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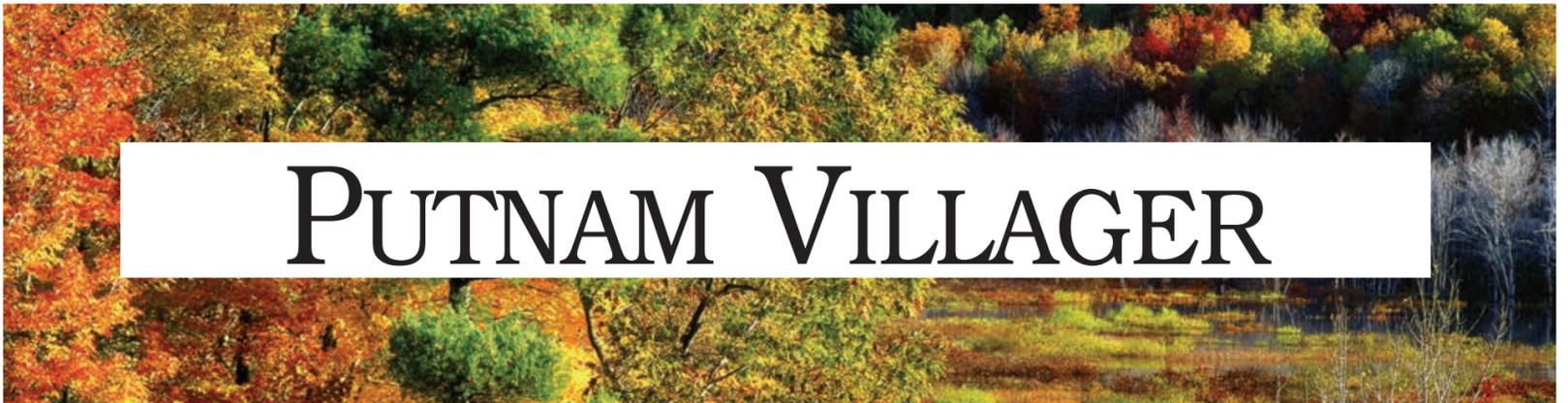
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A vested interest in dogs

BY OLIVIA RICHMAN
NEWS STAFF WRITER

PUTNAM — Joseph Dionne presented a check for over \$1,200 to the Putnam Police Department toward a bullet proof vest for its police dog, Tink.

"Handing them the check felt amazing," said Dionne. "The younger generation that sees this . . . if that dog can save one life by getting drugs off the street, it's all well worth it."

The money was raised

by Dionne's General Cable union. The Willimantic-based company's union had formed a volunteer committee and had been looking for a worthy cause. With a donation thermometer in the hallway, General Cable employees kept on donating throughout the next few months. The union also kicked in a chunk of money, as well as the company.

"People who donated loved the dog, or had a family member who struggled with drugs,"

Dionne said. "Everyone had a story about why they were taking money out of their pocket to donate to the cause."

The idea came to Dionne during a family safety day the company held earlier this year.

As part of the safety day festivities, the Putnam Police Department brought Tink for a few demonstrations. One of the demonstrations involved K9 Officer Kristopher Bernier planting drugs (in an evidence container) on Dionne

without the audience's knowledge.

Tink was sent into the crowd and she immediately smelled the drugs on Dionne. She sat down next to him. Bernier revealed the drugs to the crowd, and the audience seemed highly impressed with Tink's work ethic and talents.

"The dog is awesome," said Dionne. "She's not your typical shepherd. It's not an apprehension dog. It's not intimidating. It looks like a family dog. My daughter even played with it at the family day at my work. Everyone was going up to it. But when it's time to work, Bernier says the dog perks right up."

They raised \$500 at the family safety day alone. According to the Putnam Police Department a bullet proof vest is never in the budget. So the gift came as a huge surprise. And a very welcomed gift.

Bernier told Dionne he couldn't wait to customize the vest. One of his customizations will be a holder for NARCAN, which is used to aid people who have overdosed, saving some people's

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Courtesy photo

Joseph Dionne handed over a check to Putnam Police Department officer Kristopher Bernier, which will be used to buy the department's dog, Tink, a bullet proof vest.

A budding star

BY OLIVIA RICHMAN
NEWS STAFF WRITER

THOMPSON — Five year-old Lyla Meehan wants to be a YouTube star.

Maybe even the next Taylor Swift.

And she's well on her way.

The Thompson resident recently starred in a touching music video by Justin Clancy for his song "Work In Progress."

The model and actress was beyond excited to be a lead in this music video, playing the child of an addict mother who is forced to live with her



Seana Meehan photo

Lyla Meehan

grandparents. The music video takes an inspiring turn with the mother

goes through recovery and is able to be reunited with her child.

As you can see from the description, this was a very emotional music video that included a lot of various feelings that Meehan had to portray throughout. It was definitely a challenge for Meehan, who usually plays more silly, innocent roles.

"Lyla is new to acting," said her mother, Seana Meehan. "I thought it was a really good opportunity to do something that wasn't so cheerful. She's

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QVCC student helps relief effort Puerto Rico

DANIELSON — Ke Sherman, from Putnam, a student at Quinebaug Valley Community College, took a break from his studies on Sept. 29 to board a Connecticut Air National Guard C-130H cargo plane and head to Puerto Rico to help in the relief effort in the wake of Hurricane Maria. Sherman, a senior airman, was one of ten guardsmen from the 103rd Airlift Wing deployed to help plan and organize air transportation activities, such as loading and unloading personnel and cargo, delivering food and water, and medical evacuation. They joined another contingent from the 103rd who had arrived earlier to assist in establishing and maintaining communications equipment.

Stationed at the Puerto Rican Air National Guard base outside San Juan, alongside units from Missouri, Kentucky, and Georgia, Sherman spent a month on the island working 12-hour days to help with the arduous recov-



Courtesy photo

Ke Sherman traveled to Puerto Rico to help with the relief effort.

ery process. The amount of destruction and debris was overwhelming.

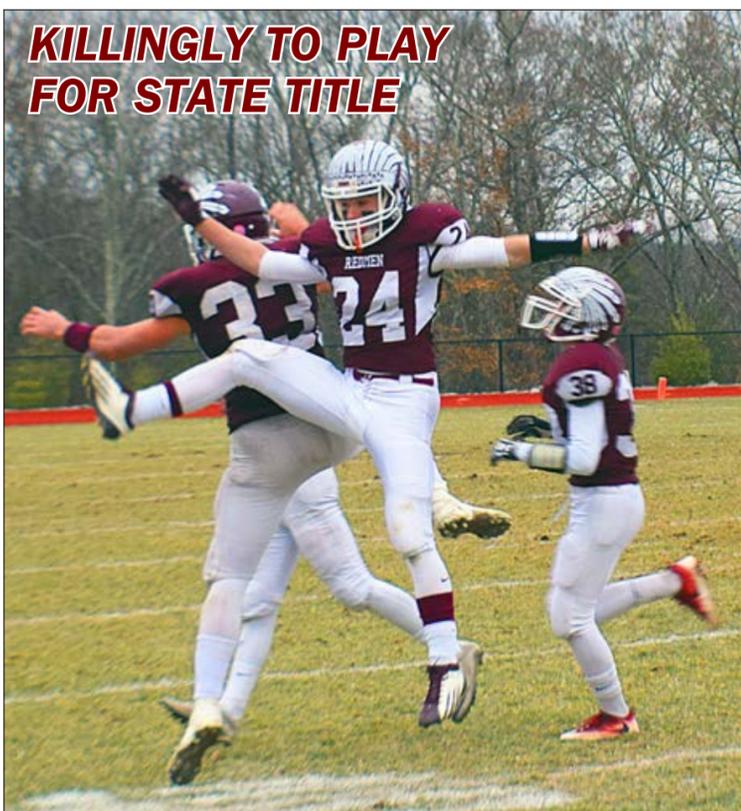
"I have never seen such devastation," said Sherman. "The forests and trees were gone, windows blown out, buildings flattened. Almost no electrical power. People lost everything."

Parts of the island were covered in eight feet of water. The surrounding ocean was contaminated, and a smell of sewage hung in the air. While Sherman said the recovery teams are working day and night to unload

and deliver food, water, and supplies, it will take many years for Puerto Rico to recover from the crisis. His month in Puerto Rico was "a humbling experience for me," he said, that has made him look at things from a different perspective.

Sherman, who lives in Putnam, is studying Advanced Manufacturing Technology at QVCC, hoping to catch up on what he missed during his deployment so he can complete the program and graduate in December.

KILLINGLY TO PLAY FOR STATE TITLE



Charlie Lentz photo

DAYVILLE — Killingly High's Kameron Crowe (24) celebrates with Spencer Lockwood (33) after Lockwood rushed for a touchdown last Sunday in Killingly's 49-7 win over Berlin in the CIAC Class M semifinals. The victory sent Killingly to this Saturday's state championship game vs. Joel Barlow at 3 p.m. at Willowbrook Park's Veterans Stadium in New Britain. Story on page B-1.

Quiet Light tradition continues

WOODSTOCK — Add your "Quiet Light" to the Quiet Night in Woodstock at dusk on Tuesday, Dec. 12. Place your own candle, or battery run, luminary or lamp at the end of your driveway to celebrate the quiet beauty and serenity of the season. If you don't have your own they will be available free of charge at Sweet Evalina's, Mackey's and Garden Gate Florist this weekend, Dec. 9 and 10.

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The blue spruce on the Pomfret Town Green

Tree lighting and carol sing in Pomfret

POMFRET — For more than 20 years the blue spruce tree on the Pomfret Town Green has been lit each holiday season to the delight of residents of the Quiet Corner. This season's event is scheduled for 5 p.m. on Saturday, Dec. 9.

Pomfret residents Joanne Johnson and her daughter Amy Vertefeulle are responsible for the beautiful lights that go up shortly after Thanksgiving. Located near the intersection of Route 44 and Route 169, the tree is Pomfret's tribute to the season. The tree grows about two feet a year and it takes more than 30 hours to trim and nearly as long, when the season is over, to take it all down and store everything for next year.

The tree is traditionally lit with white lights until the ceremonial tree lighting and carol sing at which time the colored lights are switched on for the remainder of the season. All are invited to join the program of carol singing and song books will be provided, please bring a flashlight. Following the tree lighting, complimentary cookies and hot cocoa will be provided at no charge at the Vanilla Bean Cafe. All are invited to the Town Green at 5 p.m. on Saturday to be a part of this wonderful holiday tradition.

Free Acorn Adventure walk set

DANIELSON — Ranger Jean Pillo is once again hosting The Last Green Valley's next Acorn Adventure, A Winter Stroll, Bike or Scoot Along the Killingly River Trail, Sunday, Dec. 17. The event is free. Ranger Jean and the group will gather at 1 p.m. at the Killingly River Trail's parking and access area at the commuter lot across from St. James School on Route 12 in Danielson. From there Ranger Jean will guide your family on a walk, ride or scooter adventure along the trail, taking time to enjoy the crisp December air. Explore what lives and grows along this wonderful river trail in almost winter. The Last Green Valley's Acorn Adventures are free and open to the public.

All children must be accompanied by an adult and helmets are required for anyone riding a bike or using a scooter. The Acorn Adventure will be held from 1 to 2:30 p.m. The group will leave the parking lot promptly by 1:05 pm. Acorn Adventures are sponsored by Putnam Bank.

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Tracking history in Thompson

BY OLIVIA RICHMAN
NEWS STAFF WRITER

THOMPSON — Thompson is home to many historical landmarks and moments in history. This includes a four-train crash, a shocking tale that is now told through photographs collected by Frank Ramsdell and his daughter Alice.

It was morning, December 4, 1891. Four trains were scheduled to pass through East Thompson. To keep the slower No. 212 freight train from impeding the approaching Eastern States Express from New York, the local dispatcher allowed 212 to run on the left hand track ahead of the express. But he forgot about the Southbridge Local freight, which was on its way.

At 6:40 a.m., the 212 and the train from Southbridge collided head-on.

It was a violent collision, jackknifing several cars and even tossing one across the tracks.

Unaware of the disaster, the Eastern States Express kept traveling in that direction at 50 miles per hour. It ended up crashing into the car across the track, causing the engine to derail and strike a telephone pole.

Engineer Harry Taber and firefighter Gerry Fitzgerald were killed.

A nearby home was destroyed by the steam.

The fourth train, Norwich Steamboat Train, was also unaware of the catastrophe. And at 6:45 a.m. it pummeled the Eastern States Express, setting fire to the rear sleeping car.

All four engines were destroyed. "There were people on the trains," said Thompson Historical Society vice president Joe Lindley. "But only two were reported dead. A third man, R.H. Rath, was thought to be dead. But his body was never found. There's a legend that he sort of disappeared. We know he was on the train, but we don't know where he was after the crash."

The Thompson Public Library now houses a small exhibit featuring some jaw-dropping photos of the infamous crash, part of the Ramsdell's extensive 17,000 piece collection of train photographs, now in the possession of the Thompson Historical Society.

The collection of 1800 to 1900 steam engines was amassed by Ramsdell because of his love of trains. He wanted to become a train engineer in the 1800s, but he was needed on the family farm in West Thompson.

He also purchased an engine he hoped to restore.

With help from his daughter Alice, Engine #9 was restored. It's now soon



A four-train crash occurred in Thompson in 1891.



to be featured in a one hour PBS special, and is up and running in Maine.

"Just the volume of pictures they took... And it saved that piece of our history. It had to be an incredible labor of love," said Lindley. "You wouldn't be able to amass that volume without dedicating your life to it. And Alice was pretty good with that. She would show the kids in town the railroad tracks and the engine. So people my age and older remember Alice and the engine because most of us visited it."

It's a way to remember a piece of Thompson's history. And the railroads were a very big piece.

Because of Thompson's central location, trains from Boston, New York, Providence and Springfield often passed through Thompson to get to their destinations. With three major rivers, the

town was also home to many mills, which made it its own destination for travelers and workers.

One of the pieces from Ramsdell's collection that stands out to Lindley is a photo of President Grant's funeral trail.

"It went all over the country," he said. "And somehow they were able to get a picture of it."

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Renee Lasko

Name: Renee Lasko

Occupation(s): Attorney and cooking/nutrition educator

Lives in: Putnam

Family: Tim, husband

Pets: Currently none -- after rescuing a pair of rabbits and caring for them and their offspring for over a decade, I'm taking some time off.

How long have you lived in the area?
Ten years! Thanks to having visited Putnam while in the area for a friend's wedding a year or two earlier, Tim and I moved to Putnam as a "geographical compromise" while planning our wedding. It was exactly the kind of rural/town mix I'd been wanting to move to for years.

Do you have a favorite food?: Pizza

What is currently your favorite TV show?: This Is Us

What is your favorite movie?: Love Actually

What is your favorite travel destination?: Las Vegas

What is the best part of your town?: The falls, followed closely by the pavilion on Kennedy Drive where the farmers' market is held

Who has been the greatest influence in your life? My grandmother -- she was devoted to community service and was a great baker and cook, besides being devoted to her family.

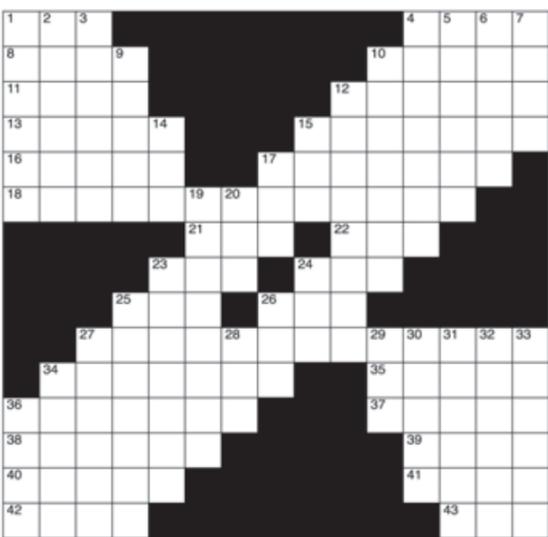
Who is your favorite musical artist?: I love so many different musical genres that I can't pick one favorite artist.

What is the greatest piece of advice you have ever been given? Before I went to law school someone told me two things that helped me succeed and even mostly enjoy the experience. First, take classes in areas that you love, not classes that you think you'll need for the bar exam (because you'll get all that in bar review anyway). Second, don't feel pressured to join a study group -- if you think you do better learning on your own, follow your instincts.

Favorite Sports Team: The Connecticut Whale (women's professional hockey team)

Favorite Color: Pink! Especially bright pink

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CLUES ACROSS

- 1. Female deer
- 4. Unfashionable people
- 8. Entranceway
- 10. Courteous
- 11. Level
- 12. Deli meat
- 13. Details
- 15. Stole
- 16. A genus of bee
- 17. Expressed as digits
- 18. Your child's daughter
- 21. ___ and flow
- 22. Small amount
- 23. Revolutions per minute
- 24. Criticize
- 25. Snake-like fish
- 26. Cooling mechanism
- 27. Inquiry
- 34. Engage in political activity
- 35. The lowest adult male singing voice
- 36. Endings
- 37. Irises
- 38. The highest parts
- 39. Kimono sashes
- 40. Bewilders
- 41. Mentally healthy
- 42. Used to traverse snow
- 43. Inflamed

CLUES DOWN

- 1. Adventurous
- 2. Deliverer of speeches
- 3. Skin condition
- 4. Widened
- 5. James Cameron film
- 6. The 3rd letter of the Hebrew alphabet
- 7. Moved along a surface
- 9. Pharmacological agent
- 10. Charity
- 12. Seeing someone famous
- 14. Not happy
- 15. Farm animal
- 17. Give a nickname to
- 19. Uses up
- 20. Type of missile (abbr.)
- 23. Criticizes
- 24. Midwife
- 25. Entwined
- 26. Supervises interstate commerce
- 27. A way to convert
- 28. Female sibling
- 29. TV network
- 30. Tropical Asian plant
- 31. Line on a map
- 32. Denotes songbirds
- 33. Made publicly known
- 34. He devised mud cleats for football
- 36. Trends

PUZZLE SOLUTION



THOMPSON LEADERS BLESSED

THOMPSON — Reverend Greg Gray from the Thompson Congregational Church held a "Blessing of the Town Leadership" service on Sunday, Dec. 3. Recent elected officials and members of leadership positioned were invited. From left, Reverend Greg Gray, Amy St. Onge, Ann Miller, Angela Newell, Donna Lynch, Erica Groh, and Larry Groh Jr.

Courtney, Blumenthal, and Murphy comment on Tribal Compact

WASHINGTON, D.C. — U.S. Congressman Joe Courtney (D-Conn. Second District), and U.S. Senators Richard Blumenthal (D-Conn.) and Chris Murphy (D-Conn.) issued the following statement in support of the joint lawsuit filed by the Connecticut Attorney General, the Mashantucket Pequot Tribal Nation, and the Mohegan Tribe in U.S. District Court on Nov. 29. The lawsuit seeks to compel the U.S. Department of the Interior (DOI) to approve

the amendments to the tribal compacts between the state and Mashantucket Pequot and Mohegan Tribes clarifying that existing Tribal/State Agreements are not impacted by the joint operation of a third casino in East Windsor by the Tribes. DOI failed to either approve or reject the amendments, rather they returned them to the Tribes. Federal law deems approved any amendment that is neither approved or rejected within 90 days of sub-

mission and requires the DOI to publish notice of such deemed approval in the Federal Register. "The law is clear—the Department of the Interior has approved the amendments and must now publish such approval," Courtney said. "Court action to require publication of approval is necessary because Interior's inaction violated federal law. Interior must follow the law and do what is best for both the tribes and Connecticut."

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A rocky relationship

BY OLIVIA RICHMAN
NEWS STAFF WRITER

WOODSTOCK — Do you believe that crystals can give you a certain vibe? Do you love the diverse looks and feels of stones? Rhonda Roy-Collins does. And that's why she started collecting rocks and minerals. She recently opened Masterpiece Minerals & Gemstones in Woodstock for the holidays, an extension of her shop in Killingly that's been open for almost 17 years.

Surrounded by animal bones, crystals, petrified wood and animal figurines carved out of stone, I sat down and spoke with Roy-Collins about her passion for rocks and minerals.

What made you open a shop in 2001?

"I'm a collector of rocks and minerals. I just started this by passing it along to the people that were interested. It's my hobby gone haywire, essentially. I do a lot of pop up things at fairs and schools and different craft shows. I was at every First Friday and Third Thursday event."

How do you like having a shop in Woodstock?

"I love this area. There's great interest in this around here. My home base is a dead-end dirt road. This is a much more convenient location. I'm trying to get more availability by being here in the public, rather than people having to search for me in Killingly."

How has the response been?

"It's been growing each year. I have returning customers each year and brand new ones."

Why do you love stones?

"I love the diversity. I did go to the Gemological Institute in NYC in 2001. I'm just always learning. Here I am 17 years later, and there's still new finds, new minerals being found."

What made you want to attend the Gemological Institute?



Rhonda Roy-Collins loves rocks and minerals

Olivia Richman photo

"Just being drawn to crystals. Crystal energies exist. It's vibrations. It's very specific to each person. That's what I find interesting."

What is one of your favorite crystals?

"I love citrine. There's beautiful crystal formations and warm browns to bright yellow colors. It's a cleansing energy. Naturally cleansing. It's hard to put into words. It's something that has to be touched and felt."

That's interesting. I am wondering what kind of feelings people would experience.

"I had a girl come in here the other day. She picked up a crystal and she started crying."

What kind of crystal?

"It was selenite crystal."

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"It was just an emotional connection."

So happy tears.

"It was very positive. She left here elated. She was very happy."

How do you feel that you're able to bring this kind of experience to others through your store?

"I love being open to the fact that a family can walk in here and the kids love the stones. I have baskets and wagons of tumbled pieces. There are different carved animals for children. They connect with stones at their own level. But there's jewelry for mom and fossils for dad. There's really something for everybody."

What is something in your shop that really stands out to you?

"Petrified wood. It's billion year old trees turned to stone. I have some big specimens. Some have crazy coloring. Jasper and quartz. And you can still see the tree rings. Different minerals drip in throughout the years. It's just how time and just the right elements... It has to be just so to make these things completely change composition."

That sounds beautiful. And it's amazing that it has to be exact circumstances to create this beauty.

"I also have hand-made jewelry my friends make. I also have authentic nature and animal art. It's a great compliment. Bones and stones. It's all natural stuff. It's amazing work by Tom Bowen."

So how do you get these stones and minerals?

"We mine them when we can."

Oh, wow. So some of these you've found yourself.

"I've done it all over. I've done it up in Maine, New York, Moosup, North Carolina... It's amazing to unearth these gems that have been there for millions of years and I'm the first one to bring them to light. It's hard work. There's blood, sweat and tears. But it's very rewarding."

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Flexer attends veterans conference at White House

WASHINGTON D.C. — Connecticut State Senator Mae Flexer (Democrat-Danielson), Co-Chair of Connecticut's Veterans' Affairs Committee was invited to participate in a White House Veterans Affairs Conference with state and local leaders from throughout the United States. The Conference provided legislators, state commissioners and other leaders focused on veterans issues the opportunity to share ideas and develop better public policies to support veterans in four key areas.

"Our veterans stood up for us, and it is our duty to stand up for them when they return home," said Flexer. "Providing critical support for veterans is an issue for which we must put all partisanship aside and develop smart, effective policies. I am grateful to have participated in this dialogue at the White House, and share some of Connecticut's veterans concerns and our state's successful policies. I appreciate the opportunity to collaborate with state and federal leaders to develop new ideas that will better support Connecticut's veterans. I was particularly

gratified to directly ask David Shulkin, the U.S. Secretary of Veterans Affairs about several concerns that veterans from northeastern Connecticut have asked me about. I was surprised to learn directly from the secretary that, like many veterans in our region, he too is confused by the current disability rating system. In response to my question the secretary announced that the VA is about to commence a thorough evaluation of that system in the coming months. I also asked him about concerns with the VA handling of Agent Orange complications and the recently discovered conditions that are traced to parasite exposure in Vietnam. He assured me he has recommended improvements to the program and that the VA is moving forward with implementing them in the coming months, pending approval from the administration. I will continue following and advocating for these issues as they develop."

The conference also focused on policies and strategies that states can adopt to better support veterans in four key areas: Veterans Employment

and Transition Assistance; Veterans Homelessness; Addiction, Mental Health and Suicide Prevention; and VA Modernization and Reform.

Flexer stressed the importance of the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban housing vouchers during these discussions.

"These vouchers have been a critical part of Connecticut's sustained effort to eliminate homelessness among veterans. Without these vouchers, Connecticut would not be able to rapidly find housing for homeless veterans and would not be able to sustain that housing," Flexer said.

As Co-Chair of Connecticut's Veterans' Affairs Committee, Flexer works to develop, introduce and pass laws to support Connecticut veterans. This year she led passage of two new laws that provide direct property tax cuts to veterans and their families. She also championed Public Act 17-127, which prohibits discrimination against veterans in employment, housing, granting of credit and other areas.

Vigil set for peace and remembrance

WOODSTOCK — In remembrance of the fifth anniversary of the shootings at Sandy Hook Elementary School in Newtown, as well as the 500,000 American victims and survivors of gun violence since December 2012, a vigil for peace and remembrance will be held at 6 p.m. on Thursday, Dec. 14, at First Congregational Church of Woodstock, located at 543 Route 169 in Woodstock.

This event will be part of a nationwide tribute in partnership with the Newtown Foundation, Newtown Action Alliance, and many other groups working to promote peace, provide resources for survivors, and find a way to end the epidemic of gun violence.

"What hurts one child of God hurts us all," said the Reverend Jocelyn Gardner Spencer,

pastor of First Congregational Church. "In this season of Advent, as we prepare the way for the birth of the Christ-Child, we commit ourselves to pray and work for a world where every child can live free from fear and violence, in the world of peace God has promised."

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KILLINGLY HIGH SCHOOL FIRST QUARTER HONOR ROLL

DAYVILLE — The following Killingly High School seniors achieved High Honors in Quarter 1: Alexandria Conde, Alexis Costa, Caitlyn Eldridge, Nicolas Evangelisti, Grace Higgins, Sean Johndrow, Corrine Khamphoukeo, Dayana Rodriguez-Mendez, Zachary Schena, Alyssa Tracy, and Ashley Veillette. First Honors include: Sarah Azizi, Zachary Caffrey, Michael Capuano, Sierra Cassano, Ryan Comtois, Silvia Cote, Aliyah Dean, Dylan Deotte, Brett Dexter, Panisan Diskul, Jacob Gauthier, Talia Gould, Autumn Jefferson, Emily Keeling, Rachel Martinelli, Jenna McCauley, Ericka Olsen, Jared Olson, Carlos Poch, Anastasia Salisbury, Alexis Smith, Brandon Steen, Julia Trafaconda, Gavin Turner, and Stephen Wetherell. Second Honors include: Krystyna Andrews, Alexis Blake, Andrew Blanchard, Allison Bonneau, Johnathan Cacciapuoti, Ethan Canova, Amanda Cicchetti, Nina Coutras, Ashley Depointe, Emma Esposito, Haley Farnsworth, Emma Gifford, Megan Graham, Angelina Greene, Courtney Greene, Xavier Harrelle, Felicia Horne, Sarah Horvath, Rachel Hultzman, Johnnie Johnson, Tamarin Kelley, Kyara Kinder, Madison Laperle, Dylan LeDuc, Christian Lerz-McFolley, McKayla Lewis, Britney Mares, Keaton Meyer, Reagan Morin, Julia Mossey, Jasper Pelletier, Christopher Perry, Vasileios Politis, Joshua Rivera, Douglas Ryan, Reagan Sauer, Kory Seiden, Kristen Soper, Michael Thibeault, Taylor Torcoletti, Dylan VanLiew, Griffin Ware, Hunter Yaworski, Jacob Zadora,

Meredith Zamperini, Evan Zanauskas, and Ruifend Zhang.

The following juniors achieved High Honors in Quarter 1: Jasmine Alvord, Jacob Brower, Tate Credit, Tiffany Hicks, Lauren Mayotte, and Joseph Raheb. First Honors include: Samuel Antonelli, Camille Benoit, Colin Bragdon, Jennifer Burdick, Andrea Filbert, Tres-Belle Gaudette, Jasmine Hunt, Taylor Jax, Sophia Leonetti, Allison Levesque, Samantha Lynch, Emma Marceau, Michael O'Connor, Prachi Patel, Kaitlyn Peckham, Dylan Petersen, and Arianna Toth. Second Honors include: Samantha Alexander, Kelsey Allen, Gavin Alvord, Katherine Archambault, Bryce Bentinck, Thomas Bernier, Alyssa Blade, Jordan Braasch, Meghan Briquier, Taylor Charron, Alexandra Chitwood, Kaylee Chviek, Tyler Cournoyer, Destiny Cyr, Luke Desaulnier, Nazmia Dionis, Lauryn Durand, Ronald Ernest, Rylee Faucher, Brianna Fontaine, Jean Foraker, Jailyn Gancarz, Quinlan Gervasio, Grace Hebert, Hailey Jimenez, Colby Johndrow, Trevor Johnson, Mary Jordan, Genevieve Kennan, Cecilia LeBlanc, Jason Long, Noah Marcoux, Nolan Marcoux, Kylee Mazzarella, Kaitlyn McCrory, Dylan McMerriman, Alexandria Morrissette, Cody Ogozalek, Dale Pendergast, Matthew Phelan, Jade Plantier, Willie-Nathaniel Postell, Hannah Privee, Sophia Provencher, Emily Robinson, Joseph Rodriguez, Brandon Rosati, David Rull, Morgan Savoie, Jamie Shay, Ethan Smith, Camryn Soler, Morgan Tamburri, James Toczko-Klinensmith, Derek Turner, Hannah Walters, Blake Wolanin, Aubrey Woods, and Caitlyn

Woods.

The following sophomores achieved High Honors in Quarter 1: Isabella Deep, Cassidy Lefevre, Jonathan Lepire, Christopher Pawul, and Alexandra Purcell. First Honors include: Faith Boateng-Afranie, Keeley Cerbo, Erin DeRouin, Thomas Desjardin, Rebecca DiBenedetto, Russell Farnsworth, Christiana Filbert, Alyssa Gaudreau, Alyssa Hansen, Kassadee Lewis, Alexis Manfredo, Kaileigh Martineau, Benjamin Morin, Morriah Owen, Aidan Parsons, Ashley Ray, Dylan Shaw, Isabel Tang, Benjamin Theroux, and Mackenzie Weaver.

Second Honors include: Caleb Albro, Alisson Baron Martinez, Julia Beausoleil, Griffin Bellavance, Stephanie Bellows, Shayne Bigelow, Savannah Burnham, Brianna Caffrey, Kayleigh Carbone, Haylee Chester, Jonathan Creswell, Kameron Crowe, Mariah Deschamps, Jordan Dreibold, Courtney Ennis, Caroline Gagnon, Brianna Hogan, Lauren Hyatt, Mackenzie Jackson, Caleb Johnson, Lauren Jones, Christopher Lackner, Jaimie Lohman, Parker Mandeville, Jordyn Marshall, Samantha Murd, Leah Murdock, Devin Nichols, Ryan Noll, Jacob Nurse, Colby O'Donnell, Nadia Ponciano, Ethan Preston, Madison Rattray, Sierra Rocha, Amirah Samuel, Alyssa Saritelli, Karly Seiffert, Jaycin Shaw, Soudalath Souvannhaphan, Annabelle Sparling, Abbygail Surrall, Emma Turner, Jasmine Verespie, Kolby Walters, and Zichao Zhou.

The following freshmen achieved High Honors in Quarter 1: Evelyn Allen, Abraham Antonelli, Madison Briere, Savannah Buisson, Abby

Card, Colton Douglas, Laney Dunn, Mackenzie Farquhar, Annie Griffin, Sophie Griffin, Ann-Marie Hebert, Bailey Hirschboeck, Kaleigh Hopkins, Cole Lavigne, Viren Patel, Shannon Picariello, Julia Purcell, Daniel Raheb, Sydney Rosen, Jordan Rukstela, Kaleb Watson, and Meghan Wrobel. First Honors include: Cal Barber, Abigail Burgess, Kelley Chanaphay, Janelle Charron, Ryan Coupe, Abigail Driscoll, Nikki Flynn, Lance Groh, Madison Hopkins, Olivia Lamoureux, Patricia Lillibridge-Reek, Amelia MacPhail, Aidan McKenna, Charlotte Morrissette, Abigail Norgren, Madyson Peaslee, Joliana Reynolds, Sarah Roberts, Dakota Sanchez, Hannah Siegmund, Grace Socha, Lillian Stockford, Madelyn Sumner, Matthew Weiss, and Avery Zanauskas. Second Honors include: Scott Aubin, Dedrick Baublitz, Lorelai Bessenaire, Chace Bowns, Allison Capuano, Grace Cerbo, Jake Colwell, Zoe Conklin, Abigail Cornell, Brooke Cusson-Malone, Evan Despathy, Morgan Disco, Joshua Dumas, Michelle Dumphy, Virgil Fensley, Jacob Galarza, Kailey Harrington, Kyle Keene, Andrew LaRochelle, Tate Larrow, Chase LeClerc, Emilee Lehtinen, Hunter Leite, Nevaeh Lyon, Zachary Meagher, Courtney Miranda, Kristen Morgan, Cooper Morrissette, Hannah Morrison, Grace Nichols, Bailey Pepin, Stephen Reding, Hannah Reid, Kevin Rice, Cruz Rocha, Mason Smith, Gabriel Spangenberg, Brooke Trudeau, Amaya West, Lyle Woodman, Ryan Zavistoski.

Woodstock honors fall athletes

WOODSTOCK—The annual Fall Sports Awards night was held at Woodstock Academy on Nov. 30 in the Center for the Arts on South Campus. Over 325 athletes from all 16 sports, at various levels, offered in the fall were honored for their participation. Athletes were not only honored for their athletic endeavors but also their academic acumen. The program

with the highest cumulative grade point average was the girls soccer team at 3.406, just 24/100th's better than the girls cross-country team at 3.382. Third place belonged to the field hockey team at 3.377.

The Eastern Connecticut Conference also recognized top scholars this season. Those chosen from Woodstock Academy for the award includ-

ed Gabriella Bessette (cheerleading), Chris Cheney (boys cross-country), Eden Law (girls cross-country), Charlotte Powell (field hockey), Nathan Price (football), Ethan Werstler (boys soccer), Ciri Miller (girls soccer) and Rebekah Wesler (volleyball).

The fall coaches' awards were as follows: Varsity Cheerleading: Savannah Henault, Ava Hassell Varsity boys cross-country: Dan Crème, Kenneth Birlin. JV boys cross-country: Noah Pepper Varsity girls cross-country: Stella DiPippo, Emily McClure JV girls cross-country: Shannon D'Alessandro Varsity field hockey: Lindsey O'Dea, Avery Jones JV field hockey blue team: Lauren Neely JV field hockey gold team: Kate Boshka Varsity football: Luis Miranda, Kameron Janice

Froshmore football: Adam Schimmelpennig Varsity boys soccer: Cole Hackett, Connor Huda JV boys soccer: Grayson Walley Freshman boys soccer: Merlin Zhang Varsity girls soccer: Hallie Saracina, Brynn Kusnarowis JV girls soccer A: Mikayla Wilcox JV girls soccer B: Julianna Hobbs Unified soccer: Emmalee Binette Varsity volleyball: Denali Johns, McKenna Gagnon JV volleyball: Diana Gonzalez Freshman volleyball: Megan Kelly. Patches were also given to those who received recognition from the Eastern Connecticut Conference.

Athletes who made first team All-ECC included Hannah Matsas and Stella Dipippo (girls cross-country); Cole Hackett, Jacopo Ambrosetti, and Jack Gelhaus (boys soccer); Maddy Gronski, Paula Hernandez,

and Natalie Low (volleyball); Kennedy Davignon and Ivy Gelhaus (girls soccer) and Kameron Janice (football).

ECC honorable mention patches were given to Brynn Kusnarowis and Irene Askitis (girls soccer); Hannah Reynolds and Wanjiru Gatheru (field hockey); Ethan Holcomb (boys soccer); Caroline Eaton and Sammie Orłowski (volleyball).

ECC championship patches were also given to the girls soccer and volleyball teams. It was the first ECC tournament championship for the girls soccer program.

ECC sportsmanship awards were given to Brooke Deorsey (cheerleading); Jared Law (boys cross-country); Megan Gohn (girls cross-country); Julia Bibeault (field hockey); Blake Kollbeck (football); William Schad (boys soccer); Linda St. Laurent (girls soccer) and Hannah Walley (volleyball).



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Rectory School visits Westview

DAYVILLE — Rectory School students and teachers recently visited Westview Health Care Center. Therapeutic Recreation Director Louise Taylor toured the facility with a group that included two Rectory educators, Fran Morano and Brad Seaward, and 12 young scholars. The rounds included visiting residential hallways and the formal dining room as well as the outpatient aquatic center and sports medicine department.

The ninth grade students from the Pomfret-located junior boarding school chose to be a part of a volunteer coalition as an elective experience.

"I applaud Rectory's outreach with this program," said Westview administrator David T. Panteleakos. "The students visiting our elderly residents create this inter-generational exchange where both groups can socialize and learn from each other."

Westview Health Care Center recently announced its desire to expand the volunteer program, and is appealing for more members of the team. Interested individuals should call (860) 774-8574 ext. 151 for information.



Rectory School students made a visit to Westview Health Care Center.

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Oil spill contained at Killingly Ag building

DAYVILLE — An oil spill on Nov. 29 was contained at the Killingly Agricultural Education Building adjacent to Killingly High School. At approximately 10:40 a.m. on Nov. 29 teachers in the building noticed a red liquid coming from the floor drains in the Ag Mechanic Shop. The teachers were able to immediately identify the liquid as home heating oil from the color and smell. There were no students in the shop at the time, and the entire wing was immediately evacuated of staff and students.

Killingly staff identified that the issue had been created by a heating oil vendor who had accidentally pumped 1,400 gallons of heating oil into the oil/water waste separating tank.

The fire marshal was shortly on site,

to assess the situation. Under direction of the fire marshal, Killingly maintenance staff worked with the local fire department to contain the spill and to move animals from the Agricultural building to an outside building. At 11:12 a.m. families and students were notified that Killingly High School would be dismissing students.

The site was assessed by the Department of Energy and Environmental Protection (DEEP) and cleanup of the site was conducted by outside contractors. At no time during the incident were students in danger, and dismissal of students and faculty was a precaution to ensure that there were no issues created by fumes generated during cleanup.

Boyd gets award from firefighters

POMFRET — Connecticut State Representative Pat Boyd (Democrat-Pomfret) has been named the 2017 "Legislator of the Year" by the Connecticut State Firefighters Association. This award recognizes Rep. Boyd's efforts and dedication in advocating for Connecticut firefighters. Boyd was honored with this award at the 134th annual Convention of the Connecticut State Firefighter Association in Wethersfield on Thursday, Nov. 30.

"I am extremely grateful to receive this honor from the CSFA," Boyd said. "Firefighting is an essential community service and we must do everything we can to help our local Fire Departments those that

play such a vital role. That is why this legislative session, I worked across the aisle with Rep. Brian Ohler (R- North Canaan) to organize and lead the bipartisan Fire/EMS Caucus to make fire service legislation a priority. Firefighters, both volunteer and professional, risk their lives on a daily basis to help others and I am proud to advocate for them. I appreciate all the work firefighters do for our communities and will continue to fight our Firefighters."

Boyd is a volunteer with the Pomfret Fire Department, where he currently serves as the Company President and an EMS Lieutenant. He also serves as the volunteer Deputy Emergency Management Director for the Town of Pomfret.

"We greatly appreciate Rep. Boyd's efforts during the past year," said Leon Collins, legislative representative for the Connecticut State Firefighters Association. "His work, with Rep. Brian Ohler, to organize the bipartisan Fire/EMS Caucus at the Capitol was just what the Fire Service needed; during a most challenging legislative session. Additionally, Rep. Boyd worked through the summer to help restore funding to the operating budgets of our Regional Fire Schools after some of those schools had to cut classes or close their doors. Again, we would like to thank Rep. Boyd on behalf of the over 26,000 volunteer and career firefighters that our organization represents."

Putnam businesses comply with tobacco laws

PUTNAM — The Putnam Police Department and staff members of the State of Connecticut, Department of Mental Health and Addiction Services (DMHAS), Tobacco Prevention and Enforcement Program (TPEP), conducted unannounced compliance inspections on Friday, Dec. 1, of establishments that sell tobacco products. The inspections were performed in an effort to determine compliance with state laws concerning the prohibition of the sale of cigarettes and/or tobacco products to youth under the age of eighteen.

A total of 12 unannounced compliance inspections were conducted. Of this total, zero establishments were found to be in violation of the General Statutes of Connecticut, Sec. 53-344(b), Sale of tobacco to minors under eighteen. The compliance

inspections occurred at the following establishments located with the Putnam Special Services District: Best Way- 146 Church St. Putnam; City Gas- 2 Grove St. Putnam; Rite Aid-203 Kennedy Drive Putnam; Family Dollar- 356 Kennedy Drive Putnam; Putnam Spirits- 249 Kennedy Drive Putnam; Price Chopper -251 Kennedy Drive

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OPINION

Opinion and commentary from the Quiet Corner

Do you see what I see?

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Woodstock reader questions story on Wiccan

To the editor:

Tis' the time of year when we think about spiritual things, most often relating to the Christmas season. Much to my surprise the spirituality reported on page 1 of the Woodstock Villager for December 1st had nothing to do with the incarnation of God on earth. It was about a Wiccan witch and medium from Woodstock.

The article in question politely interviewed Ms. Pontbriand and explained her experience with exorcism and soothsaying. It presents these activities without judgment or explanation. Are we to expect that casting out spirits is such a common activity and that everyone knows about it so that there is no need to explain what it means to "clean" a house?

The goal of a good newspaper should be to inform the reader about things that are

occurring without bias. It should represent both sides of an issue. This article not only fails to do this but it fails to fully explain what is occurring when Ms. Pontbriand and her mother (an employee of the paper) ply their skills. A more objective subject than the daughter of an employee would help this article.

I find myself wondering about the benefits of promoting a spirituality which has been eschewed throughout time. It is a bit of an affront to followers of Jesus to ignore the season of his advent and instead report on a competitive challenge to the Kingdom of God. The truth of Jesus' reality and the benefits of his coming are verifiable.

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"Do you see what I see?" is a line from the famous Christmas Song titled, Do you Hear What I Hear? It was written in 1962 by Noel Regney and Gloria Baker as a plea for peace. While world peace is still illusive, love, joy and peace for individuals

are within everyone's grasp. The catch — it requires that they see the invisible.

Seeing the invisible may sound illogical or impossible, but it has been the cornerstone of Biblical faith since

the creation of man. The Bible said this of Moses: "It was by faith that Moses left the land of Egypt, not fearing the king's anger. He kept right on going because he kept his eyes on the one who is invisible." (Hebrews 11:27 NLT)

Skeptics can easily question what people of faith "see", but it is much harder to argue with the results of faith like Moses had. He is famous for the parting of the Red Sea and liberating millions of slaves from the most powerful kingdom on earth. Then, with God as His coach, he kept them alive in a desert for forty years. And he is just one of many heroes of faith who accomplished epic feats because they were able to "see" in faith.

Admittedly there are those who claim to see and hear things that may actually be unstable, but when believers hold themselves accountable to the safety nets of the Bible and other believers, they continue to experience supernatural transformations and healings to this day. Like the lady who called me one day trying to figure out what was happening to her. She was alone at home praying when suddenly she began speaking in a language she had not learned. Her genuine faith allowed God to fill her with His Spirit just like he did on the first day of the Church as recorded in Acts chapter two. She had not been coached or "brain-washed," because she didn't even know about speaking in tongues. She was just sincerely seeking a God she could not see.

The Bible and church history are filled with many other inexplicable acts of bravery, healings and miracles. But only those who believe experience these God-events. It is as if God sifts through mankind by asking people to see with their hearts. Some believe; others do not. Those who don't often never understand and may even deem believers to be simple or foolish. But people of faith are not weak minded -- they are just strong-hearted.

Ironically, these strong-hearted believers have been changing the world for centuries and the world has been rejecting them much like they rejected Jesus Christ. "We have stories of those who were stoned, sawed in two, murdered in cold blood; stories of vagrants wandering the earth in animal skins, homeless, friendless, powerless—the world didn't deserve them!—making their way as best they could on the cruel edges of the world." (Hebrews 11:37-40 MSG)

As Christmas approaches, I would ask, "Do you see what I see?" I see a God who loves you and wants to interact with you in a dynamic way. I see God changing your life from the inside out and making you whole. I see you living a life of joy and peace in the middle of a messy world. If you are able to "see" the invisible

Skating back through time

The thud of hockey pucks hitting the wall and the blur of high school boys skating very fast at a local rink was so exciting, I forgot to think about the cold inside the arena. Actually, compared to the chill of skating on an outdoor pond, the place was almost toasty. I was visiting the rink to interview the coach, an accomplished athlete, who knows every innuendo of the sport. As we sat together talking, my mind wandered to the joys of skating and how much it elevates winter.



NANCY WEISS

One's mind plays tricks with time especially when looking back, so my recollection of long winter days skating on backyard ponds may be the amalgamation of many years rolled into one amorphous memory, but it seemed that we skated from November

to early spring. Most of the skating ponds were small and quite shallow so they froze early and deeply.

Someone's father would test the ice by walking to the middle and jumping up and down. Sometimes a sharp crack from shifting or expanding would create a long crevice across the surface that made the ice irregular and a little dangerous. Underground springs and run off from houses or barns created pockets of water that might soak a skater's feet. The goal was not to give in to the cold and quit but to keep skating until darkness brought an end to the activity.

Outdoor skating at public rinks, often in cities, is a chance to see others struggle or show off. There is a lovely seasonal rink in Providence that draws crowds, especially families. A friend worked to create a public rink on the edge of Strawberry Banke in Portsmouth, N.H., in part because he had wonderful memories of skating with his brothers and wanted other kids to have the same experiences. Rockefeller Center's rink near the giant Christmas tree is one of the most glorious places to skate around, while trying not to ogle the crowd for celebrities. The Boston Common Frog Pond is in the center of many historic sites that seem to cut the sharp edge of the wind. A country pond is a different experience all together.

Skating parties were once the social capitol of pre-teen and teen life. The chance to lace up a pair of white figure skates with a little row of metal teeth on the toe or, for boys, to tighten low-black hockey skates, and step on to the ice was a chance to squeal at the speed of "Snap the Whip" or hold someone's hand while circling the outer edge of the pond. Embarrassment was always one slip and fall away, but worth the risk.

The most delightful moments came just at sunset. A man, perhaps someone's father or uncle, would strap on a pair of skates and move quickly out on to the ice. Suddenly a fellow, not noted for grace or ease, would become a different person, skating backward or forward in ever smaller circles, carving figure eights in the ice and leaping into the air and landing in an elegant spin. A man, whom one could never imagine dancing with his wife, would be transformed by the ice into someone lithe and carefree. In a few minutes in front of a small group, his children's mouth agape in wonder at the surprising talents of their father, everyone would see a side of the man they could never imagine.

Perhaps this winter, we will have some days of deep cold when the ponds freeze and hearty souls can enjoy the freedom of skating in the twilight of a New England winter day.

Children of immigrants should stay

To the editor:

Once again the promises and visions of our country are being derailed by politicians. The children of illegal immigrants who came here should not be deported and sent to countries where they did not grow up, they should be able to become American citizens

. It is morally wrong and reprehensible to uproot people who have committed no crime and who came here as children.

ANN C. ROSEBROOKS
THOMPSON

Reader approves of tax reform

To the editor:

As I write this letter, the U.S. Senate passed tax reform which gives middle class taxpayers relief at last. The bill also repeals the onerous Obamacare mandates which levies fines on individuals and businesses who opt out of this disaster. Our feckless U.S. Senators Bolshevik Blumey and pajama boy commie Chris Murphy of course voted against it. Along with their comrades in the state congressional politiburo these Sens. and Reps could care less about the states taxpayers. The Democrats in the Congress House and Senate all voted no against this bill what happened to their claim of being for the middle class. In fact they oppose every bill, proposal or nominee either cabinet on Judicial from the Trump Administration. Calling them obstructionists is to kind they

are all setionists who are in open rebellion against the duly elected gov't. Looking at the larger picture however the Democrat Party (I.E. Socialists/Marxists) pose a real threat long term to this country. I don't say this idly just look at the Democrat Party platform they ran on in last years election. That platform could have been easily written by Karl Marx it was right out of his communist manifesto. Long gone are the days of being the party of JFK who incidentally was the last Democrat to pass tax cuts. The Democrat party of today has morphed into what JFK fought against socialism/Marxism. Sadly the Democrat party couldn't have done more damage to this country than if they were Russian or red Chinese agents.

JOHN DAHL
DAYVILLE

Woodstock reader says we can learn from honeybees

To the editor:

We weren't alarmed to be holding bees in our hands because they were dead. I was watching my friend investigating the inside of the hive, now silent after a busy, buzzing summer. They lay in an amber heap- in my hand they felt light as dried petals and smelled faintly of clover. The clue was in the few little bodies who had died still trying to get the last honey-food from the totally empty chambers of the comb. The verdict: too much warmth to this long fall which had kept the bees searching for nectar for long weeks with no flowers, no nectar.

On the drive home, I couldn't help but think about how casually we are using up our limited petro-chemical resources—the oils, gas, and coal honeyed-away in earth, never to

be renewed. The folks making money on its sale can't help but keep trying to sell us more and I'm told that many of our international conflicts and international relationships are based on concerns of losing access to the remaining reserves. We're even in the process of selling off our national wilderness areas for mining and drilling, now.

So it helped to see the increasing number of solar panels on the drive home and I recalled recently reading that installing panels and developing innovations is surpassing other energy sources in creating jobs in our economy.

It behooves us to keep going in that direction. I'm thinking of those bees.

JORIE HUNKEN
WOODSTOCK

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Women and money: taking control of your finances

As a woman, you have financial needs that are unique to your situation in life. Maybe you need to start saving for your child's college education. Or you might be concerned about planning for retirement. Perhaps it is holiday shopping you want to keep in mind during this season. Whatever your circumstances may be, it's important to have a clear understanding of your overall financial position. That means constructing and implementing a plan. With a financial plan in place, you'll be better able to focus on your financial goals and understand what it will take to reach them. The three main steps in creating and implementing an effective financial plan involve a clear perspective of your current financial situation. You then may want to set and prioritize financial goals and time frames. Lastly, implementing the appropriate saving and investment strategies for



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your situation
Developing a clear picture of your current financial situation

The first step to creating and implementing a financial plan is to develop a clear picture of your current financial situation. If you don't already have one, consider establishing a budget or a spending plan. Creating a budget requires you to identify your current monthly income and expenses and monitoring spending habits and as a whole.

This also applies if you live in a dual income household, how will each of you allocate your money to your expens-

es?
To develop a budget, you'll need to identify your current monthly income and expenses. Start out by adding up all of your income. In addition to your regular salary and wages, be sure to include other types of income, such as dividends, interest, and your spouses income. Next, add up all of your expenses. If it makes it easier, you can divide your expenses into two categories: fixed and discretionary. Fixed expenses include things that are necessities, such as housing, food, transportation, and clothing. Discretionary expenses include things like entertainment, vacations, and hobbies. You'll want to be sure to include out-of-pattern expenses (e.g., holiday gifts, car maintenance) in your budget as well.

Setting and prioritizing financial goals

The second step to creating

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TOUCH DOWN!
CHECK OUT THE SPORTS ACTION!

Do you recall Malloy's Family Department Store?



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MARGARET
WEAVER**

The members of the Killingly Historical Society have been busy getting into the spirit of the season at the Killingly Historical Center with many decorations and a new display in the museum. Last week I wrote about "Mr. Christmas", Mervin Whipple. Stop in and see postcards and memorabilia from his marvelous Winter Wonderland. I've brought in a few crèche sets from my collection of over fifty sets and Nativity ornaments. In addition, the museum display includes Christmas cards that were designed by an artist from Northeastern Connecticut, Raymond J. Holden, who, with his wife Elizabeth Boyden White Holden, made his home in Sterling for many years.

Holden was born May 2, 1901 and grew up in Wrentham, Massachusetts where he "developed a love for trains. He liked riding on them, watching them pass by his Massachusetts home even dreaming about them. The Wrentham trolley came by his house several times a day. It is a memory that (he could not forget and one that he re-lived) on paper in vivid watercolors." He was a 1923 graduate of the Rhode Island School of Design in Providence, R.I. and he went on to provide "illustrations for many historical and insurance publications...Most notable are his sketches that appear in the Avon Publications editions of The Flowering of New England by Van Wyck Brooks, Henry David Thoreau's Cape Cod and A Week on the Concord and Merrimack Rivers, and John Greenleaf Whittier's Poems." (Quotes are from an article

in the Killingly Historical Center files by Daniel B. Kelley entitled "Reliving Memories Through Holiday Cards" in the Sunday, December 18, 1983 New York Times). According to the website askart.com. "In an undated, un-attributed press release issued by the Slater Museum, he is credited with illustrating ten books and creating Christmas card designs for the American Artist Group of New York for forty years. He also created watercolor images of classic New England scenes for Hallmark Cards of Kansas City, Missouri." A mural that he did of sites in Sterling hangs in that town hall. His obituary stated that he passed away October 26, 1993 in his North Sterling home. His wife survived him. (Name and date of paper not identified). Perhaps you are privileged to have one of his paintings or a few of his cards. Don't miss the opportunity to stop in at the Killingly Historical Center and see some of Holden's work.

December is the month for "Merry Christmas", Mistletoe, Midnight Rides by Santa's Reindeer, Music, Magical Moments, Memories, Mystery, and much more. With that in mind I thought I'd choose a few businesses from our town's past from the "M" section of Natalie Coolidge's Killingly Business Encyclopedia. How many of you remember Mailhot Cleaner & Launderers? Entries indicate that when the business was founded in 1914 by Frank J. Mailhot, it was located at the corner of Center and Main Streets. After Frank's death in 1936, it was run by his widow Anna Roberge Mailhot, son Roland and his brothers. The establishment moved several times during its lengthy existence, at one point being located in the Elks Building on Center St. In late 1951 Mailhot purchased the former Modern Laundry on Center Street, remodeled the building so it could conduct both cleaning and dry cleaning services, and opened there in December, 1952. The business closed

in 1989.

Do you recall Malloy's Family Department Store (Five Cent to \$1 Store)? Located adjacent to the present Killingly Town Hall on Main Street, it officially opened March 24, 1976. It was located the building previously occupied by the W. T. Grant Store. David Irish was manager of the store. The last entry for Malloy's was from the 1985 SNET Telephone Book.

Did you ever eat at the Maple Leaf Café/ Restaurant, which was located near the railroad crossing in Danielson? Celia Bernier owned the business in July 1945. By 1947 it had passed to Mr. and Mrs. Albert Trahan. It does not seem to have been in business under that name for very long since the last entry is from the 1950 St. James Golden Jubilee booklet.

I'm sure many of you recall Michael's Super Market, which was located on Route 12 south of Danielson. The earliest Business Encyclopedia entry is from a September 30, 1985 Journal Transcript. If you have any names of individuals who operated the grocery store, please let us know so that we can update the references.

If you lived in that southern section of town, perhaps you patronized Fred Michalski's service station. It was listed under a variety of names including Fred's Atlantic Service, Fred's Arco Service, Michalski Service Center and Michalski's Towing & Recovery. Entries are included from 1970 through the 1990-91 SNET Telephone Book.

If you lived near Mechanic Street in Danielson, you might have shopped at Mickey's Grocery Store/Mickey's IGA Supermarket, which was located at the corner of Mechanic and Oak Streets. It is also listed as Haveles Grocery Store and Robert's Market, Inc. in the Killingly Business Encyclopedia. It was started in 1935 and was operated by James T. and Christy T. Haveles for a number of years. "Mickey" was James

T. Haveles. Their sister Lulu was also active in the business.

Please share your memories of any of the businesses or people mentioned in this article by contacting me or by calling the Killingly Historical Center. Thank you.

Mark Your Calendars: Sunday, December 10. Celebrate Killingly's New England Christmas from 4-7 p.m. Stroll around luminary-lit Davis Park, Main Street, and side streets. Stop in the Killingly Historical Center for refreshments, chat with costumed docents, and look at the Christmas decorations and photo displays, which include cards by artist Raymond Holden and "Mr. Christmas" memorabilia. Mrs. Santa (Heather Smith) is scheduled to be at the Center to read to the children. There will be several readings between 4 and 7 p.m. Mrs. Santa's readings are being put on by the Hale YMCA of Putnam. All are welcome.

Volunteers wanted: Are you an accurate typist? Would you like to hone some office skills? If so, the Killingly Historical Center could be the perfect fit for you. Any help would be appreciated. To volunteer, please call the Killingly Historical Center at (860) 779-7250, email Director Elaine Tennis at Elaine@killinglyhistorical.org. or stop in at the Center.

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and implementing a financial plan is to set and prioritize financial goals. Start out by making a list of things that you would like to achieve. It may help to separate the list into two parts: short-term financial goals and long-term financial goals.

Short-term goals may include making sure that your cash reserve is adequately funded or paying off outstanding credit card debt. As for long-term goals, you can ask yourself: Would you like to purchase a new home? Do you want to retire early? Would you like to start saving for your child's college education?

Once you have established your financial goals, you'll want to prioritize them. Setting priorities is important, since it may not be possible for you to pursue all of your goals at once. You will have to decide which of your financial goals are most important to you (e.g., sending your child to college) and which goals you may have to place on the back burner (e.g., the beachfront vacation home you've always wanted).

Implementing saving and investment strategies

After you have determined your financial goals, you'll want to know how much it will take to fund each goal. And if you've already started saving towards a goal, you'll want to know how much further you'll need to go.

Next, you can focus on implementing appropriate investment strategies. To help determine which investments are suitable for your financial goals, you should ask yourself the following questions: What is my time horizon? What are my liquidity needs? What is my emotional and financial tolerance for investment risk?

Once you've answered these questions, you'll be able to tailor your investments to help you target specific financial goals, such as retirement or education savings.

Understanding what's on your credit report

An important part of managing debt and credit is to understand the information contained in your credit report. Not only does a credit report contain information about past and present credit transactions, but it is also used by potential lenders to

evaluate your creditworthiness.

What information are lenders typically looking for in a credit report? For the most part, a lender will assume that you can be trusted to make timely monthly payments against your debts in the future if you have always done so in the past. As a result, a history of late payments or bad debts will hurt your credit. Based on your track record, if your credit report indicates that you are a poor risk, a new lender is likely to turn you down for credit or extend it to you at a higher interest rate. In addition, too many inquiries on your credit report in a short time period can make lenders suspicious.

Today, good credit is even sometimes viewed by potential employers as a prerequisite for employment-something to think about if you're in the market for a new job or plan on changing jobs in the near future.

If you're thinking of holiday spending, saving for education, or any other major goal you have set for yourself, Planning Well may be necessary to ensure that you can understand your current situation and how to reach

your goals in the future.

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God who changes believers lives, maybe you are a person of faith. Maybe you do see what I see. I hope so, and I hope you have a Christmas filled with love, joy and peace.

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Olivia Richman photos

Photographs of the Julia Dresser Mansion and views from inside the mansion.



The rooms included in the watercolor collection include a piano room, the Yellow Room, and the foyer.



The Kronholm family receiving the THS's Historic Preservation Award. Right to left: Kathleen Kronholm (Conrad's widow), John Lucey (Bailey's son and Conrad's grandson), Bailey McGee (Connie's daughter), Eric Kronholm (Conrad's son), Joseph Iamartino (THS President) and Hanna Rose Kronholm (Eric's daughter and Conrad's granddaughter).

A photo of the Kronholm family receiving the Thompson Historical Society's Historic Preservation Award.

At right: A view of the outside of the Doane Mansion.

Below; This watercolor shows significant landmarks from the early 1900s, like the Vernon Stiles Inn and the Thompson Congregational Church.



Photographs of the Julia Dresser Mansion and views from inside the mansion.





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Revisit lesser-known Christmas traditions

Christmas celebrants participate in many different traditions year after year, but some may not fully understand the meaning behind such activities. A Christian holiday, Christmas did not originate with all activities centralized to the church. In fact, many of the traditions people hold dear have pagan roots, which were adapted as Christmas celebrations evolved.

People who hang mistletoe in doorways may be surprised to learn that this tradition dates back to the ancient Druids. The Druids believed mistletoe possessed mystical powers that brought good luck to the household and warded off evil spirits.

Evergreen trees are now associated with Christmas trees, but evergreen boughs were once used to decorate homes during the winter solstice to help people envision the spring to come. Christians often look at evergreen trees as a sign of everlasting life and their relationship with God.

However, while many Christmas traditions continue to be an integral part of annual celebrations, there are some customs that have fallen out of favor. Although these traditions may no longer be widely



CAPTION: Wassail is an ancient spirited beverage that was brought house-to-house with the goal of spreading Christmas cheer.

practiced, anyone can revive them and make them part of their holiday celebrations.

Wassailing is a custom that has ancient origins and is not as popular today as it once was. "Wassail" comes from the Anglo-Saxon phrase "waes hael," which means, "good health." Wassail is a drink made of mulled ale, spices and

other ingredients. To go wassailing meant to travel door-to-door singing and offering a drink from a wassail bowl in exchange for gifts. Wassailing has been mentioned in certain Christmas carols, including "We Wish You a Merry Christmas."

Largely an English tradition, wassailing was brought

to America by British settlers. January 17th, the old Twelfth Night, is the traditional date for wassailing. Although wassailing has largely fallen by the wayside, increased interest in ales and craft brewing may help revitalize this Christmas tradition, which can inspire community spirit.

Gifts with fruit cake is

another tradition that has been much maligned and does not enjoy the same popularity that it once did. Fruit cake is a cake made with chopped candied fruit, nuts and spices and is occasionally soaked in spirits. Fruit cakes have been enjoyed all over the world, but Americans may never have embraced the Christmas fruit cake tradition as much as those from other countries. However, with the right recipe and an open mind, it may be possible to resurrect the fruit cake tradition once again.

Mummers plays are another British tradition that arrived in North America with settlers but has largely fallen by the wayside. Mummers plays involved miming folk dramas, and the plays were commonplace around the holiday season. Celebrants may want to research such dramas and include them in this year's festivities to liven up celebrations even more.

Traditions passed on through the years help make Christmas a favorite time of celebration. People may want to explore the less popular traditions today and once again make them interesting parts of this year's festivities.

Celebrating the holidays as a blended family

Emotions run deep come the holiday season. Holiday planning can be hectic, especially for blended families.

Today's families are increasingly blended, meaning they're a combination of families due to divorce or death. Even though the holidays are meant to be joyous, navigating traditions and accommodating the unique needs of all involved — including cultural traditions, visitation schedules, rituals, and religious beliefs — can be challenging. But blended families need not fret as they attempt to negotiate Christmas, Chanukah, Kwanzaa, or New Years.

LOGISTICS

The first step to holiday planning is to keep in mind predetermined custody or visitation agreements. Although there can be hope

for holiday flexibility and generosity, try to stick as close to existing arrangements as possible. Some families choose to divvy up particular holidays throughout the year in advance. Others may do it as plans get arranged. As long as the arrangement is fair to everyone, the choice is up to the families. The plans should be made known to all involved.

DISCUSS EXPECTATIONS

The Stepfamily Association of America says that communication during the holiday season is vital, especially for children so they know what to expect. Writing down specific itineraries can help alleviate the stress of not knowing where they will be at a given time.

All members of the family should vocalize how they feel

about particular aspects of the holidays so that no one is disgruntled. Do not expect others to be mind readers. Perhaps one person is focusing a significant amount of energy on trimming the tree when that isn't as important to others. Discussing expectations can make planning that much easier.

CREATE NEW TRADITIONS

The holidays without everyone under the same roof enjoying traditions that have been part of celebrations for years can contribute to feelings of anxiety for people accustomed to these annual traditions. Draw the focus away from how things used to be done and create new traditions that all can anticipate. Host a holiday movie night if this isn't the year to have the kids for

Christmas. An annual outing to see a concert or show might be a new tradition the entire blended family can enjoy.

DON'T EXPECT PERFECTION

Putting too much emphasis on trying to make the holidays perfect can backfire. Blended families must recognize that holiday celebrations will change. It can take time to find a new celebratory rhythm, and comparisons always will be made. It's acceptable to have mixed feelings about new traditions, but each member should go into the season with a positive attitude.

Blended families may face additional challenges during the holidays. Working together, such families can restore joy to the season and create new traditions.



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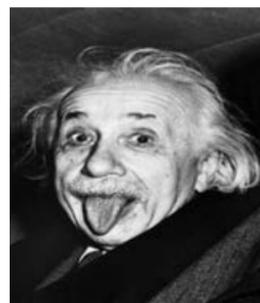
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Holiday light show in downtown Putnam

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PUTNAM — With Phase I of Downtown Putnam’s “Light Up Putnam” campaign now complete, there is no doubt that something magical has taken place within the city center that lights up the eyes, ignites the heart, and inspires the soul. A late-night walk in the still of the night captured the peaceful tone of this light display. The lights offer the beauty and tranquility a visitor might experience visiting downtown Putnam after sunset during this holiday season



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Seana Meehan photo

Lyla Meehan at a photo shoot

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usually doing things that are youthful and smiley. It'd be good for her to show emotion and sadness. And the music video you don't have lines."

That allowed Meehan to focus solely on showing her emotions.

Her favorite scene in the music video was when she was on the bed with her grandmother after seeing her grandmother and mother screaming at each other outside. The grandmother is explaining to her why she can't see her mom.

"I liked learning from the other actors," said Meehan.

With their guidance, she was able to portray a sad child who wasn't able to see her own mother. To get her to show this powerful emotion, the music video's directors told her to picture how sad she'd be if she couldn't see her own mom.

This all happened after Meehan auditioned for the role.

The shoot was a full day, filmed at a house in New Hampshire, after meeting

with the producer and Justin Clancy. With six different outfit changes and multiple emotions to show, it was a big day for Meehan.

But being in front of the camera is nothing new to the talented 5 year-old. According to her resume, she has recently wrapped up a holiday photo shoot with Brand Model Magazine, and one for Evenflo Car Seats. Then there's her recent supporting role in the film, "How to Water Roses," which they shot up in New York.

This was one of Meehan's favorite experiences as an actress and model.

"I like seeing all the places," she said. "We walked along the beach, all the way to a light house. I love New York. That's my favorite place that I've been to so far. Because they have the American Girl Doll place."

Meehan's work can be viewed in Justin Clancy's "Work In Progress" video on YouTube: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=vtZDixhix4>

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lives.

"With all the negativity out there with the police nowadays... Dogs don't judge who you are, what you are..." said Dionne.

"It's just out there to do its job. It helps to keep them safe while they're out there. People just love animals."

Dionne and the rest of the union's committee are already planning a second fundraiser for another police depart-

ment's K9 unit in the spring of next year.

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PUBLIC MEETINGS

POMFRET

Monday, Dec. 11

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

Tuesday, Dec. 12

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

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

Wednesday, Dec. 13

Board of Education, 6:30 p.m., Town Hall

Thursday, Dec. 14

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

PUTNAM

Tuesday, Dec. 12

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

Wednesday, Dec. 13

Board of Selectmen, 6:30 p.m., Town Hall

Thursday, Dec. 14

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

THOMPSON

Monday, Dec. 11

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

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

Tuesday, Dec. 12

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

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

Wednesday, Dec. 13

Building Committee, 6:00 p.m., Thompson Middle School

Thursday, Dec. 14

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

EASTFORD

Tuesday, Dec. 12

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

Wednesday, Dec. 13

Recreation Commission, 1:30 p.m., Town Office Building

Thursday, Dec. 14

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

WOODSTOCK

Tuesday, Dec. 12

Board of Finance, 7 p.m., Town Hall

ZBA, 7 p.m., Town Hall

Thursday, Dec. 14

Beautification, 11 a.m., Town Hall

Arboretum, 7 p.m., Town Hall

Open Space, 7 p.m., Town Hall

Arc Quinebaug Valley receives grant

PUTNAM — Thanks to a grant received from the Staples Foundation, Inc. program called 2 Million & Change, The Arc Quinebaug Valley will be able to purchase equipment needed for their Job Development Enhancement Program geared towards individuals with intellectual and developmental disabilities. Created in 2012, the 2 Million & Change program is a philanthropic initiative which allows Staples associates around the world to direct funding to non-profit organizations focused on academic education or job skills. Grant funds in the amount of \$1,000 were provided to The Arc Quinebaug Valley to help with the purchase costs of multiple Chromebooks.

"We are blessed to have received this grant and look forward to providing our individuals with the technology needed to enhance their understanding of job development. Staples Foundation, Inc. has made it possible for us to teach technology skills to individuals to increase their chances for competitive employment. We can't reach our goals without the help of grants such as this one from the Staples Foundation and we are very grateful," said Mrs. Susan Desrosiers, Executive Director of The Arc.

The Arc provides programs for individuals with intellectual, developmental and other life-affecting disabilities. Vocational, residential, recreation, education, day and retirement services offer opportunities for people with disabilities to reach their goals and be integral members of their community.

Murphy says tax bill won't benefit workers

WASHINGTON — U.S. Senator Chris Murphy (D-Conn.) released a statement on Dec. 2 after voting against final passage of the Senate Republican tax plan which will give massive tax breaks to large corporations and the rich, while raising taxes on working families. The bill was drafted without any input from Democrats.

"I voted no because this bill won't help the people I heard from on my walk across Connecticut. Teachers, manufacturing workers, nurses — they're the ones who deserve a tax cut, not big corporations or people who are rich already," Murphy said. "The lion's share of this bill benefits a handful of wealthy elites, while actually driving up costs for millions of working people. This bill jacks up health care premiums, raises taxes for sixty percent of middle income earners, and increases the national debt by over a trillion dollars. Billionaires and corporations do great, but most everyone else in Connecticut will do worse. This bill, written in haste and passed in the dead of night with absolutely no ability for the American public to look at it, will be a disaster for the economy. It's not too late for Republicans to go back to the drawing board and work with Democrats to come up with a bipartisan bill that helps the people who really need tax relief."



MARY FISHER ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

Monday, December 11 — French Toast, ham/cheese Sandwich, yogurt parfait w/ pretzel, tater-tots, baked beans, garden salad

Tuesday, December 12 — Cheese pizza, SunButter and jelly sandwich, yogurt parfait w/ pretzel, cucumber wheels, garden salad

Wednesday, December 13 — Chicken patty w/ mashed potatoes, turkey/cheese sandwich, yogurt parfait w/ pretzel, celery sticks, garden salad

Thursday, December 14 — Shepard's pie, dinner roll, toasted cheese, yogurt parfait w/ pretzel, broccoli crowns, garden salad

Friday, December 15 — Cinnamon toasters yogurt, granola, cheese stick, ham sandwich, baby carrots, 100% Fruit Juice

PUTNAM ELEMENTARY SCHOOL & PUTNAM MIDDLE SCHOOL

Monday, December 11 — WG pasta with meat sauce, seasoned broccoli, 100% fruit sherbet

Tuesday, December 12 — Breakfast for lunch: WG French toast sticks, fluffy scrambled egg, crispy hash brown potato, sliced strawberries

Wednesday, December 13 — Crispy chicken sandwich plain or BBQ On WG roll side of lettuce and tomato roasted butternut squash

Thursday, December 14 — Fiesta taco bowl, seasoned ground beef, lettuce, tomato, cheddar Cheese, & Salsa in a WG tostado bowl, Spanish rice, Mexicali corn

Friday, December 15 — Home-made calzones cheese Filled calzone nestled in our home-made Whole wheat pizza dough, side of zesty marinara sauce, crisp garden salad w/ dressing

THOMPSON MIDDLE SCHOOL & TOURTELLOTTE (GRADES 5-12)

Monday, December 11 — Hot dog w/ bun chili sauce, onions lettuce, pickle, roasted red Potato, roasted squash, alt. main pizza (plain or pepperoni)

Tuesday, December 12 — Chili cheese fries, salsa-sour cream, garlic breadstick, fiesta rice, baked beans, alt. main hamburger or cheeseburger (lett, tom, pickles)

Wednesday, December 13 — Chicken patty/bun, plain or parmesan mashed potato, carrots, alt. main pizza (plain or pepperoni)

Thursday, December 14 — Toasted cheese sandwich or toasted ham/cheese sandwich, tomato soup, roasted green beans, alt. main hamburger or cheeseburger (lett, tom, pickles)

Friday, December 15 — Popcorn chicken (zesty or plain), Asian stir-fried rice, roasted broccoli

WOODSTOCK ELEMENTARY SCHOOL & WOODSTOCK MIDDLE SCHOOL

Monday, December 11 — Hamburger/bun, lettuce & tomato, green beans, fruit, milk

Tuesday, December 12 — Grilled cheese, tomato soup, fruit, milk

Wednesday, December 13 — Chicken nuggets, mashed potato, fruit, milk

Thursday, December 14 — Taco boat, lettuce & tomato, refried beans, fruit, milk

Friday, December 15 — Pizza, tossed salad, fruit, milk

POMFRET COMMUNITY SCHOOL

Monday, December 11 — Cheese pizza served with baby carrots and garden salad with ranch Dressing. Breakfast: mini waffles

Tuesday, December 12 — Sweet and sour chicken served over brown rice with and Asian vegetable medley fortune cookie. Breakfast: breakfast roll

Wednesday, December 13 — Toasted turkey & cheese sandwich served with hearty veg tomato Soup. Breakfast: mini pancakes

Thursday, December 14 — Herb roasted chicken served over a garden salad with ranch dressing and a Dinner Roll. Breakfast: egg & cheese roll

Friday, December 15 — American chop suey served with garden green salad and ranch dressing Breakfast: egg & cheese roll

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Saturday, Nov. 25
Francis Cote, 89, of 207 Sabin St # 25 Putnam, was charged with Creating a Public Disturbance.

Monday, Nov. 27
Danielle Cassell, 38, of 40 School St. Danielson, was charged with Criminal Mischief, Disorderly Conduct, Criminal Attempt at Burglary 3rd.

Jason Avancean, 34, of 20 Fremont St. Putnam, was charged with Assault 3rd.

Nicholis Below, 19, of 99 School St. Danielson, was charged with Burglary 3rd, Larceny 3rd, Criminal Mischief 2nd.

Saturday, Dec. 2
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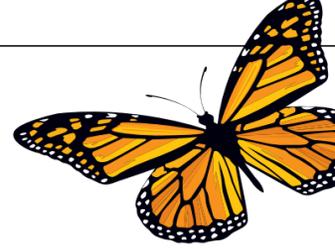
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Killingly bound for state championship game



Killingly’s Spencer Lockwood rushes against Berlin last Sunday at Killingly High School.

Charlie Lentz photo

BY CHARLIE LENTZ
VILLAGER EDITOR

DAYVILLE — The rest of Connecticut doesn’t hear much from Killingly High School, surrounded by woods and nestled atop the quietest of hills in the Quiet Corner. Outsiders like to promote a myth of a school in the middle of nowhere that can’t have a football program worthy of respect. Senior tight end Jake Gauthier is well aware of how

the Redmen are perceived. “The hillbillies, the small team, the undersized team — whatever you want to call us is fine with me,” Gauthier said. “We play very old-fashioned football, hard-nosed, we’re going to run right down your throat.”

The Redcoats from Berlin High ventured up the wooded hill to Killingly High for last Sunday’s CIAC Class M football semifinal. Like all predecessors

this season, they rode the team bus back down the hill with an appreciation that actions speak louder than words in the Quiet Corner.

Top-seeded and undefeated Killingly manhandled the fourth-seeded Redcoats 49-7 in front of a standing-room-only crowd on Dec. 3 — advancing to the Class M state championship game this Saturday. The win lifted Killingly’s record to 12-0 and the Redmen will

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SECOND QUARTER			
K-Zach Caffrey 2 run (Luke Desaulnier kick) 11:55			
K-Spencer Lockwood 47 run (Desaulnier kick) 8:32			
B-Andrew Brochu 29 pass from Kevin Dunn (Giancarlo Tufano kick) 4:25			
K-Lockwood 8 run (Desaulnier kick) 1:01			
THIRD QUARTER			
K-Lockwood 68 run (Desaulnier kick) 11:42			
K-Caffrey 34 run (Desaulnier kick) 7:48			
K-Lockwood 5 run (Desaulnier kick) 3:03			
FOURTH QUARTER			
K-Jacob Nurse 1 run (Desaulnier kick) 4:27			
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First Downs	10	17	
Rushes-yards	24-81	54-438	
Passing	108	0	
Sacked-yds lost	2-14	0-0	
Comp-Att-Int	5-18-3	0-1-1	
Punts-Avg.	2-24	0-0	
Fumbles-Lost	1-0	1-0	
Penalties-Yards	0-0	4-35	
INDIVIDUAL STATISTICS			
RUSHING- B: Dunn 3-8; Alex Halkias 12-42; Zach Hrubiec 1-(-1); Larry St. Pierre 2-3; James Mazzarella 2-11; Marco Scarano 4-18.			
K: Lockwood 32-268, 4 TD; Caffrey 10-104, 2 TD; Desaulnier 2-9; Tyler Cournoyer 6-28; Zach Burgess 2-19; Derek Turner 2-9; Jacob Nurse 1-1, TD.			
PASSING- B: Dunn 5-18-3 for 108, TD. K: Desaulnier: 0-1-1.			
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Killingly's Austin Caffrey (10) and Josh Angel (55) during their playing days in 2015 at Killingly High. The duo was among a contingent of alumni from the football team who came out to root for the Redmen last Sunday at the Class M semifinals.

BY CHARLIE LENTZ
VILLAGER EDITOR

DAYVILLE — Austin Caffrey and Josh Angel stood in civilian clothes outside Killingly High's locker room following last Sunday's 49-7 victory over Berlin High in the CIAC Class M football semifinals. Two years earlier Caffrey wore No. 10 for Killingly and Angel's jersey was No. 55 when they played host to Brookfield High in the Class M semifinals.

Angel and Caffrey

didn't reach the championship game in 2015 — falling to Brookfield High 34-13 in the semifinals. But they returned to their alma mater last Sunday because they are part of a football family — a bond that lasts a lifetime. And they congratulated Killingly's players as they exited the locker room.

Two seasons ago Caffrey rushed for 1,796 yards and 23 touchdowns. Angel, a dominating offensive lineman

and defensive end, helped spring Caffrey for much of that yardage total. For their efforts they both earned All-State laurels in their senior season. They came back home to support their family.

"I grew up with a lot of them," Angel said.

And although he won't suit up with the Redmen on Saturday, Dec. 9, when they play Joel Barlow at 3 p.m. at Willowbrook Park's Veterans Stadium in New Britain — Angel will be with them in spir-

it. "We kind of look at them as younger brothers. And for this group right now to make it to the states, it's kind of like the third time's the charm," Angel said. "We've been working at it for three years and this time they're about to get it done."

Austin Caffrey's little brother, Zach, is a senior fullback for the Redmen. Against Berlin on Sunday, Zach rushed for 104 yards and two

touchdowns. Now he gets the chance to play for a championship. A chance that his older brother never had. Chad Caffrey — Austin and Zach's father — is Killingly's strength and conditioning coach. The Redmen are renowned for their dedication in the weight room. Zach said reaching the final is the culmination of hard work.

"It means a lot. We've been out here working for years," Zach said. "This is always the goal, to make it to the state championship and it's finally happening. A lot of people know now that we've been putting in the work, working out non-stop all year-round. As soon as the season ends you start right back up working out again and getting prepared for next season."

Josh Angel knows the drill and he's well aware of how much the Redmen have strived to reach their goal.

"It's just amazing to come back, to see all these young kids working hard," Angel said. "It's like a soft spot almost, knowing that they're trying so hard and they're going to get it done."

Coach Chad Neal hasn't forgotten the players who toiled for the program over the years. Sunday's game marked the third year in a row that Killingly High played in the Class M semifinals — the team finally broke through to reach the championship game. Neal knows how much effort it took to earn a berth in the final. He was thankful for this year's group and for the sacrifices all his players have made in seasons past.

"Just all the hard work, and for the kids that

played for me before, in the lean years, and stuck it out and stuck by us — and the administration that stuck by me — and the kids and the families to get here, to get here with this group, means a lot," said Neal, in his 14th season at the helm. "You saw it today, what was behind us, this community. You see it right now. These kids have brought a community together."

Neal's extended family stretches over 14 years. Killingly will meet Joel Barlow in the state championship game this Saturday and that family will be with the Redmen in spirit.

"This is a special team, to get where we're going to go Saturday, to have that opportunity, to spend more time together, another week, and play in the last game of the year, four more quarters," Neal said. "We've got to finish it now. Four more quarters, 48 minutes. Let's finish it together."

Together on the field and together in the grandstand — an All-State lineman who wore No. 55 will be rooting for his little brothers — his family.

"Zach Caffrey, Spencer Lockwood, Alex Fontaine, Jake Gauthier — we've been working out with them in the gym forever," Angel said. "When they saw us today it hit them too. Right now I'm overfilled with emotion, I can't express it. I know I'm going to be cheering them on Saturday as loud as I can. I love this town. It just feels like home."

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FOOTBALL

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face No. 6 seed Joel Barlow (9-3) in the state title game at 3 p.m. on Dec. 9 at Willowbrook Park's Veterans Stadium in New Britain.

"It's an unbelievable feeling. This is our last game at home for all the seniors," said senior running back Spencer Lockwood. "To be able to finally finish what we started and get to that final level. It's amazing."

As his impressive high school career nears its conclusion Lockwood burnished his cleated credentials against Berlin (9-3). Against the Redcoats he ran for 268 yards and four touchdowns on 31 carries — pushing his rushing total this season to 3,053 yards with 44 touchdowns on 363 carries, averaging 8.4 yards per carry.

Senior fullback Zach Caffrey added 104 yards on the ground with two touchdowns on 10 carries against the Redcoats. Junior quarterback Luke Desaulnier threw just one pass against Berlin and it was intercepted by Anthony Undercuffler with 7:09 left in the second quarter. All season long coach Chad Neal has made no secret he would rely on Lockwood and the run game — old-fashioned football. Neal's veteran offensive line includes senior left tackle John Cacciapuoti, senior left guard Ethan Canova, senior center Michael DiRuscio, sophomore right guard Matt Phelan, and senior right tackle Alex Fontaine. Neal had supreme confidence he had the ingredients to play smash-mouth football.

"Our offensive line and our receivers, just the way the block, how physical they are, what they did in the weight room," Neal said. "That's what we do. That's what we're good at. I believe in the kids and the kids believe in it."

Neal relishes the brand of football more closely associated with the drop-kick and leather helmet.

"I enjoy seeing it and I enjoy it when you see the other teams start to bend," Neal said. "And you can see them putting their hands on their knees. They get tired and they start getting beaten up."

Against Berlin, Gauthier threw plenty of blocks to help spring Lockwood for touchdown runs of 47, 8, 68, and 5 yards. Open a hole and Lockwood's gone.

"We feed off of him. We support him. He's such a humble guy and we love that about him. I make my block and when I see Spencer run through it's just like 'Oop, there he goes.' And it's like 'We're going to drive down the field,'



Killingly's Zach Caffrey tries to get past Berlin's Matt Wojciechowski on Sunday.

"Gauthier said. "As soon as the hole opens it's like 'Great, we did our job. Next play.'"

Killingly set the tone against Berlin on the Redmen's first possession, marching 82 yards in 17 plays. During the drive Lockwood picked up 56 yards on 12 carries. Desaulnier had one carry, bootlegging around right end for six yards to move the ball inside the 10-yard line, and Caffrey had four carries for 20 yards including a two-yard plunge to cap the march.

The Redmen seem to know their ground game will eventually break the will of an opponent.

"Usually it's in the second half. You can get a huge sense at some point in the game when they're just like 'Man, they can run the ball.' Absolutely we felt that today," Gauthier said.

The demoralizer against Berlin came on Killingly's first play from scrimmage after receiving the second-half kickoff, Lockwood raced 68 yards up the right sideline for a touchdown to help put the Redmen up 28-7 with 11:42 left in the third quarter. One touchdown, one demoralized opponent.

"After the first play from scrimmage at the third quarter, that was when we

realized it," Gauthier said.

Lockwood knew his 68-yard touchdown run was a backbreaker.

"You can always tell when a team's getting down on themselves and they're getting tired," Lockwood said. "I think that's where we excel in a game because our guys don't get tired. We're all conditioned and we're able to play all four quarters. We play both ways, every single one us. You can tell when a team's getting down in the third quarter, but we keep on going."

Coach Neal enjoys that moment of truth.

"It's like you break them. You finally break them," Neal said. "And when you do that, you know you've got them."

Last Sunday's semifinal was the third-straight season the Redmen have reached the final four of the Class M tournament but the first time they have broken through and advanced to the final. It was difficult for Gauthier to explain finally getting his chance to play for a state crown.

"There's not a lot of words because there's so much emotions," Gauthier said. "There's really no words but if I could put down one it's 'Unbelievable.' I can't believe it right now. I'm stunned.

I'm blown away. Before the game I've never been so nervous in my life. You could feel the nerves on our team but it was good nerves, it wasn't bad nerves. Once the game was over it felt like everything let go — we were just floating across the field."

Despite all Killingly has accomplished this season the championship game will tip the balance between floating and sinking.

"It's a new season," Gauthier said. "We're back to a record of 0-0. Now we're back to square one all over again."

Killingly last won a state football title in 1996. The Redmen haven't finished undefeated since 1953. The rest of the Connecticut hasn't heard much from Killingly High lately. Lockwood intends to correct a myth about a backwoods school nestled atop the quietest of hills in the Quiet Corner — he wants some respect.

"We're going to be able to keep on playing our style of play," Lockwood said. "And we're going to win the championship."

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CLAC Class M football semifinals



Coach Chad Neal congratulates his team after the win over Berlin last Sunday, Dec. 3.

Charlie Lentz photos

DAYVILLE — Killingly High defeated Berlin High 49-7 last Sunday, Dec. 3, in the CIAC Class M semifinals at Killingly High School. The win advanced undefeated and top-seeded Killingly (12-0) to the state championship game on Saturday, Dec. 9, where it will face sixth-seeded Joel Barlow (9-3) at 3 p.m. at Willowbrook Park's Veterans Stadium in New Britain.



Luke Desaulnier checks out Berlin's defense as center Michael DiRuscio readies for the snap.



Spencer Lockwood rushes against Berlin. He finished with 268 yards and four touchdowns.



Luke Desaulnier plants to kick one of the seven extra points he converted against Berlin as Josh Montpelier holds.



Killingly's Johnathan Rodriguez moves in for the tackle on Berlin's Larry St. Pierre.



Tyler Cournoyer rushes as Berlin's Alejandro Bonilla closes in.



Killingly's Derek Turner rushes.



A standing room only crowd rooted on the Redmen at Killingly High last Sunday.



LONG GAINER

DAYVILLE — Killingly High's Zach Caffrey races for a 39-yard pickup in the second quarter of a 49-7 victory over Berlin High last Sunday at Killingly High School.

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KILLINGLY-Minutes from I-395, this newly renovated house features a large living room with fireplace and new carpeting, dining room with newly finished wood floor, office/den (possibly 4th BR), efficient kitchen with breakfast bar, laundry and full bath all on main floor. Hardwood staircase leads to 3 large bedrooms with ample closet space and a new bathroom with claw foot soaking tub. Replacement windows, Thermospa in lower level. Above ground pool and garage with heated floor and oversized doors all on 1.2 acres. Move in ready for the holidays! **\$229,900**



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Christopher George Eddy, 46



CHULA VISTA, CALIFORNIA -- Christopher George Eddy, 46, died on October 29, 2017, due to injuries sustained by being struck by a vehicle near his home in Chula Vista, California.

Christopher was born at Fort Rucker in Ozark, Alabama, but spent most of his childhood in Thompson. Here, he enjoyed organizing neighborhood-wide capture the flag games, baseball and basketball tournaments, even hosting the "Eddy Olympics" in the Summer and the Haunted Trail for Halloween. The neighborhood was filled with kids of all ages and he was friends with all of them!

He moved to Norwich, as a teenager. In 1989 Christopher made his family proud by enlisting in the United States Navy under the delayed enlistment program. After graduating in 1990 from Norwich Free Academy, he began his 20-year career as a Navy man, stationed in San Diego,

California. As a veteran of the Persian Gulf War and the War in Afghanistan, Christopher retired in 2010 with the rank of Boatswain Mate. After retiring he made Chula Vista his home and continued working in the military sector as a civilian.

Christopher leaves behind his daughter Juliette Chrisail (JC) of Princeton, Louisiana; his mother Karen Flanders Eddy of Putnam; his brother Steven Eddy of New London; his sister Susan Delage and his nephews Nate and Gabe from Thompson. He is predeceased by his father George Eddy of Norwich; and his grandparents Walter and Juliette Eddy of Thompson.

Christopher was laid to rest December 5, at Miramar National Cemetery in San Diego, California, with full military honors. A celebration of Christopher's life will be held for his local family and friends at a later date.



Jeffrey J. Peck, 51



DANIELSON -- Jeffrey J. Peck, 51, died unexpectedly Sunday, November 26, in his home.

He leaves three siblings, Albert J. Peck and his wife Andrea of North Grosvenordale, Carol

A. Boye of Latham, New York and Darryl J. Peck and his wife Caroline of Dudley, Massachusetts; three nephews, Timothy Peck and his partner Melissa Wyse of Pomfret, Daniel Peck of Northampton, Massachusetts and Benjamin Boye of Salt Lake City, Utah; a niece, Kimberly Lamoureux and her husband Rob of Middleton, Massachusetts; aunts, uncles, cousins and many friends. He was preceded in death by his parents, Albert and Alice (Biesiadecki) Peck and by a brother, William Peck.

He was born in Worcester, Mass. and raised in Dudley, Mass. He then lived in Putnam and Woodstock before moving to Danielson. He graduated from Shepherd Hill Regional High School in

Dudley in 1984, where he played on the varsity football team.

Mr. Peck first worked as a carpenter for the family business, Albert S. Peck Building in Dudley, Mass. He was currently an iron worker for the Boston Irons Workers Local Union No. 7 in Boston, where he was employed for 20 years. He was affectionately known as "Chin Strap" by his fellow workers.

A dutiful son, he visited his mother weekly during her last years. A sports enthusiast, he cheered for the New England Patriots both at home and at the games in Foxboro with his Uncle Fred. He enjoyed riding on his Harley Davidson and making his famous Manhattan clam chowder for family gatherings. Jeff was a gentle soul with a big, loving heart.

Visitation will be held from 2:00 to 4:00 PM Sunday, December 10, in Scanlon Funeral Service, 38 East Main Street, Webster, Mass. with a service at 4:00 PM. Burial will be private. Arrangements are under the direction of Sitkowski & Malboeuf Funeral Home, 340 School Street, Webster, MA. www.sitkowskimalboeuf.com

Allen C Paquin, 86



DUDLEY, MASSACHUSETTS -- Allen C Paquin, 86, of Dudley, Massachusetts, died Thursday, November 30, at this daughter's home in Dudley. Allen was born July 11, 1931 in Sheffield,

Vermont. He is the son of the late Delpha and the late Clara (Paquin) Paquin.

He is survived by four daughters: Emily and her husband Sean Peek and their daughter Clara all of Dudley, Massachusetts, Noella Olson and her husband Robert of New Hampshire, Elizabeth Berry and her husband Randy of Connecticut, Monique Paquin of Southbridge, Massachusetts and two sons: Allen Corriveau of Sturbridge, Massachusetts, and Allen Paquin and his wife Judy of Charlton, Massachusetts; one sister: Claudette Porier of Sturbridge, Massachusetts; His former wife, Debra Goudreau;

nephew, Jean Paquin; niece, Pamela Paquin; and many grandchildren, nieces, nephews and cousins.

Allen has lived the past 22 years in Dudley, previously he lived in Southbridge and Charlton, Massachusetts. He was a member of the First Congregational Church of Dudley. Allen was a life-long carpenter. He worked at Brodeur's Furniture in Southbridge, Massachusetts and was the proud proprietor of Paquin's Furniture Repair in Dudley.

Allen enjoyed woodworking, gardening, canning and his Farmall tractors. He loved a good party with family and friends.

A memorial service will be held 1:00 pm on Saturday, December 9, at Bartel Funeral Home & Chapel, 33 Schofield Ave., Dudley, Massachusetts with the Rev. John White officiating. Please omit flowers. Donations for final expenses may be made to Emily Peek 32 Filo Rd. Dudley, MA 01571 www.bartelfuneralhome.com

Annie V. (Stefaniak) Greene, 97



DOUGLAS, MASSACHUSETTS -- Annie V. (Stefaniak) Greene, 97, passed away peacefully on November 29 at her home in Dayville, after a period of declining health. She was predeceased by

her husband of 59 years, Homer L. Greene in 2001.

She is survived by a son David H. Greene of Homosassa Springs Florida, Alice A. LaBonne of Douglas, Massachusetts, Susan L. Dubey of Dayville, and Cynthia R. Newell of Brooklyn; 14 grandchildren; 12 great-grandchildren; a sister Catherine McLaughlin of Douglas, Massachusetts, as well as many nieces and nephews. She was predeceased by a daughter Anne Marie Cherrier on

August 11, 2017, and 3 siblings Steve Stefaniak, Mike Stefaniak, and Mary Greene.

Born in Douglas, Massachusetts on February 21, 1920 she was the daughter of Albert and Anna (Hutnak) Stefaniak and lived in Douglas most of her life. Primarily a homemaker, Annie enjoyed taking care of her family, doing housework and she always kept busy. She was a graduate of Douglas High School Class of 1939, and received a full scholarship from Becker College.

Her funeral services will be privately held at the convenience of the family. In lieu of flowers, donations in Annie's memory may be made to: The Dana Farber Cancer Institute, 20 Prospect St. Milford, MA 01757. To leave a condolence message for the family please visit: <http://www.jackmanfuneralhomes.com/>

Raymond William Bernier, 56



HOLYOKE, MASSACHUSETTS -- Raymond William Bernier, 56, passed away peacefully surrounded by family on November 17, 2017. Ray was born in Holyoke, Massachusetts on October 24, 1961.

He is the son of Arthur E. Bernier and the late Doris L. (Monast) Bernier. He is survived by his daughter Laura L. Bernier, brothers Philip (Suzanne) Bernier, Paul (Brenda) Bernier, David (Helen) Bernier, Roger (Lori) Bernier, step-mother Joyce Bernier, step-sisters Cindy (Dennis) Gambon, Cheryl (Steve) Aluxek, Joyce (John) Mazurowski, and numerous nieces and nephews.

All you really need to know about Ray was wrapped up in one of his hugs. As soon as he put his arms around you, you felt the strength of his passion, the fierceness of his loyalty and the crushing presence of his big heart. What you saw is you got and while sometimes Ray's delivery was a bit straight forward, he was also quick with an encouraging word and a helping hand.

Ray honorably served as a firefighter in the U.S. Air Force. He also worked as a surveillance officer at Foxwoods and recently for Walt Disney World while living in Florida. Full military honors were performed on November 27, 2017 at the Massachusetts Veterans Memorial Cemetery in Agawam, Massachusetts.

Ray loved much and gave much and will be missed by all.

Russell Allen Williams, 79



WOODSTOCK -- Russell Allen Williams, 79, of Brickyard Road, passed away on Monday, November 27, in his home, after an illness.

He leaves his beloved wife, Beverly A. (Davis) Williams; two sons, Russell Allen Williams II and his wife, Claire of Woodstock, and Jeffrey S. Williams and his wife Holly of Woodstock; two sisters, Patricia Lamothe of Putnam, and Phyllis Guerrier of Dudley, Massachusetts and Quinebaug; four grandchildren, Lauryn Langlois and her husband Ryan of Thompson, Travis Williams and his companion, Emily of Pawtucket, Rhode Island, Ashley Williams of Southbridge, Massachusetts, and Jasmine Williams of Woodstock; and five great grandchildren, Lelan, Bently, Mason, Quinn, and Gracelyn. Russell was predeceased by two brothers, Ellsworth E. Williams and Gerald G. Williams.

He was born in Putnam, the son of Ellsworth and Evelyn L. (Aubin) Williams, Sr. Russell was a union

contractor for the International Union of Operating Engineers, Local 478, Hampden. He was a heavy machine operator and just recently received his 60-year pin. He worked for Arrigoni Construction for many years and in 1984 went to work for himself and started Allen Construction and owned and operated the business until he retired in 1997. During his many years as a union contractor he worked several large jobs including construction of Rt. 84, Rt. 52, the Mass Pike, and Rt. 91 in Northern Vermont. Russell was also key in the construction of many Nike Missile sites throughout Connecticut. He was an avid outdoors man and enjoyed hunting and fishing as well as raising beagles for hunting.

Funeral services and burial for Russell will be private. There are no calling hours.

Daniel T. Morrill Funeral Home, 130 Hamilton St., Southbridge, Massachusetts, is directing the arrangements.

In lieu of flowers donation may be made to Hospice of Northwest Connecticut, P.O. Box 625, Sharon, CT 06069

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Evelyn Lucille Andert, 95



EASTFORD -- Evelyn Lucille Andert, 95, of Andert Drive, Eastford, peacefully departed this life on November 9, at the home of her son Joseph. She was predeceased by her lov-

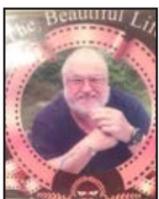
ing husband, Irving Andert. Evelyn was born November 28, in Norwich. She was predeceased by her parents Joseph and Cecilia Benoit Demarais and brothers Gerald Demarais and Lucien Demarais.

Evelyn leaves her daughter Nancy Marmat, her husband Jerald, and daughter Nicole. She also leaves her son Joseph Andert and Carla Harrington of Eastford, son Donald Andert and children Clayton, Kaitlyn, Rachel and her son Camden of Georgia, son Michael Andert and his wife Laura and daughter Olivia. She also leaves a sister Mary Rose Gayle of Ellington

and many nieces and nephews. Evelyn grew up on a small farm in Lisbon, where she helped raise chickens and had a beloved horse named May Girl and a dog, Lady. She loved her job at a large woolen mill in Occum, where she was a fabric inspector.

She met the man of her dreams and married Irving Andert April 21, 1951. Together they ran Haven Lodge Dairy Farm. Evelyn loved and named each of the cows. She loved mowing the lawns on her little tractor and gardening. In 1963 they decided to stop farming and started Andert Carpet Service which they ran until 1990. After retiring they began extensive travel in the US, Caribbean Islands, Asia and Europe. Smith and Walker Funeral Home arranged a private graveside service on November 14, 2017. Donations in her memory can be made to Hospice at the Kimball Hospital, PO Box 632, Putnam, CT 06260 www.smithandwalkerfh.com

Joseph R Stancliff, Sr., 78



SOUTHBRIDGE, MASSACHUSETTS - Joseph R Stancliff, Sr., 78, passed away on Tuesday, November 7, due to coronary artery disease.

He leaves his wife of 44 years, Barbara (Andrasko) Stancliff; and a son Joseph R Stancliff, Jr., his wife Melissa and granddaughter Halley of Gardner, Massachusetts. He also leaves behind three step-sons; Denis Robidas, Sr., his wife Annmarie of Putnam, Chris Robidas and his wife Melissa of East Hartford, and Robert Robidas and his wife Judy of Round Rock, Texas, two step-daughters, Lori Sheldon and her

husband Timothy of Corinth, Maine, Shawna Sypek and her husband John of Southbridge, Massachusetts and 13 step-grandchildren, 19 great step-grandchildren. He was predeceased by a brother Lawrence Stancliff and his grandmother Viva Birch. He was born in Penns Grove, New Jersey to Frank Stancliff and Dorothy (Birch) Stancliff (Cudworth) who also predeceased him.

Joe worked at the American Optical in Southbridge, Massachusetts for over 40 years. He overcame many things in his life like polio, he walked with a limp and had a speech impediment but always persevered!

As of Joe's request there will be no calling hours.

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18 ideas for making holiday memories

Counting down to Christmas Day means many different things to people across the globe. Although families likely have several different traditions they anticipate each year, it can be fun to incorporate some new merrymakers into the festivities. Here are some festive ideas to include in the days leading up to Christmas — a special family calendar of fun finds.

1. Annual memento: Have the kids or adults make one new handmade ornament each year. This way the tree is always evolving, and everyone can track milestones.

2. Cookie day: Devote one day to making Christmas cookies. Invite friends or family members over. Distribute some cookies to elderly neighbors.

3. Holiday classic: Spend a night in and watch a classic Christmas flick you've never seen before. Streaming movie services often put classics and obscure titles into rotation during the holiday season.

4. Christmas concert: Host a gathering of children where they can sing or perform their favorite tunes for an audience. Take it on the road to a nearby nursing home.

5. Dine out: Take a break

from cooking, shopping and hosting and stop into a restaurant you've been meaning to try. Keep it local to support nearby businesses.

6. Adopt a child/family: Volunteer with a charitable organization that provides for less fortunate families. Answer the Christmas desires of a needy child or family by purchasing an item on their wish lists.

7. See the sights: Pack the children into the family car to tour nearby areas and look at Christmas lights displays. Bring along cookies and hot chocolate.

8. Trim a tree: Get together with adult friends at a tree-trimming party. Rotate the hosting house each year.

9. Play dress-up: A gentleman can dress up as the man in red and pop into a friend's holiday gathering.

10. Wilderness walk: Enjoy the crisp air and snow and see a local park from a winter perspective.

11. Acts of kindness: Choose any act of kindness and make it happen this Christmas. It can include feeding the hungry or helping a disabled person shop for the season.

12. Kids' Secret Santa: Spread



the joy of giving by having the kids choose a sibling or friend's name from a hat and purchasing a gift for that person.

13. Hand out hot chocolate: Make a big thermos of hot chocolate and give it out to shoppers or workers who have been out in the cold.

14. Read religious stories:

Understand the true meaning of the season by reading Biblical passages.

15. Camp-in: The first night the tree is decorated, allow the kids to sleep beside it under the glow of Christmas lights.

16. Scavenger hunt: Plan holiday-themed trivia questions and hide small trinkets for children to find.

17. Surprise box: Put a gender and age nonspecific gift into a box. On Christmas Eve or Christmas Day, the person who finds a hidden gift tag under their chair at dinner gets to open the box.

18. Family portrait: Wear your holiday finery and pose for a portrait that actually will be printed and framed.

Holiday hosting how-to: Party pointers from three of Napa's premier winemakers



(MS) — The holiday season is about to hit full swing. This special time of year is synonymous with many things, including gatherings with family and friends.

Each year, holiday hosts face the chal-

lenge of setting their seasonal soirées apart from all the other parties guests attend between Thanksgiving and New Year's Day. Such a challenge is nothing three of Napa Valley's top winemakers haven't faced before. Each year, Chimney Rock Winery's Elizabeth Vianna, Markham Vineyard's Kimberlee Nicholls and Rutherford Hill's Marisa Taylor play host to family and friends and each have their own unique take on holiday hosting.

BREAK FREE FROM FIRST-TIME JITTERS

It's common to feel pressure when hosting a holiday get-together for the first time. Many families have traditions that date back several decades, so being tasked with carrying on those traditions can sometimes be daunting. But Taylor, a wine country native and veteran host, notes that honoring family traditions while simultaneously creating a festive and fun atmosphere is nothing to be afraid of.

"People are sometimes intimidated by holiday entertaining," says Taylor, whose Rutherford Hill Merlot has long been a benchmark for Napa Valley varietals. "But the truth is, just a few small touches can create an ambiance that elevates the whole experience. I think it even makes the food and wine taste

better!"

Taylor incorporates family history with her own unique hosting touches by bringing out vintage family photos and heirlooms that guests can pass around her stylishly decorated dinner table.

LET NEW TRADITIONS TAKE ROOT

Another way for hosts to set their holiday parties apart from the masses is to try something new at the dinner table. Each year, Vianna, who presides over the production of the popular Stags Leap District Cabernet Sauvignons, hosts a special kind of dinner for friends who help her get through the often exhausting harvest season. Dubbed "Friendsgiving," the celebration takes place at the end of autumn harvest season and includes friends, family and colleagues who contributed to another successful harvest. Vianna even encourages "Friendsgiving" guests to bring a postcard from somewhere around the world to use as a dinner table place card. This simple, yet creative idea inspires interesting conversation at Vianna's holiday table, and hosts can incorporate their own creative touches to make their parties more memorable and enjoyable. For example, each year, Nicholls, whose award-winning varietals at Markham include Merlot,

Cabernet Sauvignon, Chardonnay and Sauvignon Blanc, assembles a graceful tablescape using marble and wood serving trays, vintage tablecloths and a tiered cake stand to create an elegant display guests won't soon forget.

THE MORE THE MERRIER

Family always make the holiday dinner guest list, but Nicholls notes that holiday hosting is about opening our homes to people, whether those people share our last names or not. Inviting some fresh faces can stimulate engaging conversation and lift the spirits of someone who might not be able to make it home for the holidays.

"I've been known to invite people I meet at Markham winery who might not have anywhere else to go for the holidays," says Nicholls. "Somehow there's always enough food."

To enjoy a Napa Valley holiday of your own, Chimney Rock, Markham and Rutherford Hill wineries are offering a chance for two lucky winners to visit Napa Valley complete with airfare, lodging, behind-the-scenes vineyard tours, VIP lunches with scenic views overlooking the Valley and even the chance to blend your own Merlot. Visit the Napa Valley

Holiday Pinterest page at www.pinterest.com/NVHoliday for more information.

Gifts for holiday hosts



CAPTION: Treat holiday hosts to something special as a token of appreciation for opening up their homes to company.

The season of entertaining is in full swing, with family, friends and coworkers gathering at various locales to enjoy some holiday spirit together.

When celebrating the holidays, it is customary to offer hosts a token of appreciation. During the season of giving, it may be challenging to find a gift that stands out in the crowd. However, some of the best gifts for hosts focus on their love of entertaining fam-

ily and friends.

• Music speaker: Music often is an integral part of entertaining, but not every party host is equipped with a stellar sound system. Today's Bluetooth-enabled music speakers run the gamut from handheld options to speakers that combine mood lighting with sound to large units. Shoppers can find speakers that suit the space hosts have to work with and ones that won't bust shop-

pers' budgets.

• Bar tools: Toasting the season (or any occasion) is par for the course at a party or get-together. Avid entertainers can benefit from having new bar tools, such as mixers and serving glasses, to make sure guests' cups are never empty.

• Party games: Keeping guests content often involves having plenty of beverages and food available. However, for the hosts who want to go above and

beyond, game night or other entertainment-based activities can add flair to special events.

Board games, physical games (like horseshoes or bean bag tosses), games for video gaming systems, and even karaoke machines can fit the bill.

• Cake stand or serveware: Hosts may want to put foods on display, and a decadent cake stand or serving plate will make occasions more glamorous.

• Spa gift certificate: Hosting can be hard work. After the guests have come and gone, hosts will no doubt need some time to rest and recuperate. This can be achieved more easily with a gift card to a nearby spa or massage therapist.

• Cleaning service: The gift of a cleaning service saves hosts from having to do the post-party cleanup, and giving such a gift in advance of the party can be the helping hand hosts need as the chore list grows in the days before the party.

Holiday hosts open their homes to a bevy of guests. Invitees can show their apprecia-

tion by gifting their gracious hosts with something special.

LEGALS

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The Hon. Leah P. Schad, Judge of the Court of Probate, District of Northeast Probate Court, by decree dated December 1, 2017, ordered that all claims must be presented to the fiduciary at the address below. Failure to promptly present any such claim may result in the loss of rights to recover on such claim.

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December 8, 2017

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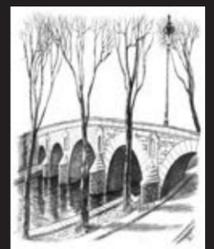
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December 9, Sat., 10am

Children's Holiday party, Bracken Memorial Library, 57 Academy Road, Woodstock. Meet Mrs. Claus! Make Holiday crafts, listen to holiday stories, enjoy holiday snacks!

December 10, Sun., 11am-3pm

Artisan & Vendor Holiday Fair at Pomfret Community School at 20 Pomfret Street, Pomfret Center. Snow Date: Sunday December 17, 2017. Contact Melanie Ferreira (melferr73@gmail.com) with questions.

December 12, Tues., 7pm

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

December 14, Thurs., 2pm

Putnam Senior Citizens meetings, the second Thursday of every month. At Putnam VFW, 1523 Providence Street, Putnam.

December 14, Thurs., 2pm

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December 14, Thurs., 10:30am

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December 14, Thurs., 7pm

Sarah Jo Burke will be at the library to sing, play music, and talk about her book *Don't Think It Hasn't Been Fun: The Story of the Burke Family Singers*. This is free and open to the public. Sarah will also have copies of her book to sell. Bracken Memorial Library, 57 Academy Road, Woodstock.

December 15, Fri., noon-8pm

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



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The origins of some beloved holiday traditions

Christmastime is here. The presents are being purchased and wrapped. The stockings will soon be hung on the fireplace mantle. Mistletoe is pinned above the front entryway, and poinsettias add rich color to home decor.

Tradition is integral come the holiday season. Throughout the month of December, traditions fill people's days and comprise the many reasons why individuals decorate, celebrate and dine the way they do this time of year. But few may know the origins of some of the most beloved holiday traditions.

CHRISTMAS STOCKINGS

The Christmas stockings of today may be a byproduct of various traditions. One such tradition dates back to a Dutch custom in which children would leave shoes full of food to feed St. Nicholas' donkeys, and then St. Nicholas would leave small gifts in return.

Another origin story of Christmas stockings can be traced to the 12th century, when nuns would leave socks full of nuts, fruit and tangerines for the poor. This is why some people still put tangerines in Christmas stockings.

CHRISTMAS TREE

Christmas Trees are everywhere this time of year. The use of evergreen trees predates Christmas and is associated with the pagan festival of Saturnalia, which celebrated the agricultural god Saturn with partying and gift-giving. During the winter solstice, green branches served as a reminder that spring would arrive anew. Germans are credited with first bringing evergreens into their homes and decorating them.

SANTA CLAUS

Santa Claus' origin story can be traced to St. Nicholas, a Christian bishop who lived during the fourth century. St. Nicholas was very generous and gave away his fortune to help the needy. He also did various other good deeds. St. Nicholas became infamous and began to be known by various names around the world. The Dutch called him Sinter Klaas, which was eventually transformed to Santa Claus. The jolly persona came later when 20th century advertisers — especially the artists responsible for Coca-Cola ads — portrayed Santa in a red suit with a big smile.



MISTLETOE

Mistletoe is hung in doorways, and couples who stand beneath are encouraged to share a kiss. The tradition of hanging it in the house goes back to the times of the ancient Druids. Mistletoe was thought to bring good luck to a household and ward off evil spirits. The custom of kissing under mistletoe can be traced to England. Originally, a berry was picked from the sprig of mistletoe before the person could be kissed. When all the berries had gone, there could be no more kissing.

CHRISTMAS BELLS

Church bells ring for many special services, including Christmas mass. During Christmas midnight mass in the Catholic Church, the altar bells may be rung while the priest says the "Gloria." Bells are part of caroling, and jingling bells are associated with sleighs and Santa's reindeer.

Christmas is rife with traditions that date back ages.

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

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