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How they see us

You may notice this week that I look a bit…different.

I often joke with my friends that someday I would get to a point that I have one of those professional sketch artists do a sketch of my face to run with my columns. There may or may not be some stuff in the works there… stay tuned.

But for now, whenever I have the chance to switch things up, I will. Sometimes, you'll see a different picture in my headshot box, or I might even add a photo to the column to add effect. In this case, the photo you see is a drawing of myself sketched out by my son last weekend.

THE MINOR DETAILS

ADAM MINOR

Now, there are a couple things I have to point out here. First, the eyes. It might seem like I am sporting some fashionable eyeliner, but in fact, those are racing goggles to go with my sleek racing uniform (that's a number 5 on my chest there…).

Secondly, what may seem like a normal mustache is something much different, and a lot more hilarious. When he drew this picture during his Sunday School class last weekend, his teachers giggled when I arrived and he gave me the picture and saw my confused look.

"It's your nose hairs, Daddy," he said, smiling innocently, and causing an eruption of laughter in the room. I laughed hard, as did my wife … as did everyone I've showed it to since.

It got me thinking about how our young kids see us parents. I often think that my son sees me as this big, Incredible-Hulk like figure that can lift cars up singlehandedly and throw them across a parking lot. He'll marvel (see what I did there?) as I lift him with one hand and let him hang on my arm like a jungle gym. Maybe it's that view from beneath that gives him a unique perspective of what is apparently a forest full of brush in my nose…

It's the imagination that maybe blows me away the most, not that I have no imagination. Quite the contrary…I think I have to have a healthy imagination to be in a creative field such as this one. It's just funny to see the results of his. Followers of this column will recall an entry in which I marveled at his thirst for stories and how we would often make them up on the spot. Recently, he has taken to making them up on his own and telling me the stories instead, complete with locations, names, descriptions and backgrounds. Simple stories often turn into minutes of character set-up, leading to a lot of "to be continued" moments just because it's time to go to bed. It's a fun to hear his storytelling skills develop.

Today, I'm a larger-than-life character that he looks up to. I know this phase of our relationship is destined to change as he grows older. Soon, he'll be a young man, and how he sees me will change. It's part of life, but for now, I'll enjoy being the Incredible Hulk racecar driver with unruly nose hair.

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Jason Bleau photo

Isabella and Jill Sartini, of Chepachet, R.I., enjoy a few candy apples as they pose for a photo during their visit to the Woodstock Fair.

WOODSTOCK FAIR FRENZY

WOODSTOCK — The 156th Woodstock Fair packed in weeks worth of entertainment and attractions into Labor Day weekend, with a full slate of music, food, rides, agricultural exhibits and much more Friday, Sept. 2 to Monday, Sept. 5.

Adam Minor photo

Top right: From left, Joaquin Froga, 10, of Woodstock, Matteo Pino, 7, and Lorenzo Pino, 10, both of Fairfield, enjoy themselves on the Hot Shot ride.

Adam Minor photo

Middle Right Skyler Soule, of Sturbridge, with her mother, Amanda, waves to her father while riding the merry-go-round.

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At right: Isabella Brown, Heather Jarmolowicz and Jasmine Charland enjoy some fried dough as they take a breather from walking around the Woodstock Fair.

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Perry throws hat in ring for 50th District

BY JASON BLEAU
NEWS STAFF WRITER

WOODSTOCK — Election Day is only two months away, and the battle for the 50th District House of Representatives seat is heating up, with a third candidate in the running for the seat currently held by retiring State Rep. Mike Alberts.

Ty Perry

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Sunflowers for Kids going strong after 15 years

LABOR DAY WEEKEND FUNDRAISER BENEFITS USI PROGRAMS

BY JASON BLEAU
NEWS STAFF WRITER

POMFRET — For about 15 years, Lapsley Orchard in Pomfret has played host to a special Labor Day weekend event benefiting programs through United Services of Connecticut, Sunflowers for Kids.

On Sunday, Sept. 4, Lapsley Orchard welcomed guests for a beautiful day of activities throughout the orchard's property in Pomfret with

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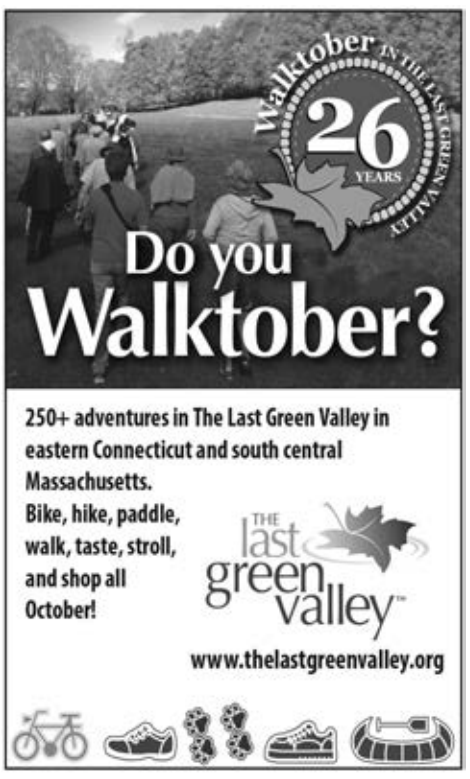
Jason Bleau photos

Visitors to Lapsley Orchard on Sunday, Sept. 4, purchase sunflowers as part of the annual Sunflower for Kids program, a day of fun and excitement dedicated to helping support programs through Untied Services.



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Voters to decide on increased funds for treatment facility

BY JASON BLEAU
NEWS STAFF WRITER

PUTNAM — Putnam voters are being called to the polls for a referendum this coming Tuesday, Sept. 13, to vote on increasing the appropriation meant to help install a new manganese and iron treatment facility in Putnam as part of extensive work on the water lines and system throughout the community.

The new facility would be added to the well field on Park Street and would cost quite a bit more than originally expected according to Putnam Town Administrator Doug Cutler, who said the referendum is required to increase the expenditure the town will use to cover the construction of the facility.

"The vote on Tuesday will decide whether or not to amend the previous appropriation that we had of $2 million to increase it by another $3 million because the project costs came in, when we did the bids, approximately $3 million over the original bid prices and estimates," Cutler told the Villager. "The WPCA decided to go ahead and seek the additional appropriation because to resolve the iron and manganese problem in the water will greatly improve the quality of water for the users in the system. The total appropriation for the project will be $5 million and the good thing about it is even though it's additional money, it's already been factored in to the rate structure, so there will have to be no additional rate increase for the users."

Cutler said the town has done well in terms of financing through the USDA, and between a combination of low interest loans and a significant portion of the project being paid for through grants Putnam can go forward with the project without increasing the rates should the voters approve the expenditure on Tuesday.

Putnam Water Pollution Control Authority Chairman James Shaw released a informational release on August detailing the project and the expenditure for the initiative saying that iron and manganese are a legitimate water quality concern that needs to be addressed and this new facility will do just that.

"Iron and manganese can affect the flavor and color of water and food," Shaw said. They may react with tannins in coffee, tea and alcoholic beverages to produce a black sludge, which affects both taste and appearance. Iron will cause reddish-brown staining of laundry, porcelain, dishes, utensils and even glassware. Manganese acts in a similar way but causes a brownish-black stain. Soaps and detergents do not remove theses stains and use of chlorine bleach may actually intensify the stains. Iron and manganese deposits will build up in pipelines, water heaters and toilets (the red-brown-black brown slime in the toilet tanks) and can clog water systems and increase energy costs when heating water coated with iron or manganese deposits."

Shaw also stated that initially tap water may appear clear, but when exposed to air iron and manganese become oxidizes and change from colorless forms to a colored solid form, leading to the aforementioned effects on dishes and drinking products.

"Originally the projected cost for an iron and treatment facility was projected at $2,090,000 by our engineering firm and the Town approved that expenditure in 2013. After going out for bids, the most cost effective option came in at $5,040,000," Shaw said. "When the WPCA developed its capital improvement plan in 2011 there were very few specifics known at the time. In order to jump start the program we based our financial projections on estimates with a goal of addressing the most severe situations first. The town approved a new rate structure for the customers based on those estimates and to-date we have been able to execute our plan within that rate structure. Through the USDA we were able to secure more grants than expected as well as locking in lower interest rates than budgeted for the bonding. In addition most of the overdue receivables have been collected resulting in a surplus in our capital funds reserves. Consequently, we will be able to make the proposed capital expenditure for the iron and manganese treatment facility without increasing the rates paid by our customers."

The new facility is part of a much larger initiative currently underway throughout the town of Putnam. Cutler noted that residents and commuters may have come across many different piping and roadway projects throughout the town and all of this is part of a large multi-faceted initiative to fully update the water systems in Putnam including the drilling of several new wells in the well field and a $50 million relining and replacement project for the town's water lines.

"Those projects are ongoing and those should be completed sometime in late spring or summer of 2017. The manganese and iron initiative is completely new. This is going to take place at the well field where we will be putting in a treatment facility there. The water that comes out of the well fields will be treated for both manganese and iron and then they will go into the water system through our new relined or replaced water lines. It's one of the projects the WPCA had worked on to improve the water system facilities throughout the town," said Cutler.

The referendum to decide whether or not to increase the appropriation for the treatment plant project will take place from noon until 8 p.m. on Tuesday, Sept. 13 at the regular polling places in Putnam. Those with questions about where and when to vote should contact the Town Clerk's Office for more information.

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Pentagon survivor to speak at 9/11 program

PUTNAM — The Mayotte-Viens American Legion Post #13 of Putnam along with the Town of Putnam is presenting a special 9/11/2001 remembrance program on Sunday, Sept. 11.

Scheduled to begin at 2 p.m. it will be held in the Putnam Middle School Auditorium.

The featured speaker for the program is Dee Carnahan who was in the Pentagon less than a football field away from the impact site the day of the attack.

Carnahan is the former Dolores Coderre, the daughter of the late Paul and Georgette Coderre, is a 1964 graduate of Putnam High School. Following a five-year career in insurance and banking, she moved to Washington, D.C. where she embarked on a 32-year career in the Pentagon with the Department of the Navy.

During her tenure with the Navy she rose to the position of Protocol Officer and Scheduler in the Office of the Vice Chief of Naval Operations, a four star Admiral. She officially retired from her position on April 26, 2002.

Following her retirement, she spent five years as an Executive Assistant for a not-for-profit company in northern Virginia. She retired on September 30, 2006. She and her husband Rick moved to Woodstock in 2006, where they continue to reside.

Putnam Town Administrator Douglas Cutler will serve as the Master of Ceremonies for the program.

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QUOTATION OF THE WEEK

"We think of this as more of a fun-raiser than a fundraiser."

- John Goodman, director of Communications and Development for United Services, commenting on last weekend's Sunflowers for Kids event.

AT CT AUDUBON

Bird sightings at Connecticut Audubon Society Center at Pomfret and Wyndham Land Trust properties for the week of Aug. 29: Great Blue Heron, Common Nighthawk, Broad-winged Hawk, Bluebird, Barn Swallow, Bobolink, Wood Duck, Turkey Vulture, Black Vulture, Barred Owl, Pileated Woodpecker, House Finch, Chipping Sparrow. Visit www.ctaudubon.org/center-at-pomfret.

Wildflowers currently in bloom or about to bloom at Connecticut Audubon Society's Bafflin Sanctuary in Pomfret for the week of Aug. 29: New England Aster, New York Aster, Small-flower Aster, Woodland Aster, Turtlehead Plant, Swamp Lousewort.

Sept. 11, 2001: The Day That Changed America

BY RON CODERRE
SPECIAL TO THE VILLAGER

PUTNAM — "We've been hit by a plane. Get out of here."

Those were the words of Commander Dave Radi to Dee Carnahan on Sept. 11, 2001 immediately following the impact of the plane that crashed into the Pentagon less than a football field's distance from the Vice Chief of Naval Operations' office where the pair was working on the day that changed America.

Dee Carnahan, who grew up in Putnam as Dolores Coderre, arrived at her Pentagon office on the morning of Sept. 11, 2001, at approximately 7 a.m. after a half hour pleasant trip from her home in Annandale, Va., on a day she describes as "a beautiful day, without a cloud in the sky." After securing a "great parking spot" and purchasing a cup of coffee in the Starbucks Pentagon, she was prepared for a "business-as-usual day."

On Jan. 19, 1970, shortly after graduating from Putnam High School, Carnahan said goodbye to her family and departed for Washington, D.C. and what would turn into a 32-year career with the United States Department of the Navy. During that time she worked her way into her position with the Vice Chief of Naval Operations.

On the morning of Sept. 11, 2001, Carnahan and Commander Radi were the two early birds in the office as the Vice Chief was in meetings in the Command Center preparing for a budget meeting. One of Carnahan's closest friends and co-worker Peggy Boden was also in her office in the E-Ring of the Pentagon.

The television in the VCNO's office was on CNN on mute, as it was every day according to Carnahan.

The atmosphere in the office that fateful day was light. That morning her assignment was to contact her counterparts in the Army, Air Force and Marine Corps checking on the dates for their department Christmas parties to avoid conflicts for the upcoming holiday season.

Suddenly, the CNN images on TV picked up the attacks on the World Trade Center in New York.

As Carnahan and Radi turned up the volume on the TV, Commander Radi exclaimed, "We're being attacked." At that moment, the budget meeting, the atmosphere in the Vice Chief's office and the Pentagon changed its focus to the happenings in Washington, D.C. and to the Navy's ships positioned around the world.

The United States Navy and the Pentagon suddenly was transformed into "complete war mode" according to Carnahan.

"Is the Pentagon in jeopardy of being hit by a plane?" Carnahan asked Radi. He assured her that would not occur. A short 10 minutes later at 9:38 a.m. the Pentagon and its new Navy Command Center was struck by the terrorist hijacked plane, and approximately 10 highly classified Navy personnel and civilians in the new wedge were dead.

The United States of America was under attack — and in turmoil.

GETTING OUT OF THE BUILDING

Shortly following the impact of the crash, Admiral Bill "Fox" Fallon commandeered two young sailors with instructions.

"Petty Officers … I want you to get Dee out of here safely."

They obediently saluted their superior officer, took Carnahan by the arms and began the journey to exit the massive structure.

Getting out of the Pentagon wasn't as easy as following Admiral Fallon's instructions. Having received news that another plane was headed to the Pentagon, many of the 20,000 people in the building were on the same mission, exiting the building.

Following more than 30 minutes of attempting to figure out the fastest and safest way to exit the building, Carnahan, with the assistance of her escorts, reached an area of the Pentagon known as the River entrance.

"Outside on a grassy area I looked around and all I could see was black smoke. The press was already on the scene. Someone stuck a mic in my face with a question. I was in such shock all I did was walk away," said Carnahan.

Walking away as quickly as she could, Carnahan had two things in mind — finding her husband, Rick who worked in a building about a mile away, and wondering about her friend Peggy, who had been in the area where the plane struck the building.

Surprisingly, she found her friend Peggy. They were both in tears. As they hugged, they realized that each thought the other might have been killed by the impact of the plane. A few weeks later, Peggy related to Dee that as she was in her office, she looked out of the windows and saw the plane, about 3/4 of a mile from the Pentagon, heading directly in their direction. She shouted, "I'm out of here."

A move that saved her life.

Despite phone lines that were jammed, Carnahan's husband had gotten through to her office and was assured that she was out of the building. He was immediately on a mission to locate her. As she walked in a dazed condition she met a person moving in her direction and it was Rick. She was in such shock that she didn't recognize him at first glance.

"I was crying uncontrollably. We hugged and he assured me I was safe. We walked to his office, where I called my elderly mother in Putnam to let her know I was safe," explained Carnahan. "Mom began crying the moment she heard my voice and I was crying also."

Within a week, Carnahan was back at work in temporary headquarters at the Navy Annex. A month later, she and other survivors were back in the Pentagon carrying on, although life in the Pentagon and for Carnahan would never be the same.

"The first plane that flew over our building scared everyone as memories of 9/11 ran through everyone's minds. Returning to the Pentagon I never felt comfortable as the odor of jet fuel permeated our offices," said Carnahan.

Carnahan remained in her position for seven months, following the attack on the Pentagon.

LIFE AFTER 9/11

Since her retirement on April 26, 2002, Carnahan has not returned to the Pentagon. She has visited the 9/11 Memorial in Washington. Looking over the names on the Memorial, Carnahan is astonished at how many of those who lost their lives she knew.

A few years after her retirement, she and her husband built a home in Woodstock, which they still occupy today. She's involved with her church and assists other organizations, especially those involving veterans, as a volunteer when they call for help.

In reflecting on life in the Pentagon and in general prior to the 9/11 attacks Carnahan said, "It was a simpler time. I always felt safe in the Pentagon but the world has changed since that morning in September 2001."

Although she doesn't dwell on the morning of September 11, she admits that when she hears or reads about terrorist attacks she thinks back to her experience in the Pentagon.

"When you were part of it (the attack) there are always reminders. I realize how fortunate I was. But for the grace of God I and many others could have died," she said reflecting on her experience.

As the 15th anniversary of the Sept. 11, 2001 attacks approach, Carnahan will gather with others in a special remembrance ceremony schedule for 2 p.m. at the Putnam Middle School auditorium. During the ceremony, as she shares her story with those in attendance, it will be an occasion for her and others, as they reflect, that as Americans we can't forget that day.

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Monday, Sept. 12
Board of Education, 7 p.m., Middle School Media Center
Zoning Board of Appeals, 7 p.m., Merrill Seney Room, Town Hall
Thompson Fire Engine Company Inc., 8 p.m., Thomson Fire Department, 70 Chase Rd.

Tuesday, Sept. 13
Inland Wetlands Commission, 7 p.m., Merrill Seney Room, Town Hall
Water Pollution Control Authority, 7 p.m., WPCA Treatment Plant Office

Thursday, Sept. 15
Library Board of Trustees, 2 p.m., Library/Community Center
Board of Finance, 7 p.m., Library/Community Center

WOODSTOCK

Monday, Sept. 12
Recreation, 7 p.m., Room C

Tuesday, Sept. 13
Board of Finance, 7 p.m., Room 1
Zoning Board of Appeals, 7 p.m., Room B
Conservation Subcommittee, 7:30 p.m., Room A

Thursday, Sept. 15
Board of Selectmen, 7 p.m., Room A
Planning & Zoning Commission, 7:30 p.m., Room 1

EASTFORD

Monday, Sept. 12
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Board of Selectmen, 7 p.m., Town Office Building
Clean Energy, 7 p.m., Town Office Building

Tuesday, Sept. 13
Planning Commission, 7 p.m., Town Office Building

Wednesday, Sept. 14
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Registrar of Voters, 5 p.m., Town Office Building

Thursday, Sept. 15
Solarize CT Citizens Workshop, 7 p.m., Town Office Building

POMFRET

Monday, Sept. 12
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Tuesday, Sept. 13
Economic Planning & Development, 8 a.m., Community/Senior Center
Pomfret Public Library Trustees, 7 p.m.

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Woodstock Fair brings out all New England has to offer

WOODSTOCK — The 156th Woodstock Fair packed in weeks worth of entertainment and attractions into Labor Day weekend, with a full slate of music, food, rides, agricultural exhibits and much more Friday, Sept. 2 to Monday, Sept. 5. Although threats of Hurricane Hermine loomed large all weekend, the weather remained perfect all four days for another successful year at the fair.

Adam Minor photos

Clockwise from right, Danielle White, Julia Scandalito, Sophia Scandalito and Mavi Scandalito create some unique chalk art for the fair's entrance.

A chainsaw artist draws a crowd near his booth on Saturday.

One needn't be alarmed with the sounds of screaming…they were most likely coming from this ride, which slung riders upside down in a circle repeatedly, and then did it again in reverse.

Craig Calvert, of Waterford, enjoys a ride down the giant slide with his daughter, Molly, 3.

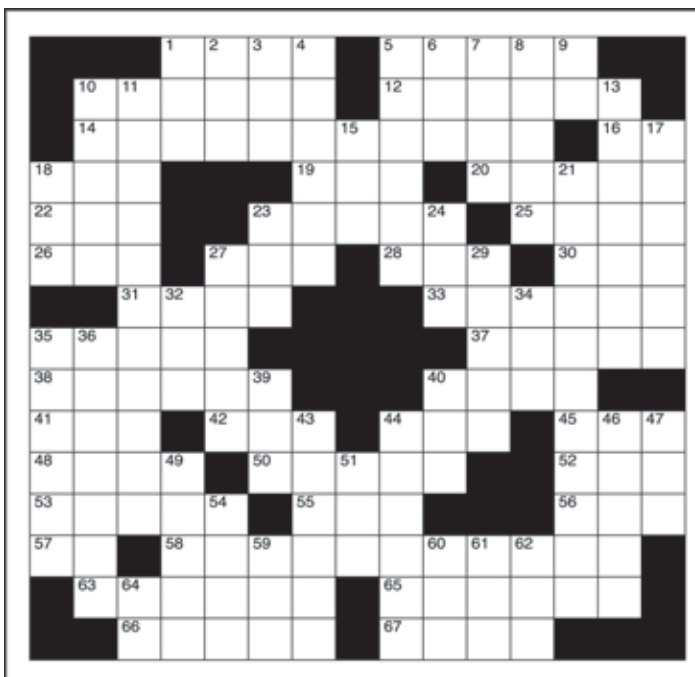
Aurora Brother, 3, of Foster, R.I., rides on the Spinning Coaster with her "Papa," Karl.

Brady McNamara, 10, of Sterling, Mass., takes to the skies on the bungee jump attraction.

The Pharaoh's Fury brought smiles, screams and plenty of windblown hair.

Best of Show ribbons are given out Saturday in the show cattle tent.

Quinn Kritzky, 6, of Stafford Springs, lets the wind blow through her hair on the Swinger ride.



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20. Linguistics pioneer
22. Singer DiFranco
23. Dispenses
25. Most important part
26. Worthless entertainment
27. Remunerate
28. Cool
30. Ex-Knick Jeremy
31. On top
33. Felt for
35. Vulcan doctor
37. Publicly denounce
38. Bits of
40. Something to live by
41. Take in solid food
42. Small amount
44. German war epic "__ Boot"
45. Words per minute
48. Employee stock ownership plan
50. Recorded
52. Paddle
53. Dormouse
55. Officially prohibit
56. Wrongly
57. Yves Rocher
58. Weakens
63. An evening party
65. Containing salt
66. Semitic gods
67. Grand in scale

CLUES DOWN

1. Very long period of time
2. Boston-based Celtic punk band (abbr.)
3. Final month (abbr.)
4. Scottish island
5. Merchandiser
6. Elected leader (abbr.)
7. Brews
8. Linear accelerator (abbr.)
9. Lawrence Taylor
10. Upstate NY college
11. Schemer
13. Even more shaggy
15. Electronic funds transfer
17. Currently popular
18. Indicates where you are
21. Female peace officers
23. Opposite of woman
24. Drain
27. Studied
29. Performs mischievous deeds
32. Political action committee
34. Rocker Nugent
35. American jazz rockers "__ Dan"
36. They remove things
39. Standardized test
40. Dishonorable man
43. Infants
44. Actress Richards
46. International monetary units
47. Married woman
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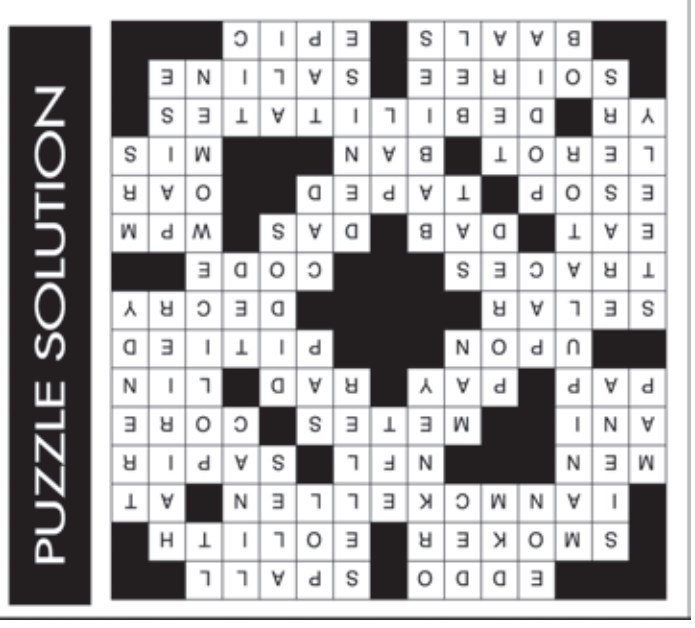

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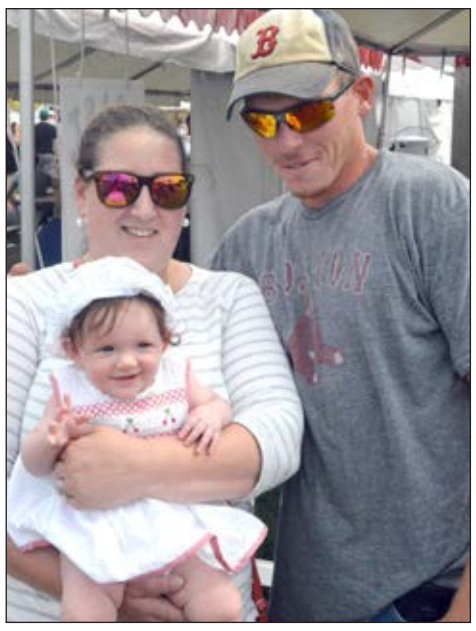
Danny Balzano, 14, of North Branford, takes a ride on a mechanical bull.



Her first fair! Little Evelyn Lamoureaux, 4 months, can't contain her joy about being at her first Woodstock Fair with her parents Emily and Eric, of Charlton, Mass.

The Freak Out ride returned yet again to the Woodstock Fair, bringing its unique blend of spinning and flying to courageous riders.

Anna Meuse, of Worcester, with her daughters, Amelia, 2, and Giuliana, 7, entertain themselves with a couple of ducks.

Henry Gawle, 99, proudly shows off his medal after being named the Senior Grapefruit Bowling Contest Champion for 2016 at the South Stage Family Fun Center. "I'm 99, and I still throw grapefruits," Gawle joked, and when asked if he would be defending his title at next year's Woodstock Fair, he confidently replied, "I'm planning on it!"

Tom Kozlowski, of Putnam, enjoys a blooming onion!

From left, Peter Bennett III, 13, of Woodstock, Even Lander, 9, of Willington, and Ann-Marie Hebert, 12, of Woodstock Valley, from Got 2 Be Different Farm in Woodstock, kick back and relax with some cattle.

Haleigh Lynch, 7, of Thompson, takes a ride on the Jungle Safari with her cousin, Logan Bigress, 5, of Webster, Mass.

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The Villager's own Jason Bleau belts out a cover of "Tennessee Whiskey," by Chris Stapleton, during the Country Karaoke Contest Saturday night on the South Stage. Bleau claimed first place, and would go on to claim the overall Woodstock Idol top spot the next night.

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A judge checks out a sheep during a competition on Saturday.

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Woodstock Fair highlights Labor Day festivities in Quiet Corner

Jason Bleau photos

Almost as if previewing the upcoming fall season, the Woodstock Fair featured its fair share of pumpkin-themed displays, including a competition for largest pumpkin with many impressive entries.

WOODSTOCK — The 156th Annual Woodstock Fair was the highlight of Labor Day weekend once again in northeastern Connecticut, bringing visitors from across New England and beyond to the Quiet Corner for one of the biggest fairs in New England. Vendors, great musical acts, go kart racing, animal and agricultural displays, games, rides, and so much more, made for a busy weekend as the fair was also accompanied by great weather, despite threats from Hurricane Hermine, which held off long enough for the fair to enjoy a perfect weekend of fun and excitement, as a New England tradition added to its already extensive and storied history.

Visitors to the Woodstock Fair partake in an educational activity challenging them to guess the age of a tree using the rings presented on its cross-section.

What proved to be a rather popular ride for the young and young at heart, the Crazy Bus ride took visitors high into the sky, giving a birds eye view of the Woodstock Fair.

A young visitor to the Sphinx False Alarmers display plays on a fire truck while also learning the importance of taking emergency responders and the consequences of false alarms seriously.

Contestants of all ages took part in many different games at the Woodstock Fair, including the popular water gun game challenging participants to hit a target and pop a balloon before everyone else to win a prize.

One of the South Stage's more family-friendly events, the wheelbarrow race contest challenged parents and children to put their teamwork to the test in hopes of taking home the blue ribbon.

Tractors, tractors everywhere! A common site at the Woodstock Fair countless modern and antique tractors showed the history of America's most well known farming vehicle.

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Members of the Boy Scout Troop 25 of Putnam perform a traditional Native America ceremony as they do at every Woodstock Fair.

Emily Kolodziej enjoys of the most popular hands-on learning activities at any Woodstock Fair as she holds a newborn chick.

Sand sculptors begin putting the finishing touches on a display based on the different features and themes of the Woodstock Fair.

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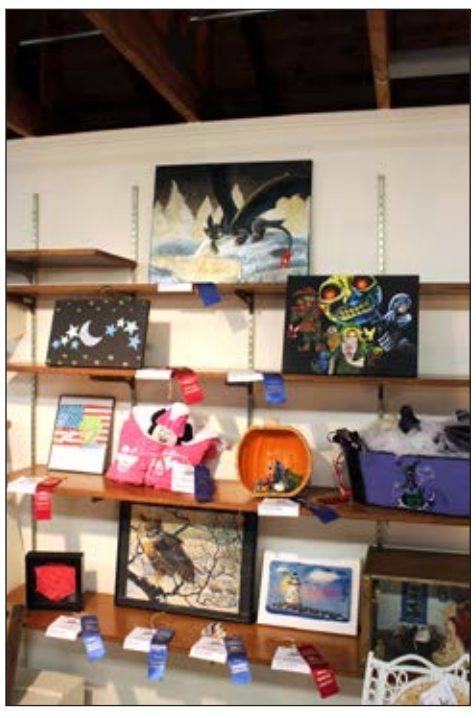
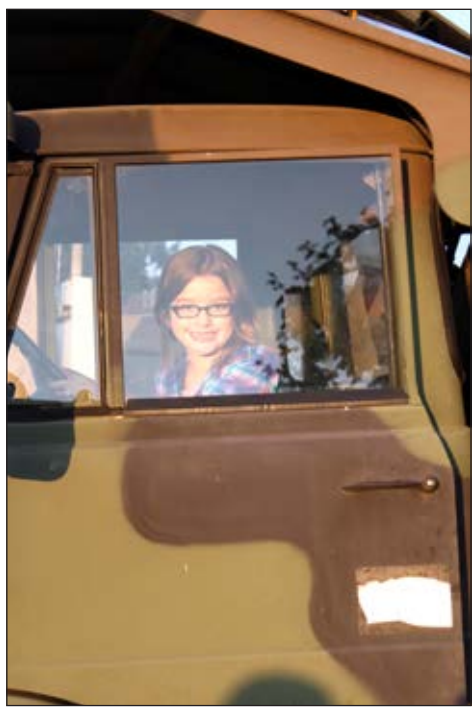


A few local art pieces show off the imagination and talent of some members of the younger generation who used popular cartoon characters and video games as their inspiration.

Carter Small, of Vermont, cracks a smile as he shows off his winnings from several carnival games at the Woodstock Fair.

A rider begins his challenge on a bull-riding simulator.



Lilyana Glover, of Jewett City, smiles for a photo while sitting in a military style display vehicle at the Woodstock Fair.

A yearly participant in the Woodstock Fair, Hebert Honey was one of countless vendors on hand showing off their products to potential buyers and onlookers over the court of Labor Day weekend.

Matthew Lubomirski and Haley Blakemore share a tender moment during their date at the Woodstock Fair.

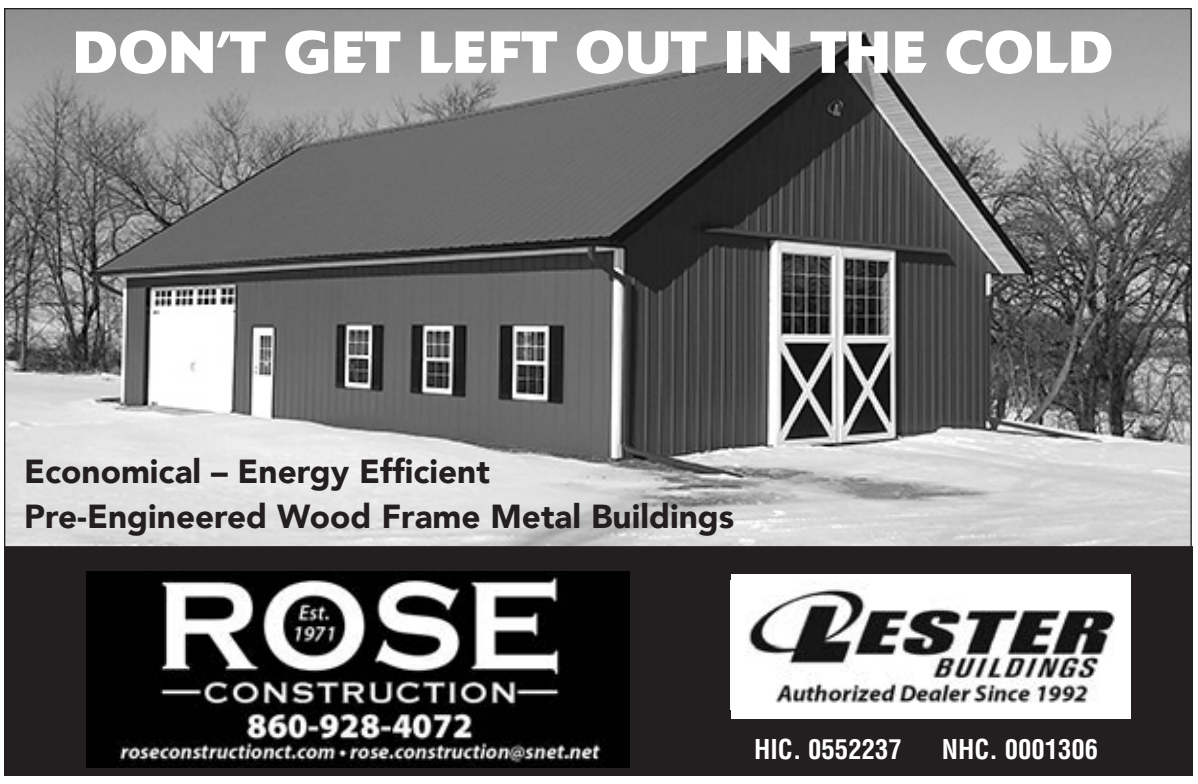
A chainsaw artists shows off his talent as he creates a work of art from a simple wooden log.

With the Woodstock Fair having the second largest sheep show in New England, surpassed only by the Big E, many local youngsters turned out to show their prized sheep. During the Lead Line show on Saturday, Sept. 3, the young sheep showers were also challenged to wear woolen clothing as well.

Ricky Nelson Remembered, a show featuring the Nelson Brothers, was just one of many events on the Main Stage over the course of the Labor Day weekend at the Woodstock Fair. This particular showed paid tribute to the former heartthrob who passed away in 1985.

A unique feature at the Woodstock Fair, go-kart racing is always a staple of the event, with the fairgrounds having a paved track on site for the future stars of motor sports to put their skills to the ultimate test.

Always a popular feature at the Woodstock Fair, the birthing center cave spectators a front seat view of the birthing process for a few local cows who later showed their motherly tendencies by cleaning and caring for the newborn calves.



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OPINION

Opinion and commentary from the Quiet Corner

September transitions

NANCY WEISS

September is a bit like January. We have a fresh slate to begin again, a new page on which to write our "to-do" lists and resolutions. The rituals commence with the purchase of a pumpkin or two for the doorstep and a half-peck of local apples. I'm glad that some items are sold in specific numerical units – apples in bushels and pecks, corn by the dozen or half-dozen. The amounts give the products a special heft. They are purchased in quantities that emphasize the tradition of harvesting abundance.

The anxiety and excitement we felt for years as we and later our children began another school year mounts slowly through August only to crescendo after Labor Day when the reality of the long months ahead hits home. Although we are not going to step onto the school bus or move into a dorm room, we are as programmed as the monarch butterflies to begin our own migration every September and to share the excitement, if only vicariously, with those eager students.

I start by packing away my white clothes. I put away white shoes, in particular, until Memorial Day next year. I looked into why I follow this ritual and with a little reading found that the tradition goes back, to the classism of the late 1800's and early 1900's when wearing white indicated that one was wealthy enough to have a summer place. I don't have a vacation home, but I like changing garments. It feels good to haul out different clothes that are a bit like human camouflage for fall.

At the orchard where I pick up a beautiful box of vegetables every Saturday, the branches of the trees are bending down with apples. It has been a long, dry summer, but, their crop is abundant. Fall brings out crowds of people for hayrides and apple picking. They haul away pumpkins and fruit as part of their harvest rituals.

Cider is a component in seasonal recipes, including cider donuts. Only the much promoted flavor of pumpkin, now a staple of drive through coffee spots, exceeds the emphasis on cider. As a child, I knew people who made hard cider and drank it all winter. Now it is sold in bottles and cans, becoming fashionable, instead of slightly illegal. Whether it is fermented or not, the smell of fresh cider draws us and the last bees of summer with to its distinctive scent.

September brings the renewal of book clubs, organizations, fund raisers, and fitness routines. It's time to consider taking a course, learning a new skill or cleaning the gutters. From the sublime to the practical, the fall is so invigorating that it seems nothing is impossible. Two years ago I hiked the Grand Canyon with friends. We went down the, North Kaibab Trail and up the Bright Angel Trail.

In a notebook I kept advice from a guide. She told us when we came to the Eye of the Needle, seven miles down, that as we rounded a corner, we were to hug the rock and keep our eyes on the ground, where the rock met the trail. People fall when the look out and are moving. Stillness was the key. The day of the hike was the hottest September day I have ever experienced. My heart was pounding from exertion and exhilaration, but I focused on being calm and still. When I stopped moving, I felt the heat from the canyon walls and the loose gravel beneath my feet. I looked up and resolved to make a ritual every September of breathing in a new experience and revealing in the beauty of traditions.

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Election Letters Policy

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

Believe it or not, we're coming up on that time of year — election season.

Candidates in our communities are gearing up for Nov. 8, and just as they are hoping for a good voter turnout, Villager Newspapers wants to hear from you. Who do you support in your town's upcoming election? Why? What issue is most important to you?

Our Election Letters Policy is as follows:

Absolutely no anonymous Sound Offs may be submitted in endorsement of any candidate for political office. Any mention of a political candidate and/or issues he or she has addressed, and any election-related matter, must be done in a signed Letter to the Editor.

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

The last edition including political letters will be the Friday, Nov. 4 Villager. Letters must be received by the editor no later than 12 p.m. Tuesday, Nov. 1.

All letters must be signed, with a place of residence and phone number supplied for verification if needed. Failure to include any of that information could result in your letter not being published.

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

Letters should not be written as though to a particular individual (for example: "Your decision was wrong. You should not act in that way."). Refer to individuals by name, and then by "he" or "she" or "they" in subsequent references.

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

Any candidates for office will be allowed one letter to introduce themselves and their candidacy. Candidates will not be allowed to submit any other election-related letters.

The editor reserves the right to edit any and all submissions at his discretion. When possible, attempts will be made to allow the letter writer to rewrite, but the final decision rests with the editor.

No "Your Turn" columns will be accepted as candidate endorsements.

The editor reserves the right to refuse a submission if it does not meet any of the aforementioned guidelines for publication. The editor may otherwise edit or reject a letter at his discretion.

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

So what are you waiting for?

E-mail Editor Adam Minor at adam@villagernewspapers.com, fax us at (860) 928-5946, snail mail us at P.O. Box 196, Woodstock, CT 06281, or come drop it off in person at 283 Route 169, Unit #2, Woodstock, CT 06281. Letters will not be accepted by phone or by voicemail. E-mail is preferred.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

What worries me about power plant proposal

To the Editor:

With regard to the McCommas (from Willimantic) letter of Sept. 2 regarding power plant opponents, I too appreciate the gas in my car, gas for heating and the electricity to light my darkest hours, but what worries me about the proposed NTE plant, among many things is:

• That Connecticut is a net exporter of power. Our state has sufficient power for the next decade and more. The NTE capacity will all be exported to other states.

• That this 3-year-old company from Florida which has never completed construction of a power plant, never operated a power plant and is proposing to build a 60 percent efficient plant, will spew out upwards of 2 million tons of pollution per year, then obtain pollution credits from other states, to offset this. With eight existing plants in a 31-mile area and potentially two more clustered in our region, the cumulative effect on the health of our citizens, six schools, Day Kimball Hospital and senior citizens housing within a ten mile radius, will only increase diseases such as asthma, where Windham County is already 18 percent above the remainder of the state.

• That there will be minimal economic benefits for Killingly – Their report (which their own consultant, while denying responsibility for content, says is based on NTE input) states "induced" benefits come to you and I by spending money given to us through hypothetical electricity cost reductions, to presumably buy new cars and houses, or more likely a McDonalds meal and jobs?

• That it is unknown how many Killingly residents will actually be employed here. The 25 to 28 projected full time positions by NTE may live in town, but possibly in surrounding towns (including Willimantic) and states. Even their vice president said: "Wouldn't it be nice if Killingly got three or four jobs?" Construction jobs? Their own report cannot guarantee any will be Killingly residents! Yet NTE wants huge tax reductions to boost their profits.

That the CT Water Co. executive stated to the Killingly Town Council that they cannot quantify the aquifer water and could not guarantee enough water for future local and industrial development.

• That nowhere in the town's regulations is a power plant explicitly permitted, especially in the rural and residential area the plant will consume.

So, we get no electricity and minimal, if any, economic benefits, but we do get the pollution, health detriments and other issues.

If that makes me a hypocrite, I can live with that. And so will my grandchildren who live the affected areas.

I suggest that Mr. McCommas, who does not live in town, who would have the opportunity of breathing the polluted air if he did, attend a local meeting on the topic to get deeper information, rather than a quick observation.

FRANK ALEMAN
DAYVILLE

Help us 'squash hunger'

To the Editor:

September is Hunger Awareness Month. If you are reading this, I hope you'll take the time to think of the many families in our area who struggle with food insecurity on a regular basis.

In an effort to raise awareness of these struggles, Interfaith Human Services of Putnam has organized a series of events to educate people about the issues of hunger and food insecurity, and to collect needed donations for the Daily Bread Food Pantry.

We start with our month long "Challenges." Who will win this year's trophies? Our local financial community will participate in the Pasta Challenge. The participating financial institutions — Putnam Bank (2015 winners), Charter Oak Federal Credit Union, CNB a division of Bank ESB, CorePlus Credit Union and First Niagara Bank — will accept donations of pasta from employees, customers and the general public. You can help by donating pasta at any of these participating locations. For the Tuna Challenge, five of our local manufacturers will compete to collect the most tuna. Participants include: Circle of Hope at US Button (2015 winners), Linemaster Switch, National Chromium, Nutmeg Container and Staples. In addition, our local faith communities will compete in the Spaghetti Sauce Sunday/Sabbath Challenge. Please consider a donation when you worship. Dr. Barks Chiropractic office in Putnam is supporting "Squash Hunger" by collecting soup and jelly.

On Sunday, Sept. 11, at 1 p.m., join us for Kids Hiking for Hunger. We'll meet at the Riverview Marketplace Pavilion on Kennedy Drive in Putnam. There will be refreshments and fun activities for the kids. Then get ready for Marcy's "Big Adventure" Nature Hike and Scavenger Hunt along the new river trail. This is a free event but donations of peanut butter and jelly are welcome. On Tuesday, Sept. 20, we teamed up with TEEG and the Putnam Lodge of Elks to invite you to a free showing of "Just Eat It: A Food Waste Story" at 6 p.m. at the Elks Lodge on Edmond Street in Putnam. This powerful documentary is entertaining and thought provoking. Please join us and learn more about food waste and how we think about and value food.

Thank you for taking the time to read this letter. By doing so, you have already taken a step towards helping us "Squash Hunger." For more information about Squash Hunger, please visit our website www.ihspputnam.

KAREN OSBREY
PRESIDENT, INTERFAITH HUMAN SERVICES OF PUTNAM

Pomfret, "we" have a problem

To the Editor:

Dear Mr. Mann, in response to your letter of Aug. 12, I am glad that the Pomfret Republican Town Committee has realized the seriousness of the Longmeadow "situation." And that they have faith in the Board of Selectmen believing they will "do the right thing."

The time to do the right thing was prior to the start of the project. That time has passed.

But, this has little to do with the Republican Town Committee, other than it nominated two members of the Board of Selectmen. This goes beyond politics. This is not only a "Longmeadow" issue, but a "community" issue. "We" have a problem. "We" need to arrive at a solution that goes beyond party lines. Let's focus on getting to the best solution, not on supporting those who got us into this "situation."

First, we need to insure this product will not be used on any other roads in Pomfret, ever again. Next, we need open discussion, sharing of information, regular meetings, transparency, and an ongoing dialogue to come to a resolution.

Let us all work together to insure the health and safety of everyone in our town.

CHARLIE TRACY
POMFRET CENTER

THE EVERYDAY ECOLOGIST

LIZ ELLSWORTH

The words of the wind

We've certainly had our taste of wind over the last several days thanks to Hurricane Hermine.

The storm has been marching up the East Coast over the Labor Day holiday, bringing with it some much needed rain. The storm's winds have been quite impressive!

My daughter and I spent some time watching the wind, feeling the air brush across our faces. We watched how the trees bent and bowed. We liked the breezes through the open windows, and how the wind tossed our hair. I enjoyed the refreshing exhilaration, which reminds me of the "wind adventures" that I used to play as a child. My daughter and I talked about the swirling leaves and falling pinecones, and the way in which the trees looked as if they were dancing. You might say that the taller trees could be dancing the mambo.

My daughter is especially invigorated and bursting with excitement about the wind. As a four-year-old, she's learning about her five senses, and, one of the five is touch/feel. She did try to "taste" the wind, but was frustrated because it didn't have the same "taste" as her favorite foods. We did talk about how we could hear it, too.

When I was little, just before we'd drift off to sleep, my mom used to recite this poem, "Who Has Seen the Wind" by Christina Rossetti. These are the lines I have memorized: "Who has seen the wind? / Neither you nor I: / But when the trees bow down their heads,/ The wind is passing by." I liked the idea of knowing when the wind was near us, but not being able to exactly "see" it. I guess I kind of considered the wind to be hiding in secret from us. It's a special childhood memory, which I shared with my daughter this week.

After recalling this generational moment I thought I'd see what other poems there are about wind. These are some of the ones I enjoyed the most.

There is an excellent poem by Robert Frost, which calls to the wind to bring an end to our least favorite season, the cold winter, and to push in the warmth of the sun, the vibrant colors of the flowers, and the new beginnings of spring. The poem is entitled "To the Thawing Wind." A few of the lines highlight the "digging out from the cold:" "Bring the singer, bring the nester; / Give the buried flower a dream;/ Make the settled snow bank steam ...." Frost "asks" the wind to welcome the nesting birds back, to encourage the spring flora, and to do away with the packed, hard snow.

Robert Louis Stevenson also wrote about the wind in his poem called "The Wind." One verse discusses our childhood love of flying a kite in the swirling wind: "I saw you toss the kites on high / And blow the birds about the sky; /And all around I heard you pass ...." Most people have observed a kite's tails whipping in the wind, or have watched a hawk going up and down with the wind, soaring on its hunt for food.

Another poem I enjoyed about the wind is Dee McDonald's poem which highlights the fact: "Wind is Anywhere." This is a very appropriate title! "The wind it moves in wondrous ways / Through the tree branches it blows and its sways / It takes all the leaves and flies them so high / Then briefly it lets go and they fall from the sky." Breezes can be felt all over the globe, either with fierceness or with softness. All kinds of natural things, flora and fauna, ride on the wind.

Wind is a powerful force! What are your favorite poems or stories about the wind?

Liz Ellsworth grew up in Eastford, and holds a master's degree in Environmental Education from Antioch University New England and a B.A. in English from Bates College. She specializes in conservation and recycling initiatives.

Five things to know about inherited IRAs

Financial Focus

Jim Zahansky
Investment Adviser

When an IRA owner dies, the IRA proceeds are payable to the named beneficiary — or to the owner's estate if no beneficiary is named. If you've been designated as the beneficiary of a traditional or Roth IRA, it's important that you understand the special rules that apply to "inherited IRAs."

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As an initial matter, while you do have certain rights, you are generally not the "owner" of an inherited IRA. The practical result of this fact is that you can't mix inherited IRA funds with your own IRA funds, and you can't make 60-day rollovers to and from the inherited IRA. You also need to calculate the taxable portion of any payment from the inherited IRA separately from your own IRAs, and you need to determine the amount of any required minimum distributions (RMDs) from the inherited IRA separately from your own IRAs.

But if you inherited the IRA from your spouse, you have special options. You can take ownership of the IRA funds by rolling them into your own IRA or into an eligible retirement plan account. If you're the sole beneficiary, you can also leave the funds in the inherited IRA and treat it as your own IRA. In either case, the IRA will be yours and no longer treated as an inherited IRA. As the new IRA owner (as opposed to beneficiary), you won't need to begin taking RMDs from a traditional IRA until you reach age 70 1/2, and you won't need to take RMDs from a Roth IRA during your lifetime at all. And as IRA owner, you can also name new beneficiaries of your choice.

REQUIRED MINIMUM DISTRIBUTIONS

As beneficiary of an inherited IRA — traditional or Roth — you must begin taking RMDs after the owner's death. In general, you must take payments from the IRA annually, over your life expectancy, starting no later than Dec. 31 of the year following the year the IRA owner died. But if you're a spousal beneficiary, you may be able to delay payments until the year the IRA owner would have reached age 70 1/2.

In some cases you may be able to satisfy the RMD rules by withdrawing the entire balance of the inherited IRA (in one or more payments) by the fifth anniversary of the owner's death. In almost every situation, though, it makes sense to use the life expectancy method instead — to stretch payments out as long as possible and take maximum advantage of the IRA's tax-deferral benefit.

You can always elect to receive more than the required amount in any given year, but if you receive less than the required amount you'll be subject to a federal penalty tax equal to 50 percent of the difference between the required distribution and the amount actually distributed.

MORE STRETCHING...

What happens if you elect to take distributions over your life expectancy but you die with funds still in the inherited IRA? This is where your IRA custodial/trustee agreement becomes crucial. If, as is sometimes the case, your IRA language doesn't address what happens when you die, then the IRA balance is typically paid to your estate — ending the IRA tax deferral.

Many IRA providers, though, allow you to name a successor beneficiary. In this case, when you die, your successor beneficiary "steps into your shoes" and can continue to take RMDs over your remaining distribution schedule.

FEDERAL INCOME TAXES

Distributions from inherited IRAs are subject to federal income taxes, except for any Roth or nondeductible contributions the owner made. But distributions are never subject to the 10 percent early distribution penalty, even if you haven't yet reached age 59 1/2 (this is one reason why a surviving spouse may decide to remain as beneficiary rather than taking ownership of an inherited IRA).

When you take a distribution from an inherited Roth IRA, the owner's nontaxable Roth contributions are deemed to come out first, followed by any earnings. Earnings are also tax-free if made after a five-calendar-year holding period, starting with the year the IRA owner first contributed to any Roth IRA. For example, if the IRA owner first contributed to a Roth IRA in 2014 and died in 2016, any earnings distributed from the IRA after 2018 will be tax-free.

CREDITOR PROTECTION

Traditional and Roth IRAs are protected under federal law if you declare bankruptcy. The IRA bankruptcy exemption was originally an inflation-adjusted $1 million, which has since grown to $1,283,025. Unfortunately, the U.S. Supreme Court has ruled that inherited IRAs are not covered by this exemption. (If you inherit an IRA from your spouse and treat that IRA as your own, it's possible that the IRA won't be considered an inherited IRA for bankruptcy purposes, but this was not specifically addressed by the Court.) This means that your inherited IRA won't receive any protection under federal law if you declare bankruptcy. However, the laws of your particular state may still protect those assets, in full or in part, and may provide protection from creditors outside of bankruptcy as well.

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This hollowed ground: America in decline

Twelve score year ago, our fathers brought forth upon this continent a new nation founded on Judeo-Christian moral values and enlightenment fostered concepts of self determination. A Republic was formed that for a time was the envy of the world, truly "a city on a hill." Today, but a hollow shell remains.

The reasons for the decline are sadly typical of the historical fate of all republics, which require a very unique citizenry to sustain themselves. A few all to characteristic examples.

1) Moral Terpitude. No Republic sustains itself by regulation. To provide for a safe and orderly society, as individual moral constraints wane, "through necessity" more regulations are passed to attempt to fill the void. The decline of society and increase in regulation progress in a linear fashion until a once healthy and vibrant society evaporates. When liberty becomes understood as license the "center can not hold." When anything goes-everything goes.

Your Turn

Allan Platt
Eastford

2) Freedom of expression curtailed. Independent views require independent thinking. In our current PC society freedom of expression has been curtailed as effectively as if restrictive regulation were passed. A society afraid to express itself is as enslaved as one prohibited from doing so.

3) Functional Illiteracy. With the exception of early childhood education, where great achievements have been made, the U.S. has become the most over schooled-under educated nation on Earth. "Feeling" has supplanted thinking. Since the invasion of Kuwait in 1990 the U.S. has been in continual military confrontation in the Middle East. There is a whole generation today, flush with Liberal Arts degrees, who have never lived a day of their lives under actual conditions of true peace. Many, as with most Americans, and I fear some Congressmen, would not be able to identify the combatants on an unmarked world map. Further, catch-up is obsolete. If World War III should occur the duration will be likely counted, assuming someone is left to count, in hours as opposed to years. Intellectual ignorance or lassitude is no longer a viable survival option. It induces a certain brain-freeze to consider but I believe most Americans, voting or not, have not even the most rudimentary idea on how a Democratic Republic should properly function.

4) Entitlement philosophy. When the "government" is perceived as separate form the individual and a "provider" the citizen has lost his sense of responsibility for personal and societal outcome. When at election time are "you" better off than you were four years ago is deemed a valid question the Rubicon has been crossed. To secure my views to many as heretical let me submit that all space, time, matter and existence, in addition to the workings of a healthy Republic may not be entirely about the "I," or the "you."

5) Simple Cowardice. An aging and affluent people will relinquish freedom for promise of security. For every security, real or not, thus attained there is a corresponding loss of independence and self-respect. Imagine for a moment the farmer with nine children snatching the flintlock form the mantle and racing to face the British empire at North Bridge. We have come a long way baby. Today that farmer, if a survivor, would be suing the government for failing to advise him of the danger of lead poisoning from musket-shot.

Persons of esteemable personal character are often reluctant to recognize less laudable characteristics in others. Great minds enacted a Bill of Rights to attempt to provide citizens protection from a over reaching Federal Government. They failed however in their innate optimism to enact a balancing Bill of Responsibly protecting the government from the dissipation of society. The constitutional strength of a Republic relies on the constitution of the individual citizen.

Perusing my preceding remarks the thought occurred that a few might find them a tad pessimistic. Not so! One of the few advantages of advancing years is that negative trends or events have less time to affect you. I believe some future "History of Man" will include a chapter on the noble experiment that was the United States of America, and both it's positive contributions and failures to future humanity. To have lived to bear witness to such a historical period must be considered a blessing. Future historians may attempt, as they are apt to do, and to no consensus, to date the high water mark and also onset of the great short-lived Republics decline. Impossible of course; but I would favor for the former, Jan. 1, 1863, and the latter, Jan. 22, 1973.

I have not missed voting in a Presidential election since being first eligible in 1972. I have also served in preceding decades in various positions of civic responsibility. No more. No anger, simple acceptance, and resignation. To my grandchildren and yours, I am sorry. Chief Joseph of the Nez Perce said it best; "I am tired. My heart is sick and sad, from where the sun now stands I shall fight no more forever."

SOUND OFF

Killingly needs a mayor

SOUND OFF:

A favorite campaign slogan is "time for a change" — and if there was ever a change to be had, it is the way Killingly is governed. It doesn't take much to see that the town manager system with a part time town council has been failing us for decades. Killingly needs a mayor.

Let's face it. As it stands, the town manager is hired by the Town Council and his job is basically to keep the town running nicely, therefore keeping his bosses (Town Council) happy. His job is not how to revitalize the town. His job does not depend on if the town thrives or falls on its face. His job involves dollars and cents.

I remember when Putnam was in a slump, pretty much like Killingly is. Then I look at how they progressed to where they are now and the mayors that helped it along … mayors that are at the Town Hall every day.

Wouldn't it be nice if we had that in Killingly? The ability to contact someone during the daytime. Knowing that someone has their finger on the pulse of the town offices. Someone whose job depends on us.

Or are we happy with what we have — a part-time Town Council where we have a once a month nighttime chance to voice our pros and cons to the "management"; a town hall full of personal agenda; a town that has a hard time looking outside the box; a town that is basically an embarrassment.

A case in point: Constables. Danielson needs a police department and constables are a step in that direction. Studies have been made, meeting with other towns (Plainfield, Montville, etc.) police departments have been held, some money is in place. So where are we now? The Town Council Chairman wants to start all over! Why? So those on the council who weren't there should not have to rely on reports to make their judgment. Does the chairman think that these councilmen are illiterate? Or is it a self-serving decision? Or just plain old gasbag politics from the part-time Council?

I could list more foot dragging but it would take up a good portion of this newspaper.

Was the chairman elected by the people? No. Scary part is if he's re-elected to the Town Council, he might again end up as chairman using their convoluted method of determining who rules the roost.

It may be a very cumbersome task, but the only way Killingly is going to change is to change the way it's being governed.

The next time you go to a Putnam First Friday, River Fire, car show, restaurant, Christmas Parade or just wander in and out of the Main Street shops, think about it. Are you happy with the way Killingly is being run?

Veterans Coffeehouse set to reopen for fall

KILLINGLY — TVCCA's RSVP Veterans Coffeehouse will reopen for the fall on Tuesday, Sept. 13, at 9 a.m. in Room 215 of the Killingly Community Center, 185 Broad St., Danielson. The program returns for its weekly Tuesday morning gatherings after being on hiatus for the summer.

This very popular program, primarily funded by the Corporation for National and Community Service, served 260+ individual Windham County veterans over its first year. The Coffeehouse offers a mix of speakers on issues of importance to veterans and their families such as healthcare, medical benefits, and estate planning, along with the opportunity to develop camaraderie with others who also answered the call to serve a grateful nation.

On Sept. 16 the Veterans Coffeehouse will launch a special once-a-month series of gatherings featuring entertainment on Friday evenings. The Navy Band Northeast's Top Brass Quintet will kick off the series on Friday, Sept. 16, at 7:30 p.m. at Killingly Community Center, 185 Broad St., Danielson.

The Top Brass Quintet specializes in popular standards, patriotic marches and jazz among its traditional and modern repertoire. The free program on Sept. 16th will be family-friendly and designed to entertain veterans and their families and community members alike.

Navy veteran Fred Ruhlemann of Killingly, volunteer leader of the evening Veterans Coffeehouse program, said, "We are looking forward to our new monthly series of entertainment events on Friday evenings with a goal of attracting a wide audience of veterans and their families."

Capacity of the air-conditioned, handicapped-accessible KCC auditorium is 225 people. Guests will be seated on a first-come, first served basis. Contact RSVP Coordinator Greg Kline (860-774-9286) with questions about TVCCA's RSVP Veterans Coffeehouse.

LEARNING

SCHOOLS AND THE PUBLIC *are encouraged to submit items for inclusion on the Learning Page. The deadline is noon Monday. Send all items to Editor Adam Minor at aminor@villagernewspapers.com.*

School Menus

WOODSTOCK

WOODSTOCK ELEMENTARY

Monday, Sept. 12: Hamburger on wheat bun, baked beans, fruit, milk

Tuesday, Sept. 13: Wheat pancakes, syrup, sausage, roasted red potatoes, fruit, milk

Wednesday, Sept. 14: Chicken tenders, brown rice, Italian green beans, Fruit, milk

Thursday, Sept. 15: Chefs salad, wheat roll, fruit, milk

Friday, Sept. 16: Fresh pizza, carrot sticks, fruit, milk

THOMPSON

THOMPSON MIDDLE SCHOOL/ TOURTELLOTTE MEMORIAL HIGH SCHOOL

Monday, Sept. 12: Chicken fajita wrap, peppers, onions, cheese, salsa, sour cream, roasted squash, fiesta rice, Alt: Pizza

Tuesday, Sept. 13: Hamburger or cheeseburger, lettuce, tomato, onion, tater tots, Alt: Pizza

Wednesday, Sept. 14: Taco wraps (2), lettuce, tomato, cheese, salsa, sour cream, steamed carrots, Alt: Pizza

Thursday, Sept. 15: Meatball grinder, peppers, onions, cheese, Romaine/spinach salad, Alt: Pizza

Friday, Sept. 16: Chipotle chicken patty on bun with lettuce tomato pickles, mashed potato, corn, Alt: Chicken patty

MARY R. FISHER ELEMENTARY

Monday, Sept. 12: Hamburger or cheeseburger, baked beans, ketchup, veggie boat, orange juice and/or fruit, milk

Tuesday, Sept. 13: Hot meatball grinder, steamed carrots, cookie, orange juice and/or fruit, milk

Wednesday, Sept. 14: Cheesy pizza, veggie boat, apple juice and/or fruit, milk

Thursday, Sept. 15: Chicken nuggets, Dinner roll, Ketchup, mashed potatoes, niblet corn, orange juice and/or fruit, milk

Friday, Sept. 16: Cinnamon Toast Crunch OTG, vanilla yogurt, Goldfish graham, veggie boat, fresh apple, milk

EDUCATION NOTEBOOK

Northeastern CT Art Guild Open Juried Art Show

DANIELSON — The Northeastern CT Art Guild is excited to announce that they are presenting their first Open Juried Art Show at the Spirol Art Gallery at Quinebaug Valley Community College, Oct. 17-Nov. 11.

This is part of a grant to promote more community participation in the arts, and to showcase the diversity of talent in Northeastern CT. All accepted works will be judged and eligible for cash prizes, including a Viewer's Choice Award.

The show is open to all artists 18 years of age and older, for original 2 and 3 dimensional artwork and sculpture. No reproductions or photography.

The Delivery/Drop-off is Oct. 12 from 10 a.m. to 12 noon and 5-7 p.m. at the Spirol Art Gallery. All artwork must be brought to the gallery for jurying. Jurying will take place on Oct. 13. Artists will receive an email notification right after the jurying. If the piece is declined, it must be picked up on Oct. 14.

The Artist Opening Reception will be Friday, Oct. 21 from 5-7 p.m. Up to $1,000 in prizes will be awarded at that time.

The Closing Reception will be held Friday, Nov. 11, from 5-7 p.m. At that time, the Viewer's Choice Award will be presented.

For more information and an entry form, go to Nectag1@gmail.com or call 860-377-3718.

This show is supported in part by Windham Arts in partnership with the CT Department of Economic and Community Development, Office of the Arts, and the National Endowment for the Arts.

School district welcomes Commissioner of Education

PUTNAM — The Putnam Public Schools staff was greeted by Connecticut Commissioner of Education Dr. Dianna Wentzell at their convocation on Monday, Aug. 29.

The commissioner came to Putnam to celebrate the many successes that the school district has had and to talk about the state of education in Connecticut. Dr. Wentzell, celebrated Putnam's continuing improvement on state tests. She explained that the district had surpassed the state average for improved scores on last spring's Smarter Balance Assessment. The Commissioner told the staff that she wanted to come back to Putnam to discuss how the district achieved those improved scores. The Commissioner then went on to talk about the direction of education in the state by explaining the Connecticut State Board of Education's strategic plan.

Superintendent William Hull stated, "We were honored to host the commissioner. Her positive words about the district helped staff start the new school year in a great place."

Dodd achieves CABE Board Member recognition

PUTNAM — Mrs. Jeannie Dodd, a member of the Putnam Board of Education, recently achieved the level of Certificated Board of Education Member in the CABE Board Member Academy for the 2015-2016 school year.

Dodd was one of 31 board of education members recognized for their achievement in participating in numerous hours of board-related professional development activities. A board member must accumulate at least 20 credits to become a Certificated Board of Education Member. Areas of study are designed to strengthen leadership skills and give members a firm foundation in the essential governance skills needed to carry out their responsibilities. The areas of study are Board Relations with the Superintendent, with the Community, and with Each Other; Policy; Curriculum; School Finance; School Law; Labor Relations; Board Operations.

"CABE is pleased to acknowledge and celebrate the accomplishments of members of Boards of Education across Connecticut who have attained the Certificated Board of Education Member level," said CABE President Ann Gruenberg. "They have demonstrated an ongoing commitment to professional development, focusing on a range of relevant topics, including fiscal operations and positive school climate."

"Mrs. Dodd works tirelessly to ensure that all of Putnam students have an excellent education," said Superintendent Bill Hull.

School district names Teacher of the Year

PUTNAM — The Putnam Board of Education is proud to introduce Mrs. Lynn Macalister as Putnam's 2017 Teacher of the Year.

Lynn has a Bachelor's Degree from Rhode Island College in Elementary Education where she graduated Magna cum Laude. She also has a Masters of Education in Language Arts from Rhode Island College graduating Summa cum Laude. She is a 29-year veteran of the Putnam School System having taught Kindergarten through third grade. Currently she is a second grade teacher at Putnam Elementary School.

On Wednesday, she was notified by the Connecticut State Department of Education that she is a semifinalist for this year's Connecticut State Teacher of the Year. Lynn will travel to Hartford to be interviewed by the State's Teacher of the Year Selection Committee on Sept. 15.

Superintendent William Hull commented on Mrs. Macalister achieving Putnam's Teacher of the Year distinction and being notified that she is a semifinalist for the state award.

"Anyone who has been in Lynn's classroom knows how deserving she is of these awards. She is a master teacher who is magical with students. She represents all the best of the Putnam School System. This is a well-deserved honor for her. I could not be happier for her."

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Inspiring images galore at Audubon Center

Charlie Lentz photos

POMFRET CENTER — The Connecticut Audubon Society Center at Pomfret is currently presenting the art exhibit "Inspiring Images" from the Northeast Connecticut Art Guild. The show runs through Sept. 29 and is free and open to the public. The center is open from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. Monday through Friday. The center is located at 218 Day Road in Pomfret Center.

"Snowy Owl" by Janice Leitch

"1895 Barn Pomfret" by Brian Tracy

"Red Barn" by Freitha Lawrence

"Geranium Welcome" by Julie Caprera

"Winter Bluebirds" by Nancy Daugherty

"Heading South" by Bonnie Massey

"Sunrise Grasses" by Hope Barton

"Black Moon Rising" by Melanie Johnston

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News Brief

PAWS receives emergency medical grant

WOODSTOCK — Pound Animals are Worth Saving (PAWS), in Woodstock, has received a $450 Emergency Medical grant from the Petfinder Foundation.

The Petfinder Foundation Emergency Medical grant program is used to assist Petfinder members who are caring for a pet that needs special life-saving veterinary care in order to become adoptable.

The Petfinder.com Foundation assists the 12,000-plus animal shelters and rescue groups that post their adoptable pets on Petfinder.com. A nonprofit 501(c)(3) organization, the Petfinder Foundation helps adoption organizations find homes for the pets in their care through its Sponsor A Pet, Disaster Fund, Quality of Life and other programs. Since its founding in 2003, the Petfinder Foundation has given more than $20 million in cash and product grants to shelters and rescue groups in the United States, Canada and Mexico.

PAWS posts its adoptable pets at www.petfinder.com/shelters/ CT480.html.

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Buyer Beware, Part II

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Hydrangea arborescens, "Eco Pink Puff."

THE POTTING SHED

WAYNE PAQUETTE

There are many overly hyped plants, not garden tested but sold with glowing reviews by those on the take for this author to explore in the context of this limited article. We looked at Betula 'Renaissance Reflection' last month.

Too many of the new herbaceous offerings glut the market with promises of performance and mesmerizing radical colors. There have been a bevy of new Purple Cone Flower hybrids (Echinacea), all remarkably beautiful in picture with far too many proving to be poor garden performers even in excellent culture. These named selections are almost invariably patented which garner extra money for the breeder with every plant sold. Marketers, too, are also well-paid for their purple prose and in too many cases disservice to the consumer. As in the case of the Purple Cone Flowers many simply melt down after a year or two. Even when planted in perfect conditions of full sun and modestly fertile draining soils they fail. Gardeners sometimes blame themselves. Consumers sometimes blame the nurseries from whom they have purchased their expensive treasure. But it is the genetics of the hybrid, which are problematic. Sometimes a hybrid will pick up the best of both parents. These offspring exhibit a trait known as "hybrid vigor." The resulting plant from the marriage is exceptionally vibrant and strong. But too often this is not the result and weaklings emerge from the coupling. When these plants are not garden tested under various conditions by the plant breeder then it is everyone else who unknowingly takes the risk and responsibility that is thwarted by the creator of the new plant.

The Coral Bells (Heuchera) with glowing eye candy in picture tag and in leaf startle potential buyers with the extraordinary and amazing array of color choices. 'Amber Waves' was touted as the first ginger ale-colored form. We sold many pots of 'Amber Waves' to gardeners who were drawn to its new and amazing color. We planted several in perfect garden conditions with great hope. Each successive year the plants dwindled in size and strength. By the fourth year they never emerged. The gorgeous mounds disintegrated into an earthy grave in three years time. The fact is that 'Amber Waves' had never been garden-tested. We, the vulnerable, garden-tested without knowing we were doing so having paid big money for it. The breeder of this and many other new Heuchera introductions was and is irresponsible in releasing many Coral Bells to the public with catchy marketing strategy and astounding new colors without having tested any of these introductions. Many new color forms with catchy names have been released to the public with glowing verbiage and tasty photos which make them impossible to resist. While the breeder whistles and skips all the way to the bank the reputations and cash flow of small nurseries all over the country suffer from his malfeasance. What had been promise of treasure resulted in costly loss. Customers wanted them. Small nurseries supply them. And it is we, the small nurseries, who at the cutting edge of supplying astute gardeners with purported horticultural gems were once again blamed for the disgust in which we all shared.

The Smooth Hydrangea 'White Dome' is a white dog... no insult intended towards fine, upstanding canines of any breed or mix. Hydrangea arborescens 'White Dome' is a selected plant with smallish white summer flowers. Michael Dirr slammed the plant telling readers that when walking the woods in the south he has stumbled upon better and more worthy shrubs growing in the wild.

Hydrangea 'Invincibelle Spirit', is a recent pink-flowered hybrid with H. arborescens 'Eco Pink Puff' as one of the parents. Despite all of the fanfare and the gorgeous photos reports are that it is weak growing, not worth the expense and a lousy garden plant. The one parent providing the pink genes, H. arborescens 'Eco Pink Puff', was introduced by Don Jacobs of Eco Gardens in Decatur, Georgia. 'Eco Pink Puff' is relatively unknown but is a remarkable shrub. We've grown it. We sell it. It is exceptional in strength, visage and worth. I will be discussing 'Eco Pink Puff' and other worthy plants in occasional plant portraits under the banner Buyer Delight.

My humble advice to gardeners and small nursery owners everywhere for whatever it may be worth is this — buyer beware. Control your impulses. A little cynicism is in order. Sit back. Slow pedal. Wait a couple of years for plant performance reports. Save yourself pointless work and heartache. Stash that modest money away for a safer and wiser purchase in the not-too-distant future. Your restraint may prove a sage decision. In the meantime there are many tasks awaiting you in your little piece of paradise away from the cynicism that erodes innocence. Turn your back on it. Now get to the garden. Escape. Dig in. Have fun.

Wayne Paquette is the owner of Quackin' Grass Nursery, 16 Laurel Hill Road, Brooklyn. For more information, call (860) 779-1732 or visit online at www.quackingrassnursery.com.

You wouldn't believe it

BEYOND THE PEWS

JOHN HANSON

There are some stories you just wouldn't believe unless you saw the evidence, and maybe that is how it should be.

Last week, I heard an amazing story, and then I saw the evidence. A young man from our church was in a car accident in which the SUV he was driving struck a tree and was literally split in two. The only uncrushed part of the Cadillac SUV was the driver's seat. The young man crawled out of the vehicle having only sustained a minor cut. Emergency workers said they had never seen someone survive a wreck in which the vehicle was so drastically damaged.

Was this teenager's survival a coincidence or a miracle? That is a question I hear often, and, if incidences like that only happened on occasion, I might tend to agree with those who call it luck. But then my mind goes back to so many other God moments I have witnessed, like:

• The church service where a lady took off the cast that was on her broken wrist and began moving it.

• The time I prayed for an elder who was septic and he recovered and was released from the hospital the next day.

• The woman who had fibroids in her womb and was told she could not have children. Her prayer group prayed and the fibroids disappeared. A year later her son was born.

• The time we prayed for a woman who was deaf in one ear and a few days later she was able to hear.

• The couple who was prophesied to that they would have a child. They believed for 22 years and finally their promised baby was born.

• The many people I have watched "speak in tongues" - just like Mary and Jesus' disciples did on the Day of Pentecost when they baptized with the Holy Spirit.

What are the odds that most of these "coincidences" would happen in the Quiet Corner of CT, in our day? The odds are too high for them to be coincidences — they are miracles!

Isn't it amazing how God can do the impossible only to have many stare right at it and explain it away. It happened in the life of Jesus; he raised the dead, healed many conditions, delivered the possessed and even calmed the seas, but people couldn't bring themselves to believe. Some wouldn't believe. That is the way it will always be.

Don't wait for others to embrace the idea of miracles. Many have the capacity to ignore the obvious, but if you have a sincere heart, God will hear and answer your prayer. If you prayed and didn't seem to get an answer, consider a few tips:

1. Approach God in faith and with worship. He does not respond to demands from His creation.

2. When you pray, believe in God, not it your own goodness. God does not answer prayers because we live perfect lives, but because He wants to do good things for us.

3. Remember that prayer is your request to a God who gets the final say; trust Him when He doesn't do what you ask. He wouldn't be God if he just jumped through hoops for us.

4. Find a group of people who have experience the miraculous. Join with them as they pray for divine intervention in their lives.

God is like a good parent. He does not reward those who throw fits. He is not insecurely trying to get our approval. He wants what is best for us and knows that some challenges are to be lived out, while others can be removed.

There are so many blessings and miracles that God will do today, right here in New England! If you are cynical or if the enemy or life disappointments have damaged your faith, those blessing and miracles might happen in your very presence, but you wouldn't believe it. However, if you will risk believing again, they will be yours to enjoy. Believe. Pray. Expect. Let your faith grow, and God will do things to show you He is real and He loves you.

Bishop John W. Hanson oversees Acts II Ministries in Thompson, where miracles happen on a regular basis. For more information or books on prayer, visit www.ActsII.org.

Readers share favorite tips and tricks

TAKE THE HINT

KAREN TRAINOR

Summer might be winding down, but readers are gearing up with another round of tips and tricks to make life a little easier. Read on for the latest contributions from area readers.

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This reader shares her family secret for light, airy cakes:

Helpful hint: do not attempt to bake a cake on a cloudy or rain day!

The cake will not rise properly! This I learned from my Polish grandmothers.

My many years of baking have proven them to be correct!

Judith Heasley
Sturbridge, Mass.

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Patience is a virtue – especially when it comes to harvesting carrots!

This works better if you sow your carrots later - late June or early July. Instead of picking your carrots when they are ready, cover them with a heavy layer of hay - about 10" to 12" thick. This keeps the ground, and your carrots, from freezing and provides perfect storage for the carrots. I have picked fresh carrots on Jan 1st - when they ran out! (Not sure how long they would keep, I guess it would depend on how cold it got and for how long.) We think they actually taste a bit sweeter kept this way - perhaps due to increased sugar content.

Bob Perreault
Brookfield, Mass.

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This reader's tip infuses new life into limp leftovers!

To reheat fried seafood or any fried food, put in a Teflon frying pan on medium heat, no butter or oil, occasionally flipping over until heated through, about 10 minutes, and it will stay crisp, unlike microwaving it where it becomes soggy.

Betty Bliss
West Brookfield, Mass.

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This reader's "handy" solution eliminates corn silk hassles!

It's corn-shucking time and how many of us dislike the silk hairs that stay on the corn? I thought I had the answer last year, when I used the plastic jar opener pads, I just rubbed it up and down a couple times and all the silkies were gone. This year, I discovered that a wet cloth or hand, does the same trick. I keep a wet cloth whenever I am shucking corn, and after removing the husks, just dampen your cloth/hand, and move it along the ear of corn and voila - silk hairs are gone!

And, just as a follow-up to your lavender column: Friends from Canada shared their secret to avoid bug bites, especially mosquitos. Put a little lavender lotion (or make your own), on your exposed skin and the bugs feast on your neighbors.

Renee Boutin-Tsanjoures
Pomfret Center, Conn.

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A pickle a day … keeps the cramps away?

I suffered every night with leg and foot cramps until I did some research and tried this following remedy; eat one dill pickle spear or drink 1-2 tablespoon of dill pickle juice right at bed time as a preventative measure or during the day at onset of muscle cramping. I haven't had a single cramp since!

Heidi Graff
Charlton, Mass.

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Saving money is a trademark of this clever contributor and once again she doesn't disappoint!

Garden Tip: I recycled old yoga matts in the garden as moisture and vegetative control fabrics. I covered them with mulch. They cut easily and fit around odd-shaped areas.

Also, one can of large tomatoes and a package of ground turkey browned with onion equals three packed lunches of Tex-Mex, Pasta Sauce and Honey Barbecue. One quick cooking session yields three quick meals for office or home. Here's how I do it:

Brown one package of ground turkey with diced onions; separate into three equal parts. Add one third of a can diced tomatoes and seasoning for pasta sauce for a quick pasta lunch. Add honey, apple cider vinegar and tomato sauce to another third of the turkey mixture to make a sweet barbecue sandwich lunch. Lastly, add taco or other Tex-Mex seasoning and pan grill some tortillas and add your fixings.

Viola Bramel
Northbridge, Mass.

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Prize Winner — Congratulations to Bob Perreault of Brookfield, who won Dinner for Two at the Publick House in Sturbridge. He submitted the gardening tip above,

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Win Dinner for Two — Your tips can win you a fabulous dinner for two at the historic Publick House Historic Inn in Sturbridge! Simply send in a hint to be entered into a random drawing. One winner per month will win a fabulous three-course dinner for two at the renowned restaurant, located on Route 131 across the town common in historic Sturbridge. Because I'm in the business of dispensing tips, not inventing them (although I can take credit for some), I'm counting on you readers out there to share your best helpful hints!

Do you have a helpful hint or handy tip that has worked for you? Do you have a question regarding household or garden matters? If so, why not share them with readers of Stonebridge Press publications? Send questions and/or hints to: Take the Hint!, c/o Stonebridge Press, P.O. Box 90, Southbridge, MA 01550. Or e-mail kdrr@aol.com. Hints are entered into a drawing for a three-course dinner for two at the historic Publick House Inn!

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POLICE LOGS

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STATE POLICE TROOP D LOGS

PUTNAM

Friday, Aug. 26

Joshua James Moore, 27, of 26 Edmond St., Putnam, was charged with disorderly conduct, third degree assault.

NORTH GROSVENORDALE

Friday, Aug. 26

Mark R. Fitts, 37, of 1151 Riverside Drive, North Grosvenordale, was charged with breach of peace/threatening, third degree assault.

DANIELSON

Wednesday, Aug. 24

Kelly Anne Chalen, 46, of 705 Providence Pike, Danielson, was charged with interfering with an officer: non-assaultive.

Tammy Grant, 46, of 93 Main St., Danielson, was charged with interfering with an officer: non-assaultive.

Friday, Aug. 26

Fadi Zaza, 39, of 51 Reynolds St., Danielson, was charged with interfering with an officer: simple assault; breach of peace.

POMFRET

Wednesday, Aug. 31

Barry L. Peloquin, 53, of 59 Longmeadow Road, Pomfret, was charged with identity theft-third degree.

PUTNAM POLICE DEPARTMENT

Police searching for robbery suspect

PUTNAM — On Tuesday, Aug. 30, at about 7:30 p.m., a lone suspect entered Sunny's Discount Liquors located at 15 Mechanics Street, Putnam. The suspect took an undisclosed amount of cash and fled north in a vehicle on Mechanics Street (Route 12) heading toward the town of Thompson.

The suspect was observed driving a white 1990's Dodge or Plymouth Caravan with a "donut" style spare tire on the front passenger side of the vehicle.

The suspect is described as a thin white male, late 40's or 50's, dressed in black, with a blue beanie style cap, and was wearing a pair of black gloves. The male additionally brandished a knife during this incident.

Anyone with information is asked to call the Putnam Police Department at 860-928-6565. Officer Maheu is the investigating officer of this incident.

Finding the best estate sale company

Courtesy photo

A 3.5-carat diamond ring sold for $29,900 in our August auction.

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WAYNE TUISKULA

"Most liquidators have no formal training. Anyone can set up shop as an estate seller, and plenty of folks who lost their jobs in the recession did just that."

A "Market Watch" report by Julie Hall of the "American Society of Estate Liquidators" offered this warning to consumers. As when hiring any other professional, you should research an estate sale company thoroughly prior to signing a contract.

At some point in your life your help may be asked to help sell personal property from an estate in another part of the country. There are a number of things that you should look for when hiring an estate sale company. They should have two important skill sets. Check to see that they have good business skills along with knowledge of what they are selling.

An estate sale company can be called upon to sell a wide array of items from blenders or lawn mowers to antique paintings or vintage automobiles. The company should have people on their staff who can properly price such diverse items. Research can provide some of the prices but experience is a huge factor. If the company has sold 80 similar bookcases they will know how to price yours for the local market. To test their knowledge, select a couple of unique items and ask the estate sale company representative to tell you more about the items' age, the materials they are made of and ask for any other details they can provide.

There are many business skills involved in running estate sales. Items should be well organized and the sale should be well promoted. Their advertisements should include good item descriptions and quality photos. Ask how many people are on their email list and what else they do to market your items. The sale should be well staffed with an adequate number of people there to oversee it and answer questions. Most importantly, they should have accurate clerking.

I shared a quote from Julie Hall of the American Society of Estate Liquidators earlier in this article. The organization was created to form standards for estate sale companies. Affiliated companies must agree to abide by a code of ethics. Estate sale companies must submit references. They have to provide the American Society of Liquidators with information on their recent past estate sales. Estate sale companies must also provide information on their corporate structure. Lastly, a thesis is required on a topic related to estate liquidation trends, improvements, regulations or the future industry. When a client searches the American Society of Estate Liquidators website (www.aselinline.com) they will know that the company they are hiring has been vetted and agrees to abide by a code of ethics.

Along with checking references and doing their other due diligence a recent client of ours attended sales by all of the companies they interviewed before making their decision. Seeing how a company runs their sales in person can be very helpful in choosing which one to hire.

We have a number of sales taking place soon. An antique radio auction will be onsite at the collector's home in Carlisle on Sept. 18. An estate sale will take place on Sept. 24, in Plainville. Oct. 1 and 2 will be the preview for the Harvard online estate auction with a 1969 Volkswagen Beetle. Follow us at www.centralmassauctions.com to keep updated.

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Charlie Lentz photos

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Back row, from left, Brian, Carla, and Nadia Gabriel. Front row, Ari Gabriel with the family dog, eight-week Willow, a Shiloh Shepherd.

Second Helping — Michael Gallison, left, and Joe Pomeroy

Jennifer Locke, left, and Jane Gallison

Beth and Gary Smaglis

Bill and Leisa Tremblay

Lisa Lernould, co-owner of Frog Rock Rest Stop.

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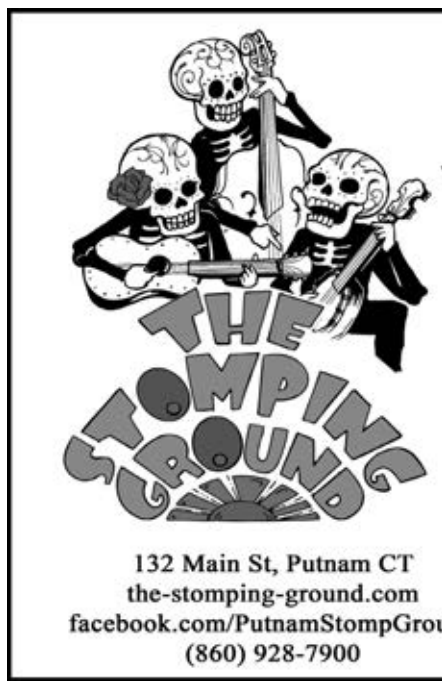

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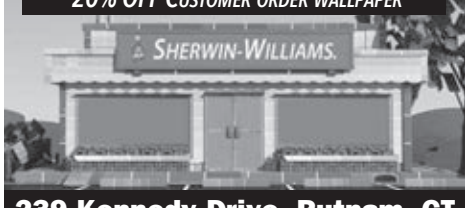

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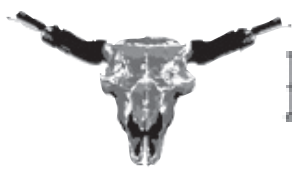

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Putnam goes country for First Friday

Jason Bleau photos

PUTNAM — Continuing the 2016 theme for First Friday in Putnam paying tribute to some of the biggest and best cities in the United States, the Main Street area became country music central on Sept. 2, celebrating the sounds of the Music City, Nashville, Tenn. Square dancing, country-themed art projects and, of course, some good old country music from today and yesterday made for a fun evening on Main Street as visitors fully embraced the theme with fake twangs, cowboy boots and hats and a lot of energy making for one of the most active First Fridays of the year.

A woodcarving artist begins to put the finishing touches on a project he created live in front of a viewing audience outside of the Silver Circle Gallery.

Guests to Putnam's First Friday on Sept. 2 celebrated the culture and history of the Music City, Nashville, Tenn.

Tequila Bonfire, a popular New England country music cover band, brought some of the biggest hits of today and yesterday in country to Putnam for First Friday. They were a perfect fit for the Nashville theme of the evening.

Laura Logsdon, of Thompson, shows off a record-themed art project she completed at First Friday as well as her very stylish country-themed attire.

Irene Roy and Val Cooke, of Dayville, looked the part as they stopped by First Friday in Putnam to enjoy the sounds of Nashville.

An artist from Artique continues the company's 2016 tradition of painting a fitting picture for the theme of First Friday. For September the theme was the city of Nashville, so fittingly music and guitars were part of Artique's newest project.

Jack and Drew Seiffert, of Putnam, shows off their balloon creations, meant to represent traditional Stetson cowboy hats.

What good is country music without a bit of square dancing, which served as the main theme of the monthly community arts project at September's First Friday event in Putnam.

Artist Donna O'Scolaigh Lange was on hand to present her oil and canvas paintings at Arts & Framing in Putnam for First Friday. Here she stands with two of her works, "Simmer's End" and "Spring Wash III."

The Junkyard Heartstrings brought a fine mix of country and bluegrass sounds to The Crossing, previewing their show at the venue later this month on Sept. 18, while also drawing local visitors farther down Main Street to experience the best First Friday and Putnam have to offer.

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QUIET CORNER ROUND-UP

Eastford, Willington announces solar workshops

EASTFORD/WILLINGTON — The Towns of Eastford and Willington have been selected to participate in an award-winning residential solar program that makes going solar easy and affordable. Solarize Eastford/Willington is part of Solarize Connecticut – the ground breaking residential solar program sparked by Connecticut's Green Bank through a partnership with the non-profit organization, SmartPower. Solarize Connecticut has helped thousands of Connecticut residents save money on energy bills by going solar.

Solarize Eastford/Willington is a coalition effort between the Towns of Eastford and Willington to increase residential solar in their communities. Through a competitive selection process, the towns have selected Earthlight Technologies of Ellington as their solar installer. Earthlight will provide all the solar installations in Eastford and Willington in exchange for special discount pricing.

Solarize Eastford/Willington also offers residents access to special financing options that make going solar affordable with no upfront costs. SmartPower has partnered with Dividend Solar, a national solar financing company, to help qualified residents save money with the $0 down financing option. Other financing resources are available through the solar installer.

The Solarize Eastford/Willington program will kick off with a workshop on Thursday, Sept. 15, from 7 to 8:30 p.m. at the Eastford Town Hall, 16 Westford Road, Eastford.

Another workshop will take place in Willington on Wednesday, Oct. 5, from 7 to 8:30 p.m. at the Willington Library at 7 Ruby Road, Willington.

At these workshops, residents can learn about the program, be introduced to their solar installer, hear about financing options, and have a chance to learn if their house is good for solar.

Solarize is an increasingly popular program that increases residential solar through a proven formula. It relies on an on-the-ground outreach campaign provided through the Town that helps educate consumers. The pre-selected solar installer means residents are getting the best possible price and equipment, specifically chose for Eastford/Willington residents. And special financing makes going solar affordable.

Eastford First Selectman Arthur W. Brodeur supports the program.

"The Town of Eastford, in keeping with its commitment to sustainable energy and consistent with its designation as a 'Rising Energy Star' in Connecticut, is pleased to partner with its neighbor, the Town of Willington, and some 60 other Connecticut municipalities, in participating in the Solarize Connecticut program," Brodeur said. "Such participation is just one of several efforts being undertaken by the town to assure opportunities for, and implementation of, sustainable energy efforts and programs by Eastford residents. With the addition of Solarize Connecticut to the Town's energy agenda and potentialities, the people of Eastford are afforded opportunities to have solar installation at more affordable rates and with larger savings."

"We are thrilled to join other Connecticut municipalities to offer solar options to Willington home owners and businesses through the Solarize Connecticut program. Through our chosen vendor, Earthlight, our residents who participate can expect to save money on their electricity usage while making a difference for the environment," said Willington First Selectman Christina Beebe Mailhos.

"Connecticut is truly becoming a national leader in solar through the Solarize Connecticut program," stated Brian F. Keane, President of SmartPower. Working in partnership with the CT Green Bank and communities throughout Connecticut, we have been able to add more than 18MWs of residential solar across the state, with over 2,300 households participating. We continue to see financing and the Solarize model bringing down the cost of solar and making it affordable for more and more homeowners throughout Connecticut."

Homeowners who want to get started finding out if their home is good for solar can go directly to Solarizect.com/Eastford to "Get Started."

Residents who live in surrounding communities can also participate in Solarize by going to SolarizeCT.com.

More information about Solarize Eastford/Willington can be found by visiting ww.solarizect.com/Eastford or by contacting Kate Donnelly at 860 604-4846.

Photo courtesy Tom Gilmore

"The Salmon Falls River," by Tom Gilmore

Photo courtesy Theresa Rzepa

"Fleur-de-lis," by Theresa Rzepa

FACES at FAHS prepares for sixth year

Courtesy photos

CANTERBURY — Save the date of Saturday, Oct. 1, for the 6th Annual FACES at FAHS, a Fine Art & Craft Exhibit & Sale at the Finnish American Heritage Society, 76 North Canterbury Road (Rte. 169) in Canterbury. The event will be held from 9:30 a.m. to 3 p.m. and is part of The Last Green Valley's Walktober Program. Indoor exhibits will feature a variety of mediums including clay, fiber arts, glass, jewelry, mosaics, painting, photography and wood. View demonstrations in spinning, weaving, birch bark crafts, potter's wheel and woodcarving. Tour the Finnish Heritage Museum, library, archives and sauna. Refreshments will be available for purchase and live music will be provided throughout the event. Wheelchair accessible and free admission. For more information visit www.fahs-ct.org, check our FACES at FAHS Facebook page, or email facesatfahs@gmail.com.

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Wood fired coffee mugs by Christine Tanson

Hair Cuttery holds fundraiser to support Jimmy Fund

DAYVILLE — Hair Cuttery salons throughout New England, including the salon in Dayville, will hold a fundraiser to support the Boston Marathon® Jimmy Fund Walk. On September 17th and 18th, five percent of all proceeds (up to $5,000) from haircuts purchased at any of the Hair Cuttery salons in New England, will benefit the Hair Cuttery Jimmy Fund Walk Team. The Jimmy Fund Walk supports cancer research and patient care at Dana-Farber Cancer Institute.

"Hair Cuttery is proud to be an Associate Sponsor of the Jimmy Fund Walk," said Dennis Ratner, founder and CEO of Hair Cuttery. "Everyone has been touched by cancer at some point in their lives. Helping to raise funds for cancer research and patient care means a lot to our Hair Cuttery family."

The Boston Marathon Jimmy Fund Walk raises the most money of any single-day walk in the nation and has raised more than $110 million for Dana-Farber Cancer Institute's fight against cancer since 1989. In 2015, more than 8,900 participants and 1,000 volunteers took to the Boston Marathon® course and raised more than $8.2 million. This year's Walk will take place on Sunday, Sept. 25. To support the Hair Cuttery Jimmy Fund Walk Team go to: http://www.jimmyfundwalk.org/2016/hair-cuttery.

DTC announces School Committee endorsement

KILLINGLY — The Killingly Democratic Town Committee met on Tuesday, Aug. 30, and endorsed Lydia Rivera-Abrams to fill the vacancy on the Killingly Board of Education.

Lydia has lived in Killingly for 12 years. She was born in Puerto Rico graduating from the University of Puerto Rico with a Bachelor's Degree in Education. She earned a Master's Degree in Education Administration from Bridgewater State College in Massachusetts and was certified as Program Director in addition to Bilingual Educator. She is the mother of three grown children.

Lydia is an independent Qualified Spanish language interpreter/translator for attorneys in Massachusetts through the Committee for Public Counsel Services.

The members of the Killingly DTC know Lydia to be high energy, high spirit person, always with a warm smile and a big heart, ready to get involved, roll up her sleeves and move any project forward.

Lydia's resume clearly shows that she has the educational background and the direct work experience that would be an immediate asset to the Killingly Board of Education. Additionally, she brings a multicultural perspective to the educational goals of our current Board.

The Killingly Democratic Town Committee believes that Lydia Rivera-Abrams' successful past experience in the Boston Public school system and her bi-cultural heritage will be an asset for the Town of Killingly and the Killingly Board of Education. We recommend that she be appointed to fill the current vacancy on the Killingly Board of Education.

Bank earns '5-Star' rating

PUTNAM — Putnam Bank has earned a 5-star "Superior" rating, the highest given, from Bauer Financial, a national independent bank rating firm. The 5-star rating is based on an evaluation of financial data as of June 30, filed with federal regulators and analyzed by Bauer Financial.

"Putnam Bank is honored to be recognized with a 5-star rating from Bauer Financial," said Thomas Borner, chairman and CEO of the bank. "This rating takes many factors into account, including our financial strength and performance. Putnam Bank's mission is to be the leader among independent, community-based banks in Eastern Connecticut, dedicated to providing exceptional customer service and high-quality, innovative products. We are proud of our bank and the communities we serve."

Putnam Bank, chartered in 1862, is a $515 million state chartered and insured stock bank, with branch offices in Putnam, Pomfret Center, Danielson, Plainfield, Griswold, Norwich, and Gales Ferry. It also operates a Loan Center in Putnam.

Bauer Financial, Inc. located in Coral Gables, Florida has been reporting on and analyzing the performance of U.S. banks and credit unions since 1983. No institution can pay for or opt out of a Bauer Financial rating.

AARP honors Flexer with 'Capitol Caregiver' Award

Courtesy photo

State Sen. Mae Flexer (D-Danielson) receives the 2016 AARP Capitol Caregiver Award from AARP State President Laura Green.

MANSFIELD — State Sen. Mae Flexer (D-Danielson) was recently presented with the 2016 AARP Capitol Caregiver Award, during a luncheon at the Mansfield Senior Center.

AARP State President Laura Green presented Flexer with the award in recognition of her legislative work on behalf of seniors and family caregivers.

"I am so grateful for this recognition, and thankful that AARP of Connecticut has been such a good advocate for legislation like the CARE Act, and other issues of importance to our state's seniors," said Flexer, who is the Senate Chair of the legislature's Aging Committee. "I was so passionate about passing this law because my mother, sister and I each know very well what it's like to be a caregiver and how critical home-care information is. When my father suffered a very serious injury, he was hospitalized frequently and sometimes we got good instructions for care — and other times we didn't. It's essential that caregivers know exactly what to do and what to look out for; that will help speed the recovery process and prevent re-hospitalizations."

Flexer led passage of the state's Caregiver, Advise, Record, and Enable (CARE) Act, which ensures that caregivers are given follow-up care instructions when a patient is discharged from the hospital, thereby helping to reduce costly hospital readmissions. As a result of Senator Flexer's leadership, Connecticut's law is one of the strongest in the country.

Before presenting Flexer with the award, Green noted that she was speaking on behalf on the organization's thousands of Connecticut members and their families.

"We are thankful for Senator Flexer's integral leadership to pass the CARE Act in Connecticut," said Green. "This law makes caring for our loved ones a little bit easier. Our family-caregivers are the backbone of health care in Connecticut and they need our support. We are honored to celebrate Senator Flexer with this award today."

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Perry running for state rep on Libertarian ticket

PERRY

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Joining Democrat Pat Boyd and Republican Nora Valentine in the race for the coveted seat is Libertarian Ty Perry, a third party candidate who last ran for the seat in 2010, receiving only a single vote, his own, after testing the waters to get a better feel for the election process at the time.

An Army veteran, businessman, attorney, former member of Woodstock's Economic Development Committee and active participant in local sports programs, Perry is hoping to change the status quo with a victory in the 50th District election in November.

Closing out our pre-debate interviews, *Villager* Staff Writer Jason Bleau sat down with Perry during the Woodstock Fair to discuss his decision to run for the open seat and why he feels it's time for a third party candidate to take the reins.

I'm sure one of the first things that comes to mind for a lot of people knowing there is a third party candidate coming into a local race is, why jump into the race under that third party? It's no secret, for better or for worse, that the Democrat and Republican parties seem to dominate on a national scale when it comes to any elections. What's your drive for jumping into a race like this under a third party banner?

"I'd flip that question around, and say, why wouldn't you want another opportunity or someone else to vote for with other ideas? If you look at your lives can you honestly say that you're better off now than you were two years ago, five years ago or 10 years ago? We have the same thing over and over again, and expect a different result, so why not jump into the race now? I had toyed with the idea years ago and I went to the Libertarians and we did our thing and they nominated me (in 2010). The Democratic candidate finally emerged in Bill Loftus, who is a great guy, and so is Mike Alberts. I thought if I had jumped in at that time, traditionally speaking, people think Libertarians or third party candidates steal third party votes, and while I didn't particularly care for either parties' ideas, I didn't want to see this area fall to the Democrats because we're already surrounded by Democrats who control a lot of the state. The lone vote I got then was from me and I was just testing the political process then."

So this is something you've considered for a while then?

"Yes. I'm also looking around and talking to people in the community, and for the first time in a long time, as I talk to my friends and coworkers, we're anxious in that we're not going to be able to pass down or do better for our kids than our parents did for us. I think that's directly related to government involvement and intrusion. So if not now, then I'd ask people when would the right time be? Now is the time."

You made an interesting statement earlier in this interview about not wanting to help the Democratic party by running in 2010 because they already had so much power in the state, but is it safe to say in any way that you may align yourself with the Republicans if you are elected? Or is there more to it than that?

"It's not unfair, but it's not accurate. Libertarians don't align themselves with either party. The fact is that some of the best ideas that both parties have are our core ideas. If you look at the Republicans they're all about small government and fiscal responsibility. They talk that talk, but they don't necessarily walk the walk when they get in. Libertarians have that in our philosophy and we believe in it. Looking at the Democratic Party, they're about equal rights and equality for marriage and other things. They don't necessarily walk the walk either, but they talk the talk and that's part of our core platform also. So it's not necessarily that we as a party align ourselves with one of the other parties, but some of their core ideas fit into our principles."

Let's talk a bit about your platform. What does Ty Perry the Libertarian stand for?

"I wanted to do this because I wanted people to be able to say, 'Hey listen, you didn't keep your promises.' As we sit here today, and as people run through their campaigns, they'll make all sorts of promises. You won't find any of them put them in writing, but I put mine in writing and I've sent it to you're paper, *The Villager*, a few weeks ago. My philosophy is simple. If there's a law that's going to be unconstitutional then it will be a no vote. If it's a law that may be slightly constitutional — because politicians get very good at being able to pass laws that have some constitutional credibility but still infringe on our rights — that will be a no vote too. If it's something the government shouldn't be involved in then it will be a no for me. There's not another candidate you're going to talk to that will put that in writing or make their platform that simple. I stand for you. What were you born with and what were the rights that you were given? That's what I'm going to go to Hartford and fight for."

Now, you've done this before on a very small scale in 2010, but now it's real. You're not testing the waters anymore, you have to get out there and do this. How do you prepare to make that jump from testing the waters to a legitimate campaign?

"It's a good question. Even now, as I stumble through this, I'm bumping up against rules and laws that I had no idea even existed. It's all a learning process. I'm trying to do a lot of things through social media, which I think I'm probably more adept at than my fellow candidates. I'm trying to do it without taking any money from people too. I'm trying to get the word out more organically. Because I'm more involved in the community I don't necessarily have to go out and force interactions with them. People know me from standing on the side of the soccer field for years and being at the basketball games for several seasons keeping score. I would love to go out and speak to people and I invite people to reach out to me if they want to speak to me. I'd be happy to. As the other candidates probably have a good party system behind them explaining to them what to do, I'm just trying to do it all on my own. It's not insurmountable. The biggest part is bumping up against all these rules to keep people like me out."

You told me you were a member of the Economic Development Committee in Woodstock for a time. What was that experience like?

"This is kind of where I was a registered Republican and the thing that struck me was the committee wanted to do whatever it took to get businesses to Woodstock, and I'm OK with that. However, they were looking at it just to bring in the tax revenue. Doesn't that defeat the purpose? Why would someone some here and open a business when they know down the road you're bringing them in to tax them? They were also alright with changing the character of the town as long as the taxes were coming in and that's not what I was for, so I never ran again."

Getting back to you're campaign and platform — and we will get into the more nitty-gritty questions that I'm sure our readers are waiting for in the next month or so with our debate series — but what would a summarized list of the issues you want to focus on be if someone asked you to tell them your platform?

"It's a tough sell because I essentially have to say that Libertarians believe in individual freedoms and rights, and it's a tough sell when people are so dependent upon the government giving them things. It would kind of be like the voters voting against they're own self-interest in many cases because while they're rights are being trampled upon slightly it's not enough for them to be uncomfortable. You have people losing their rights to own arms and people who can't choose their own health provider that they want to anymore and it's tough to say that as a Libertarian I'll fight for your own individual rights to make your own choices because that's what we stand for. You know what's right for you, but you need someone to go to Hartford to protect those interests. We are a party of individual rights and try to protect them from government intrusion wherever it comes in and it's hard to sell, especially to young people."

Why do you say that about young people?

"It's hard to sell to young people when all they hear is 'free college' and 'free stuff,' and that's all great when you don't have a home or you realize that when you start owning things and making an income on the back end of your paycheck there's money coming out of it to pay for those free things. We just want to protect you and you're ability to earn your own income and spend it the way you'd like."

Well, Mr. Perry, that pretty much answers the questions I have for this introductory interview. I look forward to working with you through this process and I will be in touch for our debate interview over the next few weeks.

"Thanks, Jason. I look forward to it."

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Lapsley hosts another successful 'Sunflowers for Kids' event

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wagon rides, photo opportunities, games, apple picking and more along with the opportunity for families to join in picking sunflowers from the orchard's flower patches on the side of the road all to benefit the programs of United Services.

Lydia Gullifer, the executive assistant to the President and CEO of United Services Diane Manning, spoke with The Villager early on in the event, saying that the fundraiser has become a time-honored tradition for the organization that offers a little bit of everything for all to enjoy.

"It all goes towards our children's programs. It's an awesome event. A lot of people like to either pick their own sunflowers or some get the ones that are already picked. It's a great fundraiser. It's really a lot of fun," Gullifer said. "The staff members have a lot of fun here too. Even the kids of staff members have a lot of fun helping out with face painting. We have some people from some of our programs helping out as well so we take all the volunteers we can get and as people can see we have a lot of people involved here."

The fundraiser brings in around $1,200 to $1,500 each year in sunflower sales alone, with visitors able to buy one, six or 12 flowers at a time, and even pick their own or use the flowers pre-picked by volunteers throughout the day. Visitors could top off their purchase with other beautiful floral features from the sunflower gardens to add some unique colors to their arrangements.

Jason Bleau photos

Sunflowers line the roadway adjacent to Lapsley Orchard in Pomfret for the orchard's annual Sunflower for Kids program to benefit United Services. Guests could buy an arrangement of pre-picked sunflowers or pick their own throughout the day with the proceeds helping support the programs of Untied Services.

John Goodman, director of Communications and Development for United Services, was one of many volunteers at the event and helped pick the pre-picked flowers for arrangements at the orchard. Goodman has been a part of the event for 10 years and each year and sees it as a highlight event for the organization with 201 continuing a great local tradition.

"We think of this as more of a fun-raiser than a fundraiser," Goodman said. "We have volunteers and members of our Board of Directors and others who come out and can channel their inner flower arranger. It's really about raising awareness in the community of all the different programs that we have to help children and families. It's an opportunity for everyone to come out for a nice free afternoon of fun and if they want to buy any sunflowers those sales go towards helping our United Services Children and Family Programs."

Lapsley Orchard has hosted the event throughout its run and every year, owner John Wolcheski and his wife Patty work hard to provide the best product for the event. With the Sunflower for Kids fundraiser still going strong after so many years, Wolcheski said it's a pleasure to continue to be a part of such an amazing program.

"United Services approached me years ago about this idea, selling flowers for kids, and what better way of doing a fundraiser. It's pretty rewarding to see the families come by and to see how this event has grown over the years," said Wolcheski. "We started out kind of modest and it's only grown. One thing that really appeals to me is that it is an alternative to all the other events going on this time of year. It's a calm and enjoyable day for all."

The dedication of Lapsley Orchard to the Sunflowers for Kids event has not gone unnoticed or unappreciated by Untied Services. John Goodman said the organization is happy to have a longstanding partnership with the orchard and that they look forward to many great years still to come.

"John and Patty Wolcheski kind of represent the entire area up here in the Quiet Corner in that they are just two of so many people who are doing so many things for all the people in the community just out of the goodness of their heart," Goodman said. "A lot of people don't get appreciation for that and they're certainly not doing it for any reason other than just to be good neighbors, but it really makes a difference for all the families."

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Eileen Piotroski, Barbara Elliott and Jacquie Williams, of Putnam Bank, who helped to organize the Celebrity Scoops event, at the face painting station.

Celebrity Scoops Night raises $500 to benefit NECT Cancer Fund

PUTNAM — Members of Day Kimball Healthcare's Development department partnered with volunteers from Putnam Bank to host a Celebrity Scoops Night on Aug. 18 at Deary Brothers Mike's Stand in Putnam. Many families came out to support the fundraising event, which raised $500 to benefit the Northeast Connecticut Cancer Fund of DKH.

Members of the Putnam Lions and LEO Clubs, QVCC Rotoract Club and the Putnam Rotary Club served as the Celebrity Scoopers, whose tips were donated to the cause.

Mike Deary, owner of Deary Brothers Mike's Stand, generously donated the venue and raffle prizes and the restaurant's staff assisted the lineup of Celebrity Scoopers by helping to scoop ice cream donated by Gifford's Famous Ice Cream of Maine.

D.J. Sergio of Surround Sound Entertainment generously donated his time for the event and kept the crowd engaged throughout the night, entertaining guests and getting the kids involved in karaoke.

The following Putnam Bank staff members volunteered their time to help organize the event: Barbara Elliott, Eileen Piotroski, Jessica Reed, Lynn Bourque, Jacquie Williams, Paisley Gothreau and Melissa Steadman.

The Northeast Connecticut Cancer Fund of DKH provides financial assistance for the screening and treatment of cancer to Northeast Connecticut residents in need. To learn more about the fund visit daykimball.org/nectcancerfund.

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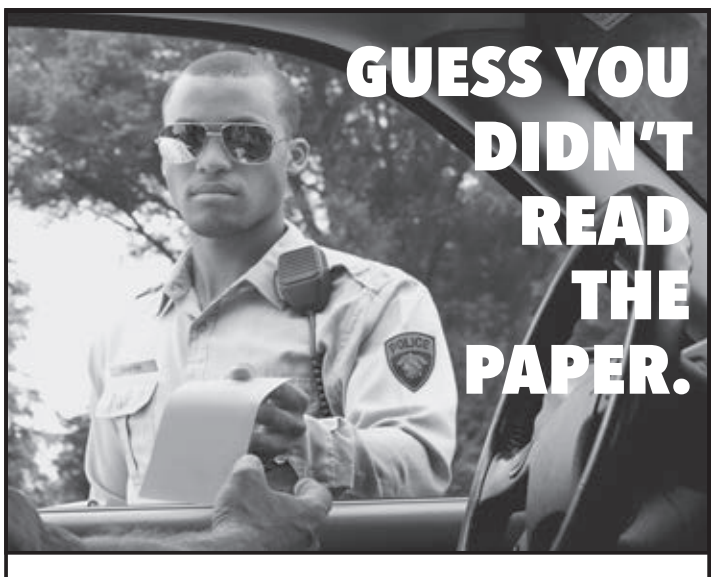

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Killingly Redmen ready for another run

Charlie Lentz photo

Spencer Lockwood will lead Killingly's ground game.

BY CHARLIE LENTZ
VILLAGER SPORTS EDITOR

DAYVILLE — Killingly High lost several key players from the unit that finished 10-2 last season and reached the semi-finals of the Class M football playoffs. The Redmen bring back many weapons — coach Chad Neal wondered if they bring back the same appetite for victory.

"We do return quite a bit from last year," said Neal, in his 13th season. "The question is — how hungry are these kids going to be to go out there and earn it?"

Primary among the returnees is senior quarterback Kyle Derosier. A starter since his freshmen season, Derosier brings back a deft passing touch along with leadership to the huddle.

"He's been a very good leader actually the last few years for us," Neal said. "But this year he knows he's got to step up even more and the pressure's on. We expect big things from him this season and we believe he's going to produce for us out there."

Derosier's aerial prowess should be complemented by Killingly's running game, led by junior Spencer Lockwood. Lockwood is a speedy and powerful ball carrier who has bulked up from last season.

"(Lockwood) has had an absolutely awesome preseason running the football. He's put on about 20 pounds of muscle," Neal said. "He's faster than he was last year. He's our go-to guy when we need to run the ball."

Lockwood has been a beneficiary of Killingly's strength-training program, run by assistant coach Chad Caffrey and speed training with coach Josh Fortin. Neal said the off-season programs have been integral to Killingly's success.

"Ever since the season ended last year the kids have been in the weight room," Neal said. "They're lifting with coach Caffrey three, four nights a week from when the season ends, just getting bigger and bigger."

Killingly will need production from other running backs so opposing defenses can't key on Lockwood. Senior Kelsey Rhines, junior Zach Caffrey, and sophomore Tyler Cournoyer are all projected to get some carries.

Neal said the short passing game will also be key to bringing versatility to the Redmen's offense. Junior tight end Jake Gauthier and senior receiver Bret Long will be among the targets for Derosier.

"(Gauthier's) bigger. He's a year older. He's definitely stronger if not the strongest kid we have on the team," Neal said. Bret (Long) made some big catches for us last year. We expect him to be in the mix — he has a bigger role on the defense but he'll definitely be a guy that's going to make big plays for us."

Senior Jeff Ward, junior Zach Burgess, and sophomore Luke Desaulnier are also expected to be contributors to the receiving corps.

"Overall I think we're more diverse on offense and we do have a lot of weapons," Neal said.

The offensive line will consist of senior right guard Collin Byrnes, junior right tackle Alex Fontaine, senior center Brett Foley-Cahoon, junior left tackle John Cacciapuoti, and junior left guard Ethan Canova.

Most of the offensive linemen will also shift over to the defensive side. Neal said Canova, Fontaine, senior Aboy Rone, along with senior Jake Gibson will all "be in the mix" at defensive tackle. Gauthier and Byrnes will be at defensive end, with Ward also "getting some looks" at defensive end.

Killingly brings back experience at linebacker — Zach Caffrey, Rhines and Lockwood all started at linebacker last season and return.

"We're still trying to build some depth there but with three starters back at linebacker that's pretty good," Neal said.

In the secondary, junior Zack Burgess returns at cornerback. Long will be at safety. Neal said Desaulnier and junior Devin Turchetta will be "battling it out for that other corner position."

Desaulnier reassumes his placekicking chores and gives Killingly a legitimate leg.

"We can kick field goals. He's good from about 40 yards," Neal said.

Three of Killingly's first four games are scheduled on the road but Neal said that might work to their advantage.

"We were 5-0 on the road last year," Neal said. "You get away from a lot of distractions when you're on the road and you can just focus on the game. And I think that's a good thing for our kids."

Killingly opens at home against Bacon Academy on Friday, Sept. 9. Among the graduation losses from last year's 10-2 team were a pair of All-State players — running back Austin Caffrey and lineman Josh Angel. The Redmen return talent — Neal will find out if they return with an appetite for victory.

"It's not just going to happen. They can't expect it. They've got to go earn it," Neal said. "Kind of just what we did last year — go out and earn it and be hungry. If we do that, we definitely have the talent to — if not be 10-2 — have a successful year."

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Quarterback Kyle Derosier has been starting since his freshmen season.

KILLINGLY FOOTBALL

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Sept. 16	STONINGTON	6:30 p.m.
Sept. 23	NEW LONDON	6:30 p.m.
Sept. 30	GRISWOLD	6:30 p.m.
Oct. 14	MONTVILLE	6:30 p.m.
Oct. 21	WINDHAM	6:30 p.m.
Oct. 28	PLAINFIELD	6:30 p.m.
Nov. 4	EAST LYME	6:30 p.m.
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Villager Newspapers COMMUNITY SPOTLIGHT

"Shining a light on community events"

September 9, Fri, noon-8pm: Knights of Columbus Council 2087 will hold a Friday fish fry in the Knights Hall, 1017 Riverside Drive, North Grosvenordale. Fish and chips; baked haddock or bay scallops; fried clams; combo platters, and more. 860-923-2967, council2087@att.net.

September 10, Sat., 9am-12noon: The Friends of the Brooklyn Library will sponsor a Mum and Bake Sale. The sale will be held on the front lawn of the Federated Church on Route 6 in Brooklyn. Finnish Coffee Bread!

September 10, Sat., 10-11am: Purple Party, Come in your best purple outfit and enjoy our purple party. Registration is required, call the library at 860-564-8760 or register on line. Aldrich Library, 299 Main Street, Moosup.

September 10, Sat., 5:30pm-8:30pm:Students from Pomfret School will host a Country Dinner Dance at the Pomfret Community Senior Center and will include harvest themed soups, appetizers and desserts. Card games after dinner. Free! Please RSVP to frontdesk@teegonline.org or by calling 860-923-3458. Open to all area seniors.

September 11, Sun., 2:30pm: Children's Concert - Folksinger Sally Rogers will be at the Hampton Community Center, 168 Main Street, to celebrate the season with "Sing a Song of Harvest." Families and children of all ages are invited to this FREE event of the Hampton Recreation and Community Activities Commission. INFO: 860-455-9875

September 11, Sun., 7:30-10:30am: American Legion All You Can Eat Breakfast to benefit Legion programs. Breakfast includes scrambled eggs, home fries, bacon, sausage, ham, hash, english muffins, sausage & gravy, beans & kielbasa, french toast, pancakes, coffee juice including Belgian Waffles & omelets all for just $8.

September 12, Mon., 6:30-8:00 pm: Reception for Thompson Public Library, Art @ the Library Color Me Happy: Multimedia Works by Kate Gilman-Alexander On view: September 8 to September 30 www.thompsonpubliclibrary.org 860-923-9779

September 13, Tues., 10:30-11:15am: The Pomfret Senior Center is offering Tai Chi for core strength and balance. Open to all area seniors. This is a free program, however donations are welcome. 860-928-7459

September 14, Wed., 10:15am: Walking Club. Join the walking club on Wednesdays as they enjoy the beautiful scenery as they stroll the Airline Trail. Open to all area seniors. 860-928-7459 Pomfret Senior Center.

September 14, Wed., 10:30am: Chiropractic Screenings- Sarah Arpin, from Back and Body Chiropractic will be providing free chiropractic screenings at Pomfret Senior Center. Open to all area seniors. 860-928-7459.

September 14, Wed., 5-6:30pm: Nancy's chicken cacciatore dinner served with salad, bread, entree, dessert, and coffee or tea, at Killingly Grange, corner of Dog Hill Road and Hartford Pike in Dayville, $10 at the door.

September 15, Thurs.: Aldrich Library Presents Author Janet Barrett, author of They Called Her Reckless, A True Story of War, Love, and one Extraordinary Horse, at Aldrich Library, 299 Main Street, Moosup. For info call 860-564-8760.

September 15, Thurs., 1pm: Yoga at the Pomfret Senior Center. Open to all area seniors. 860-928-7459

September 15, Thurs. 2:30pm: Mini Golf at River View in Putnam- Exercise your competitive spirit against some of the best mini golfers the Pomfret Senior Center has to offer. Meet up at the center at 2pm, or meet the group at Riverview Mini Golf, 143 Kennedy Drive, Putnam at 2:30pm. Open to all area seniors. 860-928-7459.

September 15, Thurs., 7:30 pm: The Brooklyn Historical Society invites you to "tour" Roseland Cottage and "meet" the Bowens when Laurie Masciandaro, of Roseland Cottage, presents the illustrated lecture "Roseland Cottage and the Bowens," at Brooklyn's Trinity Episcopal Church Parish Hall, 7 Providence Road (Route 6). For info: 860-774-7728

September 16, Fri., noon-8pm: Knights of Columbus Council 2087 will hold a fish fry, in the Knights Hall, 1017 Riverside Drive, North Grosvenordale. Fish and chips; baked haddock or bay scallops; fried clams; combo platters, and more. 860-923-2967, council2087@att.net.

September 16, Fri., 7pm: Author/columnist Will Siss presents "History of Brewing in CT," at Pomfret Historical's Old Towne House. Free beer tasting (21 and older), and his book, Connecticut Beer: A History of Nutmeg State Brewing, for sale! Sponsored by Friends of Pomfret Public Library. REGISTRATION REQUIRED AT: engagedpatrons.org/events

September 17, Sat, 11am-4pm: Community Fire Dept.'s Stuffed Peppers, soda &chips for $6. 2 Golumkis, soda & chips $6. Come on out to the fire dept. at 862 Riverside Drive, North Grosvenordale to support your local volunteers.

September 17, 10am: The Eastford Recreation Commission proudly sponsors the 5th Annual 5K! Eastford Town Hall; All proceeds raised for Howard Budd; Sign up at Aratrace.com 5K Run/Walk $25 (before Sept. 16); 5K Run/Walk $30 (race day); Group discounts available upon request; Contact Sean@helpseanfightcancer.com

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Retooled roster for Quinebaug Valley Pride

BY CHARLIE LENTZ
VILLAGER SPORTS EDITOR

PUTNAM — Quinebaug Valley coach Joe Asermelly must replace starters at 18 of 22 positions from last year's football team — the closest thing to a blank slate in Asermelly's five seasons at the helm — the Pride might have to learn on the job this season.

"We have a lot of good young talent. This year's sophomore class is really good. The junior class is really good. It's a small senior group," Asermelly said. "It's just a matter of how long does it take us to really figure it out?"

The inexperienced roster presents a challenge and an opportunity.

"The goal of preseason was just to figure out who's going to start. As a coaching staff we're thrilled because we feel like we're getting to build something and that's always exciting," Asermelly said. "Almost by the week you can see the improvement, you can see the growth."

And yet Asermelly is a realist and sees a challenging road ahead.

"We've got a 10-game schedule that's very competitive," Asermelly said. "These kids are going to learn grace under pressure very quickly."

Quinebaug Valley finished 6-4 last season. Sophomore Josh Dodd will start at quarterback after running the show on the junior varsity team last season.

"A big reason he's taken on that job is his composure. He's got a very quick release, a strong arm — he definitely has the mentality of a quarterback," Asermelly said. "He's good at repping out his mistakes and repeating things until he figures it out."

At receiver the Pride have sophomores Jeff Reed and Adrian Casiano along with juniors Sam Getchell and Cory Golden. At running back Quinebaug Valley brings in juniors Connor Monahan and Will McGlynn — and the duo will likely share the totes.

"They're a nice combination of strength and speed," Asermelly said. "We've basically got two fullbacks. They're going to be splitting carries."

The offensive line includes senior left tackle Gavin Thuotte, senior center Jordan Holmes, junior guard Ben Leveille, junior Dawson Laprise, and senior Nick Kopacz. Coach Asermelly was a lineman at Hofstra University during his playing days and oversees the development of his guys in the trench.

"I take great pride in the line. We're coming along. I think we've got good depth," Asermelly said. "We go seven deep right now, seven guys that can play — with the new offense, a little more balanced, a little more throwing."

Charlie Lentz photo

Coach Joe Asermelly will guide an inexperienced Pride squad this season.

Asermelly said the Pride will employ a "West-Coast style offense" that requires versatile linemen.

"Still very much a run-first, play-action offense, but more passing, more open sets. And so with that these guys have had to adjust, learn to how to have a proper pass set, proper pass protection, little bit more emphasis on that this preseason," Asermelly said. "Understanding blitzes, understanding six-, seven-, eight-man box — what we see, how to break it down, what's our responsibility? It's a huge learning curve. There's been a lot more teaching and conditioning and a lot less banging in preseason thus far."

PRIDE FOOTBALL

Sept. 9	WOODSTOCK	7 p.m.
Sept. 17	PRINCE TECH	noon
Sept. 23	PLATT TECH	6 p.m.
Sept. 30	CAPITAL-ACHIEVEMENT	6 p.m.
Oct. 15	BULLARD-HAVENS	noon
Oct. 21	THAMES RIVER	6 p.m.
Oct. 29	VINAL TECH,	noon
Nov. 4	CHENEY TECH	6 p.m.
Nov. 11	WILCOX TECH	6 p.m.
Nov. 24	KILLINGLY	10:30 a.m.

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Most of his linemen will do double duty and also play on the defensive line. Leveille and Thuotte will be on the ends. Laprise and sophomore Logan Owen line up at defensive tackle. Quinebaug Valley's linebackers are all inexperienced at the varsity level. Monahan and McGlynn will be on the inside. Juniors Tommy Ellis and Colin Tatsey will be at outside linebacker. Asermelly expects his line to be the defense's strength.

"(The line) is the most experienced group. We're not very experienced anywhere truthfully — only two out of four on the line," Asermelly said. "These guys are talented. It's just a matter of how long does it take them to learn from what they see to actually translating that into play."

In the secondary, Getchell will be at cornerback but the rest of the defensive backfield has new faces. Golden will be a corner and junior Jacob Talbot will be at safety.

Although the bulk of the team has sparse varsity experience, most of the players teamed together on a junior varsity squad that went 4-3 last season and Asermelly said they've bonded during preseason camp. It will take more than camaraderie to produce victories.

"These guys like each other. They know each other. It's a matter of learning varsity speed and the levels of adjustments. Things aren't really vanilla anymore. You don't play just one defense. You play three, four, five defenses — plus," Asermelly said. "With so many guys starting new, starting both ways, how much install can you do every day before somebody forgets something? It's been a big teaching preseason."

Quinebaug Valley opens the season at home against Woodstock Academy at 7 p.m. on Friday, Sept. 9. Woodstock is a new backyard rival — the series was inaugurated last year with Quinebaug Valley winning 30-15. Asermelly said the burgeoning rivalry is great for football in the Quiet Corner — but it probably won't be very quiet at Putnam's St. Marie Greenhalgh Complex on Friday night.

"I'm totally thrilled. We definitely made sure we kept a spot open that we'd be able to schedule them. We adjusted to make sure that game happened, that they could be part of our schedule," Asermelly said. "It's a good healthy thing for football in the area — neighbors competing — it's just good. It generates interest. It gets butts in the seats. I think it's a game that our kids look forward to."

The youthful Pride begin their on-the-job training against the Centaurs on Friday night.

"The result of the game, in terms of win-loss, is obviously significant. But I think we're going in there with a certain number of things that we feel we want to execute," Asermelly said. "If we can execute those things well, if that's good enough to win, then great. If it's not, but we execute the things we've given these kids to rise up to at this point, then we're trending the right way. And we're heading in the right direction."

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New era for Woodstock Academy football

Charlie Lentz photo

Kameron Janice returns at running back for Woodstock.

BY CHARLIE LENTZ
VILLAGER SPORTS EDITOR

WOODSTOCK — Woodstock Academy takes to the road and hopes to turn a corner against Quinebaug Valley on Friday night. First-year coach Daryl Daleen knows the season's fortunes don't rest on the Centaurs' opening-night performance at Putnam's St. Marie Greenhalgh Complex on Sept. 9 — but he's trying to raise the curtain on a new era.

"I think it's important. This (opening) game has nothing to do with the stereotypical 'How important is it to start off on the right foot?' — it's just getting these kids to move forward," Daleen said. "So they're not participating like they're going to lose every game, to change the culture around here. So win lose or draw, we've got to show things that game — and that will propel us, I think, for the rest of the season."

Daleen has been tasked with reviving a program that finished with one win and nine losses last season, 2-30 over the last three seasons, and 5-57 over the last six years. He looked forward to the challenge.

Senior quarterback Jared Bouten returns with a year of starting experience under his belt.

"He's competing a lot better now and he's throwing the ball pretty well," Daleen said. "A new quarterback coach is definitely helping that out so I'm excited to see him throw for some yards this year. He's been around. He's taken his beatings and I think he's ready to start giving them out now."

Woodstock's quarterback coach is Greg Alexander, a former quarterback at the University of Hawaii. Bouten's targets at receiver will include seniors Nick Short and Caleb Bowen.

Junior running back Kameron Janice led the team in rushing yards last season and returns. Senior Kyle Strandson will also be in the backfield.

"(Janice) has worked really hard this summer to get better conditioned," Daleen said. "So he's about 218 (pounds) right now. We had a scrimmage over the weekend and (Janice) broke an 80-yarder so we're pretty excited to see him go."

Senior Conor Quinn returns to the offensive line and will likely be at center.

"(Quinn) has bulked up some. He's had a pretty good camp so far," Daleen said.

Junior Tyler Stuba returns to the offensive line and will be at tackle or guard. Senior Tyler Lajoie and sophomore Blake Kollbeck also return to the offensive line.

Many of the offensive linemen will do double duty on the defensive line. Sophomore Cam Large will be at defensive end or tackle.

The linebacking corps will include Short and Eric Preston. In the secondary, sophomore Ben Holden will be at safety, sophomore Caleb Feen and senior Devin LeRoy will be at cornerback.

Daleen has an impressive collegiate coaching resume including assistant coaching stops at Newberry College in South Carolina, the University of Pikeville in Kentucky in 2007, the University of New Haven, and at Central Connecticut State University from 2014 until last season — where Daleen was special teams coordinator, linebacker coach, and recruiter.

Daleen said the Centaurs have been absorbing the X's and O's thus far.

"These are really smart kids so that's not an issue," Daleen said. "We've just got to clean up a lot of small stuff — get that straightened up — I mean they all know where to go, just doing what they're supposed to do when they get there is what we've really got to work on the next couple weeks. The program's not been here so there's not really a lot of strength. And so we've got to put the focus on that and then polishing up what these kids can do. They know everything so it's just getting them to do what we need them to do."

Daleen said the Centaurs will employ a spread offense.

"I think we've got the personnel to run spread so we're going to run spread," Daleen said.

Woodstock has five new opponents on its independent schedule including Turners Falls, Mass., Pittsfield, Mass., CREC Co-op, Woonsocket, R.I., and Wolcott Tech/Housatonic Regional/Wamago Co-op. Daleen was not concerned with the lack of familiarity with much of the opposition.

"It's the digital age. We'll have film on everybody. So that's not going to be an issue," Daleen said.

Daleen convened his first practices last spring and strength training went well over the off-season in the weight room.

"We had about 30 kids a day during the summer so we've had a good summer," Daleen said.

It might be a heavy lift to change the culture at Woodstock Academy — the Centaurs begin the push on Friday night — trying to turn the corner against the Quinebaug Valley Pride.

"The kids are better now than I thought they were going to be. Every job has challenges," Daleen said. "I think we've got a good shot to win — as long as they compete and do better. The kids have been fantastic. I'm still pretty excited about all of this."

Charlie Lentz may be reached at (860) 928-1818, ext. 110, or by e-mail at charlie@villagernewspapers.com.

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Oct. 22	VINAL TECH	1 p.m.
Oct. 29	WOLCOTT/HOUSY/WAMAGO	noon
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Nov. 17	WINDHAM	6:30 p.m.
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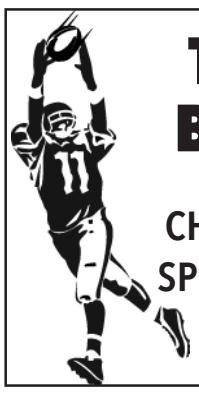

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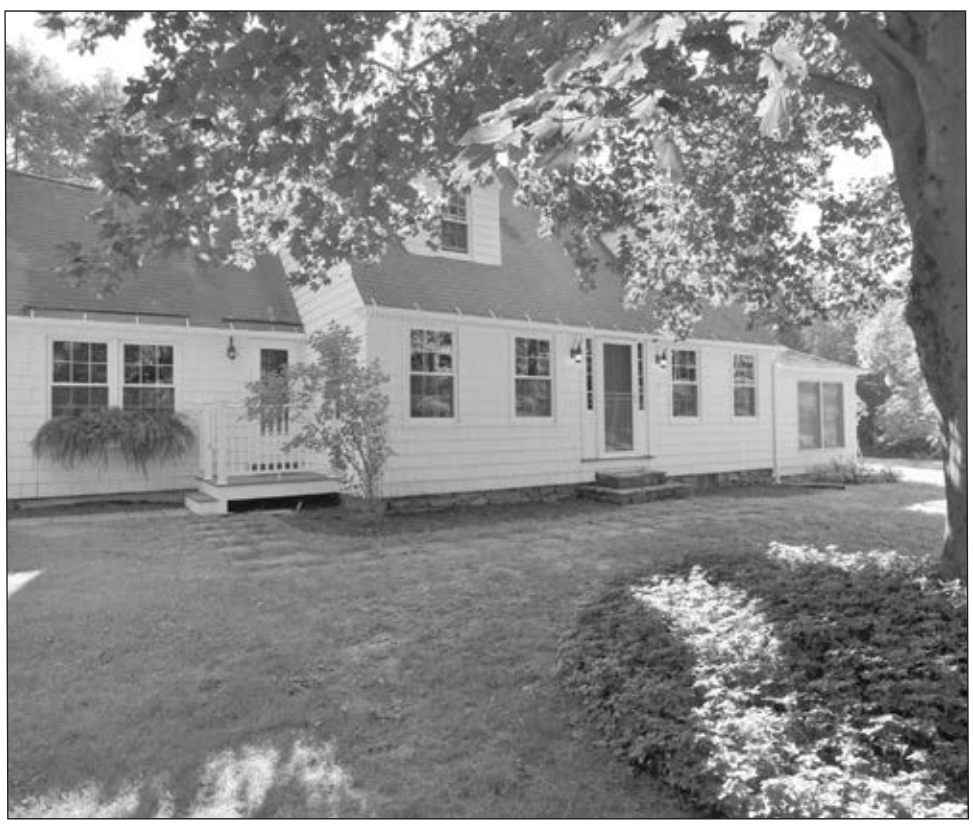

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Brenda Duquette, Clerk

The fiduciary is:
Eileen M. Jameson
c/o James K. Kelley, Esq.,
33 Broad Street,
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September 9, 2016

TOWN OF THOMPSON
PLANNING AND ZONING COMMISSION
LEGAL NOTICE OF DECISION

The Town of Thompson Planning and Zoning Commission, at its August 29, 2016 Special Meeting, rendered the following decision:

#16-12 – Keith Forcier, Applicant and Owner of Record. For property at 5 Lillian Ave., located in an R20 zone district. Requesting Home Occupation for existing business consisting of the sale of golf cart parts and golf carts. **Approved w/condition.**

Respectfully submitted,
Greg S. Lee, Chairman
September 9, 2016

TOWN OF THOMPSON
ZONING BOARD OF APPEALS
LEGAL NOTICE

The Town of Thompson Zoning Board of Appeals will hold a public hearing on September 12, 2016 beginning at 7PM in the Merrill Seney Room, Thompson Town Hall, 815 Riverside Dr., North Grosvenordale, CT for the following:

Variance 16-06: Tri-State Baptist Church, Applicant and Owner of Record. For property at 386 Quinebaug Rd. Map 38/Block 87/Lot 2A/Zone RA-80. Variance requested to increase sign size from 12 sq. ft. allowed to 45 sq. ft.

Variance 16-07: Duane Higgins, Applicant and Owner of Record. For property at 1 Alix Dr. Map 143Bloc 16/ Lot 56/Zone R-40. Variance requested to decrease side and back yard setbacks from 25 ft to 5 ft.

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
September 2, 2016
September 9 , 2016

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OBITUARIES

Sr. Carmen Carbonneau, DHS, 88

PUTNAM – Sr. Carmen Carbonneau, 88, a member of the Daughters of the Holy Spirit, died on September 1 at St. Joseph Living Center in Windham.

Born in Lewiston, Maine on November 4, 1928, she was the daughter of Henri and Anne Marie (Bureau) Carbonneau. She entered religious life in August of 1960 at Holy Spirit Provincial House in Putnam, and made her religious profession there on June 1, 1962. She was then known as Sr. Anna Maria.

She held a B.A. from Diocesan Sisters' College, Putnam Branch. She taught in elementary schools operated by the Daughters of the Holy Spirit from 1962-1973 in Chicopee, Massachusetts, Waterbury, Plainville, and Moosup, as well as Tupper Lake, New York. In 1974, she taught at St. Bernard High School in Fitchburg, Massachusetts, and at Cathedral High School in Bridgeport, in 1975 until 1978 when she became Provincial Secretary in Putnam. In December of 1985, she was assigned to Patterson, California, to study Spanish in view of discerning a future apostolate. In August of 1987, she was missioned to Peru where she did Pastoral work. In 1989, she returned to the United States and worked as Secretary/Receptionist at St. Thomas the Apostle Church in West Hartford, and retired to Holy Spirit Provincial House in February of 2010. She was transferred to St. Joseph Living Center in Windham, on July 1, 2016, following the close of the Holy Spirit Health Care Center in Putnam.

She is survived by her spiritual family, her sisters in community, the Consecrated Seculars and the Associates as well as a sister. Mrs. Lucille Ficaro of Avon, and a brother Paul Carbonneau of Lewiston, Maine and several nieces and nephews all of whom mourn her passing.

Calling hours at the Provincial House in Putnam were held on September 6, which was followed by Prayer Service. A Mass of Christian burial was celebrated on September 7 in the chapel of the Holy Spirit Provincial House in Putnam. Burial will be at St. Mary Cemetery.

In lieu of flowers donations may be made to the DHS Retirement Fund, Holy Spirit Provincial House, 72 Church St., Putnam. CT 06260. Gilman Funeral Home, 104 Church St., Putnam, CT is in charge of arrangements. For memorial guestbook please visit www.GilmanAndValade.com.

Frederick C. Leeder, Jr., 84

PUTNAM – Frederick C. Leeder, Jr., 84, of Putnam, passed away September 2 at Day Kimball Hospital. He was the beloved husband of Diane V. (Finnegan) Leeder. He was born in Providence, Rhode Island, a son of the late Frederick C. Leeder, Sr. and the late Elizabeth (Riley) Leeder. Mr. Leeder was a self employed tool and die maker for over 40 years and was an army veteran of the Korean War. He lived in Scituate, Rhode Island for 28 years before moving to Fall River, Massachusetts and finally to Putnam, in 2003. He returned to school and received his Bachelor Degree in 1997 from Roger Williams University and a Masters Degree in Holistic Counseling in 2001, at the age of 71, from Salve Regina University. After receiving his Masters degree, Mr. Leeder worked as a counselor with the Alcoholism Council of Greater Fall River. He was a volunteer fireman with the North Scituate Fire Department from 1973-1995 where he served as Rescue Captain for many years. He was the founder, along with his wife, of Bereaved Parents of Rhode Island. In 1991, Mr. Leeder received the "Jefferson Award" for his work with Bereaved Parents of Rhode Island.

Besides his wife, he was the loving father of Cheryl A. Imbruglio and her husband Robert of Coventry, Frederick C. Leeder, III of Block Island, Rhode Island, John J. Leeder of East Providence, Christopher P. Leeder and Joseph T. Leeder both of Scituate, Rhode Island, Robert D. Leeder and his wife Sarah of Uncasville, and the late Timothy M. Leeder. He was the brother of Elizabeth Bessette and Ruth DeNinno both of N. Providence and the late Mary Smith. He is also survived by 9 grandchildren and 3 great-grandchildren.

His funeral will be held Friday September 9, at 8:15am from the TUCKER-QUINN Funeral Chapel, 643 Putnam Pike (Rt.44) Greenville, Rhode Island, with a Mass of Christian Burial at 9:30am in St. Joseph's Church, Danielson Pike, North Scituate. Visitation was held on September 8. The family requests in lieu of flowers, donations to your favorite charity will be appreciated. Information and condolences, visit TuckerQuinnFuneralChapel.com

William P. Dukeshire, 96

KILLINGLY ,Capt. William P. Dukeshire, USMM, 96, of Danielson, died August 28 at the UMASS Memorial Medical Center in Worcester, Massachusetts. He was the husband of the late Margaret M. (Johnson) Dukeshire; she died November 7, 2010. He was born January 18, 1920 in Brooklyn, New York, son of Wallace B. and Elizabeth (Taber) Dukeshire. After graduating from high school, William went to sea with the Merchant Marines at the age of 17 and Achieving the rank of Captain, he captained Steamers. He worked Coastal Trade captaining Tug Boats on the East Coast. He was involved in salvage work on the East Coast, the Gulf to the Mississippi River, and San Juan. He retired in the mid 1990s as the Captain of the New London Ferry, a position he held for many years. During WWII he served with the Merchant Marines, in March 15, 1945, he received an Honorable Discharge from the U.S. Coast Guard

He leaves his daughter Pamela DeHaan of North Palm Beach, Florida, five grandchildren, 10 great grandchildren and great great grandchildren. He was predeceased by two sons Archie and Clifford.

A Graveside Service was held September 7 in the Westfield Cemetery, North Street, Danielson, which was followed by Military Honors. No Calling Hours. www.gagnonandcostellofh.com. Arrangements by Gagnon and Costello Funeral Home, 33 Reynolds Street, Danielson, CT.

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Marilyn S. Petersen, 93

WOODSTOCK – Marilyn S. Petersen, 93, of Prospect Street, Woodstock, died August 25 at St. Camillus Nursing Home in Whitinsville, Massachusetts. She was the wife of the late M. Scott Petersen. They were married November 24, 1949, at the Shead Farm on Dugg Hill Road in Woodstock. Marilyn was born June 1, 1923 in Hartford, daughter of the late Edgar and Helen (Grant) Shead.

She worked as a bookkeeper at The Stillwater Mill in E. Woodstock and for Howard Neff at Utica Tools for over twenty years. She enjoyed reading and walking. Marilyn was a loving and caring Mother and Grandmother.

She leaves her son Scott G. Petersen and his wife Diane of N. Grosvenordale; granddaughters Mary Ellen Petersen and Leanne P. Abram and her husband Dustin; Her brother Robert Shead and his wife Barbara of Webster, Massachusetts; nieces and nephews. She was predeceased by her brother Donald Shead.

The funeral service was held August 30 at the East Woodstock Congregational Church, 220 Woodstock Road, East Woodstock. Calling hours were held at the Smith and Walker Funeral Home, 148 Grove Street, Putnam. Burial will be in Center Cemetery, Woodstock. In lieu of flowers donations may be made in her memory to Muddy Brook Fire Department, PO Box 222, East Woodstock, CT 06244. Share a memory at www.smithandwalkerfh.com. Arrangements by Smith and Walker Funeral Home, 148 Grove Street, Putnam.

Julie Ann McKone, 95

DANIELSON -- Julie Ann McKone, 95, of Danielson, and formerly of Meriden, died Sept. 3 in Manchester; she was born May 13, 1921 in Meriden, daughter of the late Christopher and Frances Day. She was the wife of the late Charles G. McKone. They were married February 19, 1944. She was a 1942 graduate of the Meriden School of Nursing. She had made her home in Connecticut most of her life and in New Mexico from 1970 to 1999. She loved her family, the beach and knitting. She leaves her daughter JoAnne Beauvais and her husband Louis, her son Patrick McKone and his wife Angela, five grandchildren and seven great-grandchildren. She was predeceased by her sister Mary. Calling hours were held on Monday at the Gagnon and Costello Funeral Home, which was followed by a Mass of Christian Burial in St. Joseph Church, in Dayville. Burial was in St Joseph Cemetery. In lieu of flowers donations may be made in her memory to St. Joseph Church, PO Box 487, Dayville, CT 06241. Arrangements by Gagnon and Costello Funeral Home, 33 Reynolds Street, Danielson. Share a memory at www.gagnonandcostellofh.com

Mark D. Brennan, 48

DANIELSON -- Mark D. Brennan, 48, went to be with his Lord, August 20. Born July 30, 1968, son of Jean (Osterhoudt) Brennan and the late Ralph "Bill" Brennan. Mark leaves his mother Jean, daughter Hannah Brennan, best friend and brother, Dave Brennan, niece Nora, brother Sean Brennan, niece Madison, nephew Kyle, Uncle Lee and Aunt Bev, Uncle Elmer and Aunt Margaret, Aunt Sylvia, tons of cousins and friends. Mark graduated from KHS. He was employed for many years as a mason for Ken Larrow, Concrete Floors. Mark enjoyed all kinds of sports throughout his life and was the life of the party, made us laugh and had a heart of gold. Calling hours were held on August 25 at the Gagnon and Costello Funeral Home. Share a memory at www.gagnonandcostellofh.com. Arrangements by Gagnon and Costello Funeral Home, 33 Reynolds Street, Danielson, CT

Calvin E Harris, 73

CANTERBURY – Calvin E Harris, 73 of Canterbury passed away September 1. He leaves behind his dear friend and companion Dorothy Durfee. His three children Todd Harris of North Providence, Rhode Island, Linda Harris of Providence, Rhode Island and Benton Harris of Woodstock. Also his two sisters Cynthia Martone of Smithfield, Rhode Island and Carol Ferranti of Edmond, Rhode Island. His granddaughter Victoria Langeveld and his cousin and best friend Bernard. Calvin also leaves behind his beloved pet and helper Hazel, Deb and Linc Levine and their family and Mark and Tammy Danks and their family. Calvin served in the U.S. Army Combat Engineers from 1961 to 1964. He loved gardening, working in his greenhouse and his birds. Calvin will be sorely missed, but never forgotten. Services will be private and at the convenience of the family. Arrangements by Gagnon and Costello Funeral Home, 33 Reynolds Street, Danielson, CT.

Richard B. Bourque, 83

DANIELSON – Richard "Dick" B. Bourque, 83, of Robertson Ave, died September 1 in Pine Grove Health Center in Pascoag, Rhode Island. He was the loving husband of the late Edith Elizabeth "Betty" (Swanson) Bourque. Born in Putnam, he was the son of the late Achilles and Maude (Blackmer) Bourque.

Mr. Bourque joined the U.S. Navy during the Korean Conflict and served in Europe primarily in Italy.

He worked for many years as a engineering assistant at Pratt and Whitney in East Hartford testing jet engines here and abroad until his retirement in 1992. Prior to his retirement Dick earned his pilot's license and was President of the EEA Vintage Aircraft Association and was instrumental in the Young Eagles Program in Glastonbury and Danielson. Later, he went to Ellis Tech to study in the Aviation Program where he honed his skills to refurbish his second Stinson airplane. Dick also enjoyed playing in card tournaments, was an avid reader and a great gardener. His yard was front page news twice in local papers. He earned his Master Gardener Certificate and won many best in show and blue ribbons for his flowers and vegetables.

Dick was a man of many talents and interests who was not afraid to live on his own terms. He will be missed for his generosity, sense of humor, awful puns and his many running conversations in various accents

Dick is survived by two daughters Cassandra Mantoni and her husband Ronald of Danielson and Robin Simmons and her husband Billy of East Monroe, Louisiana; a brother Achilles Bourque and his wife Eileen of Putnam; three sisters Priscilla Williams and her husband Grady "Speedy" of Bessemer City, North Carolina, Barbara Davis, and Mary Jane Eudy and her husband Martin both of Gastonia, North Carolina; six grandchildren, eight great grandchildren, and many nieces, nephews, and cousins. He was predeceased by a daughter Susan Bourque on April 22, 1996.

Calling hours were held on September 6 in the Gilman Funeral Home. A Mass of Christian Burial was held on September 7 at St. Mary Church of the Visitation in Putnam. Burial followed in Grove Street Cemetery.

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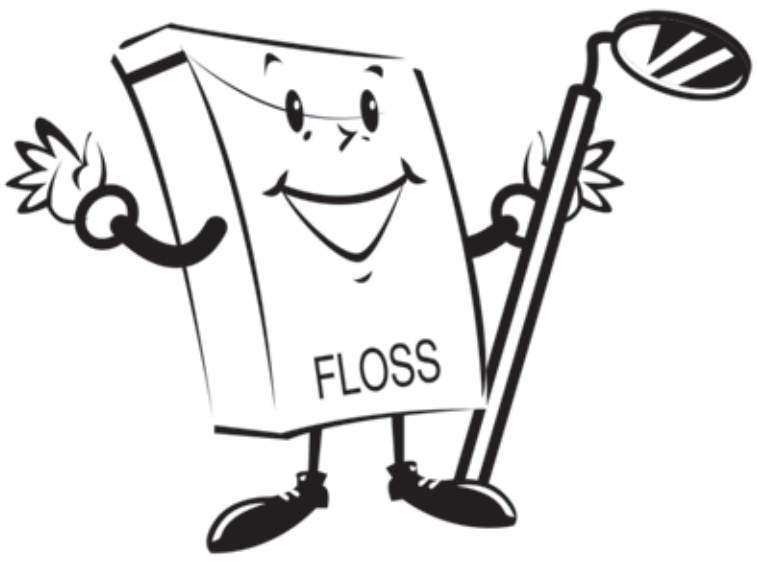

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ANSWER: TEETH AND GUMS

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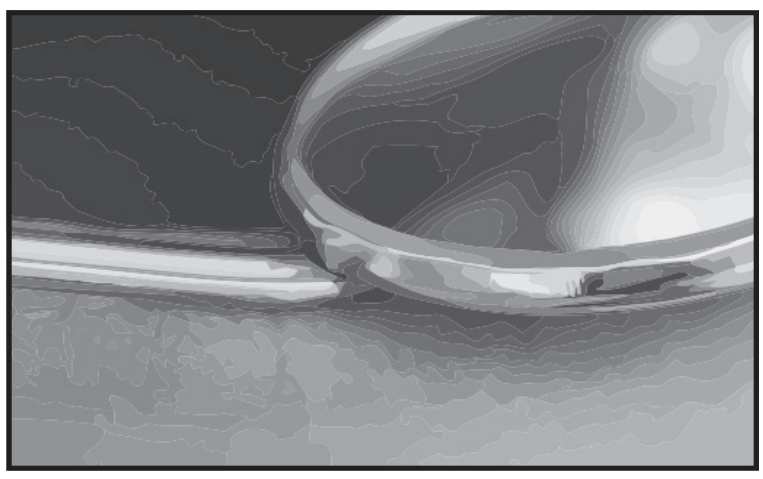

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ANSWER: DENTAL MIRROR

How they SAY that in...

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Cerrone voted magazine's 'Best Pediatrician'

PUTNAM — Dr. Marc Cerrone, Director of Pediatrics for Day Kimball Medical Group's Pediatric Centers and Medical Director of Day Kimball Hospital's Neonatal Nurse Practitioner Program, has been voted Best Pediatrician in Norwich Magazine's Best of Northeastern Connecticut contest for 2016. Thousands of votes were cast in numerous categories in the magazine's reader's choice poll. Winners, including Dr. Cerrone were honored by the magazine at an awards dinner on Wednesday, Aug. 31, at Grill 37 in Pomfret Center.

Dr. Cerrone has cared for children across Northeast Connecticut for 17 years, having joined the staff of Day Kimball in 1999 after completing his residency at Albert Einstein College of Medicine in New York. Dr. Cerrone is Board Certified by the American Board of Pediatrics, is a Fellow of the American Academy of Pediatrics, and is an Assistant Professor of Pediatrics at UMass School of Medicine.

"This award truly means a great deal to me. I am honored that the parents in Northeastern CT have developed such trust in me to care for their children. I have loved watching families grow through the years, and this year I am seeing the babies I first cared for when I started here become seniors in high school! This type of recognition fuels my work and further strengthens my commitment to this community," said Cerrone.

Dr. John Graham, Chief Medical Officer and VP, Medical Affairs and Quality, also praised Dr. Cerrone's contributions to Day Kimball and the community.

"I take great pleasure in congratulating Dr. Cerrone on his recent selection as 'Best Pediatrician.' Dr. Cerrone has been with Day Kimball Hospital for 17 years and is always a pleasure to work with. He is congenial, collegial and is always willing to go the extra mile to improve patient care and assist his coworkers. Day Kimball Hospital and the community are both extremely fortunate to have this talented and caring physician taking care of our pediatric population," Graham said.

In addition to his roles at Day Kimball, Dr. Cerrone is also a co-host of "The New Day" Show on WINY 1350 AM radio alongside Dr. Erica Kesselman. The Show serves to build awareness about health care topics that are important and relevant to the local community. Both physicians are also child abuse examiners for the Windham County Multidisciplinary Team.

An avid runner and triathlete, he is a supporter of Day Kimball's Give it a TRI Triathlon, both behind the scenes as race organizer this year and on race day as a participant. Having just completed its 6th annual event on Aug. 20, the race encourages local athletes of all skill levels to participate and be an example of health and fitness in the community. Dr. Cerrone was chosen last year by the Hartford Marathon Foundation to be a fitness ambassador as a member of Team HMF, and continues on the team this year as he prepares for his fourth marathon this fall in New York City.

Courtesy photo

Dr. Marc Cerrone at Norwich Magazine's Best of Northeastern Connecticut awards dinner at Grill 37 in Pomfret Center, Aug. 31. Dr. Cerrone, who is Director of Pediatrics for Day Kimball Medical Group's Pediatric Centers and Medical Director of Day Kimball Hospital's Neonatal Nurse Practitioner Program, won for Best Pediatrician.

His interest in promoting fitness in the community led to his involvement with the Hale Family YMCA, first as co-chairman of the Community Fund Raising Division with his wife Kate, and currently as a Board of Advisors Member. Dr. Cerrone is a founding member of HealthQuest, a community organization designed to promote health and wellness in Northeastern CT.

Previously, Dr. Cerrone was awarded Humanitarian of the Year in 2009 by the Putnam Lions Club following two medical mission trips that he led to Mongolia and Haiti. Since then he has volunteered his services on two other mission trips sponsored by High Pointe Church to Venezuela and Tanzania. Dr. Cerrone can be seen frequently in the community volunteering at fundraising events for local organizations like TEEG, QVCC, Komen's Ride for the Cure and the Interfaith Services Food Bank as well as on stage at the Bradley Playhouse and Complex Performing Arts Center.

Cerrone is known by his patients and colleagues to bring fun to the workplace by dressing up in costume every Halloween at the Pediatric Center in Putnam, and stays up-to-date with what his young patients are interested in by staying tuned in to pop culture. Cerrone says he hopes his positive energy helps sick patients leave the office with a smile.

Friday's Child

Michael is an engaging, energetic and active 10-year-old African American boy who likes playing video games and Pokemon cards. He also likes arts and crafts, board games and action figures. Michael is well-coordinated and athletic, and he shows confidence in his abilities. He has played flag football and has also taken karate lessons. Michael does well playing with his peers and in groups. He is currently placed in a group home where he has developed some positive relationships with the staff.

Michael has responded well to the structure of his therapeutic classroom and he has formed some positive, trusting bonds with teachers and staff. He is a creative writer who enjoys writing his own stories and making books.

Michael would do best in a two-parent home, or with a resilient and vigilant single parent, that could provide him with structure and calm limits while also being able to offer him warmth and affection. Michael would like a family with whom he could "share a lot of laughs" with and who would also protect him. He also needs to remain in contact with his younger sister.

Who are the Children Waiting for Adoption?

There are approximately 2,400 children in Massachusetts foster care with the goal of adoption. Through no fault of their own, they cannot be raised by their birth parents. Many will be adopted by a relative or foster parent, but more than 600 have no one to adopt them yet. These waiting children are usually between the ages of 1-18. Many are sibling groups who belong together, children of color of all ages, and children with intellectual, physical or emotional difficulties or disabilities. These children have experienced many losses and changes in their lives, and need patient and dependable adoptive parents who can help them grow and thrive in their new family. Free post-adoption support services are available to help.

To learn more about Michael, and about adoption from foster care, call the Massachusetts Adoption Resource Exchange (MARE) at 617-54-ADOPT (617-542-3678) or visit www.mareinc.org. The sooner you call, the sooner a waiting child will have "a permanent place to call HOME."

To sponsor Friday's Child call Sandy at 508-909-4110
or email sandy@stonebridgepress.com

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

FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 9

GUEST SPEAKER
TED REINSTEIN,
author of Wicked Pissed
will speak at Bracken
Memorial Library in Woodstock, CT
at 7:00 p.m.
860-928-0046

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 10

10:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m.
HARVEST CRAFT FAIR
BROOKFIELD ORCHARDS
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508-867-6858

9:00 p.m.
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KILLINGLY'S GREAT
TOMATO FESTIVAL
9:00 a.m. - 3:00 p.m.
Parade, fire truck pull,
farmer's market, craft fair,
music and more!
860-779-5390

RIVER FIRE EVENT
IN ROTARY PARK
in Putnam, CT
2:00 p.m.
Featuring bands, Reminisce
and Red Hot Horns at 5:00 p.m.
Riverfire at 8:00 p.m. Free!

WILLIE'S CHILI COOKOFF
4:30 p.m.
$10 adults, 12 and under free
15 types of chili from local restaurants
At Rotary Park in Putnam, CT
NEW ENGLAND COMEDY
ALL STARS
7:30 p.m.
At Bradley Playhouse in Putnam, CT
One night only!
860-928-7887

SATURDAY AND SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 10, 11

GREEK FESTIVAL
Sts. Constantine & Helen
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Sun. 11:00 a.m. - 6:00 p.m.
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SEPTEMBER 11-15

ARTS & EATS RESTAURANT WEEK
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WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 14

6:30 p.m.
Westview Healthcare presents
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OPTIONS
by Judith Stein, JD
150 Ware Rd., Killingly, CT
RSVP 860-774-8574

FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 16
6:00 p.m.
Creation Church presents
FALL VBS NIGHT!
For ages 4-12
47 West Thompsn Rd., Thompson, CT

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 24

9:00 a.m. - 3:00 p.m.
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at Woodstock Fairgrounds in
Woodstock, CT
Hay rides, farm products, hearty
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2168 Putnam Pike, Chepachet, RI
401-568-4102

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Wednesdays 7:00 p.m. -9:30 p.m.
HILLCREST COUNTRY CLUB
325 Pleasant St., Leicester, MA
508-892-9822

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Every Tuesday, 8:00 – 10:00 p.m.
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~~$39,900~~ **LAW321 - $37,792 OR $574/Mo**

2012 BMW 550xi

xDrive - 69,510MI - AWD - One Owner - Navigation - Sunroof - Includes the K40 Radar Detection and Blocking System. Sought-after Black Sapphire Metallic color with the Black Dakota Leather. ABS, Xenon headlights, Traction control, Curtain airbags, Passenger Airbag... Leather seats, Navigation system - With voice activation, Bluetooth, Remote power door locks, Power windows with 4 one-touch, Sunroof - Express open/close glass, Automatic Transmission, Compressor - Twin turbo, 4-wheel ABS brakes, Rear air conditioning - With separate controls, Air conditioning with dual zone climate control, Audio controls on steering wheel, Xenon headlights, Universal remote transmitter, Driver memory seats, Memory settings for 2 drivers, 10-way power adjustable drivers seat, Head airbags - Curtain 1st and 2nd row, Passenger Airbag, 4.4 liter V8 DOHC engine, 400 hp horsepower, Multi-function remote - Trunk/hatch/door/tailgate, windows, sunroof/convertible roof, Power heated mirrors, Tilt and telescopic steering wheel, All-wheel drive, 4 Doors, Front fog/driving lights, Remote window operation, External temperature display, Tachometer, Transmission hill holder, Stability control, Trip computer, Heated Windshield Washer Jets - Jets, Interior air filtration, Clock - In-dash, Residual heat distribution, Steering Wheel Air Conditioning Controls

~~$32,900~~ **LAW1539 - $29,900 OR $453/Mo**

2006 Mini Cooper

CONVERTIBLE 2DR, 71k miles, 5-Speed Manual, Self-leveling headlights, Convertible roof - Power,, ice-cold Air conditioning, Remote power door locks, Power windows with 4 one-touch, 4-wheel ABS brakes, Tilt steering wheel, Multi-function remote - Trunk/hatch/door/tailgate, windows, sunroof/convertible roof, Power mirrors, 1.6 liter inline 4 cylinder SOHC engine, 115 hp horsepower, 2 Doors, Front-wheel drive, Fuel economy EPA highway (mpg): 35 and EPA city (mpg): 27, Remote window operation, External temperature display, Tachometer, Daytime running lights, Interior air filtration, Speed-proportional power steering, Convertible occupant rollover protection, Clock - In-dash, Convertible window - Glass rear window, Intermittent window wipers, Privacy/tinted glass, Remote convertible roof operation, Speed sensitive window wipers

~~$8,900~~ **LAW377 - $7,773 OR $117/Mo**

2014 Ford Taurus SEL

AWD - 34,000MI - Leather - All-Wheel Drive - Traction control, Stability control, 4-wheel ABS brakes, remote engine start, Bluetooth, Power door locks/ Power windows with 1 one-touch, Automatic Transmission, Ice-cold air conditioning with dual zone climate control, Cruise control, Audio controls on steering wheel, 288 hp horsepower, 3.5 liter V6 DOHC engine, Power heated mirrors, Tilt and telescopic steering wheel, 6-way power adjustable drivers seat, Multi-function remote - Trunk/hatch/door/tailgate, All-wheel drive, 4 Doors, Compass, External temperature display, Tachometer, Interior air filtration, 6-way power adjustable passenger seat, Intermittent window wipers, Speed sensitive window wipers, Trip computer, Video Monitor, Speed-proportional power steering, 4WD Type - Automatic full-time, Dusk sensing headlights, Limited slip differential - Brake actuated, Remote engine start

~~$19,900~~ **LAW427 - $17,900 OR $262/Mo**

2014 Jeep Rubicon

4x4 - 44,479MI - Convertible Roof - One Owner - Traction control, Stability control with anti-roll, Limited slip differential - Electro-mechanical, Transmission hill holder, 4-wheel ABS brakes, Front fog/driving lights, heated seats, Air conditioning, Cruise control, Audio controls on steering wheel, 285 hp horsepower, 3.6 liter V6 DOHC engine, Tilt steering wheel, 2 Doors, Tachometer, External temperature display, Intermittent window wipers, Tow Hook, AC power outlet, Dusk sensing headlights, Convertible occupant rollover protection, 4WD Type - Part-time, Trip computer.

~~$30,999~~ **LAW406- $28,102 OR $426/Mo**

2008 BMW 328xi

AWD, D - 92,348MI - Leather - Sunroof - Traction control, Stability control, Descent Control - Hill descent control, Transmission hill holder4-wheel ABS brakes, Front fog/driving lights, Sunroof, Climate control, Rear air conditioning...Standard features include: Remote power door locks, Power windows with 4 one-touch, Sunroof - Express open/close glass, ice-cold Air conditioning with dual zone climate control/Rear air conditioning - With separate controls, Audio controls on steering wheel, Multi-function remote - Trunk/hatch/door/tailgate, windows, sunroof, Tilt and telescopic steering wheel, Power heated driver mirror, 230 hp horsepower, 3 liter inline 6 cylinder DOHC engine, 4 Doors, All-wheel drive, Remote window operation, External temperature display, Tachometer, Interior air filtration, Residual heat distribution, Speed-proportional power steering, Steering Wheel Air Conditioning Controls, Trip computer, Heated passenger mirror - Heated, Heated Windshield Washer Jets, Headlight cleaners - Washer, Dusk sensing headlights.

~~$13,900~~ **MB021 - $11,642 OR $176/Mo**

2014 Chevrolet Equinox

1LT AWD - 37,669MI - One Owner - All-Wheel Drive, Traction Control, Stability control with anti-roll, Transmission hill holder, ABS, Daytime running lights, Bluetooth, Remote power door locks, Power windows with 4 one-touch, Automatic Transmission, ice-cold Air conditioning, Cruise control, Audio controls on steering wheel, Tilt and telescopic steering wheel, Power heated mirrors, 2.4 liter inline 4 cylinder DOHC engine, 4 Doors, External temperature display, Compass, Tachometer, Interior air filtration, Daytime running lights, Dusk sensing headlights, Trip computer, Video Monitor, Intermittent window wipers, Privacy/tinted glass, Rear spoiler.

~~$21,900~~ **MB019 - $19,979 OR $303/Mo**

2013 Cadillac ATS

3.6L Premium AWD - 46,564MI - Navigation - Leather - One Owner - Traction control, Stability control, 4-wheel ABS brakes, Leather seats, Navigation, Bluetooth, Automatic Transmission, Air conditioning with dual zone climate control, Audio controls on steering wheel, Xenon headlights, Universal remote transmitter, Driver memory seats, Memory settings for 2 drivers, Multi-function remote - Trunk/hatch/door/tailgate, remote engine start, Power heated mirrors, 10-way power adjustable drivers seat, Tilt and telescopic steering wheel, 3.6 liter V6 DOHC engine, 321 hp horsepower, 4 Doors, Exterior Parking Camera - Front and rear w/rear camera, Tachometer, External temperature display, Compass, Head-up display, Interior air filtration, Transmission controls on steering wheel - Gear shift controls, Trip computer

~~$25,900~~ **LAW444 - $23,900 OR $262/Mo**

2006 BMW 325i

2 Door Convertible, Leather, Traction control, 4-wheel ABS brakes, Front fog/driving lights, Daytime running lights, Power windows with 4 one-touch, ice-cold Air conditioning with climate control, Cruise control, Audio controls on steering wheel, Driver memory seats, Memory settings for 3 drivers, 2.5 liter inline 6 cylinder DOHC engine, 184 hp horsepower, Multi-function remote - Trunk/hatch/door/tailgate, windows, Power heated mirrors, Tilt and telescopic steering wheel, 8-way power adjustable drivers seat, rear-wheel drive, Remote window operation, External temperature display, Tachometer, Reverse tilt mirrors - Passenger mirror, Speed-proportional power steering, Trip computer, Heated Windshield Washer Jets - Jets, 8-way power adjustable passenger seat, Rear bench seats, Convertible occupant rollover protection, Convertible window - Glass rear window, Intermittent window wipers, Privacy/tinted glass, Rain sensing window wipers, Speed sensitive window wipers

~~$12,900~~ **LAW419- $10,814 OR $164/Mo**

2007 BMW 328xi

AWD - 55,101MI - Sunroof - Daytime running lights, Dusk sensing headlights, Descent Control - Hill descent control, Stability control, 4-wheel ABS brakes, Front fog/driving lights, Power glass Sunroof, Climate control, Rear air conditioning, Air conditioning with dual zone climate control, Audio controls on steering wheel, Tilt and telescopic steering wheel, 230 hp horsepower, 3 liter inline 6 cylinder DOHC engine, Multi-function remote - Trunk/hatch/door/tailgate, windows, sunroof/convertible roof, Power heated driver mirror, Remote window operation, Tachometer, External temperature display, Trip computer, Heated Windshield Washer Jets - Jets, Interior air filtration, Residual heat distribution, Speed-proportional power steering, Steering Wheel Air Conditioning Controls, Headlight cleaners - Washer, Clock - In-dash.

~~$15,750~~ **LAW425 - $13,791 OR $209/Mo**

2001 Porche Boxster

2dr RWD Convertible, 69k Miles, Leather seats, Front fog/driving lights, Rear fog lights, 4-wheel ABS brakes, Air conditioning with climate control, 2.7 liter flat 6 cylinder DOHC engine, 217 hp horsepower, Telescopic steering wheel, Power heated driver mirror, 2 Doors, Tachometer, Heated passenger mirror - Heated, Heated Windshield Washer Jets - Jets, Interior air filtration, Convertible occupant rollover protection

~~$12,870~~ **LAW428 - $10,976 OR $166/Mo**

2014 Nissan Altima 2.5 S

33,130MI - One Owner - Traction control, Stability control, Transmission hill holder, 4-wheel ABS brakes, CVT Transmission, ice-cold Air conditioning, Audio controls on steering wheel, Keyless Ignition - Push button start , 182 hp horsepower, 2.5 liter inline 4 cylinder DOHC engine, Tilt and telescopic steering wheel, Multi-function remote - Trunk/hatch/door/tailgate, Power mirrors, 4 Doors, Front-wheel drive, Tachometer, External temperature display, Speed sensitive window wipers, Speed-proportional power steering, Trip computer, Video Monitor Location - Front, airbag, Bluetooth.

~~$16,050~~ **LAW460 - $14,015 OR $212/Mo**

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2015 Chrysler 200 Limited

37,813MI - One Owner - Traction control, Stability control, 4-wheel ABS brakes, ice-cold Air conditioning, Remote power door locks/ Power windows with 2 one-touch, Automatic Transmission, Air conditioning, Cruise control, Audio controls on steering wheel, Traction control - ABS and driveline, Tilt and telescopic steering wheel, Multi-function remote - Trunk/hatch/door/tailgate, Power mirrors, 2.4 liter inline 4 cylinder SOHC engine, 4 Doors, Front-wheel drive, Tachometer, External temperature display, Compass, Interior air filtration, Intermittent window wipers, Privacy/tinted glass, Speed sensitive window wipers, Keyless Ignition - Doors and push button start, Dusk sensing headlights, Speed-proportional power steering, trip computer, Video Monitor Location

~~$14,900~~ **LAW507- $12,900 OR $195/Mo**

2011 Mercedes Benz C300 AWD

Sport - 64,773MI - All-wheel drive - Leather - Sunroof - Traction control, 4-wheel ABS brakes, Rear fog lights, Bluetooth, Automatic Transmission, ice-cold Air conditioning with dual zone climate control, Cruise control, Audio controls on steering wheel, Tilt and telescopic steering wheel, 8-way power adjustable drivers seat, 228 hp horsepower, 3 liter V6 DOHC engine, Power heated mirrors, Multi-function remote - Trunk/hatch/door, windows, sunroof, 4 Doors, Remote window operation, External temperature display, Tachometer, Trip computer, Signal mirrors - Turn signal in mirrors, 8-way power adjustable passenger seat, Heated Windshield Washer Jets - Jets and reservoir, Reverse tilt mirrors - Passenger mirror, Speed-proportional power steering

~~$17,900~~ **MB026 - $15,900 OR $286**

2015 Ford Mustang - Convertible

V6 - 2dr Convertible - 24,439MI - One Owner - traction control, Stability control, Mechanical Limited slip differential, Transmission hill holder, 4-wheel ABS brakes, Bluetooth, Convertible roof, ice-cold Air conditioning, Cruise control, Audio controls on steering wheel, Xenon headlights, Multi-function remote - Trunk/hatch/door/tailgate, windows, Tilt and telescopic steering wheel, 300 hp horsepower, 3.7 liter V6 DOHC engine, 2 Doors, Rear-wheel drive, Remote window operation, Compass, External temperature display, Tachometer, Interior air filtration, Speed-proportional power steering, Trip computer, Video Monitor, Convertible window - Glass rear window, Intermittent window wipers, Speed sensitive window wipers, Privacy/tinted glass, Dusk sensing headlights, Keyless Ignition

~~$24,900~~ **LAW513- $22,900 OR $347/Mo**

2010 Ford F-150 XLT

4x4 - 47,810MI - One Owner - Traction control, Stability control with anti-roll, 4-wheel ABS brakes, ice-cold Air conditioning, Cruise control, Remote power door locks, Power windows with 1 one-touch, Automatic Transmission, Tilt steering wheel, Power mirrors, 4 Doors, Compass, External temperature display, Tachometer, Intermittent window wipers, Privacy/tinted glass.

~~$24,770~~ **LAW468- $22,873 OR $346/Mo**

2014 Ford Focus SE

13,470MI - One Owner - Traction control, Stability control, Limited slip differential - Brake actuated, 4-wheel ABS brakes, ice-cold Air conditioning, Cruise control, wireless phone connectivity, Audio controls on steering wheel, 2 liter inline 4 cylinder DOHC engine, Multi-function remote - Trunk/hatch/door/tailgate, Power mirrors, Tilt and telescopic steering wheel, 4 Doors, Tachometer, External temperature display, Compass, Interior air filtration, Trip computer, Video Monitor, Intermittent window wipers, Privacy/tinted glass.

~~$13,890~~ **LAW465- $11,812 OR $179/Mo**

2009 Audi Q7

Prestige AWD - 65,863MI - Navigation - Leather - Traction control, 4-wheel ABS brakes, Navigation system - With voice activation, Bluetooth, Remote power door locks / Power windows with 4 one-touch, Heated drivers seat, Automatic Transmission, ice-cold Air conditioning with dual zone climate control, Rear air conditioning - With separate controls, Rear air conditioning zones - Dual, Universal remote transmitter, Audio controls on steering wheel, Xenon headlights, Driver memory seats, Memory settings for 2 drivers, Multi-function remote - Trunk/hatch/door/tailgate, 8-way power adjustable drivers seat, Heated passenger seat, 350 hp horsepower, 4.2 liter V8 DOHC engine, Power heated mirrors, Tilt and telescopic steering wheel, All-wheel drive, 4 Doors, Exterior Parking Camera - Front and rear w/rear camera, Front fog/driving lights, External temperature display, Tachometer, Compass, Trip computer, Clock -Power Activated Trunk/Hatch - Power lift gate, Rear spoiler

~~$22,900~~ **LAW514 $18,900 OR $286/Mo**

2013 Ford Escape SEL

AWD Turbo - 44,366MI - Leather - One Owner - Traction control, Transmission hill holder, Signal mirrors - Turn signal in mirrors, Stability control with anti-roll, Front fog/driving lights, Leather seats, wireless phone connectivity, Heated seats, Automatic Transmission, Compressor - Intercooled turbo, 4-wheel ABS brakes, Air conditioning with dual zone climate control, Cruise control, Audio controls on steering wheel, Universal remote transmitter, Driver memory seats, Memory settings for 3 drivers, 2 liter inline 4 cylinder DOHC engine, Multi-function remote - Trunk/hatch/door/tailgate, Power heated mirrors, 8-way power adjustable drivers seat, Heated passenger seat, Tilt and telescopic steering wheel, Four-wheel drive, 4 Doors, Rear spoiler - Lip, Trip computer.

~~$18,950~~ **LAW476- $16,921 OR $256/Mo**

2012 Ford Fusion SE

52,757MI - Sunroof - Power glass sunroof, Traction control, Stability control, 4-wheel ABS brakes, Bluetooth, ice-cold Air conditioning, Audio controls on steering wheel, full power options including Power windows with 4 one-touch, Audio controls on steering wheel, 8-way power adjustable drivers seat, 2.5 liter inline 4 cylinder DOHC engine, Power heated mirrors, Multi-function remote - Trunk/hatch/door/tailgate, windows, Tilt and telescopic steering wheel, 4 Doors, Front-wheel drive, Remote window operation, Compass, External temperature display, Tachometer, intermittent window wipers, Privacy/tinted glass, Speed sensitive window wipers, Trip computer, Video Monitor Interior air filtration, Signal mirrors - Turn signal in mirrors.

~~$12,960~~ **MO027- $10,915 OR $165/Mo**

2013 Dodge Caravan

47,188MI - One Owner - 3rd Row Seating - Rear A/C - Traction control, 4-wheel ABS brakes, Rear air conditioning - With separate controls/ Air conditioning with dual zone climate control, Front fog/driving lights, Remote power door locks/ Power windows with 2 one-touch, Multi-speed automatic Transmission, Cruise control/ Audio controls on steering wheel, Universal remote transmitter, Tilt and telescopic steering wheel, 8-way power adjustable drivers seat, Head airbags - Curtain 1st, 2nd and 3rd row, 283 hp horsepower, 3.6 liter V6 DOHC engine, Passenger Airbag, Power heated mirrors, 4 Doors, Tachometer, External temperature display, Compass, Trip computer, Rear heat - With separate controls, Reclining rear seats, Third row seats, Engine hour meter, Intermittent window wipers, Privacy/tinted glass, Rear spoiler, Rear wiper, AC power outlet, Adjustable pedals.

~~$20,400~~ **MB030 - $18,881 OR $256/Mo**

2008 BMW 135i

Twin turbo - 53,826MI - Navigation - Leather - Sunroof - Traction control, 4-wheel ABS brakes, power glass sunroof, Power windows with 2 one-touch, Sunroof - Express open/close glass, Air conditioning with dual zone climate control, Cruise control, Audio controls on steering wheel, Xenon headlights, Tilt and telescopic steering wheel, Multi-function remote - Trunk/hatch/door/tailgate, windows, sunroof, Power heated mirrors, 3 liter inline 6 cylinder DOHC engine, 300 hp horsepower, 2 Doors, Rear-wheel drive, Remote window operation, External temperature display, Tachometer, Self-leveling headlights, Headlight cleaners - Washer, Adaptive headlights, Cornering lights, Daytime running lights, Dusk sensing headlights, Rear spoiler Remote sunroof/convertible roof operation - Remote sunroof operation, Heated Windshield Washer Jets - Jets, Speed-proportional power steering, Steering Wheel Air Conditioning Controls

~~$20,620~~ **LAW492 - $18,213 OR $276/Mo**

2012 Mini Cooper S

6-Speed Manual - Turbo - 53,455MI -Traction control, Transmission hill holder, Stability control, 4-wheel ABS brakes, Compressor - Intercooled turbo, ice-cold air conditioning, Cruise control, Audio controls on steering wheel, 1.6 liter inline 4 cylinder DOHC engine, 181 hp horsepower, Multi-function remote - Trunk/hatch/door, windows, Power mirrors, Tilt and telescopic steering wheel, 2 Doors, Front-wheel drive, front fog/driving lights, Remote window operation, External temperature display, Tachometer, Rear spoiler, Rear wiper, Speed sensitive window wipers, Interior air filtration, Speed-proportional power steering, Trip computer

~~$15,900~~ **LAW540 - $12,900 OR $195/Mo**

2012 Jeep Grand Cherokee

4x4 - 66,946MI - Four-wheel drive, Traction control, 4-wheel ABS brakes, Front fog/driving lights, ice-cold Air conditioning with dual air conditioning zones, Remote power door locks/ Power windows with 2 one-touch, Automatic Transmission, Cruise control, Audio controls on steering wheel, 3.6 liter V6 DOHC engine, Tilt and telescopic steering wheel, Multi-function remote - Trunk/hatch/door/tailgate, windows, Power heated mirrors, 4 Doors, Compass, External temperature display, Tachometer, Trip computer, Interior air filtration, Dusk sensing headlights, Intermittent window wipers, Privacy/tinted glass, Rear spoiler , Speed sensitive window wipers.

~~$21,460~~ **LAW497- $19,417 OR $294/Mo**

2013 Chevrolet Silverado

1500 LT 4x4 - 75,905MI - Leather - One Owner -Traction control, Stability control with anti-roll, Transmission hill holder, 4-wheel ABS brakes, ice-cold Air conditioning, Remote power door locks/ Power windows with 1 one-touch, Automatic Transmission, Tilt steering wheel, Power heated mirrors, 4 Doors, Four-wheel drive, Compass, External temperature display, Tachometer, Trip computer, Engine hour meter, Regular, Intermittent window wipers, Privacy/tinted glass, Daytime running lights, Dusk sensing headlights.

~~$26,960~~ **LAW495- $24,373 OR $396/Mo**

2009 Jeep Wrangler

Unlimited Sahara 4x4 6-Speed Manual - 67,692MI - Traction control, Stability control with anti-roll, Transmission hill holder, 4-wheel ABS brakes, Convertible roof, ice-cold Air conditioning, Cruise control, Remote power door locks/ Power windows with 2 one-touch, 202 hp horsepower, 3.8 liter V6 engine, Tilt steering wheel, 4 Doors, Four-wheel drive, Front fog/driving lights, Tachometer, External temperature display, Compass, Convertible occupant rollover protection, Intermittent window wipers, Privacy/tinted glass, Tow Hooks, Trip computer, 4WD Type - Part-time, Center Console - Full with locking storage

~~$24,500~~ **LAW526 $22,900 OR $347Mo**

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- Keyless Entry

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New 2016 Toyota **HIGHLANDER** XLE

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- Back-Up Camera
- Navigation

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