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The joy of the tree



THE MINOR DETAILS
ADAM MINOR

A smile darted across my face as I stepped into my basement last weekend, because I knew what was about to happen.

The night before, my wife put together our Christmas tree (yes, we have a fake tree, don't judge ... I love it) after our kids went to bed, and as I grabbed two large containers full of decorations, ornaments, stockings and other Christmas paraphernalia, I knew my two young children were upstairs ready to decorate the tree. It was like two rabid dogs leaping on a fresh steak. It was all I could do to keep them from ripping everything to shreds.

When I was a kid, I remember being similarly enthused. Thinking about it right now I can think of at least five ornaments that went on the tree every year and still reside in a box somewhere in my parents' house, including a vinyl candy cane with my name on it, a papier-mâché ball ornament with painted on designs and several other ornaments my brother and I created at school throughout our elementary school years. It's a "This is Your Life" in Christmas tree decoration form.

As the years go on, our own collection of Christmas ornaments has ballooned. Of course, it doesn't help that my wife makes it an annual tradition to stop by a certain vendor at the Woodstock Fair every single year and have the kids pick out their own personalized ornaments every year. The space on our tree quickly runs out and we are left to leave some ornaments off the tree. Of course, in her defense, I should add that I have been making photo ornaments for her of the kids for the past few years, as well, so I'll take some of the blame as well.

Nevertheless, once our furniture is moved to make appropriate room for the tree, the lights are laid on, and the switch is flipped, a light turns on in our kids' eyes, and they want nothing more than to lay on our ornaments in whatever way they want. For my 3-year-old daughter, that means at least 3-4 ornaments per branch, repeated requests to "pick me up" so she can place ornaments near the top of the tree, and a refusal to stop until every last ornament is exhausted. For my 5-year-old son, he's a little more deliberate. He knows which ornaments are his to take, and he spreads them out pretty well. The apprentice has learned well.

For the first time this year, we tried out LED lights on the tree (last year's post-Christmas clearance!). For years, we did the classic mini lights. What a difference it makes, as the new, brighter lights actually cast their lights directionally onto the nearby walls, creating a psychedelic pattern of spirals and shapes in all sorts of colors in our living room. Add some blinking action, and you have yourself a poor man's discotheque.

As every last ornament was added to the tree, and our decorating time came to a close, lids were reattached to boxes, and packed away. In classic form, my daughter tugged on my leg, looked up at me with those puppy dog eyes, and asked me earnestly, "Now we open presents?"

Patience, sweetheart. Patience...

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A beacon of light, and of hope

TREE OF LIFE CEREMONIES HONOR THOSE TAKEN BY CANCER



Jason Bleau photo

Dan Roy Sr. and his family light the Thompson Tree of Life, one of 10 trees in the region lit during the annual Hospice Tree of Life Ceremony. Thompson's tree was lit in honor of Roy's wife, Frances, in a region-wide tradition to support the Day Kimball Hospice and Palliative Care Unit.

BY JASON BLEAU
NEWS STAFF WRITER

THOMPSON — For the past 27 years, northeastern Connecticut has held a special annual tradition in the Hospice Tree of Life ceremonies.

Ten towns throughout the region light a special tree all at the same time to honor loved ones who are here and gone through the symbol of light as countless locals show their support for those battling cancer and illness and the efforts of Day Kimball Hospice and Palliative Care to help these patients through their tough roads.

The towns of Brooklyn,

Canterbury, Danielson, Griswold, Moosup, Pomfret, Putnam, Sterling, Thompson and Woodstock all get involved in the yearly tradition, and for 2016, The Villager centered its coverage of the event on Sunday, Dec. 4, on one of the tradition's largest gatherings, the Thompson tree lighting at the St. Joseph's Roman Catholic Church. Touted as the largest gathering of supporters in the 10-town area by many, the event did not disappoint, as a significant crowd turned out to light the tree in honor of Frances Roy, who passed

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Charlee Bravo's caters to late night crowd

'IF YOU WANT IT, AND ARE WILLING TO WORK HARD, YOU CAN GET IT'



Brenda Pontbriand photo

Van Le, owner and manager of the popular Putnam nightclub and pool hall, Charlee Bravo's in Putnam.

BY TERI STOHLBERG
NEWS STAFF WRITER

PUTNAM — "We are open 365 days a year. We don't close," says Van Le, owner and manager of the popular Charlee Bravo's pool hall/restaurant/bar on

South Main Street in Putnam.

The Putnam nightclub features eight full-size pool tables and darts, karaoke on Friday nights, and live music every Saturday night. Le explains that there is a cover charge on Saturday nights, "usually either \$5 or \$10, depending on who is playing."

"We have all types of music here, local bands mostly. I find most of them online," he said. "Sunday, Monday and Tuesday we have APF pool tournaments."

There has been a steady following of customers for the tournaments.

"Thursday is free pool night. Everybody plays pool for free, all

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Santa and Mrs. Claus pose for a photo with local youngsters Teagan and Keeli who stopped by to say hello during Frosty's Big Night Out on Dec. 3.

HOLIDAY HAPPINESS

Jason Bleau photos

DANIELSON — Santa was a busy man in the Quiet Corner over the first weekend of December, paying not one, but two, visits to Danielson on Dec. 3 and 4. On Dec. 3, Santa was joined by Rudolph the Red Nosed Reindeer and Frosty the Snowman for Frosty's Big Night Out on Dec. 3, and on Saturday, Dec. 4, Santa joined local children and parents again for Breakfast with Santa. For more photos, turn to page A14!



As they do each year, the Killingly Lions did their part during Breakfast With Santa by cooking and serving the delicious breakfast food all morning long on Dec. 4.

Fire levels former Times Square building

NO FOUL PLAY SUSPECTED IN BLAZE



Photos courtesy South Killingly Fire Department

Firefighters tackle a dangerous blaze at the old Times Square building in Danielson during the early morning hours of Sunday, Dec. 4.

BY JASON BLEAU
NEWS STAFF WRITER

DANIELSON — Numerous fire departments came together to

tackle a dangerous blaze in Danielson on Sunday, Dec. 4, that destroyed a restaurant near Danielson Surplus off of Main Street.



Flames shoot into the air as firefighters work to control a fire on Central Street in Danielson that levels the old Times Square and Kicker's facility adjacent to Danielson Surplus.

The fire at 14 Central St., adjacent to Danielson Surplus and the parking lot for BankHometown, nearly leveled the three-story structure as firefighters arrived on scene shortly after 1 a.m. on Dec. 4 following a call for smoke from the building. Crews worked deep into the morning hours, tackling the blaze by

4 a.m., but were unable to save the structure.

The facility was under construction to be converted into a Mexican-style restaurant, and for years had been utilized as a lounge bar and restaurant. Many knew the building as the former home of Times

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Goings on in 1960 Killingly

A few weeks ago when I was reading 1960 Windham County Transcript microfilms, a photo with a covered wagon caught my eye.

The caption read, "Galloping Ghosts of South Killingly: 4-H horse patrol members shown just before they left home last Friday with their horses

and covered wagon for their first New England trail ride to Voluntown. In front row are Linda Strouse, Michael Daly and Lynn Princeton. In background: Donna Woodmancy, Donald Daly, Jean Bernier, Wendy Adams, Delia Norton, Jane Daly, Billy Rider, and Jimmy Daly. In wagon: Jenny Withers, Denise Blumenthal, Mrs. Peggy Franezak, Mrs. Ann Withers, Brian Daly, Helena Franezak, and Louis Colburn." (WCT 7/21/1960)

Did any of you go on this ride? Do you recall any other rides with the covered wagon?

An article in the same paper gave a summary of another 4-H group in South Killingly.

"The Red

Peppers held their meeting on Friday evening at the home of their leader Mrs. Marino Atsales. Their lesson consisted of preparing spaghetti and meatballs, each member contributing a portion of the ingredients. Cheryl Thompson and Cheryl Ricard served refreshments." If you were members of either of these 4-H groups, please share memories. Consider emailing them to me or contacting the Killingly Historical Center.

Do you recall any of the movies from the summer of 1960? The week of July 14 The Orpheum was playing Pollyanna with Haley Mills and Jane Wyman. Ice Palace with Robert Ryan, Carolyn Jones, and Richard Burton was the coming attraction (WCT 7/14/60).

If you were a teenager during this year, you probably remember many of the hit songs of the summer. The following list of top hits was in the ad for Dowe's Record Shop: "It's Now or Never," by Elvis Presley, "Dreamin'," by Johnny Burnette, "I'm Sorry," by Brenda Lee, "Tell Laura I Love Her," by Ray Peterson, "Image of a Girl," by Safaris, "Only the Lonely," by Roy Orbison, "Alley-Oop," by Hollywood



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MARGARET WEAVER

Argyles, "When Will I Be Loved," by Everly Brothers, "Please Tell Me, I'm Falling," by Hank Locklin, "Itsy, Bitsy Teenie Weenie Yellow Polka Dot Bikini," by Brian Hyland (WCT 7/21/1960).

A number of noteworthy events were taking place in 1960. In August 1960 T. H. Ray, with the office located at 285 North Main Street, marked their 25th anniversary with a celebration that included gifts to visitors.

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At CT Audubon

Bird sightings at Connecticut Audubon Society Center at Pomfret and Wyndham Land Trust properties for the week of Nov. 28: Eastern Meadowlark, American Kestrel, Yellow-bellied Sapsucker, Pileated Woodpecker, Great-horned owl, Barred Owl, Screech Owl, Junco, Song Sparrow, Ring-necked Pheasant, and Mallard. In addition to the birds, an otter was observed in the pond! Visit www.ctaudubon.org/center-at-pomfret.

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WA officials 'getting ducks in a row' for Hyde sale

BY JASON BLEAU
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WOODSTOCK — Following the surprise announcement earlier this year that Woodstock Academy would be purchasing nearby Hyde School for the 2017-18 school year and beyond, WA Headmaster Christopher Sandford tells The Villager that the purchase is on track.

The purchase of the Hyde School campus, which will serve as added dorm space and classroom space for Woodstock Academy, has a price of \$14 million to WA, with a purchase agreement signed in the last month. Sandford said this is only the latest step in many over the next six months to prepare the campus for use by the Academy and usher in a new era for the school.

"Right now, we're in the due diligence period, and during the due diligence period, the Academy and Hyde have some things they need to do. That period lasts until the end of February, roughly," Sandford said. "On the Academy side, we have to do surveying of the property and we have to officially do a title search. Even though we have funding, we need to make sure we have all our pieces and ducks in a row for that funding. On Hyde's part, they are doing their environmental testing, and they have to provide some more information and details on a few things on campus, like chemicals in the science labs and that kind of stuff."

Sandford said once that work is done, which is expected by the end of February, lawyers for both parties will converge, and if the requirements and expectations of the purchase and sales agreement are all met, the school

will put a down payment of \$300,000 on the Hyde Campus, in addition to the \$300,000 paid earlier this year. Sandford said both schools would maintain their current status until the end of the current school year, and on June 15, the sale will be made official, and Hyde School will become the Woodstock Academy South Campus, with students being bused to the school during school hours for numerous classes in the schedule.

Before then, however, there is a lot of prep work to be done, even before the sale is finalized. While both parties are working to keep their ends of the bargain for the purchase and sales agreement, Woodstock Academy is also working to stay ahead of the needed improvement that will be made once the school takes ownership of the property to prepare for the new school year in August 2017.

"Things we are working on internally that are not connected to the purchase and sales agreement include soliciting bids for transportation services between the two campuses. We are in the process of recruiting students to fill the dorm. We are in the process of negotiating a new food service contract. We're having discussions internally about what the school schedule will look like because that will most likely need to change a little bit," said Sandford. "So we should be ready to go, minus the physical things we will have to do, like change their library space, which we will use for something else. We'll only have a few months to do that kind of work from mid-June on."

No new construction will take place on the Hyde School campus before the new school year due to time constraints, but Sandford said they plan on having

small adjustments completed in time for the students to return to classes next fall. Sandford said having the new campus is an exciting opportunity for Woodstock Academy, but it's once that comes with some stresses as well as the school looks ahead to taking on the challenge or preparing its new space over a three month period.

"You go through all kinds of emotions. The excitement is definitely there and we can't wait to provide new opportunities for our students," Sandford said. "There's also nerves. We've talked about the chemicals in the science classrooms and how many

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Former Thompson Scout leader sentenced in Massachusetts

BY JASON BLEAU
NEWS STAFF WRITER

THOMPSON — Former Thompson Boy Scout Troop 66 Leader David Kress, who made headlines in 2014 as court proceedings concerning accusations of sexual abuse began, has been sentenced in Massachusetts as a result of his crimes.

Kress, who was arrested in October 2014 on charges of sexual abuse in Connecticut during his time as a Scout leader, pleaded guilty to seven charges of rape of a child in the Commonwealth of Massachusetts on Dec. 1, and was sentenced to five to seven years of incarceration with five years probation upon his release. In January 2015, Kress entered a plea of not guilty to seven charges dating back to 1990 which saw him accused of sexual misconduct in Connecticut as well as in the town of Dudley in Massachusetts during a visit to the Nichols College campus. Kress turned himself in to authorities after the accusations came to light. Police said the arrest was the result of a 10-month investigation into accusations against Kress dat-

ing back to his time as a Scout leader for Troop 66 and that sexual misconduct took place at various locations including the Nichols College campus, as Kress' residence, and locations where Kress worked as well as at other scouting events.

With his guilty plea on Dec. 1, Kress was sentenced and issued several conditions of his pending probation. Kress has been ordered to register as a sex offender, undergo sex offender counseling and treatment, abide by GPS requirements, and is to have no contact with his victims at any time. He is also forbidden from any unsupervised contact with any child under the age of 16 and is to remain free of drug and alcohol use. He will also be required to submit DNA samples to authorities.

Kress faces similar charged in Connecticut, but has not been sentenced by that state as of this report. He is to appear in court in Connecticut again in January.

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Legislators welcome federal funding for early childhood education

KILLINGLY — State Sen. Mae Flexer (D-Danielson), State Rep. Danny Rovero (D-Killingly) and State Rep. Christine Rosati-Randall (D-Killingly) welcomed an announcement by U.S. Departments of Education and Health and Human Services Secretary John King that Killingly is one of 13 Connecticut towns that will share in \$11.7 million in discretionary federal funding to expand high-quality preschool.

The funding will allow Connecticut to expand access to high-quality state-funded preschool programs for 439 children, and to improve the quality of state-funded preschool programs for another 291 children, for a total of 730 four-year-olds who are at or below 200 percent of the federal poverty line in 13 high-need communities.

The 13 communities include Bridgeport, Derby, East Haven, Griswold, Groton, Hamden, Killingly, Manchester, Naugatuck, Seymour, Torrington, Vernon and Wolcott.

"This federal grant will perfectly compliment the critical state investments that have already been made in early childhood education, and the commitment that Killingly has demonstrated that all children in our town have access to a high-quality pre-school experience," Flexer said. "I also want to thank Congressman Joe Courtney and Senator Chris Murphy for their work in helping to secure this federal funding."

"You can't underestimate the importance of getting kids started on the right foot, and I think this funding is going to help Killingly keep doing the great job

it's already doing with high-quality pre-school," Rovero said. "These types of investments really save us money in the long run by turning out smart, productive kids."

"I've spent a great deal of my personal and professional life working to ensure that every child has an equal opportunity when it comes to pre-school education and a good start in life, and I can honestly say that today's announcement is going to make a real and positive difference in the lives of Killingly's children," Randall said. "These are the types of critical investments that we need to continue making to ensure the health and success of future generations in Connecticut."

The communities participating in the expansion will have high-quality preschool programs that offer comprehensive services to children and families; offer teacher compensation equal to K-12 teachers; deepen family engagement practices at the local level; forge a seamless birth-through-third-grade continuum at the local level; and have an enhanced professional development system offering more targeted and individualized coaching, mentoring and consultation designed to meet the unique needs of programs and teachers within the programs.

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Woodstock gardeners spread holiday joy with annual wreaths



As a long-held local tradition for the Quiet Corner Garden Club, members get together each holiday season to put together hand-crafted wreaths that have become local symbols of the holidays on local town buildings and landmarks in six different communities.

BY JASON BLEAU
NEWS STAFF WRITER

WOODSTOCK — Each year, the Quiet Corner Garden Club puts together a collection of special creations to help many local buildings and towns celebrate the holiday season in style.

On Monday, Nov. 28, the group continued its tradition bringing members together to create a series of beautiful, hand-made wreaths to be hung on 27 buildings in seven towns. Quiet Corner Garden Club Publicity Chairman Terry Swenson said that the wreath making is a long-standing holiday season tradition

that is a highlight event for the club's members every year and inspires creativity and community among members as well.

"Everybody in our organization gets involved. It's a fun thing we do every year," Swenson said. "We learn from each other. Some are new to this and others are master wreath makers. It's a great opportunity to mingle, have fun and you get a chance to know someone you're working right next to a little bit better."

Lucile Anderson, coordinator of the wreath-making project, said that every year they've been able to maintain,

and even build on the list of towns benefiting from their annual get together.

"The wreath making is something the garden club has done for many years," Anderson said. "We make these for the community, township buildings, and libraries. We mainly cut greens from our houses a day or two before we do this so everything is fresh and natural. We have a lot of fun doing this."

Each wreath comes with its own special touch as each member adds their own personal design to their project. With each crafter bringing their own materials to build their wreaths, it's not uncommon to see personalized and unique designs incorporated into the wreaths.

"Everybody gets the same wire hanger to put it on and everyone brings whatever they can from their home," Terry Swenson said. "We have a variety of things that they can use to make their wreaths and some add their own touch, but they all have similarities too. They're backed with the greens with something colorful like holly on the front."

The wreaths have become more than just a yearly art project. The Quiet Corner Garden Club's creations have become a symbol of the holidays in Northeastern Connecticut



Jason Bleau photos

Members of the Quiet Corner Garden Club put the finishing touches on one of many wreath creations that will adorn 27 local buildings through the holidays.

that many look forward to. This year the Woodstock Town Hall, the May Memorial Library, North Woodstock Library, West Woodstock Library, and Bracken Library in Woodstock, local elderly housing complexes, the Woodstock Fire Companies of Bungay, Woodstock Volunteers, and Muddy Brook, the Woodstock Town Barn, the Woodstock Transfer Station, the Woodstock Historical Society, the Woodstock Fair Office, the Eastford Town Hall, the Eastford Public Library, the Pomfret Public Library, the Abington Social Library, the Putnam Town Hall which

sports the largest wreath, the Putnam Library, the Thompson Town Hall, and the Thompson Library all are adorned with wreaths from the club.

"As you drive around town you can tell this was made by our club. Our wreaths are fresh and distinctive," Lucile Anderson concluded, noting that the ladies of the Quiet Corner Garden Club are proud to bring a little bit of Christmas spirit to the region in their own special way each year.

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Putnam resident arrested for third incident in 2016

BY JASON BLEAU
NEWS STAFF WRITER

PUTNAM — A repeat offender is once again facing charges after being arrested in Putnam according to a release from the Connecticut State Police Troop D Barracks in Danielson.

According to the report, police arrested 37-year-old Jason Link, of Putnam, on Wednesday, Nov. 30, after he was found to be attempting to steal from the Tractor Supply store in Putnam, his third offense in 2016 alone.

Police responded to the store on Route 44 at around 7 p.m. that night where it was determined that Link had attempted to steal several items from Tractor Supply and then proceeded to the Walmart in Putnam, the location of one of his past offenses, and showed signs of intoxication at the time.

Police said employees of the Walmart, who knew Link was banned from the store due to past incidents, recognized him when he arrived at the outlet. In



Jason Link

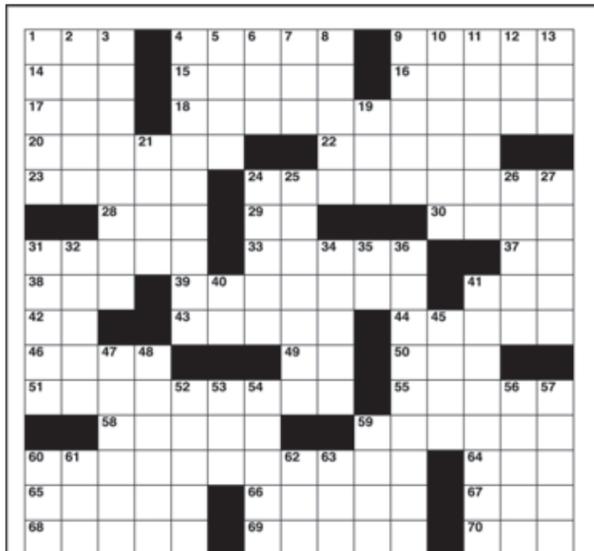
July of this year, Link was one of two accused of shoplifting from the Putnam Walmart. Link was also allegedly involved in the theft of an ATV earlier this year.

That incident also occurred in July after an ATV was found to be stolen from a Dayville property and the ensuing investigation found Link responsible for the theft, and the ATV was found to have undergone several exchanges throughout the community over the course of that month, but was eventually recovered.

Following this most recent incident on Nov. 30, Link was taken into custody, but his stay at Troop D was short-lived. Police said Link shattered the windshield of a police car while being taken in and, once placed in a holding cell at Troop D, started to remove stitches from an injury he received prior to, and unrelated to, the arrest. It was at that time Link was transported to Day Kimball Hospital to be treated, and Link managed to kick the windshield resulting in damage to the cruiser.

Link faces charges of criminal mischief for the latest incident. He is scheduled to appear in court in Danielson on Dec. 13.

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CLUES ACROSS

- 1. No (Scottish)
- 4. Heroic tales
- 9. A way to tend
- 14. Not or
- 15. Where rockers play
- 16. Dutch name for Ypres
- 17. Ingested
- 18. A resident of California
- 20. Unfounded rumor
- 22. Oats
- 23. Type of women's coat
- 24. Life forms
- 28. Every
- 29. Alternating current
- 30. Withered
- 31. "Gymnopedies" composer
- 33. Plate glasses
- 37. Muscial artist __ DeBarge
- 38. Before
- 39. Arrange in steps of size
- 41. Electron cloud model
- 42. Morning
- 43. Leonard __, famed Swiss mathematician
- 44. Capital city of Buenos Aires province
- 46. Snouts
- 49. Of I
- 50. Swiss river
- 51. Perplexes
- 55. Made angry
- 58. Precious stone
- 59. Type of envelope
- 60. One who believes in reason and knowledge
- 64. Monitors brain activity (abbr.)
- 65. Get ___ of
- 66. Actress Zellweger
- 67. Spinal muscular atrophy (abbr.)
- 68. "Inferno" author
- 69. Puts together in time
- 70. Silvery-white metal

CLUES DOWN

- 1. Civil Rights group
- 2. Early Slavic society
- 3. Mammals that lack incisors and canines
- 4. Blasphemy
- 5. Israeli city
- 6. Put this in your hair
- 7. Black tropical American cuckoo
- 8. Month in the Islamic calendar
- 9. Begets
- 10. Court game
- 11. Painkiller
- 12. New Zealand parrot
- 13. Suffix
- 19. Egg cells
- 21. Another name for Thor
- 24. About pontiff
- 25. The academic world
- 26. Raise
- 27. Civil rights city in Alabama
- 31. Encompasses
- 32. Helmet
- 34. Nostrils
- 35. Lovable Spielberg alien
- 36. Divides
- 40. Ruthenium
- 41. Preceding all others in time
- 45. Past participle of lie
- 47. Fastener
- 48. Overindulged
- 52. Ancient lyric poem
- 53. Ardent supporter
- 54. Iranian village and Islamic pilgrim attire
- 56. A fragrant resin obtained from tropical trees
- 57. Semitic fertility god
- 59. Millisecond
- 60. Cool!
- 61. "Take on Me" singers
- 62. ESPN sportscaster Bob
- 63. Accommodating place

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Scouts do hands-on science at Coast Guard Academy

PUTNAM'S TROOP 21 AMONG MORE THAN 120 SCOUTS AT STEM EVENT



Photos courtesy John D. Ryan

U. S. Coast Guard Academy Cadet Drew Daniels, of East Haddam, Conn., tells Scouts how to design a ship.

NEW LONDON — All dreams have to start somewhere. For some Boy Scouts, maybe at least a dream or two started recently at the U. S. Coast Guard Academy. The academy, in cooperation with the Connecticut Rivers Council of the Boy Scouts of America, hosted a science, technology, engineering and mathematics (STEM) merit badge program for over 120 Scouts from five states.

"Science and history are my best subjects, so this was really good," said Troop 21 Scout Damien-Michael Jacques, of Putnam. "The chemistry lab was cool."

Chemistry was just one of the subjects on offer. In addition to chemistry, cadets and academy instructors spent Saturday, Nov. 19, teaching hands-on programs in engineering, electric-

ity and electronics, emergency preparedness and citizenship, among others.

Professor of Government Evan T. Haglund, a troop committee member in Troop 151 in Waterford, headed up the event for the academy.

"This was the fifth year in a row we've done this here. I'm delighted with how it went. The Scouts really got something out of it," he said. "It's great to see how our cadets stepped up and volunteered to run this and to teach, giving up their time when they could have done something else."

An event like this highlights the connection between Scouting and America's service academies. It's well known that many male graduates are Eagle Scouts. Coast Guard Lieutenant Luke P. Mayotte is one of them.

Mayotte graduated from the academy with a degree in civil engineering in 2010. Six years before that he earned Scouting's highest rank while he was a member of Troop 171 in his home town of Hampden, Mass. Today he's a construction manager at the academy. Five members of his former troop made the trip from the Springfield, Mass., suburb to attend the day's engineering program.

"Being an Eagle Scout helped me to get into the Coast Guard Academy," Mayotte said. "It helped me in life, to prepare for things and succeed."

One of Mayotte's former Scoutmasters brought Troop 171 to the event. Jean-Guy G. Belisle, of Hampden, Mass., is now the troop's commit-

tee chairman. Belisle was impressed with the day's STEM program, and particularly impressed with the cadets who ran it.

"I've seen a lot of leadership here. This is the kind of thing our Scouts can learn from and pick up on by being here (at this event)," he said. "This really went well. Our boys got a real opportunity from this that they wouldn't have had otherwise."

While his Massachusetts counterpart was watching his Scouts learn how to build ships at the engineering program, Troop 21 Committee Chairman Frank Bichard, of Putnam, spent the afternoon watching Troop 21 Scout Jacques work with other Scouts to create acid rain in the chemistry lab. Bichard is a chemist.

"The experiments were run well," he said. "The guys were able to see how a lab works and how chemistry is important in real life. I'm glad we came."

Chartered to St. Mary Church of the Visitation in Putnam, Troop 21 Scoutmaster Peter A. Lombardo, of Putnam, said the STEM program at the Coast Guard Academy was only part of the troop's busy schedule. It all started with an August fishing trip, followed by a hike up Mt. Monadnock in New Hampshire, a Thanksgiving service project and the recent Holiday Dazzle Light Parade in Putnam.

The Scoutmaster said there's more to come by the time the troop's program ends in June, with Troop 21 preparing to go snowshoeing and winter camping, a shotgun-shooting pro-

gram, a food drive for local needy people, a Paw Sox game in Pawtucket and a fly fishing trip.

Holding its meetings at St. Mary's on Providence Street, Troop 21 is open to any boy aged 11 to 17. They do not have to be Catholic or be members of the church.

Lombardo noted that a Boy Scout troop's operations are run by the boys, with the adults overseeing transportation and making sure everyone

is healthy and safe.

"Our Scouts made up this year's schedule and are responsible for planning and carrying it out," Lombardo said. "They decide what they want to do; they raise their own money to do it. Scouting builds self-reliance, responsibility and character that way. We're very proud of our guys."

For information about joining Troop 21, call Lombardo at (860) 963-0171 and leave a message.



Scout Damien-Michael Jacques, of Troop 21, Putnam, Conn., conducts an experiment to create acid rain.

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consisted of one 1929 350 gallon Chevrolet tank truck and very few customers. Only kerosene was being sold then and deliveries were being made in 5-gallon cans. In 1936 a metered truck was purchased, giving Danielson the first metered kerosene delivery service. 1943 saw another first, when for the convenience of his customers and drivers, Tommy installed the first ticket printed meters. In 1945 he ventured into the delivery of fuel oil, using the degree day system, whereby the customers' tanks were automatically filled. At that time the Esso bulk plant and gas station on Furnace Street were leased. Another bulk plant, this one in Dayville, was erected in 1952. This part of the business had now grown to the extent that Tommy felt it wise to offer burner service to his customers. He and three of his drivers attended the Esso training school and the Oil Heat Institute of New England, from which they graduated. These three men, still with the T. H. Ray business are Gerard 'Gerry' Leonard, servicing manager Walter 'Sarge' Chauvin, and Robert 'Bob' Baranski... In 1955 Tommy bought the Eric Johnson property on North Main Street and added Ray's Coffee Shop to his already established heating oils business and Ray's Esso Station. Tommy passed away in October 1956 and the business has been carried on by his wife with the loyal and faithful cooperation of employees." (WCT 8/11/60)

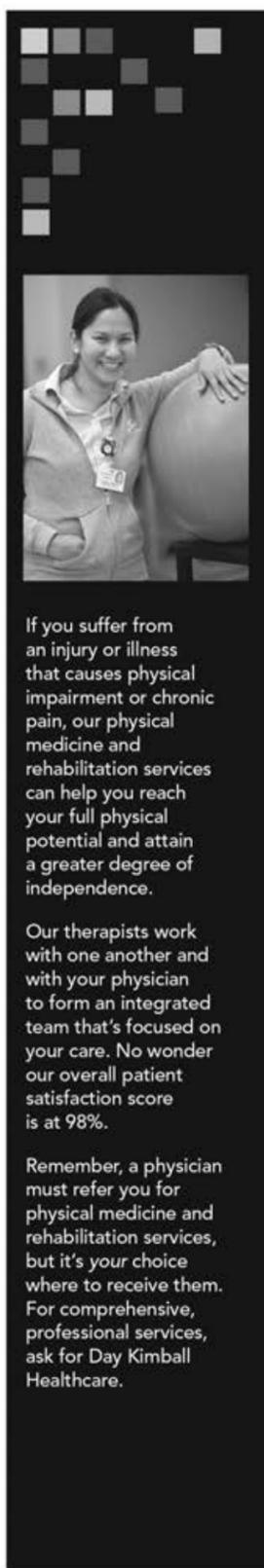
A photo of the T. H. Ray bulk plant and gas station located at the corner of Cottage and Furnace Streets in Danielson can be seen on page 64 of Images of America Killingly Revisited by Natalie Coolidge. A picture of Ray's Coffee Shop and the T.H. Ray premises on North Main Street is also on the same page. Both were courtesy of Killingly Historical Society member Joseph Chauvin.

Would you like an unusual Christmas gift for a friend or family member? Gift certificates for Killingly Historical Center memberships (which provide access to a year's research and journals), reproductions of old photos, replicas of maps from 1855 and 1869, and a number of local historical books compiled by society members (including Killingly Revisited, Pictures on Memory's Walls — memories from 1800-1900 by Windham County Transcript columnists — and Dear Transcript — Letters from Windham County soldiers during the Civil War 1861-1865) are available for purchase. Contact the Center or visit during regular hours or on Dec. 11.

Mark your calendars for Sunday, Dec. 11. The Killingly Historical Center will be open from 4-7 p.m. in conjunction with a New England Christmas in downtown Danielson. Streets and Davis Park will be lit by luminaries. Merchants will be open for special shopping. If you've never visited the Killingly Historical Center, now is the time to drop in and see the exhibits. Play with a few old fashioned games including Jacob's ladders and small tops.

Note: The Killingly Historical Center will close for the Christmas-New Year holiday on Saturday, Dec. 17, and will reopen on Wednesday, Jan. 4, 2017.

Margaret M. Weaver is the Killingly Municipal Historian. For additional information visit the Killingly Historical Center Wednesday or Saturday, 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. (or by appointment) or www.killinglyhistorical.org, or call 860-779-7250. Mail for the Killingly Historical & Genealogical Society, Inc. or the Killingly Historical Center should be sent to P.O. Box 265, Danielson, CT 06329. Margaret Weaver may be reached at margaretmweaver@gmail.com.



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Killingly BOE receives leadership award at education convention

KILLINGLY — The Killingly Board of Education was presented with the Connecticut Association of Boards of Education (CABE) Level One Leadership Award during the annual CABE/CAPSS (Connecticut Association of Public School Superintendents) Convention held at the Mystic Marriott on Friday, Nov. 18 and Saturday, Nov. 19.

CABE believes that Boards of Education and Superintendents which exhibit the most effective leadership are characterized by their ability to work together as “teams.” The CABE Board Recognition Awards are designed to recognize boards that work effectively in this manner. Boards that fulfill 22 of the following 34 Level One criteria, including a minimum of three in each area, earn the Level One CABE Board Leadership Award. These areas include: board leadership/student achievement, board member professional development, policy, community relations, and related organizational leadership.

The Connecticut Association of Boards of Education (CABE) serves local and regional school districts in Connecticut and is dedicated to improving the quality of education throughout the state and the nation. CABE’s membership includes 151 school districts. CABE is a leading advocate for public

education at the State Capitol and in Washington D.C., and offers many types of support services to local boards of education including the Board Member Academy, a continuing education program for local board of education members.

The Connecticut Association of Public School Superintendents (CAPSS) is a statewide nonprofit educational administration organization whose membership includes Connecticut public school superintendents, assistant superintendents, central office administrative personnel, state department of education officials, and college and university professors. It provides educational and administrative leadership on a state and national level; it researches, gathers, and disseminates data and information necessary for the management and operation of effective school systems; it monitors state and federal legislative activity and strives to influence positive laws and regulations affecting the education of Connecticut’s public school students; it provides personal support services for its members; it holds statewide conferences of interest to the educational community; and it is a strong voice and staunch advocate of quality public school education.



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From left, Killingly Public Schools Assistant Superintendent Steve Rioux, Killingly Board of Education member John Burns, student Board of Education member Bryce Teczar, Board of Education member Richard Murray, Connecticut Commissioner of Education Dr. Dianna Wentzell, Board of Education Chairman Jennifer Thompson, Board of Education member Lydia Abrams-Rivera and Interim Superintendent of Killingly Public Schools Dr. Lynne Pierson, Ed.D.



KILLINGLY STUDENTS GET HIGH MARKS IN CTE ASSESSMENT

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KILLINGLY — Killingly Agricultural Education Program students in the Natural Resources and Environmental career pathway are learning about our use of natural resources and the impact we have on our environment. These students are studying wildlife, forestry, water, soil, sustainable agriculture, conservation, pollution and energy in preparation for careers and college study in environmental science and its related fields. Each year, junior and senior pathway completers take the statewide CTE assessment that is intended to evaluate their progress towards the Connecticut Career and Technical Education performance standards and competencies. This past year, Killingly students taking a concentration in Natural Resource were the highest performing in the state.

POMFRET COMMUNITY SCHOOL

Monday, Dec. 12: Meatballs with pasta, shredded cheese, whole grain roll, green beans, veggie cups/dip, fresh fruit or fruit cup, 1 percent or fat free milk

Tuesday, Dec. 13: Crispy chicken strips, butternut squash, whole grain roll, veggie cups/dip, fresh fruit or fruit cup, 1 percent or fat free milk, pudding

Wednesday, Dec. 14: Beef tacos, beans, lettuce, tomato, shredded cheese, salsa, fresh fruit or fruit cup, 1 percent or fat free milk

Thursday, Dec. 15: Mr. Fox’s assorted pizza, spring mix salad, veggie cups/dip, fresh fruit or fruit cup, 1 percent or fat free milk

Friday, Dec. 16: Deli turkey sandwich, sliced cheese, lettuce and tomato, veggie cups/dip, Baked Doritos or chips, fresh fruit or fruit cup, 1 percent or fat free milk

TOURTELLOTTE MEMORIAL HIGH SCHOOL

Monday, Dec. 12: Hamburger or cheeseburger, lettuce, tomato, onion, pickle, tandoori sauce, French fries, baked beans, Alt: Corn dog nuggets

Tuesday, Dec. 13: Meatball sub, peppers, onions, mozzarella, Fiesta rice, green beans, alternate hot item: Pizza (plain or veggie)

Wednesday, Dec. 14: Popcorn chicken, Asian stir-fried rice, garlic spinach sauté, broccoli, Alternate hot item: Orange zesty popcorn chicken

Thursday, Dec. 15: Beef stroganoff served over mashed potato, garlic breadstick, sweet carrots, Alternate hot main item: Pizza (plain or pepperoni)

Friday, Dec. 16: Chicken parmesan (served over pasta), garden salad, garlic breadstick, alternate hot item: Quesadilla with salsa, sour cream

THOMPSON MIDDLE SCHOOL

Monday, Dec. 12: Hamburger or cheeseburger, lettuce, tomato, onion, pickle, tandoori sauce, French fries, baked beans, Alt: Corn dog nuggets

Tuesday, Dec. 13: Meatball sub, peppers, onions, mozzarella, Fiesta rice, green beans, alternate hot item: Pizza (plain or veggie)

Wednesday, Dec. 14: Popcorn chicken, Asian stir-fried rice, garlic spinach sauté, broccoli, Alternate hot item: Orange zesty popcorn chicken

Thursday, Dec. 15: Beef stroganoff served over mashed potato, garlic breadstick, sweet carrots, Alternate hot main item: Pizza (plain or pepperoni)

Friday, Dec. 16: Chicken parmesan (served over pasta), garden salad, garlic breadstick, alternate hot item: Quesadilla with salsa, sour cream

MARY R. FISHER ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

Monday, Dec. 12: Chicken nuggets, mac n cheese, ketchup, broccoli, 100-percent fruit juice, milk choice

Tuesday, Dec. 13: Mozzarella sticks, dipping sauce, tater tots, ketchup, fresh apple, milk choice

Wednesday, Dec. 14: Cheesy pizza (plain or pepperoni), garden salad with Italian dressing, holiday cookie, orange smiles, milk choice

Thursday, Dec. 15: Corn dog nuggets, ketchup, baked beans, tomato wedges, banana, milk choice

Friday, Dec. 16: Cocoa Puffs cereal, strawberry and banana yogurt, graham cracker, baby carrots, 100-percent fruit juice, milk choice

PUTNAM HIGH SCHOOL

Monday, Dec. 12: Baked shepherd’s pie (layered casserole of seasoned ground beef, vegetables, topped with crust or garlic flavored mashed potatoes)

Tuesday, Dec. 13: Crispy chicken chipotle ranch flatbread sandwich (chicken, bacon, roasted red peppers, topped with a chipotle ranch sauce, nestled inside a flatbread), baby carrots with hummus dip

Wednesday, Dec. 14: Italian meatball sub (Meatballs simmered in a zesty marinara sauce, then loaded into a whole grain hoagie roll and topped with mozzarella cheese), fresh garden salad with dressing

Thursday, Dec. 15: Holiday Feast — Roast turkey with gravy, mashed potato, stuffing, green beans, cranberry sauce, biscuit, warm apple berry crisp

Friday, Dec. 16: Homemade

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EDUCATION NOTEBOOK

Roger Williams University

BRISTOL, R.I. — Roger Williams University is proud to announce that Sarah Gilloran, of Pomfret Center, earned a B.S. in Architecture.

BRISTOL, R.I. — Roger Williams University is proud to announce that Chelsea Gosselin, of Brooklyn, earned a B.S. in Criminal Justice.

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Christmas tree plantation

It seemed like a good idea at the time. The 1,500 Christmas tree seedlings arrived on a chilly spring morning at our farm. For years I had admired the long, clean rows of trees that dot the landscape on local farms. Our family bought our Christmas trees at Ingalls' Tree Farm in Brooklyn. I liked the tree farm sign that he and other growers displayed. We could grow our own trees, establish new holiday traditions and put up a nice sign. In my mind I could smell balsam and picture us dragging plump trees through the snow. I got most of my wish, but it was harder and different from what I imagined.

We invited close friends to take part in the tree planting. On a Saturday morning, after a few cups of coffee, we sequester the smallest children in the house and sent everyone else into the field to plant. I used rolls of hay baling rope to delineate the rows. I tried to make them straight, but I kept hitting rocks, so the rows were a bit wavy. We had four or five varieties of trees. The least promising looking were called Scotch Pine Spanish. They looked twisted, but we planted them anyway. It took several days, with various friends helping out, but in the end, it was done.

Before long, the field grass was taller than the seedling and the endless mowing began.

The tree farm was really a mowing farm. My father-in-law was not accustomed to outdoor work, but in his retirement years he was so bored that even a tractor looked good to him. He entangled the riding mower in the baled hay rope so many times that the repairman gave up on us. I was opposed to pesticides, so the weeds grew tall, but the little seedlings pushed on.

After six or seven years, many trees were ready for harvest. As the holidays approached, I invited the families, who had done the planting to come and get their holiday trees. I had hot cocoa and cookies in the house, a Norman Rockwell moment if there ever was one, but something was wrong. Everyone took a long time selecting their trees. The Christmas trees were just not quite right. They had been trimmed as they grew, but not shaped to the desired forms. They were more free-range Christmas trees than Rockefeller Plaza quality.

Every year we gave trees away. Our evergreens turned up at local schools and churches. They were decorated and celebrated, even if one side or the other was a bit skimpy. We even sold a few, which made me feel vindicated. As time passed, the trees in the center died off or got too tall. The tree farm became a green thicket on top of the ridge. I thought it's useful life was over until one especially harsh winter when we were greeted by a remarkable set of visitors.

One tree, perhaps a Scotch Pine Spanish, tucked deep in the plantation, looked especially scraggly, but for reasons known only to them, it became the winter home to 14 long-eared owls! The odd-looking little birds, with tufts of feathers on their heads, found refuge from the cold by pressing their backs to the trunk of the tree. It seemed a minor miracle to me. They stayed for part of one winter and left.

This year our tree is perfect. A friend gives me a tree every year and puts on all the lights. In the darkness of the living room, the twinkling lights highlight many owl ornaments, none, however, as unique as the long-ear visitors to our Christmas tree plantation planted so many years ago.



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OPINION

Opinion and commentary from the Quiet Corner



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A MUSICAL ADVENTURE

WOODSTOCK — On Dec. 3 and 4 at the Woodstock Evangelical Covenant Church in Woodstock, Concert Choir of Northeast Connecticut and Manchester Symphony Orchestra proudly presented Part 1, and portions of Parts II and III of Handel's Messiah under the superb direction of Dr. Kevin Marks. Soloists Aimee Rose Willett, soprano Chris Fistonich, baritone Matthew Burke, tenor Julia Babcock, alto JoAnn Vennick, brought the scriptures to life.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Problems in Pomfret

To the Editor:

During Jim Rivers' tenure as first selectman in Pomfret, I had the privilege of serving as chairman of Pomfret's Board of Finance.

Maintenance of the roads, and the budget, were a regular topic of conversation. As was the exemplary performance of Pomfret's road foreman, Glenn Postemski.

Glenn, in concert with a very engaged and competent first selectman, did an outstanding job maintaining Pomfret's roads throughout my tenure on the Board of Finance. They did not need a road maintenance policy as they simply worked together, in good faith, respectful and professionally, to serve the best interests of Pomfret's citizens.

A local newspaper's Nov. 27 editorial about the Board of Selectmen's decision to abandon pursuit of such a policy misses the point, and unfairly points the finger at Mr. Postemski. It insinuates that Mr. Postemski unilaterally applied this product to residential streets, and somehow, a road maintenance policy would have prevented that result.

The use of this product in Pomfret's largest and most densely populated sub-division was facilitated by newly elected First Selectman Craig Baldwin. He met with the product's salesman, and with minimal due diligence, encouraged his road foreman to use the product. Then, when it became clear that the use of this product was a mistake, and that it may pose very real health risks to the residents in Longmeadow, did Mr. Baldwin lead? Did he take responsibility for his actions? No.

He pointed the finger at the residents of the Longmeadow neighborhood. He pointed the finger at Glenn Postemski. He, in concert with the manufacturer, manipulated a first draft of his handpicked engineer's report to be misleading at best.

Since the release of the report, the engineer met with a group of concerned, informed Pomfret citizens, and is making significant edits to his report. The State of Connecticut, EHS Circular Letter #2016-49, issued a strong statement, warning other towns not to make the same mistake Mr. Baldwin made in Pomfret.

And where does Mr. Baldwin stand on the issue? He refuses to support and push a coal tar product ban for public surfaces in Pomfret. He continues to point fingers. He lacks the fortitude to own his mistake, and work with well-intentioned Pomfret citizens on a solution. Instead, he unleashes his political cronies on said citizens; painting them as unreasonable, and on a witch-hunt, asking questions like "why are you doing this to our beautiful little town"? These concerned citizens did nothing but try to protect their neighborhood. Craig Baldwin did this to our beautiful little town, and any other interpretation ignores the facts.

I think it's clear, the problems in Pomfret cannot be fixed by implementing a road maintenance policy.

JOHN C. DIORIO
POMFRET

Like ... just sayin'

To the Editor:

Maybe it's just me, but I have problems with hypocrisy.

Trump won by championing the working class and saying that he was going to save the middle class. But the candidates he's looking at come from the Establishment, Big Banking, Big Government, Big Finance. Like ... just sayin'.

He's going to bring back jobs. But his daughter, Ivanka, has a garment business in the \$100 million dollar range but none of the production is done in the U.S. Like ... just sayin'.

There's been a huge brouhaha about his saving 800-1,000 jobs with Carrier Corp. I rejoice in those jobs, but what of the 1,100 or so that are still being moved to Mexico? Like ... just sayin'.

And those saved jobs pale beside the 15 million or so jobs created in the past 8 years. And let's not forget the unemployment rate dropped from 10.5 percent to 4.6 percent. Like ... just sayin'.

Most of the job losses over the past two

decades have not been due to low cost labor and cheap imports. Ball State University, Allan Collard-Wexler of Duke University and Jan De Loecker of Princeton University all found that the great majority of job losses, up to perhaps 88 percent, has been due to robots, automation and improved productivity. Like ... just sayin'.

Saying that, there are relatively few jobs to be brought back. What is happening is that companies are returning to the U.S. to capitalize on the savings provided by robots, cheap energy and strengthening their supply lines. Like ... just sayin'.

Oh yes, for the past eight years, we've had no scandals, no mistresses, no adultery, no impeachment hearings, no conflicts of interest. Like ... just sayin'.

Have we made a huge blunder based on fabricated claims and fatuous promises? Like ... just sayin'.

STEPHEN ETZEL
PUTNAM

Climate change hysteria

To the Editor:

"The earth lies squarely on our shoulders." Upon reading this headline, I nearly spat out my morning coffee.

Not sure, as my thoughts collided with the body of the topic, if the author wished me to view the headline as the author presented himself as "The" 'Atlas' or the Atlas World Book on countries. Nope. Another hysterical moment, as I read further, on so-called climate change or global warming. Climate criminals are "potentially dooming us ('us' as in one world order) to an uninhabitable world." Oh, my God, where do I hide? No, no, think taxes paid (subsidies) by the public and cold cash (SREC). You do not think Elon Musk bought Solar City matching roof top solar panels with his very expensive taxpayer funded, one-gallon and a half of hydrocarbons to electrically charge his vehicles? The operative words are 'Internationally Traded Energy Credits or SREC which the public taxpayers may not be aware or with limited funds not allowed vs ZREC for homeowners/municipalities who add solar panels to their property with the blessing of Connecticut. Oh, well, I digress.

Do I believe climate change is real and that human emissions of greenhouse gases cause

a risk of tenable action? Yes, and I intellectually support and read diverse viewpoints. But, really, climate criminals? The hysteria, as outlined, in a moment of time is funny. But the pagan science on display (along with the author's voice) supported by politicians and reporters go way beyond what science can support presently. The research needed (diverse viewpoints) is being attacked by pagan thought police, activist groups funded by billionaires and (how awful) our current White House. Open debate is needed, political expediency is castrating diverse viewpoints and must stop. Climate criminals, indeed.

The hysteria, harkens for me back to the Holy Roman Empire where diverse opinions were met with death. Am I a climate heretic? Our home, our earth since God placed us millenniums ago has seen climate change in warming and coldness; from continental shifts, polar reversals, camp fires, capitalism to volcanism (think Mount St. Helen circa 1980). My family fled to our liberty's sweet shore in the early 17th century. God bless America.

ALVAN R. HILL
THOMPSON

Living in a world of domestic violence

GUEST COMMENTARY

CONCETTA FALCONE CODDING

Believe or not... the world is a far better place than it was 50 years ago.

At least this is true of victims living in domestic violence.

Seven years ago, I began writing the memoir of my mother and sister and how they died from domestic violence. At this time, domestic violence laws were not in place as they are today. When I published, "The Lonely Nest" in 2016, I saw a rising consciousness in our society with an understanding as to how domestic violence, guns, and even pets could be associated within this ouroboros circle of abuse.

You may ask — why did I spend seven years of my life writing such a horrendous tale of betrayal and woe, while friends and family thought I had gone insane? I must be clear from the start — my book is the story of how society indifferently allows abusers to get away with murder. My mother and sister were abused for decades from domestic violence and their deaths were a direct cause of this abuse. In addition to this, my father was never charged. Not only were the recent domestic violence laws not in place; every time we called the police my mother would deny my father's abuse. This was a deadly mistake, as her silence made the abuser grow more powerful and the abuse became more horrific.

From my own personal experience, I saw an abuser punish members of his family by hurting animals in the household or neighborhood. Protecting victims of domestic violence will also help protect animals as well. I am proud to report that 31 states including Connecticut (C.G.S.A.S 46b-15) have enacted legislations that include provisions for pets in domestic violence protection orders. If you plan on leaving an abusive household, make a plan for your animals ahead of time. Never leave animals with the abuser.

My father had guns and used them to torment my family and elderly neighbors in Bozrah. These neighbors were good people who were too afraid to call the police. Today, they would have found protection in the new laws. As of June 2016, the Supreme Court upheld a federal law that bars people with misdemeanor domestic violence convictions from owning guns. A single conviction under a state assault statute for recklessly causing an injury to a family member can now trigger a lifetime ban on gun ownership. National statistics show the presence of a gun in a domestic violence situation increases the risk of homicide by 500 percent.

My mother and sister have long passed from this life, yet in my heart, I know there are other Rose and Janice Falcone's in the world, still silent and feeling as trapped as my mother and sister. I know on a typical day, domestic violence hotlines have close to 300,000 calls. I know that 1 in every 3 women, and 1 in every 4 men, have been physically abused by an intimate partner. After I finished my book, I knew my mother and sister did not die in vain because many readers have already reported a new strength after reading how my mother and sister lived and died.

As a retired high school teacher, I know domestic violence does not limit itself strictly to adults. Many teenagers are involved in volatile relationships and it is far more common than one can imagine. One in five teens in a dating relation



FINANCIAL FOCUS

JIM ZAHANSKY
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Are you suddenly on your own or forced to assume greater responsibility for your financial future? Unsure about whether you're on the right track with your savings and investments? Finding yourself with new responsibilities, such as the care of a child or an aging parent? Facing other life events, such as marriage, divorce, the sale of a family business, or a career change? Too busy to become a financial expert but needing to make sure your assets are being managed appropriately? Or maybe you simply feel your assets could be invested or protected better than they are now.

These are only some of the many circumstances that prompt people to contact someone who can help them address their financial questions and issues. This may be especially true for women, who live longer than men on average and therefore may face an even greater challenge in making their assets last over that longer life span. In fact, one study found that women often value advice from a professional in their financial decision-making even more than men do (June 2014 study of affluent individuals conducted by Spectrem Group, a research/consulting firm focused on the affluent and retirement markets).

WHY WORK WITH A FINANCIAL PROFESSIONAL?

A financial professional can apply his or her skills to your specific needs. Just as important, you have someone who can answer questions about things that you may find confusing or anxiety-provoking. When the financial markets go through one of their periodic downturns, having someone you can turn to may help you make sense of it all.

If you don't feel confident about your knowledge of investing or specific financial products and services, having someone who monitors the financial markets every day can be helpful. After all, if you hire people to do things like cut your hair, work on your car, and tend to medical issues, it might just make sense to get some help when dealing with important financial issues.

Even if you have the knowledge and ability to manage your own finances, the financial world grows more intricate every day as new products and services are introduced. Also, legislative changes can have

a substantial impact on your investment and tax planning strategy. A professional can monitor such developments on an ongoing basis and assess how they might affect your portfolio.

A financial professional may be able to help you see the big picture and make sure the various aspects of your financial life are integrated in a way that makes sense for you. That can be especially important if you own your own business or have complex tax issues.

If you already have a financial plan, a financial professional can act as a sounding board, giving you a reality check to make sure your assumptions and expectations are realistic. For example, if you've been investing far more conservatively than is appropriate for your goals and circumstances, either out of fear of making a mistake or from not being aware of how risks can be managed, a financial professional can help you assess whether and how your portfolio might need adjusting to improve your chances of reaching those goals.

WHEN SHOULD YOU CONSULT A PROFESSIONAL?

You don't have to wait until an event occurs before consulting a financial professional. Having someone help you develop an overall strategy for approaching your financial goals can be useful at any time. However, in some cases, a specific life event or perceived need can serve as a catalyst for seeking advice. Such events might include:

- Marriage, divorce, or the death of a spouse
- Having a baby or adopting a child
- Planning for a child's or grandchild's college education
- Buying or selling a family business
- Changing jobs or careers
- Planning your retirement
- Developing an estate plan
- Receiving an inheritance or financial windfall

MAKING THE MOST OF A PROFESSIONAL'S EXPERTISE

You'll need to understand how a financial professional is compensated for his or her services. Some receive a fee based on an hourly rate (usually for specific advice or a financial plan), or on a percentage of your portfolio's assets and/or income. Some receive a commission from a third party for any products you may purchase. Still others may receive some combination of fees and commissions, while still others may simply receive a salary from their financial services employer. Don't be reluctant to ask about fees; any reputable financial professional shouldn't hesitate to explain how he or she is compensated.

Even if you're a relative novice when it comes to finances, don't be afraid to ask questions if you don't understand what's being presented to you. You're not being rude; you're simply trying to prevent misunderstandings that could backfire later.

Don't let yourself be pressured into making a financial decision you're not comfortable with or don't understand. This is your money, and you have the right to take whatever time you need. However, give yourself

a deadline for your decision so you don't get caught in "analysis paralysis."

If you think your financial life simply needs a checkup rather than a complete overhaul, you'll need to clarify the areas in which you're looking for assistance. That can help you decide what type of advice you're looking for from your financial professional, though you should also pay attention to any additional suggestions raised during your discussions. Your plans should take into consideration your financial goals, your time horizon for achieving each one, your current financial and emotional ability to tolerate risk, and any recent changes in your circumstances.

Don't assume you have to be wealthy to make use of a financial professional. While some do focus on clients with assets above a certain level, others do not.

Think about the scope of the services you'll need. Do you want comprehensive help in a variety of areas, or would you be better off assembling a team of specialists? Do you need an ongoing relationship, or can your needs be taken care of on a one-time basis? If you're a relative novice or having to deal with decisions you've never had to make before, someone with broad-based expertise might be a good place to start.

Even if you feel you need detailed advice from several different specialists—for example, if you own your own business—consider whether you might benefit from having someone who can coordinate among them. A financial professional can sometimes be a gateway to other professionals who can help with specific aspects of your finances, such as accounting, tax and/or estate planning, insurance, and investments.

If you want comprehensive management, you may be able to give a financial professional the independent authority to make trading decisions for your portfolio without checking with you first. In that case, you'll likely be asked to help develop and sign an investment policy statement that spells out the specifics of the firm's decision-making authority and the guidelines to be followed when making those decisions.

If you feel that consulting an expert might be helpful, don't postpone making that call. The sooner you get your questions answered, the sooner you'll be able to pay more attention to the things — family, friends, career, hobbies — that an organized financial life could help you enjoy.

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SOUND OFFS

Who will pay in Pomfret?

SOUND OFF:

A local newspaper recently had an editorial on voter turnout in the recent election. Pomfret was in the top 10 list out of all Connecticut towns with 90.7 percent. That is impressive.

Pomfret has been an impressive, innovative town for several things — town supported bonding for open space preservation; solar panels on their school; the Audubon Center in Pomfret; upgrades to the Airline Trail; Wyndham Land Trust properties; a modern recreation park, a Horse and Trail group, and extensive town wide trails to enjoy their open space. This is an environmentally aware, supportive, and activist community.

Then suddenly the town is in the news for something very different. The Connecticut Department of Public Health recently recognized Pomfret for the coal tar mess in Longmeadow and has issued a warning against coal tar road products for all CT towns based on what was

done there.

It's a shame that Pomfret's record as a green, preservation minded, and forward thinking town has been tarnished and residents now have carcinogenic containing coal tar on their neighborhood roads. Instead of being on the cutting edge for preservation and innovation, they are suddenly suffering from a hasty decision made by an inexperienced first selectman and board of selectmen who didn't look first. Other communities have not used this product. Do they know something our first selectman didn't? A bit of research by Pomfret's "leader" Craig Baldwin could have saved Pomfret from being known for coal tar.

Will Pomfret taxpayers pay for an extensive, expensive environmental cleanup? Good money that could have been spent to preserve and protect will be spent to undo what never should have been done. What about future health issues?

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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Happy Holidays from Woodstock's PZC

To the Editor:

The end of a year and the soon to be start of another year is a good time to reflect upon things done and things to be done. As 2016 comes to a close, I look back on the year of work done by Woodstock's Planning & Zoning Commission and I look forward to a year of continued work.

The Commission has been very busy.

It remains focused on its legislative (policy making) responsibility of reviewing, updating, creating, and retiring land use regulations so that appropriate and wise guidance of land development occurs throughout Woodstock. During the past year, the Commission has continued, through its Regulatory Review Subcommittee, to make good adjustments to the zoning and subdivision regulations, and to undertake a stem to stern review of the subdivision regulations.

It remains focused on its administrative (quasi-judicial) responsibility of using the regulations, as written, to review and to decide upon individual land use applications. The public and applicants alike know they will be treated fairly by the Commission and that the decisions rendered, whether people agree with them or not, are done objectively, following the "rule of law" in the form of constitutional rights, state statutes, and town ordinances. I am proud that the "law" of common sense is uppermost in the Commission's work.

The Commission remains ever mindful of the balance between community interests and individual landowner rights. It is challenging work. It is hard work. It is important work. My fellow Commissioners (Joseph Adiletta, E. John Anastasi, Syd Blodgett, Gail Dickinson, Dorothy Durst, Kenneth

Ebbett, Duane Frederick, Doug Porter, Frederick Rich, Travis Serrine, and H. Dexter Young) and I do it well because we remain committed to doing what is best for each citizen and property owner in Woodstock, and for the Woodstock community as a whole. We remain mindful of the rural and agricultural character of our town. We remain cognizant of the need for appropriate economic development and sustainability. We remain aware of the special quality of life Woodstock's setting provides. We remain fiscally prudent in the use of taxpayer money.

It is not just what one does that matters, it is also how one does it that matters. On both accounts, the Commission is a good example of how municipal government indeed works for people by working with people.

Commission meetings are held at 7:30 PM on the third Thursday of each month in Woodstock Town Hall. Subcommittee meetings are held at 7:30 PM on the first Thursday of each month in Woodstock Town Hall. Any changes in meeting schedules are posted at the town's website and available at Town Hall. Members of the public are welcome to attend. If you wish to correspond with the Commission — which is always appreciated — then please do so via the Town Planner/Zoning Enforcement Officer's office. Contact information is on the town's website.

On behalf of Woodstock's Planning & Zoning Commission, I wish your families and you all the best this holiday and New Year season.

JEFFREY A. GORDON,
M.D.
CHAIRMAN, WOODSTOCK
PLANNING & ZONING
COMMISSION

GUEST

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ship report being hit, slapped, or pushed by their partner, while 82 percent of parents thought they could recognize teen dating violence, yet more than half could not identify the signs. When teen-dating violence goes unchecked and the victim remains silent, this is a perfect scenario for domestic violence to establish strong roots into adulthood.

My mother was in her late 60's when the physical abuse began. The National Council on Aging states that approximately 1 in 10 Americans aged 60-plus have experienced some form of elder abuse. Some estimates range 5 million elders are abused each year. One study estimates only 1 in 14 cases of elder abuse are reported to authorities. Domestic violence in the elder years is particularly heinous, as the elderly are vulnerable to anyone entering the home. As in my mother's case, there were health workers that visited my mother's home who profited from her plight.

"The Lonely Nest" is not all doom and gloom. It is filled with fond nostalgia from every era beginning in 1959 and continuing up to my father's death in 2009. I write of the years I attended The Norwich Free Academy, where English Teacher Alan K. Driscoll saved me in every way a good teacher can save a wayward student. "The Lonely Nest" is filled with friendship, love and hope, and let's not forget the miracles I witnessed along the way. Today, I know God had a purpose for my survival and is present in every moment of my life. I believe through me, God will use my book to help others find the strength to attain a better life.

Yes, the world is a far better place for victims of abuse than when my mother and sister were alive. Today, children can tell trusted counselors or teachers and find protection from their abuser. In my mother and sister's day, we believed our silence would save us. I wish those reading this column — peace — and to know that everyone has a right to live a peaceful life. I do not hate my father, because when we hate our abusers we become like our abusers. Rather, I leave my father in peace because that is the only way we will stop future generations from carrying on the legacy of domestic violence.

Concetta Falcone Coddling is a freelance writer and author of "The Lonely Nest," which is available on Amazon and Kindle.

Church hosts annual Arts and Crafts Holiday Show

WOODSTOCK — The 4th Annual Arts and Crafts Holiday Show was held Saturday, Dec. 3, at the East Woodstock Congregational Church. Twenty-two vendors were set up in the Fellowship Hall to greet visitors. A light luncheon, Penny Social and tables of like-new items were also available for purchase. Money raised from this event help out with the general operating expenses of the church, more than \$1,400. If you are interested in participating in next year's Holiday Show, please contact Karen McFarlin at kmcf3470@gmail.com for more information.

Courtesy photos



Bonnie Massey and her original artwork and Christmas green centerpieces.



Twenty-two vendors were set up in Fellowship Hall.



Clara Kusek enjoyed looking around on the like-new tables, always fun to recycle someone else's throwaway!



Beautiful pottery by local potter Paul Lynn, of Woodstock.

Thanksgiving basket give away a team effort



Courtesy photos

PUTNAM — On Sunday, Nov. 27, volunteers gathered to set up for the Daily Bread's Thanksgiving Basket Give Away. The Leos Club and their parents/sponsors helped set up. They did a fantastic job setting up tables and all the heavy work of carrying in all the produce, cans of vegetables, gravy, cranberry sauce, boxes of stuffing.



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Federated Church of Christ hosts Sugar Plum Fair



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 BROOKLYN — The Federated Church of Christ in Brooklyn hosted a Sugar Plum Fair on Saturday, Dec. 3. There were many happy customers for the hot donuts, Finnish coffee bread, Christmas cookies, Christmas crafts, basket raffle and much more.



MENU

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calzones (choice of cheese, pepperoni), broccoli, mixed field greens salad

PUTNAM MIDDLE SCHOOL

Monday, Dec. 12: Breakfast for Lunch — Bacon, egg and cheese on whole grain bagel, crispy hash brown potato

Tuesday, Dec. 13: Crispy chicken sandwich, plain or spicy, on whole grain roll, topping station, steamed broccoli florets

Wednesday, Dec. 14: Bosco cheese filled whole grain breadstick with zesty marinara sauce, fresh garden salad with dressing

Thursday, Dec. 15: Holiday Feast — Roast turkey with gravy, creamy mashed potato, roasted butternut squash, whole grain dinner roll, cranberry sauce, whole grain special cookie

Friday, Dec. 16: Homemade calzones (choice of cheese, pepperoni, nestled in our homemade whole wheat pizza dough, side of zesty marinara sauce), crisp garden salad with dressing

PUTNAM ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

Monday, Dec. 12: Breakfast for Lunch — Whole grain French toast sticks, fluffy scrambled eggs, warm baked spiced apples, crispy hash brown potato

Tuesday, Dec. 13: Crispy chicken sandwich on whole grain roll, side of lettuce and tomato, steamed broccoli florets

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WOODSTOCK MIDDLE SCHOOL

Monday, Dec. 12: Cheeseburger/bun, lettuce and tomato, baked beans, fruit, milk

Tuesday, Dec. 13: Ham steak, scalloped potato, wheat roll, carrots, fruit, milk

Wednesday, Dec. 14: Popcorn chicken, whipped potato, wheat roll, corn, fruit, milk

Thursday, Dec. 15: Fish and chips, cole slaw, roll, wheat roll, fruit, milk

Friday, Dec. 16: Pizza, spinach, fruit, milk

BROOKLYN ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

Monday, Dec. 12: Meatless Monday — Bagel plate with cream cheese, cheese stick, yogurt, carrots and dip, wild Maine blueberries, milk

Tuesday, Dec. 13: Popcorn chicken, mac n cheese, steamed broccoli, fresh fruit, milk

Wednesday, Dec. 14: Pancakes and bacon, syrup, hash brown, apple sauce, 100-percent juice, milk

Thursday, Dec. 15: Soft taco (seasoned beef, shredded cheddar, shredded lettuce, salsa and sour cream), tortilla chips, blushing pears, milk

Friday, Dec. 16: Fresh baked pizza, fries, strawberry and cream, milk. Ice Cream Day! \$1

BROOKLYN MIDDLE SCHOOL

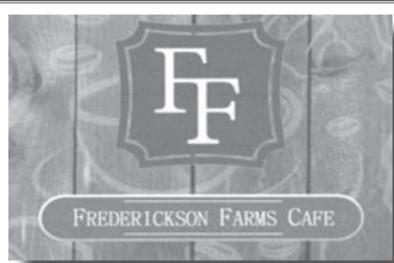
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Area Knights of Columbus conduct pro-life programs



Knights of Columbus Connecticut State Deputy John A. Macari.



Knights of Columbus Rhode Island State Deputy Michael A. Benson.

"We're here in Moosup to reaffirm our commitment to life in general," said K of C Connecticut State Deputy John A. Macari, of Stamford, who oversees operations for the more than 24,000 members of the Catholic, family fraternal group in the state. "We're praying for a successful resolution some day to the abortion question and all the other important issues that make up the 'Culture of Life.' We're supporting life in all its stages."

Macari admits that resolution won't happen soon. A Gallup poll taken in May showed that 45 percent of respondents believed abortion was morally acceptable, while the exact same percentage believed it was morally wrong. However, the same poll found that 51 percent of respondents believed that abortion should only be legal under certain circumstances.

Statewide, there are thousands of abortions performed annually. The latest data available from the Guttmacher Institute, a private organization dedicated to expanding the availability of abortion and contraception services worldwide, reported 14,640 abortions were performed in Connecticut in 2011, although some of them were performed on women from other states. In the same year, 24 percent of pregnancies to women of reproductive age in the state were ended by induced abortions. Nationwide, the institute reported that 18 percent of the six million pregnancies in 2011 were ended by induced abortions, for a total of more than a million abortions that year throughout the country. The institute further reports that Connecticut does not have any of the major types of abortion restrictions, such as waiting periods, mandated parental involvement or limitations on publicly funded abortions, often found in other states.

Although abortion remains a primary concern, K of C officials believe the "Culture of Life" includes other critical issues as well.

"Abortion was the beginning. Now we're seeing terrible things like euthanasia, assisted suicide and genetic manipulation of innocent human beings being taken seriously in today's society," said Connecticut K of C District 23 Deputy Dr. William P. Macnamara, III, of Brooklyn, who's the state council's representative in the

northern part of Windham County. "Where does that slippery slope hit bottom? When do living, individual human beings become too inconvenient or too expensive or too old or too handicapped to be kept alive anymore? Many people in our country are seriously asking questions like that today. No civilization can survive if it heads down that road. We all have to stand up for life, whatever your religion or your politics."

This particular silver rose has been traveling throughout the northeast since April, with Connecticut planned as the last state for it to visit before the program ends for the year. The statewide pilgrimage will end at the tomb of K of C founder Rev. Michael J. McGivney, at St. Mary's Church in New Haven, on the feast of Our Lady of Guadalupe on December 12.

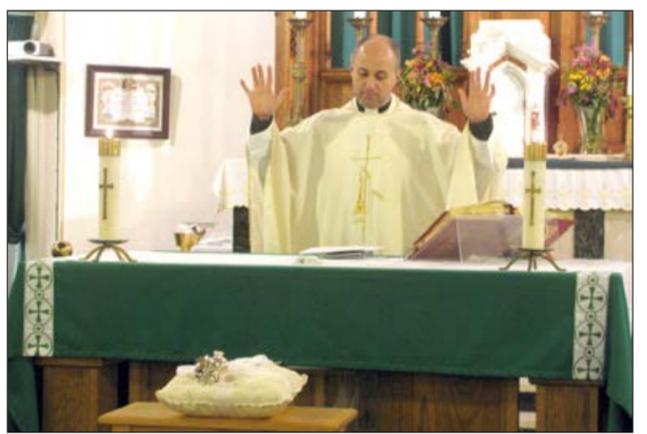
Rhode Island K of C State Deputy Michael A. Benson, of North Kingstown, RI, is the top Knight of Columbus in the Ocean State. He was happy to cross the state line for the first Silver Rose event in Connecticut.

"We've had the Silver Rose in Rhode Island for about a month, drawing attention to the unborn and the importance of protecting the sanctity of human life," Benson said. "We're pleased to help to keep that effort going with our Brother Knights in Connecticut."

The next morning the Silver Rose was taken to the Putnam Deanery Perpetual Adoration Chapel, at the St. Mary Church of the Visitation Parish Center, in Putnam, for a day-long prayer and devotional program for the public, sponsored by Cargill Council 64, of Putnam. From there it went off to Enfield and the rest of Connecticut.

Although the Silver Rose has left the Quiet Corner for another year, Macnamara says there is good reason for people to keep working to protect human life — all human life.

"I'm happy to see more and more people getting involved and taking a stand to support the unborn and support the 'Culture of Life,'" Macnamara said. "The pro-life movement is making important progress throughout the country. It's taken more than 40 years and it may take decades more, but I'm confident that we will win in the end."



After completing a month-long trip through Rhode Island, Knights of Columbus officials from the Ocean State recently turned over the Silver Rose to their counterparts in Connecticut.



Every year since 1961, Knights of Columbus throughout North America have brought silver roses on annual pilgrimages, to show respect and support for all people, from conception to natural death. The silver rose pictured here just completed visits to Moosup and Putnam, at the beginning of a 34-location pilgrimage throughout the state.



Photos courtesy John D. Ryan

After completing a month-long trip through Rhode Island, Knights of Columbus officials from the Ocean State recently turned over the Silver Rose to their counterparts in Connecticut, at a special mass celebrated at All Hallows Church in Moosup.

VA hospital gets needed Catholic missals

LOCAL KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS DONATES BOOKS TO WEST HAVEN CHAPLAIN

WEST HAVEN — With the new liturgical year starting in the Roman Catholic Church this past Sunday, Nov. 27, the daily and weekly scripture readings, prayers and music used at masses has changed from the year before. Churches usually get new books, commonly called missals, which have the new year's materials, to use at their celebrations.

However, the chaplain's department at the U. S. Department of Veterans Affairs Hospital in West Haven wasn't able to buy new missals. That's when the Knights of Columbus stepped in. For the third year in a row, the Right Rev. Monsignor Jean C. Mathieu Fourth Degree Assembly 114, based in Putnam, spent \$250 to buy three dozen new mis-

sals. With the new liturgical year at hand, Knights from the assembly drove the 90 miles from Putnam to personally deliver them, just before morning mass was celebrated on Sunday in the hospital's chapel. At the same time, the Fourth Degree Knights from Windham County donated 50 new rosaries to the hospital and also helped to bring patients to and from mass.

Rev. Cosmas Archibong, the hospital's Catholic chaplain and himself a Fourth Degree Knight, said the missals and rosaries will be used often.

"Sometimes the patients and visitors don't know the prayers and the songs, so having the current books allows them to have what they need when they worship here," he said. "We're very grateful to the Knights for helping our people practice their faith."

Assembly 114 includes about 170 members, covering northeastern Connecticut from Ashford to Moosup.

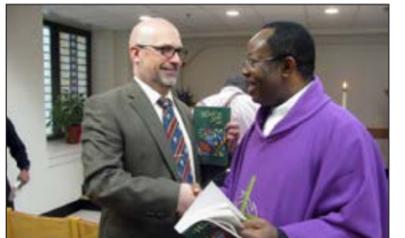
The Fourth Degree, also

known as the Patriotic Degree, is part of the worldwide Knights of Columbus organization, a fraternal benefit society made up of Catholic men and their families. Many people have seen Fourth Degree Knights at a parade, funeral or other event, wearing their black tuxedos, ostrich-plumed hats and colorful knee-length silk capes.

What is not generally known, however, is that fewer than one out of five of the world's 1.9 million Knights of Columbus have taken on the optional, extra commitment of joining the Fourth Degree. Fourth Degree Knights are committed to promoting patriotism and supporting their nation in each of the 13 countries where the K of C exists. Every Fourth Degree Knight is also a member of a local K of C council. Nearly all of the members of Mathieu Assembly 114 are also members of a local council in northern Windham County, with a few participating in local councils elsewhere.

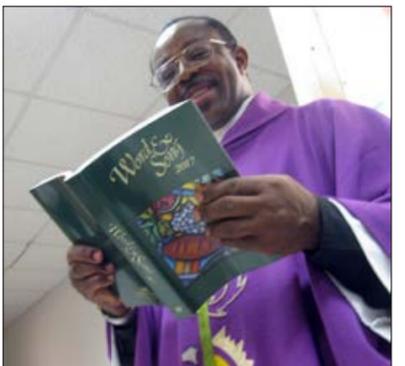
K of C Vice Supreme Master of the Fourth Degree Michael J. Donnelly, of Moosup, oversees Fourth Degree operations throughout all of New England. He says donating missals to a veterans' hospital is a service project Connecticut's 5,200 Fourth Degree Knights should take a good look at.

"This is exactly the kind of thing an assembly needs to be doing," he said. "The Fourth Degree exists to support veterans, the Catholic Church and each other, and this donation of new missals by Assembly 114 is an excellent example of doing just that."



Photos courtesy John D. Ryan

On Sunday, at the beginning of the new liturgical year, Rev. Cosmas Archibong (right), the Roman Catholic chaplain at the U. S. Department of Veterans Affairs Hospital in West Haven, accepts a donation of new missals from Assembly 114 Fourth Degree Knight of Columbus David J. Meunier, of Killingly. The Right Rev. Monsignor Jean C. Mathieu Fourth Degree Assembly 114, based in Putnam, donated the three dozen books to the hospital's chapel.



Cosmas Archibong, the Roman Catholic chaplain at the U. S. Department of Veterans Affairs Hospital in West Haven, reads one of the new missals he had just received from the Knights of Columbus Right Rev. Monsignor Jean C. Mathieu Fourth Degree Assembly 114.

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Knights of Columbus raise money for food pantry

BROOKLYN — “For when I was hungry, you gave me food; when thirsty, you gave me drink.”

Those familiar words of Jesus from the Book of Matthew are more than words to members of the Knights of Columbus. The three local K of C councils which serve the Killingly and Brooklyn area put those words into action on Saturday evening, when they jointly held a dinner at Sacred Heart Church in Wauregan, to raise money for the Friends of Assisi Food Pantry in Danielson. The dinner also celebrated the non-profit pantry's quarter century in operation.

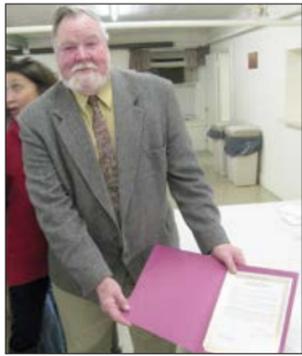
The event raised over \$1,300 for the organization.

Mary, Our Lady of the Assumption Council 10454, of Dayville, was one of the three councils sponsoring the dinner. Council 10454 Grand Knight Leo R. Chatelle, Jr., said the money for the pantry is sorely needed.

“We see plenty of poor people here in our area, but we don't see the half of it. There are so many people struggling out there.”

Assisi Pantry Director Jean Cyr agrees.

“We serve an average of 160 to 200 families a month from the Killingly-Brooklyn area,” Cyr said. “We're so blessed that the Knights of Columbus did this for us. God's called us to take care of His needy people, and the Knights are helping us to do it.”



Commemorating the anniversary, Killingly Town Council Chairman David Griffiths presented the Friends of Assisi with a proclamation from the council.



Mystical Rose Council 49 Knight of Columbus Karol Avanecean, of Brooklyn, fills a pot with water shortly before the start of the dinner.



Mary, Our Lady of the Assumption Council 10454 Grand Knight Leo R. Chatelle, Jr., attended last Saturday's Knights of Columbus dinner at Sacred Heart Church in Wauregan, benefitting the non-profit Friends of Assisi Food Pantry, in Danielson.



Attending the event, Assisi Pantry Dir. Jean Cyr said her organization was 'blessed that the Knights of Columbus did this for us.'

The celebration included a proclamation given to the Friends of Assisi by the Killingly Town Council.

“It takes so many volunteers to make a town run,” said Town Council Chairman David Griffiths. “We need the volunteers from the pantry. Feeding our people is the most important thing we do.”

Another sponsoring council was St. James Council 2883, of Danielson.

“We Knights have a responsibility to help the needy in our community,” said Council 2883 Grand Knight Kyle Napierata. “St. James Council has known for many years what good the Assisi Pantry does here. Our council's held many events for

them over the years and we're proud that this dinner was part of that.”

State Representative-elect Anne Dauphinais (R-Killingly) was so committed to Saturday night's event that she sold ten tickets.

“This was fantastic,” she said. “I want to know about and support all of our community organizations that are so needed here, by our local people.”

Overall, the Knights were happy with Saturday's results. Mystical Rose Council 49 co-sponsored and hosted the dinner at its headquarters, in the basement of Sacred Heart Church. Council 49 Grand Knight Clifford C. Soucy summed it up, as he paused from his work cleaning up after it was over.

“We did great. Mission accomplished,” he said.

Founded in New Haven, on March 29, 1882, the worldwide Knights of Columbus has grown to become the world's largest Catholic lay organization, a fraternal benefit society made up of Catholic men and their families. It was founded by a parish priest, Father Michael J. McGivney. Looking at the problems being suffered by Catholics in and around New Haven in the last quarter of the Nineteenth Century, he founded the society so that members could support each other religiously, morally, socially and

long. K of C councils provide members and their families with volunteer opportunities to serve the Catholic Church, their communities, families and young people. Worldwide, annually the Knights of Columbus donates more than \$170 million and 70 million hours of service to charitable causes. Please visit www.kofc.org for more information.

McGivney, a Waterbury native who died in 1890, is an official candidate for sainthood in the Roman Catholic Church. If he is canonized, McGivney would become Connecticut's first Catholic saint and the first American parish priest to be so honored.



Guests prepare to leave after enjoying last Saturday evening's Knights of Columbus dinner benefitting the non-profit Friends of Assisi Food Pantry, in Danielson



Photos courtesy John D. Ryan

Shown here just after the dinner ended was, from left, Sacred Heart Pastor Rev. Tadeusz Zadorozny, State Representative-elect Anne Dauphinais (R-Killingly) and Council 49 Grand Knight Clifford C. Soucy.

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Santa makes annual visit to Killingly for festive events

Jason Bleau photos

DANIELSON — Santa was a busy man in the Quiet Corner over the first weekend of December, paying not one, but two, visits to Danielson on Dec. 3 and 4. On Dec. 3, Santa was joined by Rudolph the Red Nosed Reindeer and Frosty the Snowman for Frosty's Big Night Out, where locals enjoyed the Christmas lights at Davis Park, and accompanied Frosty on a parade down Main Street before children got to pay a visit with the famed holiday icons. Then on Saturday, Dec. 4, Santa joined local children and parents again for Breakfast with Santa, which included music, and of course, a photo opportunity with Santa and Mrs. Claus, as the Putnam Lions provided a delicious breakfast for ticket holders at the sold out event.



Killingly High School Chorus members sing Christmas carols during Frosty's Big Night Out in Killingly, accompanied by the school's new Music Director Michael Cornaroli, who succeeded retiree Pam Rodgers for the new school year.



Caleb and Colton Wood of Brooklyn tell Santa and Mrs. Claus their Christmas wishes during Breakfast with Santa in Killingly on Dec. 4.



Alicia Eastwood and her daughter Ava joined Marcel Gervais for breakfast with before visiting with Santa Claus in Killingly on Dec. 4.



For many the visit with Santa on Dec. 4 in Killingly was a family affair. Looking at the food on those plates at the town's annual breakfast with the holiday great makes the mouth water.



Local students from Killingly, Woodstock, Brooklyn, and beyond came together to sing a medley of Christmas tunes as local children awaited their visit with Santa and Mrs. Claus during Breakfast with Santa in Killingly.



The Copacsi family, of Danielson, poses for a photo during their visit to Davis Park for the festivities of Frosty's Big Night Out.



Children and adults were given the chance to join Frosty on his parade through Danielson on Dec. 3 similar to the classic parade through town in Frosty's holiday special.



Frosty and Rudolph, accompanied by Killingly Board of Education member Hoween Flexer, make their way down Main Street in Danielson during Frosty's annual march to David Park for the appropriately named Frosty's Big Night Out event on Dec. 3.

The Smith family, of Danielson, waits in line for their visit with Santa Claus during Frosty's Big Night Out.



Austin Newman, of Danielson, asks Santa for a Golden Pikachu, Xbox One, and Teenage Mutant Ninja Turtles for Christmas during Frosty's Big Night Out.



After their parade through town, Frosty and Rudolph posed for photos with local youngsters to celebrate the Christmas season during Frosty's Big Night Out.



Local Scouts volunteered to help Frosty and Santa during Frosty's Big Night out, passing out treats to kids after their visit with jolly old St. Nick.



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Businesses trim trees for community center

Jason Bleau photos

DANIELSON — As a relatively new tradition in Killingly, less than five years old in fact, the town's trim-a-tree offering for local businesses has certainly taken off during a very short time. Each year businesses take the time to decorate trees that are scattered throughout the town's community center, and in 2016 we saw some of the most colorful and festive designs to date. The Villager took photos of just a few of the best for 2016.



The Killingly Business Association provided this beautiful tree with decorations representing every one of the association's members.



Of course the town of Killingly itself always gets into the spirit with it's own tree filled with ornaments of red and silver.



Putnam bank stuck to a simple style for it's 2016 tree with the bank's blue color and Putnam ornaments adorning the tree.



Mother Nature's Garden in Killingly utilized inspiration from nature for their tree with hummingbirds, butterflies and more making up the décor.



Renee's Working Girl Catering had a very appropriate color scheme for their tree. Using a red and green chain, she also added ribbons and hand-made ornaments to their design.



Tunk City Revival added local flavor to their tree with a simple message, shop small for Christmas and support local businesses.



Foreign Auto Repair used a red and white theme for 2016, including hand made snowflake ornaments that helped it stand out.



One of the most creatively decorated trees of 2016, The Byrnes Agency Inc. not only paid tribute to the company's success, but also made ornaments with the picture of every employee to hang on their tree.



Cubic Yard had a snowman theme on their tree for 2016, with an appropriate tractor themed tree topper.

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Killingly FFA Holiday Gift Night draws a crowd

Charlie Lentz photos

DAYVILLE — Shoppers had their pick of a variety of homemade gifts at the Killingly High Future Farmers of America Holiday Gift Night on Friday, Dec. 2. Part of the proceeds from the event benefitted the FFA. Heather Logee serves as the president of the Killingly High FFA Parents and Alumni.



Jamie Shay and Noah Marcoux



Shequan Jn-Baptiste, left, and Maddie Laperle



Tina Fortin, left, and Autumn Fortin



Mia Briere, left, and Madison Briere



Cathy Julian, left, and Heather Logee



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From left, Alexander Strom, Sage Blackmar, and Lyllan Cheeks



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King Kale: Hail to the curly leaves

Kale. The ruffle leafed veggie that once only adorned the edges of fancy cold cut platters, garnished salad bars and served as an ornamental plant, is now touted as a “super food” that not only packs a powerful nutritional punch but has been elevated to gourmet status at upscale eateries. From appetizers and soups to main courses and even desserts, the ordinary vegetable has reached superstar status, finding its way onto the table and into pop culture. Read on for everything you ever wanted to know about kale!

Supplying twice as much beta carotene and a whopping 700 percent of vitamin K required in a daily diet and labeled one of nature’s most nutrient dense food, it’s no wonder kale is hailed as the king of cruciferous vegetables!

Kale has earned the highest score of 1,000 on the ANDI (Aggregate Nutrient Density Index)! Here is the rundown on how kale ranks with the USDA Recommended Daily Dietary Allowances: Vitamin A: 206 percent; vitamin K: 684 percent; vitamin C: 134 percent; manganese: 26 percent; copper: 10 percent; calcium: 9 percent; vitamin B6: 9 percent; potassium: 9 percent; magnesium: 6 percent; vitamin B1: 3 percent, as well as traces of vitamin B2, vitamin B3, iron and phosphorus.



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A descendent from the wild cabbage family, kale popularity can be traced to the Celts, who introduced the leafy vegetable to ancient Europeans. While extremely hardy and easy to grow, Americans never really embraced the fibrous green, that is, until kale became the “hip” vegetable a mere decade ago. Boosted by health promoters and celebrities alike who sang the nutritious virtues of the lowly plant, a nationwide kale revolution occurred.

Available in an impressive array of strains, the kale plant can vary in color from green to purple, and the leaves range from smooth to frilly. The most common plant is “curly kale,” which boasts attractive, wavy edges. While the familiar green still dresses up meat platters, kale, as a super food, has a higher calling. Attractive, rich in vitamins, and delicious, kale is a triple threat to its leafy cousins, broccoli and cauliflower.

Kale Facts:

- Kale actually becomes sweeter after hit with a frost.
- Thomas Jefferson was a

kale trailblazer, growing several varieties of the vegetable in the early 19th century.

- A January 2015 blizzard caused a kale shortage in New York City as health conscious shoppers stripped grocery stores of the leafy greens!
- Kale nail polish is the latest trend.
- Kale has got more vitamin C than an orange.

Beyond the Dinner Plate: Kale is packed with lutein, which protects against toxins, which makes it an ideal skin treatment. In addition, kale is rich in anti-aging vitamins A, C, E and K. As a bonus, kale has copper, which is a popular ingredient in skin cream. Why not take kale from the salad bowl to the sink basin to experience its beauty benefits first hand? The following natural kale treatments are easy to make with no worries about chemical additions.

Organic Kale Skin Mask: Stimulates Collagen Production — Anti-age creams containing lutein (a powerful antioxidant in kale) are pricey. Lutein has been known to boost collagen production, so why not go directly to the source and whip up your own organic version?

Ingredients: One pound washed organic kale, chopped; 1/4 cup extra virgin olive oil; 1/4 cup heavy cream.
Instructions: Boil kale (or

microwave with a tablespoon of water) until softened. Puree drained kale, oil and cream until smooth. Apply to face or body and rest for 10 minutes. Rinse well.

Kale Manicure Soak: Boosts Nail Growth — The vitamins and minerals in kale helps grow, long, healthy nails and help repairs damaged weak fingernails. This simple homemade soak encourages strong nail growth while hydrating cuticles.

Ingredients: two cups fresh kale; olive oil.

Instructions: Puree fresh kale and good olive oil until it is a smooth consistency. Soak nails for about ten minutes daily.

Here’s a more conventional Kale recipe:

Kale Chips

Ingredients: Fresh kale (or bag of precut kale); olive oil; seasonings

Instructions: Preheat oven to 375 degrees. Separate kale leaves from ribs. Line cookie sheet with tinfoil or parchment paper. Spread kale on sheet. Drizzle with olive oil, rubbing oil on each leaf. Sprinkle with coarse salt. Cook until crisped. Some like them lightly browned; others prefer them still green. Try other seasonings such as sprinkling a little cayenne pepper; Parmesan

cheese; or garlic salt, etc.

- Note: Kale should not be ingested by those on blood thinning medications.

- Ingesting too much kale can cause high levels of thallium, which can cause health problems.

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Short-lived series, Part 2: Shield nickels (1866-1883)



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An 1866 Shield nickel.

As unknown as shield nickels are to the average collector or inheritor of coin collections, we find them in about one out of every four collections that we buy or appraise. With the exception of the serious collector, most of the ones we find are common date and heavily circulated.

As silver coins disappeared during the Civil War, demand for non-precious metal circulating coins increased. Resurrecting silver half dimes weren’t the answer, so a 5-cent piece composed primarily of the metal nickel came under serious consideration. The mint act of 1865 authorized replacing the 5-cent paper fractional currency with a nickel (metal) 3-cent piece. There were no plans to also replace the 5-cent paper

fractional. However, a misleading scandal as to who was going to be on a new 5-cent fractional infuriated members of Congress and on April 7, 1866, a new law was quickly passed authorizing a new 5-cent coin.

Mint Director James Pollock was opposed to working with the hard metal of nickel, but Congressional friends of nickel magnate, Joseph Wharton, who owned a monopoly on nickel mining in North America, prevailed in securing passage on May 16, 1866 of a bill requiring that the new coin be of 5 grams of nickel, thus insuring huge government purchases of the bullion from Wharton. The bill passed both Houses without debate ... in one day.

The coins were quite convenient and were immediately, and favorably, accepted by the general public. The 5-cent coin (not “nickel”) remains a stalwart of our economy, even today. Designer James B. Longacre produced a design featuring the head of Abraham Lincoln, but Pollock rejected it, fearing strong Southern opposition. Pollock



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preferred Longacre’s Shield design due to its similarity to the design of the recently minted 2-cent piece.

However, nickel’s properties caused weak strikings and more die breaks than any other coin in Mint history. In addition, critics called it “the ugliest of all known coins: (Walter Breen, pg. 247). Wharton called it a “tombstone surmounted by a cross overhung by weeping willows”... ungrateful millionaire that he apparently was. The initial design (pictured with this column) had rays between the stars, but this design wrecked havoc with the minting process, and northerners complained that it was paying homage to the Confederacy’s stars and bars. The rays were eliminated in 1868.

The coin’s peak production was 1867-1868, when nearly 29 million were made each year. Common year coins in G-4 condition are worth about \$15. In VF condition they’re valued at about \$35-\$40. Very few we encounter exceed that grade; most are in Poor-2 to VG condition. However, just for information, an

uncirculated 18658 coin is worth about \$200.

The lowest mintage business strike years of 1879 (26 thousand) and 1880 (16 thousand) have more enticing values. In G-4 they’re worth \$310 and \$380 respectively. In VF they’re worth \$540 and \$780, and in uncirculated condition \$700 and \$6,200. In 1877 and 188 the Shield nickels were only made in Proofs for collectors. Estimated mintages were 900 and 2,350. In proof 63 condition their values are \$3,000 and \$1,600.

In our next column, we’ll look at the 1883-1912 Liberty Head nickel series. That series has some particularly colorful history as the 1883 without “cents” gold plated “bootlegger” nickels and the 5-coin 1913 secret mintage issue attest. Keep those questions coming and we’ll try to take a break from the short-lived series to answer some of your questions.

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Day Kimball Hospice and Palliative Care hosts Tree of Life events

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away in June of this year. Frances’s husband, Dan, and her family, helped light the tree, a tradition for each of the locations as each of them have their own special honoree recognized by the tree lighting each December. Dan Roy Sr. spoke with The Villager before lighting the tree, and said that his wife was an angel who he is proud to honor with his part in the 2016 Hospice Tree Lighting in Thompson.

“Day Kimball Hospice Care was a really big help for us,” Roy said. “Fran touched a lot of lives, and I’m a lucky guy to have had her for as long as I did. She was a wonderful wife, mother, grandmother,

and matriarch of our family. I was blessed to have her.”

Roy gave due credit to the employees of the Hospice and Palliative Care program at Day Kimball, saying that the work they do is special and heavily valued by those who benefit from it.

“It takes a very special person. The Hospice Care employees were so wonderful to my wife and to my family as we were struggling through this. I think they do a wonderful job,” Roy said. “People who get in this situation, I can only say to please call them, because they are a big help to get through it. This event is amazingly important to my family and myself, and I’m very thankful that this is in my wife’s name. To pay a tribute like this is an amazing

thing and certainly I’ll ever forget it.”

The Thompson tree lighting was led by Thompson Lion Dave Babbitt, in his 25th year as master of ceremonies, but served as a bittersweet event for the Thompson location’s chairperson of 15 years, Shirley Houle, who celebrated her final event as chair and thanked everyone on hand for their never-ending dedication to the program.

“I’m glad to see such a turnout. We have the largest turnout in the 10-town area,” Houle said to those gathered for the ceremony. “Nobody has ever let me down. Everyone works together like one big family. I want to say thank you to all of them.”

A member of the hospice team, Donna Hendrickson

read a special thank you note to those in attendance to close the ceremony before Roy made his final statements and helped light the tree.

“The mission of Hospice and Palliative Care of Northeastern Connecticut is to enhance the lives of the patient and family through an individualized plan of care. Every time we step through a doorway into someone’s home we begin a journey with that family which is sacred and an honor for us to be a part of. The money raised from this event will be used for patient care and services provided to the community not covered by insurance,” Hendrickson said. “The lights on this tree are a symbol of the love we have for those who have died and those who are still

present in our daily lives. It’s a symbol of hope. We’ll always remember why they are so special to us. The first Christmas light was the Star of Bethlehem. Like that star lighting the way for travelers so long ago the Tree of Life is lighting the way in dark times and celebrating the love of our family and friends.”

And with that the trees were lit, carols were sung, and tears were shed as the Hospice Tree of Life ceremony tradition continued to cement itself in the hearts of locals throughout the region.

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Former Times Square building destroyed by fire

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Square and Kicker’s.

Killingly Fire Marshal Randy Burchard told The Villager that the building was torn down shortly after the fire was under control and that an investigation remains ongoing as of this report.

“The building had to be torn down due to the structural integrity being compromised and its close proximity to the road and neighboring building. So we tore it down. The third floor and second floor collapsed down into the first floor,” Burchard said. “With significant damage to the building we had a hard time trying to access different parts of the building due to

the collapse. The State Fire Marshal’s Office is assisting with the ongoing investigation.”

Burchard said the cause of the fire would likely remain undetermined due to the difficulty of investigators getting into different parts of the structure following the resulting damage from the fire. The fire marshal seemed confident foul play was not at fault for the incident.

“It’s pretty much safe to say it’s more of an unfortunate incident that it is anything else,” he said.

One amazing feat from the response was the ability of firefighters to protect the nearby structure that could have easily fallen victim to the fire and caused the destruction of Danielson Surplus and potentially other nearby businesses as well. Burchard said the

departments on the scene deserve a lot of credit for being able to use not only quick thinking, but past experience to get the fire under control and preserve the neighboring building effectively.

“The fire departments deserve a lot of credit. The fast response and placement of apparatus protected the Danielson Surplus building which was basically three feet away from the building that caught fire. It’s not the first time the fire department has fought a fire at that building. This is the third time. So they had some past experience and knowledge of placement of apparatus in that area. That contributed to keeping the fire contained to the building itself. It is a tight area, but luckily there’s a parking lot to the side and an open area to the back firefighters could work with,”

said Burchard.

He added that Danielson Surplus was able to open with minimal delay. The parking area for BankHometown was also not disrupted as only a few spaces had to be blocked off to accommodate the caution area following the fire. Nearby roadways did see extended closure however as the tear down and cleanup efforts commenced.

Ten departments were involved in the response including Danielson, South Killingly, Dayville, Williamsville, Mortlake, Moosup, Attawaugan, East Brooklyn, and KB Ambulance with East Killingly on standby for support.

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POLICE LOGS

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STATE POLICE TROOP D LOGS

POMFRET CENTER

Friday, Nov. 25

Jason Edward Eldridge, 32, of 726 Mashamoquet Road, Pomfret Center, was charged with disorderly conduct: threatening; third degree assault; threatening.

DANIELSON

Saturday, Nov. 26

Eric Rainville, of 262 Broad St. Apt. C, Danielson, was charged with failure to appear first degree.

KILLINGLY

Wednesday, Nov. 30

Michael S. Geer, 28, of 44 Dyer St., Killingly, was charged with failure to appear second degree.

PUTNAM

Wednesday, Nov. 30

Daniel R. Deojay, 40, of 455 East Putnam Road, Putnam, was charged with failure to appear second degree.

PUTNAM POLICE DEPARTMENT LOGS

Friday, Dec. 2

Kelly Weber, 56, of 67 Perry St., #119, Putnam, was charged with disorderly conduct, interfering with an emergency call

Sunday, Dec. 4

Robinson Perez, 24, of no certain address, was charged with third-degree burglary, fifth-degree larceny

Charlee Bravo's offers food and fun, with military flair

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night," Le explains.

Le, a successful restaurant owner, also owns a pizzeria in Plainfield (Lil' Vinny's) and had recently been busy remodeling a new restaurant in Danielson, which was to be located where the former Times Square and Kicker's restaurants were located, however, that building unfortunately had a fire on Dec. 3, and was destroyed (see related story in this week's Villager). Le had been planning to call that restaurant Tortilla Sam's Bar & Grill.

The successful entrepreneur also hopes to open another restaurant in Putnam, where he will serve Vietnamese food.

"I'm going to call it Pho Saigon," Le said, adding it will be located right next door to Charlee Bravo's.

Le has plenty of experience running restaurants. He previously owned a restaurant in Worcester, Mass., Tortilla Sam's, for several years before closing it.



Teri Stohlberg photo

Charlee Bravos is a popular Putnam pool hall on South Main Street, featuring eight full-size pool tables, darts, a full bar, grill, pizza, and live music on Saturday nights.

Le is originally from Saigon, Vietnam, but has been in the U.S. since he was 10, raised in a string of foster homes in New York, and graduated from high school in New York City.

"In my younger days, I used to hang around Chinatown in New York, and that is where I learned to cook," he said. "After high school, I went into the military."

Le served in U.S. Navy for eight years, and was stationed in the Middle

East during that time.

After he got out of the military, he then went back to college to get his degree in electrical engineering from UMass Lowell in Massachusetts.

"I worked in that field for a while, mostly in the Chelmsford and Concord area in Massachusetts ... I got laid off around 1999-2000, when the tech business bubble burst."

Le purchased the billiards hall about 12 years ago. The original

name of Charlee Bravo's was Rick's Billiards. Le kept that name for the first six years that he owned the establishment before changing the name.

"Charlee Bravo was a famous name for a company in the military. It has been Charlee Bravo's for about six years now," he said.

The interior also features military décor, most notably a very large American flag on the wall as you come in the door.

"Veterans and military personnel play pool here for free, every night. They also get in free on the nights there is a cover charge," Le said.

Charlee Bravo's opens at 5 p.m. every night, closes at 2 a.m. on Fridays and Saturdays. The other nights it closes at 1 a.m. Le says he hasn't had many problems with the late-night crowd. He is very happy with the business and plans to stay in Putnam.

"I own the real estate, two rent houses behind the building and everything on the block, so I'm not going anywhere," he said.

Charlee Bravo's employs about seven people in Putnam, including bartenders, cooks and dishwashers.

Charlee Bravo's features 12 draft lines of beer, plus bottled beer and a full bar. Le prides himself on his ability to mix drinks.

"People think certain things don't go together, but I can make it work. I can make something based on how you feel, your mood. If you feel like something fruity today, I've got

something for you," he explains.

In addition, Charlee Bravo's offers several types of pizza. The pizzas are each named for a famous person, like the John Wayne, The Beach Boys, Nirvana, Elvis, The Eagles, and Ritchie Valens, and The Beach Boys. All of the menu items have been named and the recipe set up by Le. Other fare like burgers, grinders, hot dogs, and calzones are also offered.

Le lives in Massachusetts with his three teenage children but doesn't mind making the commute to Putnam each day to run his businesses.

"This country right here, is the most wonderful country. If you want it, and you are willing to work hard, you can get it. If you don't want to work hard, you won't get it. If you want to work Monday through Friday, eight hours a day, you are going to live paycheck to paycheck ... if you work seven days a week, you are going to get it," Le stated.

PUTNAM HIGH SCHOOL FIRST QUARTER HONOR ROLL

GRADE 12

High Honors: Andrew Barylski, Hannah Bowen, Zachary Cutler, Jozzlynn Lewis, Andrew Simmons, Heather Terron, Hailey Turner

First Honors: Samantha Aponte, Olivia Braithwaite, Terese Bunkley, Zachary Davis, Alyssa Espinosa, Maria Fredette, Austin Harmon, Kayla Harmon, Felicia Krajewski, Alysha Minaya-Torres, Saige Morin, Lindsay Roberts, Emily Sheets, Hunter Stadig, Angel Tanner, Angelica Vanzile-Perez, Jahsun Vidal, Ali Zadziejko

Recognition: Lucas Basilio, Molly Cumberland, Mathew DeCosta, Angelica Desrosiers, Eric DesRosiers, Collin Heppe, Jaylene Hernandez,

Amanda Janos, Dimitri Key, Michael LaFreniere, Nathaniel MacDowell, Autumn Sargent, Fredric Tucker

GRADE 11

High Honors: Jason Becker, Mario Coj Morente, Scott Davagian, Dekoda Gray, Jesse Lamontagne, Monique Lefebvre, Courtney Stott, Samantha Tilley

First Honors: Hayden Belliveau, Kira Clinkscale, Ashley Danis, Victoria Delacruz, Sophia Glaude, Natalie Ionkin, Victor Krivosheev, Savannah Kruger, Stephanie Penrod, Hannah Prestas, Dakota Race, Nicole Steinbrick, Kayla Vanasse

Recognition: Kali Baranski, Mitchel Barylski, Payne

Bates, Angela Bichard, Hailey Bocash, Lauren Carita, Aidan Ciquera, Doria Daviau, Tyler Fitts, Morgan Foucault, Jasmine Gill, Jaidyn Gillette, Connor Holloman, Dane Kelly, Allison Lafortune, Rebecca Lopez, Andrew Pedersen, Louis Thorstenson

GRADE 10

High Honors: Kaitlyn Eddy, Adriana Santos Bravo, Jane Vongvirath

First Honors: Trinity Bailey, Morgan Blackmar, Cole Davagian, Gabriel Desrosiers, Kira Fontaine, Elizabeth Foss, Tyion Harris, Violet Khoshtariya, Sierra Mainville, Thomas Masso III, Maggie McKeon, Mohamed Sano, Megan Shippee, Alexa

Steinbrick, Jenna Tatro, Madison Toutant, Mariah Travisano, Jillian Williams, Christian Yorz

Recognition: Jordan Alexander, Aidan Bernier, Lauren Blackmar, Mackenzie Blackwell, Angel-Luis DeJesus, Victoria Dias, Michael DiColella, Dawnielle Dowd, Jewelia England, Bryce Hosaflook, Kylie-Annamarie Kupiec, Andrew Kustov, Katy Maryanov, Chelsea Minaya-Torres, Jasmine Paulhus, Sebastian Ramos, Jeffrey Reed, Kyle Riddick

GRADE 9

High Honors: Tanner Clark, Haley Cutler, Molly McKeon, Janete Morente Uz, Ellie Morissette, Justin St. Martin

First Honors: Samantha Barylski, Reece Gardiner, Jillian Gray, Clara Greiner, Zoe Hetrick, Edward Perry, Jordyn Poole, Hunter Roberts, Cheick Sano, Anthony Sonner, Liam Stoots, Melayna Titchen

Recognition: Hannah Angell, Gabriel Archeval-Herrera, Kylie Blanchard, Autumn Bocash, Karissah Broughton, Niajah DeWolfe, Jordan Dolbey, Nathaniel Leighton, John Espinosa, Patrick Franks, Basia Gotsis, Amerah Harris, Samantha Huff, Hayley Kuhn, Azalei LaBonte, Emily Langlois, Alexandria Lawson, Kayleigh Lyons, Ryan Metivier, Alyiahmary Negron-Encarnacion, Charlotte Nichols, Jarah Phaiiah, Kobie Saddler, Hannah Smith, Jacob Tatro, Noah Tomkins

WOODSTOCK MIDDLE SCHOOL FIRST QUARTER HONOR ROLL

GRADE 6

High Honors: Morgan Bonin, Lauren Brule, Ethan Craig, Shannon Cunniff, Alexis Danila, Baden Eaton, Lennon Favreau, Bryn Miller, Paige Owens, Wyatt Robbie, Braiden Saucier, Adam Thompson, Abdullah Zameer

Honors: Charlotte Adase, Austin Amlaw, Abigail Armstrong, Maxwell Auker, Jayton Bergeron, Brooke Bergevin, Tessa Brown, Carah Bruce, Gabrielle Couture, Amanda Currie, Carolina Da Silva, Jeter Darigan, Bailey Davignon, Bodie Defocy, Antonina Dinges, Tanner Favreau, Katie Fortin, Magnolia Hart, Brian Jameson, Clinton Kallgren, Annika LeBoeuf, Makala McDermott, Abigail Morse, Ellie Nunes, Amelia Racicot, Randall Rawcliffe, Fiona Rigney, Lillian Rossi, Alexandra Taylor, Nicholas Webster, Patrick Webster, Liam Wilcox

Recognition: Ava Anderson, Zoe Bellanceau, Aidan Brown, Ella Chabot, Kirsten Deorsey, Jade Desmond, Ethan Ekman, Penelope Esposito, Kara-Lynn

Hebert, Jacob Jurnovoy, Dylan Mayo, Ainsley Morse, Elias Newall-Vuillemot, Mavin Palmerino, Kylie Quercia, Sophia Quinn, Nicholas Simonelli, Kate Stone

GRADE 7

High Honors: Morgan Bentley, Carleigh Boisvert, Skylar Dodge, Scout Favreau, Olivia Grant, Madelyn Groves, Liam Hagan, Samuel Hagan, Sarah Lucas, Isabella Miller, Ryan Odorski, Dhruvi Patel, Lucas Reardon, Hans Rhynhart, Mia Ruggeri, Vincent Tucci

Honors: Jai Abrams, Kylie Anderson, John Armstrong, Ethan Campbell, Grace Chouinard, Ava Coutu, Nicholas Dahl, River Favreau, Eli Felt, Ashton Lanning, Madison Malboeuf, Jillian Marcotte, Thomas Musumeci, Marissa O'Sullivan, Tegan Perry, Robert Saraidarian, Lily Schofield, Kadin Shepherd, Ainslie Tschamler

Recognition: Parker Anderson, Hamilton Barnes, Hannah Bell, Peter

Bennett, Alison Benoit, Jacob Bronczyk, Paige Campbell, Dylan Chamberlin, Ian Frankhouser, Grace Herindeen, Lauren LeDonne, Isabel Lotter, Collin Manuillow, Lauren Medeiros, Bethany Noe, Ian Palmerino, Logan Reynolds, Morgan Rice, Sydney Schuler, John Stone, Chase Young

GRADE 8

High Honors: Sierra Bedard, Ethan Bove, Matthew Brady, Zachary Brody, Riley Chapuis, Sydney Cournoyer, Sydney Couture, Hannah Darigan, Andrew Dilko, Riley Douglas, Sloane Downing, Grace Gronski, Emma Hovestadt, Brynn Kusnarowis, Kaily LaChapelle, Hanna Longwell, Evan Lundt, Marco Maluf, Samuel Massey, Marissa Mayhew, Emily McClure, Ella McMahon, Karissa Minkema, Ashley Nunes, Molly O'Connor, Evan Odorski, Avery Pajak, John Peabody, Megan Preston, Connor Quinn, Maxwell Racicot, Heather Schofield, Meghan Slate, Sarah Tavares, Maeve Taylor,

Rockwell Valentine, Eli Werstler, Alise Yonush

Honors: Livia Armstrong, Emma Auker, Rachel Canedy, Christian Carrion, Stefan Chervenkov, Cody Currie, Julia Dearborn, Eliza Dutson, Guerin Favreau, Bethany Feen, Colby Groves, Ann-Marie Hebert, Dominick Kollbeck, Hannah Laurens, Cassandra Leighton, Mackenzie Leveille, Colin Liscomb, Jason MacDonald, Nathaniel Majewski, Christina Mark, Lucy McDermott, Kathleen McDowell, Francis McNerney, Alina Michalski, Salwa Naveed, Ian Nielson, Alyssa Patel, Violet Pietrowski, Gillian Price, Elijah Stone, Peyton Saracina, Damien Schofield, Alyssa Sharrow

Recognition: Emma Anderson, Rianna Bessios, Timothy Billings, Liam Blanchflower, Amanda Bond, Aiden Franklin, Huck Gelhaus, Keegan Kelleher, Eric McGroary, Electra Migneault

Quinebaug native performs in ECS Jazz Ensemble concert



The Percussion Ensemble at Eastern Connecticut State University presented a concert on Dec. 4 in the Fine Arts Instructional Center (FAIC) Concert Hall.



Lee Gendron, of Quinebaug, was one of the students who performed in the Jazz Ensemble concert.

Benny Golson, Fred Sturn and many more, providing a unique and entertaining show. This traditional ensemble will continue to entertain Eastern students, faculty and community members with music from a wide variety of styles and eras in the jazz idiom. In addition to performing compositions from traditional and contemporary jazz composers, the ensemble also enjoys improvisation.

PERCUSSION ENSEMBLE FALL CONCERT

The Percussion Ensemble at Eastern Connecticut State University presented a concert on Dec. 4 in the Fine Arts Instructional Center (FAIC) Concert Hall.

Mackenzie Muscara (Class of 2017), of Dayville, was one of the students who performed in the concert. Muscara majors in Music.

The ensemble presented a collection of large ensemble works and chamber repertoire, including Rick Dior's "Science Fiction." The concert also included an original composition for solo marimba and percussion quartet by music professor Jeffrey Calissi.

The ensemble will continue to entertain Eastern students, faculty and community members with a broad spectrum of musical styles from the original and transcribed works of the percussion and marimba ensemble repertoire.

OPERA WORKSHOP FALL CONCERT

The Opera Workshop at Eastern Connecticut State University presented "From the Sublime to the Ridiculous," its end-of-semester concert, on Dec. 3 in the Fine Arts Instructional Center (FAIC) Concert Hall.

Halie Poirier (Class of 2018), of Putnam, was one of the students who performed in the concert. Poirier majors in Music.

Featuring scenes from the operettas of Bernstein, Strauss, Gilbert and Sullivan, the Opera Workshop provided a family-friendly afternoon of operatic performance.

The Opera Workshop is a course designed to offer students hands-on experience in stage movement, character development and scene study. Students develop these skills while exploring repertoire from opera, operetta and musical theater.

WILLIMANTIC — The Jazz Ensemble at Eastern Connecticut State University presented a concert on Dec. 2 in the Fine Arts Instructional Center (FAIC) Concert Hall.

Lee Gendron (Class of 2019), of Quinebaug, was one of the students who performed in the concert. Gendron majors in Communication.

The Eastern Jazz Ensemble is composed of students who play traditional jazz instruments, including saxophone, trumpet, trombone, piano, bass, guitar and drums. The ensemble performs works from the standard and modern big band repertoire.

Directed by Stacy Dziuk, the ensemble performed several selections from Thad Jones, T. Monk,

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Hillhouse ends Killingly's season



Charlie Lentz photo

Killingly's Spencer Lockwood is knocked off his feet by Hillhouse's Shawn Ogarro Monday night in New Haven.

BY CHARLIE LENTZ
VILLAGER SPORTS EDITOR

NEW HAVEN — Although Killingly's Spencer Lockwood ran over Hillhouse High for 229 yards and three touchdowns in the Class M State semifinals — Hillhouse answered by simply running past the Redmen. The Academics raced for over 400 yards and only a radar trap might have stopped their 49-28 victory at Bowen Field Monday night.

"We knew it was going to be a shootout from the start. Just a lot of fast kids, hard to tackle, hard to prepare for," Lockwood said. "Speed's something you can't prepare for much. You just have to go out there and try your hardest. They outplayed us today."

The loss ended No. 3 seed Killingly High's season at 10-2. Second-seeded Hillhouse (11-1) advanced to Saturday's championship game against No. 5 St. Joseph (10-2). St. Joseph defeated

top-seeded Valley Regional/Old Lyme 28-7 in the semifinals.

Lockwood wielded a battering ram in 40 carries, keeping the Redmen in the game through the better part of three quarters. He bashed for 149 yards in the first half on 21 totes including touchdowns of 3, 2, and 1 yard and Killingly trailed by just one touchdown, 28-21, at the intermission.

"We were just trying to overpower them because we know that they had

HILLHOUSE 49, KILLINGLY 28

Killingly	0	21	0	7-28
Hillhouse	15	13	7	14-49

FIRST QUARTER

H - Shawn Ogarro 10 run (John Gardner pass from Damien Henderson) 10:12 H - Chance Kinzly 13 pass from Henderson (Byron Breland kick) 1:54

SECOND QUARTER

K - Spencer Lockwood 3 run (Luke Desaulnier kick) 10:40
H - Mathew Brehon 15 run (kick failed) 7:26
K - Lockwood 2 run (Desaulnier kick) 5:35
H - Corey Pollard 1 run (Breland kick) 3:39
K - Lockwood 1 run (Desaulnier kick) 1:07

THIRD QUARTER

H - Brehon 89 run (Breland kick) 3:11

FOURTH QUARTER

H - Brehon 66 fumble return (Breland kick) 10:51
K - Jake Gauthier 58 pass from Kyle Derosier (Desaulnier kick) 8:59
H - Brehon 57 run (Breland kick) 5:37

	Killingly	Hillhouse
First Downs	15	17
Rushes-yards	48-235	40-424
Passing	156	77
Sacked-yds lost	3-14	0-0
Comp-Att-Int	7-16-1	3-9-0
Punts-Avg.	3-36	2-15
Fumbles-Lost	1-1	0-0
Penalties-Yards	6-40	10-90

INDIVIDUAL STATISTICS

RUSHING- K: Lockwood 40-229, 3 TD; Derosier 1-5; Kelsey Rhines 4-8; Tyler Cournoyer 3(-7).
H: Brehon 17-249, 3 TD; Ogarro 5-60, TD; David Harris 16-110; Pollard 2-5, TD.
PASSING- K: Derosier 7-16-1 for 156, TD. H: Henderson 3-9-0 for 77 TD.
RECEIVING- K: Gauthier 3-78, TD; Zach Burgess 3-71; Lockwood 1(-3).
H: John Gardner 1-22; Kinzly 2-55, TD.

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Becher named All-New England Region



Emily Becher

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WILLIMANTIC — Eastern Connecticut State University's Emily Becher, a Woodstock Academy alumna, was recently named as a second team selection to the NSCAA Division III All-New England Region Team. Becher, a junior forward from Brooklyn, became only the second player in the 31-year history of the Eastern's women's soccer program to be named to the all-region team as many as three times and has been joined this season as a second-team selection by junior defender Maggie Bodington (Stratford) and junior midfielder McKenzie Reimondo (Portland).

Becher repeated as a second-team pick after earning fourth-team recognition as a freshman in 2014. Bodington was a first-team all-region and third-team NSCAA All-America as a sophomore last year. Reimondo was named to the all-region team for the first time in her career.

A total of seven players from the Little East Conference were named to the all-region team, which consisted of

17 first-teamers, 16 second-teamers and 15 third-teamers. Eastern was the only LEC institution with as many as three selections and Bodington was the only LEC defender named to any of the three teams.

It marked the 12th time in 17 seasons under current head coach Chris D'Ambrosio that Eastern was represented with at least one pick. The three selections equal the most in a season, matching 2006 when defenders Nicole Gaudette, Melissa Lambert and Michelle Read were all named. Gaudette was a second-team pick and Lambert and Read third-teamers.

Last month, Becher and Bodington became the first players from the program to earn first-team All-LEC laurels as many as three times. They were joined on the first team by Reimondo, who repeated first-team recognition after being named to the second team as a freshman.

Lisa Matukaitis '93, Eastern's all-time leading scorer, is the program's only other three-time all-region pick. The forward was voted to the second team twice and to the first team as a senior in 1992, when she went on to become the program's first All-America (third team).

After leading the conference in goals and points as a sophomore, Becher finished second in goals for the second time in three years when she totaled 12 goals and was tied for third with 28 points. She shared the conference lead with six game-winning goals. Heading into her senior season, Becher is ranked third all-time at Eastern in goals (45) and fourth place all-time with 98 points, and tied for second with 19 game-winning goals.

Eastern did not lose in the conference regular season for the second straight year, advancing to its ninth playoff title match following a 2-1 semifinal win over Plymouth State University. The Warriors were 6-0-1 in the LEC, finished with an overall record of 13-4-2 and were ranked tenth in New England in the final poll. They bring an 18-match (17-0-1) LEC regular-season unbeaten streak into 2017.

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Hillhouse ends Killingly's season

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the advantage coming in with their speed," said Lockwood, Killingly's junior running back. "So we just had to show them that we weren't going to give up and that we're tough Killingly kids. And we didn't give up 'til the end."

Trailing Hillhouse 28-21 — the pivotal juncture of the game came on Killingly's second possession after the halftime break. The Redmen drove from their own 44 to Hillhouse's 8-yard line in nine plays. On first-and-goal from the 8-yard line, Prince Boyd tackled Lockwood for a three-yard loss — then three successive Killingly passes fell incomplete and thwarted the chance to score the equalizer.

"It's the same as when you can't punch it in at any time, not being able to get it in the end zone is demoralizing to a team and I guess that really showed today," Lockwood said.

Following Hillhouse's key defensive stand the momentum swung quickly on a one-play drive. Gaining the ball back on downs on its 11-yard line, Hillhouse senior running back Mathew Brehon raced 89 yards for a touchdown to put the Academics up 35-21 with 3:11 left in the third quarter.

"We had the momentum going with us. Unfortunately it shifted after that and we weren't able to pick it back up," said Killingly senior quarterback Kyle Derosier.

Killingly coach Chad Neal said they could not overcome the missed opportunity to tie the game late in the third quarter.

"We got a little disheveled there. We really needed to put it in there and I think that could have changed the tide a little bit," Neal said.

Brehon finished with 249



Charlie Lentz photo

Killingly's Spencer Lockwood rushes with interference from John Cacciapuoli (61), Kelsey Rhines (7) and Zack Caffrey (44) Monday in New Haven.

yards and three touchdowns on 17 carries. Senior David Harris ran for 110 yards on 16 carries and junior Shawn Ogarro rushed for 60 yards and one touchdown on five totes for the Academics. Hillhouse picked up 424 yards on 40 carries, averaging 10.6 yards per rush.

Killingly junior tight end Jake Gauthier caught three passes for 78 yards including a 58-yard touchdown reception with 8:59 left in the game that pulled Killingly within two touchdowns, 42-28. Despite the loss Gauthier reflected on Killingly's second-straight trip to the State semifinals.

Prior to last season Killingly last went this far in the playoffs in 1996, when it won the Class M state championship.

"Honestly, we're here two years in a row, when we haven't made it in 19 years, that's a blessing," Gauthier said. "I'm so proud of these guys."

Three seasons ago the Redmen finished 2-9. Killingly's record over the past two seasons was 20-4. Derosier witnessed the Redmen's renaissance from under center.

"It's an honor. It's a privilege to be able to come this far with my team two years in a row," said Derosier, a four-year starter.

And once the sting of Monday's loss fades Neal said there'll be much for his players to be proud of.

"We're playing in December. Twelve games, it's a special season, winning an ECC title, we're this close. We're going to get there. It's not the way we wanted it to end. But when we look back it's very special," Neal said. "Two years in a row now we've made it to the final four of Class M. We're going to continue to make that step and progress as a program."

Lockwood will surely aid that progression when he returns for his senior season next fall.

"If he's not one of the top two or three running backs in the state I don't know who is," Neal said. "I think a lot

of people would agree he's a special back."

Lockwood finished with 2,496 yards rushing but another trip to the Class M playoffs is already on his mind.

"Always looking forward to next season, like this season we're trying to make it past that semifinal hump. We couldn't this time but there's always next year," Lockwood said. "Tomorrow we're going to start working out. I'm going to be in that gym and we're going to get better and we're going to come back next year."

Neal expects a focused group over the off-season.

"We're going to be in the weight room. We're going to get bigger, faster, stronger," Neal said. "We have a great core group and the guys have bought into that. Now it's bringing the extra guys in, increasing the number of guys that are participating."

While Lockwood ran like a champion Monday night but he won't be playing in the title game. Hillhouse raced all the way to Saturday's championship game in West Haven — it might have taken a radar trap to stop them.

"The speed, again it goes back to speed. Their speed was great," said coach Neal. "We couldn't make a mistake."

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Killingly's Jake Gauthier races on the way to a 58-yard touchdown with 8:59 left in the fourth quarter Monday in New Haven.

Daleen out, Saucier in as Woodstock grid coach



WOODSTOCK — Woodstock Academy Director of Communications John Lahtinen announced in a press release on Dec. 3 that Daryl Daleen has resigned after one season as the Centaurs head football coach. Lahtinen said the resignation was necessitated in order for Daleen to relocate his family to provide the best care for one of his children, who is undergoing treatment for a rare medical condition.

"It saddens me to leave, especially under these circumstances," Daleen said. "I know the program will be going in the direction I had envi-

sioned, and I hope the best for the program and the players."

Sean Saucier, former head coach at Hyde School in Woodstock will take over as head coach and assistant athletic director. The Centaurs record was 4-6 this season. Saucier spent the past 13 years as the head football coach at the Hyde School.

"We are grateful for the hard work and commitment Daryl brought to our program, and for the way he energized our players and helped bring a positive culture for our student athletes back to Woodstock," said Woodstock Headmaster

Chris Sandford. "Our thoughts and prayers go with him and his family."

Hyde School will close its doors this spring, the school's campus was recently acquired by Woodstock Academy.

"I couldn't be more excited to join The Woodstock Academy family and to build on what coach Daleen has started over the past year," Saucier said. "I have big shoes to fill. I can't wait to meet the students and for them to get to know me. Being a part of the growth of the school and football program is the opportunity of a lifetime and one I intend to work very hard to make the most of. I also look forward to working with and learning from a new faculty and staff."

Greg Alexander will return as the team's offensive coordinator.

"Coach Daleen laid the foundation for success in our football program and we are excited to continue what he has built with a smooth transition to a veteran head coach in Sean Saucier," said Aaron Patterson, Woodstock's director of athletics. "In the short time I have known Sean, I have seen his passion for helping kids reach their goals and dreams through the sport of football. His educational based philosophy lines up well with the values of our institution. I would like to thank coach Daleen for the hard work that he and his staff put into the program this past season and for helping The Woodstock Academy football community believe that we can and will be successful here."

Daryl Daleen, with his son Daedric, last April 26 at Woodstock Academy when Daleen was presented as the Centaurs football coach.

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St. Joseph's Catholic Church hosts Christmas Bazaar

Charlie Lentz photos

DAYVILLE — St. Joseph's Catholic Church held its annual Christmas Bazaar last Saturday, Dec. 3.



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Kathy Gully, left, and Jayne Romanek.



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Deanne Duclau, left, and Adrianna Alvarez.



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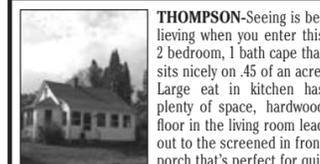


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New Price \$299,900.

DUDLEY - 23 INTERVALE RD

Welcome home to this charming 3-4 bedroom, 2 bath cape! One acre! First floor master bdrm w/ full bath! Living room w/pellet stove! Lower level has additional heated family room! W/ 2nd full bath! Sit out and grill on the recent deck and enjoy the fresh air! Make sure you put this one on your "to see" list!
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Webster - Lot 119A Thompson Rd
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\$239,900.

PLAINFIELD, CT - 94 NORWICH RD

SORRY, SOLD!

Young Modern Commercial Building - Theater/Performing Arts/Club District, Formerly a Club. Approximately 5000 sq ft on 1st floor! potential to double the square footage with a 2nd floor! Paved parking. On Route 12, quick easy access to I395! Great Potential!
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DUDLEY - 217 DUDLEY SOUTHBRIDGE RD

Lovely Country Setting for this 3 Bedroom Cape! Motivated Seller! Private setting on 1 Acre. Roomy 2 Car Garage Open Concept Floor Plan. Living-Dining Area. Country Kitchen with Eat in Dining Area. Access to Rear Deck for Summer Fun. Walk out Basement for Convenient Access to Backyard. Electric Fence to Keep The Dogs Safe! Good Value!
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SORRY, SOLD!

Welcome to Treasure Island! Located on the Shores of Beautiful WEBSTER LAKE! Current Owner's Remodeled every inch of this Unit with a "Magazine worthy" Floor! Each Room is Elegantly Appointed! Bathrooms! Family Room in Lower Level has Gas Fireplace with "Floor to Ceiling" Custom Granite & Marble! Totally Finished w/ Crown Molding! Lux Master Bath With Rain Tiled Shower Surround! Enjoy the Outdoors Deck, Private Beach & Heated "Salt Water" Pool! 2 Boat Slips!
New Price \$334,900

WEBSTER LAKE • 2 SOUTH POINT RD

WEBSTER LAKE- PANORAMIC VIEWS OF WEBSTER LAKE! Great South Facing Location, 62' prime waterfront, large deep lot 10,465sf, Hagstone & concrete patios, full concrete walkway at water's edge, dock, retaining walls & stonework, privacy fence, storage shed, recently paved drive, plenty offstreet parking in driveway & area at roadside, spacious, Year-round, 2 story Cape home, 4 BRs (1 on 1st flr), 2 full BAs, Harvey replacement windows, 6 year +/- young roof.
\$445,000

WEBSTER LAKE - 60 LAKESIDE AVE

Authentic LOG HOME Summer Cottage! 100' Waterfront! Western Exposure! 10,000 + sq. ft. Lot offers loads of enjoyment! Other possibilities due to the size and frontage of the lot! EXPANSIVE VIEW OF SOUTH POND! Inground Sprinkler System! Don't let this one pass you by!
\$374,000.

WEBSTER LAKE - 16 PATTISON RD

Webster Lake Waterfront Private, Quiet & Peaceful Location on Dead End Street Colonial Park on Nipmuck Point! South Pond! Prime Waterfront! Large Lot - 41 Acres 17,859 Sq. Ft. with 130' +/- of Water Frontage! 2900 Sq Ft +/- Lake Home! Great Swimming! Relaxing Views! Oversized 12'x20' Screened Casita! Evening Shade! 3 Bedrooms! 3 Full Baths! Gas Fireplace in Master Suite w/Roman Stone Ceramic Shower! Cathedral Ceilings! Also, The Entire Top Level is One Suite with Large Sitting Area! Study & French Doors Leading to Bedroom! Lower Level offers 2 Car Heated Garage Multi-Level Deck w/Natural Landscaping, Beautiful Full Pines for Shade! Suspended Dock And So Much More!
\$625,000.

WEBSTER LAKE • 7 WAKEFIELD AVE

WATERFRONT: Summer has ARRIVED and so should YOU! Roomy Ranch! Lots of House for the Money \$8.3 Floors of Living Space provide Lots of Room for Family Get Togethers or Quiet Enjoyment of the Priceless "Waterfront" Living! Large Tiered Deck gives Access to a Level yard and Water Access! Spacious Lower Level with Wide Open Spaces for Game Tables and Movie Shows! Property is Located in a Cove!
\$349,000.

WEBSTER LAKE - 113 BIRCH ISLAND RD

SORRY, SOLD!

Webster Lake Waterfront! Breathtaking view of Middle Pond! Catch the Early Morning Sun at breakfast right at water edge or in the huge 4 season porch! Many recent updates! Interior Freshly Painted! Fieldstone Fireplace! Hardwoods! Oil Heat! 2 bedrooms! And much more!
NEW PRICE \$319,900

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OBITUARIES

Gloria Lippmann Cutler, 92



WOODSTOCK -- Gloria Lippmann Cutler, 92, of Woodstock, died November 29. She is survived by her children, Gail Cutler Carlisle and husband Mark of Clinton; Donald J. Cutler Jr. of Windsor; Brian F. Cutler and wife Linda of Dunstable, Massachusetts; and daughter-in-law Charlene P. Cutler, Woodstock; Grandchildren Melinda Carlisle Xenelis (Dwayne), Christopher J. Carlisle (Tracy) and Timothy and James Cutler of Woodstock; and eight great grandchildren. She was predeceased by her husband Donald Joslin Cutler, son Douglas Munroe Cutler and her brother Frederick Ernest Lippmann.

Gloria was born June 4, 1924 in Rockville, the daughter of Elizabeth Graf Lippmann and Frederick Lippmann. She graduated from Putnam High School in 1941, received her diploma from New England Deaconess Hospital School of Nursing, Boston, Massachusetts in 1945. She was an Obstetrical Nurse at Day Kimball Hospital from 1946-1954, Public Health Nurse in Putnam from 1955-1960. In 1960, at the age of 40, she decided to change careers and enrolled full time at Annhurst College in Woodstock where she received her degree in Education in 1964, all the while being a wife and raising four school age children, recognized at the time as a considerable achievement throughout her community. She

spent her entire teaching career at Pomfret Community School from 1965-1989. She went on to receive her M.S. at Eastern Connecticut College in Willimantic in 1973 and completed her Post Grad work at the University of Connecticut in 1987.

Gloria was active in many educational organizations including the CEA and NEA and Association of Retired Teachers of Connecticut, receiving numerous awards and recognitions for her contributions. Always active in her community, she served as Chairperson on the Town of Woodstock educational Long Range Planning Committee; President of the Red Cross of Greater Hartford Board of Directors; Sunday school teacher and Christian Education director at the First Congregational of Woodstock. She also was a volunteer at Roseland Cottage, a National Historic Landmark. She loved cooking, sewing and was an avid reader. Most of all, she loved spending time with her family and friends. One of her greatest joys was making ginger bread houses every Christmas with her grandchildren and great grandchildren.

A memorial service to celebrate the life of Gloria L. Cutler will be held, December 17, Saturday, at 2:00 pm at the First Congregational Church of Woodstock, 543 Route 169, Woodstock. In lieu of flowers the family requests that donations be made to Matulaitis Nursing Home, 10 Thurber Road, Putnam, CT in recognition of the extraordinary care and compassion they provided during the final weeks of her life. www.smithandwalkerfh.com

Richard G. Benoit Sr., 75



PUTNAM -- Richard G. Benoit Sr., 75, of Putnam, died Sunday, Dec. 4, at UMass Memorial Healthcare -- University Campus, Worcester.

He leaves his wife of 57 years, Barbara A. (Perry) Benoit of Putnam; a son, Mark S. Benoit and his wife Tammy of Thompson; a daughter, Donna L. Benoit and her companion Matthew Morin of Thompson; two brothers, Edward Benoit and his wife Alice of Brooklyn, Normand Benoit and his wife Beverly of Florida; a sister, Carol Riggs and her husband Gary of Florida; eight grandchildren, Richard, Allan, Amanda, Danny, Kyle, Glenn, Dylan and Ben; 13 great-grandchildren; several nieces and nephews.

She was predeceased by a son, Richard G. Benoit Jr.; a sister, Jeanne Bennett and by a brother, Ronald Benoit and his wife Joanne.

He was born in Putnam, son of the

late Leodore and Agnes (Lamotte) Benoit and lived in Putnam all his life. He worked at Bates Shoe in North Grosvenordale, Numa Tool in Thompson and Medal Selling in Putnam before opening his own business, Richard Benoit Painting Contractor, which he owned and operated for over 45 years. He loved painting and enjoyed going to the casino.

Richard was a devoted husband and was a great dad and grandfather who loved his family. He will be missed but lives on in each and everyone of us. He will be always in our hearts.

There are no calling hours. A Celebration of Life will be held at a date and time to be announced.

In lieu of flowers, donations can be made to St. Jude Children's Hospital, 501 St. Jude Place, Memphis, TN 38105. Shaw-Majercik Funeral Home, 48 School Street. Webster has been entrusted with the arrangements.

A guest book is available at www.shaw-majercik.com where you may light a candle or post a message of condolence.

Paul Pfosi, 52,



WOODSTOCK -- Paul Pfosi, 52, of Woodstock, Connecticut died Thursday, November 24 from a long illness. He has returned to the loving arms of his parents Lucy Hannah and Paul Pfosi who predeceased him when he was young.

Paul was born July 17, 1964 in Chur, Switzerland. He had an incredible mind and was a very articulate writer. A poet, artist, and athlete, he spent his early years in the White Mountains where his father was the first ski school director at Waterville Valley. He attended both Holderness School and Burke Mountain Academy and was an accomplished ski racer. During his adult life he worked as a logger and carpenter, and had a passion for working with wood. In his later years he dreamed of making the world a

better place through music. He loved being a father and his greatest pride has always been his children.

Paul was a caring and sensitive soul who suffered greatly from the deaths of his parents, and depression. He was well-read, rebellious, anti-establishment, radical thinker and often challenged people to examine their beliefs.

He is survived by his sons Zachary and Isaac Pfosi; his sister Eva Merriam, and brothers Frank and Eric Pfosi; his nieces Lucy and Hannah Merriam; nephews Nick, Josh, Evan and Brent Pfosi, and many paternal and maternal aunts and uncles, and cousins, including his very special Aunt Joan Hannah.

Calling hours were held on December 3 in Franconia, New Hampshire. Contributions in his memory may be made to: Brain Injury Alliance of CT www.biact.org or Brain & Behavior Research Foundation bbrfoundation.org

Lois E. Cournoyer, 70



PUTNAM -- Lois E. (Hines) Cournoyer, 70, of Myers St., died Tuesday, November 29 at UMass Memorial Hospital. She was the loving wife of the late Alfred B. Cournoyer. Born in Putnam, she was

the daughter of the late Louis and Ruth (Killian) Hines.

Mrs. Cournoyer was a homemaker, a real estate agent and worked at Linemaster Switch. She enjoyed collecting antique furniture and shop-

ping. Lois is survived by her sons, Christopher Cournoyer (Lena) of North Grosvenordale and Stephen Cournoyer (Karen Savage) of Windham, Maine. Additionally, Lois is survived by her brother Calvin and her sisters Elizabeth (Betsy) and Roberta (Bobbie). She was predeceased by her sisters Deborah and Catherine (Lovey).

Private burial to be held at St. Mary Cemetery. Funeral arrangements have been entrusted to the Gilman-Valade Funeral Homes & Crematory. For memorial guestbook visit www.GilmanAndValade.com.

Wilfred J. Joubert, 76



N O R T H GROSVENORDALE -- Wilfred Joseph Joubert, 76, of Gaumond Rd, died Saturday, December 3 in Day Kimball Hospital. He was the loving husband of the late Jean (Purdie)

Joubert and Carol (Peck) Joubert. Born in Providence, Rhode Island, he was the son of the late Wilfred J. Joubert, Sr. and the late Marie (Lacroix) Joubert.

Wilfred was a store manager for the former Scotts Market in Putnam and numerous other supermarkets. He also worked for Coca-Cola during his younger years, and for LKQ in Webster, Massachusetts prior to his retirement in 2005. He enjoyed painting, gardening, woodworking, traveling, and maintaining his property. He especially loved staying at Old Orchard Beach and family gatherings.

Wilfred is survived by his chil-

dren; Dennis Joubert of Wallingford, David Joubert and his wife Patricia of Dundee, Florida, Deborah Machado and her husband Renato of Putnam; his stepchildren, David Shaw of Woodstock, Jonathan Gefvert of Brandon, Florida, Barbara Lawson of Thompson, and Susan Shenker and her husband David of Chaplin; his brother Daniel Joubert and his wife Colleen of Rhode Island; his sister Anita San Antonio and her husband Vinny of The Villages, Florida; eleven grandchildren and five great grandchildren. He was the brother of the late Phillip Joubert.

Calling hours were held on December 8, which were followed by a Memorial in the Gilman Funeral Home & Crematory, 104 Church St., Putnam. Burial will be private. Memorial donations may be made to Hospice of Northeast Connecticut, PO Box 632, Putnam, CT 06260. For Memorial Guestbook, visit www.GilmanAndValade.com

Peter N. Nilsen, 72



DANIELSON -- Peter N. Nilsen, 72, of Westfield Village, died November 29, at the UMASS Medical Center in Worcester, Massachusetts. Born in Providence, Rhode Island, he was the son of the late Martin

and Hope (Nelson) Nilsen.

Peter was employed over 30 years by the former Anchor Glass Co. in Dayville, until their closing in 1997. He then worked for Superwinch in Putnam for the last few years until his retirement.

Peter is survived by his four sisters, Gladys Brayton of Foster, Rhode Island, Sally Hicks of Scituate, Rhode

Island, Mary Pacheco of Fall River, Massachusetts, and Margaret Sasse; as well as many nieces and nephews. He was predeceased by two brothers, Kenneth M. Nilsen, and Roland D. Nilsen both of Plainfield; and one sister, Theresa Wilcox of Rodanthe, North Carolina.

Relatives and friends are invited to visit with Peter's family from 7:00 pm to 9:00 pm on Saturday, December 10, in the Gilman Funeral Home, 104 Church St., Putnam. Burial will take place in the Spring.

Memorial donations may be made to Day Kimball Hospital Cancer Fund, P.O. Box 632, Putnam, CT 06260. For memorial guestbook visit www.GilmanAndValade.com.

Jack Conway Weaver, 68



DANIELSON -- Jack C. Weaver, 68, of Danielson was a hardworking, dedicated, loving and caring husband, father, grandfather and great grandfather. He was surrounded by

his loving family at his time of passing. He was the beloved husband of Judith Ann (Dunkle) Weaver for over 50 years. Born in Washington, Pennsylvania, Jack was the son of the late Edward J. Weaver and Freda (Vance) Weaver. He was employed at Anchor Glass Corp. from 1970 till 1997. He was then employed at Rogers Corp. from 1998 till 2004. The hobbies he enjoyed were gardening, traveling, politics, yard sales and baking pies. In addition to his wife Judith, he is survived by his 5 children. His son Jack C. Weaver Jr. and his wife Brenda, daughters Katherine Clark and her husband Dennis, Tammy Silva and her husband Richard, Sherry Weaver and companion John Shortt, Crissy Burnett and her husband Scot, all of

Killingly. He also has 10 grandchildren; Dennis Clark Jr., Brandon Clark, Richard Silva Jr., Steffanie Lebeau, David Silva, Jack Weaver III, Scot Burnett Jr., Jake Burnett, Brooke Clark and Emma Weaver, 7 great granddaughters; Adisen, Hallie, Kaelyn, Hadlie, Kinley, Jayme, Sophia. He is predeceased by his great granddaughter Dakotah Clark and his beloved Golden Retriever, Missy. He is also survived by his brother Edward R. Weaver and wife Arlene of Meriden, sister Carol A. Weaver of Portland, brother Andrew J. Weaver and wife Denise of Rogers, brother-in-law Frank J. Dunkle and wife Karen of Dayville and sister-in-law Betty J. Gull and husband Dallas of Monroe, North Carolina. A Memorial Service will be held on Friday, December 9, at 11:00 A.M. in Tillinghast Funeral Home, 433 Main St., Danielson. Burial will be in Westfield Cemetery, Danielson. There are no calling hours. In lieu of flowers donations in his name may be made to The American Liver Foundation CT Chapter, 127 Washington Avenue, 2nd Floor, North Haven, CT 06473.

Cheryl L. Blackmer, 71



WOODSTOCK -- Cheryl L. Blackmer, 71, of Woodstock, passed away November 30 surrounded by her family. She was born January 26, 1945 in Woodstock, daughter of the late Ervin and

Thelma Jones. She married Ronald Blackmer, Sr. April 2, 1967, whom she has missed greatly since his passing in 2005.

She is survived by her brother Mitchell Jones and his wife Maggie of Buxton, Maine, her children, Diana Leonard of Woodstock, Ronald Blackmer, Jr. and his wife Debby of Woodstock, Craig Blackmer and his wife Nancy of Ashford, Paul Cramer of Florida, her grandchildren Kerri, Jennifer, Danielle, Steven, Hunter, Kyle, Cassidy, Emili, and great grandchildren Katrina, Caelum and Kaitlyn. She was predeceased by a sister, Nancy Soule and a dear son-in-law Joseph Leonard.

Cheryl worked as a bus driver for the Pomfret Community School, operated

her own Painting and Wallpapering business and was a housekeeper for Day Kimball Hospital and Chace Building over the years. Cheryl was a feisty fighter, with a quick sharp tongue, who made many laugh and left a lasting impression. She had a great love of animals especially her dog "Baby" who passed in May 2016 and her many cats.

Calling Hours will be Saturday, December 10, from 11:00 to 1:00 PM at the Smith and Walker Funeral Home, 148 Grove Street, Putnam, CT followed by a 1:00 PM Memorial Service at the Funeral Home. Burial in North Woodstock Cemetery. In lieu of flowers donations may be made in her memory to PAWS, 240 Woodstock Ave. W, Woodstock, CT 06281. Share a memory at www.smithandwalkerfh.com

LEGALS

NOTICE TO CREDITORS
ESTATE OF LORRAINE G. MOULTON (16-00339)

The Hon. Leah P. Schad, Judge of the Court of Probate, District of Northeast Probate Court, by decree dated December 1, 2016, ordered that all claims must be presented to the fiduciary at the address below. Failure to promptly present any such claim may result in the loss of rights to recover on such claim.

Janis E. Beltis, Clerk

The fiduciary is:
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c/o Stephen J. Adams, Esq.,
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December 9, 2016

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OBITUARIES

Eugene E. LaBonte, Sr., 94



PUTNAM – Eugene LaBonte, Sr., 94, of Kennedy Dr., died December 1 in his home. He was the loving husband of Nellie (Zaklukiewicz) LaBonte. Born in Putnam, he was the son of the late Ovilla and Bella (Benoit) LaBonte.

Mr. LaBonte was a United States Navy veteran during WWII. He worked as a machinist and tool & die maker for Belding's Corticelli. He enjoyed reading, traveling and going to the beach.

In addition to his wife, Eugene is survived by his sons, Eugene E. LaBonte,

Jr. of Rochester, Massachusetts, and Daniel LaBonte and his wife Michelle of Lee County, Florida; his grandchildren, Brandon, Sarah, Garrett, Maura, and Joshua; and his great grandchildren, Emma, Alexander, and Maxwell.

A Mass of Christian Burial took place on Monday, December 5 in St. Mary Church of the Visitation in Putnam. Burial with full military honors followed in St. Mary Cemetery. Memorial donations may be made to a charity of one's choice. For memorial guestbook visit www.GilmanAndValade.com.



Kevin Curran Kroeger, 33



BROOKLYN -- Kevin Kroeger, 33, of Brooklyn, passed away unexpectedly on November 19. He was born in West Lebanon, New Hampshire May 30, 1983 to Marjorie & Brien Kroeger. He attended grammar school in Eastford, and Middle School, in Brooklyn. He played soccer was particularly noted in Eastford for his outstanding skills as "goalee" for the Eastford Grammar School Soccer Team. He attended Brooklyn Middle School with the Class of 1997 and went on to attend Killingly High School in the class of 2001.

Kevin worked various jobs during his 20's and very much enjoyed working in his father's business, Standard Transportation & Distribution. He was well loved by all of their business customers and will be well remembered for his "funky" and "individual" sense of humor.

Kevin earned his State of Connecticut Certificate of Personal Watercraft Safety in August 2007 and was his father's "first mate." He was always there when ever he was called upon for duty. This was true in boating as well as in his entire lifestyle.

Kevin loved and revered his mother and was always proud to be there for her; to help, to honor, and to always protect her. He always made time with her to go hiking to observe nature in the Northeast area of Connecticut. He, and his Mom, were keen to observe the beavers in the numerous ponds in Eastford and Hampton, Connecticut. He also enjoyed working out in an intense body building program with a select group of friends.

Kevin recently worked with the ground crew for the Asplundh Tree Company during 2015. He also found time to research and advise his father in picking winning stocks on the NYSE. It was in this research he found great pleasure. He was proud to know he increased his joint portfolio with his father by over 40% during the year of 2016. Kevin was a master in research. He loved History, Religions of the World, and was keenly interested in self introspect, leading to a greater satisfaction in life on earth and

beyond.

Kevin leaves his mother Marjorie "Mudge" Kroeger, his father, Brien Francis Kroeger, his sister Brianne Frances Kroeger, and Brianne's daughter, Madeline Frances Kroeger. He will be sorely missed by his special aunt "Suzanne" Baker of Bracknell England. He leaves his aunt Claudia Mahon and his Uncle Roger Louis Kroeger, of Ft Lauderdale, Florida.

He leaves his cousins Erin Beatrice Wright, and her family, and his uncle Sean Tracy Mahon, children of Claudia and William J. Mahon, who reside in Honk Kong, China. He also leaves a first cousin by his Uncle Henry John Kroeger III, Esq, and his daughter, Danielle Kroeger, and her several children of Glastonbury CT.

He leaves his Aunt, Pamela Trott, of La Grange Maine, and her daughter, Holly Trott, and her son, Daniel, and his son, Daniel Roger. Also, Daniel's wife Rene, and their children, of Bradford, Maine. He also leaves his Aunt Elizabeth Fleury, and her daughter Daishia Bragen, and Chrissy Smith, along with their families.

He is predeceased by his Paternal Grandparents Mr & Mrs Henry John Kroeger Jr of Southbury Connecticut, and his Uncle, Henry John Kroeger III, Esq, of Glastonbury. Also his Uncle Roger Trott of Bradford, Maine, and his Maternal Grandmother, Pauline Chase Small, of Hallowell, Maine and his Maternal Grandfather John Hann, originally from London England.

Kevin, for all who knew him, was loved and cherished by all. He made us laugh, enjoy life, and most importantly, made us want to be a better person in our lives, for not only ourselves, but more importantly, for others with whom we touch in our own lives. May God bless his soul, and guide him toward special place for him, with his Grandfather and Uncle, who have since passed into eternity. We will all miss him here; Kevin, you left us too soon.

Services will be announced at a later date and the future celebration of Kevin's life and will be private by invitation only. Interment will be in the Spring at St. Rose of Lima Cemetery, Sandy Hook, Connecticut.

Doris L. Boutin, 89



N O R T H GROSVENORDALE – Doris (Durand) Boutin, 89, of Plum Rd., passed away Tuesday, November 29, in her home, surrounded by her closest family. She was the loving wife of

the late Robert A. Boutin, Sr. Born in Putnam, she was the daughter of the late Phillip and Rose Alma (Mandeville) Durand.

Mrs. Boutin worked in custodial services for the Immaculate Conception Convent for 35 years, not retiring until the age of 78. She was a member of the Putnam and Thompson Seniors and enjoyed their organized bus trips. She spent her time hiking, gardening, playing cards and traveling. She was

always there to lend friends and family a helping hand. In her own words, she lived a full and happy life.

Doris is survived by her son, Robert A. Boutin, Jr. of The Villages, Florida; her daughters, Dodie Devine of The Villages, Florida, Jeanne Carita of N. Grosvenordale, and Doreen Boutin Hryzan of Pomfret Center; four grandchildren; and ten great grandchildren.

Relatives and friends are invited to a Funeral Mass at 10:00 a.m. on Saturday, December 10, 2016 at St. Joseph Church, 18 Main St., N. Grosvenordale.

Memorial donations may be made to Hospice of N.E.C.T., P.O. Box 632, Putnam, CT 06260 in lieu of flowers. For the memorial guestbook please visit www.GilmanAndValade.com.

Kenneth F. Williams, 76



EAST PUTNAM – Kenneth F. Williams, 76, of Chase Rd., died November 30 in Day Kimball Hospital surrounded by his family. He was the loving husband of Helen (Messier) Williams for 51 years. Born in

East Putnam, he was the son of the late Ernest and Elsie (Smith) Williams.

Mr. Williams was self-employed tool and die maker and co-owned East Putnam Oil Company. He had also worked for Delpesco Tool & Die, Ivanhoe Tool, and Connecticut Tool. He was a member of the E. Putnam Fire Department for over 30 years. He was also member of the Victory

Sportsman's Club, National Rifle Association and would enter black powder competitions statewide. He enjoyed fishing and riding motorcycles.

In addition to his wife Helen, he is survived by his son, John K. Williams and his companion Sandra Brisco and her children, Danny and Matthew Brisco, and his brother, Dave Williams and his wife Donna, all of E. Putnam.

Relatives and friends were invited to a Funeral Mass of Christian Burial on December 6 in St. Mary Church of the Visitation in Putnam. Memorial donations may be made to Hospice of Northeast Connecticut, PO Box 632, Putnam. For memorial guestbook visit www.GilmanAndValade.com.

Rev. Robert E. DiQuattro

Memorial Service

Woodstock – Rev. Robert E. DiQuattro, soulmate & partner of Betsy (Parcinski) DiQuattro, died November 6. A Celebration of Life will be held at 3pm on December 17 at the Main Lodge of the 4-H Camp in Pomfret.

Tammy L. Clark



DAYVILLE – Tammy L. Clark, 33, of North Road, died Wednesday, November 30 in her home. Born in Putnam, she was the daughter of Michael A. Clark, Sr. of Conroe, Texas, and Leslie (Pasay) Clark of Dayville.

She held various jobs in retail, restaurant service, and landscaping. She enjoyed cooking, writing, music, watching movies, playing pool and hiking.

In addition to her parents, Tammy is survived by sons, Caleb and Trevor Remillard of Putnam; her best friend, Jesse Remillard of Putnam; her sis-

ter, Olivia M. Neal of Dayville; her stepdad, David B. Neal of Dayville; her maternal grandparents, Stanley and Dorothy Pasay, Sr. of Dayville; her uncle, Howard Clark of Dayville; her aunts, Barbara Poulin of Florida, Carol Cesario of Florida, and Linda Chaput of Florida; many cousins and friends.

She was predeceased by her paternal grandparents, the late Leroy "Tex" and Cecilia Clark; and her uncles, the late Stanley Pasay, Jr., Gary Pasay, and Leroy Clark, II.

Calling hours were held on December 7 in the Gilman Funeral Home, in Putnam. Memorial donations may be made to her children. For memorial guestbook visit www.GilmanAndValade.com.

NEWS BRIEF

Grant funds provided to The Arc Quinebaug Valley

DANIELSON — Thanks to a grant received from The Community Foundation-Northeast Connecticut Women & Girls Fund, The Arc Quinebaug Valley will be able to incorporate classes on Positive Choices & Healthy Relationships for individuals with intellectual and developmental disabilities.

Grant funds in the amount of \$2,400 were provided to The Arc Quinebaug Valley on Dec. 1, at the Northeast Connecticut Women & Girls Fund Founder's Event, which took place at Taylor Brooke Winery in Woodstock.

"We are excited and grateful to have received this grant. Our agency's roots and mission include advocacy, education and empowerment. With the monies from this grant, we will be able to provide these services as we increase self-awareness, understand choices and deci-

sions that foster empowerment; and explore, together, the dynamics of building and sustaining healthy relationships in one's life," The Arc Chief Operating Officer Judy Daviau.

"The Community Foundation-Northeast Connecticut Women & Girls Fund have continued to make a difference at The Arc Quinebaug Valley and we are truly grateful to have their support," said The Arc Executive Director Susan Desrosiers.

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

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Pictured, Grant Committee Chairman Pam Brown and The Arc Chief Operating Officer Judy Daviau.



Westview names employee of the month

Courtesy photo

DAYVILLE — Anne Douglas, from Thompson, was named Westview Health Care Center's Employee of the Month for November. Douglas is a graduate of the Windham Vocational Technical Licensed Practical Nursing program and has been employed at Westview as an LPN since March 2006.

"I am humbled and honored to be recognized as November's Employee of the Month," Douglas stated. "The staff members are all incredibly caring, knowledgeable and compassionate and we work together to provide the highest quality of care. It is a privilege and a pleasure to care for, share time with, and be a part of my patients and residents lives. I feel blessed to be part of the Westview Health Care team."

"Day in and day out, Anne gives her heart and soul to all of our patients, residents and staff," said Administrator David T. Panteleakos. "Her supportive and cheerful disposition continually inspires all of those whom she encounters. Likewise, we are extremely grateful to have her on our valued team of caregivers."

Douglas enjoys spending her free time with her four children: Elizabeth, Sarah, Rebecca and Riley.



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DKH names Gunn employee of the month

PUTNAM — Lynne Gunn, registered respiratory therapist (RRT), has been named employee of the month for November by Day Kimball Healthcare (DKH). In her role as RRT, she treats patients with health care issues affecting the cardiopulmonary system including asthma, emphysema, pneumonia, cardiovascular disorders, and trauma.

Gunn began her career some 23 years ago working as a certified respiratory therapist (CRT) at Day Kimball Hospital. Since then she has worked at a number of Connecticut hospitals, most recently returning to DKH where she has been working as an RRT since 2014.

According to Elizabeth Favreau, director of critical care, "Lynne takes great care of her patients and is kind, caring, attentive, and competent in all

that she does. She's a team player who is dedicated to the respiratory therapy profession and has worked diligently in recent years to attain her RRT certification. Lynne epitomizes all that a loyal Day Kimball Hospital employee should be."

Upon learning about being named employee of the month, Gunn said, "I am honored by this award. Day Kimball has a great team of respiratory therapists; we are colleagues and friends who see more of each other than our families."

When asked what she likes most about her job, she said, "I enjoy helping patients feel better and listening to their stories."

Gunn became a CRT (NBRC) through Windham Hospital's Respiratory Certified Program in 1993. She attended Manchester Community College, Manchester, CT as well as Charter Oak State College, New Britain, CT where she received her NBRC RRT certification in 2014. She grew up in Ellington, and now lives in Ashford. In her spare time, Gunn enjoys working on remodeling projects around her home and caring for her pets, including three dogs and four cats, most of which Gunn adopted from rescue shelters.



Lynne Gunn

Woodstock Town Hall announces Giving Tree initiative

WOODSTOCK — First Selectman Allan D. Walker Jr. has announced the Woodstock Town Hall is once again sponsoring our annual Giving Tree to benefit approximately 65 Woodstock senior citizens and veterans in need this holiday season.

The Agent for the Elderly, Recreation Department, and the First Selectman's office have partnered to organize this very necessary project. Citizens interested in helping out their neighbors should stop by the Town Hall lobby and select a tag or two. Items requested include women's socks, knit hats, bath towels, washcloths, hand or body lotions, liquid or bar soap, laundry detergent, coffee and tea, puzzle books, toothpaste, shampoo, dish detergent, \$10 Walmart Gift cards, books of stamps, small flashlights, batteries, blankets and other personal care and household items.

The deadline for these unwrapped contributions is Dec. 16, so that items can be packaged and delivered in time for the holidays. Questions about this initiative should be directed to the First Selectman's Office at 860-928-0208, ext. 310.



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ACT students perform to full house at Capitol Theater

WILLIMANTIC — EASTCONN's Arts at the Capitol Theater (ACT) magnet high school was full of laughter on Friday morning, as ACT students performed the musical comedy, *Sister Act*, for peers from EASTCONN's Quinebaug Middle College (QMC) magnet high school and EASTCONN's clinical day treatment programs. The production took place in ACT's 140-seat theater, complete with student-designed, colorful sets, costumes, as well as singing and dancing that would rival many professional productions.

Performing for a full house, students took to the stage and delivered a performance that they have been perfecting since the first day of class in August 2016.

"In reality, these students have been training vocally and in acting since the first day they stepped foot in ACT as student," said ACT music teacher Katherine Popovic.

Walking into the ACT theater, the audience was immediately swept into the storyline, as a large, student-constructed set, commanded the stage. The set was designed to mimic a cathedral interior, complete with stained glass panels. Incense burned on the periphery, immersing the audience in what felt like an authentic church experience.

Student actors gathered onstage just before show time to warm up their voices with harmony drills, facial stretches and articulation. Lights flickered and dimmed as technical support students prepared

lighting for the show.

ACT Principal Sarah Mallory watched the pre-performance activities with a smile on her face.

"The theater production team did such a great job. Isn't the set beautiful?" she said. ACT's first performance of "*Sister Act*" the night before drew 90 audience members from across the region, Mallory said.

"The show has been very well received," said *Sister Act* Director and ACT drama coach Sandra Evans-Abbott. "The students always surprise me when they are finally in front of an audience. I am so proud of them."

The cast and production crew totaled 23 students, including the stage manager, seven technical supports and 15 actors. Just before the performance, walking through ACT's halls, it was clear that *Sister Act* was a school-wide effort. Students in costume design constructed many costumes from scratch, in addition to providing some last-minute hemming services. Nearly 30 students, spread over 10 classes, lent a hand in the design, construction and installation of the set.

Based on the popular 1992 film by the same name, featuring comedienne Whoopi Goldberg, the stage version opened on Broadway in April 2011. "*Sister Act*" was nominated for five Tony Awards, including Best Musical.

As Act One ended at the Capitol Theater on Friday morning, many student members of the audience stood to applaud. Students were overheard recapping the most humorous parts of the show with their



Courtesy photo

The attached photo depicts a scene from the performance, set in the convent where the main character is sent to keep her safe.

friends.

ACT is recruiting students now for its 2017-2018 school year. Visit www.eastconn.org/act to learn more, or call 860-465-5636 to get more information, or schedule a shadow day.

ACT is a public, rigorous, arts-integrated magnet high school located in bustling, downtown Willimantic. ACT is administered by EASTCONN, a public, non-profit, Regional Educational Service Center that has been serving the education needs of northeastern Connecticut schools and communities since 1980. www.eastconn.org.

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December 10, Sat., 9am-2pm
The American Legion Post 67, North Grosvenordale. Holiday Gift Fair. Do your gift shopping among unique crafters, artisans, & home party dealers. Door prizes, Raffles, & Food all day!

December 10, Sat., 8am-2pm
Holiday Craft Fair, Canterbury Community Center. Many vendors with handcrafted items - This is a Paddle for a Cure Event that benefits Day Kimball Oncology Dept. "money raised here, stays here"

December 11, Sun., 7-10am
Breakfast with Santa at Atwood Hose Fire Station, 24 Wauregan Rd., Rte. 205, Wauregan to benefit The Tommy Toy Fund. Pancakes, sausage, juice and coffee. Adults \$6.00, children (under 5 yrs.) \$3.00. Bring a toy or cash donation for the Tommy Toy Fund and take a picture with Santa

December 11, Sun., 1-2:30pm
TLGV Ranger Marcy's Acorn Adventure - UConn's Horsebarn Hill Holiday, 3636 Horsebarn Hill Rd. Ext. (meet at UConn Dairy Barn), Storrs, Follow the Animal Trail! Snacks, stickers, fresh air fun always included! Questions to marcy@tlgv.org

December 11, Sun., 7pm
VICTORIAN CHRISTMAS, Experience a candlelit Christmas straight from the 1800s. Enjoy the classic decorations, seasonal music, reading of the Christmas story, costumed church members and warm cider to end the evening! Westfield Congregational Church, 210 Main St, Danielson, A Victorian Christmas Eve is at 9 p.m. in the sanctuary

December 11, Sun., 7pm
An Evening of Lessons & Carols, Clark Memorial Chapel, Pomfret School

December 11, Sun., 7-10:30am
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December 13, Tues., 10:30am-11:15am
The Pomfret Senior Center is offering Tai Chi for core strength and balance. Open to all area seniors. This is a free program, however donations are welcome. 860-928-7459 The Center is located at 207 Mashamoquet Road (Route 44) in Pomfret.

December 14, Wed., 11:30am
Christmas Potluck- Celebrate the Holidays with us by bringing your favorite dish to share, potluck style! Open to all area seniors. 860-928-7459

December 14, Wed., 12:30pm
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December 15, 5-6:30
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December 15, Thurs., 10:30am
Yoga at the Senior Center. Open to all area seniors. 860-928-7459 The Center is located at 207 Mashamoquet Road (Route 44) in Pomfret.

December 16, Fri., noon-8pm
Knights of Columbus Council 2087 will hold a Friday fish fry in the Knights Hall, 1017 Riverside Drive, North Grosvenordale. Fish and chips (\$10); baked haddock or bay scallops (\$11); fried clams (\$14); combo platters (\$14-17), and more. 860-923-2967, council2087@att.net.

December 17, Sat. 2-3:30 pm
Cookies and Cocoa with Santa: The Eastford Holiday Celebration will be held at the Charlie Brown Campground on Rte 198. The event is sponsored by the Eastford Recreation Commission. The celebration includes cookie decorating, crafts for all ages, and live holiday music by the Ashford Babcock Band. The event is free and non perishable food donations are welcome. Bring your camera to photograph your child's visit with Santa.

December 17, Sat., 9am-2pm
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