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Food drive at Assisi pantry



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Volunteers from the Assisi Food Pantry collected turkeys, fresh vegetables and canned goods throughout the weekend of Nov. 17 to distribute to needy families on Nov. 20.

BY OLIVIA RICHMAN
NEWS STAFF WRITER

DANIELSON — The Friends of the

Assisi Food Pantry kicked off its 28th annual Food Drive last Saturday, Nov. 17, a three-day event where people dropped off Thanksgiving fixings for the

food pantry. On Nov. 20, families who signed up for the distribution shopped for all their Thanksgiving supplies at the Killingly High School gym, which is set up like a grocery store.

While it's hard to anticipate how many families will participate each year, it's usually over 250.

"We want them to feel worthy," said Assistant Director Mindy French. "It's a time for thanking. For gathering and being together. When you don't have to worry about food or a meal, it's one less thing to worry about one more thing to be thankful for."

Over the weekend leading up to Nov. 20, volunteers – including the KHS football team – help organize the food that's dropped off at the food pantry. For the volunteers it's "amazing" to see how many people come in with canned goods and fresh vegetables.

"It really does take a village," said French, "and we have a great village."

And the donating doesn't stop during the holidays. The Assisi Food Pantry is open and serving families two days a week, all year long. All of the food is

donation-based, and all the workers are volunteers.

"It really says a lot about the community," said French.

Twenty years ago Jean Cyr and the other Assisi Food Pantry founders began collecting foods for Thanksgiving. Originally they only fed 20 families. But they couldn't ignore what they kept seeing around them.

"They realized that there was a need in the community for something a little larger-scale and more regular," said French.

With the amount of food collected over the weekend, French actually believes there's a chance to serve 400 families.

"We just want to say thank you to the community and God bless everyone," French said. "From people who give the smallest donations to organizations that do fundraisers to help us. It's all important. It all works together."

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Thompson church begins renovation campaign



Courtesy photos

Thompson Congregation United Church of Christ kicked off its renovation campaign.

BY OLIVIA RICHMAN NEWS STAFF WRITER

THOMPSON — Thompson Congregational United

Church of Christ kicked off its restoration campaign on Thursday, Nov. 15. Led by professional campaign coordinator Avery Tillinghast, Vision 2020: A New Beginning is hoping to raise \$1.5 million towards the renovation of the church.

After a fire badly damaged the sanctuary, fellowship hall, kitchen and organ in late December of 2016, the church has been exploring ways to raise the money within the congregation and beyond to fix up the church and use it once again for services and a community meeting place.

"We hope to become a center of life in Thompson," said long-term church member Joyce Mezzoni. "With Dr. Greg Gray's 21st century leadership and enthusiasm for meaningful community service with

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BE TRUE TO YOUR SCHOOL



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EAST HAVEN — Woodstock Academy students root for their volleyball team at the CIAC Class L state championship match at East Haven High last Saturday, Nov. 17. High school sports coverage begins on page B-1 of today's Villager.

FUTURE TYCOONS



DAYVILLE — The Killingly High School Future Business Leaders of America (FBLA) recently held its annual Fall Coloring Contest with KCS Kindergarten students. The purpose is to engage Killingly High students with younger students in the district, winners received an FBLA bear as a keepsake, and hopefully will join the club when they get to the high school. Congratulations to this year's eight winners.

The season for wreathes

BY OLIVIA RICHMAN NEWS STAFF WRITER

WOODSTOCK — The music has already hit stores and kids have begun writing their letters to Santa. First Congregational Church of Woodstock is also getting into the spirit with an Advent Wreaths workshop on Dec. 2 at 11 a.m.

The church is inviting people from the community to come join them for a Sunday Service at 10 a.m., followed by the workshop. No experience in crafting is necessary and all of the materials – including candles to light each week – are provided by the church. There will even be helpers on hand to make your Advent Wreath perfect for the holiday season.

So what is an Advent Wreath? According to Director of Family Ministries Melissa Spindler, an Advent Wreath is a way for Christians to celebrate wintertime and the winter greens. Similar to the idea of a Christmas Tree, it's a Pagan tradition that celebrates winer plants as we go into the dark and cold winter months. The wreath acts as a beacon of spirituality and positivity.

Families light one of four candles each week, starting on Sunday. The first candle is pur-

ple and stands for hope. The second week's purple candle stands for joy. The third week families light a candle of love each night. Then the fourth candle – on Christmas week – is for the Miracle of New Life.

"This brings warmth into our hearts," said Spindler. "We prepare for the miracle of new birth in the midst of heartache, poverty and the challenges we face every day. Even in the hardest of times, miracles can flourish in our lives if we focus our energy on the love in our lives."

For many families, this focus is very much needed during the holiday season.

"Families these days can struggle with the pressures of buying things. The commercial aspect of Christmas. Santa is joyful and all of that can be wonderful. But it brings a lot of stress into our lives. Christmas is a stressful time for many families. By refocusing on the spiritual aspects of Christmas and focusing on new growth and life, that can help ground us. Some sanity," said Spindler.

With artificial grains, ribbons, pine cones and glitter, families can create a beautiful centerpiece that stands for joy

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Healthy meals for students

BY OLIVIA RICHMAN

KILLINGLY — If there's one thing Camille Geddes knows - it's food. But Geddes knows much, much more than that as Killingly High School's Kitchen Lead: She knows the importance of lunch for students.

Geddes has worked at the

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Killingly school systems for the past 15 years, including eight years as part of Whitsons Culinary Group, which offers a multitude of recipe resources for school chefs.

"I never have looked at it as working in the cafeteria," she said. "I looked at it as a way to feed more children. When you

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discover there's a need to feed children, you get emotionally invested. You want them to be well fed."

But it goes further than that for Geddes.

For many students, lunch is a lonely time. They have nobody to sit with. Nobody to talk to. Maybe they don't even have anything to eat.

But Geddes doesn't want students to feel stressed about lunch. That's why she is always inviting, along with her staff.

"We want to be one of the best parts of their day," she explained, "and look forward to coming back tomorrow."

Geddes knows the students by name. And she'll call them 'Sir' or 'Miss.' She will talk to the students in line, ask them about their day. She tries to connect with them and give some of the shy students a chance to express themselves. Sometimes she'll give someone an extra chicken tender if they seem to be having a bad day.

Of course, food plays a big role in Geddes career.

While school cafeterias used to be known for thin, greasy pizza and microwaved nuggets, Geddes says those stereotypes are long gone. People are more health conscious, even students, and they know a good quality meal.

With help from the corporate chefs at Whitsons, Geddes says they often come up with creative meals for the students. Much like Chopped, they'll see a basket of ingredients and think, 'What can we make that will make the kids excited?'

The cafeteria's new kiosk area is one of the major sources of excitement for students. Set off from the kitchen, the kiosk allows the teens to grab a meat, a sauce and a drink, skipping

'We also have a station where they can build their own burrito or salad," said Geddes. "That's what they get excited about here too. Build your own burrito. They start with a flat tortilla and go down the line. Individualized. That's exciting to them."

So what has made Geddes so passionate about food?

According to the chef, it's her



Olivia Richman photos

Camille Geddes loves making teens feel welcome at the Killingly High School's cafeteria

Italian heritage.

"The table is where you gather," said Geddes. "What's on the table is important, yes. But it's who is around it that is most important. I'm passionate about inviting these kids to come and eat. I think it makes a better day. Some of them get off the bus and have nothing to eat. You don't want them to have

a growling stomach. They can think more about what they're learning in class, rather than 'What will I eat next?"

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A look into the Killingly High School kitchen where Camille Geddes and her staff make creative and healthy meals for the students.

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and hope. It's a creation they can be proud of and enjoy showing off during dinnertime. It's a chance, said Spindler, for people to have a lot of fun creating something beautiful that brings them hope and joy.

This is an event that's friendly for all ages. While the church is requesting a donation of \$15 to 20, everybody is welcome to come no matter what they

'This is just a time to share the joy of the season with everyone who needs it,' said Spindler.

For more information, email families@firstchurchwoodstock.org.

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The write stuff

BY OLIVIA RICHMAN **NEWS STAFF WRITER**

PUTNAM — On Saturday, Nov. 17, Putnam Public Library invited a panel of young adult authors to discuss their creative processes, newest novels and the publishing world with teenage patrons. Not only was it inspiration for National Novel Writing Month, but it introduced a slew of new books to the library's younger community of avid readers.

Jessica Bayliss, from Beacon Falls in Connecticut, spoke in the library's Book Nook about her newest young adult hostage thriller "Ten After Closing."

What is Ten After Closing about?

It's a story told from the middle outward, with diverging timelines. It starts at ten after closing, then it goes a little forward, a little backward, until the reader starts seeing the whole situation play out and what led the main characters to being there in the cafe during this hostage situation.

What made you decide to write a hostage thriller?

I love thrillers. When I was younger I loved the movie 'Toy Soldiers.' It was a movie about a hostage at a boy's school. They had all these little schemes to outwit the bad guys. Serious life and death situations and delicious tension where if they did one thing on it would go wrong... But there was something missing: Women. What goes better than YA thrills than YA romance? I wanted it to feel like that movie, but also have a fierce female protagonist.

Is she the main character in the novel?

It's from two point of views, her and the teenage boy character as well.

How was it writing from these two points of views?

It was fun. I love multi- POV books because I like seeing the story told from different perspectives and getting into different people's heads. When authors do it well, it really is an incredible experience. I'm a clinical psychologist full time, and I spend my days talking to people and understanding their stories and thoughts and motivations and emotions. I feel as though that helps me a lot when I'm trying to think of distinct voices when writing from multiple per-

How did you go about writing from the POV of a teenage boy?

The girl is more passive, and the boy is trying to fix everything...

Sort of taking from the roles that young boys and girls are often pushed into from childhood...

Definitely. Using that more aggressive style as a male felt like it matched really well. But he had to learn throughout the course of the story that recognizing that doing more doesn't always help and he isn't responsible for fixing everything himself. I kept my mind on those motivators. I tried to show little bits of pieces of each character shifting their perspectives.

Is Ten After Closing your first novel?

It's considered my debut novel. I have another book with me as well that came out last October with a very tiny press. It was initially e-book only. And it had



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Local author Jessica Bayliss with her first novel, "Ten After Closing."

no book store distribution. Horror writers count it as the first. But this is the first that has book store distribution. It came out in hard cover.

How does it feel to have your first widely published book and seeing it in book stores? That must be an amazing feeling.

There are no words. I stop and pause every now and then .I go and visit my book at Barnes... I'm just like, 'This is my book!' It's next to books I've read, good authors, it's a real book. It's just mind-blowing.

What got you into writing?

I didn't start off as a writer. I started in 2010. I was burned out from my degree and tests and training... I was finally working and after a few months I felt I needed something fun for me to do. I'd always loved the idea of writing a book, but I'd never studied it. Many authors have been writing for years, working hard... But it was my little secret. I knew I may not be able to finish it. If I can't, I can't. But a year later my first novel was written and I knew I was hooked.

What did you like about writing,

once you got into it?

It's such a hard thing to explain. I think, 'Why am I doing this?' But it's iust fun to create stuff. It's exciting to see the ideas come to life from my head. I just loved it. That feeling of flow... You're not even thinking, you're just so engrossed in it... That's what writing is for me. I get out of my head, zone out, next thing I've written a whole bunch of words and feel energized. When you find that, you know its' something you have to keep doing.

How does it feel having young adults and teens enjoying your novel?

Enjoying it is the good part. When I first started writing, the scariest thing in the world was people reading what I wrote. But also the possibility that nobody would read what I wrote... It still feels that way... But when they enjoy it, tag me in a post... I don't read the reviews... But if I hear from someone that they loved it... It takes your breath away. It's that exciting.

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Do you have a favorite food? Seafood

Favorite TV Show? Ozark

Favorite movie? Cocktail

Favorite travel destination? Anywhere

What's the best part about your town? The people in the community

Who has been the greatest influence in your life? My parents and husband

Favorite musical artist? Any country artist

Favorite book? Danielle Steele books

What is the greatest piece of advice you have ever been given? Follow your heart the rest will fall into place.

Favorite Sports Team: Patriots

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Trees planted in memory of Patrick Wood

POMFRET — Memorial trees were planted in honor of Patrick Wood, who died in 2006, at two Pomfret schools in early November. The purple beech trees were donated by former Pomfret

resident Charles Stoddard who was taken with Patrick's story after reading about his sudden death. Patrick was the High Achievement winner at Pomfret Community School in 1997 and

> valedictorian at Pomfret School in 2001. He graduated from Stanford with distinction in math in 2005 and was working as a programmer at Siemens in Berlin when he committed suicide at age

"He was a talented and accomplished musician," Stoddard said. "He became fluent in German, and I know from experience how difficult it is to learn to read, wrote, and speak language, the especially his case coming from a small New England town."

Stoddard in the first graduating class Pomfret from Community School in 1949 and has studied German, French, and Latin throughout his life. "We were the '49ers, the Gold Miners and we

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were proud of our new school."

The tree at Pomfret School was planted near the chapel where Patrick had played in many piano recitals. On a windy fall day, Stoddard explained that the tree was a "memorial to Patrick Wood's ueberpersonliche, the German word meaning beyond the personal experience of a gifted and talented life." The dedication included Sydney Dubitsky, Blake Zahansky, Brennan Holmes, and Drew Marshall — four students who had won a merit scholarship in Patrick's name.

At the Pomfret Community School dedication in the gymnasium, music teacher Ms. March and principal Ms. Imschweiler arranged for seventh and eighth grade students and teachers to be present. The chorus sang "Lost Boy" about a lonely boy who finds friendship with Peter Pan in Neverland. "We were completely overwhelmed that the

school would organize such a beautiful ceremony," said Lisette Rimer, Patrick's mother. "The chorus sang with a maturity that made us marvel. We cannot thank both schools enough for memories that will stay with us forever.'

The family offered special thanks goes to Louisa Jones and Brenda Bullied from Pomfret School, as well as principal Susan Imschweiler and Tom Lepine from Pomfret Community School for coordinating both tree plantings.

'Most importantly, thanks goes to Mr. Stoddard for caring about Patrick,' said Rimer. "It says a lot about the heart of this community. When tragedy strikes, heartfelt gestures like his keep you going." Stoddard planted the trees at both schools and ended each dedication by saying that we cast our memories of Patrick "to the realm of ages."



Dedications for Patrick Wood's memorial trees at the Pomfret School chapel, from left, donor Mr. Charles Stoddard, Patrick's parents Robert Wood and Lisette Rimer, four Wood scholarship winners Sydney Dubitsky, Blake Zahansky, Brennan Holmes, Drew Marshall, and Assistant Director of Constituent Engagement Louisa Jones

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- 4. Long periods of time
- 9. Boiled cow or sheep Ottoman military commander 43. Beer mug
- 16. Don't go near 17. Benin inhabitants
- 18. Pop star
- 20. Removes 22. Your sibling's daughter
- 23. Trade
- 24. Dabbled
- 28. Tax collector 29. Atomic number 73
- 30. Russian emperor
- Broad-winged bird of prey
- 33. Pale brownish yellow 37. A type of bill
- 38. One or a sum of things
- 39. Stiff, untanned leather

- 42. Promotional material
- 44. Nostrils
- 46. Very rich 49. Atomic number 10
- 50. Not even
- 51. Pulls apart
- 55. City in western Finland 58. Wing shaped
- 59. Paddling
- 60. Player
- 64. Japanese classical theater
- 65. S-shaped lines
- 66. Coined for one occasion 67. Pitching stat
- 68. "M" actor
- 69. Some are noble
- 70. Lair

CLUES DOWN

- 1. Places to eat 2. Marketplace 3. Unoriginality
- 4. Administrative officials
- 5. Female sheep and a loch in
- Scotland 6. Something to drill for
- 7. Midway between north and
- northeast 8. Cassia tree
- 10. Long-legged wading bird
- _ and goers 12. Go quickly
- 13. Used to cut and shape wood
- Small island (British)
- 21. Dry or withered
- 24. "Last of the Mohicans" actress 61. Before the present 25. Manufacturers need one
- 26. Tidal bore
- 27. Makes free of moisture

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- 41. Made a priest 45. Sixth month of Jewish calendar
- 47. One who refrains
- 48. Type of top 9. Founder of medical pathology 52. Pay increase
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Christmas on the Hill at First Congregational Church



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Volunteers gather for a blessing and photo before the doors open.



Leslie Sweetnam, Eva Hulme, Suzanne Cimochowski, and Jeff Perkins have jewelry and other novelties at Aunt Mimi's Attic Treasures.



Barbara Child, Nancy Horsfield, and Joyce Hansen staff the baked goods table

WOODSTOCK — Christmas on the Hill was held on Saturday, Nov. 17, at the First Congregational Church of Woodstock. Proceeds of this annual holiday fair benefit church ministries, including support for local non-profits such as Thompson Ecumenical Empowerment Group, Community Kitchens of Northeastern Connecticut,

the Daily Bread Food Pantry, and FRESH. Rev. Jocelyn Gardner Spencer leads worship at 10:00 am every Sunday. The First Congregational Church of Woodstock is an open and affirming Congregation of the United Church of Christ. More information can be found at www.firstchurchwoodstock.org



The Handbell Choir under the direction of Ted Bradley adds to the festive atmosphere with carols for folks in the dining area.



Our happy kitchen crew led by chef Jim Nowak (third from right) pauses together before serving a delicious luncheon of chicken pot pies, chili, butternut bisque soup, sandwiches, and apple crisp.

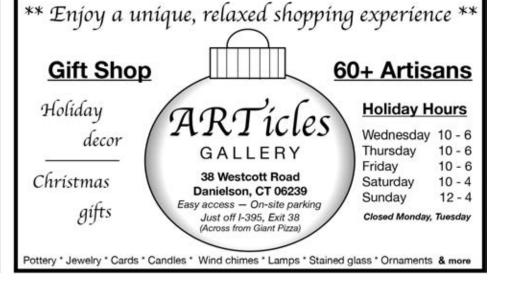


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High honors: Sophie Archambault, Irene Askitis, Renee Auger, Harmony Barna, Hannah Bessette, Emmalee Binette, Abigail Botta, Brianna Bradley, Zachary Brown, Hannah Burgess, Logan Burton, Nguyen Cai, Grant Cerrone, Summer Chaponis, Yilin Chen, Noelle Ciccarelli, Emily Colangelo, Heather Converse, Lucas Couture, Rachel Durand, Mackenzie Eaton, Caleb Feen, Dyson Frank, Benjamin Frechette, Giorgia Giannini, Jenna Gormley, Madelyn Grube, Katherine Harrington, Chong He, Savannah Henault, Ethan Holcomb, Ke Hu, Hannah Ives, Sofia Jendrewski, Arielle Johnson, Spencer Kalafus, Blake Kollbeck, Charles Kratochvil, Jacob Ledbetter, Noah MacAlister, Kathryn Mason, Anthony Menounos, Samantha Mowry, Lauren Neely, Chloe Nolin, Julianna Nuttall, Matthew Odom, Samantha Orlowski, Zachary Paige, Holden Pimental, Audrey Poehler, Tristan Raszka, Margaret Ritzau, Nicole Robichaud, Adam Sanderson,

Maria Scandalito, Olivia Stanikmas, Emma Strandson, Lydia Taft, Abigail Vaida, Emma Vallone, Madalin Wilcox, Joseph Woronecki, Kejian Wu, Luke

Zavorskas, and Michael Zheng Honors: Samuel Allegretti, Mingxin An, Ashleigh Angle, Peyton Aubin, Vanessa Barylski, Morgan Bassett, Asa Bazinet, Kenneth Birlin, Orlane Bisamaza, Owen Borski, Luigi Boselli, Kathleen Boshka, Dominic Bove, Ashlyn Bright, Anthony Brown, Olivia Burrell, Shyonne Challinor, Du Cheng, Jada Childs, Isabel Cintron, Spencer Collins, Alexander Creme, Crescimanno, Shannon Allison D'Alessandro, Minh Dang, Ronald DeGray, Brianna Dennett, Haoxuan Ding, Waverly Dombkowski, Ely Driscoll, Jared Feragne, Noah Fernandes, Wei Fu, McKenna Gagnon, Ivy Gelhaus, Aria Gianfriddo, Mikal Gjerde, Joseph Graley, Emma Green, Madeline Gronski, Cole Hackett, Ava Hassell, Cecilia Hawkins, Erika Helmetag, Shannon Hermann, Ngan Ho, Danuse Horka, Jack Hovestadt,

Lauren Hovestadt, Chen-Fu Hsu, Natalie Humphrey, Hailey Jaques, Nathan John, Aaron Johnson, Nicole Katinas, Emma Kelleher, Mohammed Khan, Emily King, Emilia Lacedelli, Zachary Lambert, Kyle Lavoie, Elliot Lawrence, Abbe Lecuyer, Olivia Majek, Nicole Marmat, Jarod Martin, Luke Mathewson, Braden Mayo, Eridon Mehmeti, Emily Menard, Alexa Michalski, Vincent Mitchell, Mariella Mizero, Kasidit Muenprasitivej, Selena Muniz, Sarah Naveed, Anh Nguyen, Tavia Orvos, Pari Patel, Noah Pepper, Ricardo Perez Tovar, Eric Preston, Megan Rainville, Shane Rickell, John Rogers, Mariangela Ruggeri, Preston Santos, Cooper Sarette, Madison Schafmayer, Star Schofield, Mason Scott, Sean Seabold, Lauren Semancik, Haley Short, Madison Skellett, Lydia Smith, Connor Starr, Codi Staveski, Regan Stuyniski, Shiyun Tang, Matthew Tiffany, Sophia Trifone, Ame Tsamaase, Kelsey Tyler, Rebekah Wesler, Mikayla Wilcox, Yanning Wu, Zhexuan Wu, Xuan You, and Ivy Young

Recognition: Chase Anderson, Joshlyn Bates, Hannah Becker, Michael

Bilica, Damian Bonneau Nichols, Thomas Catsam, Hannah Chubbuck, Emma Ciquera, Leighelle Clarke, Abraham Cooke, Seyla Dodge, Zachary Fontaine, Kira Lizotte, William Loftus, Junyu Long, Natalie Low, Aidan McCarthy, Liam McDermott, Leah McFarlin, Delaney McIntire, Matthew Moffitt, Reece Morelli, Aleena Nadeem, Cameron Phillips, Nathan Price, Andrew Rov. Grace Simon, Jayden Soto, Cheyenne Terranova, Derek Thompson, Aislin Tracey, and Jessica Vennart

Grade 11

High honors: Alyssa Arends, Annabelle Bastura, Jordyn Brousseau, Yile Chen, Mikayla Corriveau, Nathan Craig, Marta Cuenca Sabuco, Emma Durand, Allison Faist, Christine Faist, Anya Farutin, Caroline Frost, Diana Gonzalez, Paula Hernandez Aulet, Rebecca Jarvis, Avery Jones, Jessica Kasacek, Jennifer Kelley, Hali Korsu, Vy Lam, Rachel Lambert, Ruiyang Liang, Dung Ly, Zoe Marshall, David May, Sofia Melle, Alexander Orbegozo, Emma Redfield, Haylee Renaud, Ashley

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KILLINGLY WINNERS IN DANIELSON VETS CONTEST



Courtesy photo

From left, Lauren Mayotte, Julia Purcell, Olivia Lamoureux, and Garry Brown

DANIELSON — For the second year, the Danielson Veterans Coffeehouse sponsored an essay writing contest with students at Killingly High School. To commemorate the ending of World War I 100 years ago, the essay question asked: Why is it important today that the United States entered WWI

on the side of the Allies? Entries were judged by a committee of the coffeehouse and the winners were recognized at a Veterans Day Celebration at Quinebaug Valley Community College: 1st Place -Olivia Lamoureux; 2nd Place - Julia Purcell; 3rd Place - Lauren Mayotte.



DAR GOOD **CITIZENS**

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BROOKLYN The Williams Danielson Chapter of the Daughters of the Revolution held its good citizen ceremony at the Palmer House in Brooklyn on Nov. 15. Six area seniors were honored. From left, Patrick Joseph Greelish from the Learning Clinic, Jenna Tatro from Putnam High, **Heather Converse from Woodstock** Academy, and Brennan O'Brien from Tourtellotte Memorial. Pins and certificates were awarded. Not present were Ellis Tech and Killingly High recipients. There was a short presentation by Dave Goodrich before the ceremony.



MARY FISHER ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

November 26, Monday Cheeseburger OR vanilla yogurt, muffin, cheese stick. Oven baked potatoes, baked

beans, cucumber wheels. November 27 Tuesday – WG mozzarella sticks, dipping sauce OR Sun butter jelly sandwich with cheese stick. Mashed potatoes, fresh car-

rots, juice. November 28, Wednesday -Taco salad with chips with fixings OR vanilla yogurt, cereal, cheese stick. Sweet corn, spinach salad, cucumber wheels.

November 29, Thursday Meatball grinder OR ham/ cheese sandwich, spinach salad, juice.

November 30, Friday Crispy breaded chicken OR vanilla yogurt, muffin, cheese. Mac & cheese, spinach salad, fresh carrots.

POMFRET COMMUNITY SCHOOL

November 26, Monday --Cheesy Pizza Slice, Crispy Celery Sticks, Crunchy Baby Carrots, Ranch Dipping Sauce, Assorted Fruits, Milk. Breakfast: Breakfast Pastry

November 27 Tuesday

Chicken Tenders, Seasoned Brown Rice, Steamed Broccoli, Golden Carrots, Assorted Fruits Milk. Breakfast: Mini

November 28, Wednesday -Happy National French Toast Day! French Toast Sticks, Egg Patty, Tater Tots and Grape Tomatoes, Assorted Fruits, Milk. Breakfast: Breakfast Pastry

November 29, Thursday Cheese Quesadilla, Zesty Tomato Salsa, Sweet Steamed Corn, Refried Beans, Assorted Fruits, Milk, Breakfast: Mini Waffles.

November 30, Friday -- Fish and Chips, Oven Baked Potato, Wedges Creamy Coleslaw. Tartar Sauce, Assorted Fruits, Milk. Breakfast: Egg and Cheese

PUTNAM ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

November 26, Monday Breakfast for lunch: WG French toast sticks, warm spiced apples, fluffy scrambled egg, crispy hash brown potato, 100% fruit juice.

November 27 Tuesday -Toasted cheese sandwich and zesty tomato soup, cheddar goldfish crackers, baby carrots with hummus

November 28, Wednesday WG pasta with meat sauce, WG breadstick, seasoned broccoli, 100% fruit sherbert

November 29, Thursday -WG breaded chicken tenders, served with gravy, whipped potato, seasoned corn and whole wheat roll.

November 30, Friday – WG

stuffed crust pizza, fresh Caesar salad with seasoned croutons and parmesan cheese.

PUTNAM MIDDLE SCHOOL

November 26, Monday Breakfast for lunch: WG waffle with fruit toppings and cream, fluffy scrambled egg, crispy hash brown potato, 100% fruit

November 27 Tuesday -Toasted cheese sandwich and zesty tomato soup, cheddar goldfish crackers, baby carrots with hummus

November 28, Wednesday WG pasta with meat sauce, WG breadstick, seasoned broccoli, 100% fruit sherbert

November 29, Thursday – WG breaded chicken tenders, served with gravy, whipped potato, seasoned corn and whole wheat roll.

November 30, Friday - WG stuffed crust pizza, fresh Caesar salad with seasoned croutons and parmesan cheese

THOMPSON MIDDLE **SCHOOL** & TOURTELLOTTE (GRADES 5-12)

November 26, Monday -"Bacon" cheeseburger, lettuce, pickles OR cheese pizza. Oven baked potatoes, baked beans

November 27 Tuesday Mozzarella sticks, dipping sauce OR cheeseburger. Mashed potato, roasted car-

November 28, Wednesday Taco salad with chips and fixings, with salsa and sour cream OR stuffed crust pizza. Rice, sweet corn.

November 29. Thursday -Italian meatball grinder OR BLT grinder, vegetable beef

soup. Roasted green beans. November 30, Friday Crispy breaded chicken OR filet of fish sandwich. Mac & cheese, roasted seasoned broc-

WOODSTOCK ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

November 26, Monday – Hot dog, WG bun, sweet potato puffs, fruit, milk

November 27 Tuesday – WG French toast stix, roasted red potato, turkey sausage, fruit,

November 28, Wednesday Mozzarella stix, marinara sauce, salad, fruit, milk.

November 29, Thursday -Beef & bean burritos, lettuce

and tomato, fruit, milk. November 30, Friday Pizza, zucchini, fruit, milk.

WOODSTOCK MIDDLE SCHOOL

November 26, Monday – Hot dog, WG bun, sweet potato puffs, fruit, milk

November 27 Tuesday -French toast stix, roasted red potato, turkey sausage, fruit, November 28, Wednesday

– Mozzarella stix, marinara sauce, salad, fruit, milk

November 29, Thursday -Beef and bean burritos, lettuce and tomato, fruit, milk

November 30, Friday -Pizza, zucchini, fruit, milk



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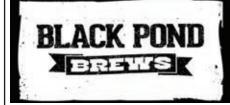
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Gardner is Day Kimball employee of the month

PUTNAM Michelle Gardner, Intake and Outreach Coordinator for Day Kimball HomeMakers, a division of Day Kimball Healthcare at Home, was named employee of the month for October by Day Kimball Healthcare (DKH).

After nine years of employment at CVS, and following her mother's cancer diagnosis Gardner chose to pursue a new career path as a Certified Nursing Assistant through the Community College of Rhode Island. With a true passion for homecare Gardner joined the Day Kimball Healthcare at Home team as a fulltime home health and hospice aide in August 2002. She accepted her new position at Day Kimball HomeMakers in December 2017.

In her current role as Intake and Outreach Coordinator, Gardner is

responsible for processing new client referrals ensuring the initial plan of care meets each client's individual needs. Additional responsibilities include performing home visits to existing clients to ensure that changes in status and client needs are reflected in the plan of care, and to evaluate the quality of care provided by HomeMakers' staff. She also works per diem as a home health and hospice aide for Day Kimball Healthcare at Home.

"Michelle exceeds even the highest expectations to ensure that every HomeMakers' client has a personalized care plan and schedule to best meet their needs, often providing coverage as a personal care assistant or homemaker herself if staffing is tight or a caregiver calls out. On behalf of myself and everyone at DKH at Home, we couldn't

be happier for Michelle to have received this much deserved award, or more blessed to have her on our team," said Gardner's supervisor, Executive Director of Day Kimball Healthcare at Home, Renee Smith.

"I am honored and humbled. Since my first day at Day Kimball Healthcare, I have always felt a sense of belonging. We have a great team here that I am fortunate to be part of," Gardner sad.

In 2017, Gardner received the "Hero for Homecare" award which recognizes a healthcare partner who advocates for homecare and promotes collaborative patient care across the continuum.

"The ability to help our clients stay at home gives me the most satisfaction. I also enjoy my interactions with clients, listening to their stories and learning



Courtesy photo

From left, Denise Kearney, Joseph Adiletta, Michelle Gardner, Anne Diamond, and Renee

more about who they are," Gardner said.

Gardner is also a certified personal care assistant trainer for Day Kimball HomeMakers. Gardner was born and raised in Woonsocket, R.I. with her five siblings. She now lives in Tolland with her husband, Steve, who owns a small business in South Windsor. The couple also resides with their 16-year-old cat. River. When not at

work, Gardner can be found running a 5K or spending time with her friends. She is also a member of the Tolland Chapter's "Buy Nothing



Courtesy photo

Trivella named development officer at Putnam Bank

PUTNAM — Thomas A. Borner, President and CEO of Putnam Bank, recently announced the hiring of Robert Trivella SVP, Chief Commercial Business Development Officer.

"Rob is a terrific addition to our very strong commercial department. We have successfully assembled what I believe to be the best commercial department in eastern Connecticut. This is reflected in the growth of our loan portfolio which is vital to fueling the economic engine of the communities we serve," said Borner.

Trivella brings over 25 years of commercial lending and commercial real estate finance experience to

Putnam Bank. Trivella has worked in the commercial banking industry in Connecticut his entire career upon graduation from the University of Connecticut. This has included lending positions at Shawmut Bank, Peoples United Bank (formerly People's Bank), Santander (formerly Sovereign Bank) and most recently TD Bank for the past seven years. Over the last 15 years, Trivella held key management positions and has led commercial real estate lending teams for each, covering the Connecticut, southern New England and NY State markets.

Trivella is a member of the Real Estate Finance Association and the Real Estate Lenders Association.

He has been active in local civic activities as well as raising funds and awareness in the fights against heart disease and premature birth. Trivella and his family have resided in northeastern Connecticut for the past 25 years, and he looks forward to getting actively involved in all of the communities throughout eastern Connecticut that Putnam Bank serves.

"I look forward to joining Putnam Bank under Tom's leadership, and being an integral part of a growing and successful Commercial Lending team led by Kim Bushey, supporting clients throughout the Bank's markets in Connecticut," Trivella said.

Mainhard wins Whitbread scholarship

PUTNAM — Jacob Mainhart 2018 winner of the Thomas Whitbread Memorial Scholarship which was is funded by the United States Goodwill Tang Soo Do Association. The scholarship process is extensive and includes applicants from martial arts school within the United States. Master Kristin Duethorn (do-owner of Quest Martial Arts in Putnam) is the chairperson of the United States Goodwill Association and was proud to present this

Robert Trivella

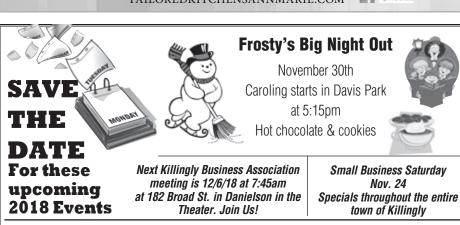
vear's award to a student from Quest Martial Arts. Each year the U.S.G.T.S.D.A. grants a scholarship of a thousand dollars to a martial arts student. In addition to recognizing the physical skills of the applicant, the winner must also possess strong character attributes, a commitment to their karate school, and a desire to make the world a better place through their future plans. Jacob Mainhart graduated from Woodstock Academy in 2018 and is currently attending State University of New York Environmental Science and Forestry. Quest Martial Arts is proud to belong U.S.G.T.S.D.A, a national organization that promotes the art of Tang Soo Do, and supports young black belts in their future endeavors.

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Master Kristin Duethorn, Jacob Mainhart and Master Steven Voelker of Old Saybrook, Co- founder of the USGTSDA.







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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Rosebrooks responds to DeLuca

In response to Ed DeLuca's letter (Nov. 16 Villager) about my letter "America in Crisis" I would like to say first that my opinion is just as valid as his. I did not say to raise taxes to feed, house and vet immigrants, I did say that it was a more humane use of our tax money which funds these troops to feed house and vet these people. No one would walk thousands of miles with women and children if they could safely stay in their own countries. Remember the shame of children put in cages separated from their parents with no plan to reunite them. What I was saying is that we are a better people and can do better than support this action. Though it is none of your

business Ed, I do contribute to the poor and needy here in this country and to refugees around the world to the extent that I can afford, it is rich people like Donald Trump and his friends who have received huge tax breaks that should contribute to alleviate suffering and poverty. Welfare people are not the problem, it is not an easy life to live in public housing that is shoddy and dangerous, to have to rely on soup kitchens, food stamps, and charity to survive.

ANN C. ROSEBROOKS THOMPSON

Missing cat search

I hope the readers of this letter have happy holidays ahead of them. I met so many kind people in Northeastern Connecticut this fall as I visited veterinarian offices, animal shelters and pet stores. It has been two months since my sweet black cat escaped in North Grosvenordale as we evacuated South Carolina ahead of Hurricane Florence. Although I have returned to the area twice to search for my Rosie, there have been no true sightings of her. Many people have contacted me to offer words of encouragement or to tell me that Rosie was in their prayers. Whether they saw the reward posters or newspaper ads or the online postings, each person told me not to give up hope. My head knows that there are many dangers out there and that my Southern belle has probably lost her life, but as the holidays roll around

my heart yearns for a miracle. During these troubled times, there is nothing better than a story with a happy ending. Therefore I reach out to the "Quiet Corner" one more time to ask for your help. If a black cat with a stubby two-inch tail shows up in your yard or barn, please take her to a veterinarian or to PAWS cat shelter for a free scanning. Rosie has a microchip that will identify her. That microchip allows me to hold on to hope that one day I will receive the phone call I yearn for saying "we found your kitty!" This holiday, I will surely give thanks for all the caring Connecticut animal lovers who feed and otherwise care for strays. You are appreciated greatly.

> LISA HILLMAN SEABROOK ISLAND, S.C.

Thankful together

Thanksgiving can be such a wonderful time of year in New England. Having just enjoyed a colorful fall and looking forward to a festive Christmas, Thanksgiving can still have the flavor or relaxing and spending time with family and friends. We just need to be intentional about preserving such a special time.

Thankfully, retailers have not yet hijacked the holiday as thoroughly as other holidays and many traditions still tend to focus on positive things like valuing family, enjoying friends and letting God know how thankful we are for all the good things He has provided.

The Thanksgiving tradition in America is a long and rich one, and there are many stories about its origin. Many of us on the East Coast may become nostalgic when we are reminded that the first Thanksgiving celebrations originated in our neck of the woods.

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the first Thanksgiving may BEYOND have taken place in Maine: THE PEWS

Thanksgiving, at least one celebrated by European colonists, wasn't in Plymouth, Mass. The American Indians had held harvest celebrations of their own long before the

Europeans ever arrived. And when they did arrive, they held the first Thanksgiving in 1607 in Popham, Maine.

to establish a British colony in Phippsburg, give and give. Whether it is Maine at the mouth of the Kennebec River – a spelling bee for QVCC or began in the summer of 1607 and ended a year church ham and bean suplater in 1608. For one harsh winter a group of pers, the area is brimming English settlers tried to stick it out at a small with people who work hard fortification they constructed.

During that winter the group suffered a fire

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Quiet Corner Memories

ning. Two old timers, George and Frank, are standing under the Citizens National Bank time and temperature sign. They are quietly looking at the Christmas lights across the street in Rotary Park. A young couple with two children is standing in front of the nativity scene.

"Sure is pretty," says George. "Yes, answers Frank. That young family seems to be enjoying the nativity scene.

George says to Frank, "do you remember a few years ago when that history teacher tried to get the nativity scene removed from Rotary Park?"

"Yes, he got everybody worked up over it" answers George.

"He threatened to take the town to court and then skipped out of town and nothing happened.'

Frank points across the street and says, "Most people wanted to keep it right over there in the park."

'Good thing it didn't turn into a court battle," says George. "It would have been like the KELP

thing in Killingly." "Tough," Frank replies, "if the townspeople thing they are right, they have a duty to fight it all the way.'

'I got to take my tuque off to those Killingly and Putnam folks," adds George, "they stuck together and won."

George and Frank walk though the bank parking lot, up Main Street and past the Congregational Church and stop across the street of the Observer Patriot office.

Pointing across the street, Frank asks George, "Do you remember when Benny's Store was there?'

"Yes," answers George. "I remember the second floor was loaded wall to wall with Christmas toys. The Montgomery Ward store, down on the corner, had lots of merchandise. There was a shoe store right next to Benny's

"The town sure has changed," George

says quietly.

"Yes, I guess it will never be the same," says Frank, as he and George walk around the old Bugbee store corner, stop and

look toward Union Square. Motioning over his shoulder, George says, "I can remember when you walked into Bugbee's, a sales person was always ready to help you with a purchase."

'Door wasn't even closed, most of the time", responds Frank, "and someone was there saying 'can I help you?""

Pointing towards Union Square, Franks asks George, "Did you ever go in Eisenhower's Bakery?"

"Oh, gosh," Frank responds excitedly. "They made the best chocolate éclairs in town."

"Did you ever eat one?" asks George. "Well," pauses Frank, "once twice."

"My uncle," Frank continues, "used to deliver bread and stuff out of his truck and mom bought most everything from him. But if had some extra tip money from my paper route, I would sneak down here and a buy a chocolate éclair.

Long pause.

"It's all gone," says George.
"Can't bring it back," responds

Frank. "Yes, I know," says George, "but it's

still nice to talk about what Putnam used to be...'

"Yep, it's healthy," says George. "Pause and take a look at the past before you plan for the future. Remember the history and the traditions."

Long pause

"Merry Christmas George."

"Merry Christmas Frank." "Merry Christmas Putnam and God

bless" they both exclaim.

Robert C. Garceau lives in Putnam. This ing room lamps in the early is a copy of a letter to editor he wrote and was printed in the Observer Patriot, on December 23, 1992. Do You Remember the Quiet Corner of Yesteryear? Send us your memories to share with our readers. Memories@ VillagerNewspapers.com

The soft glow of winter

I don't care if we say Merry Christmas or Happy Holidays. I don't care if stores play seasonal songs just after Halloween. It's not a problem to me that inflatable Santas sag like failed soufflés on front lawns. Ugly Christmas sweaters remind me of my late sister-in-law and in her memory I smile



NANCY WEISS

The piles of gift catalogs choking my office post box, the bustle of church fairs, the mounds of cut Christmas trees and the endless hunt missing gloves makes

anyone

my heart sing. We need the holidays and we need to enjoy them.

spent many years in development work, a euphemism for fund raising. A donor I liked, a generous man, but not of great means, kept a cardboard box by his desk. From September until the holidays, he tossed every solicitation letter into the box. Then he sat down, considered each one and got out his checkbook. When I was writing fundraising letters, I always thought of him and tried to craft an appeal would meet with his approval. I've followed his lead and pile up annual reports and related material.

The best annual report in my opinion so far is from According to The New TEEG. The graphics are England Historical Society, lively. The text is clear and the mission is obvious. The financial data is front and "New England's first center. It is a worthy cause, but it is only one of many. Our area is awash in needs, but it is especially fortunate to be one of the most generous places ever. What is the basis for this opinion? Nothing scientific. Just long exposure to conversations on the local radio station, photos of donors in our newshanksgiving in 1607 in Popham, Maine.

The Popham Colony – a year-long effort with adults and teens who

to raise funds to help others. Generosity gives our region a special characteristic. So too does the quality and quantity of concerts, plays and performances. Friends from other areas often asked me: "What do you do out there?" If I go in to detail about all that is available to us, from world class musicians at house concerts to our local theatre and performing arts center, their eyes glaze over. It's fun to get dressed up and slip into a seat at Boston's Symphony Hall, but there are countless local events, especially at this time of year, that move my spirit just as much. Besides, there isn't any traffic.

I'm not much of a baker. I cook constantly and I bake bread every week, but cookies, pies and cakes are not my style. When I was a child a truck came every week to our house from Providence with baked goods. My mother bought hermit cookies, spice cake and during the holidays, fruitcake. That was her idea of holiday baking.

My mother-in-law loved sweets and made her own fruitcake. She baked the cakes in November and began pouring brandy over them. By Christmas, they were fragrant and dense. My husband tried several times to duplicate her efforts but fell short. Many claim to dislike fruitcake but for him, it is redolent with memories. Holiday food, whether an overcooked turkey or a boozy fruitcake, can bring us back to the joys and disappointments of the past. I'm happy to dig into a cookie platter whether homemade or not.

When I switch on the livevening darkness, I to peer outside. I catch a glimmer of my neighbors' lights and feel swept up in the soft glow of winter. It is a wonderful time of year to enjoy, savor and share.

Teddy Roosevelt passes through Danielson in 1905

Windham County Transcripts in a while so thought it would be nice to do a few of those this week. They provide a nice glimpse into our past and, hopefully, provide "food for thought." Let's go back to late fall in 1886.

The Selectmen of Killingly and Brooklyn have closed a contract with the Berlin Iron Bridge Company to construct a bridge over the Quinebaug River to cost \$7,895. The roadway of the bridge is to be 20 feet in the clear, to have two sidewalks to be 5 feet each in the clear. The bridge is to be 138 feet long, resting on the abutments without piers, and the strength to be 100 pounds to the square foot without straining, while the breaking capacity will be four times that amount. The weight of the bridge will be 138,000 pounds. It is to be all iron except the planks, and in every respect to be a first class job so far as strength and durability are concerned, but without ornaments. It will be raised about four feet higher than the old bridge" (Windham County Transcript 11/17/1886).

An article the following week gave further explanation about the bridge. "The new iron bridge will span the Quinebaug River by the 20th of January. Travel by teams will be interrupted for about a week but pedestrians will be able to travel over the footbridge near the Quinebaug Mill."

Now to make a few comments on the above paragraph. Note that Killingly was operating under a Selectmen form of government like it had been since the incorporation of the town

Ihaven't done tidbits from old in 1708. As to the bridge, some of you will still recall the days before the lower end of Danielson had undergone major road renovations and the bridge to Brooklyn went to what is now South Main Street in that town. ." There is a photo of this iron bridge in Images of America Killingly by Natalie L. Coolidge and Robert Spencer (p. 10). The caption noted the bridge "survived the Freshet of 1886, the Hurricane of 1938, and was the only local bridge across the Quinebaug River to remain after the Flood of 1955."

> The old Attawaugan Hotel, which currently houses Pizza Pizazz, is one of the oldest building in the Borough. In November, 1886 the Crystal Water Company was in the final stages of bringing water to Danielsonville for the first "The Crystal Water Company will place one hydrant near the Attawaugan Hotel, it having already been ordered. In due time a trial will be made at that point, and it will be looked forward to with great interest" (WCT 11/24/1886).

> The December 29, 1886 Transcript reported Crystal Water "made its entrée into the village Wednesday evening, December 22, 1886...The first faucet through which the pure water flowed is in M. P. Dowe & Sons store, and it came with force enough to fill an ordinary water pail in four seconds. A large number have tested the water, and the general verdict is pleasing to those who have been active in bringing water into this borough."

Elmville must have been



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quite a colorful little village by the end of November 1886. "The dwelling of T. W. Stevenson, at Elmville, has received a new coat of paint---color, canary, and the large barn and sheds of William Sayles, a short distance beyond, are being brightened with a fine combination of colors---orange with red trimmings. Our painters are becoming artists" (WCT 11/24/1886).

Jumping ahead to see what was happening a few years later, the February 9, 1905 Transcript contained a Literary Salad column with one of the few lists of mill workers that we have. Perhaps you'll see the name of a relative. "The following list of weavers in the old Danielson mills in the month of April 1850, is presumably from the pen of William H. Chollar: Jane Butts, Abbie A. Matthews, Emily E. Davison, Harriett Ellis, Chloe P. Davison, Phebe Ellis, Laura Badger, Emeline Burdick, Susan Goodell, Eunice A. Church, Lavina Tewgood, Jane Coggswell, Jemima Branch. Eleanor Young, Waity E. Simmons, Mary Ann Bennett, Harriett Jacobs, Hannah Howard, Almeda Young, Lydia E. Cole and Sarah Olney. Roxanna Mitchel and Elizabeth Douglas worked at 'drawing in.'... Waity E. Simmons (Mrs.

J. B. Hammond) is credited with weaving 2,972 yards of cloth at \$13.43. Eleanor Young, 3,287 yards at \$15.41." Note that at this point in time the workers were not French-Canadians.

The June Transcript reported, "President Roosevelt passed through Danielson on June 21, 1905 at 8:20 p.m. and 500 people had gathered. President Roosevelt stood on the platform of the rear car, alone, waving his handkerchief

to the enthusiastic people." The following extracts are from the November 16, 1905 Transcript.

"Clarence Kies, who has been traveling with a moving picture company, is spending a few days at his home here." (I wonder what moving picture company and what they were producing?)

"Attawaugan---Owing to the breakdown of the engine at the Ballou mill, a part of the help from the mill are working in the mill here nights. The new station for the electric road at the crossing has been opened and is a convenience for our people, which is very much appreciated." It was nice to see the latter since we don't have much about the trolley at Attawaugan Crossing.

Since the future of the Killingly Recreation building is being discussed. I thought the following article about early buildings on the property was interesting. "The Danielson buildings on Broad St., where the new High School building is to be located, was (sic) sold at auction Wednesday as follows: George Guild bought the wood shed at \$20; Henry Spaulding the ell at \$25; and Frank Davis bought the house at \$20. One of the stipulations of this sale was that the house be torn down and not again erected as a dwelling house, which accounts for the manner of sale" (WCT 11/16/1905).

Unlike the unbelievably wet fall that we have had, apparently the fall of 1905 was very dry. "The water in Alexander's Lake is the lowest ever seen" (WCT 11/23/1905.

"Changes in the local post office include the distributing at this office all the mail matter for East Killingly, Foster, South Foster, North Foster, and North Scituate." (WCT 11/23/1905). It's interesting to see how much territory was covered by the Danielson post

I'll do more tidbits in a future column. If you have any stories about Killingly's past, please email me or call the Killingly Historical and Genealogical Center. A lot has changed since the town was incorporated in 1708.

Margaret M. Weaver Killingly Municipal Historian, November 2018 For additional information email her at margaretmweaver@gmail.com or visit the Killingly Historical & Genealogical Center Wed. or Sat. 10-4 or www.killinglyhistorical. org. or call 860-779-7250. Like us at Facebook at www.facebook. com/killinglyhistoricalsociety. Mail for the Killingly Historical & Genealogical Society, Inc. or the Killingly Historical and Genealogical Center should be sent to P.O. Box 265, Danielson, Ct. 06329.

Asset protection in estate planning

Happy Thanksgiving, there is so much to be thankful for in our lives like our family and friends. In the digital age, we may be especially thankful for our security and safety since it seems that each day there is a news headline about a data breach or elevated risk within the markets. The financial industry, like any industry, has become more complicated as globalization and technology expand.

Throughout November, we have talked about short-term action items you can do to protect yourself, now let's consider the longterm risk management strategies to help you maintain security.

You're beginning to accumulate substantial wealth, but you worry about protecting it from future potential creditors. Whether your concern is for your personal assets or your business, various tools exist to keep your property safe from tax collectors, accident victims, health-care providers, credit card issuers, business creditors, and creditors of others.

To insulate your property from such claims, you'll have to evaluate each tool in terms of your own situation. You may decide that insurance and a Declaration of Homestead may be sufficient protection for

your home because your exposure to a claim is low. Remember, no asset protection tool is guaranteed to work, and you may have to adjust your asset protection strategies as your situation or

the laws change. Liability insurance is your first and best line of defense: Liability insurance is at the top of any plan for asset protection. You should consider purchasing or increasing umbrella coverage on your homeowner's policy. For business-related liability, purchase or increase your liability coverage under your business insurance policy. Generally, the cost of the premiums for this type of coverage is minimal compared to what you might be required to pay under a court judgment should you ever be sued.

Declaration of Homestead protects the family residence: Your primary residence may be your most significant asset. State law determines the creditor and protection judgment afforded a residence by way of a Declaration of Homestead, which varies greatly from state to state. For example, a state may provide a complete exemption for a residence a limited exemption (e.g., up to \$100,000), or an exemption under circumstances. A Declaration of Homestead is easy to file. You pay a small fee, fill out a simple form, and file it at the registry where your deed is recorded. Dividing assets

between spouses can limit exposure to potential liability: Perhaps you work in an occupation or business that exposes you to greater potential liability than your spouse's job does. If so, it may be a good idea to divide assets between you so that you keep only the income and assets from your job, while your spouse takes sole ownership of your investments and other valuable assets. Generally, your creditors can reach only those assets that are in your name.

Business entities can provide two types of protection — shielding your personal assets from your business creditors and shielding business assets from your personal creditors: Consider using a corporation, limited partnership, or limited liability company (LLC) to operate the business. Such business entities shield the personal assets of the shareholders, limited partners, or LLC members from liabilities that arise from the business. The liability of these owners will be limited to the assets of the business.



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Conversely, corporations, limited partnerships, and LLCs provide some protection from the personal creditors of a shareholder, limited partner, or member. In a corporation, a credan individual owner is able to place a lien on, and eventually acquire, the shares of the debtor/shareholder, but would not have any rights greater than the rights conferred by the shares. In limited partnerships or LLCs, under most state laws, a creditor of a partner or member is entitled to obtain only a charging order with respect to the partner or member's interest. The charging order gives the creditor the right to receive any distributions with respect to the interest. In all respects, the creditor is treated as a mere assignee and is not entitled to exercise any voting rights or other rights that the partner or member possessed.

Certain trusts can preserve trust assets from claims: People have used trusts to protect their

assets for generations. FINANCIAL The key to using a trust as an asset protection tool is that the • • • • • trust must be irrevocable and become the owner of your property. Once given away, these assets are no longer yours and are not avail-

able to satisfy claims against you. To properly establish an asset protection trust, you must not keep any interest in the trust assets or control over the trust.

Trusts can also protect trust assets from potential creditors of the beneficiaries of the trust. The extent to which a beneficiary's creditors can reach trust property depends on how much access the beneficiary has to the trust property. The more access the beneficiary has to the trust property, the more access the beneficiary's creditors will have. Thus, the terms of the trust are critical.

There are many types of asset protection trusts, each having its own benefits and drawbacks. These trusts include spendthrift, discretionary, support, personal, and self-settled trusts.

Since certain claims can pierce domestic protective trusts, you can bolster your protection by placing the trust in a foreign jurisdiction. Offshore or foreign trusts are established under, or

made subject to, the laws of another country that does not generally honor judgments made in the United States.

Live Well: We hope you have a wonderful Thanksgiving. Be on the lookout for our December articles where we will be looking forward to 2019, helping you organize your finances in preparation for the new year.

To read more about our past "Live Well" themed articles from this month. Visit www.whzwealth. com/resources.

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at its storehouse. Its president, George Popham, died, and so did several others in the group. The colony also struggled because its leadership did not establish strong enough relations with the local Native Americans, who might have helped the settlers as they did in Plymouth. Nevertheless, there is a record of a 1607 feast — the first real Thanksgiving — with the local Indians.'

Sprinkled throughout that account is something more important than establishing who was first to celebrate Thanksgiving in America. That more important thing is the reminder that life is difficult, and we would all be wise to help one another figure out how to survive and thrive rather than argue or strive with one another over differences. The above article suggested that early settlers in Popham may have survived had they been more open to the help of people who were from a different mindset and culture.

Those of us who are believers have been given clear direction on this matter. St. Paul wrote a letter to his protégé giving him these instructions: "I urge you, first of all, to pray for all people. Ask God to help them; intercede on their behalf, and give thanks for them." (1 Timothy 2:1 NLT)

After a divisive election season, wouldn't it be great if we could cultivate a Thanksgiving season focused on appreciating one another and finding common ground? What if every family could come together and celebrate common goals and our mutual blessings? What if communities could temper their speech and their attitudes with kindness and appreciation for their fellow human beings? What if Churches could be thankful for everyone, with confidence that truth will stand on its own without being propped up by contention or arguments? Thanksgiving is still a bright spot for many people and it has so much potential for good, if we

decide to be thankful together. Bishop John W. Hanson oversees Acts II Ministries in Thompson CT. For more

information please visit www.ActsII.org.



NOW shows appreciation at annual dinner

PUTNAM — With the end of 2018 quickly approaching, Northeast Opportunities for Wellness, Inc. (NOW) recently celebrated the success of the past year with a dinner honoring businesses and individuals that have made a positive impact on the organization. On Friday, October 19th, members of the NOW Board of Directors and various community members gathered at Connecticut National Golf Club in Putnam for an evening of recognition and appreciation. NOW presented eight special appreciation awards, recognized four Board Emeritus members as well as two employees for their efforts in supporting the local non-profit. The Special Appreciation

award recipients included individuals, businesses, and organizations that have made a lasting impact to NOW's mission of improving youth wellness in Northeast CT. For 2018, NOW presented awards the following: Lisa Andrews of Artique for donating \$3,000 through an annual Paint for a Purpose event held from 2015 – 2018; Chase Graphics for donating goods and services for NOW's annual Taste for NOW tickets, Road Race, and past Touch-A-Truck events; The Courthouse Bar & Grille for participating in all seven years of the Annual Taste for NOW events, donating food and volunteering staff & time; Jewett City Savings Bank for their longtime support of the NOW Road Race, most recently as the 2018 Prize Sponsor, and to the bank's foundation for funding various NOW community outreach programs in the region; The Putnam Rotary Club for their annual donations, totaling thousands of dollars over the history of the organization; Putnam Wireless Zone for donating goods and funds over the past several years; The Quinebaug Valley Regional Rotaract Club for their \$5,000 donation of proceeds from the 2018 Rotaract Cornhole Classic event, and for their past sponsorship of the NOW



Josh Paul and Sam Stamatiou of the Putnam Verizon Wireless Zone accepted a Special Appreciation award for their many contributions at the NOW Annual Dinner

Road Race and volunteer work at the Taste for NOW events; Quinebaug Valley Community College for sponsoring the Taste for NOW event in 2017 and 2018, opening their campus to NOW to host the fundraiser. The tradition of presenting these awards began in 2016, with past awards given to: The Byrnes Agency, Friendly Spirits, The G Seven Catering Company, Gerardi Insurance Services, Inc, Linemaster Switch, Peter & Kelly Newth, Nutmeg Container Corporation, Putnam Bank, The Putnam Lions Club, and United Services.

The evening also included recognition of four NOW Board Emeritus members, all who have served on the NOW Board of Directors for several years and have made significant contributions to the organization. For 2018, NOW recognized Jack Burke, one of NOW's earliest directors and a member of the NOW Facilities committee, NOW Hiring Committee, NOW Legal Committee and Executive Committee. NOW also recognized Ed Higgins, another long-time member of the Board of Directors and member of the NOW Finance,



Courtesy photos

The award recipients at the 2018 NOW Annual Dinner, from left: NOW Board Emeritus member Ed Higgins, Kelsey Quinn, Lisa Andrews, NOW Board Emeritus member Jack Burke, NOW Board Emeritus member Deb Spinelli, QVCC Dean of Administration, Paul Martland, Heather Logsdon & Sheila Frost of The Courthouse Bar & Grille, Pam Brown of Putnam Rotary, Kim Rosebrooks, NOW Board Emeritus member Earl Rosebrooks, Deb St. Jean & Jim St. Jean of Chase Graphics, and Kevin Merchant of Jewett City Savings Bank.

Scholarship, and Legal Committee as well as the NOW Programming Committee. Earl Rosebrooks was recognized as a Board Emeritus member for his role as past Fundraising Chair, making significant contributions to such events as the Kerri Murphy Spin for NOW, Taste for NOW, the NOW Road Race, NOW Clinics, and most recently as chair of the NOW Celebrity Bartender Night. Finally, Debra Spinelli, one of NOW's founding Board members, was recognized for her roles on the NOW Programming Committee and NOW Facilities Committee, and NOW Building Study Committee. Deb was also recognized for her continued contributions to the NOW Wellness & Sports Clinics.

The final two awards of the event were presented to past employees, Kim Rosebrooks and Kelsey Quinn. Kim Rosebrooks served as NOW's first Business Manager and handled day to day business for the organization prior to the NOW Executive Director. Kim Rosebrooks was instrumental in many fundraising events and community programs during her tenure and she continues to serve the organization, recently co-chairing the successful NOW Celebrity



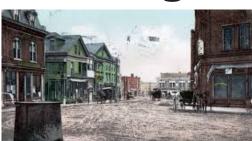
Members of the Quinebaug Valley Regional Rotaract Club, recipient of a Special Appreciation award, from left: Rotaract Secretary Emily Barnes, Maria Thomas, Rotaract President Jaclyn Thurlow, NOW Executive Director Sarah Wolfburg, and Rotaract Vice President Meghan Brennan.

Bartender Night in August of 2018. Kelsey Quinn was recognized for her time as NOW's first Programming Coordinator and her work on improving NOW's fitness & nutrition outreach in the community. For the past two years, Kelsey served as the main contact for the many partner organizations NOW works with to offer youth scholarships.

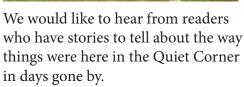
Northeast Opportunities for Wellness, is a non-profit human services organization focused on youth wellness. Serving the 10-town area of Northeast Connecticut, NOW provides children with the opportunity to participate in area athletic programs and activities, offering scholarships to the youth of the community with up to 95% of the cost being subsidized by NOW. The mission of the organization is to provide all children, regardless of financial resources, equal opportunities to achieve & maintain youth wellness, beginning at an early age. For more information on NOW or to donate, please visit www.nowinmotion.org.

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VENDORS WANTED: Ellis Tech Craft Fair, contact melspckitchen@gmail.com for details. The craft fair is Saturday, December 1, from 9am-2pm.

VENDORS WANTED: We are looking for crafters to be a part of our holiday craft sale in December. If you're interested, please call (860) 315-5792, Lost and Found Cat Shelter, 459 Thompson Road, Thompson.

November 24, 5:30

We will entertain you with a chili and cornbread dinner, at 5:30pm for \$8, followed by BILL THIBODEAU BAND AND SHADY CREEK BAND at 7pm FOR A DONATION OF \$12. corner of Dog Hill and Hartford Pike in Dayville. Come help keep your local Grange and bluegrass alive in the Quiet Corner.

November 24, Sat., 5:30pm

We are presenting a dinner of great chilli, followed by Shady Creek and Bill Thibideau for your Bluegrass pleasure, at the Grange at corner of Dog Hill and Hartford Pike in Dayville. Dinner at 5:30 for \$8, followed by Bluegrass at 7pm for a donation of \$12. Come enjoy with your friends.

November 24, Sat., 7-8:30am

Soldiers, Sailors and Marines Fund assistance is available every Saturday morning, at the Pomfret Senior Center 207 Mashamoquet Road (Rt. 44) in Pomfret. Best to call ahead, 860-928-2309. Always free and confidential. (The Soldiers, Sailors and Marines Fund is administered by the American Legion to provide temporary financial assistance for qualified veterans.)

November 25, Sunday

Former parishioners and members of the community are invited to attend the final service for St. Phillips's Church, 63 Grove Street, on the corner of Pleasant Street in Putnam, as the church is closing. Come share memories of St. Philip's. For more information call Jane Hale at Trinity Church at 860-774-9352.

November 28, Wed., 9:00-9:45 am QIGONG CLASS at Woodstock Town Hall, lower level. \$2 for residents & \$3 for nonresidents. Come and practice Qigong, an ancient Chinese practice using the mind-body-spirit connection. Qigong is designed to supplement and enhance the subtle energy in the body to promote health and wellbeing. All ages welcome.

November 28, Wed., 7pm

Bingo every Wednesday at St. James School, 12 Franklin Street, Danielson. Proceeds benefit St. James School.

December 1, Sat., 7-8:30am

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December 1, Sat., 8am-1pm

Sugar Plum Fair at Federated Church of Christ- Route 6, Brooklyn. Boxwood Trees, Rada Knives, Baked Goods, Finnish Coffee Bread, Cookies by the Pound-Grandma's Jewelry Box -Knit & Sew -Handmade Christmas Crafts-Gift Baskets- Hot Donuts-Gently Used Christmas Table, 50% off at the Thrift Shop. An old-fashioned Christmas bazaar!

December 1, Sat., 10am-3pm

The 6th annual Art and Craft Show will be held from in the East Woodstock Congregational Church at 220 Woodstock Rd, Woodstock. Over 25 vendors will be displaying their homemade gifts for sale and the ladies of the church will have a penny social. For questions please call Karen McFarlin at 860-933-8667.

December 2, Sun., 10:30am-2:30pm

Windham-Tolland 4-H Camp Open HH-House 326 Taft Pond Road, Pomfret. Free admission. Families, stop by the lodge for crafts, cookies and s'mores and tour the facilities. From 11:30-1:30, enjoy lunch with Santa. For tickets 974-3379 or at the door, \$6 for children up to age 8, \$10 for 9 and older. Photo with Santa \$8. Raffle baskets too!

This page is designed to shine a light on upcoming local nonprofit, educational and community events. Submissions are limited to 50 words or less and are FREE to qualifying /organizations, schools, churches and town offices. To submit your event contact:

Teri Stohlberg at 860-928-1818 ext. 105, or_teri@villagernewspapers.com

Deadline for submission is Friday at Noon

Bradley Playhouse presents "A Christmas Story"



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Jacob Saad (Randy), Ben Arters (Ralphie) and Kelly Lambert (Mother)

Jacob Saad (Randy), Kelly Lambert (Mother), Ben Arters (Ralphie) and William Corriveau (The Old Man)

PUTNAM — The holidays are here and the Theatre of Northeastern Connecticut at the Bradley Playhouse is bringing you one of the most beloved Christmas shows of all time, A Christmas Story. Join Ralphie and his family and friends as he dreams about the only gift he wants for Christmas. The show opens November 30 and runs for three weekends. Performances are Nov. 30, December 1, 7, 8, 14 and 15 at 7:30 p.m. and Dec. 2, 9 and 16 at 2 p.m.

The play version of A Christmas Story was written by Philip Grecian and based upon the motion picture of the same name written by Jean Shepherd, Leigh Brown and Bob Clark. It was also influenced by Jean Shepherd's collection of short stories, In God We Trust, All Others Pay Cash, which draws from his childhood in Hammond, Indiana.

A Christmas Story follows the adult Ralph Parker as he reminisces about one particular Christmas from his childhood. It was the year that the only thing he wanted for Christmas was a Red Ryder Carbine Action Air Rifle, and it wasn't looking good as adults told him "you'll shoot your eye out." Everyone you remember from the movie is on stage - Ralphie's cranky dad, doting mother and annoying little brother, as well as his friends and the local bully.

The TNECT performance of A Christmas Story is directed by Jennifer Briere, assisted by Roy Simmons. Vincent Chaisson appears as the adult Ralph, who is the narrator, and young Ralphie is Ben Arters. The rest of the Parker family is portrayed by William Corriveau as The Old Man, Kelly Lambert as Mother and Jacob Saad as brother Randy. Ralphie's friends include Remy Jacquet as Flick, Spencer Slayton as Schwartz, Maggie Montville as Esther Jane, Savannah Bryer as Helen and Aubrey Zannini

as the bully Scut Farkas. Their teacher. Miss Shields, is played by Bonnie Theriault. Other classmates include Alexa Deleon, Jack Dembinski, Coco Jacquet, Brendan Kaufold and Lauria

The Bradley Playhouse is located at 30 Front Street (Route 44) in Putnam. All seats are reserved. Reservations may be made online at www.thebradleyplayhouse.org or by calling 860-928-7887. Tickets may be purchased at the theater box office, either before the performance or at the door if available. Purchasing your tickets ahead of time is recommended.

Pomfret Community School celebrates



Phyllis LaBelle photos

POMFRET CENTER — On Thursday, Nov. 8, the eighth grade Spanish classes at Pomfret Community School celebrated El Día de Los that celebrates family and honors the deceased.

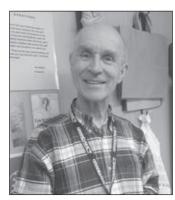






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Rena Madson art at Thompson Public Library. All Untitled.

THOMPSON — Thompson Public Library is currently featuring "Reap & Sew: Collections and Reflections," an exhibit of small works by Rena Madson. These beautiful crafty pieces exude various emotions and stories just by looking

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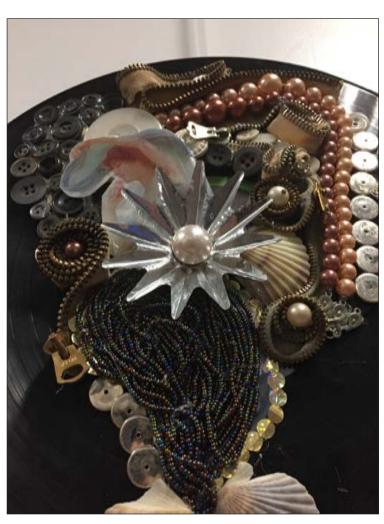












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Westfield Farmers Market is a great way for local farmers to sell their fresh produce in

the warmth of the Westfield United Church of Christ. Every other week through

March, the church will be the home of a quality farmer's market. So escape the winter weather and enjoy some vegetables and meat from local farmers!



Olivia Richman photos

Todd Barton and Adam Squire welcome people into the indoor farmer's market.



"We wanted to pick up some fresh vegetables," said Lori Skeean, with son Reese.



Julie Barton from Barton Farms.



Jams, jellies and applesauces are Pam Kerney's (of Hundred Acre Farms) spe-



Apples are the fruit of the season for Lapsley Orchard. Said Emily Navarro: "I love seeing the variety. It's great seeing what everyone has during each season."



Double Trouble Acres' Arthur Herrick showcases the farm's goat milk soaps, lotions and - new this season – shampoo bars.



"This is a way to help raise money for the church's mission of helping the community," said Sherri Pasco, who made the crafts available at Westfield Church's booth. Her husband made the canned goods.



Dan Kelley and Michaela Anderson sell beef, pork and chicken at Blackmer Farms' stand.



B-Z-B Farm LLC talks with some enthusiastic customers.



Fresh produce is the draw of the Westfield Farmers Market.

Workshops set at Danielson job center

American Job Center, located at 562 Westcott Road, is offering a variety of employment and training workshops to area residents in December. Advance registration is encouraged due to space limitations. Please visit CTHires.com or call (860) 774-4077 to register.

The following workshops are offered: Manufacturing Jobs for Everyone! Manufacturing jobs are in huge demand. There is a job for just about everyone, from entry level to highly skilled. Find out about job opportunities and how to prepare for a career in manufacturing. Learn about the Manufacturing Pipeline and the free training - classroom or online – offered to help you get a great paying job in manufacturing. December 5 (1 – 2:30 p.m.)

Computers Made Easy – Learn the basic aspects of how computers work, basic computer operations and terminology for Windows 7. Topics include basic file management, using Help and Support features, Internet searches and how to identify secure sites. Geared for individuals who have never used a computer or who need a refresher on computer use. December 6 (9 a.m. – 12 p.m.)

Metrix Learning – This workshop offers an orientation to online training through the Metrix Learning System. E-Training licenses allow 90 days of 24/7 unlimited access to more than 5.000 courses (IT, desktop computer skills or healthcare education). Learn new skills or upgrade existing skills to help find a new job or enhance your career. December 6 (1 – 3 p.m.)

Applying Online: The Basics - Learn the basics of applying online, including use of job search engines, emailing employers and attaching and inserting résumés to online applications and emails. December 7 (9 a.m. – 12 p.m.)

Fundamentals of Résumé Writing -Learn how to write a focused résumé needed to secure job interview and employment offers. Topics include thinking like an employer, developing essential parts of the résumé, keywords, relevant vs. irrelevant information, formatting and cover letters. Call 860-848-5200 to register. December 7 (9 a.m. – 12

Introduction to Microsoft Word - In this two-day workshop, learn how to create a document, save it to a disk. open and close it, make changes, and print it. PREREQUISITE: You must possess basic knowledge of computers or have attended the Computer Basics Workshop. December 11 and 12 (9 a.m. - 12 p.m.)

Get Back to Work - You can overcome job search stress: stay connected, get involved, and know your next steps. Our staff is here to offer guidance, direction and opportunity. December 11 (3-5 p.m.) and December 27 (9:30 – 11:30 a.m.)

Creating A Job Search "Elevator Pitch" - Learn how to create the perfect 30- or 60-second "elevator pitch" to introduce yourself to potential employers. Explore how to identify or create a networking opportunity and effectively engage during a networking opportunity. Useful for all jobseekers that are unfamiliar or out of practice with networking, and those that are using LinkedIn.December 12 (1 – 4 p.m.)

Employability Skills for Ex-Offenders Focuses on helping ex-offenders market themselves to potential employers. Learn how to answer challenging questions on applications and interviews. December 12(1-4 p.m.)

Ticket to Work Orientation - Learn about Social Security's Ticket to Work program, and how it supports career development for people with disabilities who want to work. Social Security disability beneficiaries ages 18 through 64 can qualify. The Ticket program is free and voluntary. Attend to learn how the Ticket program helps people with disabilities progress toward financial independence. December 13 (10 – 11 a.m.)

Interviewing Strategies Techniques – Learn how to strategically prepare for critical job interview questions. Topics include company research, developing a candidate message, questions to ask the employer, closing the interview, and following up. Call (860) 848-5200 to register. December 14 (9 a.m. – 12 p.m.)

Networking with LinkedIn - Geared to help jobseekers create or update a LinkedIn profile. Learn how to build your online network and how to enhance your job search through online networking. Attendees will be encouraged to join relevant professional groups available through LinkedIn to expand their electronic network. Course content includes how to use Local Labor Market Information to identify, research, and approach local employers. December 18 (9:30 a.m. -12:30 p.m.)

Confidence Makeover: Rebound & Recover - Offers an outline of how to work toward a concrete confidence makeover by suggesting a variety of

specific techniques and practical confidence-building tips that can make a significant difference in being the right candidate. December 19 (9 a.m. – 2 p.m.)

E-mail Skills for Jobseekers – In this six-hour workshop conducted over two days, learn how to compose and reply to emails and attach résumés to emails. Practice responding to a job posting via email while using a practice cover letter and résumé. Geared for jobseekers that will be emailing résumés to employers; instructor will help attendees obtain an email address if needed. December 19 and 20 (9 a.m. – 12 p.m.)

Health Careers Orientation – Provides an overview of in-demand careers in healthcare, job skills and available certificate and degree programs. Also receive information about financial assistance. December 19 (10 – 11:30 a.m.)

CTHires – Résumé Builder – Focuses on building and completing a résumé in the CTHires online employment system. Provides opportunities to review and update your CTHires profile, including job skills, and do a comprehensive résumé build with the assistance of the workshop instructor. Also learn to download, print, and email your résumé from CTHires. December 19(1-4 p.m.)

Job Corps Orientation (ages 17-24) -This workshop offers an overview of Job Corps, trades offered, where they are located, and expectations for Job Corps students. Also receive information about eligibility and the process to enroll in the program. This is the starting point for any prospective Job Corps student. December 21 (9 a.m. – 12 p.m.)



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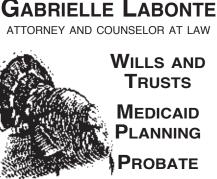


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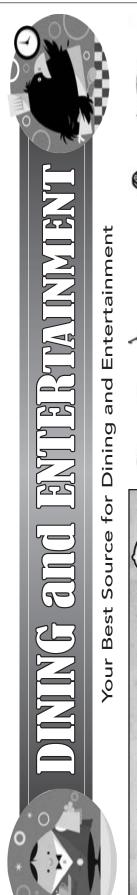
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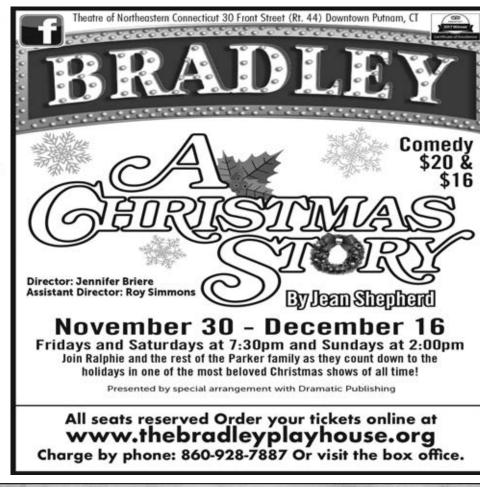
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Memorial Wednesday, Nov. 28 WPCA, 6:30 p.m., Clifford B.

Green Memorial Board of Education, 7 p.m., Central Office

Thursday, Nov. 29 Resource Recovery 6:30 p.m.. Commission, Clifford B. Green Memorial Board of Selectmen, 6:30 p.m., Clifford B. Green Memorial Center

KILLINGLY

Monday, Nov. 26 Town Republican Committee, 7 p.m., Town Hall Tuesday, Nov. 27 Democratic Town Committee, 7 p.m., Town Hall Wednesday, Nov. 28 Solid Waste Sub-Committee, 5:30 p.m., Town Hall

Public Safety Commission, 7 p.m., Town Hall

Borough Council, 7 p.m.,

PUBLIC MEETINGS

Town Hall Thursday, Nov. 29 Revision Charter Commission, 7 p.m., Town

Friday, Nov. 30 CTCouncil of Governments, 8:30 a.m., Town Hall

PUTNAM

Monday, Nov. 26 Board of Finance, 7 p.m., Town Hall

Library Board, 7 p.m.,

Putnam Public Library

THOMPSON

Monday, Nov. 26 Planning & Zoning Commission, 7 p.m., Town Hall

WOODSTOCK

Monday, Nov. 26 Conservation, 7 p.m., Town Historic Properties, 7 p.m., Town Hall

Tuesday, Nov. 27 WPCA, 7 p.m., Town Hall

Wednesday, Nov. 28 Quasset School, 4 p.m., Town Hall Historic District, 6:30 p.m., Town Hall

EASTFORD

Monday, Nov. 26 American Legion, 7:30 p.m., Town Office Building

Tuesday, Nov. 27 Transfer Station Committee, 1 p.m., Town Office Building Wednesday, Nov. 28 Registrar of Voters, 7 p.m.,





There is a new vision that promises an exciting future for this historic church on the Common: Vision 2020 the Restoration Campaign for Thompson Congregational, United Church of Christ, will reform the foundation for an exciting new Thompson center. To learn more contact Avery Tillinghast, Campaign Coordinator at 860.208.6253

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support of the congregation, Thompson Congregational, United Church of Christ will regain its footing as Thompson's church.'

This will happen in three phases, each raising around \$500,000. The first phase will see the completion of the church exterior, including the roof and sanctuary back wall. They will also repair and install historic stained glass windows.

The second phase will include the completion of full access to the sanctuary, including seating. It will also begin the repairs of the basement rooms and lighting. Then the last phase will see the historic organ's restoration and the completion of the basement rooms.

While Tillinghast said there's "a long way to go," he was astounded with what the congregation was able to do themselves before the restoration campaign kick off. They were able to raise \$150,000 within the congregation alone.

But now, the first phase is reaching out to the church's community.

The campaign begins with an event at the new restaurant, Anya, December. This will be for a select group of people that Tillinghast hopes will donate to the first phase. Then there will be a mass mailing to approximately 8,000 people in Thompson, Woodstock, Putnam and Killingly later in the month.

They will then reach out to businesses and organizations in the Quiet Corner, including other churches that may be able to help.

It's a lot of work, but it's for a cause that means a lot to the community.

"There are few historical buildings in Thompson that are more notable and recognizable than Thompson Congregational, United Church of Christ," said Joseph Lindley, the Vice President of Thompson Historical Society. current church, constructed in 1855, is a historical and architectural masterpiece. It suffered a terrible fire . . . and it is now time to bring this beautiful building back to its previous grandeur.'

The Reverend Greg Gray has continued to make the church a stand-out in the community, with his constant fundraising programs and community events.

"I have worked in all six New England states when I worked with the hospitals [doing similar campaigns],' said Tillinghast, "and I have found that this is the most generous regional community. I think they are aware of the quality of the charities they support. It's such a nice area. And they're willing to share. Willing to help.'

For more information or to make a donation, please call 860-923-2431 or 860-208-6253.

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Police Logs

Town Office Building

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BROOKLYN

Tuesday, Nov. 13

Oscar Arthur McDuffee, 41, of 30 Mechanic Street Apt. #D, Killingly, was charged with disorderly conduct. interfering with an emergency call and assault

Wednesday, Nov. 14

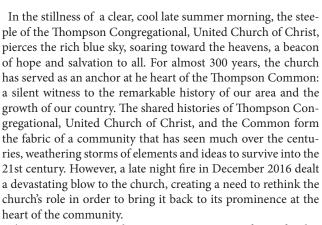
Zachary Lewis, 25, of 699 N. Main Street, Killingly, was charged with risk of injury to a child, disorderly conduct and assault

PUTNAM

Tuesday, Nov. 13

Scott Beaulieu, 55, of 32 Smith Street, Putnam, was charged with a warrant







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Centaurs fall in state championship final

EAST HAVEN It had been over two months since Woodstock Academy was pushed to five sets — seemingly set on cruise control since edging Waterford 3-2 back on Sept. 10 — auto piloting all the way to the state championship match with a perfect 24-0 record. Through it all the Centaurs had been a carefree bunch — looser than the elastic net that runs down the middle of a volleyball court. They had dropped just two sets over 22 matches prior to facing the Falcons of Joel Barlow High in the Class L state title game last Saturday.

But the Falcons transformed those carefree smiles to tears and turned that volleyball net into a brick barrier — stonewalling the Centaurs one win short of perfection. Second-seeded Barlow captured the state crown after rallying from a two-set deficit to defeat top-seeded Woodstock 3-2 (21-25, 20-25, 25-13, 25-19, 16-14) at East Haven High on Nov. 17.

After dropping the first two sets the Falcons rallied and punctured the Centaurs' laid-back personae for the first time this season.

"We were kind of loose coming in. We were a little too comfortable," said senior outside hitter Natalie Low. "It almost kind of let us lose focus and just kind of come in expecting something. I feel like if we had a loss earlier this season we would have had our guard up more. I think we kind of let the pressure get to us a little bit. If we would have stayed looser I feel like we would have had a better game."

Trailing two sets to none — Joel Barlow dialed up the pressure a few notches by winning the third set (25-13), shifting momentum and putting Woodstock on the defensive.

"Mentally they broke down there in the third said Woodstock coach Adam Bottone. "They lost their looseness in the third set, for sure. They were letting things bother them where they never would before. They were getting frustrated. It just kind of went downhill from there."

Bottone tried to restore the Centaurs' swagger but it seemed a losing proposition after Barlow refused to give in despite dropping the first two

"We talked about that in timeouts, in between sets — tried making some changes defensively just nothing worked," Bottone said.

The loss ended Woodstock Academy's season at 24-1. Junior outside hitter Paula Hernandez led Woodstock with 32 kills and 22 digs. Low notched 13 kills and had 14 service points. Senior setter Sammie Orlowski had 32 assists for the Centaurs. It was not enough.

"Natalie (Low) struggled again today. Sammie (Orlowski) struggled today. Maddy (Gronski) struggled defensively. I know Paula (Hernandez) ends up putting a lot of pressure on her shoulders and so she struggled with that today," Bottone said. "This team all season has been more than just Paula. I think tonight was an indication of that. You can't just have one person win a match.'

Hernandez said the Falcons seized momen-

tum in the third set and never let go. Joel Barlow finished with 15 service aces for the match.

"They started serving better. And they started targeting more people. They definitely got through our blocks," Hernandez said. "We were struggling. When two things are not synchronized it's really hard to work as a whole. I think they really got us out of our way with their serves. They were ready for it. They fought for it so they got it."

It was the second straight year Woodstock has fallen in the Class L state championship game, coming after last season's loss to RHAM in the final. Momentum is a hard thing to stop once it gets rolling.

"It was also the tension we had because of last year. Maybe that put us with a little pressure. When we started to struggle it got into our heads," Hernandez said. "So I think that's a factor that affected us. It's 90 percent a mental game. If you have the mental strength it takes to play volleyball — your physical, it doesn't matter. When they started to get momentum everything started working their way. We struggled a lot. You could see it in our faces."

Despite Barlow's rally, the Centaurs still came tantalizingly close to pulling out the victory - with Woodstock sophomore Marissa Mayhew serving at 14-14 in the decisive fifth set.

"Mayhew's a good server so I felt confident having her back there, that she was going to keep it in," Bottone said. "She's had a couple serves in some big matches where she's struggled so that experience helped her

But the Falcons tallied the final two points of the fifth set — with Barlow's Kayleigh Emaneulson serving out the match to deliver the Class L championship state championship plaque to Joel Barlow's trophy case.

"I think what broke down for us, it was just defensively," said Bottone. "That's why we couldn't hold it."

At 14-14 Mayhew produced a solid serve but Barlow won the point, and then Emaneulson served out the match.

"It got it in. That's my job. I felt all the pressure. I wanted to wish that we'd get it but I didn't want to push it. I tried to hold myself together for the team," Mayhew said. "We just did as much as we could."





Woodstock Academy's Sierra Bedard, left, and Katie Papp, rise for a block against Joel Barlow last Saturday, Nov. 17, in the Class L championship game.

Perhaps the pressure of preserving a perfect record weighed too heavily on the Centaurs.

"Especially at this level when it's so demanding that everything has to be perfect. I felt it a lot last night. I felt it today. A lot of the girls did. It got the best of us this year," Mayhew said.

Joel Barlow finished with a record of 22-1. Emaneulson finished with 39 assists, Kiara Robichaud had 22 kills and Julia Mullin added

16 kills for the Falcons the combination was too much for Woodstock to overcome. The Centaurs ran head on into a brick barrier last Saturday.

"When you come in with a record like that you have everything to lose and the other team's got nothing to lose,' Bottone said.

One loss can seemingly outweigh 24 wins.

"It's immensely disappointing. I said in practice the other day and I said to them afterwards 'If we lose this one it's because we didn't come to play.' And that was the case," Bottone said. "Barlow's a really good team. They do things really well. They serve well. They don't make a ton of mistakes. They took us out of our game. So kudos to them for doing that.'

Top-seeded Woodstock Academy cruised on auto pilot all the way to East Haven High for the Class L state championship game — the Centaurs just couldn't bring it in for a

landing. "I mean I know going the 24-0 part of this is nothing to squawk about but sometimes you look at it like it's all for nothing if you can't finish it," Bottone said. "We just couldn't do what we've done all season. We just couldn't make it work. That's all."

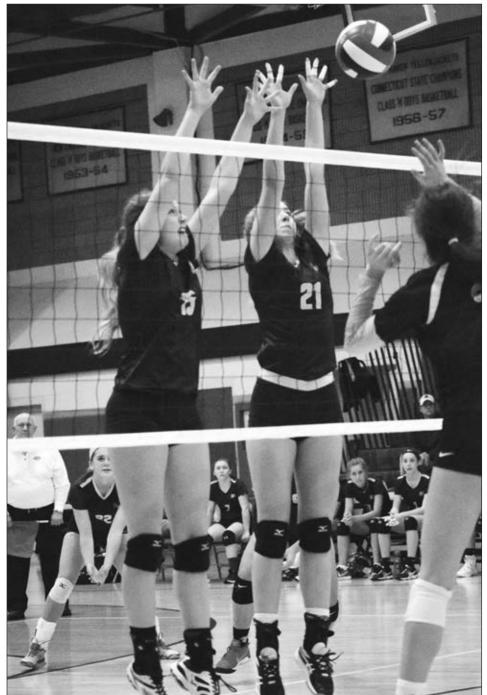
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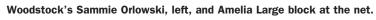
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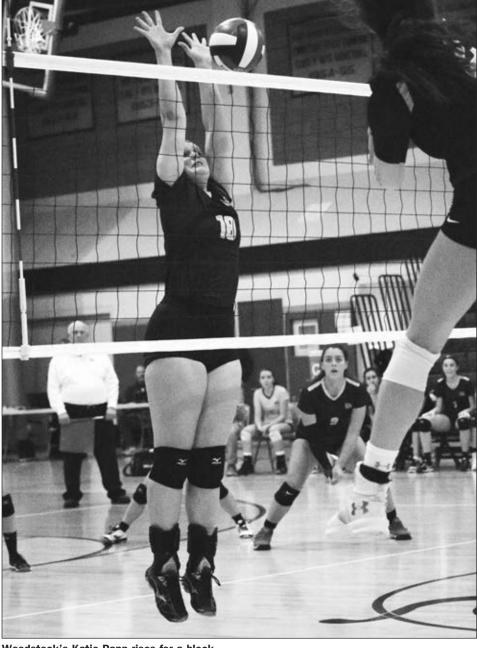
CIAC Class L state championship match

EAST HAVEN — The Centaurs of Woodstock Academy made it all the way to the CIAC Class L volleyball state championship match last Saturday, Nov. 17, at East Haven High School. Joel Barlow High of Redding spoiled a perfect finish for the Centaurs, defeating Woodstock 3-2 to end the Centaurs season with a record of 24-1. Barlow finished at 22-1.



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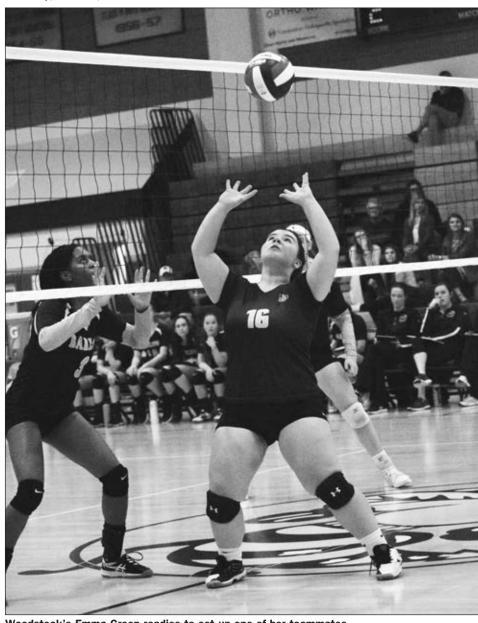
Woodstock's Katie Papp rises for a block.



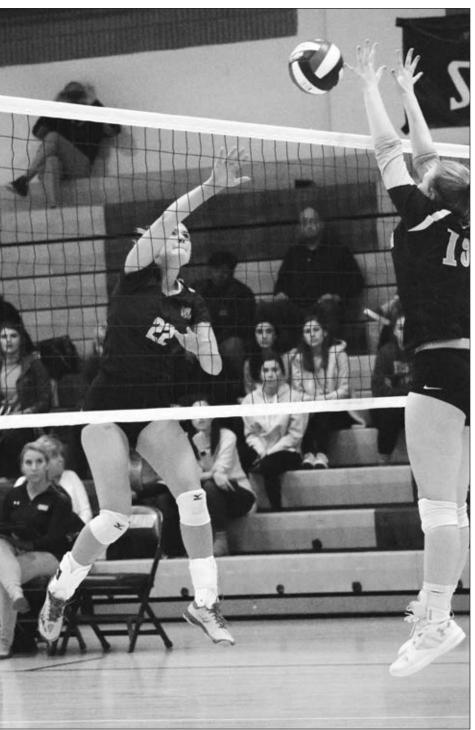
Coach Adam Bottone consoles his team after the loss.



Woodstock's Paula Hernandez attempts a kill past Joel Barlow's Arden Westphalen last Saturday, Nov. 17, in East Haven.



Woodstock's Emma Green readies to set up one of her teammates.



Woodstock's Natalie Low attempts a kill past Joel Barlow's Arden Westphalen.

Killingly tops Capital Prep as playoffs near

BY CHARLIE LENTZ

HARTFORD Killingly High took care of business last Saturday, finishing its regular season with a 42-7 win over Capital Prep. The Redmen went 9-1 this season and now prepare for the opening round of the Class M state playoffs, slated to begin on Tuesday, Nov. 27. Killingly will enter the playoffs as the fourth seed and will likely play host to Cheney Tech (8-2), holding the No. 5 spot through last weekend's competition. Coach Chad Neal said his players will be ready.

"They're very excited about it. To be home again, we had four home games this year, so the opportunity to play a fifth home game, it means a lot to these kids," Neal said. "It means a lot for these seniors — 32 teams playing after Thanksgiving and we're excited to be one of them again."

Killingly had nine days to prepare for the first round of the state Class M playoffs.

'We're just going to get our reps in, both offensively and defensively. I think we have a pretty good idea of who we'll be playing in the quarterfinals and we'll start putting in the defensive and offensive game plan in," Neal said. "But the biggest thing will be just getting in, getting reps, keeping our timing down. Getting our legs our legs back, keeping them. I think the biggest thing at this point in the season is staying healthy, staying fresh, and again just getting reps.'

The Redmen are in the same half of the playoff bracket as prospective top-seed St. Joseph of Trumbull (8-1 through nine games). Should Killingly advance past the quarterfinals and meet St. Joseph in the state semifinals, the Cadets would be a formidable foe. Nine of St. Joseph's



Charlie Lentz photo

Killingly High quarterback Luke Desaulnier lines up under center Justin Maiato against New London on Sept. 21. The Redmen's only loss came in a 25-24 defeat against New London on Sept. 21. Killingly is the defending Class M state champion.

10 regular-season opponents this season were Class LL schools, its only loss through nine games was to Darien, last season's LL state champion. St. Joseph won the Class S state championship last season before moving up to Class M this season. St. Joseph finished out the regular season on Thanksgiving against crosstown rival Trumbull High School. The Class M semifinals are slated for Sunday, Dec. 2, at the site of the

higher seed.

"If St. Joes wins on Thanksgiving that's who will probably see if we get by Cheney Tech," Neal said. "St. Joes was No. 1 in the entire state for a little while this year.

They play Darien, New Canaan, Trumbull, quite a few double-L schools — they're a private school. They've got kids coming from everywhere, very good, they have quite a few Division I players. Their quarterback (David Summers) is committed to Maryland. So it's going to be a challenge."

Killingly is the defending Class M state champion and its only loss this season came at Class L New London as the Whalers scored with 23 seconds left to pull out a 25-24 victory. The Redmen defeated Class LL Norwich Free Academy 12-6 in overtime in the ninth game of the season so they have some momentum heading into

the state tournament.

"Going into the NFA game that night we put a lot of emphasis on getting that home game (in the playoffs)," Neal said.

The Redmen ran over Capital Prep (4-6) last Saturday to earn their ninth victory and lock up the No. 4 seeding and the home playoff game that comes with it. Senior Nsaiah Harriet rushed for 100 yards on 14 carries. Junior Jackson Lopes picked up 95 yards on nine carries. Senior Josh Montpelier added a 55-yard touchdown run. Killingly rushed for 305 yards on 36 carries.

"I thought we ran the ball very successfully between Jackson Lopes and Nsaiah Harriet, and even Josh Montpelier — the three of them really carried the load on the ground. The offensive line did a nice job," Neal said. "We talked about getting that home game in the first round because you don't want to go on the road on a Tuesday night. Capital Prep, despite their record, has a lot of very good athletes and they play hard."

Neal said his Redmen are a very different team than the one that defeated Joel Barlow in last season's state championship game.

"I'm very proud of this group. We had to replace a number of guys on offense — I think eight different guys on offense. Offensively I think we averaged just over 40 points, those guys really played well. We had a good amount coming back on defense but the defense has been our backbone I think more this season but our offense has done a great job," Neal said. "I think we'll go as far as our defense takes us in the postseason, just very happy with this group. They've established their identity as a team. The senior class has done a great job also."

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Special senior group for Quinebaug Valley Pride

BY CHARLIE LENTZ VILLAGER EDITOR

TORRINGTON

Quinebaug Valley Pride coach Joe Asermelly will always remember the contributions of his senior corps as the clock runs out on their high school football careers. The Pride defeated MCW United 42-0 last Saturday at Wolcott Tech's football field as the season nears its conclusion.

my pleasure to get to work with them every day. They've certainly earned everything they have," Asermelly said. "I'm going to miss them. They've been a fun group to coach. There's a lot guys that contribute and do special things every day. That kind of makes the job worth it."

Against MCW on Nov. 17 it was another big day for senior

quarterback Josh Dodd and his primary target — senior receiver Jamie Talbot. The win lifted the Pride's record to 5-4 and kept Quinebaug Valley in the hunt for a winning season. The Pride last finished above .500 in 2015 when they went 6-4. Quinebaug Valley finished 2-8 in the 2016 and went 4-6 last fall.

"Here are players that a year or two ago had to make

a decision. Were they OK just playing for fun? Or were they going to buckle down, work hard, and become successful. Certainly with the opportunity to have a winning season these guys are very much aware of what's at stake here," said Asermelly, in his seventh season.

Against MCW United, Dodd completed 12-of-15 passes for 381 yards and five touchdowns. Talbot made three catches all touchdown receptions totaling 170 yards (50, 70, and 50-yard scores). Senior receiver Jeff Reed snagged a 35-yard touchdown reception and finished with 95 receiving yards. Senior Sam Williams made a 62-yard touchdown reception. Senior running back Matt Fitzpatrick had eight carries for 86 yards. Senior lineman Matt Grauer had a one-yard touchdown run. Each season Asermelly likes to reward his linemen with a chance to run with the pigskin.

with the pigskin.

"Every now and then with a senior lineman, if we end up with the ball on the 1-yard line, I just give it to the big fella to pound it in," Asermelly said. "Those guys on the line, they play both ways, they get beat up on the line all the time. They work so hard. It's just an opportunity for them to show that they're more than just a grunt. Everybody just buys in on helping that one player succeed on that one play."

Through nine games Dodd has thrown for over 2,500 yards with 35 touchdowns. Dodd's signature performance this season came in a 37-14 win over Cheney Tech on Sept. 14 — in that victory Dodd passed for 408 yards and five touchdowns. Talbot has over 1,500 receiv-

Charlie Lentz photo

Quinebaug Valley's Jamie Talbot stretches for a catch against Prince Tech in Hartford on Sept 29. The Pride closed out the season on Thanksgiving Eve against Thames River. ing yards this season with 12 touchdowns. Last season Dodd was out after breaking his collarbone in practice just one day before the Thanksgiving Day game against Thames River and the Pride fell 42-30.

"Josh is one of the top quarterbacks in the state. Josh and Jamie (Talbot) are just having great senior seasons," Asermelly said. "Josh is obviously very talented. I haven't seen a high school player that throws the ball as well as he does in our area — ever. He's completely focused on winning on Thanksgiving Eve right now. Last year he had an unfortunate collarbone injury the day before the game."

The win on Nov. 17 over MCW United (Wolcott Tech/Housatonic Valley Regional/Wamago cooperative) lifted Quinebaug Valley's record to 5-4 and positioned the Pride for a winning season if they could defeat Thames River (5-4) on Thanksgiving Eve on Nov. 21.

Asermelly was happy to close out the season at home. The game at MCW United last weekend was the Pride's third-straight road game. Quinebaug Valley last played at home on Oct. 19 when it defeated Vinal Tech 36-26.

"It's nice to just have one more home game on the schedule for Thanksgiving Eve. Being on the road for a month was a little tiring," Asermelly said. "But we've won four of the last five and we're in a good place."

OSW 35, WOODSTOCK 10

MADISON — Old Saybrook/ Westbrook defeated Woodstock Academy 35-10 in high school football at Strong Field on Nov. 14. The win lifted OSW's record to 5-4. The Centaurs ended the season with a record of 1-9.

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Clayton R. Shead Jr., 94



Clayton R. Shead Jr. passed away peacefully November 12, 2018. Clayton was born June 17, 1924 in Putnam to Clayton R. Shead, Sr. and Esther Diggins Parent. He graduated

Putnam High School in 1942 where he was the star running back on the football team. Upon completion of school Clayton enlisted in the US Navy over the Army, because he said the food was much better. He served during WWII aboard the USS Patoka. Against his mother's wishes, after the war, he re-enlisted where he served on the USS Power and USS Winslow before being discharged on December 7, 1948.

On leave from the Navy, he married Doris Bosworth of Eastford on November 16, 1946. The couple had three children, Kevin, Barry and Audrey. The family settled in Eastford in the home that Clayton built. He worked for many years at UCONN in the Agricultural Facilities He spent and Maintenance Dept. his "down time" raising cattle, sheep, goats, rabbits, chickens, and turkeys. In addition to serving his country, Clayton served his local community. He joined the Eastford Independent Fire Company in 1952, and continued active service until 2009. There he served as Deputy Chief, Head of the Fire Police, and Burn Officer. He also served as town constable for many

Sadly, Doris became ill in 1999 and Clayton cared for her every need, act-

passed

late Henry W. Tewgood and Doris L.

(Smith) Stueckle. Barbara retired from

National Patent Development Corp. in

1989 as a payroll supervisor after 35

years. She was a member of Harmony

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where she served as Past Royal

Matron and held many grand offices,

a member of the Danielson Chapter

#77, Order of the Eastern Star where

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Barbara D. Wheeler,

Saturday November

10, 2018 at Villa

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in Plainfield. She

was born on June 29,

1920, daughter of the

of Danielson

away

Barbara D. Wheeler, 98

ing as her personal live-in nurse. After Doris passed, Clayton spent his time traveling to Ireland, the Grand Canyon, and Jamaica with friends. Clayton had a loud, boom-

ing personality; he loved talking to every person in the room, cracking jokes and laughing. He leaves his family and friends with thousands of fond memories and valuable life lessons, and he will surely be missed.

Clayton leaves his son, Kevin, and his wife Susan Shead of Eastford; son, Barry and his wife Brenda of Woodstock; daughter Carabeau and her husband Garry of Eastford. As well as grandchildren Benjamin Shead and wife Kathryn of Thompson: Jason Shead and wife Elizabeth of Thompson; Heather Minka and husband Nicholas of Holden Massachusetts; Alison Shead of Los Angeles, California; Jesse Carabeau of Baltimore Maryland; Sarah and husband Jared Sanderson of Woodstock; and Keith Owens of Orlando, Florida. He also leaves behind eight great grandchildren and many nieces and nephews.

Calling hours were held at Smith and Walker in Putnam, which was followed by a funeral with military honors. In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to EIFC #1 PO Box 333 Eastford CT 06242. Share a memory at www.smithandwalkerfh.com

she served as Past Worthy Matron

and Past Grand Representative.

Barbara was a member of the Union

Baptist Church, East Killingly. She

is survived by her children Priscilla

Morin of South Killingly and William

Wheeler of Charlotte, North Carolina.

Grandchildren Michael Gervais, Lynn

Chenette, Dean Morin, David Gervais,

Joni Wheeler and Holly Adams. Nine

great-grandchildren and two great

great grandchildren. She was predeceased by her daughter Constance Gervais, brother Donald Tewgood,

and granddaughter Carol Dupont. A

funeral service was held on Friday

November 16, in Tillinghast Funeral

Home in Danielson. Burial will be in

Westfield Cemetery. tillinghastfh.com

Carl P. Jankowski, 93



Carl Jankowski age 93 died Wednesday, November 14, 2018 at the Harrington Hospital, Southbridge, MA. He leaves his wife of 69 years, Irene (Wedda) Jankowski.

He also leaves three daughters, Christine Laroche and her husband Gui of Milford, Debra Jankowski of Dudley, and Carol Parks of North Grosvenordale, CT., five grandchildren and four great grandchildren. Carl was predeceased by three brothers, Louis, Chester and Ralph and a sister Josephine Patterson all of Webster. He was born in Webster son of the late Jacob and Anna (Tschierzy) Jankowski and lived here most of his life. He was a WWII US Marine Corp veteran. Carl was a machinist, and worked for Pratt Whitney in Hartford, CT. He was a past commander of the PAV, and a longtime member of the Webster-Dudley Veterans Council. He was part of the invasion of Guam

and Saipan. Carl received the honor of being the first Grand Marshall of the Veterans Day Parade.

There are no calling hours. The Shaw-Majercik Funeral Home, 48 School St., Webster, MA has been entrusted with his arrangements. A guest book at www.shaw-majercik. com where you may post a condolence or light a candle. A Memorial Mass will be announced at a later date. Please omit flowers and the family requests donations in his memory be made to a charity of donor's choice.

Kenneth W. Hunter, 80

BROOKLYN, CT- Kenneth W. Hunter age 80 died Wednesday, November 14, 2018 in an auto accident in Brooklyn, CT. He leaves his wife Barbara (Rukstela) Hunter. He leaves a son James Hunter of Georgia, a brother Robert Hunter of Brooklyn, CT, two sisters Marjorie Auger and her husband Moe of Putnam, CT and Malene Wilson and her husband Roger of Willington, Ct. He was born in Killingly, CT son of the late Arthur L. Hunter and Beatrice C. (Colwell) Hunter and lived here most of his life. He was a US Army Veteran. Ken was a chicken farmer all his life. He enjoyed fishing and clamming.

There are no call-

Home, 48 School St., Webster, MA has been entrusted with his arrangements. A guest book is available at www. shaw-majercik.com where you may



STURBRIDGE-Diane M. (Lariviere) Groccia, 61, formerly of Union, CT died Tuesday, November 13, at the Rose Monahan Hospice in Worcester. Her

Groccia, II who died March 28, 2015.

Diane was born in Southbridge,

ing hours and a celebration of life will be announced at a later date. The Shaw-Majercik Funeral

post a condolence or light a candle.





husband of 40 years was the late John

She is survived by her son John

Groccia, III and his wife Kristen of Holland, and her daughter Heather Plummer and her husband Scott of Woodstock, CT. She also leaves her grandsons Joseph and Nathan Groccia, her brother James Lariviere and his wife Nettie of Marienville, PA. her sister Susan Pion and her husband Robert of Taftville, CT, and many nieces and nephews.

December 22, 1956, daughter of the late Norman and Gladys (Maynard) Lariviere. She and her band lived in Union, CT before returning to Sturbridge recently. She was a member of St. Anne/St. Patrick's Church in Fiskdale, and graduated from Southbridge High School, Class of 1974. She worked as an assembler at Fused Fiber Optics in Southbridge.

Diane enjoyed being a homemaker, and most of all spending time with her family and friends.

In lieu of flowers, please consider a donation to the Rose Monahan Hospice Home, 10 Judith Road, Worcester, MA

Funeral services will be private. Sansoucy Funeral Home, 40 Marcy Street, Southbridge, MA 01550 is directing the arrangements. http:// www.sansoucyfuneral.com

Gilman Funeral Home Valade Funeral Home 23 Main Street, North Grosvenordale, CT 06260 860-928-7723 Robert R. Fournier Jr. - Funeral Director Locally Owned and Operated Gilman-Vidade LLC



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JoAnn M. Nipula, 72



BROOKLYN JoAnn (Marszalek) Nipula, 72, a resident of Brooklyn, passed away peacefully at home on November 11, 2018 after fighting a long and courageous battle with brain cancer for over

two years. She was born on July 23, 1946, the daughter of the late John and Gertrude Marszalek. JoAnn was married to John Nipula, who predeceased her. She was his caretaker when he became ill.

JoAnn was employed for many years at Wyre Wynd in Jewett City. During her retirement years, she worked part-time at the Lisbon Walmart and enjoyed her time there.

She is survived by her two children,

Dennis Marszalek of Wauregan and Charlene Gadue of Griswold. She also leaves behind her two grandchildren, Jessica and Nicholas Gadue. She also leaves behind many friends, including her best friend, Noreen Crump, as well as her beloved cat Snoopy.

JoAnn really enjoyed being a member of Jessica's WAM Club and running snacks to the high school for Nick regularly. She loved her boating time on the water with Charlene and Glenn, especially when Nick was behind the wheel. Summer was her favorite time of the year. She looked forward to her morning visits from her son Dennis and his dog.

There will be no calling hours. Funeral arrangements will be made private, but a celebration of her life will be announced at a later date. till-

mother, mentor and teacher of good

life values. She enjoyed fun times with

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Josephine (Ruoppo) DiVincenzo, 89



POMFRET CENTER Pomfret Center -Josephine (Ruoppo) DiVincenzo, 89, formerly of South Main Street, Putnam, CT., passed away November 17, 2018 at the Matulaitis

Skilled Care Facility in Putnam. She was the loving wife of the late Armand DiVincenzo. Born in Putnam, she was the daughter of the late Santolo and Luisa (Catoni) Ruoppo.

Josephine was employed by Belding Heminway, Colt's Plastics and the American Optical Company (AO) in various manufacturing and production jobs, retiring from the AO in 1993. She was a lifelong member of St. Mary Church in Putnam.

Josephine was a loving and caring

family and cooking for the holidays as she brought her Neapolitan cooking styles to the table every day. She liked to travel and returned to Naples Italy three times to visit family and tour the area. She also enjoyed several crafts such as knitting, sewing, crafting small decorations and toys for her grandchildren. She loved music and dancing and was always the first one up for a line dance at weddings and other events.

Josephine leaves behind three sons, David (Joan) of Hamden, Paul (Sandy) of Madison, and Gregory (Tina) of Wethersfield; six grandchildren, Michael, Mallory, Julia, Olivia, Laura and Daniel, and many nieces, nephews and friends, especially her recent friends and acquaintances at Seely Brown Village in Pomfret Center.

Calling hours were held on November 21, 2018 in the Gilman Funeral Home and Crematory in Putnam, which was followed by A Mass of Christian Burial in St. Mary Church of the Visitation Church, 218 Providence St., Putnam. Burial will follow in St. Mary Cemetery. In lieu of flowers memorial donations may be made to the American Cancer Society, 825 Brook St., Rocky Hill, CT. 06067. For memorial guestbook visit www. GilmanAndValade.com.

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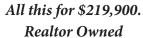
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Charles Henry MacWilliams II, 66

Charles Henry MacWilliams II, 66, born January 8, 1952, died November 17 of complications due to Acute Myeloid Leukemia at Manatee Memorial Hospital in Bradenton, Fla. He died as he lived, always surrounded by family who love him.

He was a General Contractor and skilled Mason, who owned his own family business with his son and sister, Mac's-son Construction. A resident of the area for 38 years, Chuck was born in Michigan, growing up in Florida. He grew up on the ocean, skin diving, surfing and boating. He worked along side his own father, Henry, running the company Cresthaven Enterprises, that pioneered new construction on Florida's East Coast.

He was also a truly gifted musician and artist. His love and talent for music came from his mother Isabelle who nurtured his confidence and passion for music. In his formative years his band, '21 days of sleep' backed up and opened for many of the most popular acts on the coast giving him the opportunity to "jam" with legends. Chuck played in several more bands throughout his life, saying that the most fun he'd ever had was playing with the Woodstock bands T.N.P.C. and R.O.A.D, always holding onto his great love of music and turn of phrase. He also was gifted in sports and played baseball and football. He was recruited at seventeen years old, playing for the A-team division Boca Bombers as a linebacker, center and kicker. He always said, "The discipline and fortitude of sports teamwork is an invaluable lesson throughout life.'

Chuck met the love of his life Lucy (whom he referred to as BLU) on a jobsite in 1975. Together they chose to move to Connecticut in 1981, where they lived their shared dream of building their farm and raising their family. They filled their house with strength of virtue, integrity, music, love, and laughter. Chuck took great pride and enjoyment in spending time with his

grandchildren, who adored their "poppies." There was nothing he would not sacrifice for his family and nothing he would not do to help a friend. He was a humble man in the face of flattery a yet quick to compliment and give others a boost. He was intuitive and had an uncanny way of seeing into the nature of others, coaching them to be the best versions of them-selves when they most needed it.

Chuck had a generous spirit and enjoyed volunteering and giving to various charities, community, and causes throughout his life. Many will cherish the countless Christmas seasons he spent as Santa Claus and the countless summers he spent cooking for pig roasts. He was a truly gifted musician and artist. He will be missed for his musical talent, his immense wisdom and humor in the face of life's obstacles, his fierce loyalty and his awesome strength of character.

"It is not how you fall that counts,

it's how well you get up"-Joe Namath Chuck was predeceased by his father Henry F. MacWilliams, his mother Isabelle MacWilliams, his older brother William 'Bill' MacWilliams, his brother-in-law Charlie Walker and his dearest friends Vito, Drew, Snapp and

He is survived by those he cherished most, his soul-mate Lucy, his sister Carol, his daughters Melissa, Catherine, Ashley, Carol-Sue and Martha, his son Charles, his sons-inlaw Jacob and Travis, his nephews Daniel and Benjamin and children James and Kiera, and his grandchildren: Emma, Kenny, Brooke, Charles, Ava, and Tanner. They will hold a piece of his heart and soul within them forever.

It was his wish to forgo funeral services and instead encourage friends and family to donate in any capacity to the Red Cross and BeTheMatch Registry. Please look forward to a memorial drive that will be held by family at the Woodstock Academy.

Lillian A. Gilbert, 78



PUTNAM --Lillian A. Gilbert, 78, of Putnam died, November 10, 2018 in Putnam. She was born on December 5, 1939 in Fitchburg, Massachusetts, daughter of the late Thomas and Myrtle

(Provost) Quinn.

She was a very loving and kind person. Lillian enjoyed puzzles, reading, knitting, crocheting and enjoyed life.

Her family would like to thank Generations of Putnam and Ralph Hirschfeld and Hospice of Northeast Connecticut, for the loving care Lillian received.

She leaves a son Mark Cerasiello, Sr., and his wife Lisa of Putnam, sisters Geraldine Quinn of Virginia, Sherry Dymek and her husband Henry of Massachusetts, Darlene Houle and her companion John of Pennsylvania, grandchildren Mark Cerasiello, Jr., Dawn Cerasiello, great grandchildren Gabby Cerasiello, Isaiah Blaise, numerous nieces, nephews and cous-

There are no services and arrangements are with Smith and Walker Funeral Home, 148 Grove Street

Spencer Christian Breton, 24



BROOKLYN Spencer Christian Breton, 24, born September 11, 1994 of Brooklyn, died unexpectedly November 10, 2018 in New York. He is survived by his parents Kyle and Mary

Breton. Spencer has no siblings and was not married. He attended QVCC and studied Business management AND Mechatronics and Robotics. His dream was to take it as far as he could. Spencer was a gifted musician and loved recreational fires and hanging with his friends. Spencer worked at multiple types of jobs as he was multitalented. He did everything from retail to landscaping. Services will be at the discretion of the family at a future



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Brenda Duquette, Clerk The fiduciary is: Frances Champney, PO Box 388, Windham, CT 06280 November 23, 2018

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TOWN OF THOMPSON PLANNING AND ZONING COMMISSION **LEGAL NOTICE**

The Planning and Zoning Commission will hold a public hearing on Monday, November 26, 2018 at 7:00PM at the Thompson Town Hall, 815 Riverside Drive, North Grosvenordale, CT for the following:

PZC #18-21: Strategic-Commercial Realty, Inc. dba Rawson Materials, Applicant, Lynn Rawson Landry & Cheryl Jane Foshay, property owners of 0 Quaddick Town Farm Road, Map 145, Block 14, Lot 14, Zone R-40, construction of a 6.1+/- acre pond by excavation of sand and gravel.

Interested persons may attend and be heard, and written communications may be received at or prior to the hearing. File may be reviewed in the Town Clerk and Zoning Offices during normal business hours.

Joseph Parodi, Chairman Planning and Zoning Commission November 16, 2018 November 23, 2018

TOWN OF THOMPSON

At the November 13, 2018 meeting of the Thompson Inland Wetlands Commission the following action was taken: Application #IWA18026, Town of Thompson Public Works Department, Leclair Road Bridge over Blackmore Brook (Assessor's Map 162, Block 11, Lot NA) - Authorized after-the-fact regulated activities associated with the emergency repair of the Leclair Road

bridge over Blackmore Brook. Jarrett Thomas, Chair November 23, 2018

TOWN OF WOODSTOCK

At the November 5, 2018 regular meeting of the Inland Wetlands & Watercourses Agency, the following applications were authorized as Wetlands Agent Approvals: #10-18-22 Mark & Katherine Logee, Rte 171 (Map 7274, Block 45, Lot 06C- previously approved subdivision 08-07-63 Lundin) - Modification, movement of driveway per DOT requirements; #10-18-23 Arthur & Christine Dimock, 153 Laurel Hill Dr - Landscaping within 50 ft of lake; 10-18-24 Ronald & Linda Sheldon, 4 Nightengale Rd - New home & septic; 10-18-25 United We Stand, 283 Prospect St., - New home & septic; 11-18-26 Andrew Oliver, 1641 Rt 169 - 30'x50' garage. Chair Mark Parker.

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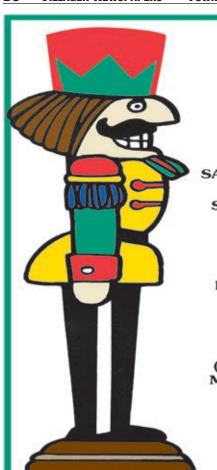
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