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TRICK OR TREAT NIGHT IN PUTNAM



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PUTNAM — Ashley, Josh, Eli and Max Walsh dressed up as superheroes on Friday, Oct. 27 for Trick or Treat Night in downtown Putnam.

A beautiful day in the neighborhood



Olivia Richman photos

The Putnam Rotary Club and community members planted over 1,500 bulbs at Rotary Park on Saturday, Oct. 28.

BY OLIVIA RICHMAN
NEWS STAFF WRITER

PUTNAM — The Putnam Rotary Club continued their beautification of Rotary Park on Saturday, Oct. 28, planting 1,500 bulbs at a community event dubbed “Bulb Day,” by Rotarian Karen Osbrey.

“As Rotarians we feel that we have a stewardship we have to fulfill,” Osbrey said. “The park has been here for quite some time; You put things in, and after

a while things get really big or overgrown... Or things die or don't look so great... We felt it was time to freshen it up.”

With help from community members, Putnam High School students and Woodstock Academy students, the 1,500 spring bulbs were planted throughout the area. The flowers – which include two types of daffodils, and pushchkinia, a tiny alpine flower that will look as if it's coming out of the rocks in Rotary Park.

“I have more than enough volunteers,” said Osbrey. “I'm loving it. I'm thrilled with the turn out.”

The beautification of Rotary Park has picked up the pace over the past few years, which started under president Mark Archambault and now continues with president Rick Place. With a \$3,500 grant from Rotary District 7890, Rotarians started the project by coming in last spring and

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KILLINGLY PUMPKIN NIGHT

Olivia Richman photo

DAYVILLE — Carol Pelletier helped her grandson, Adrian Mojica, decorate a pumpkin at Pumpkin Night for Putnam and Killingly Head Start families on Oct. 25.



Olivia Richman photo

FALL COLORS IN DANIELSON

DANIELSON — Chelsea Colburb, along with Paige and Greyson Bratovich looked adorable costumed as crayons at Killingly's Trick or Treat celebration in downtown Danielson on Saturday, Oct. 28.



Olivia Richman photo

SCARECROW KINGDOM IN DAVIS PARK

DANIELSON — Davis Park was transformed into the annual Scarecrow Kingdom on Saturday, Oct. 28. Enjoying the day was youngster Brandon Ogilvie, pictured with Connor Labor and Ashley Berube.

Putnam Legion to honor trio of veterans

PUTNAM — The Mayotte-Viens American Legion Post #13 of Putnam will remember Veterans Day by recognizing three area U.S. Army veterans at its annual “Veterans Tribute and Celebrity Bartender Night” on Thursday, Nov. 9 at The Black Dog Bar and Grille in Putnam. The evening’s events begin at 5 p.m., with the special veterans’ tribute taking place at 7 p.m. There is no admission and the program is open to the public. The pro-

ceeds from the evening, which include tips for the bartenders, a super raffle and auction, benefit the Post #13 charity efforts and programs. The Post provides Americanism programs in the Putnam Elementary School, an oratorical contest in the high school, sponsors young men to Boys’ State, supports the Tri-Town American Legion Baseball Program, provides a scholarship to a high school senior and a veteran at Quinebaug Valley Community College

and offers assistance during the holidays to a veterans family and the homeless veterans in Jewett City. The “Hometown Hero” banner project and the flags on the World War I Veterans Memorial Bridge are also part of the Post’s funding programs.

The honorees this year are World War II Army paratrooper Victor Lippiello of Putnam, Korean War Army vet Paul Martell, Sr. also a Putnam resident and Tom Pandolfi of Woodstock, a Green Beret who served during the Vietnam War. The ceremony honoring the trio is the centerpiece of the evening.

Lippiello was a paratrooper who made two jumps behind enemy lines in the Pacific Theater from 1941 to 1946 during World War II. During his time in the Army he made a total of 29 jumps. Martell served in what is often referred to as “America’s forgotten War” the Korean Conflict from 1949 to 1952. He was a machine gunner in the 113th Ordnance Company. Pandolfi was one of the first American troops to set foot in Southeast Asia as one of President Kennedy’s original 5,000 elite Green Berets. He entered the country as a military adviser to the people of Laos, Cambodia and Thailand, serving from 1961 to 1964.

“Our Post is an integral part of the Putnam community. We accept our responsibility of being a good citizen and helping others. Or theme this year is, “Together for Veterans, Community and Country,” which we try to live every day,” said Coderre.

In addition to Coderre the organizing committee includes Dee and Rick Carnahan, Alan and Jo-Anne Joslin, Brian Maynard, Michael Vassar, Victor

Kratz, Donald Steinbrick and Eric Quinn.

Coderre, Post No. 13 Commander, said the evening is scheduled to begin at 5 p.m. when three presidents of the Putnam Business Association, Matt Desaulnier, Jeff Rawson and Earl Rosebrooks, along with Gary Osbrey will be the bartenders for the first hour behind the bar. They will be joined by former Connecticut Commissioner of Veterans Affairs Sean Connolly, making a guest appearance.

The first group of bartenders will be followed by Putnam Bank President Tom Borner, Craig Gates owner of The Black Dog, Sarah Bentley of Body by Design and Chuck Bentley of Woodstock. The 7 p.m. to 8 p.m. group greeting friends behind the bar includes local music and stage stars Linda Colangelo and Laura Crosetti who’ll be joined by WTIC Channel 3 in Hartford anchor Kevin Hogan and one of Connecticut’s top chefs James Martin of 85 Main. The final hour of the evening will see the husband/wife team of Mary Jane and Jack Burke of Killingly, Woodstock Academy Headmaster Christopher Sandford, and Sean Hendricks Killingly Town Manager serving libations.

“This promises to be a spectacular evening filled with spirit and emotion. It’s an honor to recognize our veterans every year. It’s recognition that’s long overdue,” said Coderre.

The evening will also include the singing of the National Anthem by U.S. Air Force veteran Maurice “Moe” Coderre, and God Bless the USA and a tribute to the five branches of the service by Linda Colangelo.



PUTNAM ETHICS?

On December 11, 2013 I observed two ads in the Putnam Shoppers Guide promoting the Referendum for the land acquisition on Church St. for a New Library Community Complex, paid for by: **Supporters of the New Putnam Public Library.** I made an inquiry to the Shoppers Guide as to the cost of the ads, (\$396 total) and who had paid for them. A return call from the Shoppers Guide stated that they were paid for in cash by Jane St. Onge, which would indicate a conflict of interest as her husband William St. Onge is the Putnam Town Attorney and would benefit from the project. Connecticut General Statutes (CGS) **CHAPTER 155 CAMPAIGN FINANCE:** also, “in the case of such a group of two or more individuals, the name of the group and the name and address of its agents”.

The Putnam Code of Ethics stipulates in section 1-4 (2), **Not later than ten(10) business days after the Commission’s receipt of such complaint from the Town Clerk,.....** The Commission shall also provide the **COMPLAINANT** with notice of the receipt of the complaint by registered or certified mail.

A NOTICE OF THE RECEIPT OF THE COMPLAINT WAS NEVER RECEIVED.

The discovery date of the ads appeared in the Shoppers Guide on December 11, 2013. The complaint was filed on December 9, 2014, 263 days after the event, two days before the one year limitation.

MINUTES OF THE OCT. 16, 2017 STATE, ...”TOWN ATTORNEY ST. ONGE FELT THAT THIS MATTER HAD BE DISCUSSED IN A BOARD OF SELECTMAN MEETING IN 2014 AND IT HAD BEEN RESOLVE; THERE WAS NOT A MAJORITY SEATED FOR THE ETHICS COMMISSION AT THE TIME.”

FALSE STATEMENT, IT NEVER WAS DISCUSSED, THERE WAS NO RESOLUTION.

This matter is still under investigation. At the meeting in question, which St. Onge claims it was discussed, **he admitted guilt but no other conversation pursued.** His admission and statement of “inadequate members on the Commission”, indicate **he was aware of the complaint.** However, the **COMPLAINANT** was never notified by certified or registered mail?

The Town of Putnam has been under Democratic control since John Dempsey or BEFORE. Any municipality under a single party rule for so long will inevitably become corrupt. **It is time for change.**

FYI: GRAND LIST DOWN, POPULATION DOWN, HIGH SCHOOL ENROLLMENT DOWN, HIGH SCHOOL PROGRAMS CUT DUE TO LACK OF STUDENTS, CARGILL FALLS DEATH UNRESOLVED. STATE OF STATE UNDER WATER, FEDERAL GOVERNMENT IN CHAOS. WHEELABRATOR ASH LANDFILL FUND? WHERE HAS ALL THE MONEY GONE? DOES ANYONE KNOW DOES ANY ONE CARE?!

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Last weekend of events for the Last Green Valley

DANIELSON — In this, the final weekend of Walktober in the Last Green Valley National Heritage Corridor, two events are scheduled in Thompson. Among the activities are chances to visit structures dating back to pre-Columbian times, learn about the critical role of locals in the Civil War and more.

The events planned this weekend include: Lithic Sites and Stone Cairns Explored in Thompson, on Saturday, Nov. 4, from 9 a.m. to noon, at Old Thompson Town Hall, 339 Thompson Rd. (Rte. 193). Meet at Old Town Hall, then plan to drive to view lithic site. For more information call (860) 923-3776. The Thompson Historical Society shares the investigation steps and processes used in looking for answers regarding the multitude of lithic sites & cairns found in the region. After the presentation, visit the "Werge Easement," a case in point in Thompson. This property is rich with lithic sites, and the landowners did not want society to lose them. In their life planning they gave an easement over this property to the Thompson Historical Society. You'll never look at a pile of rocks the same way again.

Also scheduled: Night Photography at West Thompson Dam, Saturday, Nov. 4, from 7 p.m. to 9 p.m., West Thompson Lake, Reardon Road, Thompson. Meet & park at the Disc Golf Course lot on Reardon Road. For more information call

(860) 481-0536. Ages 12 and older only. Pre-registration online at www.clarustudios.com/nightskywalktober. Join Clarus Studios photographer Geoff Bolte as he helps participants capture the night sky. Participants will walk from the parking lots to the water for great night sky captures. You will need a camera capable of photographing in "Manual" mode, as well as a good tripod and flashlight. If you have an intervalometer please bring that as well. We will go over what is needed to capture the sky as well as timelapses and star trails for the more advanced photographers. For a personal touch and ample time for attendees, this opportunity is offered to a maximum of 15 participants and the cost is \$10.

Also scheduled is The Maritime History of Norwich through the Civil War, Nov. 4, 10-11:30 a.m., Howard T. Brown Park, 100 Chelsea Harbor Dr., Norwich. For more information call (860) 886-1776. Turn the clock back to the time of the "War of The Rebellion" and speak with Commodore Joseph Lanman, a native of Norwich, and his wife Ann Cornelia. This walking tour will cover Norwich's maritime history, from the first English settlers and Mohegans, through the Revolutionary War, and on to the beginning of the Industrial Revolution. Learn how a woman coped in a male-dominated society while her husband was on faraway stations plus some little known historical

oddities about Norwich and the sea.

Also scheduled is "Draw with Author & Illustrator Jeffy Craft", Nov. 4, from 11 a.m. to noon, Pearle L. Crawford Library, 40 Schofield Ave., in Dudley, Mass. For more information call (508) 949-8021. Pre-registration required, stop by the library or call (508) 949-8021. Join award-winning syndicated cartoonist Jerry Craft as he shares his experiences as a professional cartoonist and illustrator. Then it's your turn to draw! Mr. Craft will give you step-by-step instruction on how you can use simple shapes to create your own cool comic book characters. Registration and non-refundable \$10 co-pay are required.

Also scheduled is "A Colonial Connecticut Thanksgiving in 1786", Nov. 4, 11 a.m. to 3 p.m., Huntington Homestead, 36 Huntington Rd., Scotland. For more information call (860) 423-1547. Governor Samuel Huntington's 1786 Thanksgiving proclamation states that the day be observed with praise, prayer, and "the voice of melody." Come back to the Third Society of Windham where "no servile labour may be performed this day." "Mehetabel" will discuss traditional food dishes as the family partake of their period meal.



CORRECTION

The Ghost Program reported on in the Oct. 27 edition of The Villager was presented at the Killingly Public Library, not the Thompson Public Library. Because of a transcription error Woodstock treasurer candidate Karen Fitzpatrick was misquoted in her candidate profile in the Oct. 27 edition. Fitzpatrick's corrected profile runs in today's Meet the Candidate section. The Villager apologizes for any inconvenience.

PUBLIC MEETINGS

POMFRET

Monday, Nov. 6

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

Thursday, Nov. 9

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

PUTNAM

Monday, Nov. 6

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

Tuesday, Nov. 7

Commission on Aging, 6 p.m., Ella Grasso Gardens

Thursday, Nov. 9

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

THOMPSON

Monday, Nov. 6

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

West Thompson Independent Fire Association, 7 p.m., West Thompson Fire Department

Thompson Fire Engine Company, 8 p.m., Thompson Hill Fire House

Wednesday, Nov. 8

Building Committee, 6 p.m., Thompson Middle School Media Center

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

Thursday, Nov. 9

Mill Sites Development Committee, 9 a.m., Town Hall

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

EASTFORD

Monday, Nov. 6

School Readiness Council, 6 p.m., Eastford Elementary School

Tuesday, Nov. 7

Conservation Commission, 7 p.m., Eastford Public Library

Wednesday, Nov. 8

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

Thursday, Nov. 9

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

QVCC sets financial aid night

DANIELSON — Quinebaug Valley Community College will hold its annual Financial Aid Night at 5:30 p.m. on Wednesday, Nov. 8, at the Danielson campus.

The presentation is designed to provide high school seniors and parents all information necessary to understand the process of funding a college education, including the sources and types of financial aid, eligibility requirements, and how to apply. The evening will also include a question and answer session.

"The Financial Aid Night is an opportunity for high school students and their families to learn how to navigate the financial aid process," said Kim Rich, director of financial aid. "We will be discussing how to complete the FAFSA (Free Application for Federal Student Aid), types of financial aid, and a variety of other topics to assist families through the intricacies of college funding."

The presentation will be held in the Auditorium and no registration is necessary. For additional information, contact the QVCC Financial Aid Office at (860) 932-4003.

WOODSTOCK

Monday, Nov. 6

Woodstock Business Association, 6 p.m., Town Hall

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

Thursday, Nov. 9

Beautification, 10 a.m., Town Hall

Arboretum, 7 p.m., Town Hall

Open Space, 7 p.m., Town Hall



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 - Amy St. Onge

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Villager SELFIES



Ronald "Ron" "RPC" Coderre

Name:
Ronald P. "Ron" "RPC" Coderre

Occupation:
Consultant in Philanthropy, Marketing, Public Relations

Lives in: Putnam

Family: Wife, Donna; four adult sons; eight grandchildren.

Pets: None

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

Do you have a favorite food? Fish, chicken and all healthy foods.

What is currently your favorite TV Show? Blue Bloods

What is your favorite movie? Shawshank Redemption

What is your favorite travel destination? Aruba

What is the best part of your town? The Putnam Business Association and my comrades in American Legion Post #13

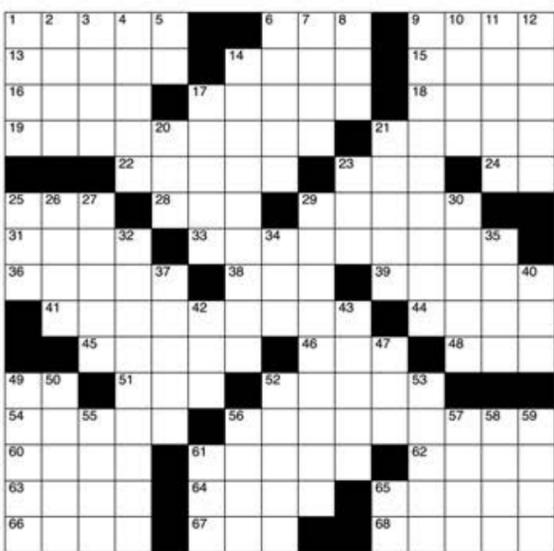
Who has been the greatest influence in your life? Besides my father and mother I would say the late Gov. John N. Dempsey and my 6th grade teacher Sr. Theresa Morneau

Who is your favorite musical artist? Without a doubt, Neil Diamond

What is the greatest piece of advice you have ever been given? Behind every dark cloud, there's a silver lining.

Favorite sports Team: Boston Red Sox

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CLUES ACROSS

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| 6. Body art (slang) | 41. Emergency first aid worker |
| 9. Taxis | 44. Canadian law enforcers |
| 13. Covered with asphalt | 45. Fathers |
| 14. Mineral found in granite | 46. Drain of resources |
| 15. Assist | 48. An awkward stupid person |
| 16. Handled | 49. Home of the Wolverines |
| 17. Not drunk | 51. Chinese |
| 18. Home to a famous tower | 52. Gives a hoot |
| 19. Songs | 54. Emaciation |
| 21. A way to designate | 56. "Sam Malone" |
| 22. More infrequent | 60. Horses do this |
| 23. Medical man | 61. Hillsides |
| 24. Tellurium | 62. River in Florence |
| 25. Cycles/second | 63. Republic of Ireland |
| 28. Neither | 64. Lapse |
| 29. Home to a famous tower | 65. Blemished |
| 31. Former Ravens tight end Todd | 66. Backside |
| 33. One who helps | 67. Woman (French) |
| 36. Tries to persuade | 68. An edict of the Russian tsar |
| 38. Israeli city __ Aviv | |

CLUES DOWN

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| 1. The Bird of Paradise | 29. Fences of wooden stakes |
| 2. Emit coherent radiation | 30. Venzetti's partner |
| 3. Above | 32. Outermost parts of an area |
| 4. Passover feast and ceremony | 34. Type of student |
| 5. Commercial | 35. Noncoding RNA gene |
| 6. Rome is on its banks | 37. Frocks |
| 7. Kershaw and King Felix are two | 40. Sunscreen rating |
| 8. Seaman | 42. Opposite of women |
| 9. Stores an electronic charge | 43. Needed to play games |
| 10. Teething babies need __ | 47. A partner to carrots |
| 11. Threaten persistently | 49. Absolute |
| 12. Not fresh | 50. Disgraced French aristocrat Antoinette |
| 14. Presides over | 52. End |
| 17. Astronomical period | 53. Food eaten between meals |
| 20. Harding's self-proclaimed mistress Britton | 55. Cold wind |
| 21. Nocturnal primate | 56. Streetcar |
| 23. Patriotic American women | 57. Soluble ribonucleic acid |
| 25. Vietnamese river | 58. Singles |
| 26. Suspect | 59. Intersecting point |
| 27. Heroic tales | 61. Beats per minute |
| | 65. Gold |

PUZZLE SOLUTION



Courtesy photo

KILLINGLY WELCOMES ALUMNI TO HOMECOMING

DAYVILLE — The Killingly High School Alumni Association recently welcomed alumni to a Homecoming reception, football game, and Think Pink event. The KHSAA is seeking new members, and they are planning events over the next year to encourage former Killingly High School graduates to come back to visit the new building and join in sharing of memories from the past. Participants included members from the Classes of 1960, 1965, 1980, 1982, 1983, 1984, 1986, 1987, 1988, 1989, 1990, 1991, 1992, 1998, and 1999. For more information, email Donna Guillot at khsalumni226@gmail.com.

Woodstock Academy hosts debate in Pomfret

Courtesy photo

Pomfret candidates for public office participated in a debate led by Woodstock Academy students at Pomfret Community School on Oct. 25.

POMFRET — Woodstock Academy held a debate for Pomfret first selectman and selectmen candidates on Oct. 25 at Pomfret Community School. Democratic candidates Maureen Nicholson and Patrick McCarthy and Republican candidates Donna Smith and Pam Lewerenz were offered the opportunity to participate. The moderator was McKenna Gagnon, a junior at Woodstock Academy who is from Pomfret. Sara Dziedzic, the Social Studies Department Chair at Woodstock Academy, organized the debate so students could participate in the election process, the debate format, and researching current issues. Pomfret sends 200 of its high school students to Woodstock Academy.



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6th annual art and craft at First Congregational Church in Woodstock

WOODSTOCK — The sixth annual Fall Arts and Craft Show took place recently at the First Congregational Church in Woodstock. More than 40 vendors participated, setting up both on the front lawn and in the fellowship hall. The monies raised with table rentals will go to support the many missions and general operating costs of the church. Luncheons were served both days this year with delicious soups, chicken pot pies, chicken salad wraps, and homemade macaroni and cheese enjoyed by all. The Youth Group from the East Woodstock Congregational Church served to support their various programs. The cloudy skies did not dampen the spirit of the vendors. Many of the same vendors will return for the next show, scheduled for Saturday, Dec. 2, at the East Woodstock Congregational Church from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m.



Mitchel Eaffy of Designing Mother Earth shows off some of his newest creations. At left: The Woodstock Middle School Playground Committee was represented. Crystal Adams spoke about the new playground that will be in place this coming year with her hard work and the work of others in the town.



Karen McFarlin, organizer of the Art Show, was happy to raise \$3450 for the Church. Several of her oil paintings also found new homes this weekend.



Sarah Jo Burke entertained the crowd with her guitar and song. She has recently written an autobiography, the Story of the Burke Family Singers. If you missed watching her on the Ed Sullivan Show years ago, be sure to pick up a copy of her CD.



Dan Merlo of Eastford is holding one of his beautiful hand carved bowls. This bowl was carved from one of the old trees that once graced the perimeter of the Woodstock Common.



Lynda Susan Hennigan is happy to show off one of her lovely Sailor's Valentines.



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PUTNAM HIGH SCHOOL CLASS OF 1952 REUNION

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MEET THE CANDIDATES

Brandon Gaudreau



Name: Brandon Gaudreau
Position sought: Town Council, District 2

Town of: Killingly
Background/ Qualifications:
 I have lived in Killingly for all of my life, and graduated at the top of my class from Killingly High School. Despite my age, I thoroughly understand the intricacies of governments. Community service is a value that has long been instilled in me by my family, which is intimately involved with the local Fire Departments. My grandfather, Jim, was once on the Council, leading the effort to hook the lake up to the sewers.

What makes you the best candidate for this position?

I offer a new set of perspectives on how we solve town problems. I will always be a fiscal hawk, knowing that the people should be able to live, work, and operate a business here comfortably without breaking the bank, that they are taxed more than enough already, that services need to be more efficient, that our environment and rural nature deserves preservation, and that Democrat-Republican feuds have no place in Town governance.

What differentiates you from your

opponent(s)?

I sincerely respect my opponent, but I offer a new perspective to the problems facing Killingly. I'll vote to create a hospitable, modernized economic environment that attracts new homeowners and businesses. I won't allow non-education budgets to constantly increase and cost more and more money, especially when the option exists to lower spending and taxes without changing services. I'll never play politics with how our town is governed. We're better than that.

What is your vision for the future?

I want to see a vibrant, spirited community where everyone is able to safely live, work, start a business, or just admire our rural charm. This can be accomplished by remembering who we are and by being a bridge builder—someone that strives to close the political gap that has long divided so many. I hope that this reinvigorates a sense of dutiful community spirit where consensus building and fairness takes center-stage.

Brent Tuttle



Name: Brent Tuttle
Position sought: Board of Education
 Town of: Pomfret

Background/ Qualifications:
 I hold a bachelor's in Economics and MBA from the University of Massachusetts. I have over 20 years of management and Project Management experience as an IT Project Manager and IT Director in the public, private and non profit sectors.

What makes you the best candidate for this position?

I have been a Pomfret resident for 16 years, moving here for the excellent school system. I have the passion, drive and vision to help lead our town. My years of management experience have taught me that it takes teamwork and collaboration to truly succeed. We must all work together to keep Pomfret the

great place to live, raise and educate our kids.

What differentiates you from your opponent(s)?

My management and budgetary experience will be a great asset given the financial constraints from the state level which has already caused shortfalls in neighboring communities. We must do everything possible to maintain our great educational system.

What is your vision for the future?

Today's world is ever changing and we must provide the best, most advanced, and adaptable educational experience possible for our children.

Cheryl A. Grist

Name: Cheryl A. Grist
Position sought: Town Clerk and Town Treasurer

Town of: Pomfret
Background/ Qualifications:
 Assistant Town Clerk and Assistant Town Treasurer for 23 years. Town Clerk and Town Treasurer for 11 years. I have also worked for the Board of Selectmen, Board of Finance, Planning Commission, and Economic Development Commission.

What makes you the best candidate for this position?

Many years of experience. A love for the citizens of Pomfret and a love for my job.

What differentiates you from your opponent(s)? N/A

What is your vision for the future?

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Diane T. Summa



Name: Diane T. Summa
Position sought: Board of Education
 Town of: Killingly

Background/Qualifications:
 PhD, I have been in education for 40 years. I have been a teacher and administrator in various school districts in Connecticut as well as an adjunct professor at QVCC. I feel that my experiences and education qualify me to be re-elected to the Killingly Board of Education. I am running for re-election because I feel that an education is a right for every child in our state and especially in Killingly. However, we must be careful regarding the cost of education in our town.

What makes you the best candidate for this position? I am one of the best candidates for re-election because of my qualifications and experiences. I have been on the Board of Education for 3

terms.

What differentiates you from your opponents?

Among the other candidates I have been a teacher, building administrator, supervisor of grants and student assessment, and an Assistant Superintendent for Curriculum and Instruction. I am a strong advocate for concise school policies and fiscal management.

What is your vision for the future?

The future of the Killingly School District will be a positive one if the district leadership understands the importance of effective management and fiscal responsibility to all the residents of the Town of Killingly but especially the children.

Valentine (Houle) Iamartino



Name: Valentine (Houle) Iamartino
Position Sought: Board of Education

Town of: Thompson
Background/Qualifications:
 My connections to Thompson Public Schools include enrollment for myself from Kindergarten through grade 9, my eight siblings from Kindergarten through 12th grade, with all graduating and my three children from Kindergarten through 8th grade. My Mom was a 25-year employee in the high school.

I am a Town of Thompson Justice of the Peace, Day Kimball Hospital Woman's Board Director, Community Café Fundraising Coordinator, Veteran's Volunteer, Thompson and Aspinock Historical Society Researcher, local newspaper contributor and soon to be Board of Director for United Services. I proudly hold a B.A. in business with a minor in communications from Whittier College (California)

What Makes You The Best Candidate For This Position?

I believe my lifelong residency in Thompson, generational connectedness, interaction with townspeople, exposure to the social, political, historical, religious and educational platforms over time gives me an advantage for helping to pave the way for a level of forward progress the town and it's educational system so needs.

What differentiates you from your opponents?

I have never been one with a need to compare myself to others. I honor and acknowledge the work of the other candidates and their willingness to step forward and serve. Though I am sure that each of us in our own right have enough abilities to do a good job, the one thing I feel could make a difference electing me as a BOE member is my ability to engage all levels of society, regardless of economic background, level of education, ethnicity, gender, etc. My communication skills could help to unify, gain trust, and re-establish confidence between the community and its school system!

What is your vision for the future?

I am a firm believer in the "It Takes A Community" approach to educating children. We ALL need to do our part!

I would like to be the new voice on The BOE who could bridge the divisional gap that seems to exist in Thompson between the town, the school, and the community. I will strive to educate and advocate for successful student achievement, continued quality teaching, better community engagement and transparent fiscal responsibility. I am most impressed by the new Superintendent and the creative ideas she is bringing forth. I would like to continue to support her as well as advocate for new life-skill initiatives, volunteer

directives, internships and community partnerships. With support from parents and community, all could positively impact "a bigger and better plan" to enhance the educational future for Thompson's school children.

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MEET THE CANDIDATES

Hans C. Frankhouser

Name: Hans C. Frankhouser
Position sought: Board of Education
Town of: Woodstock
Background/ Qualifications:
 Originally from Reading, PA. Studied at Penn State and graduated in 1994 with a B.A. in Industrial/Organizational Psychology with a Minor in Labor Industrial Relations and Japanese.
 Moved to Woodstock in 1995 and have resided here ever since. Currently seeking 2nd term on Board of Education. During those years I have served 6 consecutive years on the Finance Committee, Long Range Planning, and contract negotiations.

What makes you the best candidate for this position?

There is no doubt that in any elected office there is a learning curve. My first days serving on the Board of Education was in dealing with just the legal aspects of my seat and positions on the Board. Now with the these last 6 years under my belt, I feel that I can deal with the Board's duties with my feet already on

the ground for my next term.
What differentiates you from your opponent(s)?
 I have met my running mates/opponents. They are all great people. We are all doing a great service by serving our community. My experience on the board is basically the difference.

What is your vision for the future? My vision for our

Board, and Public School system is to try to focus our attention on trying to move past our continuing budget problem. We must try looking outside the box on funding not only with our town, but look at some financial revenues that do not necessarily depend on the town and states budget. Our quality of education could be in jeopardy just relying on these old state and town budget fundamentals. The "legacy" of the Woodstock Public School system is that for which people and families move to Woodstock. We need to continue the advances we have made over the past several years and further our agenda of greatness.

Gregory Biggs

Name: Gregory Biggs
Position sought: Board of Education
Town of: Killingly
Background/ Qualifications:
 I have worked in education for over 10 years. Most of that time as a Special Education Teacher and currently as a Program Director for a Special Education Program. I hold a Bachelor Degree in History Education, a Masters in Special Education as well as a Masters in Educational Leadership.

What makes you the best candidate for this position?

I am the best candidate for the Board of Education because I have an in-depth knowledge of special education, school curriculum, social emotional learning, and state testing. I can bring my knowledge to the Board to ensure we are constantly working to improve the schools.

What differentiates you from your opponent(s)?

What sets me apart from my oppo-

nents is my knowledge of education, and my willingness to work across party lines to benefit the district. I have two young kids in the district so I have a vested interest in having the schools succeed.

What is your vision for the future?

I hope to see Killingly make progress in the areas of mathematics, reading and writing. We should place a focus on K-3, starting Killingly students off on the right foot, which will promote a strong educational experience. I believe the school system should continue to engage the community, because I believe the sense of community in Northeastern Connecticut is what sets apart from the rest of the state.



Donald Steinbrick

Name: Donald Steinbrick
Position sought: Selectmen
Town of: Putnam
Background/ Qualifications:
 I was born and raised in Putnam and graduated from Putnam High in 1957. I am a United States Air Force veteran, retired Postal Worker and am currently serving as a member of the Zoning Board and the Library Board. I am a Director on the East Putnam Fire District Board.

What makes you the best candidate for this position?

Having lived in the Town of Putnam many years and have been involved in various committees, boards and civic activities. I have seen a great amount of history of Putnam. I know what works and what does not work for our Town, and I would like to use this knowledge to benefit the Town of Putnam by serving as part of the Board of Selectmen.

What differentiates you from your opponent(s)?

I have the time and the desire to put in the work to do what is necessary

to help the Town of Putnam. I will adhere to the Town Charter and help to put decisions bank into the hands of the voters of Putnam, for which our Town's unique and rare style of government, the Town Meeting was designed.

What is your vision for the future?

My vision for Putnam is shared with my fellow Republican Teammates: Barney Seney, Rick Hayes, Jeff Rawson and Roy Simmons. After more than a generation of Democrat leadership in the Town of Putnam, we're offering Putnam a fresh start.

We have a plan for Putnam's infrastructure needs, we will spend your tax dollars wisely, and we will put forth an open and honest leadership team for the voters of Putnam. I am looking forward to serving you, as part of Putnam's Team 2017.



Ed Grandelski

Name: Ed Grandelski
Position sought: Killingly Town Council 2nd District
Town of: Killingly
Background/ Qualifications:
 Lifelong Killingly Resident; Married to Nancy (Fodor) Grandelski; Graduate St. James School & Killingly High School; Eagle Scout; B S Mechanical Engineering W P I; Former Mechanical Engineer E B, Groton CT; Co-Owner Grandelski Bros. Contrs. In operation for 40 yrs.; Former Killingly Town Constable; Killingly Democratic Town Committee Member; Current Killingly Town councilor, Dist 2

What makes you the best candidate for this position?

Six Years experience Killingly Town Council, Dealing with a multitude of Town Govt. Related Issues; Over 40 Years Physical Experience in Public Works Type Projects, ie, Snow Plowing, Excavation, Pipe Laying, Paving, Building Manhole/Catch Basin Structures, Drainage, Concrete Installation & Repair; Sewer System Installation & Repair.

What differentiates you from your opponent(s)?

Six Years Experience on The Town Council; 6 yrs. Council Liason to Conservation Commission; 5 Yrs. Liason to Housing Authority; 4 Yrs. Liason to Sewer Authority;

Over 40 Yrs Experience Managing & Operating a Const. Co. With Respect to Building & Public Works Type Projects

What is your vision for the future?
 Promote Controlled Economic Growth (both commercial & industrial) to Maintain a Stabilized Tax Structure (Note: zero mill increase the last 2 years); Purchase & develop additional Property to Expand the Killingly Industrial Park; Support Board of Education efforts to raise the graduation rate @ K H S; Promote equal educational opportunities for all students; Continue to support highway infrastructure improvements; Pursue all grants to the maximum extent possible (both Town & B O E); Continue to require fiscal responsibility/accountability

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The power of gratitude

A friend kept at Gratitude Journal for years. Every day she wrote a line or two about what made her grateful. My favorite cousin turned 90 in a Florida nursing home. His wife died this year. He was a strong swimmer and months ago his leg was amputated. I called to extend my sympathy. He told me he was working on strengthening his upper body as he planned to get back in the pool as soon as possible. He joked that while he might swim in circles, at least he knew how to swim, a bright spot in his long life. There are big things to be grateful for, such as being alive and being loved, but there are countless small things too that spark a feeling of gratitude. The process of noting what kindles the sense of being grateful is worth considering.

There is plenty of research on the good things that come our way when we feel gratitude. At a time when the news is often grim, its better by far to look at what sparks thankfulness. As a freelance writer, I regularly interview a variety of people for several publications. In the course of one day, I talked with three individuals with entirely different careers who touched on the power of gratitude in their lives and in the lives of those with whom they work.

The first person, a man, owns several restaurants. For years he has hired and trained people, primarily in their teens, to work for his businesses. He calls his work a young persons' development operation, although on the surface it certainly looks like nice place to meet friends and eat good food. He tries to help his young employees develop their own life stories so they can go out in the world and do what will make them happy and contribute to society. He is clearly grateful for the chance to run a successful trio of businesses, but he is also thankful for the opportunity to influence others by his management style and the force of his personality and values.

The second person, a woman, has long been active in community projects. Whether the Cub Scouts or the Library Board, she has always stepped up and often done the challenging work of keeping the books, investing the money and maintaining the records. Every organization needs a person like her. I met with her to learn more about a particular group. She brimmed with gratitude for the people who had gone before and left gifts in their estates for the association, helped maintain the grounds and for the new, younger individuals who turned up to volunteer as others grew older.

The third person, an Associate Dean, has an impressive list of advanced degrees and publications. She became a veterinarian, when few women were allowed into the field. She did research on Lyme disease, West Nile and avian influenza. She is the first person in her family of origin to earn advanced degrees. As an undergraduate she studied abroad for a year in England. The experience changed her life and in gratitude, she is part of a vigorous abroad program for students. Her appreciation for life has led to creation of a course that focuses on animal, plant and environmental health.

In one day I rushed up against people who acknowledge the richness of life. Gratitude plays a role in nearly all religious practices and while I don't know exactly what the people I met believe, I'm sure they would feel comfortable with words such as appreciation, gratefulness and even, grace.

We can keep a Gratitude Journal on paper or in our hearts, but wherever it is, it can make us and the world considerably better.

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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Huoppi disputes Pomfret Republican's charges

Dear editor:
 Every government official's record should be open to public scrutiny. The problem is when, at the last minute and with no real chance to reply, charges about someone's record are made that are simply inaccurate. Here's the real story:

1. Republicans charge Pomfret's general government spending went up over \$200k from 2009-2014. In fact General Government spending went from \$2,278,600 in 2009 to \$2,004,889 in 2014, a reduction of over 12%. What went up was debt service to pay for Pomfret's award winning open space purchase initiative that was overwhelmingly supported by the town.

2. Board of Finance member Carolyn Gerrity charged that Maureen Nicholson asked for the creation of a \$50k non-lapsing surplus fund for unforeseen capital items, calling it a personal slush fund. She failed to mention that the Board of Education already had the same type of fund for unanticipated expenses. In fact, earlier at that same meeting, Gerrity seconded the motion to transfer

over \$92k into that fund.

3. Gerrity also charged that the Board of Finance asked Nicholson to get answers from the town attorney about the proposed sewer project and that Nicholson never got the answers. The minutes of that meeting on 7/13/15 state, BOF member "A. Aleman will contact the Town Attorney with the questions posed by the Board and...bring those answers back..." She did.

I am a member of the Board of Finance and I was at those meetings. I am tired of Ms. Gerrity mischaracterizing Maureen Nicholson's record. If you are going to challenge someone's record, get your facts straight.

Pomfret deserves facts and the truth, nothing less. Remember this when you vote on November 7th.

MARGIE HUOPPI
 POMFRET CENTER
 BOARD OF FINANCE

Ring endorses Nicholson and McCarthy

To the editor:
 Elections have consequences. Citizens have a responsibility to register to vote and then to exercise that right. In the last election, Pomfret chose Republican; the negative consequences of that choice have been in the news and, unfortunately, on the town ledgers. I am sure our current leaders are well meaning, but what we have learned through this recent Republican experiment is that direct experience matters.

Thankfully, in the vote for Pomfret town leaders, Democrats Maureen Nicholson and Patrick McCarthy have both the experience and values that are in Pomfret's best interests. At a time when state budgets are shrinking and our town must be creative in both making ends meet and finding viable and forward thinking solutions to pressing problems, Pomfret needs leaders

who've been there and done that. Maureen's record of achievement as First Selectman is all around us - from improvements to our town resources to her record of keeping Pomfret's citizens at the heart of her decision making process. I accepted the invitation from Pomfret Democrats to run for Pomfret Library Trustee because I want to contribute to our community, but in large part it was because I consider it to be an honor to be on the slate with such selfless Pomfret public servants and Maureen and Patrick. We must change our current course and get us back on the road that Maureen had on us before this recent detour. Elections have consequences. That's why in November 7th, I'll be voting for Maureen Nicholson and Patrick McCarthy to get Pomfret back on track!

DAVID RING
 POMFRET

Poplaski endorses his best choices in Thompson

To the editor:
 Take a good look at the candidates! Successful business experience is what our town government needs to run efficiently and effectively. Steve Herbert and Amy St. Onge have it. Both run real businesses that employ others. Steve founded X Fire Paintball which has grown into a multi-million-dollar business. Amy is an owner of G7 a Thompson business and employer.

Honesty, Integrity and Accountability. These are critical for leaders of Thompson. For Steve, a West Point graduate, former Army officer, disabled vet, a business owner and Amy, Mother of two Thompson school students, member of the Thompson Housing Authority and co-owner of a business these attributes of honesty, integrity and accountability are part of their DNA.

Transparency, others talk about it. Steve and Amy live it. They will not keep secrets from the town pretending they should be something only "executives" can hear - in

clear violation of the open meeting laws of our state.

Let's elect leaders who can make a real difference. Leaders who are not afraid to consider other options when faced with problems. Who will not just "do it the same way we did it last time". Our current first selectman just wants to do it like we did last year - he does not even want to think about other choices. Steve and Amy are open to fresh ideas and new approaches.

Let's elect leaders who will treat taxpayer dollars with the respect they deserve. They know how hard it is to earn those dollars and will spend them as carefully as you would spend your own money.

We need Steve Herbert and Amy St. Onge in the Selectmen's Office in Thompson. Be sure to Vote for them on November 7th.

THOMAS POPLAWSKI
 NORTH GROSVENORDALE

D'Agostino endorses Ives

To the editor:
 On a Sunday afternoon, First Selectman Rick Ives spent time talking with neighbors about his vision for Brooklyn. On a windy rainy Tuesday night, Rick attended a student sponsored forum to address any resident concerns. In both events, he was open and honest in answering questions and sharing what he has done and what he sees remains to be done for our town.

Over his four years in office, Rick has created an open-door policy for citizens and businesses to share their concerns, and has worked to improve collaboration between town boards and commissions. He has helped our children by supporting school budgets

and building improvements (such as the new roof). He found ways to save the town money through regionalization with neighboring towns. He has worked to bring businesses in town while maintaining its New England character. Despite a decrease in State revenue, he has lowered spending and has had only a minimal increase in the budget. He pledges to look for new revenue opportunities, monitor town spending and encourage regionalization when it is in the best interest of Brooklyn. Honest, hardworking and dedicated, First Selectman Rick Ives deserves to be re-elected.

CATHERINE D'AGOSTINO
 BROOKLYN

Smith supports Rivera-Abrams

To the editor:
 I highly urge Killingly voters to support Lydia Rivera-Abrams for our Board of Education.

My Reasons: Master's Degree in Education Administration; Eighteen years of hands on experience with the City of Boston's School Department. Killingly home owner and taxpayer. Parent of successful adult children.

Lydia is an experienced, outgoing woman. While she may have an opinion on a topic, she also has an ear to listen to parents and students. Her motivation is: "Average is not good enough for Killingly." She strongly believes that exposing parents to the discussions of the BOE is essential to conversations they will have with their child's principal, as they evaluate the educational services provided to their children. Lydia advocates that all BOE meetings be televised to enable all families home access to the topics that affect both the performance and costs of Killingly

schools. Lydia's motivation for running in this election cycle is to contribute her experience and considerable energy toward an improved school system that combines programmatic and faculty excellence with a higher level of administrative accountability. She believes that this type of commitment should produce levels of student achievement that match the effort.

Lydia was urged to finish the term of Greg Bugbee by her friends who still appreciate her individualistic approach to issues. She can be a team player but will not be a "block voting" member. I find that to be a quality I want in an elected official.

Again, I hope voters reserve one of their Board of Education votes for Lydia Rivera Abrams.

DAVE SMITH
 DANIELSON

A boo-tiful holiday

My daughters and I volunteered at the Complex's yearly Halloween production of The Rocky Horror Picture Show last Saturday night, at The Bradley Playhouse in Putnam. We always work at the midnight showing so you know I had to take a nap beforehand if I was going to make it till 3am. We got all done up, complete with costumes, wild make-up, and matching attitudes. I came parading down the stairs in my steampunk getup, sporting a top hat and aviator goggles, and I was all kinds of proud. I asked my boyfriend, "So what do you think?" Sean said, "You look like the Mad Hatter in Alice in Wonderland" and Googled a pic from the movie to prove it. "So you're saying I look like Johnny Depp?" I asked. "Yea kind of" he smirked. So much for looking like an adorable, funky female.



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America's love of Halloween starts with ancient tradition. One of most poignant Pagan celebrations was Samhain (pronounced "SAH-when,") a Celtic holiday, which marked both the end of harvest and Summer. Samhain is often regarded as the "Celtic New Year." Celts believed this was a very important day to celebrate, as this was the day when two worlds, the living and the dead, came together. Spirits were believed to be mischievous and caused trouble, sometimes damaging crops. So the Celts would leave food, gather together and set huge bonfires of burning crops, believing the light would drive away evil spirits away. Sometimes they lit candles, jumped over brooms, or carved lanterns out of vegetables such as squash to light the way for good spirits. In the Americas, those lanterns would be carved out of pumpkins, also known as Jack-O'-Lanterns. There are also some accounts of people dressing in costumes made of animal hides to fool evil spirits. After the Romans conquered the Celts in 43AD, they adopted many of their festivals, and incorporated them into their own religious celebrations. All Hallows Day was one such example! Originally the day that celebrated numerous pagan festivals, but Pope Gregory III would eventually designate November 1 to mark the Christian feast of All Saints Day, which had moved from May 13. According to the Church, a day started at sunset, which is why celebrations typically started on October 31, the eve of the holiday, All Hallows Day. Americans took it, ran with it, and shaped it into the biggest Halloween capital of the world.

I miss being a kid on Halloween, and the excitement of running down the department store aisle and picking from the Ben Cooper brand, boxes of plastic, trash bag fitting costumes to the character I coveted that year. Whatever you chose had to be big enough to fit over your winter coat. Who remembers pushing up that sweaty, paper-thin plastic mask to consume candy between houses or just to get a normal breath? The costume would always rip halfway through the Trick-or-Treating, and there were usually at least three other kids on your block with the same outfit. Since those days, I've enjoyed creating all of my daughter's Halloween costumes. I've sewn everything from Disney and Pokémon characters, renaissance gowns to insects. One year Rachel was a Luna moth, and everyone kept commenting what a pretty, green butterfly she was. She was infuriated, and kept correcting people all night. One time Sophia announced she didn't want me to make her costume that year, and she wanted the

The 1948 fire at the Gingras Market in Dayville

During the summer I wrote about the 1948 fire at the Gingras Market in Dayville. I was pleased to receive several letters sharing memories of that fire. The first was from David Mayhew, "What a disaster that was! I remember it well. I was 10 years old. My family--my parents, my sister, and I--lived a few buildings east of the market. Start at where the market was, cross the tracks, keep on the right-hand side of Main Street (Route 101), pass two or three buildings, and you will come to our old house (it is still there). One structure beyond that was the old Congregational church, now defunct. I had a bedroom on the top floor of our house facing west. I saw the Gingras fire from there. My father and I went out on the street to watch it, but as I recall I sped back inside because firefalls, or hot fiery ashes or whatever, were rocketing out of the market in all directions and landing all over the place. It looked like the stuff might land on the roofs in the area and light up the houses. But again as I remember it, the roofs had snow on them, which would have helped. We didn't have much of an idea what was going on--whether people were getting hurt, whether the fire was being contained, etc. We saw a lot



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of firefighting activity down there (the road slopes down a bit to the tracks). In the morning the center of the village was a mess. That's about all I remember, beyond hearing that there weren't any casualties (at least, I think that's true). I do remember my mother saying afterward that all the market's records burned up and thus the Pechies didn't have any way of collecting on their debts. We all liked the Pechies and the market. We all shopped there. My mother used to send me there to buy small items. I pocketed the change so that I could buy fireworks. The market had an ice cream counter just inside to the left where Mrs. Wakefield filled up and sold the cones. I remember she hammered me once because I was dillydallying" (letter dated 8/20/2017).

I also received a letter from David's sister Linda Kohler. Because she was only 6, her "memories are inevitably somewhat different. I remember my brother standing at his bedroom window watching and my father telling him not to do so lest the glass break. My mother probably kept me inside the house and did not let me go out with my father and brother to see what

was happening. But I heard that Pechie's was burning down and I worried we would also. Plus, I worried about not getting more ice cream, triple-dip cones! Vanilla, strawberry and chocolate in any order I wanted whenever I got my allowance and more! Sometimes the top scoop fell off on my way home which they would replace free of charge. Frederick, the Rev. Elsworth's son and I used to go there together occasionally--he got coffee--and we walked hand in hand back across the tracks as we ate our ice cream. I dropped him off at the Parsonage and found my other friends to play" (letter dated 8/23/2017).

This week I thought I'd have you take another walk down memory lane with businesses from the area that begin with the letter "L". Natalie Coolidge listed many in her Killingly Business Encyclopedia; the following are just a few I thought you might recall.

I'm sure many of you remember the many smaller "mom & pop" grocery stores that were found throughout town. How many shopped at LaChance's Market on Carter Street in Danielson? It was purchased in 1941 by Armand and Lorraine LaChance. After Mr. LaChance passed away, Barry Nash operated it for a short while before the store closed early in 1971. From 1939-1941 it had been operated by Moran and

Bedard.

Do you remember LaBelle's Package Store, which at first was located at 81 Main Street? Mr. Charron was listed as the permittee in 1940. The Business Encyclopedia contained the following from September 1974 about why it changed location, "The condemnation of the Winkleman Building at 81 Main Street, Danielson has forced LaBelle's Package Store's proprietor, Clifford Withey, to prepare to relocate his business." Another entry from April, 1975 noted that it opened at 21 Furnace Street, Mrs. Dorothy Withey, owner. The last entry for the business in the Business Encyclopedia was from March 1981. (Perhaps some of you are old enough to recall the Winkleman Building).

In Dayville from the 1890's through 1914 William LaBelle's drug store occupied a prominent location in the brick building that is still standing on Route 101 just past the railroad crossing. In those days obtaining ice was not as easy as it is now. "H. C. Keech is cutting 9 inch ice, clear and fine, for W. E. LaBelle at Alexander's Lake" (WCT 1/30/1908). His upstairs room was utilized for an interesting endeavor in 1910. "W. E. LaBelle will soon begin the manufacturing of white cotton working gloves in his vacant room in the second story of his block. If the project meets with the success, which it undoubtedly

will, the working force will increase in number and we hope it may outgrow its headquarters. Samples will soon be put on the market" (WCT 1/7/1909). A photograph of LaBelle's Drug store can be found in Images of America Killingly, p. 82.

Back to Danielson. Do you recall the LaVallee Furniture Co., which was opened in October 1950, taking over the store of C.D. Salisbury and Sons on lower Main Street? By 1953 LaVallee's was located on Commerce Avenue "opposite the new parking lot." (Did you recall when the parking lot was opened?). LaVallee Furniture Co. closed its doors in August 1973 and the building was then home to VIP. It is no longer standing.

I'll close with a double "L". From the 1870's through the second decade of the twentieth century Frank Lawrence operated a livery and feed stable in Dayville and then Ballouville. Frank had also carried on general teaming "in his younger days." He died in December 1918.

What other businesses that began or begin with "L" do you remember? Please share your memories by emailing me or by calling the Killingly Historical Center. There is an answering machine if the Center is closed.

Photos wanted: If you have a photo/s of the old school pond in Dayville, where the children used to skate, please consider bringing them to the

Killingly Historical Center so we can copy them. Thank you.

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

Margaret M. Weaver Killingly Municipal Historian, October, 2017. Thanks to David Mayhew and Linda Mayhew Kohler for memories used in this column. For additional information email me at margaretmweaver@gmail.com or visit the Killingly Historical Center Wed. or Sat. 10-4 or www.killinglyhistorical.org or call (860) 779-7250. Like us at Facebook at www.facebook.com/killinglyhistoricalsociety. Mail for the Killingly Historical & Genealogical Society, Inc. or the Killingly Historical Center should be sent to PO Box 265, Danielson, Ct., 06329.

Women and work: why salary, benefits, and work-life balance count

As you progress along your career path, there's no telling how far you'll go. But to fully reap the financial rewards of all your hard work, you'll need to take charge of your own career--here are a few things you may want to pay close attention to.

Going to your job, spending time with your family, and still being able to invest in your future is a hard balance to find. These tips may help you to Plan Well, Invest Well, and Live Well TM with all that there is to juggle in life.

Salary and career advancement
Having a well-paying job is a major concern for most people, but it's no secret that there's often a gender gap when it comes to pay. According to a report from the Bureau of Labor Statistics, within most occupational categories, women who work full-time, year-round earn only 83% (on average) of what men who work the same schedule earn.

Getting paid less affects not only your current paycheck, but also your long-term asset accumulation. In addition, because current salary is the benchmark for future pay increases and bonuses (which are often expressed as a percentage of your salary), the effect of a pay gap is cumulative. Unless corrected, pay disparities may widen over the course of your career.

Unfortunately, making sure that your pay is in line with industry or company standards isn't always easy, but you can start by checking with your employer. Many employers have transparent compensation practices and are happy to share salary ranges or pay scales, the criteria for pay adjustments, and the timetable for compensation review. You may also want to check out Internet salary websites to get an idea of a typical salary range for someone in your occupation and geographical location.

You may also benefit from honing your negotiation skills. It's possible that you might be missing out on pay raises, not because they're unavailable, but because you haven't effectively communicated what you want or need. In order to be more efficient with this, prepare how you will articulate your strengths and achievements. What do you bring to the table that is so unique? Recognize that you are negotiating more because you think you are worth more to the company, clearly communicate what benefits you offer the company.

Employee benefits
Employer-provided benefits are the backbone of your compensation pack-

age because they can help provide a financial safety net for you and your family. Know what benefits you have, and make sure you're taking full advantage of them.

Employer-sponsored retirement plans such as traditional 401(k) and 403(b) plans are a great option for saving for retirement. You can make pretax contributions (which generally reduce your taxable income) directly from your pay, and any earnings on your contributions grow tax deferred until withdrawn. Your employer may also match a portion of what you contribute.

Although the number of employers offering pension plans has been dwindling, in some industries pension plans are still commonplace. If your employer offers one, make sure you understand the rules for participating and becoming vested in your pension benefits.

Your employer may offer you the chance to contribute pretax dollars to a health and/or a dependent care flexible spending account. Your contributions aren't subject to federal income taxes or Social Security taxes (nor generally to state and local income taxes). You can use these tax-free dollars to pay for health-care costs not covered by insurance or for dependent care costs such as child care.

Work-life balance
Balancing the demands of career and family is one of the major issues people face during their working years. Women are often most affected, in part because fewer women than men have stay-at-home spouses or partners. It's not surprising that without someone at home to handle family and household responsibilities, women who work full-time often face the challenges of trying to be CEO material at home and work.

Fortunately, the traditional workplace is changing. Employers are increasingly recognizing that providing work-life balance programs are key to having a diverse, gender-neutral workforce. All workers, women and men, single or married, with or without children, can benefit from flexible scheduling such as telecommuting or a compressed work week that can help them meet personal needs and responsibilities. In order to do that, you may want to be sure that expectations are clear at home and at work. What are the expectations of work hours



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and does your family understand your routine? Be proactive when communicating to your boss and colleagues, because they will have to adjust their needs when you're not in the office.

While workplace flexibility is gaining momentum, some employers have not yet embraced the concept, and some jobs or industries aren't well-suited to it. But you can still strive to better integrate your home and work lives. As a starting point, enlist support from others. Ask your family members for help with household responsibilities and if you can afford it, consider hiring someone to help.

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"good kind" from the store. Lucky for me it didn't hold up very well, and the next year she decided mom's costumes were better.

Now they're older and don't trick or treat anymore (much to my dismay), but they attend Halloween parties so I still get to help create their desired looks, and as adults there are lots of clubs and house parties to go to so we can still play dress up! One year, I won best costume at local establishment for my costume as one of King Henry the VIII's wives, and I proudly walked back to the table, my brother gallantly pulled out my chair (a bit too far) and I ended up on the floor. They tried to shut me off at the bar, and I hadn't even had a drink yet. He will never let me live it down.

Even though Halloween will have passed by the time you read this, there is still going on in our busy area! Veteran's Day will be upon us on November, and the American Legion in Putnam is holding a Veteran's Tribute and Celebrity bartending night from 5-9 on Thursday, November 9th at the Black Dog. Also, on the 9th, 10th and 11th, Pomfret school is performing Scenes From American Life at the Hard Auditorium at 7pm.

Have a bewitching week!
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MEET THE CANDIDATES

Karen Fitzpatrick

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

What makes you the best candidate for this position?
 I have spent the past 11 years work-

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

What differentiates you from your opponent(s)? N/A

What is your vision for the future?
 To work in collaboration with the Board of Selectmen and the Board of Finance to maintain financial stability for Woodstock during these uncertain times for Connecticut.



Ken Beausoleil

Name: Ken Beausoleil
Position sought: First Selectman
Town of: Thompson
Background/ Qualifications:
 I am a lifelong resident and retired from State service. I have served on the Board of Selectmen for six years, including the last two as First Selectman. I was educated locally and have an excellent working knowledge of our town government.

What makes you the best candidate for this position?

For the last two years, I have served as Thompson's First Selectman. We have revitalized our Economic Development Commission including a "branding" of our town with assistance from NECCOG. My administration has a solid record of accomplishment and service to our community. I am committed to serving our citizens and look forward to making strides to bring opportunities to Thompson and its residents.

What differentiates you from your opponent(s)?

I have been upfront about what my administration has accomplished and the direction we want to pursue. My opponent has served two years on the board, and has offered limited positive input and has not been open about his plans for our town. I am committed to continuing to serve the taxpayers fulltime without the distractions of outside business interests. My experience as First Selectman is invaluable for Thompson to continue moving ahead.

What is your vision for the future?

Economic development is crucial to the town. I will continue the fight to save the mill from demolition and see its revitalization. We will continue to maintain our roads and buildings. By investing in our community, we will make Thompson a better place to live, raise families and visit for years to come.



Leslie Lavallee

Name: Leslie Lavallee
Position sought: Zoning Board of Appeals
Town of: Thompson
Background/ Qualifications:
 Have served 6 years as an alternate on the Zoning Board of Appeals.

What makes you the best candidate for this position?

I have attended almost every monthly meeting over the past 6 years and have been seated to vote many times.

What differentiates you from your opponent(s)?

I like my opponents care for Thompson and its future.

What is your vision for the future?

That Thompson grows in a positive and conscientious manner.



Kevin Kerttula

Name: Kevin Kerttula
Position sought: Town Council, District 4

Town of: Killingly
Background/ Qualifications:

I am a United States Air Force Veteran and a past member of the Killingly Fire Department for 10 years. For the last 21 years, I've worked at Rawson Materials in Putnam, currently as Purchasing Agent and Quality Control. I have lived in Killingly for the past 15 years. I offer a common sense, blue collar set of qualifications to apply to the problems our town will face in the future.

What makes you the best candidate for this position?

I offer a new set of eyes, a different perspective on how we solve town problems. I am not ingrained with old thinking. I will be an advocate for the taxpayer. I am not an attorney, so I see town problems from a common man's perspective, and will offer common sense solutions.

What differentiates you from your opponent(s)?

I am not a lawyer; I am blue collar worker who desires to give back to his community. I recognize citizens are taxed enough already. I will bring new fresh ideas to the council. I am a fiscal conservative, and believe our town should operate foremost in the interest of the taxpayers, those paying the bills.

What is your vision for the future?

I envision Killingly being a destination town for businesses and people to relocate to in the Quiet Corner. To accomplish this, we need to have a great school system, a great business environment, and town governance that will make it easy for small local businesses to thrive. Farmers and local small businesses are protected.



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CORNERSTONE INSURANCE AGENCY, INC.
By: James K. Kelley
Law offices of James K. Kelley & Associates, LLC
Its Attorneys

Matthew Polsky

Name: Matthew Polsky
Position sought: Board of Education
Town of: Thompson
Background/ Qualifications: I have a BA in Geology and Biology from Boston University, and I am a laboratory manager for a nationwide engineering company. Additionally, I am also a licensed boat captain for a regional ferry company. I have been an active member of the Elementary and Middle Schools PTOs, and served on the recent Superintendent Selection Committee.

What makes you the best candidate for this position?

My wife and I have two children in Thompson Middle School. We are also taxpayers who expect the town to use our tax money wisely. I believe everyone on the BoE wants the best education for the students of Thompson that we can afford.

What differentiates you from your opponent(s)?

I am the only candidate running for BOE with children currently in the school system. While

that is not a qualification I think it provides an insight into the school system that people with grown children may no longer have.

What is your vision for the future?

I am encouraged by the energy and enthusiasm of our new school superintendent as well as that of our school principals. I have had the opportunity to discuss such topics as the new maritime program, school community interaction, and the drive for in-district "academies" to prepare our children for the 21st Century. It is a competitive world, and our students need the best preparation for becoming productive and engaged members of society, whether that is for college, tech school, the military, or work with a high school diploma. I look forward to working with the school administration as part of the Board of Education.



Nick Gardner

Name: Nick Gardner
Position sought: Board of Assessment Appeals
Town of: Pomfret
Background/ Qualifications: I have spent the past 8 years serving on the Board of Assessment Appeals- the past 4 of which I have served as Chair. My career in commercial banking and real estate serves me well in this position as I deal with real estate and personal property valuation issues on a daily basis. Outside of the BAA, I serve the town as a Constable and the Economic Planning and Development Committee. Additionally, I am a 12 year member of the Pomfret Lions Club, including a term as President.

What makes you the best candidate for this position?

Running unopposed.

My professional background in banking and real estate, as well as my willingness to listen and understand the concerns of the taxpayer makes me a good fit for the Board of Assessment Appeals.

What differentiates you from your opponent(s)?

N/A

What is your vision for the future?
 If given the opportunity to serve another term on the BAA, I pledge to balance the financial needs of the town with the rights of the taxpayer to make sure that property assessment in the town is fair and equitable.



Renee Waldron

Name: Renee Waldron
Position sought: Town Clerk
Town of: Thompson
Background/ Qualifications: I am an incumbent candidate serving as Thompson's Town Clerk since 2015. I have completed all educational classes necessary for certification and have been simultaneously working toward my Master Municipal Clerk's certification.

What makes you the best candidate for this position?

Running unopposed.

What differentiates you from your opponent(s)?

Running unopposed

What is your vision for the future?

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Jason Anderson

Name: Jason Anderson
Position sought: Town Council at-large

Town of: Killingly
Background/ Qualifications: Lifelong resident of Eastern Connecticut, lived in Killingly with my wife Kimberley and daughter for 5 years, 25 years experience in the automotive repair industry including experience as a master technician and a business owner. Additional work experience in the agricultural, industrial, and retail industries. Special Deputy for the Montville Police. Volunteer proctor with teaching certification for the CT Technical High School System. Founder of a successful community action group. Current member of the Public Safety Commission. On many occasions during the past two years I have attended, spoken and presented before the Town Council and six other boards and commissions.

What makes you the best candidate for the position?

I have experienced and understand many of the obstacles business owners face. My extensive knowledge of the NTE power plant project as well as the power plant siting process is a tremendous asset as Killingly continues to negotiate with NTE. My experience and ongoing connections with the Montville Police as well as my time served on the Public Safety Commission will be extremely valuable during the continued development of the Constabulary and with the planned establishment of a Police Commission. My experience with the CT Technical High School System as well have being a parent

of a Killingly student has given me insight into the importance of continually improving the education system.

What differentiates you from your opponents?

I have the ability and desire to not only communicate with residents and understand their concerns but to also work diligently to address them. My experiences with owning a business, the CT Technical High School System, the Montville Police and Public Safety Commission, the community action group and vast knowledge of the power plant project make me one of the most well rounded candidates. My tenacity to uncover and analyze all the facts and data while looking at concerns from every side while working to address issues and concerns helps set me apart from my opponents.

What is your vision for the future?

Killingly has the potential to become the most desirable place in Eastern Connecticut to live, raise children, retire, and operate businesses as well as becoming a dining / shopping / entertainment destination. To achieve this, the Town Council must work to support the Economic Development Commission and the Board of Education, along with all other boards and commissions. The Council must also work to ensure the successful development of the Constabulary, maintain a stable tax rate and identify areas where revenue can be spent in a more efficient manner.



Joan Trivella

Name: Joan Trivella
Position sought: Board of Education
Town of: Brooklyn

Background/ Qualifications: I am a 25 year resident of Brooklyn with twin daughters that graduated and benefited from the excellent school system in Brooklyn. I am an Eastern Connecticut State University Business graduate and have 20 years experience in business and financial management.

What makes you the best candidate for this position?

I understand the commitment required to make a difference and the importance of being actively involved. I represent on the Brooklyn Board of Education, The Woodstock Academy Board of Trustees, serve as Vice Chair of the EASTCONN Board of Directors and as an Area Director on the Connecticut Association of Boards of Education. I am committed to active, effective involvement and staying current on educational topics to benefit our students. These volunteer opportunities align with my experiences developing policies, negotiating contracts and authoring bid documents and contracts.

What differentiates you from your opponent(s)?

I support and

believe that every decision a Board of Education makes must include student impact. It is all about our students and their success.

What is your vision for the future?

Recently undergoing substantial changes in administration and board composition the Brooklyn Board of Education is gaining traction and cohesion. I am excited about the opportunities that lie ahead for our students, school system and community. Despite the uncertainty of financial aid and grants, we are in a position of stability in terms of focus on educational goals and promoting positive outcomes for our students.



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Joyce Ricci

Name: Joyce Ricci
Position sought: Town Council, District 1

Town of: Killingly
Background/ Qualifications:

I have lived in Killingly my entire life, raised for four children here and taught in town for more than two decades. Since retiring I have dedicated myself to serving on the Town Council. I have been committed to improving the town's economy and ensuring that Killingly has a smart plan for development. I have also been an advocate for education and have worked to teach our young people about town government.

What makes you the best candidate for this position?

I am the best candidate because I know our district and our town inside and out. I dedicate myself to my role as a Town Councilor full time. I attend every Town Council meeting, board and commission meetings and community events. I also welcome every new business to town. It is important that people see their Town Councilors out in the community and know that they are accessible.

What differentiates you from your opponent(s)?

I believe all people in town have something to offer to our community, regardless of age. All voices must be heard. To ensure this, every other year, I knock on the doors of everyone in our district. I thoroughly enjoy meeting our neighbors and hearing their opinions and concerns. I take my role as their

voice on the Town Council seriously and strongly advocate for our part of town.

What is your vision for the future?

It is important that our town continue to revitalize downtown Danielson. New businesses are moving in and we must continue to support them and move forward with the development in the Tighe building. We also need to support our school system because it is the key to a strong future for Killingly. We must build on the improvements in our schools and ensure that every child in our town has an opportunity to succeed.

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MEET THE CANDIDATES

Rhonda Rooney



Name: Rhonda Rooney
Position Sought: Board of Selectmen
Town: Thompson
Background, Qualifications: As a current member of the Board of Finance, I have a good understanding of our municipal budget and the needs of our community. I attended local schools founded my own business, am a homeowner and head of household.

What makes you the best candidate for this position?

I am the only candidate who has solid municipal budget experience and a good understanding of the process. Thompson is my hometown and it is where I chose to return to raise my children. I am passionate about not only what we have to offer but for the potential I see and the progress that has been made in two short years. I want to contribute to Thompson's future.

What differentiates you from your opponent?

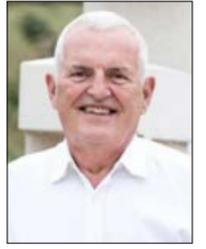
My hands-on experience with the town budget and working knowledge of our municipal finances would enable me to hit the ground running. I have fully participated in the process and am committed to doing whatever I can

to continue the forward direction we have seen in the last two years.

What is your vision for the future?

To create a safe, growing and fun environment for people to want to come to live and raise their families. I would like to continue working towards that vision by continuing the economic development flow that has already begun. We are in the process of saving the mill from demolition, revitalizing the mill into possible apartments and a brew house, hence, creating a town center from which to build. This process will take time, but it will also stimulate the local economy by utilizing local businesses to work the revitalization process, hence creating more jobs. Once complete, we will attract those people that want a small New England town feel, beautiful parks and recreation, restaurants and activities, in a safe town that is a hop, skip and jump away from Boston, Hartford and Providence.

Norman (Barney) Seney Jr.



Name: Norman (Barney) Seney Jr.
Position sought: Mayor
Town of: Putnam

Background/ Qualifications: I have served as a Selectman in Putnam, First Selectman in Thompson four years. Retired CT State Police Sergeant, U.S. Army veteran of Vietnam. Served on Redevelopment and Finance Boards in Thompson. Currently serving on Putnam Board of Finance. An active member of the American Legion and V.F.W. Posts.

What makes you the best candidate for this position?

As a Public servant all my life and being involved in the community I will bring new ideas and leadership.

What differentiates you from your opponent(s)?

I will hold people accountable. Will have plans, costs and timetables for all projects involving the town. Everyone's

opinion matters!
What is your vision for the future?

A new Town Hall, Library and Community Center. A workable plan for The Quinebaug Technology Park with room for expansion. Long and short plans for Roads, Sidewalks, and Bridges with costs, timetables and how to finance projects. Work closely with developers (88 Main St. and Loft at Cargill Falls) to move projects along in a timely matter and support them with all Town resources. By supporting future business in above projects, present Industrial Park, Quinebaug Technology Park we will create jobs and tax revenue to address Town Infrastructure needs and stabilize taxes.

*Additional Candidate Profiles
 on pages A6-7, 10-11*

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Durst is for Alberts

To the editor:

I like Mike but so what? Woodstock's Mike Alberts, after serving for 12 years as our Representative for the 50th District in Hartford, has stepped up to run for First Selectman. Yes he is a nice guy. And, yes, we like him (his former campaign button says so. I still have mine). Woodstock needs a sharp mind to face the fiscal challenges, the Town Hall challenges and the regional challenges which are more onerous than at any other time in memory.

Certainly Mike Alberts has those qualities which will address these and the multiple other issues minor and major which confront us in Woodstock and in Connecticut. He is not the only candidate for First Selectmen. Both candidates were guests on a local radio station on Oct 4. I understand that the station has archived the show and anyone who wants to compare the candidates on the issues which came up can

listen in. I encourage all Woodstock voters to do so.

By November 7, be ready to do your part to allow democracy to work the way it is supposed to. Speak with both candidates; both are out and about. Read the candidates' announcements, position papers and the letters in the Villager.

Informed voters will cast a vote for the candidate who best matches the values and expectations that are believed to be best for Woodstock's next two years.

If you see Mike and his wife Cindy walking, maybe along the riverfront trail in Putnam, beep and wave. Mike is a nice guy. And we do like him. And for Woodstock, maybe it's his experience that tips the balance to make him the better choice for Woodstock's First Selectman.

DOTTI DURST
 WOODSTOCK

Russell endorses Flexer

To the editor:

I would like to extend my endorsement of Hoween Flexer for re-election to the Killingly Board of Education. Since 2009, Flexer has served admirably and transparently, expanding Board of Education documents and preparing clear presentations for the town's voters to make an informed choice - the result being the passing of two consecutive Board of Education budgets, both needing only one referendum. With her tireless effort, the town of Killingly has secured funding for full-day Kindergarten and Pre-K transportation and expanded remedial math and reading programs, allowing for our children to unlock and reach their full potential with the guidance and instruction of our venerable teachers.

Her work with the Northeastern Connecticut Council of Governments (NECCOG) as Regional Services Director will surely result in great strides in enhancing the area's public transportation services - already seen with her proposal to provide free medical transportation to the VA for our local veterans. Her charitable nature with her work with the Friends of Assisi Food Pantry in Danielson shows a commitment to those in need, a

sentiment extended to her work on the Board of Education.

Flexer has vocally opposed the recent reduction of polling places in the Town of Killingly from five to two, citing that the decision was clearly a method of voter suppression and I stand with her in objection. I firmly believe that any attempt to hinder the ability to vote is an act counter to the basic tenets of democracy, and with her, I wholly support the reinstatement of the original polling locations.

Hoween Flexer's strongly held positions on the matters that affect our town and her experience on the Board of Education over the last near-decade makes her especially qualified to continue this unmistakable progress. She stands for an intellectual approach to solving the problems we face, a spirit of co-operation, and an open personality which translates to a transparent nature accessible to those who seek to understand - be it an upcoming referendum how to get personally involved. I urge all to come out in support on Election Day and re-elect Hoween Flexer to the Killingly Board of Education.

NEIL RUSSELL
 DANIELSON

Semmelrock endorses Fulchino

To the editor:

As a member of Pomfret's Zoning Board of Appeals, I know the qualities of an effective ZBA member. We need fair-minded people who have a sensible approach to zoning matters. I have also known Nick Fulchino his whole life, and I know he fits this description.

Nick is young and full of energy to give back to the town after a lifetime of following local, state, and national politics. I can remember him and my son, Seth, talking about all kinds of issues while they were growing up. After high school, Nick began working on political campaigns and he most recently served as the Field Director for Pat Boyd's

state representative campaign. Nick knows the ins and outs of town issues and has knocked on many doors to hear from voters directly about what's on their minds. This approach to public office is important, and I'm glad that Nick has taken the time to hear from people in town directly about zoning issues.

I know that Nick will bring a needed fresh perspective to the Zoning Board of Appeals. I hope you'll join me in giving him your vote on November 7th.

EARL SEMMELROCK
 POMFRET

Woodstock voter is for Larson

To the editor:

Fair. Consistent (25 years!). Accountable (impeccable attendance!). The Woodstock Board of Assessment Appeals continues to need Ed Larson. Why Ed, especially? With property tax such a critical source of revenue, it places a large burden and responsibility upon the Boards of Assessment Appeals.

Property taxes: we all agree to pay them. And we all rely upon the town board to fairly resolve tax assessment disputes. Tax income is essential; so is fairness to the property owner. Any tax levy has to be based on accurate infor-

mation and fair calculations.

Do you know this? CT is the 4th from the top (yep, 4th from the highest) in 2017 property tax rates, only lower than N.J., Ill. and N.H.

Vote for Ed Larson on Nov 7 to continue the dedication and reliability he has already demonstrated. Always fair. Consistent in his thinking. And accountable to all of us, the Woodstock tax payers.

WAYNE DURST
 WOODSTOCK

Nicholson endorses Nicholson

To the editor:

As Maureen Nicholson's son, I proudly support her candidacy for First Selectman and strongly encourage you to give her your vote on Election Day!

I grew up in Pomfret. The town itself was as much a part of the family as my sister or me. Even during the years when she was a single mother raising two children on her own, my mom never lost interest in championing her community.

My mom's dedication to Pomfret meant that every moment of my childhood was steeped in the details of local governance. Dinner table discussions covered everything from zoning ordinances to town elections and Positively Pomfret Day. I accompanied my mom to meetings at the Vanilla Bean where she edited the Pomfret Times with Liz Cartier while I ate corn muffins. If town trees were blown across the road, my mom, the tree warden, was there with

my sister and I standing by, holding the flashlight. Late nights at the Town Hall or in the cafeteria at PCS were the norm, where, over a piece of pizza and my homework, I witnessed democracy in action as concerned adults debated the future of the home they all loved.

Public service runs in my mother's blood, and by including me in the process as a boy, she helped me develop the passion and resourcefulness that make me a successful educator and artist in New York. She taught me how to care for something so deeply that other people can't help but care, too. Whether you see her at the library, on your doorstep, in the garden, or at the Town Hall, please speak with my mom. Ask her your important questions and tell her your concerns. She is the one I always go to, and she's there for you, too.

CHARLIE NICHOLSON
 NEW YORK, N.Y.

To the editor:

This country is becoming increasingly mean spirited and unreasonable. The Trump administration and its henchman are creating division and discord. Representatives and Senators are entitled to vote their conscience and do not have to tow the party line. It is wrong to attack people for their votes and to do so in a way that condones mob violence and hatred. This country was founded on the principle of freedom of speech and choice. We should be allowed to debate openly and fairly and not be subjected to lies, innu-

endo and campaigns to discredit individuals. I applaud Senator McCain, Senator Collins, Senator Corker, and former president Bush for standing up for their beliefs. Debate should be encouraged but in a civil manner, with both sides arguing their cases backed up with facts and statistics. There is no call to insult politicians' beliefs, their families, their record of service because they vote against the administration.

ANN C. ROSEBROOKS
 THOMPSON

Dubitsky endorses Smith

To the editor:

Donna Smith is the right person to lead the Town of Pomfret. With Pamela Lewerenz as her Selectman, the two are truly stronger together for the people of Pomfret. As Selectman for the past two years under current First Selectman Craig Baldwin, Donna has helped advance Pomfret's plan for economic development and worked on the town's day to day operations. She has been involved in enhancing Pomfret's infrastructure, including roads, sidewalks, the firehouse extension, the Emergency Operations Center and the town's sewer project. Donna has extensive experience in educational issues, serving for many years on the PCS Board of Education, the Woodstock Academy Board of Trustees, the School Building

Committee, and for eight years as a member of EASTCONN. Donna's experience as Selectman, as a member of numerous boards and commissions, and in her professional life of financial analysis, human resources and market development, make her the right person to lead Pomfret during this time of financial and economic uncertainty. Pomfret needs Donna Smith's professionalism and experience in Pomfret Town Hall. I hope you will join me in supporting Donna Smith for Pomfret First Selectman and Pamela Lewerenz for Selectman.

DOUG DUBITSKY
 CHAPLIN
 STATE REPRESENTATIVE, 47TH
 DISTRICT

Dunning endorses Smith

To the editor:

Donna Smith has set the standard for campaigning in Pomfret. When a candidate knocks on doors they see the townspeople for who they actually are; not keeping themselves in a bubble about what the town was like 20 years ago. Donna Smith was part of a record turnout of voters to make a change in Pomfret two years ago. The fear went away for a while in Pomfret under new leadership. Our town needs open dialogue and liberty to disagree.

Donna Smith makes herself available to taxpayers, she listens to our concerns. Donna Smith has the leadership to listen and represent all townspeople regardless of political party. Donna Smith is the most well rounded choice to represent all Pomfret. Have no fear on November 7th and choose Donna Smith "the people's choice" for First Selectman for Pomfret.

DONALD DUNNING
 POMFRET CENTER

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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Thompson reader says town needs a change

To the editor:

Thompson has recently faced a number of issues that indicate the time has come for a change in its leadership. Steve Herbert and Amy St. Onge are the candidates that can navigate these challenging times. Their backgrounds in business and their understanding of the needs of our community

will provide the Town of Thompson with the skills to help us move forward. After considering our town's lack of progress over the past few years, I believe that new leadership is called for. I am supporting the Herbert/St. Onge ticket on November 7th, and I ask you to do the same.

BRIAN LYNCH
THOMPSON

Dunne supports Putnam Democrats

To the editor:

In the past week, through a joint effort, Putnam once again became a destination community for people to visit and spend a beautiful fall day, the Pumpkin Festival last Saturday and this past Friday evening two-hour trick or treat event, enjoying our community.

During the past twenty years Putnam has become a community that organizes events which attracts crowds coming from all areas in the Northeast Region. This is made possible through the joint efforts of many Town organizations. Our elected leaders, work with Town departments highway, recreation and police, to set the stage for community organizations, such as the Putnam Business Association and Service groups, to plan together events in our Rotary Park and downtown Putnam. The activities attract thousands of people and support our local businesses. Our Summer River Fires since 2005 ends many social evenings with a positive calmness to begin the next day.

I have watched the growth of downtown Putnam being the place for antique shopping and great dining out

experiences. The Bradley Theater provides a memorable culture experience. With all our progress through a cooperative group effort of many government departments and organizations I am dismayed by the Republican's campaign slogan "A new beginning". What does that mean? What is this new beginning going to tear down and start all over again?

The 2017 Democratic municipal slate of qualified and experienced candidates will continue to keep Putnam a desirable place to live, work and visit.

Our officials are working on many issues such as; a balanced tax base environment, to keep taxes low improving our infrastructure, marketing the industrial and technology park promoting small business, supporting our educational system, supporting our ever improving library services and working with our special service district to ensure the safety of its citizens.

When you vote on November 7th, think about the positive atmosphere you live in now and what might happen to your community if the negative attitudes are voted into office.

CYNTHIA DUNNE
PUTNAM

Caron-Krug endorses Smith & Lewerenz

To the editor:

Dear Pomfret citizens: As a Democrat, I am endorsing the team of Donna Smith and Pam Lewerenz. Donna deserves the Pomfret Selectmen's position. Her town experience and skills were earned by coming up thru the rank the same way as the previous democrat did. Donna's knowledge of town affairs is up to date and she is ready on day one.

Citizens are looking for a town management style with trustworthiness

and people relations' skills. Donna and Pam will make us stronger and will keep us together. Delegating is a winning way of managing.

I am a Democrat who votes for the person and not the party. I invite you to join me in voting the Republican team with Donna Smith and Pam Lewerenz, you won't be sorry.

MONIQUE CARON-KRUG
POMFRET CENTER

Dionne supports Ives

To the editor:

It is no secret that the state financial mess is affecting all the municipalities in Connecticut. Here in Brooklyn, Rick Ives' leadership and experience has been a critical factor in minimizing that effect. He has dealt with these issues and the state's uncertainty head on. He has examined and considered most scenarios and worked to prepare our town for them to the best of his ability. Rick has served, in the past as chair of both the Boards of Finance and Education, which gives him perspective on all aspects of the town budget. As First Selectman he has managed to responsibly keep general government spending in check and work with the current Board of Finance in navigating the town through the state budget crisis. Rick has also displayed his leadership and commitment for Brooklyn's voice in Hartford with his additional posts on the Board of Directors for

COST (Connecticut Council of Small Towns) and chairmanship of NECOG's (Northeast Council of Government) board of directors. He has also shown he puts Brooklyn first by adding Brooklyn to a lawsuit against the Governor for the statutorily owed ECS money being withheld from our town.

Rick has the knowledge, commitment, and leadership to continue to lead Brooklyn in these wavy financial times. He has a realistic understanding of the position he holds while still investigating and considering all new and creative ideas for the town. I enthusiastically endorse Rick Ives for First Selectman. I urge the voters of Brooklyn to vote for the proven sound leadership and commitment to our town that we have seen in Rick Ives.

DREW DIONNE
BROOKLYN
VICE CHAIR OF BOARD OF FINANCE

Former TEEG official endorses Nicholson

To the editor:

I am writing with great enthusiasm regarding the candidacy of Maureen Nicholson for First Selectman in Pomfret. As the former Executive Director of TEEG, I worked closely with Maureen to develop the partnership between TEEG and the town of Pomfret to facilitate enhanced services at the Pomfret Senior Center. Maureen's vision was a clear one, one that would leverage resources between the town and the social service agency, bringing more services and supports to local seniors.

In those first few years, this is exactly what happened. TEEG secured grant funding to support an increase in staff and programming for the benefit of Pomfret seniors. TEEG staff worked to bring a regular lunch program to the Pomfret center. Fitness programs, educational programs and informational presentations were brought to the center, while maintaining the seniors desire to have a steady offering of recreational activities. This partnership allowed the Senior Center to grow without having to appropriate additional

tax dollars for this program. Maureen has a proven record of supporting the seniors in Pomfret, and if re-elected, her commitment to the elders of our community will continue to be a priority. Maureen will work with the current TEEG director, Anne Miller, to assure all necessary social services are available to Pomfret residents through a partnership that is financially beneficial to the tax payers of our town.

This is what Maureen can do ... she is a visionary leader with a willingness to roll up her sleeves and work out the challenges between would-be-colaborators, to the benefit of all. Her understanding of the public process, grant funding and legislation make her uniquely qualified to be re-elected to the position of Chief Elected Official. I am eager to see Pomfret return to a process of transparent governance with leadership that is committed to all of the residents in our town. I hope you will join me in supporting the Nicholson - McCarthy ticket on November 7th.

DONNA GRANT
POMFRET

Thomas supports Thompson's Democratic slate

To the editor:

On Tuesday, November 7, local voters will have the opportunity to impact their communities and directly affect their future. Participating in your local election is one of the most important votes that you cast.

I urge Thompson voters to support Ken Beausoleil and Rhonda Rooney for our Board of Selectmen. During Ken's first two years in office, we have seen an open style of government, set office hours in the town hall, and a First Selectman who is on the job to serve you. Our Economic Development Commission is active, Thompson has been given a state award for our branding project and idle real estate near the River Mill is being revitalized. More miles of road have been repaired than at any other time in recent memory. His opponent speaks of his business success and his management ability but offers no vision for our future. Actions speak louder than words and Ken is committed to improving our town and way of life. Isn't that what

is important to you? Rhonda Rooney brings two years of pertinent experience as a Board of Finance member and a strong sense of community to our ticket.

The Democratic team also includes Bob Viens, former Putnam mayor and a candidate for Thompson's Board of Finance and Val Iamartino and Matt Polsky who will bring fresh ideas to the Board of Education.

The Thompson Democrats are proud of their candidates and the balanced ticket we offer to Thompson voters. We have a good mix of seasoned veterans and incumbents as well as new faces like Tyra Penn (Planning and Zoning) and Richard Brotbeck (Library Trustee), all willing to work together to serve you and Thompson. They are worthy of your support and vote on Tuesday, November 7.

CATHY THOMAS
THOMPSON
THOMPSON DEMOCRATIC
TOWN CHAIR

McGrath supports Ives

To the editor:

Brooklyn voters have a choice this election day, November 7. I was pleased to see that David Fuss is running for First Selectman against the incumbent Rick Ives. I firmly believe that it is through contested elections that we are able to shed light on problems and find ways to address them. I listened with great interest to the debate held by a local radio station but came away with the impression that Mr. Fuss is blissfully unaware of the complexities of the office, the legal and statutory regulations by which all towns must abide. He promises that he will cut spending to offset the anticipated cuts from the state and says that once he is elected that he will take a look at the books to see where cuts can be made. No, Mr. Fuss, the financial records of the town are public information and available to us all now. Tell us now what cuts you would make, we don't want any surprises. Moreover, I am extreme-

ly disappointed that Mr. Fuss did not participate in the Woodstock Academy Candidates forum. It is outrageous that he would call this effort by Academy students to facilitate debates in several of their sending towns a "witch hunt." Apparently, Mr. Fuss is afraid to take questions from a high school student. This does not bode well for his ability to advocate for us in Hartford or negotiate contracts on our behalf. I have too many questions about Mr. Fuss and all I hear is vague promises. I know what I'll get with Rick Ives. We've had four years of little or no tax increases, business growth in the commercial district along with preservation of our scenic Route 169 and, most importantly, we have town government that simply works. I'll be voting for the thoughtful, steady leadership of Rick Ives on Election Day, November 7.

KATHLEEN MCGRATH
BROOKLYN

Reader questions teachers retirement fund

To the editor:

Having read with interest the opinions of James Leonard, Catherine D'Agostino, Sandra Bove, and Leslie Sweetnam in recent columns of the Woodstock Villager, there seems to be an obviously omitted question. In the 1991-1992 year the state government was to receive a loan of 64 million dol-

lars from the teachers' pension fund as voted by the legislature and accepted by the administration of Lowell Weicker with the promise to repay the loan in nine installments. Has that loan been repaid?

ELIZABETH HECKLER
WOODSTOCK

Pink pumpkins a success

To the editor:

Thanks to the generosity of everyone who took part in our first Pumpkin Pledge for Cancer, we were able to raise \$176 in donations with 100 percent of this going to the Rose Bove LaRose Oncology Cancer Fund at Day Kimball Hospital.

Sadly, so many people are affected by

cancer and we felt the need to do our part.

Next year we hope to exceed this amount.

Again, a heart-felt thank you. Your contributions will do so much good.

WALT AND DEBBY OPPERMAN
DAYVILLE

Dickinson supports Woodstock Democrats

To the editor:

The Woodstock Democratic Town Committee has put together a strong and experienced slate this year for the municipal elections. I am proud to be on that slate, but even prouder to support it.

In particular, Frank Olah, our Democratic candidate for First Selectman has the experience to navigate the budget storms we will be facing as state and federal funds shrink. His experience as a school superintendent means he can aid in making the school budgets productive and efficient. He also has the vision to make Woodstock government accessible and transparent. He plans to be available by email and office hours to every citizen of Woodstock. He will be a full time First

Selectman, and it is a full time job.

Frank has shown his commitment to serving the community as a member of the Board of Trustees of the First Congregational Church of Woodstock, treasurer of both the Woodstock Academy Alumni Association and the Woodstock Cemetery Association, and as a volunteer in the FCCW Community kitchen. He will extend this commitment to his service as our First Selectman.

I hope you will join me in voting for the Democratic slate in Woodstock next Tuesday. Remember, change starts at the grassroots: in municipal leadership.

GAIL DICKINSON, M.D.
WOODSTOCK

Woodstock reader asks what party was in charge?

To the editor:

Election Day is right around the corner and this time Citizens of our Historic Woodstock get to pick a new First Selectman.

At the very start the self-proclaimed Democrat, Frank Olah, listed all the problems and faults coming out of the State Capital and of course ended that with "Did Mike personally cause these problems? Of course not, but he was there". Really Mr. Olah, who else was there and in majority, don't forget Governor Malloy.

The person elected to replace Mike

Alberts at the State Capitol is also a Democrat, does he do what best for the Quite Corner no, he votes the Party line.

It is the Democrat Party in this state that has pushed Connecticut to despair and caters to demands of the big cities.

Elect Mike Alberts and send a message to the Capital that we are not a money pit for their unchecked spending or blind followers to statements like "he was there".

ALEX CINQUANTA
WOODSTOCK

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Nicholson/McCarthy have Harris's vote

To the editor:
I live in Pomfret and am relatively new to politics. I am inspired to see women running for political office and have been following the two women running for first selectmen with interest.
I was disappointed to read the recent negative ads and letters in the Pomfret Times submitted by the Republican candidates and their supporters. Now I am hearing of the false claims and negative phone and verbal campaign they are running. This saddens me and does a disservice to the political process and

women in politics. If you hear negative slander, please consider where it comes from and who it benefits.
I encourage voters in Pomfret to reject candidates that run negative campaigns. I am supporting Maureen Nicholson and her team because they ran a positive campaign based on issues and facts that offers real solutions.
Let's vote for candidates with purpose and integrity. Vote the Nicholson / McCarthy slate.

TAMARA HARRIS
POMFRET

Trowbridge supports Dubois

Letter to the Editor

I'm backing Jackie Dubois for First Selectman in Eastford. She's clear-headed. She's forthright. She's well-received as she campaigns around town. I now because I accompany her as she goes door to door. Her lively engagement with voters is remarkably effective. Red, white, and blue signs are popping up everywhere.
Jackie's career spans 30 years as a teacher and bank supervisor. She received her Bachelor of Education from Elms College and a Master's Degree from Eastern Connecticut State University. The New England Association of Schools and Colleges (NEASC) has tapped into Jackie's professional talent. She has chaired or co-chaired on NEASC accreditation committees which determine if schools are meeting the needs of their students. This process requires a thorough evaluation of school administration, facil-

ities, budgeting, safety, and student performance and success. This "whole house" review requires a steady hand and a critical eye. Jackie has both. Straightforward accountability matters to her.
The Savings Bank of Manchester employed Jackie as a supervisor. Rather than accepting an offered promotion, Jackie declined and returned to her true avocation, teaching.
NEASC and the Savings Bank recognized and relied on Jackie's good judgment. NEASC has asked Jackie to serve time and again. The Savings Bank wanted to promote her.
If elected, Jackie's good judgment would foster continued town services, excellence in education, and sensible spending. I'm voting for Jackie Dubois on November 7.

JIM TROWBRIDGE
EASTFORD

Woodstock reader warns of war with North Korea

To the editor:

Experts in military and foreign affairs are increasingly alarmed about the danger of war with North Korea. Jung Pak of the Brookings Institute writes in DefenseOne, "There are lots of things that can go wrong. . . For many of us, such martial talk from usually reserved and measured [cabinet] officials—combined with the president's bull-in-a-china-shop attitude to national security—raise the specter of a military confrontation that could lead to millions dead, nuclear and humanitarian disaster, and possibly even World War III."
Scott Sagan, of the Center for International Security and Cooperation,

writes in the esteemed journal Foreign Affairs, that 1) the danger of accidental or provoked war is great, 2) the US should take some military options off the table starting with a preventative nuclear war, and 3) the United States should do with North Korea what it did with the Soviet Union, namely to patiently deter North Korea until it collapses of its own weakness.
Congressman Courtney and Senator Murphy have both taken action against this danger, but Senator Blumenthal has not. You can express your opinion to him at 844 USA 0234.

JOCK McCLELLAN
WOODSTOCK

A Vietnam vet's thoughts on Veterans Day

GUEST COLUMN
G. TOD STEVENSON

The crucible of military service can be overwhelming – the test is being able to meet the extraordinary challenges required. Those who did and survived are called veterans. I am one, not because I was a good soldier, but because I served with great soldiers!

I trained with the Air Force Special Operations Command, along with the U.S. Army Rangers at Eglin's Air proving grounds in northwest Florida's Hurlburt Field #9, as well with the U.S. Naval Explosive Ordnance people. We had a blast!

Eventually, I went overseas to the Orient to assist in the deactivation of Ashiya Air Base on Kyushu Island in Japan. Afterwards, I was assigned to manage the only aerial bomb and gunnery range in all of Asia.

Later, I was sent TDY to a country I had never heard of, on a mission of counter insurgency, Vietnam.

Although I was an Air Policeman I was called an advisor, under a special operations protocol. Little did I know the magnitude of this clandestine assignment.

Vietnam was a foreign land few in our country knew anything about,

such as their thousand-year struggle against the Chinese, Japanese, Khmers, or the French. Americans were just one more annoyance in this country's struggle for peace in the late 1950s.

The Asian countries are beautiful, unique in their urban setting. Dramatic with oceans, double and triple canopy jungles, not to mention the sharp peaks that suddenly appear out of nowhere poking up the cloud cover – dangerous for flyers, but, if one overlooked the dangers still very beautiful.

We were called to this small country to eradicate communism which was spreading rapidly at the time.

General Dwight D. Eisenhower understood the fragile condition of Southeast Asia as he feared the domino theory – as when one falls – they all fall. To our credit, we stopped it in Vietnam for we weakened the North Vietnam. Communists, preventing the loss of Indo-China, Burma, Thailand, not to mention Japan, Formosa or the Philippines, to a point that they could no longer pose a threat to these other

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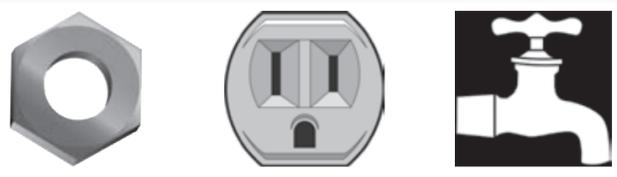


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The following workshops are scheduled in Danielson.

Get Back to Work – You can overcome job search stress: Stay connected, get involved, and know your next steps. Our staff is here to offer guidance, direction and opportunity. November 1 (9 a.m. – 12 p.m.) and November 15 (1 – 3 p.m.) and November 29 (9 a.m. – 12 p.m.)

Health Careers Orientation – An overview of in-demand careers in health-care, job skills and available certificate and degree programs. Also receive information about financial assistance. November 2 (9 – 10:30 a.m.)

Interviewing Strategies and Techniques – Learn how to strategically prepare for critical job interview questions. Topics include company research, developing a candidate message, questions to ask the employer, closing the interview and following up. November 2 (9 a.m. – 12 p.m.)

Do What You Are – Myers Briggs – Geared to help you take charge of your career with the help of Myers Briggs Type Indicator Assessment. Explore suitable careers, identify personal strengths and weaknesses and learn effective job search techniques. November 3 (9 a.m. – 2 p.m.)

Confidence Makeover: Rebound & Recover – Offers an outline of how to work toward a concrete confidence

makeover, suggesting a variety of specific techniques and practical confidence-building tips that can make a significant difference in being the right candidate. November 6 (9 a.m. – 2 p.m.)

Résumé Critique – Have your résumé reviewed by a Certified Professional Résumé Writer trained in developing documents that generate job interviews. Receive objective and unbiased feedback to assist you in addressing problematic issues along with identifying areas for improvement. November 6, 13, 20 and 27 (9 – 10:30 a.m.)

Computer Basics for the Jobseeker – During this six-hour workshop conducted over two days learn the basic aspects of how computers work, basic computer operations, and terminology for Windows 7. Topics include basic file management, using Help and Support features and how to identify secure sites. Geared for individuals who have never used a computer or who need a refresher on basic computer use. November 7 and 8 (9 a.m. – 12 p.m.)

Metrix Learning – Orientation to online training through the Metrix Learning System. E-Training licenses allow 90 days of 24/7 unlimited access to over 5,000 courses (IT, desktop computer skills OR healthcare education). Learn new skills or upgrade existing skills to help find the job you want or enhance your career. November 7 (1 – 3 p.m.)

Successful Job Search Strategies – Discover how to find and apply for jobs not listed in the classified section. Learn to use traditional job search techniques more effectively and how to research companies. Use the Internet

as a job search tool, use search agents and learn to post your résumé on the CTHires online employment system. Explore CTHires and other sites for private, state and federal employment opportunities, as well as labor market information. November 7 (1 – 4 p.m.)

Ticket to Work Orientation – Designed for Social Security beneficiaries wanting to return to work and become financially independent while keeping their Medicare or Medicaid benefits. November 8 (10 – 11 a.m.)

In-Demand Jobs in Eastern Connecticut – Our On-the-Job Training (OJT) programs may help give you the competitive edge to get hired. Explore in-demand jobs in advanced manufacturing, technology or engineering, and the skills employers want. On-site screening will pre-qualify you for one or more OJT programs. November 8 (1 – 2:30 p.m.)

Creating A Job Search “Elevator Pitch” – Learn how to create the perfect 30- or 60-second “elevator pitch” to introduce yourself to potential employers. Explore how to identify or create a networking opportunity and effectively engage during a networking opportunity. Useful for all jobseekers that are unfamiliar or out of practice with networking, and those that are using LinkedIn. November 14 (1 – 4 p.m.)

Introduction to Microsoft Word – Learn how to create a document, save it to a disk, open and close it, make changes, and print it. **PREREQUISITE:** Must possess basic knowledge of computers or have attended Computer Basics Workshop. November 14 and 15 (9 a.m.

– 12 p.m.)

Applying Online: The Basics – Learn the basics of applying online, including use of job search engines, emailing employers, and attaching and inserting résumés to online applications and emails. November 15 (1 – 4 p.m.)

Fundamentals of Résumé Writing – Learn how to write a focused résumé needed to secure job interviews and employment offers. Topics include thinking like an employer, strategies for developing essential parts of the résumé, keywords, relevant vs. irrelevant information, formatting, cover letters. November 16 (9 a.m. – 12 p.m.)

Email Skills for Job Seekers – During this six-hour workshop conducted over two days, learn how to compose and reply to emails, and attach résumés to emails. Practice responding to a job posting via email while using a practice cover letter and résumé. The instructor will help jobseekers obtain an email address if needed. This workshop is for all jobseekers that will be emailing résumés to employers. November 28 and 29 (9 a.m. – 12 p.m.)

CTHires – Résumé Builder – Focused on building and completing a résumé in the CTHires online employment system. Opportunities to review and update your CTHires profile including job skills, and do a comprehensive résumé build in CTHires with the assistance of the workshop instructor. You will also learn how to download, print, and email your résumé from CTHires. November 29 (1 – 4 p.m.)

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places.

It was obviously a very confusing time, for many mistakes were made at the highest levels of government, at the expense of many lives.

Historian John Keegan once observed “that the world of the warrior exists in parallel with the everyday world, but does not belong to it.”

We live in a country controlled by a very complex government, one that has treaties and interests all over the globe. Decisions are sometimes made in an instant – life or death often results in the balance.

Those of us who have worn the uniform were pawns, but, bishops and knights were also sometimes sacrificed because the world’s governments were king! As you know, a pawn is not a very valuable chip.

For a long time, Vietnam was not a popular subject – rarely mentioned in conversation. Vietnam veterans have nothing to be ashamed of in spite of the treatment so many received upon their return home.

Still, even today, most are reluctant to talk about their experience in country, thinking they did nothing of significance. They are so wrong!

All veterans were critical to the over-

all mission at the time, no matter where or when they served.

This Veterans Day, we remember those who took up the challenge while still remembering the 83,000 Americans still missing in action, since WWII, including the 1,600 from Vietnam.

Although, the flag of the U.S.A. can and does stand alone in a position of superior prominence, veterans will always stand and salute it with the respect it deserves. For instance, when the national anthem is played or our flag passes in review it will be the veterans standing with their hats in their hands over their hearts. Some may salute while still others will be wiping tears from their eyes as they remember so well, what war has cost this country.

Thomas Jefferson, in speaking about our military once said “The energy, the faith, the devotion, which we bring to this endeavor will light our country and all who serve it...and the glow from that fire can truly light the world.”

So on this Veteran’s Day, my thoughts are dedicated to the memory of Commander John T. DeBardinis USNR, former resident of Thompson, who spent his life in the service of others.

“No greater friend could a man have.”

G. Tod Stevenson, a U.S. Air Force veteran, served his country in Vietnam. He lives in Woodstock.

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Scarecrow Kingdom in Danielson



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This was Krystal, Mariah and Adam Shippee's first time attending the town's Scarecrow Kingdom!



Colorful scarecrows were scattered throughout Davis Park.



Ten-year-old Cellesse Pipkin put the finishing touches on her scarecrow.

Pomfret Democrats recognize local citizens

Courtesy photo

Maureen Nicholson, left, and Pat Boyd, second from left, honored local citizens in Pomfret for civic achievement on Oct. 17.



POMFRET — The Pomfret Democratic Committee recognized local citizens for civic achievement and sponsored a meet-and-greet with their slate of municipal candidates on Oct. 17.

Democratic ticket First Selectman candidate

Maureen Nicholson and State Representative Pat Boyd recognized outstanding citizens of the community. Boyd highlighted the achievements of the Anti-Fracking Waste group that was able to pass an ordinance in Pomfret banning the deposit of fracking waste. Receiving official citations from the Connecticut General Assembly for their work were Tima Smith, Nancy Shaw-McMerriman, Laurice Shaw, Charlie Weedon, Mary Caniff, and Sally Rogers.

Boyd also presented official citations from the General Assembly to Pomfret's Bob Andrews, John Bergendahl, John Dilorio, Lisa Semancik, Greg Short, Glen Warner, and Sharon Verrilli, for their work on the Longmeadow ad hoc committee. After the application of coal tar on the roads in the Longmeadow neighborhood, these committed residents raised awareness about its harmful side effects, pushed for a local ban in Pomfret for future use, succeeded in getting the town to remove the treated pavement and repave the roads, and were also successful in lobbying for a statewide ban of coal tar application – a bill introduced by Representative Boyd. At the end of the event, Nicholson and selectman candidate Patrick McCarthy spoke after an endorsement from Representative Boyd. Board of Finance candidates Dayna Flath and Debi Thompson met with residents and talked about the recent increase in property taxes. The Pomfret mill rate was raised by 2.5 mills this year.

DANIELSON – Davis Park was transformed into the annual Scarecrow Kingdom on Saturday, Oct. 28. Families brought their old clothes to decorate their very own scarecrows! A professional pumpkin carver also entertained the crowd, along with raffles and book giveaways by the Killingly Public Library.



Six-year-old Alex Thoummany helped his aunt Michelle Hryzan stuff one of the scarecrow's sleeves.



Five year old Ri'nyah Couillard with her scarecrow.



"We love it!" said Jeff and Alex Diaz. "We come every year!"

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Trick or treat night in Putnam



Tamara Bourget with her son Gabe (8), who dressed as a gargoyle because he "likes to be scary."



The Tetreault and Atkins family had a great time hanging out downtown.



Olivia Richman photos

Mya and Kailyn Smith dressed up as Alena ("the best princess") and a witch.

PUTNAM – What do Family Dollar, Jade Garden, Crabtree & Evelyn and Rite Aid have in common? They were some of the downtown businesses handing out candy on Friday, Oct. 27 for Putnam's Trick or Treat Night.



This year Lavender Gaudette went as a slot machine, a costume she made with her father. Last year she was a Pac Man arcade machine. She's also been a vending machine and a fortune teller.



"We always look for family costumes," said Amanda Powers, pictured with husband Jamie and son Christian. "Last year we were all monkeys."



Joanne Carkin with her grandchildren Justice, Isabellah, Natalie and Logan.



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Pumpkin Night in Killingly



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Two-year-old Nolan with his parents Adam and Jennifer Julian.



A lovely portrait of Sheila Reyes and her sons Evander Flores and Brian Rodriguez.



HeadStart teachers and staff, from left: Louisa French, Emily Stewart, Michelle Giard and Janet McDonald.



Gizzeppi deBella, 5, loved painting his pumpkin.



Jill Dean with her daughters Maci and Morgan Germain.

KILLINGLY — It was Pumpkin Night for Putnam and Killingly Head Start families on Wednesday, Oct. 25. Not only did families paint pumpkins, but delved into a few other pumpkin-themed sensory activities. They also enjoyed pumpkin-themed nutrition. It was the perfect way to get everyone excited for Halloween.



Four year old Isabella Kettle drew some pumpkins.



Sisters Tyannah and Zaria Harper decorated their pumpkins.



Kenzie Skellinger hammering golf tees into a pumpkin, practicing fine motor skills.

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Killingly's Trick or Treat celebration



Olivia Richman photos

Atticus Gibbs was Willy Wonka. His brother was a Borg.



Children piled into Joseph's Jewelers and other downtown businesses to collect candy.

DANIELSON — It was all treats and no tricks at Killingly's Trick or Treat celebration in downtown Danielson on Saturday, Oct. 28. Businesses along Main Street handed out candy to costume-clad families, a fun follow-up event to the town's Scarecrow Kingdom festival earlier in the day.



Jocelyn Espeleta enjoyed Trick or Treating with her aunt Valerie Espeleta.



Mermaids Christina and Grace Ormerod, and Emily Fishman.



Michelle Smith, Thomas Rivers and Brenda Perry caught a lot of eyes with their dinosaur costume.



Alicia Auclar with 8 year-old Nevaeh Gagnon and two year old Jayden Sorel.

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Tuesday, November 7 – Entrée: Chicken nuggets w/mashed potatoes and dinner roll, tuna salad sandwich, or yogurt parfait w/pretzel. Fruit/veggie (choose 1 or 2): broccoli crowns, garden salad.

Wednesday, November 8 – Entrée: cheeseburger/fun, toasted cheese, yogurt parfait w/pretzel. Fruit/veggie choices (choose 1 or 2): tater tots, baked beans, garden salad.

Thursday, November 9 – Entrée: ham/cheese sandwich, mayo, potato chips, or yogurt bag lunch: vanilla yogurt, cheese stick, chocolate chip muffin. Fruit/veggie choice: baby carrots w/ranch dip, 100% fruit juice. (early release day)

Friday, November 10 – NO SCHOOL

POMFRET COMMUNITY SCHOOL

Monday, November 6 – Cheese pizza, served with baby carrots and a garden salad with ranch dressing. Breakfast: mini-waffles

Tuesday, November 7 – No school today.

Wednesday, November 8 – Sloppy Joe on WG roll served with corn and oven baked French fries. Breakfast: mini-pancakes.

Thursday, November 9 – BBQ roasted chicken, served with seasoned brown rice, three bean salad and coleslaw. Breakfast: breakfast roll.

Friday, November 10 – Meatball and cheese wrap sandwich, served with baby carrots and cucumber wheels and ranch dip. Breakfast: egg and cheese roll.

PUTNAM ELEMENTARY SCHOOL & PUTNAM MIDDLE SCHOOL

Monday, November 6 – Crispy chicken sand-

wich, plain or BBQ on WG roll, side of lettuce and tomato, roasted broccoli

Tuesday, November 7 – Professional development day

Wednesday, November 8 – Wolf meal: beef burger with cheese, crisp lettuce and tomato, seasoned curly fries, 100% juice sherbet.

Thursday, November 9 – Fiesta taco bowl: seasoned ground beef, lettuce, tomato, cheddar cheese, salsa in a WG tostado bowl, Spanish rice, seasoned corn

Friday, November 10 – no school.

THOMPSON MIDDLE SCHOOL & TOURTELLOTTE (GRADES 5-12)

Featured specials of the day:

Monday, November 6 – Mozzarella sticks w/ dipping sauce, hamburger/cheeseburger, Italian green beans

Tuesday, November 7 – Enchilada stack, chicken patty/bun w/fiesta rice and roasted carrots

Wednesday, November 8 – Hot dog/roll, chili/cheese sauce, hamburger/cheeseburger, oven baked fries and roasted squash.

Thursday, November 9 – (early release day) Popcorn chicken (plain or orange zesty), Asian Rice and Baked beans

Friday, November 10 – no school

WOODSTOCK ELEMENTARY SCHOOL & WOODSTOCK MIDDLE SCHOOL

Monday, November 6 – no school – parent teacher conferences

Tuesday, November 7 – no school – professional development

Wednesday, November 8 – General Tsao chicken, rice/snow peas, fruit, milk

Thursday, November 9 – Swedish meatballs, noodles/carrots, WG cookie, fruit/milk

Friday, November 10 – Pizza, tossed salad, fruit, milk.

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taking out shrubs and trees that were dead and overgrown.

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This past summer, the Rotary Club paid for a new clock tower, along with a lighted sign that will be placed in the park in the coming days. The biggest part was putting in an irrigation system and new grass.

For the first time in 30 years, concert-goers stood on nice, soft grass instead of dirt at Rotary Park during the summer months.

Rotary Park — which can be gathered from its name — is very important to the Rotary Club. But many Putnamites

are not aware of why it's named after them.

After the flood of 1955, most of the area was wiped out, including mill houses that once stood where the park is now located. At that time, said Osbrey, Rotary Clubs from all around the world donated to Putnam's Rotary Club to fix up the area and make it a public park.

Why a park? "What a lot of people don't realize is that some of us are fortunate with beautiful backyards," Osbrey said. "Most Rotarians own their own homes and have their own property. It's part of our mission — service above self — to help those less fortunate. Not everyone has that luxury or privilege. If you ever sit in this park for a little bit of time, you'd be shocked



Students from Woodstock Academy helped shovel mulch and create new gardens throughout the park.

At right: In spring, the 1,500 bulbs will bloom: Two colors of daffodils and a small alpine flower called pushchkinia.

by how many people walk and jog through here, take their dogs here, have lunch at a picnic table, bring their kids to run around."

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Day Kimball Hospital receives top grade

PUTNAM — The Leapfrog Group, a national nonprofit health care ratings organization, today released new Leapfrog Hospital Safety Grades. The Safety Grade assigns letter grades of A, B, C, D and F to hospitals nationwide based on their performance in preventing medical errors, infections and other harms. Day Kimball Hospital was awarded an "A" for its commitment to keeping patients safe and meeting the highest safety standards

in the U.S. Day Kimball was one of 832 hospitals across the country and seven in Connecticut to earn the A rating, placing it in the top third of hospitals in the state and nation for patient safety.

"We've proudly maintained an excellent record for many important measures of patient safety and quality of care for quite some time at Day Kimball Hospital, and we're thrilled to have received this 'A' rating from Leapfrog as the lat-

est recognition and validation of those high standards," said Anne Diamond, Day Kimball Healthcare President and CEO. "This achievement speaks to the hard work, dedication and collaboration of our staff in working together to provide the best possible care to our patients each and every day."

"It takes consistent, unwavering dedication to patients to achieve the highest standards of patient safety. An 'A' Safety Grade recognizes hospitals for

this accomplishment," said Leah Binder, president and CEO of The Leapfrog Group. "We congratulate the clinicians, Board, management and staff of Day Kimball Hospital for showing the country what it means to put patient safety first."

Developed under the guidance of a Blue Ribbon National Expert Panel, the Leapfrog Hospital Safety Grade uses 27 measures of publicly available hospital safety data to assign

A, B, C, D and F grades to more than 2,600 U.S. hospitals twice per year. It is calculated by top patient safety experts, peer reviewed, fully transparent and free to the public.

To see Day Kimball Hospital's full grade, and to access patient tips for staying safe in the hospital, visit www.hospital-safetygrade.org. To learn more about all of Day Kimball Hospital's various safety and quality measures, visit www.daykimball.org/quality

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IHSP Squash Hunger a success

PUTNAM — The 2017 IHSP Squash Hunger Challenges were a big success. Thanks to all who participated. September is Hunger Awareness Month, so for the entire month of September, local business, industry and faith partners collected much needed non-perishable food items for the IHSP Daily Bread Food Pantry. This year's categories included pasta, soup, tuna and spaghetti sauce.

The 2017 Soup Challenge winner was Archambault Insurance Associates. The 2017 Tuna Challenge winner was National Chromium. The 2017 Spaghetti Sauce winner was the Congregational Church of Putnam.

Other participants included: Hometown Bank, Core Plus Credit Union, Charter Oak Federal Credit Union, Linemaster Switch, Staples Distribution in Putnam and Killingly, US Button, Nutmeg Container, Stop

& Shop Putnam, Gerardi Insurance Services, Putnam Supermarket, Putnam Chiropractic, Putnam Baptist Church, St. Mary Church, Living Faith United Methodist Church, and Green Valley Crossing.

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Wednesday, Oct. 25
Jonathan Girard, 35, of 26 Attawaugan Crossing, Killingly, was charged with a warrant
DANIELSON
Sunday, Oct. 22
Joshua Aaron Simmons, 24, of 239 North Street, Danielson, was charged with disorderly conduct and third degree assault

Wednesday, Oct. 25
Elizabeth Dubin, 54, of 7 Academy Street Apt. #B, Danielson, was charged with larceny (6th degree) and breach of peace
BROOKLYN
Monday, Oct. 23
Andrew Will Bartrum-Follansbee, 28, of 427 Hartford Road, Brooklyn, was charged with interfering with an officer and breach of peace (threatening)
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Woodstock’s Janice runs over Quinebaug Valley



Charlie Lentz photo

Woodstock Academy’s Kameron Janice rushes against the Quinebaug Valley Pride last Friday, Oct. 27, in Putnam.

BY CHARLIE LENTZ
VILLAGER EDITOR

PUTNAM — In a variation on the riddle that asks ‘Where does an 800-pound gorilla sit?’, the question posed at St. Marie-Greenhalgh Complex last Friday night was ‘Where does a 225-pound Centaur run?’ The obvious answer to both questions: ‘Anywhere he wants.’

Woodstock Academy’s Kameron Janice trampled the Quinebaug Valley Pride for 536 yards and eight touchdowns in a 49-26 victory. The Centaurs running back averaged just under 18 yards per tote on 30 carries and his prolific total was just seven yards short of the Connecticut high school single-game rushing record of 543 yards, picked up by Sheehan’s Zach Davis in a 58-22 win over Lyman Hall on Nov. 24, 2016.

Perhaps the Pride is familiar with the riddle of the gorilla but Quinebaug Valley had no answer for Janice, who ran for touchdowns of 34, 8, 1, 54, 19, 42, 25, and 38 yards — while bowling over most anyone who stood between him and the end zone.

“Once they bounce off me, it’s all about moving your feet,” Janice said. “Without legs you can’t go anywhere. So for a running back you have to keep moving your feet and that’s just what I did — I got momentum out of that, I got momentum out of my line blocking for me, without them I can’t do my job.”

Janice’s rushing total was nearly incomprehensible — even to the runner who just posted it.

“It doesn’t feel real. But I did it. I did it with my team, my family,” Janice said. “We came out with a victory and that’s what matters.”

The only solace for Quinebaug Valley coach Joe Asermelly was the knowledge that Janice will be receiving his diploma on the Woodstock Common next June.

“I’m really glad he’s graduating,” Asermelly said.

Asermelly would cast no doubt on the effort of his undersized defenders, who simply could not bring down Woodstock’s wrecking ball.

“He weighs more than any kid on my roster,” Asermelly said. “He’s a big talented back. I have a lot of respect for what he’s able to do and the workload he’s able to carry for that team. A guy that big and strong, he’s literally heavier than any man on my roster. I think my guys did all that they could, all that we asked of them. I’m proud of my team tonight.”

The loss was Quinebaug Valley’s third straight and dropped the Pride’s record to 2-5. Quinebaug Valley is next scheduled to play host to the co-op Wolcott Tech/Housatonic/Wamogo (MCW-United) on Friday, Nov. 3 — with kickoff scheduled for 6 p.m. at St. Marie-Greenhalgh Complex. The game against MCW-United (0-6) marks the first of three games for the Pride in November as the regular season heads down the stretch.

“We’re trying to go undefeated in November,” Asermelly said. “October hasn’t been good. We want to focus on November. Focus on the future, try to go 3-0 down the stretch, finish strong, something to build on.”

Woodstock coach Sean Saucier tried to put Janice’s performance in perspective. Back in the day Saucier opened holes when he was a lineman during his

high school football career at Putnam High School, so he could appreciate his senior running back’s effort against Quinebaug Valley.

“I’ve never seen anything like that,” Saucier said. “I think it’s a testament to his attitude and his work ethic. He’s just got a lot of desire and a lot of heart. He just didn’t seem to get tired. I’m glad he’s on my team. He’s big and strong and he’s physical. That was a big thing that we worked on earlier in the season, was just running north and south and not trying to dance around people — using his size and speed and his power to break tackles and deliver blows. He took that to heart. He accepted the coaching. And now he’s just a downhill runner.”

The win snapped a three-game losing streak for Woodstock (3-4). The Centaurs are next scheduled to travel to Plainfield High (5-1) on Friday, Nov. 3, with kickoff set for 6:30 p.m.

“Certainly we needed a win after the three-game skid,” Saucier said. “We’ll use it as momentum. Get back to work on Monday. Get ready for a tough Plainfield team. But it’s certainly nice to get the win.”

The Centaurs earned the win with their version of an 800-pound gorilla — a 6-foot-2 wrecking ball whose leverage might be increasing.

“I weigh about 225,” Janice said. “Maybe 230, I don’t know. I haven’t weighed myself in the past week.”

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WOODSTOCK 49, QUINEBAUG 26				
Woodstock	13	18	12	6-49
Quinebaug Valley	0	12	12	0-26

FIRST QUARTER
W-Kameron Janice 34 run (Ryan Latour kick) 9:16
Q-Janice 8 run (kick failed) :36

SECOND QUARTER
Q-Adrian Casiano 4 pass from Josh Dodd (Nathan Roberts pass from Dodd) 11:15
W-Janice 1 run (kick failed) 9:05
Q-Jamie Talbot 26 pass from Dodd (run failed) 4:36
W-Janice 54 run (run failed) 4:24
W-Janice 19 run (run failed) 1:01

THIRD QUARTER
W-Janice 42 run (run failed) 4:55
W-Janice 25 run (kick failed) 3:08
Q-Will McGlynn 63 run (run failed) 2:37
Q-McGlynn 7 run (run failed) :35

FOURTH QUARTER
W-Janice 38 run (run failed) 6:51

	Woodstock	Quinebaug
First Downs	17	13
Rushes-yards	37-550	40-281
Passing	21	161
Sacked-yds lost	0-0	0-0
Comp-Att-Int	3-8-1	11-32-2
Punts-Avg.	0-0	1-27
Fumbles-Lost	3-2	2-0
Pentalties-Yards	11-100	12-120

INDIVIDUAL STATISTICS
RUSHING- W: Janice 30-536, 8 TDs; Jaden Dennett 5-2; Jacob Straub 2-12.
QV: Dodd 3-7; McGlynn 32-189, 2 TDs; Thomas Ellis 4-21; Nathan Roberts 1-64.

PASSING- W: Derek Thompson 3-7-1 for 21 yards; Straub 0-1-0.
QV: Dodd 11-30-1 for 161 yards, 2 TD; Thomas Ellis 0-2-1.

RECEIVING- W: Caleb Feen 2-12; Janice 1-4.
QV: Casiano 5-44, TD; Jeffrey Reed 3-65; Talbot 2-38, TD; McGlynn 1-14.



Charlie Lentz photo

Quinebaug Valley’s Will McGlynn looks for an opening as Jeffrey Reed (5) provides some interference last Friday.

Holidays Fairs & Crafts

November 4,
Sat., 10am-2pm

Holly Fair at East Woodstock Congregational Church, 220 Woodstock Road, featuring luncheon, crafts, baked goods, jellies & relishes, cookies, candies, new & like new gifts. Call 860-928-7449 for info.

November 11,
Sat., 8am - 2pm

Yuletide Festival, Sponsored by The Daughters of Isabella at St. Mary Church Hall, Putnam. Featuring: A large raffle, handy crafts, 30 basket raffle, 25 area vendors, bake sale, café refreshments and luncheon, and more!

November 4,
Sat., 9am-2pm

Harvest & Holly Festival, at VFW Post home, 654 Quinebaug Road (Rte. 131), Quinebaug. Features crafts, bake table, cookies, tea cup social, attic treasurers, theme baskets, luncheon, and much more.

November 11,
Sat., 8am-2pm

Westfield Church’s Winter Wonderland Bazaar and Craft Fair, 210 Main Street, Danielson WestfieldUCC.org. Featuring upcycled crafts, raffle baskets, home-made bakery and gourmet foods, silent auction, wreaths, jewelry, holiday gifts, and attic treasures available. We hope to see you there!

November 4,
Sat., 9am-6pm

Christmas Craft sale at St. James Catholic Church basement, 12 Franklin Street, Danielson. Beautiful wooden objects, paper crafts, ornaments, jewelry, holiday decorations, raffle, baked goods, and more!

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Putnam tops Capital Prep as state tourney approaches



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Putnam High's Jaidyn Gillette scored three goals in a win over Capital Prep last Friday in Putnam.

PUTNAM — Jaidyn Gillette scored three goals to help Putnam High defeat Capital Prep 6-0 in girls soccer on Oct. 27 in the Clippers' final game of the regular season. Morgan Foucault notched two goals and Laylah Chavez added one goal for Putnam. Foucault's two scores lifted her career total to 105 goals. Kayleigh Lyons, Haley Cutler, Emma Braithwaite, and Chavez each had one assist for the Clippers. Capital Prep's record fell to 0-13. The win concluded Putnam's regular season with a record of 10-5-1. The Clippers are next scheduled to compete in the first round of the Class S state tournament on Tuesday, Nov. 7.

LYMAN 2, WOODSTOCK 1

LEBANON — Eli Child scored for sixth-seeded Woodstock Academy in the double-overtime loss to third-seeded Lyman Memorial in the quarterfinals of the Eastern Connecticut Conference boys soccer tournament on Oct. 27. The loss dropped Woodstock's

record to 11-6-1. The win lifted Lyman Memorial's record to 13-2-2. The Centaurs are next scheduled to compete in the Class L state tournament, with first-round matches set for Monday, Nov. 6.

PUTNAM 3, PUBLIC SAFETY 0

CHESHIRE — Molly McKeon had 19 service points, five aces, and eight kills to help Putnam High defeat Public Safety in volleyball on Oct. 25. Set scores were 25-16, 25-17, 25-10. Kaitlin Zamora had nine service points, three aces, 12 kills and one block, and Jane Vongvirath notched 13 service points with four aces for the Clippers. The win lifted Putnam's record to 9-8. Public Safety's record fell to 1-19. Putnam is next scheduled to compete in the Class S state tournament, with first-round matches scheduled for Monday, Nov. 6.

WOODSTOCK 3, LEDYARD 0

WOODSTOCK — Caroline Eaton had 11 kills and Natalie Low

added 15 digs and 23 service points to help the Centaurs defeat Ledyard in the quarterfinals of the Eastern Connecticut Conference Division I volleyball tournament on Oct. 27 at Alumni Fieldhouse. Set scores were 25-9, 25-14, 25-6. The victory was the 14th in a row for the Centaurs (17-3) and ninth straight by shutout. The loss dropped Ledyard's record to 8-13. Woodstock Academy is next scheduled to compete in the Class L state tournament, with first-round matches scheduled to begin on Monday, Nov. 6.

WOODSTOCK 3, FITCH 0

WOODSTOCK — Makara Sorel scored two goals and Ivy Gelhaus scored one goal to help third-seeded Woodstock Academy defeat No. 11 Fitch in the quarterfinals of the ECC girls soccer tournament on Oct. 27. The win lifted Woodstock's record to 14-4. Fitch's record fell to 6-9-3. Woodstock is next scheduled to play in the Class L state tournament, with first-round matches scheduled to begin on

Tuesday, Nov. 7.

CHENEY 3, ELLIS TECH 1

DANIELSON — Cheney Tech defeated Ellis Tech in volleyball on Oct. 26. Set scores were 25-23, 25-18, 18-25, 25-17. Victoria LaBarre notched 18 service points and had eight assists for Ellis Tech. Sydney Tetrault had nine service points and five kills, and Kirstin Light had nine digs for the Golden Eagles (9-11). For Cheney Tech: Egypt Bell-Clayton had nine assists, Catherine Kershaw had 12 kills and five blocks, and Alexa Putter had nine kills and eight assists. Cheney Tech lifted its record to 18-2. Ellis Tech is next scheduled to compete in the Class S state tournament, with first-round matches slated to begin on Monday, Nov. 6.

WOODSTOCK 4, NFA 0

WOODSTOCK — Samantha Mowry scored two goals and Haley Armstrong and Lily Brin each scored one goal in the Centaurs field hockey win over Norwich Free Academy on Oct. 26. Avery Jones, Clara Siegmund, and Armstrong each had one assist. Woodstock's record was 7-8 overall through 15 games, 6-6 Eastern Connecticut Conference. NFA's record fell to 0-14, 0-11 ECC. Woodstock Academy is next scheduled to compete in the Class M state tournament, with qualifying-round matches set for Monday, Nov. 6, and first-round games scheduled for Tuesday, Nov. 7.

PUTNAM 5 PUBLIC SAFETY 0

CHESHIRE — Morgan Foucault scored three goals and Mariah Travisano and Aliceya LaBonte each scored one goal in the Clippers win over Public Safety AAE in girls soccer on Oct. 25. Laylah Chavez, Alyson Morris and Hailey Bocash each notched one assist for the Clippers (9-5-1). Public Safety's record fell to 7-9.

PUTNAM 6, PUBLIC SAFETY 2

CHESHIRE — Jorge Ajqui Portoguez had two goals and one assist and

Hayden Belliveau had one goal and two assists to help Putnam High defeat Public Safety AAE in boys soccer on Oct. 26. The loss dropped Public Safety's record to 2-11-1. Putnam's record was 10-3-3 through 16 games. The Clippers are next scheduled to compete in the Class S state tournament, with first-round matches scheduled to begin on Monday, Nov. 6.

WOODSTOCK, 3 AVON 0
AVON — Paula Hernandez had 16 kills and 11 digs for the Centaurs in their 13th straight victory in volleyball and ninth-straight shutout on Oct. 26. Maddy Gronski added 14 digs and Caroline Eaton had eight kills and 14 service points for Woodstock. The win lifted Woodstock's record to 16-3. Avon's record fell to 14-5.

WOODSTOCK 5, LYMAN 0

WOODSTOCK — Ashley LaFramboise scored two goals to help Woodstock Academy defeat Lyman Memorial in an Eastern Connecticut Conference Tournament quarterfinal game in girls soccer on Oct. 25. Brynn Kusnarowis, Aislin Tracey, and Emma Redfield each scored one goal for third-seeded Woodstock (13-4). The loss dropped 14th-seeded Lyman's record to 6-10-1.

GRISWOLD 4, TOURTELLOTTE 3

THOMPSON — Meg Roy, Harley Dimock, and Mekayla Minarik each scored one goal for eighth-seeded Tourtellotte in the loss to ninth-seeded Griswold in the play-in round of the ECC Tournament in girls soccer at Tourtellotte Memorial on Oct. 25. Katey Kwasniewski notched two assists for the Tigers. Caitlyn Shetland, Cheyenne Zvinglas, Makenna Perry, and Bellamae Rubino each scored one goal for Griswold. Tourtellotte outshot Griswold 14-10. Goalkeeper Briana Becotte made 12 saves for Griswold (9-8). Keeper Kailei Copley made six saves for Tourtellotte (9-5-2).

Tourtellotte is next scheduled to compete in the Class S state tournament, with first-round games slated for Tuesday,

Nov. 7.

WOODSTOCK 3, FITCH 2

WOODSTOCK — Jack Gelhaus, Chase Anderson, and Cole Hackett each score one goal to help Woodstock Academy defeat Fitch in an Eastern Connecticut Conference tournament quarterfinal match in boys soccer on Oct. 25. The win lifted Woodstock's record to 11-5-1. Gelhaus notched two assists. Thomas Taber and Alex Delcampo scored for the 11th-seeded Falcons (7-9-1).

WOODSTOCK CROSS COUNTRY

MANCHESTER — Woodstock Academy's Kenneth Birlin finished in 81st place with a clocking of 19 minutes and 39 seconds and teammate Ethan Aspiras finished 95th in 20:01 at the Class MM boys state championship cross-country race on Oct. 28 at Wickham Park. The Centaurs finished 19th in team scoring. Anthony Gould of New Fairfield High finished in first place overall in 16:57. East Lyme captured first place in the team competition. Rounding out the top five for Woodstock were Nate Roethlein (122nd), Spencer Collins (126th) and Cylus Gould (128th). Woodstock's seven seniors include Chris Cheney, Dan Crème, Wyatt Cummings, Gould, Ivan Karlsen, Jared Law and Todd Le.

At the Class L girls state championship cross country race on Oct. 28 at Wickham Park, Woodstock's Stella DiPippo finished in 25th place with a clocking of 21 minutes, 37 seconds to lead the Centaurs to a 15th place finish in team competition. Morgan McCormick from Wilton High finished in first place overall with a time of 18:19. Pomperaug captured first place in the team competition. Woodstock's Hannah Matsas finished in 85th place finish in 23:24. Rounding out the top five for Woodstock was Emily McClure (95th) and Iris Bazinet (100th) and Alexia Bourbeau (105th). The seniors on the team include Matsas, Eden Law and Leah Randolph.

Woodstock fall ball final results

BASEBALL

MINORS

Brooklyn 6, Woodstock River Dogs 5
The Woodstock Fall Ball season concluded last weekend. The Woodstock River Dogs lost to Brooklyn 6-5 under the lights in Pomfret on Monday night, Oct. 23. The River Dogs jumped out to an early lead on a 2 run single by Hayden Maloney quickly relinquished that lead thanks to some timely hitting by a young Brooklyn team. The River Dogs also received hits from Jonah Labonte and Kieran Shepherd. On the mound the River Dogs received scoreless frames from Maloney and Brady Hebert.

MINORS

Woodstock River Dogs 12, Pomfret 7
The Woodstock River Dogs won their final game of the fall season this past Saturday, Oct. 28, defeating Pomfret 12-7 in Woodstock. Timely hitting and solid pitching was the name of the game for the River Dogs. James Rice led the offensive attack with 2 hits including a 2 run double in the 3rd inning. Woodstock also received hits from Kieran Sheperd, Hayden Maloney, Brady Hebert, Jonah Labonte, Nate Jezierski and Aaron Adams. Maloney once again tossed the first two frames for the River Dogs before turning it over

to the bullpen. Hebert tossed a scoreless 4th inning striking out the side while Labonte, Jezierski and Adams were also effective out of the pen. The River Dogs finished the fall season 5-2 while outscoring their opponents by a total off 54 to 27.

SOFTBALL

MAJORS

Putnam 11, Woodstock Riptide 9
The Woodstock Riptide Majors tried to rally against Putnam but fell short losing 11-9. The Riptide jumped off to a 6-0 lead after the first inning. Putnam clawed its way back with Woodstock leading 6-5 going into the last inning. Putnam put across 6 runs in the top of the 6th on three walks and four hits. Woodstock tried to rally with Reagan Reynolds singling, Madison Whitehouse & Peyton Bentley walking then Avery Kollbeck driving in two runs with a single to the outfield. Sarah McArthur's single put the tying run on but Woodstock offense could not get it done.

Woodstock finished the fall season at 2-6. The team was led from the pitchers circle by Annika LeBoeuf who pitched in 7 games throwing 27 innings and striking out 35. On offense,

Eva Monahan led the team in Batting Average at .412. Ainsley Morse led with 7 RBI's, Annika LeBoeuf scored the most runs with 11 and Lana Syriac led in On-Base Percentage at .741 and 20 walks.

MINORS

Killingly 9, Woodstock Warriors 6
The Woodstock Warriors lost a back and forth game to Killingly in Minor League softball action in Killingly on Saturday morning. Killingly jumped out to a 4-0 first inning lead but the Warriors answered with a big two-out rally in the top of the second, scoring 5 runs on RBI singles by Campbell Favreau and Katelyn McArthur, and a big 2 run double by Ellary Sampson. Back to back scoreless frames by Woodstock pitchers Ellary Sampson and Grace Delsanto, couple with an RBI single by Caralyn Tellier extended the lead to 6-4 but Killingly would score 5 runs in the bottom of the fourth to take control of the game on their way to a 9-6

victory.

For Woodstock, Campbell Favreau, Ellary Sampson and Caralyn Tellier led the way on offense with two hits each. Also collecting hits for Woodstock were Katelyn McArthur, Grace Delsanto, Abigail Suarez and Kerrigan Reynolds. Kaylee Ziarko, Ellary Sampson and Grace Delsanto all pitched well for Woodstock, combining to strike out 9 Killingly batters, while receiving defensive help from Kerrigan Reynolds who made a great catch at third base on a short pop-up in the first inning. Woodstock finished the fall season with a record of 2-3. The girls battled hard all season, playing five very competitive games that could have gone either way.

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Locals net ECC volleyball laurels

WOODSTOCK — Several local student-athletes were represented on the Eastern Connecticut Conference Division 2 Volleyball All-Star / Honorable Mention / Sportsmanship / Scholar-Athlete Awards list, which was announced on Monday, Oct. 30. The ECC honorees were determined in balloting by the conference's coaches.

The ECC All-Stars include Meredith Zamperini, Reilly Allen and Ally Conde from Killingly High School; Woodstock Academy's Madeline Gronski, Paula Hernandez, and Natalie Low; and Molly Kosma from Waterford High.

ECC Honorable Mention went to Woodstock Academy's Caroline Eaton and Samantha Orlowski; Killingly High's Kelsey Allen and Reagan Morin; Abby Diamantini from Montville High; and Waterford High's Ana Magano and Olivia Pacheco.

Sportsmanship honorees were: Hannah Walley from Woodstock Academy, Killingly High's Gabrielle Moore, Polina Boteva from Montville, Emma Fritz from Bacon Academy, and Sydney Tabor from Waterford.

Scholar-Athlete Award winners were: Rebekah Wesler from Woodstock Academy, Ally Conde from Killingly, Emma Fritz from Bacon Academy, Kaitlyn Noyes from Waterford, and Indigo Whisman from Montville.



Charlie Lentz photos

Killingly's Ally Conde, at net, and Meredith Zamperini (8) were both named ECC All-Stars.



Woodstock's Paula Hernandez was named an ECC All-Star.



Killingly's Reilly Allen was named an ECC All-Star.

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November 4, Sat., 9am-6pm
Christmas Craft sale at St. James Catholic Church basement, 12 Franklin Street, Danielson. Beautiful wooden objects, paper crafts, ornaments, jewelry, holiday decorations, raffle, baked goods, and more!

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Harvest & Holly Festival, at VFW Post home, 654 Quinebaug Road (Rte. 131), Quinebaug. Features crafts, bake table, cookies, tea cup social, attic treasurers, theme baskets, luncheon, and much more.

November 4, Sat., 4-7pm
Harvest Turkey Dinner sponsored by Friends of the Prudence Crandall Museum. Tickets: \$12. Adults / \$6 (ages 12 and under). Canterbury Community Center, 1 Municipal Dr., Canterbury. For info or tickets: 860-546-7800 ext. 7

November 4, Sat. 5-7pm
Roast Beef Supper at Congregational

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November 4, Sat., 12:30-2pm
A Writer's Workshop - Join Bob Hocking for a discussion about writing and publishing. Topics will include: differences in publishing methods, tips about the business of writing, items to consider and be prepared for. Killingly Public Library 25 Westcott Road Killingly. Register at www.killinglypl.org, call 860-779-5383, or stop by for a visit!

November 4, 9 am to noon
Lithic Sites & Stone Cairns Explored in Thompson, Old Thompson Town Hall, 339 Thompson Rd. (Rte. 193), Thompson. Meet at Old Town Hall, then plan to drive to view lithic site. 860-923-3776. Attend this eye-opening Walktober, as Thompson Historical Society shares the investigation steps and processes used in looking for answers. After the presentation, visit the "Werge Easement," a case in point in Thompson.

November 4, Sat., 4:30 - 6:30
Take Out Lasagna Dinner - (or until it's gone!) \$10.00 - Meat or Vegetarian Lasagna - Salad-Bread & Cake -- at the Federated Church of Christ - Rtes 6 & 169 Brooklyn

November 4, Sun., 7:30-10:30am
American Legion Family Post 67, Rte 200, N. Grosvenordale. All You Can Eat Breakfast, Breakfast includes scrambled eggs, home fries, bacon, sausage, ham, kielbasa & beans, hash, sausage gravy, French toast, english muffins, pancakes, belgium waffles and omelets to order for \$8. To benefit Legion Programs.

November 4, 7-9 pm
Walktober: Night Photography at West Thompson Dam, West Thompson Lake, Reardon Rd., Thompson. Meet & park at the Disc Golf Course lot on Reardon Rd. 860-481-0536. Ages 12 and older only. Pre-registration online at www.clarusstudios.com/nightsskywalktober. You will need a camera capable of photographing in "Manual" mode, as well as a good tripod and flashlight. If you have an intervalometer please bring that as well. This is offered to a maximum of 15 participants. \$10 each.

November 4, Sat., 11:30
Cookbook Club--If you want to join us, stop by for a copy of the cookbook: Cookbook to be determined. Bracken Memorial Library, 57 Academy Road, Woodstock.

November 4, Sat., 2pm-4pm
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November 6, Mon., 9am-5pm
All Registrars of Voters' offices in Connecticut will hold a statewide limited voter registration session on for those electors whose qualification as to age, citizenship or residence was attained since October 31. Please call your local Registrars' office for details.

November 6, Mon., 6:30-8pm
Opening reception for The Doane Watercolor Collection by Louis Charles Vogt At Thompson Public Library, Thompson. On view November 4 to November 30. www.thompsonpubliclibrary.org. The meeting room may be unavailable at times due to other functions.

November 7, Tues., 6-7 pm
Let's Talk Books, 1st Tuesday of the month at Killingly Public Library 25 Westcott Road Killingly. Register at www.killinglypl.org.

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November 9, Thurs., 9:30am-11am
Day Kimball Healthcare at Home will host a free fall prevention presentation at the Plainfield Senior Center, 482 Norwich Rd. Participants will learn the top seven risk factors for falling and get a personalized list of their own fall risk factors as well as recommendations on how to decrease those risks. Free, no registration required. For information, (860) 564-1819.

November 9, Thurs., 2pm
Afternoon Book Club- 2nd Thursday of the month. Killingly Public Library 25 Westcott Road Killingly. Register at www.killinglypl.org, call 860-779-5383, or stop by for a visit!

November 10, 9:30-11:30am
Stoncroft Women's Connection Brunch at The Inn at Woodstock Hill, 94 Plaine Hill Rd. "Taste and Smell," 7 Seas Oils and Spices. "The Best is Yet to Come." Reservations for Brunch \$13 required by Monday Nov. 6, cancellations essential. Call 860-774-5092, 860-455-7671, email wccwc81@hotmail.com. Invite a friend!!!

November 10, 5-7pm
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November 10, Fri., 7pm
Bev York presents a program on the exploration of early American customs and beliefs surrounding death and mourning York serves as the part-time educator at the Windham Textile & History Museum. Community Room of the Canterbury Town Hall, 1 Municipal Drive, Canterbury, CT 06331

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Ronald W. LeBlanc, 77



DUDLEY, MASS. - Ronald W. LeBlanc, 77, died Sunday, October 22, at UMass Memorial Health Care / University Campus, after a long illness. He leaves his wife of 37 years, Mary

(McClune) LeBlanc. They were married April 19, 1980. He also leaves two daughters, Meaghan and her husband Jacob Castiglione of Southbridge, Mass., Kelli and her husband John Robbins of Holland, Mass., and four sons; Kevin LeBlanc and his wife Susan of Dudley, Mass., Kyle LeBlanc and his wife JoAnn of Sturbridge, Mass., Kerry LeBlanc and his wife Laura of Willow Springs, North Carolina, and Kory LeBlanc and his wife Koury of Putnam, and a sister Elaine Fuller of Taneytown, Maryland. He also leaves 12 grandchildren, and 6 great-grandchildren. He was predeceased by 2 grandchildren Jenelle LeBlanc and Keegan Robbins.

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

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

The funeral was held on Friday, October 27 from Sansoucy Funeral Home which was followed by a Mass at Sacred Heart Church in Webster, Mass. Burial with Military Honors followed at St. John Cemetery, in Worcester.

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



Salomeja "Sally" Valukas



PUTNAM -- Salomeja "Sally" Nasvytyte-Valukas, 97, mezzo-soprano and later a librarian died Monday evening October 23, 2017 at Matulaitis Nursing Home in Putnam. Wife of the late Vytautas Valukas, born in Kaunas, Lithuania, on March 5, 1920, she was the daughter of the late Mothiejus and Solomeja (Bamaityte) Nasuytis.

In 1937, she graduated with honors from gymnasium and started studies of modern languages at the University of Vytautas the Great in Kaunas (1937-39). She studied singing at the Conservatory in Kaunas (1939-41). After closing of all the higher institutions of learning by the occupying German forces, she continued her singing studies with a private teacher. In 1942-44, she was a soloist in the State Theater in Kaunas, appearing in six different productions of opera and operetta. While a refugee in Germany she attended the opera School of the Stuttgarter Musik Akademie, doing extensive concert work in addition to her studies.

After settling in Chicago, in 1954, she acquired a B.A. degree in modern languages; in 1959, she completed requirements for major in music. While in Chicago she performed with Lithuanian Opera Company, gave two solo recitals of her own, participated in Goodman Theater production of Purcell's opera Fairy Queen, and sang lead in Leon Stein's opera DEIRDRE concert version and the world premiere of McKissac's The Spanish Songs with the Chicago Chamber Orchestra at the Art Institute. In 1961, S.V. received Master's degree with honors from Columbia University School of Library service and 1962-80 was employed as a librarian by Yale

University. In addition to her professional duties there, she continued to appear as a soloist in Lithuanian concerts on the East Coast. In 1965, she returned to Chicago to sing the world premiere of Arthur Custer's cycle of the Songs of the Season's with Chicago Chamber Orchestra. In 1974, she performed the role of Mother Abbes in the production of Sound of Music by the Unitarian Players of New Haven.

In 1965, she organized a commemorative concert of Lithuanian composer Kazys Viktoras Banaitis, whose archives she inherited, at the Little Carnegie Hall in New York. Afterwards, she devoted several years to organize, publish and transfer the composer's huge archives to Lithuania, which after 50 years of Soviet occupation, become free in March 11, 1990. Thus, the prominent composer's K.V. Banaitis works were returned to the history of Lithuanian music.

As a member of the Federation of Lithuanian Women's Clubs, Salomeja Valukas organized numerous musical and literary events in New Haven, where she resided since 1961.

Sally is survived by her cousins Irene Ivaska, Donatas Banaitis, and Sigitas Banaitis. She was predeceased by two sisters Giedra Nasuytis Guvauskas and Donute Nasuytis Gabrijolavicius.

A mass of Christian burial was held on Friday, October 27, in the Chapel at Matulaitis Nursing Home in Putnam. Burial followed in Gate of Heaven Cemetery. Funeral arrangements and cremation have been entrusted to the Gilman Funeral Home & Crematory in Putnam. Memorial donations in Salomeja's memory may be made to the Matulaitis Nursing Home, 10 Thurber Rd., Putnam, CT 06260 or the Immaculate Conception Convent, 600 Liberty Rd., Putnam, CT 06260. For memorial guestbook please visit www.GilmanAndValade.com

Sr. Edna Caouette, DHS, 87



PUTNAM -- Sr. Edna Caouette, DHS, 87, a member of the Daughters of the Holy Spirit, died on October 29, at St. Joseph Living Center in Windham.

Born Mary Blanche Edna Caouette on January 3, 1930, in Bristol, the daughter of the late Eugene and Lydia (Pelletier) Caouette, Sr. Edna entered religious life in Putnam, in 1947 and made her religious profession on August 23, 1950 at the Motherhouse in St. Briec, France. She was then known as Sr. Armand Thérèse.

Upon her return to the United States, Sr. Edna was appointed to St. John Nursery in Fall River, Massachusetts and later to Carter Day Nursery in Providence, Rhode Island. She also taught the primary grades at Immaculate Conception School, Fitchburg, Massachusetts; St. Joseph School, Burlington, Vermont; St. Anne School, Waterbury; St. Sylvester School, Graniteville, Vermont; St. Anthony School, Bridgeport, and St. Mary School, Putnam. From 1982 to 1994, she worked in the Admissions Office at Fannie Allen Hospital,

Winooski, Vermont. After serving two years as bookkeeper in the Business Office at the Provincial House in Putnam, she retired at All Hallows Convent, Moosup in 1996. In 2004, she became a resident at Holy Spirit Provincial House in Putnam and in October of 2009 she was admitted to Holy Spirit Health Care Center there.

She is survived by her spiritual family, her sisters in community, the Consecrated Seculars and the DHS Associates as well as one sister, Pearl Bouchard of Southbridge, Massachusetts and several nieces and nephews.

Calling hours at the Provincial House chapel, 72 Church St., Putnam were on Thursday, November 2, which was followed by a Prayer Service.

A Mass of Christian Burial will be celebrated at 11 AM on Friday, November 3 at the Provincial House followed by burial at St. Mary Cemetery in Putnam.

In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to the Daughters of the Holy Spirit Retirement Fund, 72 Church St., Putnam, CT 06260. Gilman Funeral Home, 104 Church St., Putnam, CT is in charge of arrangements.

Milton Richard Maynard, Sr., 85



FORT MYERS, FLORIDA -- Milton Richard Maynard, Sr. was born on September 5, 1931 in Goodyear, to Winfred and Pauline Maynard. He passed from this life unexpectedly on

September 3. He was 85 years, 363 days old; just 2 days from his 86th birthday!

Milt was a Korean War veteran, serving our country for a total of 14 years in the United States Air Force.

He married the love of his life, Irene LaParle Brown, on August 3, 1963.

Milt's mother had arranged their meeting by suggesting that he ask Irene out on a date. Milt's response, "She has too much baggage!" Irene was a widow with five children. But, Milt did ask her out and the rest is history. He became Irene's husband and the Dad to her children. This past August, they celebrated 54 years of marriage. Milt was quick to point out that Irene and her children, "made a home for him."

Milt always worked long and hard for his family, often working two jobs to provide. He was a semi-truck driver, driving oil trucks and freight delivery. Sharon shared, "Daddy was a little man driving such a big truck." He passed on his truck driving skills to his grandson, Paul. Milt sold shoes, sold cars, drove a garbage truck, snow

plow and was a bartender. He did whatever was required to provide a good life for his family.

Milt was a good man, a great Dad, and a wonderful husband who loved his wife with an unconditional love. He will be greatly missed.

Milt was preceded in death by his parents, Winfred Maynard and Pauline Viens Maynard, by his sons, Glen and Randall Brown, and by his brothers, Leo, George, Henry, Johnny, and Norman Maynard.

He is survived by his wife, Irene of Ft. Myers, Florida, daughter Sharon Holden and husband Gary of Brooklyn, daughter Susan Rhodes of El Dorado, Arizona, son Rick Maynard and wife Susan of Burleson, Texas, daughter Vicki Dees and husband Rick of Carlsbad, New Mexico, daughter Ginger Wainner of Carlsbad, New Mexico, brothers, Billy and Phillip Maynard, sister Georgette Aubin, granddaughters, Michelle Kennedy and Erin Holden, grandson, Paul Brown, great-granddaughter Hayden Lee and great-grandsons Taylor Lee and Steven Randolph, and his Horizon Village family in North Ft. Myers, Florida.

A memorial service was held Sept. 25 at the Horizon Village Hall, in N. Ft. Myers, Florida.

Victoria M. Krukowski, 87

WEBSTER, MASS. - Victoria M. (Marszalkowski) Krukowski, 87, died Tuesday, October 24, in Harrington Healthcare at Hubbard. Her husband of 61 years, John A. Krukowski, died in 2011.

She leaves 3 grandchildren, Eric Morin and his wife Jennifer of

Plainfield, Shad Morin and his wife Jamie of Putnam, and Wayne Oster of Dayville; 4 great-grandchildren, Amber, Tesla and Thomas Morin, and Jordan Kapolotis; nieces and nephews. She was preceded in death by her daughter, Patricia V. Morin of Dayville who died in 1999.

She was born in Dudley, Mass. and lived in Webster, Mass. and Dudley all her life.

Mrs. Krukowski was a homemaker. She belonged to St. Joseph Basilica.

The funeral was held Friday, October 27, from Scanlon Funeral Service, with a Mass in Saint Joseph Basilica. Burial was in St. Joseph Garden of Peace. Arrangements are under the direction of Sitkowski & Malboeuf Funeral Home, 340 School Street.

www.sitkowski-malboeuf.com

Kathleen P. Williams, 52



PUTNAM -- Kathleen P. Williams, 52, of Genevieve St., died Monday morning, October 23, at home. Born in Lynchburg, Virginia, she was the daughter of Barbara (Mathsen) Williams of Putnam and the late Neal Williams.

Mrs. Williams worked as a salesperson for Brooks Pharmacy, a bank teller for the former Cargill Bank in Putnam and Quinebaug, however, the job that she enjoyed the most was being a saleswoman for Avon.

Mrs. Williams enjoyed scrapbooking, crafts, puzzle building, and cake decorating. She was also a lover of cats and very active in the ministries at the Kingdom Hall of Jehovah's Witnesses in Dayville.

Kathleen is survived by her mother; five brothers, Charles Williams of

Putnam, Richard Williams of Norwich, Michael Williams and his wife Amy of Putnam, Steven Williams and his wife Gloria of Norwich, and Christopher Williams and his wife Diana of Danielson; a sister Ann Marie Cutler and her husband Russ of Putnam; and several nieces; nephews; and cousins. She was predeceased by her father and a brother Peter Williams.

Relatives and friends are invited to attend a memorial service on Saturday, November 11, 2017 at 3:00 p.m., in the Putnam Kingdom Hall of Jehovah's Witnesses, 200 Tracy Rd., Dayville. Funeral arrangements and cremation have been entrusted to the Gilman Funeral Home & Crematory, 104 Church St., Putnam, CT 06260. Memorial donations may be made to the Kingdom Hall of Jehovah's Witnesses, 200 Tracy Rd., Dayville, CT 06241. For memorial guestbook visit www.GilmanAndValade.com.

Doris Germaine Laprade, 93

ALEXANDRIA, VIRGINIA -- Doris Germaine Laprade, 93, of Alexandria, Virginia, passed away peacefully on October 26, 2017. She was born and raised in Danielson, and was a graduate of Killingly High School and George Mason University. She retired from the federal government and enjoyed a variety of part-time jobs in the Northern Virginia area during her retirement. She was preceded in death by her parents Arthur Joseph and Blanche (Forcier) Laprade and her siblings Arthur and Gertrude Laprade. She is survived by her son Pierre Laprade

Smith of Virginia and her daughter Cherie Squire of South Carolina. She was the beloved Grandmere to her grandchildren Marleigh and Jared Smith and Laura and Julie Squire. The Mass of Christian Burial will begin at 10:00 AM on Saturday, November 4, at St. James Catholic Church with burial to follow at Holy Cross Cemetery, Danielson. There will be no calling hours. Gagnon and Costello have been entrusted with arrangements. Share a memory at www.gagnonandcostellofh.com

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OBITUARIES

Shannon M. St. Laurent, 34



W E B S T E R , MASS. – Shannon M. St. Laurent, 34, of Goddard Street, died unexpectedly on Friday, October 27, 2017, in her home. She is survived by her mother, Juliann (Daniels) St. Laurent of Webster, Mass.; her father, David P. St. Laurent of Webster, Mass. and his companion Laurie; her sister, Ashley N. Sawyer of Webster, Mass.; her paternal grandmother, Barbara Choiniere of Webster, Mass.; two nieces, Sonsearae Sawyer and Madison Coleman, both of Webster, Mass.; her nephew, Eric Coleman Jr. of Webster, Mass.; and several cousins, aunts, and uncles, including her uncles Wayne Daniels, and Joseph Daniels and his wife Linda, all of Killingly, and her uncle George St. Laurent and his wife Donna of New Hampshire, her aunt Yvonne St. Laurent of Springfield, her aunt Barbara Surdath and her husband James of Tennessee; her best

friend Kathy and her daughter T; and many step-sisters and brothers. She was predeceased by her son, Silas D. Borgus St. Laurent who died in 2013. She was born in Worcester, Mass. and was a lifelong resident of Webster, Mass.

Shannon was kind-hearted, free-spirited person who loved everyone. She always was willing to give her last to help anyone out. She had a huge heart and helped so many people with their struggles daily. She loved to travel, and if you knew her, you knew she was a smooth talking big hearted crazy girl, who loved to have fun, always loved to joke around, and made everyone laugh. She will be missed by many, but her family most of all.

Your life was a blessing, your memory a treasure; you are loved beyond words, and missed beyond measure. I love you.

A celebration of her life will be held privately by members of her family. Paradis-Givner Funeral Home in Oxford is directing the arrangements. paradisfuneralhome.com

Kathryn Q. (Quinn) Leveille, 67

WOODSTOCK VALLEY- Kathryn Q. (Quinn) Leveille age 67 died Sunday, Oct. 29, 2017. She leaves two sons, Peter Leveille of Wellsley, MA and Adam Leveille and his wife Cheryl of Woodstock Valley, CT, two grandchildren, Mckenzie and Bradley Leveille. She is also survived by two brothers, James and Thomas Quinn of CT.

She was born in Hartford daughter of the late Thomas and Ellen (Conway) Quinn and lived in Woodstock, prior to that living in Thompson, CT. She was a social worker doing counseling. Kathryn was a member of St. Mary's

Church Choir in Putnam, CT and the Putnam Singing Ministry. There will be a Funeral Mass in St. Mary's Church, Putnam CT Saturday Nov. 11, 2017 at 10 AM with burial in St. Mary's Cemetery. There are no calling hours. Omit flowers and donations may be made to charity of donor's choice. The Shaw-Majercik Funeral Home, 48 school St., Webster, MA has been entrusted with the arrangements. A guest book is available at www.shaw-majercik.com where you may post a condolence or light a candle.

Jeanne G. Bill, 95

MANCHESTER -- Jeanne G. Bill, 95, of Manchester, formerly of Wauregan, died October 25, 2017 in Manchester, at Crestfield Health Center. Beloved wife of the late Earl Bill, they were married July 21, 1945 in Sacred Heart Church. She was born April 2, 1922 in Wauregan, daughter of the late Edmond and Mary (Lasnier) Gladu.

Jeanne was a communicant of Sacred Heart Church in Wauregan. She was a Spool Attendant at many local mills and retired in 1983.

She leaves her son, Ronald Bill of Holbrook, Massachusetts, two daughters: Andrea Mercier of Bolton,

Jacqueline Riley of Woodbridge, Virginia, five grandchildren, six great grandchildren, many nieces and nephews. She was predeceased by her siblings, Frank, Dolores, Joseph and Gertrude, and grandson Gregory Mercier.

A mass of Christian burial was held October 31, in All Hallows Church in Moosup. Burial was in Sacred Heart Cemetery, Wauregan. In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to Office of Radio & Television, 15 Peach Orchard Rd, Prospect, CT 06712. Share a memory at www.gagnonandcostellofh.com

Katherine Joanne Davio, 40



MANCHESTER, NEW HAMPSHIRE – Katherine "Kathy" Davio passed away unexpectedly in Manchester, New Hampshire, on Monday, September 25. She is survived by her two loving children, Hannah and Tristan, and by her long-time companion, Gino

Martin. She is also survived by her mother, Joanne Dubois, twelve brothers and sisters and their respective spouses, and multiple nieces and nephews. She is preceded in death by her father, Robert Dubois I.

Kathy will be greatly missed by all for her lively personality and loving nature. A memorial service was held on Saturday, September 30, in Putnam. Interment will be in Putnam beside her father.

Rose J. (Ignatowicz) Morey, 92



SAN DIEGO, CALIFORNIA -- Rose Janice (Ignatowicz) Morey of West Hartford, passed away at her daughter's home in San Diego on Friday, October 13, at the age of 92.

Rose was predeceased by her parents Joseph Ignatowicz and Francis (Strahan) Ignatowicz, sister Irene (Ignatowicz) Richardson, and husband Albert Morey. Rose is lovingly remembered by her son Mark Morey and his wife Debby of Granby, her daughter Ellen (Morey) Hempton and husband Dr. Robert Hempton of San Diego, California, and her four beautiful granddaughters, Sarah, Laura, Emily and Katherine Hempton. In addition, she is also survived by her two sisters Dorothy Christina of Florida and Theresa Lusignan of Webster, Mass., along with many nieces and nephews.

Rose was born in Dudley, Mass. on February 1, 1925. She moved to Connecticut to work at Pratt &

Whitney, where she met Albert Morey. They were married for 33 years until his death in 1979. Rose enjoyed sewing, watercolor painting, golfing, ballroom dancing; and she was very active in the West Hartford United Methodist Church. She took pleasure in making items for the poor with her church sewing group and actively participating in raising money for the church through rummage sales and their annual pumpkin patch.

A celebration of her life was held at Taylor & Modeen Funeral Home, 136 South Main Street, West Hartford, on Friday, October 20, 2017 with Pastor Bob Knebel of the West Hartford United Methodist Church officiating. Burial was in Fairview Cemetery, West Hartford.

Memorial donations may be made in Rose's name to the American Kidney Fund, 11921 Rockville Pike, Suite 300, Rockville, MD 20852, or by calling 1-800-638-8299 (Ext. 7045), or visit kidneyfund.org. For online condolences, please visit www.taylorandmodeen.com

Richard J. Kailukaitis Sr., 58

SOUTHBRIDGE- Richard J. Kailukaitis Sr. age 58 died Sunday, Oct. 29, 2017. He leaves two sons; John Kailukaitis and his wife Monica of Wisconsin, Richard J. Kailukaitis Jr. and his wife Shirley of Arizona and a daughter Kimberly Kailukaitis of Illinois. He also leaves a brother, Daniel Kailukaitis and his wife Nancy of Hawaii and two sisters, Catherine Dargan and her husband Dick of Southbridge and Constance Graziano and her husband Al of Illinois and one grandson Leo. Richard also is survived by his parents, John and Esther (Madland) Kailukaitis of Naugatuck, CT. He was born in Torrington, CT

and lived in Southbridge for the past year prior to that living in Wisconsin. He was a Heavy Equipment Operator doing Construction. One of his great joys was fishing. There will be a celebration of life Saturday, November 4, 2017 at the Munson-Lovetere Funeral Home, 2 School St., Woodbury, CT, 4-6 PM. Please omit flowers and donations may be made in his memory to the VNA Hospice & Palative Care, 199 Rosewood, Drive, Suite 180, Danvers, MA 01923. The Shaw-Majercik Funeral Home, 48 School St., Webster, MA has been entrusted with the arrangements. A guest book is available at www.shaw-majercik.com

Ruth M. Wilbur, 89

WOODSTOCK VALLEY – Ruth (Burton) Wilbur, 89, passed away on Saturday, October 28 in the home of her son, Paul Wilbur. She was the loving wife of the late Lester Wilbur. They were married in January of 1949 and he passed away December of 2005. Born in Providence, Rhode Island, she was the daughter of the late William and Mildred (Gilbert) Burton.

Mrs. Wilbur worked in the Smithfield School System for many years. She enjoyed bird watching, feeding wildlife and enjoying nature.

Ruth is survived by her son, Paul Wilbur and his wife Florence of Woodstock Valley; her daughters, Gail Gallagher of Smithfield, Rhode Island, and R. Jane Wilbur and her companion Richard Scott of Clayville, Rhode Island; her sister, Lorna Avrich of Bristol; her brother, John Burton and his wife Jan of Salt Lake City, Utah;

her grandsons, Jed Wilbur and his wife Alexys of Cornish, New Hampshire, and Joel Wilbur and his wife Jennifer of Hopewell, New Jersey; her great grandchildren, Amelia and Henry Wilbur of Cornish, New Hampshire; and many nephews and nieces. She was predeceased by her sister, Ticy Thomas; and brother, William Burton. Burial will be at a later date in Acotes Hill Cemetery, Chepachet, Rhode Island. Arrangements have been entrusted to the Gilman and Valade Funeral Homes and Crematory, 104 Church St., Putnam.

Memorial donations may be made to Nature Conservatory of Rhode Island, 159 Waterman St, Providence, Rhode Island 02906 or The Audubon Society of Rhode Island, 12 Sanderson Rd, Smithfield, RI 02917. For memorial guestbook visit www.GilmanAndValade.com.

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LEGALS

TOWN OF THOMPSON ZONING BOARD OF APPEALS LEGAL NOTICE

The Town of Thompson Zoning Board of Appeals will hold a public hearing on November 13, 2017 beginning at 7PM in the Merrill Seney Room, Thompson Town Hall, 815 Riverside Dr., North Grosvenordale, CT for the following: Variance 17-11: Krzysztof and Katarzyna Chojnicki, Applicants and Owners of Record. For property at 49 Quaddick Town Farm Rd. Map 154/Block 5/Lot 6/Zone R-80. Requesting front yard set-back reduction from 50' to 38'.

Files are available to review in the Planning & Development Office, Town Hall. At these hearings, interested parties may appear and be heard, and written testimony received.

Respectfully submitted,
Daniel Roy, Chairman
November 3, 2017
November 10, 2017

Town of Eastford Legal Notice

The Collective Bargaining Agreement between The Eastford Board of Education and The Eastford Teachers Association for dates July 1, 2018 to June 30, 2021 has been filed with the Town Clerk and is available for public review at the Town Office Building, 16 Westford Road, during regular office hours.

Dated at Eastford, CT.
This 24th day of October, 2018
Melissa M. Vincent
Town Clerk
November 3, 2017

TOWN OF THOMPSON PLANNING AND ZONING COMMISSION LEGAL NOTICE

The Town of Thompson Planning and Zoning Commission, at its October 23, 2017 meeting, rendered the following decisions:

Application 17-17: Brian Hess, Applicant and Owner of Record. For property at 69 Wilsonville Rd. Requesting Home Occupation for BC Property Maintenance will be doing landscaping and lawn care, plowing, and general handyman things. **Approved.**

Respectfully submitted,
Greg Lee, Chairman
November 3, 2017

NOTICE TO CREDITORS ESTATE OF Daniel Creevy Cording (17-00425)

The Hon. Leah P. Schad, Judge of the Court of Probate, District of Northeast Probate Court, by decree dated October 26, 2017, ordered that all claims must be presented to the fiduciaries at the address below. Failure to promptly present any such claim may result in the loss of rights to recover on such claim.

Brenda Duquette, Clerk

The fiduciaries are:
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Putnam, CT 06260
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November 3, 2017

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

ESTATE OF Doris E Barrett (17-00426)

The Hon. Leah P. Schad, Judge of the Court of Probate, District of Northeast Probate Court, by decree dated October 26, 2017, ordered that all claims must be presented to the fiduciary at the address below. Failure to promptly present any such claim may result in the loss of rights to recover on such claim.

Brenda Duquette, Clerk

The fiduciary is:
Diane B Morin
c/o Alyson R Aleman, Esq.,
Borner, Smith, Aleman, Herzog & Davis, LLC,
155 Providence Street, PO Box 166,
Putnam, CT 06260-0166
November 3, 2017

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

ESTATE OF Grayce E. Sanga (17-00394)

The Hon. Leah P. Schad, Judge of the Court of Probate, District of Northeast Probate Court, by decree dated October 11, 2017, ordered that all claims must be presented to the fiduciary at the address below. Failure to promptly present any such claim may result in the loss of rights to recover on such claim.

Heather Crecco, Clerk

The fiduciary is:
Attorney for Janice Bradway:
Kevin M. O'Brien, Esq.,
Penny, Botticello & O'Brien, PC,
202 West Center Street,
Manchester, CT 06040, (860)646-3500
November 3, 2017

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

ESTATE OF Normand R Hubert (17-00424)

The Hon. Leah P. Schad, Judge of the Court of Probate, District of Northeast Probate Court, by decree dated October 25, 2017, ordered that all claims must be presented to the fiduciaries 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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The fiduciaries are:
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Bachand, Longo & Higgins,
168 Main Street, PO Box 528,
Putnam, CT 06260
Michelle S Lajeunesse
c/o Nicholas A. Longo, Esq.,
Bachand, Longo & Higgins,
168 Main Street, PO Box 528,
Putnam, CT 06260
November 3, 2017

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

ESTATE OF Eva M. Cormier (17-00384)

The Hon. Leah P. Schad, Judge of the Court of Probate, District of Northeast Probate Court, by decree dated October 5, 2017, ordered that all claims must be presented to the fiduciary at the address below. Failure to promptly present any such claim may result in the loss of rights to recover on such claim.

Brenda Duquette, Clerk

The fiduciary is:
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Mildred M. Litke, 85



BROOKLYN - Mildred (Hrabos) Litke, 85, of Brickyard Road, died Friday, October 27, in Day Kimball Hospital. She was the loving wife of the late Samuel Litke, Sr. Born in Putnam, she was the daughter of the late Stanley and Dora (Phillips) Hrabos. Mildred was a graduate of the Tourtelotte Memorial High School class of 1951; where she was a cheerleader, cheering on the football team to their many championships.

Mrs. Litke was the owner and operator of Dayville Package Store but for the majority of her life she was a stay at home mother.

Mrs. Litke enjoyed traveling and watching the UCONN ladies basketball team.

Mrs. Litke was a member of Our Lady of La Salette Church and was

very active in the Cub Scouts and Boy Scouts.

Mildred is survived by her sons, Samuel Litke, Jr. and his wife Michelle of Salem, Oregon, Timothy Litke and his wife Trenace of Danielson, and Daniel Litke and his companion Cindy Miller of Brooklyn; five grandchildren Nathaniel, Emily, Allison, Sarah, and Bradley; and three great grandchildren Anders, Cohen, and Talon.

Relatives and friends are invited to visit with Mildred's family from 9:30 a.m. to 10:30 a.m. on Saturday, November 4, in the Valade Funeral Home, 23 Main St., N. Grosvenordale. A Mass of Christian Burial will begin at 11:00 a.m. in St. Joseph Church, 18 Main St., N. Grosvenordale. Burial will follow in St. Mary Cemetery, Providence St, Putnam. Memorial donations may be made to the charity of one's choice. For memorial guest-book visit www.GilmanAndValade.com.

Sharon A. (Werstak) Hajec, 65



WEBSTER-Sharon A. (Werstak) Hajec age 65 passed away peacefully Sunday, Oct. 29, 2017 at the TCU at Hubbard Hospital after a courageous year and a half battle with cancer.

She leaves her husband of 36 years Brent Hajec of Webster a son Adam Zoschak and his partner Sara of Dudley, a daughter Holly Zoschak and her partner Josh of Northboro, two grandchildren Avery and Evan

Zoschak. She also leaves a brother Richard Werstak and his wife Marcia of Vernon, CT, several nieces and nephews. Sharon worked for Frito-Lay in Killingly, CT for 30 years retiring in 2012. She had many friends and will be missed dearly, Rest in Peace. All services are private. The Shaw-Majerick Funeral Home, 48 School St., Webster, MA has been entrusted with her arrangements. Donations may be made in her memory to the American Cancer Society. A guest book is available to post a condolence or light a candle at www.shaw-majercik.com

Carol A. Holman, 78



DAYVILLE -- Carol A. Holman, 78, of Dayville, died Wednesday, October 25, at W.W. Backus Hospital in Norwich. Beloved wife of the late Norman Holman, he died in 1996. She was born in Plymouth, Massachusetts, on May 10, 1939, daughter of the late Leno and Eleanor (Jackson) Zaniboni.

Carol worked for ACME Cotton, she was an avid bowler, enjoyed playing cards, knitting and reading.

She leaves her children, Michael

Holman and his wife Jennifer of Nashua, New Hampshire, David Holman of Putnam, Robert Holman and his wife Wendy of Madison, New Hampshire, Debra Holman and her husband David Scott of Lisbon, brother Robert Zaniboni of Florida, 13 grandchildren and 14 great grandchildren. She was predeceased by a son Daniel Holman and a brother Edward Zaniboni.

Services will be private. In lieu of flowers donation may be to www.gofundme.com/in-remembrance-of-carol-holman. Share a memory at www.gagnonandcostellofh.com

Charlaine C. Wall, 90



DANIELSON - Charlaine C. Wall, 90, died Monday, October 23, at Matulaitis Nursing Home in Putnam. She was born in Evanston, Illinois on October 2, 1927, daughter of the late Charles and Florence (Buckley) Wall. Charlaine worked for Beneficial Life

and Trust for 38 years. She is survived by her daughter Therese Downing and husband Santo of Moosup; grandchildren, Adam, Gina, Tony, Scott, Phillip, Shane, and Sherry Downing and many great grandchildren. A memorial service will be held on Saturday, November 4, 2017 at 1:00 P.M. at The Gospel Light Ministries, Route 12, Central Village. Tillinghast Funeral Home, 25 Main Street, Central Village is in charge of arrangements.

Theresa Y. Richer, 88



SOUTHBRIDGE- Theresa Y. (Mandeville) Richer, 88, went to Heaven on Oct. 29th, passing away at the Quaboag Rehabilitation and Skilled Nursing Center, West Brookfield, after an illness.

Her husband of 58 years, Merald Bill Richer, died in 2007. She leaves her daughter, Diane Courtemanche of North Grosvenordale, CT; her six grandchildren, Valerie Imre of Dayville, CT, Eric Benoit and his fiancée Melanie Lyn of Woodstock Valley, CT, Corey Richer and his wife Jamie of Raynham, MA, Jason Richer and his wife Melanie of Newton, MA, Dawn Lovely of Palmer, MA and Heather Richer of Southbridge, MA; her daughter-in-law, Susan Richer of Brimfield, MA; 4 great grandchildren, Alex Imre, Katrina Imre, Jazmin Benoit and Austin Lovely; three sisters, Julienne

Provost and Lorraine Beausoleil, both of North Grosvenordale, CT and Henriette Cartier of Lakeside, CA; a brother, Norman Mandeville of Hendersonville, NC; and several nieces and nephews. Her son, William Bill Richer, died this past January. She was also predeceased by her sister, Jeanne Semensky. She was born in Thompson, CT, the daughter of the late Narcisse and Yvonne (Beaulac) Mandeville.

Theresa worked at the American Optical Co. in Southbridge for 40 years, retiring many years ago.

Her funeral Mass will be held on her birthday, Friday, Nov. 10th, at 10:00am in Notre Dame Church of the St. John Paul II Parish, 446 Main St., Southbridge. Burial will follow in New Notre Dame Cemetery, Southbridge. There are no calling hours.

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

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SOUTHBRIDGE/DORCHESTER, MASS. - Mark L. Livernois, 53, died October 9, 2017 after an illness. He is survived by a son Joshua Livernois of Southbridge, Mass., and a daughter Alexandra Livernois, serving with the U.S. Army. He also leaves 3 brothers; George Livernois and his wife Claudia of Southbridge, Mass., David Livernois of Southbridge, Mass., Paul Livernois of Florida, and a sister Diane Livernois of Putnam.

Mark was born March 15, 1964, in Southbridge, Mass.. son of the late

Albert and Constance (Lapierre) Livernois, and lived there for many years before moving to the Boston area. He attended Southbridge High School, and worked as an electrician.

A graveside service was held on Monday, October 30, 2017, at New Notre Dame Cemetery, N. Woodstock Road, Southbridge. There were no calling hours. Sansoucy Funeral Home, 40 Marcy Street, Southbridge, Mass., is directing the arrangements.

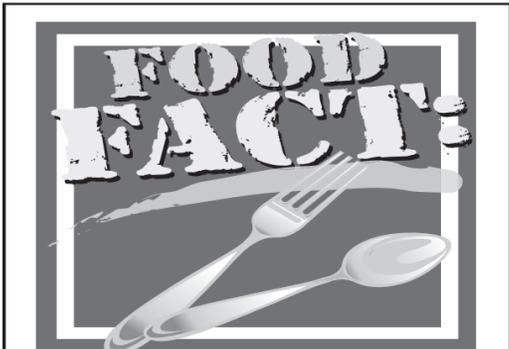
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ANSWER: PEANUTS

Peanut Butter Word Find

Find the hidden words in the puzzle.

BREAD CHUNKY CREAMY JAM	JELLY LUNCH NUT PEANUT	SALTY SHELL SMOOTH SNACK									
X	W	O	L	S	C	H	T	E	T	G	U
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Y	T	W	H	E	N	W	W	M	Q	K	S
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U	A	U	Z	S	Z	C	Y	N	M	J	D
A	E	A	X	S	C	T	C	A	C	E	E
A	P	B	R	E	A	D	V	C	P	D	V
V	W	V	I	U	V	S	U	K	H	V	L

Get Scrambled

Unscramble the words to determine the phrase.

A P N U T E R U B T E T

Answer: Peanut butter

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New Word

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