as Evans was surrounded by players from both sides. Like a motor scooter hitched to a Mack truck — he was towed another 16 yards to Thames River's 39-yard line. "I had my teammates pushing me about like 20 yards," Evans said. "They really helped me out with that." After Evans' kickoff return the Pride needed just one play to score — sophomore running back Lee Schiavetti ran 39 yards for the touchdown and Sam Rebello kicked the point after to give Quinebaug Valley the lead for good, 15-14. Schiavetti said Evans' kickoff

return was clutch. "That was one of the biggest plays of the game," Schiavetti said. "That really just set us up to win really. Everybody played a great game. It was a team win." The Pride opened the scoring on a 12-yard touchdown run from Schiavetti on Quinebaug Valley's six-play 66-yard drive following the opening kickoff — Schiavetti also ran for the conversion and the Pride led 8-0 with 9:45 left in the first quarter. Thames River cut its deficit to 8-6 on Seth Cunningham's 18-yard touchdown run with 9:55 left in the first half. Thames River took a 14-8 lead on Jackson Brenek's 22-yard touchdown toss to Martinez followed by Martinez's two-point-conversion run with 6:50 left in the third quarter. Down by six points, the Pride answered with Evans' key return and Schiavetti's 39-yard scoring

scamper. "We needed to make a play and I'm so proud that it was that kid (Evans)," Asermelly said. The Pride completed the scoring on a five-yard touchdown run from Schiavetti with 11:52 remaining in the fourth quarter — stretching their margin to 21-14. Schiavetti finished with 188 yards and three touchdowns on 30 carries. Many of Schiavetti's carries went right up the gut behind senior center Jaylen Brinson. "We ran right behind our senior, Jaylen Brinson, a lot tonight. Lee Schiavetti's the talent but Jay is the workhorse. And (senior fullback) Colby Pedersen leading the way for him — two seniors with great nights," Asermelly said. "I'm real happy that the team effort was good enough to send the seniors off the way they deserved — with a win. They'll always have that. It's four quarters for the rest of your life and they understood that." Schiavetti finished the season with 1,480 yards on the ground, establishing a single-season rushing record for Quinebaug Valley. Schiavetti broke the previous single-season record of 1,415 yards, set by Raiff Santerre in the 2014 campaign. "Team effort and I feel amazing about it," said Schiavetti of his record-setting season. "Just a team effort right there." Cunningham finished with 205 yards on 31 carries for the Thames River. The loss ended the Crusaders' season with a record of 7-3. The win completed Quinebaug Valley's season with a final mark of 7-3. "This is a rivalry game and they've gotten us the last two years," Asermelly said. "It's nice to get one back, just real-

ly proud of the seniors. Some of those seniors literally left their bodies on the field tonight. It's definitely going to make for a sweet holiday." A sweet Thanksgiving for coach and player with a bond that extends far beyond the 120 yards of a football field. At 5-foot-6 and 150 pounds, Evans doesn't measure up to most of his teammates — perhaps no scale can accurately weigh his worth. "I mean on that return he just drove, and drove, and drove. He carried about half that kickoff team an extra 30 yards on his back," Asermelly said. "He's not the biggest guy — but on that return — the biggest heart."

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Quinebaug Valley's Raiff Santerre dives for the end zone to complete a 15-yard touchdown run in a 45-28 win over Abbott Tech/Immaculate on Sept. 28, 2013 in Danbury. Santerre held the previous single-season rushing record for QVP, set in 2104 with 1,415 yards. Santerre's mark was broken this season by Lee Schiavetti, with 1,480 yards.

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QUINEBAUG VALLEY 21, THAMES RIVER 14				
Quinebaug	8	0	7	6-21
Thames	0	6	8	0-14
FIRST QUARTER				
Q- Lee Schiavetti 12 run (Schiavetti run) 9:45				
SECOND QUARTER				
T- Seth Cunningham 18 run (run failed) 9:55				
THIRD QUARTER				
Dom Martinez 22 pass from Jackson Brenek (Martinez run) 6:50				
Q- Schiavetti 39 run (Sam Rebello kick) 6:19				
FOURTH QUARTER				
Q- Schiavetti 5 run (run failed) 11:52				
	Quinebaug		Thames	
First Downs	12		19	
Rushes-yards	39-207		57-333	
Passing	48 3		1	
Sacked-yds lost	0-0		0-0	
Comp-Att-Int	3-7-0		2-11-0	
Punts-Avg.	2-22 1		-63	
Fumbles-Lost	0-0		1-0	
Penalties-Yards	3-25		8-62	
INDIVIDUAL STATISTICS				
RUSHING- Q: Schiavetti 30-188, 3 TDs; Mike Merrill 6-7; D'Andre Therecka 1-9				
Colby Pedersen 1-3, Cunningham 31-205, TD; Cole Occhialini 15-74; Tyler Longo 4-30; Martinez 3-13; Alex Zair 4-3.				
PASSING- Q: Merrill 3-7-0 for 48 yards. T: Renek 2-11-0 for 31 yards, TD.				
RECEIVING- Q: Therecka 1-31; Pedersen 1-17; Schiavetti 1-0. T: Martinez 2-31, TD.				



# ECC Football All-Star Team



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**Killingly High coach Chad Neal was voted the ECC Coach of the Year.**



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**Woodstock Academy's Nick Bedard was named to the ECC Division II All-Star Team at wide receiver.**

DAYVILLE — The Eastern Connecticut Conference Football All-Star Team is as follows.

CONFERENCE AWARDS  
Coach of the Year: CHAD NEAL, Killingly High

Division I Player of the Year: ANDREW COTE, Norwich Free Academy

Division II Player of the Year: RYAN BAKKEN, Waterford

Division III Player of the Year: LUCIEN DUBE, Plainfield

Eastern Connecticut Football Officials Sportsmanship Award: Killingly High

## DIVISION I OFFENSE

C — CHRIS GREEN, NFA  
OL — LAVERY HILL, NFA  
OL — JACOB GALARZA, Killingly  
OL — VINCENT TRENTO, Fitch  
OL — RAHTREL PERRY, New London  
QB — JACOB NURSE, Killingly  
WR — ANDREW COTE, NFA  
WR — NOAH CHARRON, Fitch  
WR — NOLAN MOLKENTHIN, NFA  
RB — JAYLEN CALENDAR, New London  
RB — JACK SHARPE, Killingly

## DEFENSE

DL — CONNOR LEDUC, Killingly  
DL — JOE KLINK, NFA  
DE — ZACH TODD, East Lyme  
DE — JOSH BROWN, NFA  
LB — NATE COTE, NFA  
LB — CAM HART, East Lyme  
LB — JOHN CRESWELL, Killingly  
LB — GREG SANTORA, Fitch  
DB — SCOTT GALBO, East Lyme  
DB — XAVIER MARQUEZ, NFA  
DB — ETHAN MOJICA, Fitch

## SPECIALTY

P — BRANDON DONASTORG, New London  
PK — CHRIS JAX, Killingly  
UTL — LASHIER EDWARDS, Fitch

## HONORABLE MENTION

DAVID DORN, Fitch  
FRANKIE PRATTS, New London  
NOAH PERRY, East Lyme  
JAYDEN DESILUS, NFA  
KAMERON CROWE, Killingly  
SILAS GATES, NFA

## SPORTSMANSHIP

CLAYTON SMITH, New London  
JEFF ANDRUSKIEWICZ, NFA  
NATE HIGHMAN, East Lyme  
LOGAN GAGNE, Fitch  
CALEB JOHNSON, Killingly

## SCHOLAR-ATHLETE

TIMOTHY FLYNN, New London  
DANIEL EGGLE, NFA  
COLEMAN GROFF, East Lyme  
CAM ALDINGER, Fitch  
JACOB NURSE, Killingly

## DIVISION II OFFENSE

C — BRYAN FUSARO, Stonington  
OL — JEREMIAH HARSHBURGER, Waterford

OL — ETHAN WELCH, Waterford  
OL — GAVIN LANNING, Woodstock  
OL — JACOB FIGUEROA, Bacon Academy  
QB — RYAN BAKKEN, Waterford  
WR — PAYTON SUTMAN, Waterford  
WR — MIKE VINCENT, Waterford  
WR — NICK BEDARD, Woodstock  
RB — TERRANCE GIGNAC, Bacon Academy  
RB — CONOR BROWN, Bacon Academy

## DEFENSE

DL — JOSE ROSARIO, Waterford  
DL — DYLAN GRAHAM, Bacon Academy  
DE — NOAH VIOLETTE, Bacon Academy  
DE — WILL SUTMAN, Waterford  
LB — BRAYDEN GRIM, Ledyard  
LB — JACKSON HARSHBERGER, Waterford  
LB — TRAVIS WHITE, Woodstock  
LB — JAKE CAVALLO, Bacon Academy  
DB — CHRISTIAN HIGHTOWER, Waterford  
DB — JAIDEN BICKHAM, Ledyard  
DB — CADEN FOOTE, Ledyard

## SPECIALTY

P — AIDAN MORIN, Woodstock Academy  
PK — SEAN BALDYGA, Bacon Academy  
UTL — LUIS MIRANDA, Woodstock Academy

## HONORABLE MENTION

AMZIE HINKLEY, Bacon Academy  
JACK ZURO, Stonington  
ROBBIE PETRIEL, Ledyard  
ETHAN DAVIS, Woodstock Academy  
TREY BRENNAN, Waterford  
SAM MENDERS, Waterford

## SPORTSMANSHIP

RUSSELL PAJOR, Bacon Academy  
JUSTIN KINNEY, Ledyard  
ANDREW CASTAGLIUOLO, Stonington  
LUKE SOKOLSKI, Waterford  
GAVIN LANNING, Woodstock Academy

## SCHOLAR-ATHLETE

RYAN BAKKEN, Waterford  
BENJAMIN ASKEW, Ledyard  
SEAN BALDYGA, Bacon Academy  
JOSH CURTIN, Stonington  
LUIS MIRANDA, Woodstock Academy

## DIVISION III OFFENSE

C — DANIEL SZUMSKI, CREC  
OL — AIDEN MURILLO, Windham  
OL — CALEB GIBSON, Plainfield  
OL — TYLER ROBERTS, PLAINFIELD  
OL — TIM LEITZINGER, Montville  
QB — ANDREW KOZIOL, Griswold/Wheeler  
WR — DEMARI MORRELL, CREC  
WR — LOGAN CHAPPELL, Griswold/Wheeler  
WR — MATTHEW



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**Killingly High's Jacob Nurse was named to the ECC Division I All-Star Team at quarterback.**

DEPONTE, Griswold/Wheeler  
RB — ANTHONY FRANKLIN, Griswold/Wheeler  
RB — LUCIEN DUBE, Plainfield

## DEFENSE

DL — TRENTON JACKSON, CREC  
DL — JUDE WATSON, CREC  
DE — BRYCE CARCHIDI, Plainfield  
DE — JOSE JIMENEZ, Windham  
LB — DORRIAN CHANEY, CREC  
LB — MICHAEL SIMS, Griswold/Wheeler  
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LB — RAIDEN MCDADE, CREC  
DB — ALEX DRAKE, Plainfield  
DB — KAHLIL EASTON, Plainfield  
DB — NEHEMIAH OWENS, Montville

## SPECIALTY

P — JOVANALMODOVAR, Windham  
PK — LUCAS BARTRET, Griswold/Wheeler  
UTL — TOMICO WILLIAMS, CREC

## HONORABLE MENTION

LIAM SMITH, Plainfield  
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MATTSON, Griswold/Wheeler  
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COLIN NICKERSON, Montville  
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CADE WOLAK, Plainfield  
COLBY VANTINE, Griswold/Wheeler  
STEVEN TURCHETTA, Montville  
TRENTON JACKSON, CREC

## SCHOLAR-ATHLETE

ABDIEL ENCARNACION, Windham  
LIAM SMITH, Plainfield  
SHAHZIL ALI, Griswold/Wheeler  
CURTIS BUECKER, Montville  
JUDE WATSON, CREC

## CIAC addresses behavior by adults

PUTNAM — In partnership with its member schools, CIAC has created and is sharing a 30-second public service announcement created to address inappropriate adult fan behavior at high school sporting events. The PSA can be viewed at: <https://casci.ac/5107>. The spot features representatives from eight different schools along with one official, and includes 21 different individuals sharing a message for fans to act in a way that does not diminish the experience for those taking part in the contests. "To better understand student-athlete experiences in Connecticut, the CIAC brought kids together through our Sportsmanship Committee and Student Athletic Advisory Board," said CAS-CIAC Executive Director Glenn Lungarini. "In those forums we asked, 'How can we improve high school sports for student athletes?' Their resounding response was to address adult fan behavior at games. In support of Connecticut high school athletes, the CIAC worked with our member schools to develop PSAs addressing adult fan behavior at our games. Let us join together and give the coaches, officials, and our student-athletes the respect and love they deserve. It's their game. Let them enjoy it." CIAC reached out to its membership seeking volunteers to take part in a PSA addressing sportsmanship concerns, and received an enthusiastic response. The piece was also inspired by a similar project from the Main Principals Association, the peer athletic organization in Maine. The announcement was publicly premiered at the CIAC Sportsmanship Conference on Nov. 21, and then was shared publicly on CIAC social media. The video has been viewed more than 8,000 times on CIAC's various social media platforms with more than 400 likes and shares. CIAC is planning additional productions with a similar message for the following athletic seasons with more student representation

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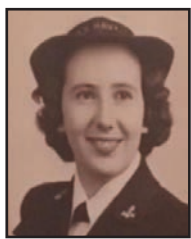
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## Yvonne J. Page, 97



**DANIELSON** – Yvonne Jeanne Page, 97, of Danielson, passed away on November 27, 2019 at Pierce Memorial Baptist Home in Brooklyn. She was born in Chicago, IL on May 27, 1922, daughter of the late Charles and Marie (Augereau) Van den Broeck. She was the wife of the late Bernard L. Page, they were married March 5, 1945 in Norfolk, VA, he died May 25, 2013. Yvonne served in the Navy during WWII from 1943-1945 and received the National Defense Medal, Good Conduct Medal, American Campaign Medal and

the WWII Victory Medal. She worked for twenty years as a manager for The Rogers Corporation Credit Union. She is survived by her sons, Stephen C. Page and wife Kathi of Glen Allen, VA and Dennis M. Page and wife Joan of Danielson, five grandchildren and two great grandchildren. Funeral services will be private. Tillinghast Funeral Home, 433 Main Street, Danielson is in charge of arrangements.



## Robert W. Stebbins, 55

**WEBSTER** – Robert W. Stebbins, 55, passed away unexpectedly on December 2, 2019 at Hillcrest Commons Nursing & Rehabilitation Center in Pittsfield, MA.

He is survived by his companion and soulmate of 25 years, Heidi L. Boyle of Putnam; his nine children, Cory Stebbins of Webster, Brittany L. Boyle and her significant other Kyle J. Jankowski of Rutland, Justin R. Boyle and his significant other Ashley Jason of Spencer, Jenna N. Stebbins of Putnam, Patrick R. Stebbins of Putnam, Brendon M. Stebbins of Putnam, Heather R. Stebbins of Putnam, Sarah J. Stebbins of Putnam and Kerry A. Stebbins of Putnam; his granddaughter Ava L. Boyle; three brothers, Michael P. Stebbins and his wife Angela of Pensacola, Florida, Douglas W. Stebbins and his wife

Holly of Newton, North Carolina and Leo R. Monahan and his wife Karen of Leicester; two sisters, Deborah L. Beaucage of Webster and Michele P. Monahan-Johnson and her husband Wayne of Dudley. Mr. Stebbins was predeceased by his two brothers, Thomas Monahan and Donald Stebbins. He was born in Worcester, son of the late Francis A. Stebbins and Gladys P. (Bennett) Stebbins. Mr. Stebbins was a graduate of Oxford High School. He was a machinist, working at numerous companies in the area.

Mr. Stebbins was a determined man who loved his children and family dearly. He enjoyed wood craft and antiques.

Calling Hours will be held Friday, December 6, 2019 from 6-8 p.m. at Paradis-Givner Funeral Home, 357 Main Street., Oxford. In lieu of flowers, Robert's family requests donations to help with expenses by clicking on the "Appeal for Donations" button on his obituary on the funeral home website below his photo.

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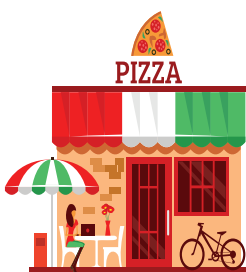
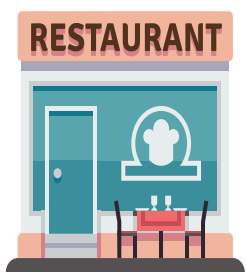
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## Victor A. Brezniak, 74



WEBSTER - Victor A. "Vic" Brezniak, 74, died Sunday, December 1, 2019 in UMass/Memorial University Campus with family at his side.

He leaves his wife of 44 years, Eleanor M. "Ellie" (Trojanowski) Brezniak; a son, Gregory A. Brezniak of Oxford; a daughter, Catherine E. Brezniak of Webster; 2 brothers, James Brezniak and his wife Lorraine of Putnam, CT, and Timothy Brezniak and his wife Sandra, of Woodstock, CT; 3 sisters, Constance Hvizdos and her husband Richard of Douglas, and Margaret M. Belec-Brezniak and Theresa M. Pelletier and her husband John, all of Webster; a sister-in-law, Natalie Ostrokolowicz of Webster; nephews and nieces. He was preceded in death by 2 brothers, Thomas P. Brezniak and David P. Brezniak.

He was born in Webster on September 18, 1945, the son of Victor F. and Mary T. (Przystas) Brezniak and was a lifelong resident. He graduated from the Franciscan Friars Catholic School in Pulaski, Wisconsin.

He was a decorated US Navy veteran of the Vietnam War. As a Petty Officer, he made 231 combat patrols as a river boat gunner. In that capacity, he boarded and searched over 6,000 craft. He supported U.S. Navy Seal Troops which often took him deep into enemy controlled territory on nar-

row, heavily fortified canals defended by opposing troops. He was a superb marksman and operated a 50-caliber machine gun in protecting our troops from the enemy. He was awarded a bronze star for his bravery.

Mr. Brezniak worked in quality control at Stevens Linen Associates in Dudley and then at Guilford of Maine in Douglas before retiring.

He was a member of Saint Joseph Basilica. He greatly enjoyed stamp collecting and belonged to the Oxford Stamp Club. An accomplished carpenter, he built the family home and always had projects to complete. In his retirement he worked as a delivery man for the former Cindy's Flower Shop and Gifts in Webster. He was an amateur photographer for many years.

His funeral was held Thursday, December 5, from the Sitkowski & Malboeuf Funeral Home, 340 School Street, with a Mass at 10:00 AM in Saint Joseph Basilica, 53 Whitcomb Street. Burial will be in Saint Joseph Garden of Peace, with the Webster-Dudley Veterans Council performing the military honors. Visiting hours were held from 5:00 to 7:00 PM on Wednesday, December 4, in the funeral home. Donations in his name may be made to Saint Joseph Basilica, 53 Whitcomb St., Webster, MA 01570. [www.sitkowski-malboeuf.com](http://www.sitkowski-malboeuf.com)



## Kenneth Butkiewicz, 82

DUDLEY- Kenneth Butkiewicz age 82 passed away Tuesday, November 26, 2019 at the Univ. Of MA Hospital, Worcester. He leaves his wife of 26 years, Beverly E. (Carpenter) Butkiewicz. He also leaves a son Steven Pantos of Dudley, two daughters, Deborah Janowicz and her husband Joseph of Homosassa, FL and Nicole Cimochofski of Dudley, three grandchildren, Ryan, Andrew and Victoria and one great grandson Kyle. He also leaves a brother Frank Butkiewicz of NY. He was born in Brooklyn, NY son of the late Frank Butkiewicz and Henrietta (Zabo) Butkiewicz and lived in Dudley for the past 40 years prior to that living in Holden, MA. He was a Vietnam era, US Army veteran. Ken was a purchasing agent for Dana Corp.

He enjoyed hunting, fishing, canoeing, bicycling and kayaking. Ken donated his time on the Rail Trail for 14 years. There are no calling hours. Please omit flowers, family requests donations in his memory may be made to the Second Chance Animal Shelter, 111 Young Rd. East Brookfield, MA. 01515. The Shaw-Majercik Funeral Home, 48 School St., Webster, MA has been entrusted with his arrangements. A guest book is available at [www.shaw-majercik.com](http://www.shaw-majercik.com) where you may post a condolence or light a candle.



## Dr. Anthony R. Kopas DDS, 85

WORCESTER- Dr. Anthony R. Kopas DDS age 85 passed away Friday, November 29, 2019 at St. Vincent Hospital, Worcester. He leaves his loving companion Lynda Schaefer of Worcester, two sons, Anthony R. Kopas II Wrentham, Atty. Jan Adam Kopas II and his wife Cheryl of Worcester, two daughters Kathleen Kopas Texas and Mary Lou Kopas and her husband Atty. Charles Caldart of Seattle Washington, nine grandchildren and three great grandchildren. He had four brothers and three sisters that predeceased him, John, Francis Charles, Charles Francis and Joseph Kopas, Anna Placzek, Mary Kozlowski, and Albina Leslie.

He was born in Dudley son of the late John A. Kopas and Theresa (Sienkarik) Kopas living in Worcester for over 55 years. He was a US Air

Force Veteran. Dr. Kopas had a dental practice in Worcester for 45 years. He was a member of the American Dental Assoc. and his great joy was flying. There are no calling hours and private graveside service will be held with military honors in St. Anthony Cemetery Webster. Please omit flowers and donations in his memory may be made to the Webster-Dudley Veteran Council, Veterans Way, Webster, MA 01570. The Shaw-Majercik Funeral Home, 48 School St., Webster, MA has been entrusted with his arrangements. A guest book is available at [www.shaw-majercik.com](http://www.shaw-majercik.com) where you may post a condolence or light a candle.



## Clarke P. Conway, 90

CAMBRIDGE/ ATHOL- Clarke P. Conway, 90, passed away Monday November 18, 2019 at the Fitchburg Health Care Center in Fitchburg, MA; he is survived by his dear friend Glenn E. Degere of Athol. Clarke was preceded in death by his life-partner of fifty-two years, Dr. Paul Brazeau.

Clarke was born in Bethesda, Maryland on July 18, 1929, son of the late Clarke and Mary (Torbet) Conway.

Clarke attended the Swathmore College in Pennsylvania, earning his Bachelor's degree. After completion of his studies at Swathmore, Clarke earned his Master's degree in arts and teaching from Yale University, and attended post-grad at Yale drama School.

Upon completion of his education, Clarke served honorably in the United States Army during the Korean War, after which he moved to New York

City and began singing at various night clubs. Clarke was the last surviving cast member of the original production of West Side Story.

Clarke worked for the New York City Public Library System as the resident expert of Russian Ballet. Clarke served as the press director for Carnegie Hall for thirty-five years.

Private funeral arrangements have been entrusted to the care of the Shaw-Majercik Funeral Home, 48 School Street Webster, MA.

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 of remembrance



## Catherine A. Thomas, 67



THOMPSON - Catherine (LaRoche) Thomas, 67, of School St., passed away on Tuesday, November 26, 2019 at Day Kimball Hospital. Born in Putnam, and a life long resident of Thompson, she was the daughter of the late Donat and Constance (Borse) LaRoche.

Ms. Thomas was a student at Annhurst College and graduate of Nichols College. She worked as an accountant for Davis Publication in Worcester, MA. Catherine was the Town Chairman for the Thompson Democratic Town committee for 40 years and was a member of the Thompson Recreation Committee for 30 years. She received the 2019 Ella Grasso Women's Leadership Award.

She enjoyed going to concerts, making frequent day trips to the beach in the summer and vacationing in Kittery, Maine. Catherine was an avid Yankees Fan and loved the Red Sox rivalry with her friends.

Catherine is survived by her brother, Paul LaRoche of N. Grosvenordale; and several close friends, Larry and Erica Groh, Ken Beausoleil, Cindy Dunne, Renee Waldron, Paul, Jeanne and Diane Dery, the William's Family, Donna, Doug, Don and Laura and Lynn and Al Landry. She maintained a consistent relationship with all the members of the Thompson Democratic Town Committee.

Catherine will be truly missed by all who loved her leadership, spirit and humanity.

Relatives and friends were invited to visit with Catherine's family from 5:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. on Tuesday, December 3, 2019 in the Valade Funeral Home and Crematory, 23 Main St., N. Grosvenordale. A Mass of Christian Burial took place on Wednesday December 4, 2019 at 10:30 a.m. in St. Joseph Church, 18 Main St., N. Grosvenordale, CT. Burial will follow in St. Joseph Cemetery. Memorial donations may be made to T.E.E.G., P.O. Box 664, N. Grosvenordale, CT 06255. For memorial guestbook visit [www.GilmanAndValade.com](http://www.GilmanAndValade.com).

## Charles G. Collins, 76



NORWICH - Charles Gordon Collins, age 76, husband of Barbara A. Collins, passed away November 21, 2019. He was born in Norwich on December 13, 1942, son of the late Charles S. and Cecilia (Demers) Collins. He married Barbara Ann (Murray) Savitsky Collins on December 31, 1991.

Early on he worked for 10 years at Pervel Industries in Plainfield. He then owned and operated Collins Colonial Reproductions, Inc., and built Post and Beam homes and Barns in the Brooklyn area. He also owned and operated C. Collins Door Co. and was a business man most of his life. While his children were growing up he was very involved in coaching baseball and basketball. He also was a starter for BMX bike racing. He had a great love of antique and customized cars all of his life, especially his 1963 ½ Ford Galaxie low-rider. His life interests were his children and grandchildren. He also loved dancing and cruising with his wife Barbara in their hotrod "Shameless".

Besides his wife Barbara, he is survived by his former wife Joyce

(Santerre) Postovoit, his children, Charles J. Collins of Middletown and Marie Dupre and husband Kevin of Putnam. Daughter-in-law Kristin Collins of Putnam, two step-children Lisa A. Niles of Griswold and Larry Savitsky Jr. and wife Diane of Bethel, CT. Two brothers Gilbert F. Collins and wife Arlene of Canterbury and Daniel S. Collins and wife Julie of Vernon. Two sisters Donna M. Levesque and husband Frank of Killingly and Kathleen J. O'Neil and husband Scott of Hiram, ME. He is also survived by his grandchildren Alexis and Kylie Collins, Devin, Colin and Erin Dupre, Grace Collins, Nicole Niles, Adam Cohen, Steven Vlash and Megan Savitsky. Two great grandchildren and many nieces and nephews. He was predeceased by his son Christopher S. Collins and brother Thomas D. Collins.

Family and friends are invited to attend a graveside service on Saturday December 7, 2019 at 11:00 AM at Evergreen Cemetery, Central Village, followed by a celebration of Charles' life at the American Legion Post 91, 66 Prospect Street in Moosup. There are no calling hours. Tillinghast Funeral Home, 433 Main Street, Danielson is in charge of arrangements. [tillinghastfh.com](http://tillinghastfh.com)

## Ernest H. Dumas, 90



PUTNAM- Ernest H. Dumas, 90, of David St., passed away on Wednesday, November 27, 2019 at UMass Memorial Hospital. He was the loving husband of the late Theresa C. Dumas. They were married for 62 years. Born in Ballouville, CT, he was the son of the late Edgar and Dorothy (Cusson) Dumas.

Mr. Dumas was the owner and operator of Dumas Construction prior to his employment as the Director of the City of Putnam's Highway Department. He enjoyed golfing and especially loved spending time with his children and grandchildren.

Ernest is survived by his sons, Ronald Dumas and his wife Donna of Jacksonville, FL, and Arthur Dumas

and his wife Audra of Aurora, CO; his daughters, Diane DiVincenzo and her husband Richard of Putnam, and Joyce Dumas of MA; his brother, Ernest Dumas of FL; daughter in law Donna of Putnam; 15 grandchildren; and 19 great-grandchildren. He was predeceased by his son Glenn Dumas; his brother Henry Dumas; sister Theresa; and his great-grandson, the late Connor James McKeon.

Relatives and friends are invited to a Mass of Christian Burial for Ernest at 10:30 a.m. on Saturday, December 7, 2019 in St. Mary Church of the Visitation Church, 218 Providence St., Putnam, CT. Burial will follow in St. Mary Cemetery.

Memorial donations may be made to St. Jude Children's Hospital, Memorial's Processing, 501 St. Jude Place, Memphis, TN 38105. For memorial guestbook visit [www.GilmanAndValade.com](http://www.GilmanAndValade.com).

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# OBITUARIES

## Estelle T. Wright, 70



**N O R T H** GROSVENORDALE - Estelle T. Wright, 70, of Riverside Drive, passed away on Thursday, November 28, 2019 in her home. Born in North Grosvenordale, CT, she was the daughter of the late Urbain and Henrietta T. (Couture) Boutin.

Estelle worked as a salesperson at X-tra Mart for 24 years. She truly loved reading, crafting, knitting, games of all kinds, and woodworking and especially loved her border collie "Pogo."

Estelle is survived by her three sons, Donald Mitchell of Brooklyn, CT, Richard Mitchell of DE, A.J. Mitchell of Danielson, CT; her two daughters, Dawn Hippert of Brooklyn, CT and Heather Mitchell of Saco, ME; four brothers, John Boutin of Mayoden, NC, Norman Boutin of NC, Urbain Boutin of NC, Louis Boutin of North Grosvenordale, CT; and three sisters, Matilda Andrzejewski of Fabyan, CT, Cybil Obrian of Canterbury, CT and Joyce Gregoir of Putnam, CT. She was predeceased by her brother, the late

Alex Tobin. She loved her grandchildren Robert Jubinsky, Alex Mitchell, Tyler Gaucher, Zachary Costa-Mello, Samantha Broomhall, Benjamin Hippert, and Garret Hippert and felt blessed for her time with them.

Estelle lived life to the fullest extent enjoying every moments she could on adventures in the outdoors. She loved to be on the water kayaking and spending time at the ocean reading a book or enjoying quiet peaceful time. Estelle always knew what she wanted in life and nothing stopped her from that. In her last years she camped as often as she could and enjoyed many memories with friends and family.

Relatives and friends are invited to visit with Estelle's family from 5:00 pm to 8:00 pm on Friday, December 6, 2019 in the Valade Funeral Home, 23 Main St. North Grosvenordale, CT. A Mass of Christian Burial will be held at St. Joseph Church, 18 Main St. North Grosvenordale, CT. at 12:30 pm on Saturday December 7, 2019. Memorial donations may be made to: Northeast CT Cancer Fund, C/O Day Kimball Hospital, P.O. Box 632, Putnam, CT. 06260. For memorial guestbook visit [www.GilmanAndValade.com](http://www.GilmanAndValade.com).

## Janice A. Kettle, 84



**FARMINGTON,** CT - Janice A. (Graham) Kettle, 84, died Saturday, November 2, 2019, at her daughter's home in Salado, Texas. She was predeceased by her husband of 55 years, Frank G. Kettle who died in 2010. She is survived by two children, Gary L. Kettle and his wife Marcia of North Grosvenordale, CT, and Louise A. Whitaker and her husband Lonnie of Salado, TX; two brothers, George Graham of Clinton and Robert Graham of Lebanon, PA; four grandchildren, Jaimee Taborda, Tammie Smith, Shaun Whitaker, and Jeremy Whitaker; nine great-grandchildren, and many nephews and nieces. She was predeceased by her sister, Evelyn Graham; and two broth-

ers, Donald Graham and William Graham. She was born in Lancaster, MA, daughter of the late James W. and Harriet D. (Tuttle) Graham, and lived in Farmington for many years and North Grosvenordale for several years, before moving to Texas five years ago.

Mrs. Kettle worked at Progressive Specialty Glass of Southington for 7 years, retiring in 2001. She was a member of the First Congregational Church in Farmington. She enjoyed duckpin bowling, camping with her husband, riding her motorcycle, and spending time at the ocean.

A graveside service will be held at Eastwood Cemetery in Lancaster, MA, at a later date. In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be made to the Alzheimer's Association, 309 Waverly Oaks Rd., Waltham, MA 02452. [paradisfuneralhome.com](http://paradisfuneralhome.com)

## Patrick D. Falkowski, 23



**PUTNAM-** Patrick D. Falkowski, 23, of Lyon St., passed away unexpectedly on Saturday, November 16, 2019. Born in Worcester, MA on February 14, 1996, he was the son of Kathleen A. (Hultberg) Falkowski of Putnam, CT and Michael S. Falkowski of Tampa, FL.

Patrick was a 2014 graduate of Woodstock Academy where he was the Captain of the Football Team, and an All State Nominee. He received Honorable Mention at his Senior year football awards ceremony. Patrick was also a member of the WPTP Youth Football League in the town of Putnam, CT. He was a member of the Cross-Country team at Woodstock Middle School. He enjoyed playing football, basketball, and loved watching the New England Patriots. He was a hard-working, devoted student and athlete loved by everyone. Patrick was a very sociable, kind, caring, laid back kind of guy who greeted everyone with a warm smile. He was always there to help anyone in need. He worked at Aubuchon Hardware in Webster, MA for three years. He recently worked at U.S. Button Corporation for a short time. He was a hard-working young man who always put 100% effort into everything he did.

In addition to his parents, Patrick is survived by his two brothers,

Matthew Falkowski of Putnam, Michael Pescosolido of Southbridge, MA, and his sister Jenna Falkowski, of Tampa, FL. He is also survived by his paternal grandmother Patricia LaRosa, of Philadelphia, PA, and predeceased by maternal grandmother, Barbara Lee Hultberg, of Oakdale, CT and predeceased by maternal grandfather, Clement M. Hultberg, of Auburn, MA. He also leaves behind his four Aunts: Susan Hultberg Pratt, of Florida, and Karen Hultberg Fenuccio, of Lunenburg, MA, Patricia Dimitt, of VA, Deanna McClintic, of PA, and an Uncle, David Hultberg, of East Brookfield, MA. He is also survived by his many cousins, Michelle Hippert, of Charlton, MA, Leandra Carey, of Auburn, MA, Ryan Carey, of Delray Beach, FL, Tyler Carey, of Amherst, MA, Nicholas Fenuccio of Keane, NH, and Joey Fenuccio, of Keane, NH, and many cousins from Pennsylvania, and the Virginia area. He was also loved by many friends from Woodstock Academy and the Connecticut area.

Relatives and friends were invited to visit with Patrick's family from 11:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. on Tuesday, December 3, 2019 in the Gilman Funeral Home & Crematory with a funeral home service taking place at 1:00 p.m. in the funeral home. Instead of flowers donations may be made to the GOFUNDME.com page/Funerals for Patrick or Facebook/Susan Hultberg. For memorial guestbook visit [www.GilmanAndValade.com](http://www.GilmanAndValade.com).

## Alan P. Jacques, 74



**QUINEBAUG, CT:** Alan P. Jacques, 74, of Center Lane and formerly of Leicester died Monday, November 25 in Harrington Hospital after an illness.

He leaves his wife of 42 years; Carol A. (Gaudette) Jacques. four sons; Robert, Joseph, Jeffrey & Thomas, three daughters; Kimberly, Melissa & Jessica, several grandchildren including; Bobby, Matty, Alicia, Taylor & Joey, three great granddaughters; Grace, Natalie & Harmony. a brother Barry Jacques of Cherry Valley, three sisters; Charlene Patricks of Auburn, Mickey Lyon of Leicester and Lisa Landry of Melrose and several nieces and nephews.

Alan was born in Worcester,

son of Paul and Beatrice (Neiderer) Jacques. He worked for R.H. White Co. in Auburn for many years before retiring. He was a volunteer Fireman for 35 years at the Cherry Valley Fire Department. He was a member of High Pointe Church in Thompson, CT. He was an avid New England Patriots fan. He was an antique car enthusiast and enjoyed attending car shows. He loved spending time with his family especially his grandchildren.

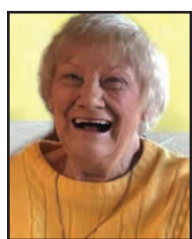
A Funeral Service was held on Tuesday, December 3 at 6:30 PM in MORIN FUNERAL HOME, 1131 Main Street, Leicester. Burial will be private at the convenience of the family in Mt. Zion Cemetery, Webster. Calling hours will precede the service from 4:30-6:30 PM in the funeral home. [www.morinfuneralhomes.com](http://www.morinfuneralhomes.com)

## Lois D. Carr, 60

**THOMPSON-** Lois D. (Jaros) Carr age 60 passed away Wednesday, November 27, 2019 at the University of MA Healthcare Center Hospital, Worcester, MA. She leaves her husband of twenty nine years, Jeffrey R. Carr of Thompson, four daughters, Jacqueline Alexander and her husband Daniel of Killingly, Emily Carr of Putnam, Rachel and Anna Carr of Putnam, two grandchildren, Claire Alexander and Carter Moroz. She also leaves a brother Gregory Jaros of PA, a sister Charlene Carr of Dudley. She also leaves her father Stanley Jaros of Florida. She was born in Worcester

daughter of Stanley Jaros and the late Jacqueline (Depasse) Jaros and lived in Thompson since 1987 prior to that living in Webster and the area. Lois enjoyed cooking and quality time with her family. There are no calling hours and a celebration of life will be announced at a later date. The Shaw-Majercik Funeral Home, 48 School St., Webster, MA has been entrusted with her arrangements. A guest book is available at [www.shaw-majercik.com](http://www.shaw-majercik.com) where you may post a condolence or light a candle.

## Joan McMerriman, 79



**J o a n** McMerriman, 79, of Brooklyn, CT passed away November 26, 2019 at Davis Place in Danielson, CT. She was born February 20, 1940 in Putnam, CT. Daughter of the late James and Mary (Shimski) McMerriman. Joan will finally get to see her father in heaven.

Joan was raised by her mother in Danielson and stayed with her mom till her passing in 1984. Joan was an extraordinary kind and compassionate person taking care of her mother. She loved animals, game shows,

mocha ice coffee and had a sweet tooth.

She leaves a brother Eugene McMerriman of Brooklyn, CT and several nieces and nephews. She was predeceased by a brother Lloyd McMerriman and a sister Lois.

A Mass of Christian Burial will be Friday December 6, 2019 at 11:00 AM in St. James Church, 12 Franklin Street, Danielson, CT. Burial will be in the Spring at Holy Cross Cemetery, Danielson, CT. In lieu of flowers donation in her memory to **ST JUDE Children's Research Hospital**, PO Box 1000, Memphis, TN 38101-9908 Share a memory at [www.gagnonandcostellofh.com](http://www.gagnonandcostellofh.com)

## Rita Goodwin, 85



**Rita** Goodwin, 85 of Danielson, CT passed away November 27, 2019 at Crestfield Nursing Home in Manchester, CT. Born March 1, 1934 in Danielson, daughter of the late Andrea Cote. Rita was the

beloved wife of Albert K. Goodwin they were married on May 16, 1953 at the Methodist Church in Danielson, CT.

Rita loved her family and enjoyed

animals, plants, gardening and the ocean. Rita was a machinist working for Electro-Motive Mfg. Co., Loos & Co. and Delta Rubber where she retired.

She leaves her daughter Mary Lou and her Husband David Leach of Brooklyn, son Mark Goodwin of Danielson, her only granddaughter Jenny Lynn Baron of Brooklyn and her cats Minnie and Goldie.

A Graveside Service will be December 6, 2019 at 11:00 AM in Westfield Cemetery, Danielson, CT. All are welcome. Share a memory at [www.gagnonandcostellofh.com](http://www.gagnonandcostellofh.com)

## Rita A. Cutler, 97



**POMFRET-** Rita A. (Roy) Cutler, 97, passed away on Tuesday, November 26, 2019 surrounded by her family. She was the daughter of the late Marie-Louise and Phillip Roy of Plainfield. She

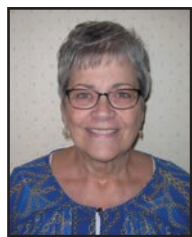
was preceded in death by her husband Raymond Cutler, Sr who passed away in 2015, her daughter Elaine Auger from Putnam in 2016 and her son Russell Cutler from Ballouville in 2018. Rita is survived by two sisters - Yvonne Hart of Danielson and Rosemarie Poulin of Plainfield and her children Raymond Cutler from Pomfret, David Cutler from Thompson, Joanne Mortellite from Seminole, FL, Anita Cutler from Pomfret, and Susan Rhodes from Colorado Springs, CO. She leaves 14 grandchildren, 13 great grandchildren, 3 great-great grand-

children and her "adopted daughter," Judy Blackmore.

Rita was a mother and homemaker. She was a communicant at The Most Holy Trinity Church where she met and married her beloved "sweet-prince," Raymond on November 27, 1941. She volunteered with the Saint Monica's Guild at Holy Trinity and the Pomfret Fire Department's Women's Auxiliary. She worked at Day Kimball Hospital as a nurse's aide on the maternity ward.

A Mass of Remembrance was held on Tuesday, December 3, 2019 at 10:00 a.m. at The Most Holy Trinity Church, Pomfret, CT. In lieu of flowers, please consider donations in Rita's memory to Day Kimball Hospital Hospice, P.O. Box 632, Putnam, CT 06260 or the Pomfret Volunteer Fire Department, 67 Hampton Rd., Pomfret, CT 06258. For memorial guestbook, please visit [www.GilmanandValade.com](http://www.GilmanandValade.com).

## Therese "Terrie" Ozaniak, 73



**W E B S T E R -** Therese "Terrie" (Langlois) Ozaniak age 73 passed away Wednesday, November 27, 2019 at the Univ. Of MA Healthcare Center Hospital in Worcester. She leaves her husband of 52 years, Adam A. Ozaniak, a daughter and her husband, Karolyn and Keith Champagne of Douglas, two grandchildren, Natalie and William. She also leaves a sister Anne Ricci of Melbourne, FL and nieces and nephews. Terrie was born in Southbridge daughter of the late Gerald Langlois and Therese (Lafleche) Langlois and lived in Webster most of her life. Terrie was a service representative for NYNEX for 35 years. She is a member of St. Anthony of Padua Church and is a Eucharistic Minister, a member of the Elizabeth Ann Seton Society, daughters of St.

Ann and active in all church activities. Her and her husband took part in marriage encounters through the years. She was also a member of the Red Hat Society, enjoyed travel, but closest to her heart was quality time with family, especially her grandchildren. The funeral was held, Tuesday, Dec. 3, 2019 from the Shaw-Majercik Funeral Home, 48 School St., Webster with a Mass of Christian burial at 10:30 am in St. Anthony of Padua Church, Dudley Hill Rd., Dudley, MA. PLEASE GO DIRECTLY TO THE CHURCH. Calling hours at the funeral home were Saturday, Nov 30, 2019 from 5 PM - 8 PM. 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.

In lieu of flowers, donations can be made to UMASS Memorial, Office of Advancement, 333 South Street, Shrewsbury, MA 01545, Attn: Department of Gynecological Oncology or Palliative Care Team.

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# OBITUARIES

## David A. Froehlich, Sr., 72



WOODSTOCK VALLEY – David A. Froehlich, Sr., 72, of Barber Rd., passed away Friday, November 29, 2019 at his home surrounded by his family. Born in Putnam, he was the son of the late Alfred and Winifred (Wonoski) Froehlich.

David worked as a truck driver and heavy equipment operator for the town of Woodstock for 40 years. He also operated Froehlich's Sawmill and helped out in the operation of the Happiness Brothers Hereford Farm. David was a jack of all trades and enjoyed tinkering and puttering with just about anything.

David is survived by his children, Brian Froehlich and his wife Janet of Woodstock Valley, David Froehlich, Jr. and his wife Misty of Killingly and Stacey Hopkins and her husband John of Pomfret; his brothers, Donald Froehlich of Woodstock Valley, and

Steven Froehlich of Woodstock Valley; and his sisters, Jean Plaza of Webster, MA, Barbara Liszka of Woodstock Valley, and Linda Szyrka of Woodstock Valley; his eight grandchildren; and his five great grandchildren; and his former wife Lorraine (Boucher) Froehlich of Woodstock. He also leaves behind a good friend and care giver, Lillian Hopkins.

Relatives and friends were invited to visit with David's family from 4:00 to 6:00 p.m. on Wednesday, December 4, 2019 in the Gilman Funeral Home and Crematory, 104 Church St., Putnam. A gathering began on Thursday, December 5, 2019 in the funeral home at 9:00 a.m. with a Funeral Service for David at 10:00 a.m. in the funeral home. Burial will follow in Barlow Cemetery, Barlow Cemetery Rd, Woodstock, CT. Memorial donations may be made to Hospice of Northeastern Connecticut, PO Box 632, Putnam, CT 06260. For memorial guestbook visit [www. GilmanAndValade.com](http://www.GilmanAndValade.com).

## Luke John Zinsky Jr., 59



Luke John Zinsky Jr., 59, of Putnam, CT passed away peacefully Saturday morning, November 30, 2019. He was born in Bridgeport, CT on November 30, 1960, son of the late Luke and Joan Zinsky.

Luke met and later married the love of his life, the late Janniece Deveau Zinsky, at Masuk High School in Monroe, CT. Married 30 years, they built a beautiful life together filled with family, sports, beach vacations and lots of love and laughs as he was always making people smile. Luke is survived by his four children Luke J. Zinsky III of Jewett City, CT, Eve M. Corbin and her husband Christopher R. Corbin of Danielson, CT, Hannah L. Helton and her husband Ethan Helton of Danielson, CT, and Ethan A. Zinsky of Putnam, CT. He also leaves four grandchildren, Hailey, Christian, Brooke and Ella, and two brothers

Robert and Edward Zinsky and families.

Luke graduated from New Haven University with a degree in engineering, started his own plastic recycling business and later moved on to pharmaceutical sales. He was a very hard worker but his greatest joy in life was his family. His wife, children and grandchildren were his world. His great sense of humor, optimism and love for a good home cooked meal will be greatly missed. Although we mourn his loss, we know he is back in the arms of his one true love.

Calling hours will be held Friday, December 6, 2019 from 5:00-7:00pm with a service at 5:00 PM at Smith and Walker Funeral Home, 148 Grove St. Putnam, CT. In Lieu of flowers, please make donations to the American Cancer Society, 825 Brook Street, I-91 Tech Ctr, Rocky Hill, CT 06067-3045. Share a memory at [www.smithand-walkerfh.com](http://www.smithand-walkerfh.com)

## Kenneth R. MacDonald, 51

PUTNAM- Kenneth R. MacDonald, 51, passed away on Wednesday November 20, 2019 while surrounded by his family at the Trinity Hill Nursing and Rehabilitation Center in Hartford.

Kenneth leaves his longtime companion Malissa Christy of Webster; his son Shawn MacDonald of Webster; his mother Pauline (Dorighi) MacDonald; three brothers: David MacDonald of Woodstock, CT, and Scott and Jonathan MacDonald both of North Carolina; he was predeceased by his father, the late David MacDonald. Kenneth lived in Putnam for most

of his life; he was a music enthusiast, who was also interested in sports, baseball being his favorite.

Private funeral arrangements have been entrusted to the care of the Shaw-Majercik Funeral Home, 48 School Street Webster, MA.

Kenneth's family kindly requests that memorial contributions be sent to Vitas Hospice, 628 Hebron Avenue Suite 300 Glastonbury, CT 06033.

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 of remembrance.

## Marilyn N. Van Dyke, 82

WEBSTER- Marilyn N. (Carpenter) Van Dyke age 82 passed away Friday, November 29, 2019 at Harrington Hospital, Southbridge. She leaves a son Robert Van Dyke of Spencer, four daughters, Kathleen Knapp of Putnam, CT., Karen Swanson of Grafton, MA, Rita Todd of Stafford, CT and April Daviau of Dudley, MA, twelve grandchildren and thirteen great grandchildren, nieces and nephews. She was predeceased by her brother and four sisters, Bernard Carpenter of Quinebaug, CT, Eileen Fougere of North Grosvenordale, CT, Joyce Bomba of Webster, MA, Evelyn Bates of Thompson, CT and Phyllis Spurgeon of Woodstock, CT. She also was pre-

deceased by a granddaughter in 2019.

She was born in Wilsonville, CT, daughter of the late Walter Carpenter and Antoinette (Latour) Carpenter and lived in Wilsonville most of her life. She was the manager at the former Hess gas station in Dudley, MA for many years. At Marilyn's request there are no calling hours and flowers are to be omitted. Burial will be private. Donations in her memory may be made to charity of donors choice. . The Shaw-Majercik Funeral Home, 48 School St., Webster, MA has been entrusted with her arrangements. A guest book is available at [www.shaw-majercik.com](http://www.shaw-majercik.com) where you may post a condolence or light a candle.

## David Eastland

WORCESTER- David Eastland passed away peacefully on Friday November 22, 2019 at the Parsons Hill Nursing and Rehabilitation Center in Worcester. He leaves his companion Lydia Labrecque of Franklin, MA. No calling hours and services are private. Donations may be made

Charity of donors choice. The Shaw-Majercik Funeral Home, 48 School St., Webster, MA has been entrusted with his arrangements. A guest book is available at [www.shaw-majercik.com](http://www.shaw-majercik.com) where you may post a condolence or light a candle.

## Barbara M. Trainor, 96

AUBURN- Barbara M. (Thibeault) Trainor, 96, of Danielson, CT formerly of Auburn, MA died Saturday November 30, 2019 at the Pierce Memorial Baptist Nursing Home in Brooklyn, CT, with her family by her side.

Barbara was born and raised in Worcester, daughter of the late Joseph F. and Ola L. (Harbour) Thibeault. She graduated from Auburn High School in 1941 and later that year she married the love of her life, James J. Trainor, who left for W.W. II, after their marriage. She and James were married for 48 years until he passed in 1989.

Throughout Barbara's life she was passionate about politics, as well as she was a staunch democrat and very proud of that fact. She also loved being by the ocean and spent many summers enjoying the sun, sand and surf. She leaves a daughter, Denise B.

Desrosiers and her husband Donald of Danielson, CT; two grandsons, Mark A. Desrosiers and his wife Maria of Plainfield, CT and Brad M. Desrosiers and his long-time partner, Kindee of Charlton, MA; as well as two great grandsons, Daniel and Cosmo.

We would like to thank the staff of Pierce Baptist Nursing Home for the loving care they gave Barbara.

Relatives and friends are invited to visit with Barbara's family on Saturday December 7, 2019 from 10:30 am until 11:30 am at the Britton-Wallace Funeral Home, 91 Central Street, Auburn followed by a prayer service at 11:30 am. Burial will take place next to her husband James in Hillside Cemetery, Auburn. To leave a note of condolence for Barbara's family or to view her "Book of Memories" please visit, [www.brittonfuneral-homes.com](http://www.brittonfuneral-homes.com)

## Rosanne Gonyer, 74

BROOKLYN- Rosanne Gonyer, 74, passed away at the W.W. Backus Hospital on Nov 17, 2019 after a lengthy illness.

She was born in Holden, MA on March 30, 1944, daughter of the late Flora (Columb) and Matti Jameson. She is predeceased by her husband of 53 years, Ronald J. Gonyer who passed in June of 2017.

Rosanne was a loving mother and grandmother who enjoyed being a volunteer at the Day Kimball Hospital. She was a proud and longtime member of the Our Lady of La Salette Church in Brooklyn.

She is survived by her daughter Tammy Rainville of Brooklyn, CT, son

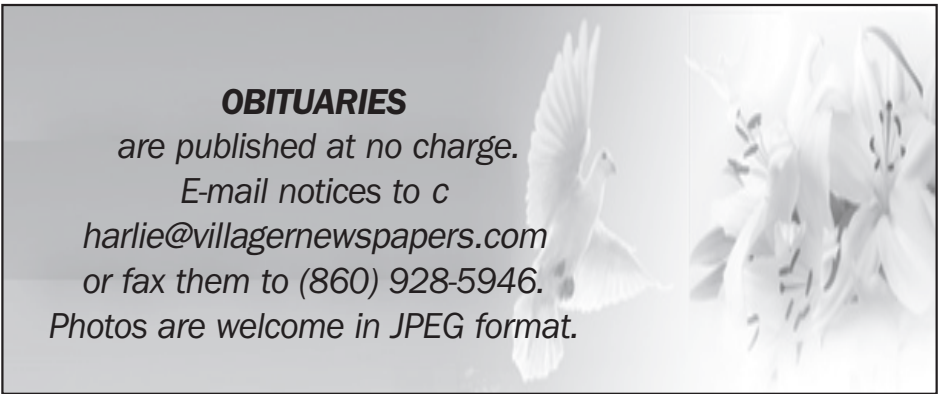
Timothy Gonyer of FL; brother Jack Jameson and wife Sally of Oakham, MA; grandchildren Emily and Megan Rainville, Grace Jones, Levi and Caleb Gonyer.

Rosanne was predeceased by her brothers Matti, Eddie and Paul Jameson.

There will be a Memorial Mass held on Friday Dec 6, 2019 at 10:00 AM at Our Lady of La Salette Church in Brooklyn, CT. There will be no calling hours.

For online condolences <http://www.doughertybroshfuneralhome.com>.

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# LEGALS

**TOWN OF BROOKLYN  
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PUBLIC HEARING  
LEGAL NOTICE**  
The Planning and Zoning Commission will hold a public hearing on Tuesday December 17, 2019 at 6:30 p.m. at the Clifford B. Green Meeting Center, 69 South Main Street, Brooklyn, CT on the following:  
1. SPG 19-003 Gravel Special Permit – Strategic Commercial Realty d/b/a Rawson Materials, Map 29, Lot 5, RA Zone, 30 acres on south side of Maynard Road, excavation of 1,205,000 cubic yards of sand and gravel.  
2. SPG 19-004 Gravel Special Permit – Strategic Commercial Realty d/b/a Rawson Materials, Map 21, Lot 7 and Map 30, Lot 16, RA Zone, 200 +/- acres on south side of Rukstela Road, excavation of 1,945,000 cubic yards of sand and gravel.  
Copies of the above application are on file and available for review in the Land Use Office located at 69 South Main Street, Suite 22, Brooklyn, CT.  
All interested parties may appear, be heard and written correspondence re-

ceived.  
Dated this 5th day of December 2019  
Michelle Sigfridson  
Chairman  
December 6, 2019  
December 12, 2019

**TOWN OF WOODSTOCK**  
The Zoning Board of Appeals has scheduled a Special Meeting & Public Hearing for December 9, 2019 at 6:00 p.m., Woodstock Town Hall, 415 Route 169, lower level, conference room B, to hear the following application for Certificate of Location, required under 14-54 CGS for Vehicle Repairer's License: #19-01 Hancock, David, 670 Brickyard Rd, (Map 5704, Block 02, Lot 66)  
Chair Suzanne Woodward  
November 29, 2019  
December 6, 2019

**NOTICE TO CREDITORS**  
ESTATE OF Russell T Perkins (19-00381)  
The Hon. Leah P. Schad, Judge of the Court of Probate, District of Northeast probate Court, by decree dated, ordered that all claims must be pretested

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.

Alysia Casiano, Clerk  
The fiduciary is:  
Roxanne Perkins Cedrone  
619 Pleasant Street  
Paxton, CT 01612  
December 6, 2019

**NOTICE TO CREDITORS**  
ESTATE OF Carolyn Jean Martin (19-00448)  
The Hon. Leah P. Schad, Judge of the Court of Probate, District of Northeast probate Court, by decree dated, November 25, 2019, ordered that all claims must be pretested 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.

Alysia Casiano, Clerk  
The fiduciary is:  
Thomas C. Martin  
c/o MARTIN B BURKE  
(attorney for Thomas C. Martin),  
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December 6, 2019  
  
**TOWN OF BROOKLYN  
INLAND WETLANDS COMMISSION  
PUBLIC HEARING NOTICE**  
The Brooklyn Inland Wetlands Commission will hold a public hearing on Tuesday, December 10, 2019 at 6:00 p.m. at the Clifford B. Green Memorial Center, 69 South Main Street, Brooklyn, CT on the following:  
102219B Strategic Commercial Realty, Inc., d/b/a Rawson Materials, Maynard Road (Map 29, Lot 5) in the RA Zone; Excavation of approximately 1.2 million cubic yards of sand and gravel.  
A copy of the application is on file and available for review in the office of the Brooklyn Inland Wetlands Agent located on 69 South Main Street, Suite 22, Brooklyn, CT.  
All interested parties may appear and be heard, and written correspondence received.  
Jeffrey Arends  
Chairman  
November 29, 2019  
December 6, 2019



# VILLAGER NEWSPAPERS COMMUNITY SPOTLIGHT

“SHINING A LIGHT ON COMMUNITY EVENTS”

## December 6, Fri., 5-7pm

Club 2087 will hold a fish fry from 5 to 7 p.m. on Friday, Dec. 6, in the Knights of Columbus Hall, 1017 Riverside Drive, North Grosvenordale. The menu: fish & chips (\$11); baked haddock (\$12); fried bay scallops, fried shrimp (\$13); fried clams (\$16); seafood platter (\$18). 860-923-2967, council2087@gmail.com.

## December 7, Sat., 10am-3pm

The East Woodstock Congregational Church 6th Annual Holiday Art Show will be held at the church located at 220 Woodstock Rd., East Woodstock, CT. 24 vendors will be set up in the fellowship hall. Lunch will be served. Parking and admission are free. Please email Karen McFarlin at kmcf3470@gmail.com if you have any questions.

## December 7, Sat., 9-10:30am

Character Breakfast, \$10.00 per person. Breakfast includes scrambled eggs, mini pancakes, home fries, bacon or sausage, coffee, juice, and pastries. Tickets can be purchased at the church office on Tuesday at 11:30-5:00 pm or at WINY radio. 175 Main St., Putnam CT. Use parking lot door.

## December 7, Sat., 10am-3pm

The 7th Annual Holiday Arts and Craft Show at the East Woodstock Congregational Church. The hall will be filled with over 20 vendors. Take a chance on one of our donations, as each crafter has donated an item to the church. Pick up door swags for your home or light post. A luncheon can be had and a full room of Christmas Treasures will be for sale. See you there. Email kmcf3470@gmail.com for more information.

## December 7, Sat., 10am-2pm

Saint Nicholas Victorian Fair. This annual holiday fundraiser at Christ Church in Pomfret has gifts for everyone at great prices. Last year, more than \$15,000 raised supported local organizations. (snow date December 14). Homemade luncheon, 11am to pm. 527 Pom-

fret St., just south of the Vanilla Bean Café on Routes 44 & 169. christchurchpomfret.org, www.facebook.com/christchurchpomfretct or (860) 315-7780.

**December 7, Sat., 8am -1pm**Sugar Plum Fair -Federated Church of Christ- Route 6 -Brooklyn, CT. Boxwood Trees- Rada Knives- -Finnish Coffee Bread -Cookies by the Pound-Grandma's Jewelry Box -Quilted Items -Handmade Christmas Crafts-Gift Baskets- Hot Donuts-Gently Used Christmas Table- Soup and Bread Lunch. 50% off at the Thrift Shop. Miracle of Jesus -a multisensory Christmas display for children

## December 8, Sat., 5pm

30th Annual Tree of Life Ceremonies to benefit Hospice & Palliative Care of Northeastern Connecticut at Simultaneous Tree Lighting Ceremony in 11 Northeast Connecticut Towns

## December 8, Sat., 11am-2pm

Visit the Windham-Tolland 4-H Camp Open HHHouse on Sunday, 326 Taft Pond Road, Pomfret, CT. Admission is free. New and old campers, Stop by for crafts, cookies and s'mores and tour the facilities. Great chance to check out 4-H camp as you start thinking about plans for next summer. Enjoy Lunch with Santa upstairs in the lodge or just come for a photo with Santa. Made to order Pasta Bar (gluten free pasta available). Advanced Tickets available call 974-3379 or at the door, \$6.00 for children up to age 8, \$10.00 for those 9 and older for lunch, 5 x 7 Photo with Santa \$8.00. Raffle baskets too!

## December 8, Sun., 8 -11am

There will be a Breakfast with Santa at the Atwood Hose Fire Station, 24 Wauregan Rd., Wauregan to benefit the Tommy Toy Fund. Bring a new unwrapped toy. Pancakes, sausage, juice, coffee & hot chocolate. Adults \$8.00 and children \$4.00

## December 8, Sun., 3-5pm

Free homemade soup and bread. Sunday, De-

cember 8th. Quinebaug Seventh Day Adventist church route 131 Thompson, Quinebaug.

## December 8, Sun., 8am-11am

Putnam Elks Rider's Breakfast with Santa at the Lodge, 64 Edmond St, Putnam. \$10 13 - Adult, \$5 6-12, Free under 6. Bring your camera to take pictures with Santa. A portion of ticket sales will benefit PAWS Animal Shelter and IHSP Diaper Bank. Any questions 401-639-1448

## December 10, Tues., 6:30pm

Christmas Carol Hymn Sing. We will be choosing songs from the audience. Moosup United Methodist Church, 11 S Main St, Moosup, CT Everyone is welcome. Cathy McNeill 860-230-6804

## December 12, Thurs., 1-2pm

Commission on Aging trip club meeting at St. Mary's Church Hall, 218 Providence St., Putnam. Bingo afterward from 2-3pm

## December 13, Fri., 5-7pm

Club 2087 will hold a fish fry from 5 to 7 p.m. on Friday, Dec. 13, in the Knights of Columbus Hall, 1017 Riverside Drive, North Grosvenordale. The menu: fish & chips (\$11); baked haddock (\$12); fried bay scallops, fried shrimp (\$13); fried clams (\$16); seafood platter (\$18). 860-923-2967, council2087@gmail.com.

## December 13, Fri., 9:30-11:30am

Stoncroft Women's Connection Brunch at The Inn at Woodstock Hill, 94 Plaine Hill Rd., \$13.00 inclusive. Men invited this month."Let the Bells Ring/Choirs Sing" with Tracy Medling. Inspirational Speaker Businessman Bill Blount -" You can achieve Success, but if you Haven't Found God, You Have Nothing" Reservations/Cancellations required by Dec. 3. Call 860-774-5092, 860-455-7671 or email: wccwc81@hotmail.com. Come celebrate with us.

## December 14, Sat 9am-1pm

Big annual holiday cookie sold by the pound. Great basket raffle also. Our Lady of LaSalette Church, 21 Providence Rd (Rt 6) Brooklyn, CT In the church basement. Try us and it will become your new holiday tradition!

## December 14 & 15, Sat & Sun.,

Paws Cat Shelter rte 171, Woodstock CT will be holding a Holiday Open House. Handmade Gifts & Ornaments and a variety of delicious Baked Goods. Need stocking stuffers, or gifts for your furry friends? Are you in the spirit of giving? Visit our Giving Tree to see how you can help. Order a Paws Purrbox for your favorite feline friend! Most importantly, we'll be open for adoptions, so come and find your new best friend! Get those applications pre-approved and bring your new kitty home that day! Mark your calendars!

## December 15, Sun., 8:30am -11:30am

Thompson Lions Club for An All-You-Can-Eat Holiday Breakfast At the American Legion Post #67, 17 Thompson Road, North Grosvenordale. Breakfast Includes Eggs, Sausage, Bacon, Home Fries, Pancakes, French Toast, Belgium Waffles with Strawberries, and Omelets made to order and more. Door Prize, 50/50 Raffle, and Basket Raffles Adults \$9.00 Children under 12 \$5.00 \*We will be collecting gently used eyeglasses and frames at this event\* All Proceeds Go Back to Help Our Local Charities

## December 20, Fri., 5-7pm

Club 2087 will hold a fish fry from 5 to 7 p.m. on Friday, Dec. 20, in the Knights of Columbus Hall, 1017 Riverside Drive, North Grosvenordale. The menu: fish & chips (\$11); baked haddock (\$12); fried bay scallops, fried shrimp (\$13); fried clams (\$16); seafood platter (\$18). 860-923-2967, council2087@gmail.com.

## December 29, Sun., 1-2:30pm

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This page is designed to shine a light on upcoming local nonprofit, educational and community events.

Submissions are limited to 50 words or less and are FREE to qualifying organizations, schools, churches and town offices.

To submit your event contact: Paula at paula@stonebridgepress.news

Deadline for submission is Friday at Noon

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



**SATURDAY,  
NOVEMBER 30  
& SUNDAY  
DECEMBER 1**

**BEST OF MARKET CRAFT FAIR**  
at Old Sturbridge Village  
Free admission

### SATURDAY, DECEMBER 7

**GREATER COMMUNITY AUBURN  
COMMUNITY CHORUS**  
Under the direction of Charles J. Pietrello  
presents Tapestry of Light A Celtic Christmas  
Celebration @ 7pm  
By Joseph M. Martin. And Holiday Selections  
from Movies & Theater. Bethel Lutheran  
Church  
90 Bryn Mawr Avenue, Auburn, MA  
Tickets \$15.00. For ticket info call 508-826-9184

### MARY QUEEN OF THE ROSARY CHRISTMAS FAIRE

Vendors, Crafts, Raffles, Baked Goods, and so much more! In the Church Hall 9am-2:30pm. 7 Church Street, Spencer, MA. If you'd like info on being a vendor at this Christmas craft fair, please email susan.terkanian@gmail.com

### PICTURES WITH SANTA

from 10am-3pm. \$5.00 Donation to the Spencer American Legion. Ho, Ho, Ho – Santa is Coming! Spread the Cheer! Children & Pets Welcome! Santa will be meeting and greeting, take Christmas Pictures together! Let us know you're coming. Click here to RSVP at our Facebook Event Page. Please don't forget to share with your friends!



**17TH ANNUAL HOLIDAY CRAFT FAIR**  
Leicester High School  
from 9-3 (Snow date December 8th)  
Free admission

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### THURSDAY, DECEMBER 12

**LADIES & GENTS** The stockings are hung. The wish lists are done. Join us at Cormier Jewelers for a sequel evening of fun! Join us for Free Refreshments & Appetizers including Beer from local Breweries \*Exclusive One Day Raffles \*Must be 21 years old 5:30-7:30pm

136 Main Street • Spencer  
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### SATURDAY, DECEMBER 20

**SECOND CHANCE MOBILE UNIT PET  
ADOPTION**  
from 2-4pm. Home for the Holidays!

**MOBILE ADOPTION UNIT** is coming to Klem's! On the road to saving more lives! Be sure to stop by and say hi to some of the sweet dogs and cats looking for a new home! Let adoption help you find your next best friend. Let us know you're coming. Click here to RSVP at our Facebook Event Page. Please don't forget to share with your friends!

### ONGOING



**MARIACHI BAND**  
First Thursday of the month 5-8 p.m.  
**MEXICALI  
MEXICAN GRILL**  
Webster location  
41 Worcester Rd.,  
Webster, MA  
508-461-5070

### TRIVIA SATURDAY NIGHTS

7:00 p.m. register 7:30 p.m. start up  
**HILLCREST COUNTRY CLUB**  
325 Pleasant St., Leicester, MA  
508-892-9822



**LIVE  
ENTERTAINMENT  
FRIDAY NIGHT  
HEXMARK TAVERN  
AT SALEM CROSS INN**  
260 West Main St., W.  
Brookfield, MA 508-867-2345 salemcrossinn.com

### THE CENTRAL MA



**CHAPTER  
OF TROUT  
UNLIMITED**  
meets the first Monday of every month from September through May. We discuss a variety of conservation programs to improve the local cold water fisheries, local fishing opportunities. Our annual High School Fly Fishing Championship (open to all MA high school students) And our annual fund raising banquet. Auburn Sportsman's Club 50 Elm St., Auburn, MA







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