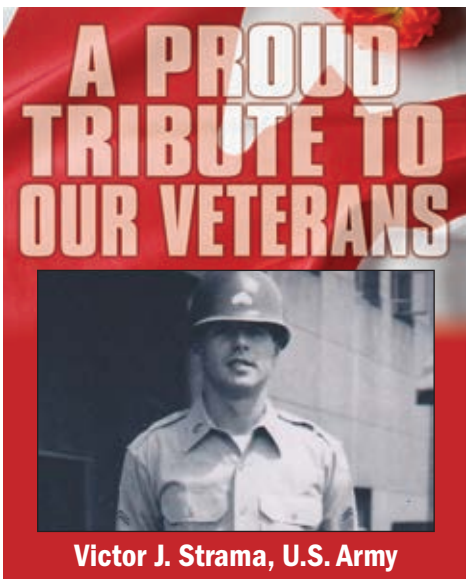


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# Hayes, Flexer, Boyd, Dauphinais claim victories

Republican Rick Hayes won election to the open seat in Connecticut House of Representatives District 51 in voting on Tuesday, Nov. 6. Hayes defeated former Thompson First Selectman Larry Groh Jr. The seat came open after Danny Rovero declined to run again.

Groh Jr., of Thompson, is a tax preparation professional who served as Thompson's first selectman for six years. Hayes, a Republican and Putnam town selectman, had tenures as the president of the Connecticut Police Chiefs Association and as an appointment to the Community Policing Committee of the International Association of Police Chiefs. The district includes Thompson, Putnam and Killingly.

In their second head-to-head match-up for the 44th District state House of Representatives seat since 2016, Republican incumbent Anne

Dauphinais again defeated her Democratic opponent, Christine Rosati Randall. Dauphinais, who ran on a platform of fiscal conservatism and responsible spending, said she wants to make the state an affordable place to live. Two years ago, Dauphinais defeated then-incumbent Randall. Dauphinais, 57, is a Danielson resident who has worked as a nurse and as a case manager for the state Department of Correction. Randall, 49, of Killingly, is a coordinator at Day Kimball Healthcare for new parents. Dauphinais's district includes the towns of Killingly and Plainfield.

State Senator Mae Flexer won re-election to her 29th District Senate seat on Tuesday, defeating David Coderre. Flexer has not lost a Legislative election since her first House of Representatives run in 2008. She was elected to the state Senate in 2014. Flexer, like her

Democratic colleagues, pushed for an incremental increase to the minimum wage and a paid family leave program.

This was the first statewide run for Coderre, a Republican who campaigned on a pro-business, less-government platform. Flexer, of Killingly, was first elected to the state Senate in 2014 and served three terms as the state representative for the 44th District. Coderre, of Putnam, is founder of Fast Pak in Putnam and a former lending officer. The district includes the towns of Brooklyn, Canterbury, Killingly, Mansfield, Putnam, Scotland, Thompson and Windham.

Pat Boyd won re-election to his seat in the 50th District of the state House of Representatives. Boyd, a Democrat, defeated Republican challenger A.J. Kerouac. Boyd's district serves Brooklyn, Eastford, Pomfret, Union, and Woodstock.



Richard Blumenthal visits Thompson.

## Blumenthal visits Thompson

BY OLIVIA RICHMAN  
NEWS STAFF WRITER

THOMPSON – On Tuesday, Oct. 30, U.S. Senator Richard Blumenthal (D-Conn.) visited Fort Hill Farms to announce a federal grant to build an anaerobic digester that will convert manure from the farm into clean energy for Connecticut towns.

The \$244,000 grant will help the Cabbot family achieve their goal of providing sustainable energy to their community, something that's been on their mind for a while now.

"I was enormously excited and grateful to be there and speak with the family about their commitment to farming," said Blumenthal. "To hear their determination, despite obstacles – financial and otherwise – was very inspiring. They're doing great work, but this facility will offer a new means of both profit and environmental progress."

Fort Hill Farms is known for their dairy production, but what stood out to Blumenthal was the amount of labor that went into everything

they did at their milking operation.

According to Blumenthal, the family was not using robotic milkers, and a lot of hard work went into the sizeable operation. But all three generations remain diligent and determined.

"It's a classic Northeastern farming story," he said. "It started out with the grandfather and a single calf. Then the father building it up. And now Kies and her husband make it their home. It's very uplifting."

The employees Blumenthal met were also "completely dedicated" to the farm, and were as passionate as the family that owned it.

Fort Hill Farms applied for the grant under the Rural Electric Assistance Program. He became "well aware" of their application, and was very supportive of it. In fact, they're also working towards a provision in the Farm Bill, a separate provision that will provide funding to the food and waste programs on farms.

"Farms couldn't be more essential," said Blumenthal. "Milk, which goes into so many

different products... It's consumed in significant quantities in dairy products and baked goods. It's also a means of open space preservation. It's a matter of Connecticut values. Farmers are great people and we want them to stay in Connecticut and continue doing what they love."

The anaerobic digester will provide more electricity for the farm, helping to lower their costs. But it will also be sold into the grid, a non-pollutant and renewable energy source.

Right now there is no clear timeline, and the farm must set up contracts with food waste suppliers before constructing the facility. Blumenthal is also hoping to provide further funding for the facility in the near future.

"I'm looking forward to going back multiple times to see the progress," he said. "I just admire this family, who is so confident and capable."

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## Can you hear me now?



Paul Phaiah was in tears when he received his free pair of hearing aids.

BY OLIVIA RICHMAN  
NEWS STAFF WRITER

BROOKLYN – Nov. 1 was an emotional day when Paul Phaiah came into the Belton Hearing Center to have his free hearing aids put in by Doctor of Audiology Kerrie Sweezy, the very woman who nominated him for the free pair.

After Phaiah came for a hearing aid evaluation on Aug. 14, Sweezy knew she had to nominate him for Beltone's Hearing Care Foundation, which provides hearing aids to those in need that are unable to access them.

"As we talked about his lovely wife and family, I learned a lot about him and the things he values in life," Sweezy wrote in the letter that accompanied her application. "He has put his children and a number of grandchildren through college

and has helped them all financially over the years asking nothing in return. His voice quavered when speaking of his wife, who passed away 18 years ago. Tears welled up in his eyes and it was evident how much he missed her and how lucky he felt to have spent his life with her. They both always shared the ideal of putting their children first. He said it matter of factly and without a hint of self-pity that he hadn't saved enough to live comfortably. He was satisfied with a life well lived."

Now 84 years old, Paiah had apologized to Sweezy for "wasting her time" when he went to get his hearing checked. He admitted he wouldn't be able to afford hearing aids, no matter what the results were.

"I was shocked at how severe a hearing loss he had, without any help. I know what a struggle it

can be. It's impactful in so many ways to over-all health and quality of life. When you can't hear, you can't participate in what's going on around you. You withdraw and stop doing things. You're not enjoying them anymore because you can't hear," Sweezy said.

According to Phaiah, he first started to realize he may need to get his hearing checked when he had to keep telling people, 'Speak up, I can't hear you.' This included his pastor, who he often couldn't hear during services at church. Even though he sat in the front row.

"I just take things as they come," Phaiah said. "What Beltone is doing for me, I never got this kind of treatment before. It's so good to find people that want to help you. I'm very grateful about what



## TRACKING DOWN A WIN

WOODSTOCK — Woodstock Academy's Sean Reardon, left, and Prince Tech/University's Jordan St. Clair track down the ball on Tuesday, Nov. 6, in a Class L state tournament game. Woodstock won 4-0. High school sports coverage begins on page B-1 of today's Villager.



# Troopers make drug bust in Putnam

PUTNAM — On Nov. 1, Connecticut State Police troopers assigned to the Troop D Quality of Life Task Force and officers assigned to parole spotted Michael King, 62, of 90 Powhattan Street, Putnam, on Providence Street near Powhattan Street. It appeared King was about to engage in a drug deal. Troopers and parole officers approached King who admitted to having several pieces of crack cocaine on his person.

He was subsequently placed under arrest for possession of narcotics and the crack cocaine was seized by Troopers. QLTF Troopers called the Putnam Police Department and two officers arrived at the scene to assist with the investigation. Troopers and officers then went to #90 Powhattan Street in Putnam to conduct a follow up investigation. When the police officers arrived, Jude “Face” Abellard, 44, who was on parole, was located. A parole

officer located powder cocaine, marijuana and over \$2,000 in drug money on Abellard which was subsequently seized by Troopers. Abellard was placed under arrest for Possession of Narcotics and Possession of Narcotics With Intent to Sell. King was scheduled to appear in Danielson Superior Court on Nov. 14. Abellard was remanded back into the custody of the Department of Corrections by Parole Officers and is to appear in Danielson Superior Court

on Nov. 14.

Members of the CT State Police are committed to combating drug activity in the “Quiet Corner” and anyone with information regarding the illegal sale of narcotics and /or synthetic marijuana are encouraged to call the Troop D QLTF anonymous Tips Hotline at 860-779-4950 or message the QLTF Facebook page



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## PUTNAM VETS AT VIETNAM CEREMONY

PUTNAM — The Mayotte-Viens American Legion Post #13 of Putnam participated in the Vietnam Moving Wall ceremony on Nov. 1 at Ponagansett High School in Rhode Island. From left: Roger C. Franklin, Post Adjutant; Charlie Leach, co-captain of the Color Guard; Russell Waters; Ronald P. Coderre, Immediate Past Commander and Sr. Vice Commander 4th District; Alan Joslin, Commander; Michael Vassar, Jr. Vice Commander; and Victor Kratz, Sergeant-at-Arms.

## HEARING

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they’re doing for me.”  
Phaiah was in tears when he received the free hearing aids. The kindness had touched his heart the way he’d touched Sweezy’s.  
“It feels good helping people,” she said. “Hearing

loss really changes your life. Now he will be able to interact with his family and friends again. You see some people work so hard their whole lives and never ask for anything in return. It’s nice to be able to help and give back to these people. It just feels good to help someone who deserves it.”

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### TOUCH DOWN!

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## NEW BUSINESS OPENS

WOODSTOCK — On Sunday, Nov. 4, licensed massage therapist Erika Hanson held a grand opening at her new business Woodstock Massage and Wellness. Hanson will be joined by massage therapist Kirsten Large and Aesthetician Sharon Weller in providing “exceptional service for all your wellness needs”. They are located at 158 Rte 171 in Woodstock. From left: Frank Olah, Kim Reck, Erika Hanson, Phil Violette, Linda Auger, Kirsten Large and Sharon Weller.

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# Mac is making his mark

BY OLIVIA RICHMAN  
NEWS STAFF WRITER

DANIELSON – For Johnny Mac, being a tattoo artist is about more than the tattoos themselves. As the owner of Body Marx Tattoo, he has come to know a lot of people through the stories they tell and the tattoos they get over the past eight years.

I sat down at the shop to speak with Mac about his passion for tattooing, and his passion for people in the community.

### How did you get involved in tattooing?

I have always liked art. I was always drawing in school. I worked for a cable company at the time, but I ended up doing a cable job at the house of a guy who owns a tattoo shop. I started talking to him about it. He said he could teach me and I did an apprenticeship. I would work at the cable company during the day, the tattoo shop at night. I worked there for a while. I had my daughter, and I felt I needed to do something more for myself. So I decided to do this.

### How do you like this area?

I like it. I'm from Providence. When I first came out here it was a big change for me. I'd always miss the city. But now when I go back I hate it and love the woods and the quiet out here. All my customers are great, too.

### What is your favorite part about tattooing?

I just like being able to put my art on people and appreciate it, love it... But 90% of the things I do are meaningful. They're for a loved one that passed away, or an event that was meaningful to them. Someone who just came in who had kidney failure. He got tattoos to represent getting through that and having a transplant. There's always stories like that. The stories I hear are really cool, but very scary, too. Like people's children passing away. With an eight year old daughter, that scares the hell out of me. But it's gratifying to do something for those families.

### What are some stories that stand out to you?

I'll never forget some. A customer whose daughter had a brain aneurysm at eight years old... I couldn't even charge them. She was fine and then gone. That one definitely affected me the most, having a daughter. He got something from a Harry Potter movie because they always watched them together.

### Wow, that's so sad.

They went camping and got back. On the way to playground she had a huge headache. They went to the hospital... Next thing you know...

### That's scary.

Just like the guy that was here. He was super healthy. Goes to the gym. Then his blood pressure skyrocketed. Then he was in the hospital... As well as being a tattoo artist, you just hear so many stories. You're sitting with them for three or four hours. You get to know them more personally than you ever thought you would.

### How do you feel about being able to give something so meaningful to these people?

That's what I love about this. I love the art of tattoo, but the ones that have true meaning, those are the ones that mean the most. They'll start crying in the mirror, remembering the person they got the tattoo for. I feel I was able to help them. You become friends with them forever in that three hours.

### What is a tattoo you have that's meaningful to you?

My whole body is full. I think I have over 100 tattoos. But the one I got for my daughter. It's a portrait of my daughter and granddaughter on my stomach. I feel like it's a great way to memorialize someone. To remember them. My daughter is super important to me.

### Do you feel that people's attitudes about tattoos are changing?

Oh yeah, absolutely. I had sleeves



Olivia Richman photos

Johnny Mac is the owner of Body Marx Tattoo, which will be eight years old in December.

of the norm to not have them. You don't see blank arms too often anymore.

### How many tattoos do you do a day?

Right now it's a slower time of year – November, December. But right after Christmas and into tax times, I can do six to seven tattoos a day.

### What's your advice for anyone interested in getting a tattoo?

I'd say do research. Find the artist that fits what you're looking for best. Look through their work, look at their style. There's a lot of great shops in the area around here and they all have their niche. There's plenty for people

### What do you like to do when you're not at the shop?

My life is here. I'm a single parent to an eight year old so that's my life. I don't do much other than that.

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to choose from around here. I'm sure they could find someone they'd be very



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Elle-Jordyn Goslin

**Name:**  
Elle-Jordyn Goslin

**Occupation:**  
Director of Alumni Relations at Quinebaug Valley Community College

**Lives in:**  
Moosup

**Family:**  
My wonderful boyfriend William Wolfburg and big happy family

**Pets:**  
New Puppy Theodore

**How long have you lived in the area?**  
I grew up in Plainfield. I moved away to Boston for college and lived in South Carolina for a few years and recently came back home and bought a house.

**Do you have a favorite food?** Tacos

**Favorite TV Show?**  
This Is Us.

**Favorite movie?**  
I am a big musical theatre fan so I am going to have to go with The Newsies!  
I am so excited to see it LIVE at Plainfield High School this Spring J

**Favorite travel destination?**  
India. Love the culture and food. Oh, and QVCC's campus.

**What is the best part of your town?**  
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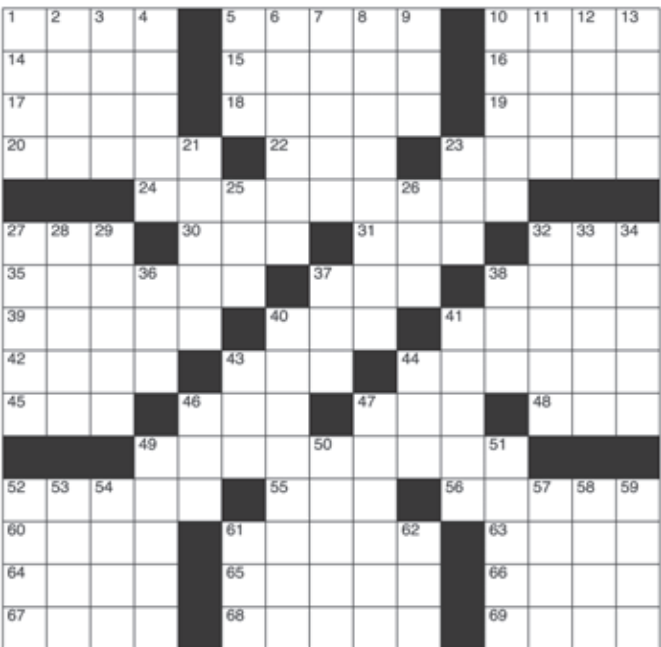
**Who has been the greatest influence in your life?**  
My mother

**Who is your favorite musical artist?**  
Any Hamilton fans out there? Lin-Manuel Miranda. Oh, and QVCC A capella.

**What is the greatest piece of advice you have ever been given?**  
Leadership is not about power but about the ability to empower others.

**Favorite Sports Team:**  
Any New England Sports team. Oh, and the QVCC Alumni Tackle the Trail Team.

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CLUES ACROSS

1. Boat structure

5. Affirmatives

10. From end to end

14. Ancient Syrian city

15. Plant parts

16. Anatomical feature of worms

17. Invests in little enterprises

18. Cuts the skin off

19. Noted child psychiatrist

20. Satisfies

22. Take by sips

23. Matched

24. It changed the world

27. U.S. Founding Father Adams

30. Father

31. Swiss river

32. They hold music

35. Spoke

37. Used to write

38. Cold wind

39. More competent

40. Test for high schoolers
41. Mild analgesic

42. Indian industrial city

43. Fellas

44. Short-tailed martens

45. No seats available

46. Golf score

47. A way to sink

48. Type of investment account

49. Songs

52. Type of sword

55. \_\_\_ King Cole, musician

56. Type of vaccine

60. Site of the Taj Mahal

61. Languished

63. Ethnic group in South China

64. Prevent from seeing

65. Word of farewell

66. Charity given to the poor

67. Chops

68. Swiss capital

69. One point east of southeast

CLUES DOWN

1. Type of hall

2. Swedish rock group

3. Long, narrow cut

4. Indicating silence

5. Talk at length

6. Wiped away

7. Sweet substance (alt. sp.)

8. Babar is one

9. Soviet Socialist Republic

10. French avant-garde composer

11. Commoner

12. Swiss river

13. A single-minded expert

21. Passover feast and ceremony

23. Indie record label (abbr.)

25. Fellow

26. Strong tree

27. Drenches

28. Spindle

29. North Dravidian language

32. Lounges about

33. Preamble
34. Essential for nachos

36. Afternoon beverage

37. 007's creator

38. Founder of Babism

40. Music played in open air

41. Profoundly wise men

43. Disfigure

44. Unhappy

46. Prefix denoting "in a"

47. Cotton fabric; satiny finish

49. Closes tightly

50. The lowest point

51. Semitic sun god

52. Grads wear one

53. Phil \_\_\_, former CIA

54. Fermented rather than distilled

57. Aids digestion

58. Unstressed-stressed

59. Body part

61. Wonderful

62. Expected at a certain time



Courtesy photo

## THOMPSON HALLOWEEN PARTY

Participants were awarded prizes for their costumes at a Halloween Party on Oct. 31 at the Thompson Hill Fire Station, hosted by the fire company: Front row, from left: Noah Horniak - Pirate; Phoenix Desaulnier - Harry Potter; Addison Howell - Rubix Cube; Huxley DeSouza - White Rabbit from Alice in Wonderland. Back row, from left: Samuel Hachigian - Ghost Buster and Ghost Dog; Maggie McHugh - The Corpse Bride from the Haunted Mansion; Hunter - Fire Marshall; Isabella DeSouza - Alice in Wonderland; Justin Griffiths-Lam - Candy Rapper; Kora Reynolds - Chucky's Bride; Gunner Reynolds - Chucky.

## Veteran's Day Events & Programs

**November 9, Fri., 2pm**  
QVCC Veterans Day Program, Ceremony to be followed by Opening Reception for the QV Connection Photo Exhibit

**November 10, Sat., Noon**  
East Woodstock Congregation-al Church, Luncheon

**November 10, Sat., 7-10am**  
Veteran's breakfast at Classic Pizza Family Restaurant, hosted by the Natchaug Young Marines, 567 Providence Rd., Brooklyn

**November 11, Sun., 4-8pm**  
Black Dog Restaurant, Putnam. Three Veterans to be recognized

**November 11, Sun.**  
Crossings Restaurant, FREE Turkey Dinner Lunch or Dinner for veterans

**November 11, Sun., 8-11am**  
Danielson Elks, Breakfast

**November 11, Sun., 12pm**  
American Legion Post 111 Woodstock, held at the Palmer Auditorium, Rt. 169 Woodstock.

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Brandi Hapgood of Putnam Bank with her husband Greg and their young son.



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## PUMPKIN FESTIVAL IN DOWNTOWN PUTNAM

PUTNAM — Valentine Iamartino snapped these photos at last month's Pumpkin Festival in downtown Putnam.



The Putnam Congregational Church Harvest Luncheon Kitchen Crew and Servers



James Martin of 85 Main and his daughter, Taylor.



Daisy Doodles the Clown



At left: Putnam Auxillary Police, Matt Rondeau with Providence and Worcester train conductors



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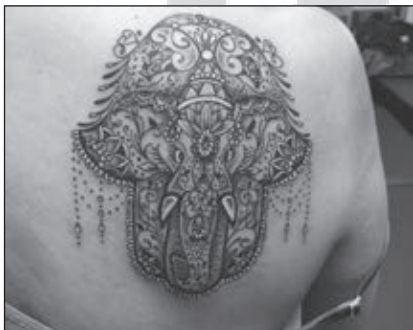


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## Scouting out a campsite



Nathan Price

Courtesy photo

BY OLIVIA RICHMAN  
NEWS STAFF WRITER

WOODSTOCK – For his Eagle Project, 17-year-old Nathan Price provided Roseland Park with a brand new campsite. Over the span of several weekends and over 500 manhours, Price led a group of volunteers to complete a fire pit with seating to accommodate 20 people, two handicap-accessible picnic tables, and a wood shelter to keep firewood dry. “I felt this project would leave a big impact on the park,” said Price, a Boy Scout Troop 27 member. “A campsite is something Woodstock doesn’t really have. We don’t have a free or low-cost camp site. And I felt church groups and Scout troops could really benefit from local camping.” The new camping site was cleared of brush, dead trees and debris. It also has room for 12 small tents and is adjacent to a little clearing where activities can be held. “Nathan took on a large project, but I had no doubt that he would accomplish what he set out to do,” said Victoria Embree, Eagle Advisor for Troop 27. “The Eagle project is meant to give

Scouts an opportunity to develop their organizational and leadership skills, and it is great to see this happening.” According to Embree, scouting has been a big part of Price’s heritage, and he points to five members of his extended family who are Eagle Scouts. “From the time I was a small child, I knew I wanted to be a Scout, and to achieve Eagle Scout someday,” said Price. He started out as a Tiger Scout when his mom encouraged him to join Boy Scouts. Even though he didn’t know exactly why he was doing it at first, he started to realize the impact that Boy Scout was having on him as he grew up. “You learn a lot of cool things,” he said. “There’s things you learn in Boy Scouts you’d never learn anything else, like how to survive in the wilderness. Useful things that help you stand a better chance in a lot of situations. It’s one of the best things I got out of Boy Scouts.” For Price, being an Eagle Scout is a “fantastic accomplishment to have.” He loves how much respect Eagle Scouts have within their

community, and feels it’s an important thing to have with you throughout your life. The campsite is just one part of that experience. “The second it was done,” said Price. “I was like, ‘Phew!’ Now, I just get to look at it and be proud of what I did. It was great knowing I did something for the community. Even if it’s only a few hours, there’s always a local organization that could really use your help.” Price is a senior at Woodstock Academy and the captain of the varsity football team. He’s also a member of the National Honor Society, the Math Honor Society and the Athletic Honor Society. While he is unsure which college he will go to in the future, he knows for sure that he wants to become a Boy Scout leader when he turns 18 in two months. “I still want to be part of the troop and active,” he said. “Maybe one day I’ll be a football coach, too, or something.”

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## Young adult author panel at Putnam Library

BY OLIVIA RICHMAN  
NEWS STAFF WRITER

PUTNAM – The Putnam Public Library is hosting a Young Adult Author Panel on Saturday, Nov. 17. Starting at 1 p.m., the panel features five local and notable New England authors: Erin Callahan, Jessica Bayliss, Camille DeAngelis, Patrick Moody and Mischa Thrace. These YA novelists will take part in a presentation and a Q&A, allowing avid readers and writers of all ages to learn more about the authors and their stories. And maybe get some motivation of their own. November is National Novel Writing Month (NaNoWriMo), said Teen

Librarian Abigail Thompson. And this panel is a great way for teens (and all patrons) to unleash their creativity. It gives them some insight from an author’s perspective, and may help them combat writer’s block and come up with creative ideas. “It’s a great panel for people who love to read, but may be too scared to write their own books,” she said. “To meet these authors and hear about the process and their own stories, it may inspire some people. It could give them the courage to go after their goals.” For many people, writing a book is on their bucket list. But it’s hard to know where to start. While people of all ages are encouraged to come, Thompson feels this YA panel is perfect for local teens who never thought they had the

ability to write a book of their own. It’s also a great chance for middle school and high school readers to discover some new books. The YA panel writes books for ages 12 through 18, and their books will be available for sale at the event. Thompson herself reads a couple of books a week, and she is hoping this will inspire teens to read a bit more, too. According to the American Psychological Association, in recent years, less than 20 percent of US teens have reported reading a book, magazine or newspaper daily for their own enjoyment. But 80 percent say they use social media every day. “Reading is a way to escape. To have an adventure. But you also learn a lot from YA novels,” Thompson said. “You

learn different morals. And you see people go through a lot of different life experiences.” She also wants to encourage teens to seek out the library for more than just books. “It’s a safe place for teens to meet other people, find creative outlets they enjoy – like crafts and board games – and study and learn,” said Thompson. Anyone 12 and older is invited to come to the panel. Registration is recommended but not required. For more information call the library at 860-963-6826. Olivia Richman may be reached at (860) 928-1818, ext. 112 or by e-mail at [olivia@stonebridgepress.com](mailto:olivia@stonebridgepress.com)

### ELECTION DAY IN DAYVILLE

Lake Road in Dayville on a rainy Election Day afternoon.

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# Boy Scout Troop 26 makes field trip



On the way up the mountain: Lucas Gustafson, Ethan Hemeon, Zach Stoddard, Owen Gratton, Jack Aitken, Hunter Fortier, Curtis Desabre.



Seth Fortier, standing on left; lower row from left: Dave Gratton, Gabbi LaBonte, Lucas Gustafson, Jackie Tuttle; back row, from left: Owen Gratton, Ethan Hemeon, Zach Stoddard, Jack Aitken and Curtis Desabre, to the right sitting is Hunter Fortier.

POMFRET — Boy Scout Troop 26, from Pomfret, recently went on a two-night, three-day overnight camping trip to New Hampshire and hiked up Mount Monadnock. The boys all worked together to prepare meals for the group for the weekend; working on their cooking merit badge as well as hiking and camping merit badges. The trip, from October 19-21; skirted inclement weather and had only a few raindrops overnight and a few while hiking. It was chilly but saw plenty of sun. It was very cold and windy on the top. It was a busy day for hiking on Mt. Monadnock with over 1,400 people going up from the same trailhead as Troop 26. If anyone is interested in joining Troop 26, contact Ann Stoddard at [ajstodda@sbcglobal.net](mailto:ajstodda@sbcglobal.net)



On the way back down after scaling Mount Monadnock.



From left, Owen Gratton, Jack Aitken, Hunter Fortier.



Troop 26 Boy Scout Owen Gratton takes a quick break on way up to the top of Mount Monadnock

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# Linda’s House: childcare for all abilities

I wanted to take this opportunity to introduce Linda’s House to the North Eastern Connecticut community. Linda’s House was established in loving memory of an amazing nurse, colleague and friend, Linda Gregory. Linda lost a decade long battle with cancer in the summer of 2017 leaving a large hole in the hearts of all that knew and loved her. A Neonatal Nurse for 20 years Linda had a passion for babies born with special needs and the parents that loved them. Our mission was to establish a center in her honor where children of all abilities could grow and learn together in a home environment. Linda’s House is owned and directed by professionals with a combined 40 years in the fields of Neonatal and Pediatric Health and Early Childhood Education. Our commitment is to support the whole child using the guiding principles of acceptance, inclusion, kindness and compassion in our daily teachings.

When children with special needs regularly attend daycare and preschool they are given the same opportunities as typically developing children-they strive toward new goals and achievements together. Inclusive and supportive environments teach children about respecting and valuing other people regardless of ability. Children want to help one another as they grow, and when they see adults take steps to support a child, they will take steps as well. Our program provides for the total child; focusing on individual needs within their social, emotional, physical and mental development. The center enrolls children with regular ability and those with special needs from 6 weeks to 5 years of age.

As each child is unique, so is each child care program. At Linda’s House we are committed to offering high quality child care & preschool to children of all abilities. Our groundbreaking access for special needs children includes employing a school nurse full-time. The nurse will provide medical support for all children and staff including those requiring specialized services (medications, insulin pumps, tube feeds, oxygen, etc). Our goal is for the school nurse to meet with every child and family upon registration to review health history and create an Individualized Health Plan as needed. We want to understand your child’s likes, dislikes, and fears so we can better support them while in our care. The nurse is a key part of the team and will educate staff on how best to support each child’s sudden or ongoing medical needs. The school nurse will provide professional nursing input and collaboration with primary care providers, EI, therapists, and emergency responders. This added layer of support will provide parents with the peace of mind needed knowing that not only are their child’s social and emotional needs being met, their medical needs are as well. In addition to our full time nurse, other features that set us apart from other programs are;

More square foot per child. Natural playground. Nature’s classroom. Student’s Early Intervention/Therapists can provide services on site. Respite care spots reserved for medically fragile children.

When you are the parent or guardian of a child with special needs or a disability, you are also a caregiver. Playing dual roles can sometimes become demanding, difficult, or stressful. Respite care is important in helping the whole family find balance because the child attending a program will be engaged in activities that work with their abilities, and may even increase their independence or social skill, and the primary caregivers have time for rest, to relieve stress, to run errands or do something for themselves and to re-energize.

At Linda’s House we offer Respite Care for Medically Complex children 6 weeks to 5 years of age. You can feel comfortable leaving your child with our dedicated and caring staff while you attend to your own needs. We offer morning, afternoon, and full-day sessions.

Our center is designed and constructed to mirror a warm home environment while providing stimulating opportunities for learning. Our outside space has a small nature’s classroom where our teachers can expand the classroom experience. We have natural play areas that encourage discovery and imagination while supporting individual growth and development. We are excited to become a community resource for the families of North Eastern Connecticut. We invite you to call or stop in for a tour of our center. We are located at 520 Riverside Drive, North Grosvenordale.

Erin Lavallee is a Certified Child Life Specialist and the Director of Linda’s House Pediatric Daycare and Preschool.

# OPINION

Opinion and commentary from the Quiet Corner

## LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

### Minimum wage increase justified

Mr. Jessurun’s letter to the editor on Oct. 26th requires a response. He outlines several points (excuses?) as to why small business owners cannot pay their workers a living (?) wage of \$15 an hour. His first reason is that this will only provide “short term” gains for workers and will damage small businesses. He also states that this minimum wage was never intended to be something people would live on as their only means of income. Further his letter claims that “half of those earning minimum wage are teenagers,” implying they don’t need this amount of money because they are not paying for all their living expenses. I want to refute these points.

First, I can tell you that as a working person any “short term” gains I received either through a bonus, special projects or overtime were always welcome. Next, though perhaps the designers of the minimum wage did not foresee the economy we are living in in 2018, people do work part-time jobs (sometimes multiple part-time jobs) to try to earn enough to live on while being paid the minimum wage. As for his statements on teens, teenagers put gasoline at nearly \$3 a gallon in the cars they drive just like adults do, and they also must shell out \$7 or \$15 for a sandwich or plate of food at the Vanilla Bean, just like an adult would. As well, they are often responsible for paying for their college expenses, so to my mind they certainly need that money.

He writes that half of workers earning min-

imum wage are teens, but a simple computer search brought me to a 2014 New York Times article that states, “Minimum-wage workers are older than they used to be. Their average age is 35, and 88 percent are at least 20 years old. Half are older than 30, and about a third are at least 40.”

The last big point Mr. Jessurun makes is that in the restaurant business the turnover is too high for it to be good business sense to pay \$15 an hour for menial tasks, and that because of the turn-over more skilled workers have to keep training the new hires, costing the employer/owner much money. Perhaps if everyone was paid the “living wage” of \$15 turnover would drop and relive this problem.

I do understand that there will be impacts on business owners and consumers when this wage is finally raised. However, the real problem is that our society seems loathe to solve our economic problems which besides job growth would include a shift in how we pay for things in society like health care and education and our great reluctance to stop funding military expenses that drain over 50 percent from our country’s budget. Until these things are addressed workers will keep clamoring for higher wages as they attempt to live and pay for all the things necessary to live.

KAREN WARINSKY  
WOODSTOCK

### Pink Pumpkin Pledge a success

Thanks to the generosity of everyone who took part in our second annual Pink Pumpkin Pledge for cancer and a special thanks to Kim. Because of you we were able to raise \$476 in donations with 100% of this going to the Rose Bove LaRose Oncology Cancer Fund. So many people are affected by cancer and we felt we needed to do our part. New advances are happening every day and

without everyone’s help this might not be possible. Next year, we hope to see you again and exceed this year’s donations. Again, a heartfelt thank you! Your contributions can do so much.

WALT AND DEBBY OPPERMAN  
DAYVILLE

### Remembering our veterans

Veterans Day is here. My reason for writing each year an article about it is to remind all of us why there is a Veterans Day holiday. Over the years, many Americans have forgotten the holiday’s true significance. It is a day of remembering somberly, honoring fully, and celebrating proudly our veterans.

It began in 1938 as Armistice Day, recognizing Germany’s surrender in 1918 at the end of World War I (the “war to end all wars”) at the 11th hour on the 11th day of the 11th month. This was before America’s involvement in the cataclysm of World War II and its pre-eminent rise as a world super-power.

Efforts were made in 1945 to create a holiday to remember all veterans, not just those who had served in World War I. Nine years later, in 1954, Congress changed Armistice Day to Veterans Day, with President Eisenhower’s strong support (a well-known veteran himself).

Veterans Day and Memorial Day are the only two holidays during which America officially honors those who have served in the armed forces and those who have died in military service. However, every day should be a day for us to remember not only those who over the years and generations have served our country, but those who are doing so right now. This is no more poignant than as America is still engaged in military actions and has men and women in uniform stationed around the world in places familiar and unfamiliar, friendly and unfriendly, near and far.

According to the Department of Defense, there are over 1,347,000 active-duty and over 807,500 national guard and reserve U.S. military personnel. Although a majority of the military is stationed in the U.S., there are military personnel deployed around the world, in 150 countries. The three places where the most American military personnel are deployed include Japan, Germany, and South Korea.

The U.S. Census Bureau estimates over 18.2 million veterans are alive, including over 1.6 million female veterans. Veterans comprise approximately 7% of the U.S. population. Approximately 29% of veterans are disabled.

Our veterans and soldiers may not ask for recognition. We may know little about what they have done and are doing as we focus on our own busy lives. But, such does not diminish the gratitude we owe them. We may agree or disagree with military policies and actions, but we all agree that we must continue to support the men and women in uniform who voluntarily stand on sentry (there is no mandatory draft, after all) to protect us from those who continuously intend us harm – 9/11 and the ongoing security

threats not being forgotten.

Think about how precious our liberty is and how many people elsewhere do not have it. We are free to vote in elections, as evidenced by the elections just held in towns across northeastern Connecticut and communities all across America. When there are differences among us, including strong opinions, Americans do not settle things through military coups d’etat and government overthrows. Rather, we abide by legitimate election results and by the courts adjudicating the rule of law. We support the rights of people to speak their minds, to assemble with others in places of their own choosing, to follow their individual religious and personal beliefs, to live their own lives within the law as they best see fit, and to petition their government for change through the legislative process.

How often we take for granted the rights outlined in the Declaration of Independence, the Bill of Rights, and the Constitution (with its amendments). As world history and even U.S. history have shown – and current world events still remind us every day – such freedoms do not exist by themselves. They require people to defend them at all times. Until there is a day that we can truly and realistically beat all swords into plowshares, then our country must make both swords and plowshares. We must invest smartly in our military and we must think wisely and carefully before we put American soldiers and sailors in harm’s way.

Veterans Day is more than just a sole reminder of our fellow Americans in the armed forces. It is also a reminder that a civil society is neither civil nor a society if there are only some rights for some people some of the time or if some rights for some people are under threat or being diminished. We all must do our part to keep strong all of our rights and liberties for all American citizens all of the time. Current events show the need for all of us to renew are efforts and to do just that

Veterans Day, like Memorial Day, reminds us that there is never-ending, hard work to keep secure and free our ways of life. Men and women in uniform, ready to defend us, are always needed. We, who have been given this liberty and safety, must always cherish it.

For those veterans who are passed on – you are remembered. For those veterans who are among us and for those who are serving now – thank you.

DR. JEFFREY A. GORDON  
WOODSTOCK

# Protecting your personal e-mail account

Sometimes, it seems that each day there is a news headline about a data breach or elevated risk within the markets. The financial industry, like any industry, has become more complicated as globalization and technology expand. Although you can never guarantee a risk-free world, there are things within your control that can help mitigate and reduce your risk.



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For the month of November, we will be discussing risk management techniques from both an investment and personal perspective. To begin the month, we discussed asset allocation and how to manage risk within your portfolio. In the age of the internet, there is also online risk that you may actively protect. This includes things such as online banking and your email.

Protecting your investments against risk is incorporated within the “Invest Well” phase of our process. It is essential to consider how the fight against risk continues into our “Live Well” phase. Let’s discuss the dos and don’ts of your email which is one way to help make sure the investments you worked so hard to earn, are protected once you reach the final phase of the process, “Live Well.”

According to a 2018 study, 281 billion e-mails are sent and received per day! Think about it: Not only do we write back and forth to friends and acquaintances via e-mail, but we also transact personal business with banks, credit card companies, charities, and more. This means that we transmit and store a host of personally identifiable information—our full names, birthdays, account numbers, receipts, medical correspondence—in our e-mail accounts.

If a clever hacker were to gain access to your e-mail account, how much of your personal confidential information would be vulnerable? To help protect your information from the many cyberthreats around today, here are some important dos and don’ts.

E-mail do’s: It is important that you wait until you’re on a private, secure network to access, send, or read e-mail messages that contain sensitive information. One way to know that you are secure is by clicking on the network on you monitor or phone. Within the settings it will describe itself as a “secure network.” If you do not see that, or are unsure, then it is better to wait until you are at home.

You may also find it helpful to regularly audit your messages. This could be weekly, monthly, or more often depending on how much you use your email. Retain as little information about yourself as possible in your account so that a potential hacker couldn’t obtain enough personal data to con you (or those you know) or to steal your identity.

Regularly clean out your messages from your inbox. This is particularly important if you have opted for paperless billing and statements from your financial institutions. A best practice is to delete the pertinent e-mails once you take care of any online financial business. You can also download

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# 100 years ago Killingly celebrated WWI armistice

First, I would like to thank everyone who attended the program at the Killingly Historical & Genealogical Center on Trains of Yester Year by Pieter Roos from the Connecticut Eastern Railroad Museum on Saturday, November 3. Pieter showed old photos of trains and train stations from all over Eastern Connecticut and did a wonderful job. The museum is in Willimantic so I look forward to visiting it for my first time when it reopens again next May.

This Sunday, November 11, 2018 marks the 100th anniversary of the formal cessation of fighting in World War I. “The Armistice - an agreement to stop fighting - was signed between France, Britain, and Germany on 11th November 1918, bringing four years of fighting in the First World War to an end. It was an agreement to end fighting as a prelude to peace negotiations. The Treaty of Versailles signed six months later would act as the peace treaty between the nations. Although ‘armistice’ is used as a term to describe any agreement to end fighting in wars, ‘The Armistice’ commonly refers to the agreement to end the fighting of the First World War. “The Armistice began at on 11th November 1918 at 11am (French time) - the eleventh hour of the eleventh day of the eleventh month. The Armistice itself was agreed 6 hours earlier at 5am with the first term of it being that fighting would end at 11am.” (<https://www.tenfactsabout.co.uk/0002armistice.htm>).

In Northeastern Connecticut residents had begun anticipating the end of the war the previous month when a false report that the War had ended was broadcast. On October 14th “Danielson yelled itself hoarse as pandemonium broke out Saturday about midnight and lasted until seven o’clock Sunday morning. This was a premature celebration, a dress-rehearsal, if you will, for peace. Kaiser Bill had prac-

tically agreed. ‘He has had a licking and does not want the real kick in the tail that is coming to him if he doesn’t quit right now.’ By four a.m. celebrators from every town within ten miles had arrived in Danielson, and a traffic jam blocked the business section. The mill villages of Dayville, Elmville, Goodyear, ad East Killingly had the factory whistles screeching. The Goodyear band appeared in the wee small hours.” (Weaver & Wood, Miles of Millstreams, p. 167 with reference to the 10/14/1918 Norwich Bulletin).

On November 14, 1918 the Windham County Transcript had the following headline about the end of the war. “Killingly Wild With Joy Over World Peace Report. Thousands Unite in Celebrating. Wonderful Noise. Danielson Being Scene of Greatest Demonstaration Ever Staged in Town. Fairly Delirous With Happiness. People March About All Day Long Celebrating. Great Racket.” Unfortunately it was difficult to read the article on microfilm with its tiny print. Fortunately, however, Miles of Millstreams provided additional information.

“The very first word of victory came at 3:05 a.m. on Monday morning over the Norwich Bulletin wires. This was ninety minutes after the official announcement in Washington. At three p.m. there was a monstrous parade formed in the Borough, compose of people from the towns of Plainfield and Brooklyn. Veterans of three wars were in the line of march.” (Ibid, p. 169).

In Putnam “a continuous locomotive blast at 12:50 a.m. was followed by another signaling the armistice. By 6 a.m. a throng of people was about; factory whistles and bells announced the victory. Skeptics, mindful of the earlier false alarm, took some convincing. Employers soon realized no work could or would be accomplished in the mills that



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day and therefore proclaimed a holiday. The school children of Putnam paraded to Union Square where addresses and patriotic music were the order of the day; they then marched to St. Mary’s Church, site of Putnam’s large American flag. An evening parade included decorated trucks and eight automobiles. A.S. Boynton had an effigy of the Kaiser hanging from a scaffold on the hood of his car.” (Weaver, Margaret M. Perspectives of Putnam 1693-2005, p. 87; reference to Putnam Patriot 11/15/18).

In Commemoration of the 100th Anniversary of the End of World War I St. John Lutheran Church, 190 Wauregan Road (Route 12) Danielson will sponsor an Interfaith Memorial Service on Sunday, November 11, 2018 at 8 a.m. Veterans and the members of the community are welcome. If you are unable to attend, please take a few minutes to remember those who served in World War I and all our veterans who have fought to try to make our world a safer place.

Have you been feeling a little chilly lately? October’s weather was all over the place with daytime highs more like November. Have you ever thought about how difficult it must have been for our ancestors to keep warm? I live in an 18th century center-chimney colonial with five fireplaces. However, I haven’t burned any of them since the early 1970’s. It’s no wonder the early residents of this area had woodlots in addition to their regular farmsteads. When Killingly’s first minister, Rev. John Fisk, was settled, not only was he

given land, he was also promised several cords of firewood each year. Northern North America’s climate was much harsher than England, so settlers quickly discovered how inefficient fireplaces were. “Up through about 1800, the wood-burning fireplace—very popular with English settlers—was the primary means of heating a home,” explains Sean Adams, professor of history at the University of Florida and author of *Home Fires: How Americans Kept Warm in the Nineteenth Century* In 1741, Benjamin Franklin sought to improve the efficiency of the fireplace. He introduced a cast-iron insert for the firebox—called the “Franklin Stove...” ‘Franklin believed heat to be like liquid—he was trying to keep the heat in the room as long as possible, or else it would rush out of the room,’ explains Adams. ‘The stove had to be very tight,’ explains Adams. ‘If there were any leaks, smoke leaked out into the room. Wind would also blow the smoke back into the room. It wasn’t considered a real success.’

Toward the end of the 19th century, the inventor Count Rumford devised a fireplace designed along a set of proportions so it could be built on a variety of scales. ‘In the fireplaces I recommend,’ Count Rumford writes in a 1796 essay, ‘the back [of the fireplace] is only about one third of the width of the opening of the fireplace in front, and consequently that the two sides or covings of the fireplaces...are inclined to [the front opening] at an angle of about 135 degrees.’

The Rumford fireplace efficiently burned wood while its characteristically shallow firebox reflected as much heat as possible out into the room as possible. The handy design of the Rumford gained a strong following. Thomas Jefferson installed eight of them at his country house Monticello. Rumford fireplaces... could burn either wood or coal—

the type being pushed was Anthracite, or “hard” coal—(and it) became popular. Iron stoves were not new technology. While English settlers brought fireplaces, German settlers had iron stoves that did a good job of heating a space” (<https://www.curbed.com/2017/11/30/16716472/old-house>).

I, for one, am thankful that I do not have to use fireplaces to heat the house. Thank goodness for my oil burner and heat! However, there are those in the area who face great difficulty when colder weather arrives. As secretary of the Killingly Brooklyn Interfaith Council, every month we speak of ways to raise funds to assist those who have inadequate funds for heating needs-oil, propane, wood, electric. Although Operation Fuel and ACCESS provide some assistance, there are those who “fall through the cracks” because they don’t meet the guidelines. The local Fuel Fund, which operates out of the Danielson United Methodist Church, relies totally on private funding from the community. Please consider making a donation to this year’s Fuel Campaign by sending a check marked Fuel Fund to the Killingly-Brooklyn Interfaith Council, Box 844, Danielson, CT 06239. Any donation would be appreciated. Thank you in advance.

*Margaret M. Weaver Killingly Municipal Historian, November 2018 For additional information email me at [margaretmweaver@gmail.com](mailto:margaretmweaver@gmail.com) or visit the Killingly Historical & Genealogical Center Wed. or Sat. 10-4 or [www.killinglyhistorical.org](http://www.killinglyhistorical.org). or call 860-779-7250. Like us at Facebook at [www.facebook.com/killinglyhistoricalsociety](http://www.facebook.com/killinglyhistoricalsociety). Mail for the Killingly Historical & Genealogical Society, Inc. or the Killingly Historical and Genealogical Center should be sent to PO Box 265, Danielson, Connecticut 06329.*

## FINANCE

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the documents and save them on your computer, flash drive, or any other storage system. You should also check your trash and sent folders to be sure that they are deleted regularly.

It is critical to use a strong password. Using a strong password makes it more difficult for intruders to access your accounts. A strong password has at least 8 characters and contains a mixture of numbers, upper- and lowercase letters, and special characters. Hear more about some protection strategies by going to [www.whzwealth.com/air](http://www.whzwealth.com/air) which include password managers and other steps you can take to protect yourself in the digital age.

E-mail don’ts: Don’t Check your e-mail on a public Wi-Fi network. Hackers have ways to sniff out your activity more easily on public networks so that they can read your e-mails, dig around in your account, and even see what you enter for your password when you log in.

Another easy thing to do is using the same password for different accounts. This is a big email don’t, because the risk is even greater if this one password is compromised. When you open an online account with a company, the company will likely use your e-mail address as your username for the account. Because so many organizations follow this practice, if a cyber-criminal were to obtain your personal e-mail address, he or she could be a giant step closer to accessing your “world.” He or she might then attempt to crack your password and break into your various online accounts. Play it safe and create a different password for each online account you open!

Use multifactor authentication: Although a strong password is your first line of defense against hackers, a username with a strong password may not be enough to ward off criminals whose tools and tactics are becoming more sophisticated by the day. That’s where multifactor authentication can come into play. It adds another layer of verification. After logging in with your username and password, a code will be sent to your smartphone, which you need to provide before you can access your account. So even if your

username and password are compromised, unless a hacker has your phone, he or she couldn’t readily access your e-mail account!

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## LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

### Woodstock reader supports Coderre

After reading Cynthia Dunne’s letter to the editor, all I can say is what a cheap, low shot at David Coderre, days before the election. Yes he was involved in a messy divorce which he admitted. Divorces can be messy and both parties emotions can run high especially where there are children involved. We don’t know all the circumstances involved and getting a restraining order against anyone is one of the simplest things to do. My concern is that Ms. Dunne’s letter reminds me of the Democrats smear campaign against Judge Kavanaugh’s hearing and this happened eight years ago. The political ads up to now have been clean up to now but unfortunately it has to end on a bad note — shame on Ms. Dunne.

TOM PANDOLFI  
WOODSTOCK

*(Editor’s note: Coderre acknowledged the arrests, two for disorderly conduct and one for violating a restraining order in 2011, and one for willful trespass at the Rhode Island home of his ex-wife in May 2017. The first three arrests, which occurred in Connecticut during the five-month period between January and May 2011, were erased after Coderre completed a court-mandated family violence program. The fourth arrest was dismissed in 3rd District Court in Warwick, R.I., in June 2017.)*

### America is in crisis

Trump’s total lack of compassion for immigrants is appalling. Blaming the record numbers of people who are fleeing violence and poverty in Central America on Democrats is just untrue and wrong. Spending our tax dollars to send an army to stop these people is wrong, we should use our tax money for, feeding, housing and humanely treating these people and vetting them to see if they can qualify as legal immigrants. Acting as a country like this

is turning us back to the unjust hysteria against Japanese citizens in WWII, the Chinese Exclusion Act, the refusal of entry to Holocaust escapees during WWII. We are a better people, we are caring and giving, and we need to stand for the values that have made us a great nation not for hatred, division, and suffering.

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### WHAT VETERAN’S DAY MEANS TO ME

U.S. ARMY RESERVES 1972-76 U.S. ARMY ACTIVE DUTY 1976-1979

## “Three Letters”

ROMEO A. BLACKMAR

When I was asked if I would like to write the Veteran’s Day Message for the Villager this year, I was completely caught off guard. “Why me?” My immediate reaction was, “what did I do to deserve this honor?” I wasn’t a combat veteran. I never served overseas, my active duty time was spent stateside. What qualified me to share my feelings about Veterans Day?

I have always had this feeling that unless I served during wartime or in some far off country, I really didn’t deserve those “thank you for your service” accolades from my fellow citizens. But that all changed back a couple of years ago when I visited the Danielson Veterans Coffeehouse in my “official capacity” as President of the Putnam Lions Club, to present a check in support of the “real Veterans” assembled there. That was where my eyes were opened to the reality that when anyone takes that solemn oath to “preserve, protect and defend the United States of America against all enemies, foreign and domestic,” we are signing what amounts to a “blank check” to Uncle Sam that says we will give whatever it takes, up to and including our lives, should we be called upon to do so.

And now here it is. Forty years ago I was serving as the Basic Combat Training (BCT) Company Commander of Delta Company, 3rd Brigade 3rd Battalion Ft. Dix, New Jersey. I had been on active duty since March of 1976, attending the Infantry Officer’s Basic Course at Ft. Benning Georgia and was assigned as the Executive Officer of Delta Company in June of 1976.

In the spring of 1978, just prior to shedding my 2nd Lt. “Butter Bars” (because they were gold colored, not that they melted easily under pressure as I was told) I assumed command of

the Delta 3-3, the “Delta Demons”!

Shortly after the first basic training company I commanded, I received the following letter from the Mother of a soldier who graduated: Letter #1  
May 3, 1978

Dear Lieut. Blackmar,  
We attended Kevin’s graduation ceremonies for basic training last Thursday and were happy to see how much he liked being in the Army. Seeing him smile as much as he did that day was evidence of it since he usually tries to put on a serious face. I know he likes being part of a team effort and he must be getting satisfaction from what he is doing. Thank you for a pleasant day and for helping our son.

Sincerely,  
Mrs. D.

Letter #2The second letter I received came in a bright green envelope addressed to: Commander Ft. Dix, N.J. 08640. That was it! In pencil on the side of the envelope was the word “Locator”. Amazing! It was post marked Oct. 18 PM 1978 from Flat River, MO. 63601. This is some of what was said:

Sir, Tuesday  
Oct. 17, 1978

My husband has sent me letters and called his parents saying that he hasn’t received any letters from me! I have mailed him 5 letters! I mailed one Oct. 7th, 11th, 13th, 14th, and the 16th. I have one that will be mailed tomorrow. I don’t understand why he hasn’t received my letters!... Here’s the part that really got to me...In my last letter that I received from him he asked me if I had decided that 2 months were too long to wait and maybe I decided not to wait for him and had found someone else!...Please tell my husband that I’ll always wait for him!!

You see, Sir, I love my husband very



much. I am carrying his child, now and it hurts me that he hasn’t received any of my letters...If you could see that he gets this letter and put his mind to rest that I am still waiting for him to return to me I would be forever grateful! Thank you very much, Mrs. R.J.W

No matter if a service member is 300 or 30,000 miles away from home they are making sacrifices that many of their fellow citizens would never understand, like this young soldier’s wife. I responded to her letter after calling her husband to my office and explained the situation.

Here is letter # 3 from Mrs. R.J.W. This one was actually addressed to me, but the Post Locator had to write D-3-3 in red ink on the envelope. Date stamped Nov. 2, 1978.

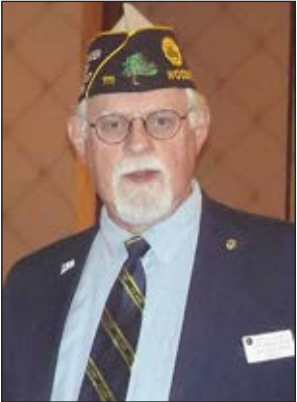
Dear Sir,  
I just wanted to write a short note and thank you for caring. I received your letter yesterday and have a lot of faith in the Army. I just wanted you

to know that I really appreciated your concern and I proud that my husband is a part of a branch of the service that takes such an interest in the well-being of both the enlisted men and their family. Again I thank you for your letter and I feel a lot better after receiving it. I also want to thank you for having the patience to put up with a too overly-worried wife. My husband has just two more weeks of Basic and I will never forget the help, concern and interest you have at Fort Dix.  
Thank You Again,  
Mrs. RJW

Forty years later.  
Why have I been carrying those three letters around for so long? I believe there are no coincidences in life. I have those “Three Letters” as a constant reminder, not only do service members make sacrifices, so do Moms, Dads, brothers, sisters, wives, husbands and their children. To all the families and my fellow Veterans, Happy Veteran’s Day and thank you for all your sacrifices.



Todd Smith CT Army National Guard Woodstock, CT



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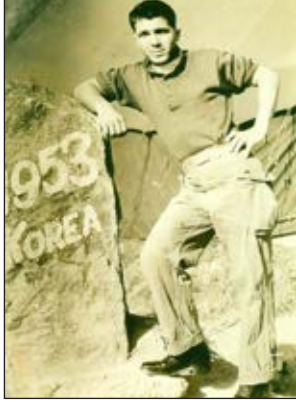
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THOMPSON – The Thompson Rod & Gun Club has turkey shoots every Sunday. According to Jim Czernicki of the Trap Committee, the Turkey Shoot is a great way to win a frozen turkey depending on who shoots a numbered target the closest to the cross hairs. For Gun Club members, this is also a great way to raise money for the club and spend an afternoon together.

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A Westview Halloween celebration

## A WESTVIEW HALLOWEEN

DAYVILLE — Creatures of the night, superheroes and adorable critters were among the many colorful characters that wandered the halls of Westview Health Care Center on Oct. 31, for the annual Halloween party and trick or treating extravaganza.

Residents, patients, staff and family members were temporarily transformed into festive characters for the day while they enjoyed entertainment and refreshments in the facility’s formal dining room. The Still Pickin Trio, a country-western band from Chaplin played a variety of bluegrass, old timey and country music for the festive crowd while they partook in Halloween-inspired treats. Following the musical entertainment, residents returned to their rooms to greet and distribute candy to the children, grandchildren and great grandchildren of Westview employees who were invited to trick or treat throughout the facility.

“We’re so grateful to all the families of our residents and caregivers that join us during our annual event,” said David T. Panteleakos, Administrator. “Halloween is always a memorable day here at Westview. Our residents and staff go above and beyond in creating an atmosphere of lighthearted celebration.”

## Veterans tribute to honor area trio

PUTNAM — The Mayotte-Viens American Legion Post #13 of Putnam will once again remember area veterans on Veterans Day by recognizing three local veterans from different conflicts at its annual “Veterans Tribute and Celebrity Bartender Night” on Sunday, Nov. 11 at The Black Dog Bar and Grille in Putnam. The evening’s events begin at 4 p.m. with the special veterans’ tribute taking place at approximately 6 p.m.

The honorees this year are World War II and Korean War Merchant Marine and Army veteran Peter Trama of Putnam, Vietnam War Army vet Charlie Leach, also a Putnam resident, and Dr. Michael Therrien, a cardiologist and Air Force veteran who served in the Middle East in the Iraq War. The ceremony honoring the trio is the centerpiece of the evening.

According to Post #13 Commander Alan Joslin the evening begins at 4 p.m. when three presidents of the Putnam Business Association, Matt Desaulnier, Jeff Rawson and Earl Rosebrooks join Gary Osbrey of WINY for the first hour behind the bar.

The group will be followed Craig Gates owner of The Black Dog, Putnam Bank President Tom Borner, Denny Gates, Chelsea Cormier and Nick Deojay. Greeting friends behind the bar at 5:30 p.m. is the group that includes local music and stage stars Linda Colangelo and Laura Crosetti who’ll be joined by former Red Sox catcher Roger LaFrancois and

QVCC President Carlee Drummer.

The Shaw contingent of Jim, Kevin and Kevin’s daughter Sarah Bentley and Chuck Bentley will jump behind the bar from 6:30 p.m. to 7:15 p.m. The final hour of the evening will see the husband/wife team of Mary Jane and Jack Burke of Killingly, and Jason St. Onge of G-Seven Caterers serving libations with former Post Commander and current Putnam Mayor Norman “Barney” Seney. Veteran advocates Fred Ruhlemann and Annie Hill will also be working.

“This promises to be a spectacular evening filled with spirit and emotion. It’s an honor to recognize our veterans every year. It’s recognition that’s long overdue,” said Post #13 Commander Joslin.

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

Trama was a member of the Merchant Marines during World War II from 1943 to 1951, ferrying fuel and supplies to the troops in the European and Pacific Theaters. He was later drafted into the Army, where he served two years, during the Korean Conflict. Leach who was discharged from the Army as a Warrant Officer in 1986, spent 12 months in Vietnam at Long Binh and Tay Ninh as a signalman with the 25th Infantry Division. Dr. Michael Therrien enlisted in the Air Force at the age of 53 in 2008 when the military expe-

rienced a shortage of physicians. Following intensive stateside training he was deployed to Air Force Theater Hospital at Joint Base Balad in support of Operation Iraqi Freedom, where he treated critical care patients.

There is no admission and the program is open to the public. The proceeds from the evening, which include tips for the bartenders, a super raffle and auction, benefit the Post #13 charity efforts and programs. The Post provides Americanism programs in the Putnam Elementary School, an oratorical contest in the high school, sponsors young men to Boys’ State, supports the TriTown American Legion Baseball Program, provides a scholarship to a high school senior and a veteran at Quinebaug Valley Community College and offers assistance during the holidays to a veteran’s family. The “Hometown Hero” banner project and the flags on the World War I Veterans Memorial Bridge are also part of the Post’s funding programs.

“Our Post is an integral part of the Putnam community. We accept our responsibility of being a good citizen and helping others,” said Joslin.

The organizing committee is spearheaded by Immediate Past Commander Ronald P. Coderre and includes Commander Joslin and his wife Jo-Anne, Dee Carnahan, Brian Maynard, Michael Vassar, Victor Kratz, Donald Steinbrick and Eric Quinn.

## Panteleakos is Westview employee of the month



Michael Panteleakos

DAYVILLE — Michael Panteleakos has been selected as Westview Health Care Center’s Employee of the Month for October. Panteleakos works in the financial department at the facility as the Director of Billing and Fiscal Services Program Management Development.

“We have so many great people that work at Westview and to be selected as ‘Employee of the Month’ is very special,” Panteleakos said.

He believes that he arrived at his professional calling by being a persistent problem solver.

“I like to find the best way to help things to operate, specifically, business systems in this case. Whether that’s finding improvements on a daily, monthly, or annual basis—it’s my way of contributing to the overall success of the organization. We all work together towards Westview’s ultimate goal of delivering excellent patient care and great customer service,” he said.

Panteleakos is a native of Northeast Connecticut and is now raising his three young children in the area with his wife Molly. There were only a few years when he was earning an education at UConn and subsequently pursuing some of his first career steps in the Worcester that he was absent from the area. Panteleakos’s affinity for his home town is due to many of his interests and extracurricular activities that connect him to the quiet corner. For him, this means connecting with his large extended family throughout Connecticut, running through this area’s idyllic New England neighborhoods and woodlands, perfecting his golf game at one of his favorite regional courses, and continuing his family legacy in a place connected to his own history.

“Panteleakos is an outstanding manager and leader here at Westview,” said Donna LaHaie, Westview’s Director of Finance. “He works hard, he is dedicated and he provides a great example for others to emulate. Being named as employee of the month is a very well deserved acknowledgment for Michael.”

## Zahansky attends Wall Street Council reception



Courtesy photo

Jim Zahansky, left, attended a Wall Street Council meeting in October.

NEW YORK — Jim Zahansky, Principal and Managing Partner at Weiss, Hale & Zahansky Strategic Wealth Advisors, was in attendance at Bryant University’s annual Wall Street Council reception this October, engaging with leaders from the wealth

management industry and connecting with students aspiring to work in financial services. Since his appointment to Bryant’s Wall Street Council in 2017, Jim Zahansky has been an active member in this network of alumni, parents and friends, sharing ideas and connections in the financial services industry.

“I look forward to this meeting every year as it’s an opportunity to network with financial services executives throughout the world and bring back learnings to our clients and our organization. We use this network to share ideas, discuss innovation, and enhance our Plan Well, Invest Well, Live Well process,” Zahansky said.

Zahansky said his ongoing membership in the Wall Street Council reflects Weiss, Hale & Zahansky’s expertise and commitment to excellence in wealth management.



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POMFRET COMMUNITY SCHOOL

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November 13 Tuesday -- Brunch for Lunch, French Toast Sticks, Egg Patty, Tater Tots, Grape Tomatoes, Assorted Fruits, Milk. Breakfast: Mini Pancakes  
November 14, Wednesday -- Toasted Cheese Sandwich. It's National Pickle Day! Vegetarian Baked Beans, Sweet Potato Fries, Served with a Pickle Assorted Fruits, Milk. Breakfast: Breakfast Pastry  
November 15, Thursday -- Beef and Cheese Taco Boat, Zesty Tomato Salsa, Sweet Steamed Corn, Seasoned Rice, Assorted Fruits, Milk. Breakfast: Mini Waffles  
November 16, Friday -- Lasagna Roll Up Topped

w/ Meat Sauce and Cheese, Garden Salad, Assorted Fruits, Milk.  
Breakfast: Egg and Cheese

PUTNAM ELEMENTARY SCHOOL AND PUTNAM MIDDLE SCHOOL

November 12, Monday -- NO SCHOOL  
November 13 Tuesday -- Zesty orange popcorn or plain chicken rice bowl, WG chicken bites tossed in an orange glaze served over a bed of brown rice and broccoli  
November 14, Wednesday -- WG mozzarella sticks with zesty marinara sauce, WG pasta, seasoned carrots  
November 15, Thursday -- Thanksgiving feast: roast turkey with gravy, creamy mashed potatoes, seasoned corn, cornbread stuffing, cranberry sauce, WG special cookie.  
November 16, Friday -- Putnam Special Pizza -- assorted fresh toppings on home-made whole wheat pizza dough, fresh garden salad with cherry tomatoes and cucumbers

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November 12, Monday -- NO SCHOOL, VETERANS DAY  
November 13 Tuesday -- Meatball grinder, green beans, fruit, milk.  
November 14, Wednesday -- Popcorn chicken, whipped potato, corn, fruit, milk  
November 15, Thursday -- Roast turkey, stuffing, cranberry sauce, butter nut squash, fruit, milk.  
November 16, Friday -- Pizza, spinach salad, fruit, milk.

WOODSTOCK MIDDLE SCHOOL

November 12, Monday -- NO SCHOOL, VETERANS DAY  
November 13 Tuesday -- Meatball grinder, green beans, fruit, milk.  
November 14, Wednesday -- Popcorn chicken, whipped potato, corn, fruit, milk.  
November 15, Thursday -- Roast turkey, stuffing/ cranberry sauce, butternut squash, fruit, milk  
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# School based health clinic in Putnam

PUTNAM — The Putnam Public School System, in collaboration with Generations Family Health Center, recently announced the expansion of the district's school-based health clinic into Putnam High School. For the last five years, the Putnam School District and Generations Family Health Center have collaborated to provide medical, dental and behavioral health services at both Putnam Elementary School and Putnam Middle School.

The high school clinic will only provide behavioral health care. Clinical social workers provided by Generations will staff the school-based clinic at Putnam High School. Based on the needs of students, the existing school based health clinic shared by both elementary and middle schools has begun to transition over to providing just dental and behavior health services. Families of the children who have previously received medical care have been notified of this change. Nationally, one in five students in all schools have experienced some form of trauma that interferes with learning.

This is a wonderful opportunity to provide additional services to our students. Students today face a multitude of challenges caused by trauma and the complexities of modern society. The high school health clinic builds on a great relationship that already exists between Putnam Public Schools and Generations Family Health Center. Due to our success, several school districts have contacted us, as well as visited us, to see what we are doing," said Superintendent William Hull.

## PUBLIC MEETINGS

### PUTNAM

**Tuesday, Nov. 13**  
Special Services District, 7 p.m., Putnam High School

### THOMPSON

**Monday, Nov. 12**  
Zoning Board of Appeals, 7 p.m., Town Hall

**Tuesday, Nov. 13**  
Housing Authority, 5:15 p.m., Housing Authority  
Board of Education, 7 p.m., Thompson Middle School  
Inland Wetlands Commission, 7 p.m., Town Hall  
Water Pollution Control Authority, 7 p.m., WPCA Treatment Plant

**Wednesday, Nov. 14**  
Building Committee, 6 p.m., Thompson Middle School

**Thursday, Nov. 15**  
Library Board of Trustees, 2 p.m., Library

Board of Finance, 7 p.m., Library

### WOODSTOCK

**Tuesday, Nov. 13**  
Board of Finance, 7 p.m., Town Hall  
ZBA, 7 p.m., Town Hall

**Wednesday, Nov. 14**  
Quasset School, 4 p.m., Town Hall  
Garden Club, 6:30 p.m., Town Hall

**Thursday, Nov. 15**  
Board of Selectmen, 7 p.m., Town Hall  
Planning & Zoning, 7:30 p.m., Town Hall

### POMFRET

**Tuesday, Nov. 13**  
EPDC, 9 a.m., Town Hall

Economic Planning & Development Commission, 8 a.m., Pomfret Community/Senior Center  
Board of Finance, 6:30 p.m., Town Hall  
Recreation Commission, 7 p.m., Pomfret Community School  
Library Board of Trustees, 7 p.m., Pomfret Public Library








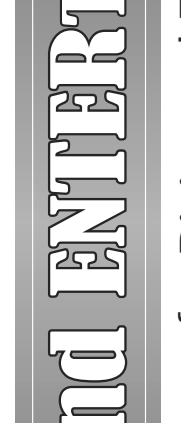


**Wednesday, Nov. 14**  
Board of Education, 6:30 p.m., Pomfret Community School

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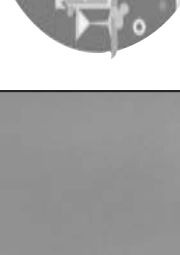

**Tuesday, Nov. 13**  
Planning Commission, 7 p.m., Town Office Building

**Wednesday, Nov. 14**  
Registrar of Voters, 5 p.m., Town Office Building  
Board of Selectmen, 7 p.m., Town Office Building  
Special Town Meeting, 7 p.m., Town Office Building

**Thursday, Nov. 15**  
Inland Wetlands & Watercourses Commission, 7 p.m., Town Office Building



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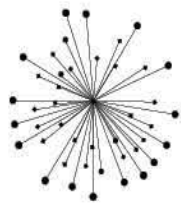
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DANIELSON

Saturday, Nov. 3

James Lantigua, 21, of 82 Franklin Street, Danielson, was charged with breach of peace and assault

Michael Leblanc, 47, of 82C Franklin Street, Danielson, was charged with breach of peace and assault

PUTNAM

Thursday, Nov. 1

Jude Abellard, 44, of 90 Powhattan Street, Putnam, was charged with possession of narcotics and possession of narcotics with intent to sell

Michael King, 62, of 90 Powhattan Street, Putnam, was charged with possession of narcotics

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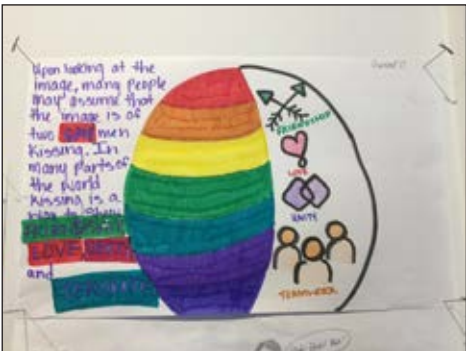


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Pomfret School art exhibit at Silver Circle

PUTNAM – Pomfret School’s art exhibit in downtown Putnam’s Silver Circle Art Gallery is a study in the school’s social landscape throughout the years. Recognized social justice artist and former Pomfret teacher David Brewster, alongside Pomfret’s junior class, created a collection of multimedia pieces that showcase the school’s shifting social landscape, which has changed since its founding days. Titled “125 Years Of Social Change, 1894-2019,” the exhibit is the students’ interpretation of the issues surrounding racial inclusion, coeducation, gender and class. It was done in conjunction with the school’s QUEST Social Justice and Diversity pillar, which allowed the students to build greater empathy for the individuals that opened up doors before their time.

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## Pride seniors aiming for winning season



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Quinebaug Valley senior Matt Fitzpatrick rushed for 148 yards and two touchdowns in a win over Wilcox Tech last weekend. Quinebaug Valley needs two wins in its final two games to finish with a winning season. The Pride finish out the season with a game on Thanksgiving Eve at St. Marie Greenhalgh Complex in Putnam.

BY CHARLIE LENTZ  
VILLAGER EDITOR

PUTNAM — It’s been three years since the Quinebaug Valley Pride finished with a winning record and a group of talented seniors are determined to change that tune.

“This is like the last act of a good band,” said Quinebaug Valley coach Joe Asermelly. “You want to see how good of a show they can put on. I’m excited for what these guys can do these last two games. We’re gelling and I’m really curious how good they can be.”

After going 4-6 last year and 2-8 in the 2016 campaign — the Pride’s seniors have their goal in sight. Quinebaug Valley evened its record to 4-4 with a 43-32 over Wilcox Tech last Saturday in Meriden. With two games remaining on their schedule the Pride must win out to finish above .500.

“The guys are hungry. They want to finish strong,” Asermelly said. “We said we want to go 3-0 in November. We’ve got to finish strong. It’s special group.”

Senior running back Matt Fitzpatrick led the charge against Wilcox Tech on Nov. 3. He finished with 148 yards and two touchdowns on 22 carries.

“Stats really do tell the story. Matt Fitzpatrick had a big game for us. He was a consistent threat for all four quarters,” Asermelly said. “On defense he had a sack, two tackles for loss. He just keeps getting better and better at becoming a good running back. He keeps turning in better and better performances.”

Senior quarterback Josh Dodd threw for 236 yards and four touchdowns. Senior receiver Jeff Reed made four catches for 36 yards and two touchdowns against Wilcox Tech.

“Jeff Reed is just a great red zone target for Dodd. He goes up, catches the ball strong in his hands, never pins it on his body. Always high points the ball. Just a big target, great hands, once again he was an ace in the red zone for us,” Asermelly said.

Senior receiver Jamie Talbot made four catches for 166 yards and two touchdowns against Wilcox Tech. The Pride must win their last two games to achieve their goal of a winning season and Asermelly said his seniors want to achieve that goal badly.

“I think it’s very important. They certainly see themselves as winners and we have to go out and earn that title,” Asermelly said. “It’s very very important because we have a group of seniors that want to finish the season as winners and I think we will do just that.”

Quinebaug Valley has a bye this weekend and then travels to Housatonic High School to face MCW United on Saturday, Nov. 17. The MCW contest will be the Pride’s third-straight road game.

“Three road games in a row is starting to catch up to the guys a little bit,” Asermelly said. “There’s a little bit of fatigue.”

The Pride return home to face Thames River in the season finale on Thanksgiving Eve — on Wednesday, Nov. 21, with kickoff scheduled for 6 p.m. at St. Marie Greenhalgh Complex in Putnam.

“I think the players are really excited for the Thanksgiving game. I think they’ve been talking about it ever since it was announced in the off-season that we’d be playing on Thanksgiving Eve,” Asermelly said. “It was a really close game last year and we’re looking forward to that kind of finale to the end of the season.”

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Last season Thames River defeated Quinebaug Valley 42-30 and Asermelly said the rivalry has become a good one between the two schools. Thames River was 4-3 through its first seven games this season.

“Thames River is playing well right now. That’s a good rivalry for us, the River Valley Classic as it’s been dubbed,”

Asermelly said. “We’re excited for that game, bringing our best to their best.”

Asermelly expects an enthusiastic crowd in Putnam at St. Marie Greenhalgh Complex for the Thanksgiving Eve game.

“Putnam is a very proud town and they have a great tradition,” Asermelly said. “We’ve had to adapt to play on Thanksgiving Eve but it’s really well supported in Putnam and I think our players — who

come from all the towns across the Quiet Corner — we’re a co-op so we get players from the whole area. Being the only team playing on Thanksgiving from this area, I think it’s really going to be a special night.”

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Quinebaug Valley senior receiver Jeff Reed has become a prime target for the Pride.



# Woodstock boys use power of positive thinking



Charlie Lentz photo

Woodstock Academy's Nathan Craig, dark jersey, and Prince Tech's Salvatore LaPira go after the ball on Tuesday, Nov. 6, at Bentley Athletic Complex in Woodstock.

BY CHARLIE LENTZ  
VILLAGER EDITOR

WOODSTOCK — Woodstock Academy's Ethan Holcomb knows the difference between winning and losing can be one bad bounce, one missed tackle, one mistake. Woodstock was suffering those misfortunes over its first five games — going 1-3-1 to start the season. But a funny thing happened on

the way to a losing campaign — the Centaurs started believing they were winners. A mind is a terrible thing to waste and since Woodstock adopted a winning attitude the turnaround has been striking. After losing to Ledyard in the fifth game of the season on Sept. 19, Woodstock won 12 of its next 15 games — going 12-2-1. Belief and desire were part of the win-

ning equation. "That's huge because if you want it more you can muscle out a goal and just defend for the next few minutes or however long it takes," said Holcomb, a senior. "You've just got to believe sometimes and it'll come through." During their run since losing to Ledyard the Centaurs won six games by just one goal. The victories in tight games were indicative of a team that knows how to win. "We've just cut our mistakes. At the beginning of the year we made stupid simple mistakes," Holcomb said. "Trying to complicate it too much, not simple enough. Now we're moving the ball much better, working as a team a lot better." Woodstock coach Paul Reardon saw confidence growing game by game and recognized the ingredients that contributed to the winning stretch. "Belief — just discipline, keeping our shape. And we're starting to take our chances. We made chances in those early games that we were losing but we weren't taking the chances. One-goal games, when you start taking chances you end up winning rather than losing them," said Reardon,

in his third season. "As the results started to turn the boys haven't looked back. Every game they've grown a belief, it just carried on progressing. It's been great to see." The coach said the mental aspect of the game is just as important as skill and conditioning. "That's the most important thing for me in any sport. If you believe you're a good player you've got to go out and prove it. But you've got to believe that you can do your job and you've to be able to run 'round and look who's alongside you on the field and believe that they can do their job," Reardon said. "Once you've got that your ability can kick in. I'd bad rather have somebody who's going to give me 110 percent every game than somebody who's got all the tricks and flicks but will only give you 50 percent." During their turnaround over the 15-game stretch since the Ledyard loss the Centaurs (13-5-2 through 20 matches) captured the championship of the Eastern Connecticut Conference Division I Tournament (beating top-seeded Stonington 2-1 in the semi-finals and defeating East Lyme 2-0 in the title game), earned a share of the Eastern Connecticut Conference Division II regular season title, and capped the run at Bentley Athletic Complex on Tuesday, Nov. 6, with a 4-0 victory over Prince Tech/University co-op in the opening round of the CIAC Class L state tournament. With each accomplishment the Centaurs gained confidence. "When we got the (ECC regular season ) joint championship, division championship, it was able to turn around," Reardon said. "You can only say you're doing well so many times after losing and tying games. But when you've got a banner, even though it's shared banner, when you've got something to show for it, there's something tangible there. We just won that. We got confidence from that." Woodstock parlayed its regular season ECC title into a run in the ECC Tournament. "As we went into the ECC Tournament you could see that confidence growing. We beat a really good Bacon team (in the opening round) and then obviously in the semifinal we beat a really, really good Stonington team," Reardon said. "You beat Bacon and Stonington in two

games — if you don't believe after that you're a good team it's not worth playing." Holcomb scored two goals and Reid Butler and Eric Phongsas each scored one goal in 13th-seeded Woodstock's victory over 20th-seeded Prince Tech/University. Alejandro Quintas-Gonzalez notched two assists in the win over the Tigers (7-7-3). The victory advanced the Centaurs to a Class L second-round match against fourth-seeded Bassick High of Bridgeport (12-2-2). The coach was pleased that his seniors are finishing their careers on a high note. "Fantastic for the likes of Ethan (Holcomb) who puts it in every game and has done for the three years that I've been here. Cole Hackett, who for me is the best player in this conference by a long, long way. For them to have something tangible, to say 'We've done this. We've achieved something.' Chase (Anderson) — the same, who puts his body on the line every game. I could go through all the seniors, exactly the same," Reardon said. "It's a great group of kids who've given me 110 percent every game for three years now. And it's great to see them being able to walk away with that achievement." Holcomb savored the achievements in his final season of high school soccer. "It feels amazing. My freshmen year we made it to the ECC finals as an 11th seed but we lost it 3-0. It was a bummer my freshmen year because we were there and we saw it. It feels good to get back to the (ECC Tournament final) and actually win it," Holcomb said. Reardon had a new predicament at season's end, trying to put a harness on overconfidence — few would have believed the coach's conundrum two months ago. "Now it's the opposite. It's trying to keep their feet on the ground," said Reardon after the win over Prince Tech on Tuesday. "You've got to remember the hard work that got you into the ECC final and won the final. You can't turn your back on that and start thinking you're superstars. You've got to carry on working."

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Woodstock's James Phongsas, dark jersey, and Prince Tech's Dylan Errico compete on Tuesday.

## Killingly Redgals snap home playoff drought

BY CHARLIE LENTZ  
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DAYVILLE — Before last Monday night no one on Killingly High's roster was old enough to remember the last time the Redgals played host to a state tournament game. But in their first home playoff in 15 years the Redgals broke that long drought beneath a steady rain. The raindrops couldn't dampen the evening as 14th-seeded Killingly defeated 19th-seeded East Haven 5-0 in the opening round of the Class L girls soccer state tournament at Killingly High School. "It was awesome because everyone's been saying it's been 15 years since we've had a home state game," said sophomore forward Abbie Burgess. "So I just think it's really a blessing to be able play here." Burgess was apparently so thankful she scored three goals to lead the Redgals past the Yellowjackets 5-0 on Nov. 5. Burgess tallied at 11:34 of the first half to give Killingly early momentum. "It just set up everything, all the momentum for all of us to get everything together, have more confidence," said Burgess of her first score. Coach Jim Lackner said it was important to score the first goal on a rain-soaked field. "Especially on a field like this. We put one in now (East Haven) has to push, push numbers up a little bit and we can

counter and we did a couple times," Lackner said. "Scoring the first goal was huge." Lackner said the team worked hard to get its home tourney match. Killingly defeated Ledyard 3-2 in double overtime on Oct. 24 in its regular season finale. The win over Ledyard might have made the difference in getting the Redgals a home playoff game. "First time in 15 years we've had a home state game. It's fantastic. The girls have worked so hard this year. Couple times we thought it was going to slip away. Ledyard, we had to come back from trailing 2-0 to win a game in double overtime and that kind of gave us the chance to have a home state game. The girls worked so hard and they deserve it." Burgess added two second-half goals to complete her hat trick. Taylor Jax and Jasmine Alvord each scored one goal in the second half. Haylee Chester notched an assist for Killingly. The Redgals dominated possession and outshot East Haven 16-4. Killingly goalkeeper Taylyn Lemoine made two saves. East Haven keeper Angelina Munoz made five saves. The win lifted Killingly's record to 12-7 overall. Killingly finished 7-9-2 last season and Burgess has led the turnaround, scoring 19 goals to lead the Redgals in scoring this season. She said the team has gelled this season.



Charlie Lentz photo

Killingly's Abbie Burgess controls the ball against East Haven on Monday, Nov. 5, at Killingly High School. Burgess scored three goals in Killingly's 5-0 win.

"We just have more cohesion on the team. We just all click well, one big happy family," Burgess said. "Last year we kind of had that but not as much as we do this year. We just all work well together." Lackner said it took hard work to achieve their goal. "Girls just working hard, we brought a lot of girls back. They work

together. They never quit. It's a great group of girls to coach," said Lackner, in his fourth season at the helm. "The girls are on the same page. Defensively we struggled last year, we gave up 48 goals. We've given up 21 less goals this year. Lackner expects the Redgals fortunes to keep improving. "We're going to lose

four seniors who play a bit," Lackner said. "We have some good talent. We have some good talent coming up. We should be pretty competitive the next few years." The loss ended East Haven's season with a record of 7-7-3. The win advanced the Redgals to a second-round game against third-seeded Watertown (13-1-2). Before Monday night

no one on Killingly's roster could remember the last time the Redgals played host to a state tournament game — now they all can say they do. "It's just amazing," Burgess said. Charlie Lentz may be reached at (860) 928-1818, ext. 110, or by e-mail at [charlie@villagernews-papers.com](mailto:charlie@villagernews-papers.com).



# Redmen's home playoff hopes hinge on NFA



File photo

Killingly High's Derek Turner gained a career-best 145 yards against Trinity Catholic last weekend. Killingly's hopes for a home playoff game hinge on this Friday's game against Norwich Free Academy.

**BY CHARLIE LENTZ**  
VILLAGER EDITOR

DAYVILLE — Senior fullback Derek Turner rushed for a career-best 145 yards and one touchdown in Killingly High's 34-15 win over Trinity Catholic in Stamford last weekend, helping to keep the Redmen ranked fourth in Class M. Now Killingly faces Norwich Free Academy this Friday night with the outcome likely determining whether the Redmen will play host to a playoff game in the opening round of the Class M state tournament.

"It's big in terms of the playoff picture for us and the amount of bonus points and points altogether," said Killingly coach Chad Neal. "If we want a home game we've got to win Friday night."

The win over Trinity Catholic on Nov. 2 lifted the Redmen's record to 7-1. A win over NFA will solidify Killingly's ranking among the top four teams in Class M and mean the Redmen will likely host a quarterfinal game when the state playoffs begin on Tuesday, Nov. 27. The game against NFA will be key.

"This being a double-L school, you're going to get the 20 bonus points from Class M plus whatever wins they have. So this would be huge in getting a home game in the

playoffs if we win Friday night," said Neal.

Neal could not overstate the importance of staying home for the first round of the football playoffs.

"Being home in the playoffs, especially in the first round and definitely in the second round is a huge advantage for a team not to have to go on the road. Especially where we're located, there's not going to be many teams in Eastern Connecticut making the playoffs, so having a home game is an advantage. Likewise, if we don't, we're going to be traveling," Neal said.

In the win over Trinity Catholic on Nov. 2, Turner rushed for 145 yards and one touchdown on 18 carries.

"I thought he, at times, carried us offensive and really ran hard. Even defensively, was just all over the field," said Neal. "He probably had the best game of his career and really carried us on his back at times."

Turner is a selfless player and coach Neal said it was nice to see him rewarded as his high school career nears its conclusion.

"Any time you get a kid that works that hard and prepares that hard — to have a night like he did, we knew he was capable of it. He's not going to wow anybody with his speed. But he's going to

be physical and tough to bring down," Neal said.

Turner has been willing to line up wherever he's asked.

"He's unselfish. You look, even last year, some games he played offensive line for us. And then fullback, some games he's 'D' line, linebacker. Now we're asking a little bit more of him, carrying the ball, just because of losing Tyler (Cournoyer) and what teams are going to give us, taking away the tailback," Neal said. "If he can run like he did the other night it just gives us another weapon to throw at teams."

Junior tailback Jackson Lopes rushed for 143 yards and one touchdown on 26 carries against Trinity Catholic. Like Turner, Lopes has gotten more carries since senior Tyler Cournoyer was lost for the season after tearing his anterior cruciate ligament against Stonington in the sixth game of the season on Oct. 12.

"I thought (Lopes) was tremendous. He had some great runs. I thought he was patient back there waiting for things to develop. His first run was a real big touchdown run. It was fourth down and we needed to score and it was about a 12-yard run and he brought it in for us," said Neal of Lopes. "He's coming along. He's getting more and more

carries. He's getting comfortable. The more experience he gets the better he becomes."

The loss of Cournoyer was a big one, through Killingly's first five games Cournoyer rushed for 413 yards on 37 carries with five touchdowns, averaging 11.2 yards per carry. He caught seven passes for 80 yards and one touchdown. Neal said the Redmen are compensating for the loss of Cournoyer and are peaking at the right time. Killingly had its running game in high gear against Trinity Catholic. Senior quarterback Luke Desaulnier rushed for 48 yards and two touch-



File photo

Killingly High's Jackson Lopes has become a featured runner in the Redmen's attack.

downs on 11 carries. The Redmen finished with 395 yards on the ground on 63 carries.

"I think you want to be playing your best football towards the end. Right now we're not very deep, that's a concern. But I think we are playing our best football," Neal said. "I think that the kids that were more inexperienced when the season started are now more seasoned and are picking up things a lot quicker and communicating a lot better."

The loss dropped Trinity Catholic's record to 1-7. NFA comes into this weekend's game against Killingly with a record of 5-3 and is coming off a 55-21 win over Waterford. Kickoff is scheduled for 6:30 p.m. on Friday, Nov. 9, at Killingly High School. Neal said the Redmen have their work cut out for them against NFA.

"I just think they spread you out, both vertically but also sideline to sideline. It puts a lot of pressure on their defense to cover space. Their quarterback (Elijah) Parker is tremendous, both with his legs and his

arm, so it's a problem. They've got a lot of guys you've got to account for," Neal said. "For us, we're really going to have to play sound football. I think we're going to have to tackle real well and make them earn everything they get."

While most of Killingly's starters play on both sides of the football, NFA has the luxury of a big roster.

"They're going to two platoons. They've got an offense — 11 guys on 'O'. Eleven guys on 'D'. Where we're going a lot of guys both ways. So the amount of time we get to spend in practice is about half of what they get," Neal said.

The Wildcats have a deep roster and Killingly must be prepared. The Redmen will have to do their homework if they want to stay at home come playoff time.

"For us it's going to be a test," Neal said.

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## HIGH SCHOOL ROUNDUP



File photo

Woodstock Academy's Heather Converse scored the lone goal in the Centaurs win over Plainfield in the ECC Division I Tournament championship game.

### WINDHAM 47, WOODSTOCK 0

WILLIMANTIC — The Whippets shut out the Centaurs in high school football on Thursday, Nov. 1, at Windham High School. The win lifted Windham's record to 5-2. The loss dropped Woodstock Academy's record to 1-7. The Centaurs are next scheduled to play host to Cromwell/Portland at 1 p.m. on Saturday, Nov. 10. Cromwell/Portland's record is 7-1 and the Panthers are coming off a 48-18 win on Nov. 1 over Morgan (3-5).

### WOODSTOCK 1, PLAINFIELD 0

EAST LYME — Heather Converse scored the match's lone goal in the 78th minute to lift the Centaurs girls soccer team past the Panthers in the championship game of the Eastern Connecticut Conference Division I Tournament on Nov. 1 at East Lyme High School. The win lifted Woodstock Academy's record to 16-1-2. The loss dropped Plainfield's record to 16-2.

### WOODSTOCK 2, EAST LYME 0

EAST LYME — Chase Anderson and Alex Quintas Gonzalez each scored one goal to help the Centaurs boys soccer team capture the championship of the ECC Division I Tournament on Nov. 1 at East Lyme High School. The win lifted Woodstock Academy's record to 12-5-2. The loss dropped East Lyme's record to 14-4-1.

### WOODSTOCK 3, EAST LYME 0

NORWICH — Maddy Gronski had 19 digs and was named Most Valuable Player in the undefeated Centaurs win over the Vikings in the volleyball championship match of the ECC Division I Tournament on Oct. 31 at Norwich Free Academy. Paula Hernandez had 16 kills and 20 digs and Natalie Low notched 15 kills for Woodstock Academy. The win lifted the Centaurs record to 21-0. The loss dropped East Lyme's record to 18-4.



Killingly's Nsaiah Harriet and his teammates rushed for 395 yards in a win against Trinity Catholic last weekend.



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# OBITUARIES

## Frank G. Slye, 81

POMFRET CENTER -- Frank G. Slye, 81, of Pomfret Center died on Wednesday, October 31, 2018 at Day Kimball Hospital in Putnam. Beloved husband of the late Hazel Edith Slye, she died in 2013. He was born August 8, 1937 in Putnam, son of the late Frank C. and Phoebe (Franklin) Slye.

He was the Tool Room Manager at Whitcraft, worked at Putnam Farmers Co-op, he had managed Citgo Gas Station and General Store in Pomfret and managed Hillmans in Pomfret. He also was a school bus driver for a little while. Frank was a Little League Coach for two generations of players. He liked to vacation in Maine with his wife, he loved farming and being with

his cows.

He leaves a son Frank C. Slye of Pomfret Center, one brother Jim Slye and his wife Marian of South Windsor, numerous nieces and nephews.

Frank was predeceased by his siblings Thomas C. Slye and Mable R. Harris.

In lieu of flowers donations maybe made to American Cancer Society, 25 Brook Street, I-91 Tech Ctr, Rocky Hill, CT 06067-3045. A private graveside service will be at a later date. Arrangements by Smith and Walker Funeral Home, 148 Grove Street, Putnam. Share a memory at [www.smithandwalkerfh.com](http://www.smithandwalkerfh.com)

## Linda A. (Ericson) Noon, 74

WEBSTER, MASSACHUSETTS -- Linda A. (Ericson) Noon, 74, of Webster formerly of Pomfret Center, passed away Wednesday, October 31, 2018 at Lanessa Extended Care in Webster, Massachusetts, where she fought a courageous battle against dementia. She was two days shy of her 75th birthday.

Linda was born in Putnam on November 2, 1943, daughter of the late Eric and Blanche (Bonin) Ericson. She was the youngest of four children. After graduating Putnam High School in 1961, she moved to Hartford and worked for several insurance companies for several years before returning to Putnam. She married Frederick "Bub" Noon, Jr. of Pomfret Center on November 25, 1967, he predeceased her in 2008. Linda retired from the State of Connecticut Judicial Branch of Family Services in Putnam in 2001.

She was a Clerical Supervisor, a job she was very proud of. Linda's love for animals began at young age and lasted her entire life, she loved talking about them. Many times, she put the care of her animals before herself. Linda enjoyed spending time with her family, her home and floating in her pool

in the summer. She was a huge Fred Astaire fan and watched his movies when they were on TCM.

Linda is survived by her daughter, Nancy (Scott) Wolfe of Pomfret Center; her brother, Karl (Jackie) Ericson of East Greenwich, Rhode Island; many nieces and nephews and her fur babies. She was predeceased by her husband Fred; Her sister Eleanor; and her brother Louis. The family wants to thank Lanessa Extended Care in Webster, Massachusetts and Hospice of Western and Central Massachusetts for the excellent care Linda received from March until her passing. Calling hours will be held November 10, followed by a service at Smith and Walker Funeral Home, in Putnam. Burial will follow in South Cemetery, Pomfret. In lieu of flowers, donations are requested to the following Lanessa Extended Care, 751 School St., Webster, MA 01570, Hospice of Western and Central MA, 1325 Springfield St. Suite 12 Feeding Hills, MA 01030 or any animal charity of one's choice. Share a memory at [www.smithandwalkerfh.com](http://www.smithandwalkerfh.com)

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# OBITUARIES

## Arthur H. Parent, 87



**DANIELSON** -- Arthur H. Parent, 87, of Danielson, passed away surrounded by his family Wednesday, October 31, 2018 at Westview Nursing Home in Dayville. He was the beloved husband of Lorraine B. (Simoneau) Parent, they were married April 14, 1951 in St. James Church in Danielson. He was born January 14, 1931 in Putnam, son of the late Arthur E. and Valida (Sorel) Parent.

Arthur was a lifelong communicant of St. James Church and he was Cubmaster during his son's Cub Scouts years. He was a devoted husband, father, grandfather and great grandfather. Arthur loved his family and was a proud business owner and was Past President of the Connecticut Onsite Wastewater Recycling Association. Arthur worked at Tilcon, formally Dunning Sand and Gravel for over 35 years and owned and operated Parent Sanitation until his retirement in 2013. Arthur's passion was working with in his company and he enjoyed traveling.

He leaves his son Glenn Parent and his wife Lisa of Brooklyn, her granddaughters Nicole Diaz of Land O'Lakes, Florida, Ashley Eisenhower of Webster, Massachusetts and Lindsey

Parent of Brooklyn; his great granddaughter Emma Oakes of Florida; his brother Paul Parent and his wife Julie of Mesa, Arizona; his nieces Sandra Pilcher-Riley, Linda Leavens, Mary Anne Linkowski and Karen Cushmon; his nephews Marc Pilcher, Chris Pilcher, Joseph Parent, Tim Parent and David Parent. He was predeceased by a sister Claire Leavens-Nichols. The family would like to thank the staff at Westview Nursing Home for their care and compassion during his stay there.

A funeral service will be Saturday, November 10, 2018 at 12:30 PM from Gagnon and Costello Funeral Home, 33 Reynolds Street, Danielson, followed by a Mass of Christian Burial at 2:00 PM in St. James Church, 12 Franklin Street, Danielson. Calling Hours will be Friday, November 9, 2018 from 6:00 to 8:00 PM at the funeral home. Burial will be in Holy Cross Cemetery on Parent's Way with Military Honors. In lieu of flowers donations may be made in his memory to American Parkinson Disease Association, PO Box 718, Old Mystic, CT 06372. Share a memory at [www.gagnonandcostellofh.com](http://www.gagnonandcostellofh.com)



## Robert E. Geer, 72



**DANIELSON** -- Robert E. "Bobby" Geer, 72, of Westcott Road, passed away on Wednesday, October 31, 2018 in Davis Place. Born in Putnam, he was the son of the late Earl and Theresa (LaRochelle) Geer.

Robert served with the United States Army during the Vietnam War. He worked for Sanitary Dash. Robert was an avid car buff and enjoyed drawing and playing pool, as he won several trophies for his billiard playing. He was a member of the Putnam American Legion Post #13, the Robert J. Breault VFW Post #1523 and Foresters of America.

Robert is survived by his sons, Robert Geer, Jr. of New Hampshire, Todd Geer of New Hampshire, and

Michael Geer of Danielson; his sisters, Linda Rondeau and her husband Alan of Putnam and Donna Campion and her husband James of Putnam; his aunt, Rita Watts of Maryland; his Godmother, Jeanette Charland of Woodstock; a grandchild, several nieces; nephews; great nieces; great nephews and cousins. Robert is predeceased by his son, Travis Geer and his brother, Earl N. Geer.

Calling hours were held on November 8, 2018 in the Gilman Funeral Home & Crematory in Putnam, which was followed by with a Funeral Service in the funeral home. Burial with Military Honors followed in St. Mary Cemetery. For memorial guestbook visit [www.GilmanAndValade.com](http://www.GilmanAndValade.com).



## Robert C. Brown, 85



**BROOKLYN** -- Robert C. Brown, 85 of Brooklyn, passed away unexpectedly on November 1, 2018 at his home in Brooklyn. He was born September 12, 1933 in Manchester, Maine, son of the late Ernest and Grace (Blanchard) Brown. Robert was the beloved husband of Arlene Mae (Brammer) Brown. They were married on August 27, 1955 in Youngstown, Ohio.

Robert served with the United States Navy as a Corpsman stationed in Portsmouth, New Hampshire. After the Navy, he worked in sales for the shoe industry and for Pervel Industries in Plainfield, as well as starting a business of his own. As a proud member of the community, he was involved with the Danielson Rotary club for many years including serving as president and receiving the Paul Harris Fellowship Award. Above all, he loved his family and spending time in his workshop crafting his loving creations for his family and friends.

Besides his wife Arlene, he leaves

a daughter Karen Barbeau of Brooklyn; a son Timothy Brown and his wife Linda of Brooklyn; his grandchildren Brian Barbeau (Gina) of Canterbury, Keith Barbeau of Attleboro Falls, Massachusetts, Dennie-Lynn Naprava (Robert) of Drums, Pennsylvania, Jessica Brown of Putnam, and Christina Brown (Andrew) of Brooklyn; his sister Frieda Spitz of Poland, Maine; his ten great grandchildren; also several nieces and nephews. Robert was predeceased by seven siblings.

A graveside service will be held on November 17 at 12pm in Westfield Cemetery, Danielson, with a reception to follow at the Imperial Room, Danielson, from 1-4pm. In lieu of flowers, the family is suggesting donations in Robert's name to the Cure Alzheimer's Fund ([curealz.org/outreach/in-memory/robert-c-brown/](http://curealz.org/outreach/in-memory/robert-c-brown/)). Share a memory at [www.gagnonandcostellofh.com](http://www.gagnonandcostellofh.com).



## Reino W. Tikkanen, 93

**STERLING** -- Reino William Tikkanen passed peacefully in his sleep on October 27, 2018. Born April 16, 1925 in Fitchburg, Massachusetts, Reino moved around the New England area through his childhood. He joined the Marines in 1942 and was active in the war effort in the Pacific theater. After an honorable discharge in 1946, he returned to Foster, Rhode Island to the land that would become the Tikkanen Berry Farm. Finding no joy in poultry farming, he turned to blueberry and strawberry farming in the 1970s. Thousands returned year after year to the Tikkanen Berry Farm to

pick fresh ripe blueberries and strawberries. He enjoyed conversing with the pickers and hearing how they enjoyed the fruits of their labor.

He is survived by a son and a daughter, five grandchildren and one great grandson. Services will be private and we prefer donations in his name to the Pulmonary Fibrosis Foundation (<https://www.pulmonary-fibrosis.org>) to express your sympathy. [tillinghastfh.com](http://tillinghastfh.com)



## Scott William Vargas, 54



**KILLINGLY** -- Scott William Vargas, 54 of Killingly passed away on October 28, 2018 unexpectedly at his home. He was a beloved father, grandfather and brother. He is survived by his

son Joseph William Vargas and his daughter Ashley-Ann Vargas and her companion Kenny Mykietyn both of Danielson, four grandchildren; Aiden William, Christian Scott and Kenny Jr. Mykietyn, and Joseph William Vargas Jr. He leaves his sister Faye Cameron, and her husband Frank, his

brother Anthony Vargas, sister-in law Chris Vargas also his wonderful nieces and nephews. Scott held a special place in his heart for Megan, Amber and Steven White along with their children. He was born at Day Kimball Hospital on December 12, 1963, Son of the late William F. and Marjorie (Belknap) Vargas, Jr.

He proudly worked at Zampell Refractory as a 'Boiler Man.' He was well known for the unique loving man he was. He truly had an old soul and brought a smile to everyone's face no matter the circumstance. He was the type of man that left an impression on all of our hearts and a huge impact on everyone's lives.

You will be truly and deeply missed dad, and be forever in our hearts. "Women and Harley Davidson's, may you keep on riding!" A Celebration of Scott's life will be held in the spring 2019, his favorite time of year when he could get out on his bike and ride for miles with the wind at his back and the sun shining down on him, his worries in the wind.



**WOODSTOCK** -- David S. Hazelton, 98 of Woodstock, passed away on October 31, 2018 at Pierce Memorial Baptist Home in Brooklyn. He was born on October 9, 1920 in Greenfield, Massachusetts, son of Charles E. and Mary M. (Luey) Hazelton.

He enlisted in the US Navy in World War II just prior to graduating from Dartmouth College in 1942 with a BA. He was a Naval pilot in the South Pacific and flew both the PBY Catalina and the PV-1 Ventura bomber. After the war he received his MBA from Dartmouth College, Tuck School of Business. He was self-employed as a financial and estate planner for over 40 years. He was a lifelong learner, an avid reader and an ardent New York Times crossword puzzler who also enjoyed tennis, golf, and gardening. Throughout his life he was actively involved with multiple organizations: the Woodstock Players, Woodstock Volunteer Fire Department, Salvation

Army, Woodstock Lions Club, Roseland Park Tennis Association, Bracken Memorial Library and the Woodstock Historical Society. He was joyfully married for 52 years to Jean L. (Buckley) Hazelton who passed away in 2002.

He leaves daughter, Lee W. Hazelton of Southwick, Massachusetts; son D. Scott Hazelton and his wife Krista of Woodstock; son Mark B. Hazelton and his wife Jenny of Princeton, Massachusetts; six grandchildren, Amy, Whitney, Kevan, Erik, Chris, Nina, and one great grandchild Elena. In lieu of flowers donations may be made to the Trustees of Roseland Park, 205 Roseland Park Rd., Woodstock, CT 06281 or the Woodstock Historical Society, P.O. Box 65, Woodstock, CT 06281.

A private graveside service with military honors will be held at Woodstock Hill Cemetery, Woodstock, at a later date. Please share a memory at [www.smithandwalkerfh.com](http://www.smithandwalkerfh.com)



## Rodney E. Miller, 78,



**W E B S T E R** - Rodney E. Miller, 78, passed away Friday, November 2, 2018 in his home with his family by his side.

He leaves his wife of 57 years, Pilar M. (Manzanares) Miller, two sons, Daniel F. Miller of Webster and Ronnie B. Miller and his wife Tammy of Dudley. A daughter, Maria C. Kantorski of Dayville, Ct., 4 grandchildren; Vanessa, Michael, Samantha, and Kyle and a great grandson, Kole.

Rodney also leaves a sister, Marlene wife of Louis R. Guenther, Jr. of Webster and several nieces and nephews.

He was born in Dudley, February 18, 1940, son of the late Daniel and Anna (Cozzens) Miller and lived in Webster most of his life, he was predeceased

by a son, Michael R. Miller who died in 1992, and 2 brothers, Daniel and Raymond Miller.

Rodney honorably served in the U. S. Air Force from 1958- 1962.

He was a member of St. Louis Church, and was a New England Patriots fan and also enjoyed motorcycles.

Rodney worked for Staples Corporation as a truck driver, before retiring.

There are no calling hours.

A Mass of Christian Burial was Tuesday, November 6, 2018 at 10 AM in St. Louis Church, 16 Lake St. Burial followed in Mt. Zion Cemetery.

In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be made to: American Parkinson's Disease Association, 72 E. Concord St., Boston, MA. 02118.

The ROBERT J. MILLER FUNERAL HOME and LAKE CHAPEL, 366 School St. is assisting Rodney's family with arrangements.

To leave a message of condolence, or to share a memory of Rodney, please visit: [RJMILLERfunerals.net](http://RJMILLERfunerals.net)



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# OBITUARIES

## Irmgard H. Batchelder, 88



**PUTNAM** – Irmgard (Huthoff) Batchelder, 88, of Sabin Street, passed away peacefully at her home on October 30, 2018, surrounded by her family. She was the loving wife of the late George R. Batchelder. Born on March 1, 1930 in Bremen, Germany, she was the daughter of the late Bernhard Huthoff and Marie (Hellberg) Huthoff.

As a young girl growing up in Bremen during World War II, her school was bombed and she was sent to Austria for safety. While there, she attended school and worked on a farm. She later returned to Bremen where, as a young woman, she met an American soldier, George Batchelder. After returning to the states, George asked her to marry him.

On June 23, 1951, Irmgard said goodbye to her family and boarded the S.S. Washington luxury liner in Hamburg, Germany, headed to New York. She was married on July 15, 1951, in Columbia, Connecticut, at the home of George's sister Marion Tasker.

During the early part of her married life, Irmgard lived on Crystal Road in North Windham. She was active in the local German Club and was a member of Redeemer Lutheran Church in Lebanon.

She worked in the patient accounts insurance department for Windham Hospital in Willimantic, retiring in 1987. She later worked at Day Kimball Hospital in Putnam and, after retiring, enjoyed volunteering in the development office and on the Woman's Board.

In the 1970s, she moved to Lake Bungee in Woodstock where she and George built their dream home. She loved living on the lake and hosted many parties there with family and friends. Often seen on her pedal boat, she also enjoyed swimming and gar-

dening. She later became a founding member of Our Redeemer Lutheran Church in Smithfield, Rhode Island.

She resided in Woodstock until 2009, when she moved to Little River Acres in Putnam. It was there that she made many friends and generously shared baked goods and other gifts with her neighbors. She enjoyed reading, being by the water, and watching soccer and baseball on TV. She especially loved spending time with her four grandchildren.

Irmgard is survived by her daughters, Cheryl Margnelli and her husband Joseph of Putnam; Debra Phillimore and her husband Paul of Maricopa, Arizona; and Georgia Peterson and her husband Robert of Woodstock; and her grandchildren, Brittany Irmgard Rowan and her husband Mark; Jessica Marie Peterson; Gregory George Leone; and Annaleise Beverly Radchenko and her husband Vlad. She was predeceased by her brothers, Bernhard, Karl-Heinz and Gunther Huthoff, and sisters Hilde, Marianne and Editha.

Proud of her German heritage and of being an American, she will be remembered for her generosity, kindness, strength and encouragement to others.

Irmgard's family wishes to thank Hospice of Northeastern Connecticut and Companions and Homemakers for their care and compassion. In addition, special thanks to Dr. Michael Baum and his staff, Dr. Dan O'Neill and DKH Medical Group, and Day Kimball Hospital's oncology and emergency room staff.

At the family's request, burial will be private and held at a future date. In lieu of flowers, donations in Irmgard's name may be made to Hospice of Northeastern CT c/o Development Office, P.O. Box 239, Putnam, CT 06260.

Arrangements have been entrusted to the Gilman Funeral Home and Crematory, 104 Church St, Putnam, CT. For memorial guestbook, visit [www.GilmanAndValade.com](http://www.GilmanAndValade.com).

## Beryl E. Bridges, 83

**RANDOLPH, VERMONT** – Beryl E. Bridges, 83, of Randolph, died Friday morning, November 2, 2018 at Barre Gardens.

She was born October 6, 1935 in East Killingly; the daughter of Carlton and Eileen (Flagg) Smith. She lived in Connecticut until moving to Vermont in 2008.

Survivors include her daughters Sharon D'Amico of Randolph, Nancy Bridges of Manchester, Connecticut, and Eileen LeBlanc of Randolph, Vermont; sons Michael Bridges of Old Town, Maine, John Bridges and William Bridges both of Killingly, and Paul Bridges of Saegertown,

Pennsylvania; sisters Marcia Smith of Killingly, and Madeline Adams of Brooklyn; seven grandchildren; eight great-grandchildren; one great-great grandchild. She was predeceased by her sister Eleanor Woodard, brother Francis Smith, and niece Jessica Gingras.

Private Services will be held at a later date. Contributions in her memory may be made to Barre Gardens, Patient Activity Fund, 378 Prospect Street, Barre, VT 05641. Online condolences may be left at [www.dayfunerals.com](http://www.dayfunerals.com). Arrangements are by the Day Funeral Home in Randolph, VT.

## Grace M. Hatfield



**WHITINSVILLE** - Grace M. (Bedrosian) Hatfield, died Thursday, October 18, at home. She leaves her children Terry McNeil and her husband Daniel, of Whitinsville, Charles J. Hatfield,

of Merritt Island, FL, and Mary Lee Hatfield, of Whitinsville; grandchildren Heather McNeil and her husband Justin Nealey, of N. Andover, Charles J. Hatfield, Jr., of Thompson, CT, Allyson Boisseau and her husband Keith, of Uxbridge and Alyssa Morton and Alvin Green, of Murrell's Inlet, SC; great-grandchildren, Chase and Tessa Grace Hatfield,, Ellise and Maylen Nealey, Lilly and Sophia Boisseau, Raymond Michael Scott Christian and Elias Jeffrey Green; a niece Ellie Hughes, in MD, and a nephew Art Herosian, in FL. Grace was predeceased by her husband Cabell T. Hatfield, in 2001, and her sister Pauline Herosian.

Born in Whitinsville, January 10,

1929, a daughter of Garabed and Mary (Hagopian) Bedrosian, she graduated from Northbridge High School and lived most of her life in Whitinsville. She worked at the former Whitin Machine Works and Eastern Airlines in New York. She owned and operated the Blackstone Valley Travel Agency in Whitinsville for many years. Grace was a world traveler, loved to cook, and an 87 year member of the Village Congregational Church in Whitinsville.

Grace's funeral was held on Friday, October 26 at 11AM in the Village Congregational Church, Whitinsville preceded by a Calling Hour, at the Church, from 10-11AM. Burial in Pine Grove Cemetery was private. Please omit flowers. Memorial donations may be made to either the Milford Regional Medical Center, 14 Prospect St., Milford, MA 01757, or the Northbridge Fire Department Ambulance Fund, 193 Main St., Whitinsville, MA 01588. Carr Funeral Home, 24 Hill St., Whitinsville, is assisting with arrangements. To leave a condolence, please visit [www.carrfuneralhome.com](http://www.carrfuneralhome.com)

## Leonard P. Stanley, 72



**S P E N C E R** - Leonard P. Stanley, 72, of Howe Village, died Wednesday, Oct. 31st. at St. Vincent Hospital, Worcester.

He leaves his wife Nancy M. (O'Neil) Stanley, his children; Lisa Walker and her

husband Robert of Worcester, Karen Fitzpatrick and her husband Mark of Woodstock, CT., Nancy Erickson and her husband David of Auburn, John Erickson of Worcester, Brandy Lauzon and her fiance Ken Day of Millbury, Cindy Day and her husband Chad of Millbury, three brothers Henry Hicks of Dudley, Robert Hicks of Worcester and Thomas Stanley of Worcester, two sisters Debbie Desimone of Millbury

and Luann Stanley of Shrewsbury, 14 grandchildren and 8 great grandchildren. He is predeceased by a son Leonard Stanley and a daughter Denise Gianfriddo.

Born in Worcester, he was the son of Leonard and Rita (Paquin) Stanley. He was a maintenance man for many years prior to retirement. He loved Country Music and karaoke night at Howe Village.

Funeral services were held on Monday, Nov. 5 at 11 a.m. in the J. HENRI MORIN & SON FUNERAL HOME, 23 Maple Terr., Spencer. Burial followed in St. John's Cemetery, Worcester. Calling hours were Monday from 9 to 11 a.m. in the funeral home preceding the service.

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## Angel M. Cote, 26



**PUTNAM** - Angel M. Cote, 26, passed away unexpectedly on Sunday, October 28, 2018 at the home of a friend. A graduate of Putnam High School, she was the daughter of Kristi Cote of Putnam.

Angel was an outgoing, vibrant, free-spirited young woman full of life and charisma. She loved to make people laugh and was often known to be the life of the party. She had the unique ability of walking into any room and filling it with light and laughter. She loved animals, the outdoors, and spending time with loved ones far and wide. She found happiness beside the ocean, and she loved travel and adventure.

Angel was a strong, courageous young woman that loved life and cared for others. Those who knew Angel remember her for being fearlessly spontaneous, vivacious, full of energy,

and a ray of light. She was deeply loved, and her sudden passing has shaken the lives of her friends and family. She will be remembered for who she was: a daughter, a granddaughter, a sister, a niece, and a friend. Though short, her time on this Earth was filled with experience, memories, and love, and her larger-than-life personality will live on in the hearts of many in the years that follow.

In addition to her mother, Angel is survived by her Grandmother, Joyce Vegiard of Putnam; her brothers, Nicholas D. Cote of Hamden, and Daniel N. Cote and his wife Samantha Cote of Putnam, as well as her young nephew, Grayson.

Calling hours were held on November 5, 2018 in the Gilman Funeral Home and Crematory in Putnam. Memorial donations may be made to <https://www.facebook.com/donate/1177806589042232/2146062898977501/> For memorial guestbook visit [www.GilmanAndValade.com](http://www.GilmanAndValade.com).

# LEGALS

### NOTICE TO CREDITORS

**ESTATE OF Ronald R Blain (18-00427)**  
The Hon. Leah P. Schad, Judge of the Court of Probate, District of Northeast Probate Court, by decree dated October 30, 2018, ordered that all claims must be presented to the fiduciary at the address below. Failure to promptly present any such claim may result in the loss of rights to recover on such claim.

Brenda Duquette, Clerk

The fiduciary is:  
Margaret L. Blain  
c/o Nicholas A. Longo, Esq.,  
Bachand, Longo & Higgins,  
168 Main Street, PO Box 528,  
Putnam, CT 06260  
November 9, 2018

### NOTICE TO CREDITORS

**ESTATE OF Erika Lyn Salvass (18-00431)**  
The Hon. Leah P. Schad, Judge of the Court of Probate, District of Northeast Probate Court, by decree dated November 5, 2018, ordered that all claims must be presented to the fiduciaries at the address below. Failure to promptly present any such claim may result in the loss of rights to recover on such claim.

Heather Robinson, Clerk

The fiduciaries are:  
Lisa E. Salvass, 103 Five Mile River Road, Putnam, CT 06260  
Warren B. Salvass, 103 Five Mile River Road, Putnam, CT 06260,  
(508)353-6425  
November 9, 2018

### NOTICE TO CREDITORS

**ESTATE OF Zachery Jacob Basch (18-00430)**  
The Hon. Leah P. Schad, Judge of the Court of Probate, District of Northeast Probate Court, by decree dated November 5, 2018, ordered that all claims must be presented to the fiduciaries at the address below. Failure to promptly present any such claim may result in the loss of rights to recover on such

claim.

Brenda Duquette, Clerk

The fiduciaries are:  
John H Basch, 28 Axe Factory Road, Ashford, CT 06278  
Daryl Basch, 28 Axe Factory Road, Ashford, CT 06278  
November 9, 2018

### NOTICE TO CREDITORS

**ESTATE OF Anthony W. Raszowski (18-00388)**  
The Hon. Leah P. Schad, Judge of the Court of Probate, District of Northeast Probate Court, by decree dated November 1, 2018, ordered that all claims must be presented to the fiduciary at the address below. Failure to promptly present any such claim may result in the loss of rights to recover on such claim.

Heather Robinson, Clerk

The fiduciary is:  
David A. Cournoyer  
c/o Frank G. Herzog, Esq.,  
Borner, Smith, Aleman, Herzog & Cerrone, LLC,  
155 Providence Street, PO Box 166,  
Putnam, CT 06260-0166;  
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November 9, 2018

### NOTICE TO CREDITORS

**ESTATE OF Dorothy F Whittemore (18-00412)**  
The Hon. Leah P. Schad, Judge of the Court of Probate, District of Northeast Probate Court, by decree dated November 2, 2018, ordered that all claims must be presented to the fiduciary at the address below. Failure to promptly present any such claim may result in the loss of rights to recover on such claim.

Heather Robinson, Clerk

The fiduciary is:  
Clarence J. Whittemore  
c/o James N. Scheibeler, Esq.,  
35 Academy Street, PO Box 711,  
Danielson, CT 06239, (860)774-5367  
November 9, 2018

### NOTICE TO CREDITORS

**ESTATE OF Robert M Capiga (18-00406)**  
The Hon. Leah P. Schad, Judge of the Court of Probate, District of Northeast Probate Court, by decree dated November 5, 2018, ordered that all claims must be presented to the fiduciary at the address below. Failure to promptly present any such claim may result in the loss of rights to recover on such claim.

Brenda Duquette, Clerk

The fiduciary is:  
Howard A Capiga  
c/o James K. Kelley, Esq.,  
33 Broad Steert, Danielson CT 06239  
November 9, 2018

### TOWN OF WOODSTOCK

The Planning & Zoning Commission has scheduled a Public Hearing for Thursday, November 15, 2018 at the Woodstock Town Hall, 415 Route 169 at 7:45 p.m., lower level, for the following: #SP634-09-18 Smith Road (Map 5785, Block 46, Lot 3-2) Scott & Pamela Shaw – Activity on a scenic road.

Chair Jeffrey Gordon, M.D.

November 2, 2018

November 9, 2018

### TOWN OF THOMPSON

On October 29, 2018 the following wetlands agent approval was issued: Application # WAA18031 approved with conditions, Krzysztof & Katarzyna Chojnicki, 56 Tufts Hill Rd. (Assessor's Map 36, Block 71, Lot 9AA) - construction of a new single family home involving grading in the 100-ft upland review area.

Marla Butts, Wetlands Agent

November 9, 2018

### PUBLIC NOTICE

### TOWN OF EASTFORD

On Oct 9, 2018 the duly authorized agent of the Eastford Inland Wetlands and Watercourses Agency approved the installation of an access driveway

including grading, stumping, gravel, stone pillars, gate and installation of concrete apron within the Upland Review area on Map 52 Block 7 Lot 9 located between 128 and 148 Westford Rd., Eastford CT  
November 9, 2018

### TOWN OF THOMPSON ZONING BOARD OF APPEALS LEGAL NOTICE

The Town of Thompson Zoning Board of Appeals will hold a public hearing on Wednesday, November 14, 2018 at 7:00PM at the Thompson Town Hall, 815 Riverside Drive, North Grosvenordale, CT for the following:

**Variance #18-05:** Donald Mead, Applicant and Owner of property at 0 Watson Rd, Map 15, Block 72, Lot 28B, R-40, requesting variance decreasing the frontage on a public street from 150' to 140.45', a 9.55' frontage decrease.

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

Respectfully submitted,

Daniel Roy, Chairman

November 9, 2018

### TOWN OF THOMPSON ZONING BOARD OF APPEALS LEGAL NOTICE

The Town of Thompson Zoning Board of Appeals, at its Wednesday, October 10, 2018 meeting, rendered the following decisions:

**Application #18-04** Shawn P. Deary, Applicant & Owner of Property at 1 Totem Pole Dr. Map 141, Block 17, Lot 50, R-40, increase size of existing shed on property with existing setback.

**Approved**

Respectfully submitted,

Daniel Roy, Chairman

Zoning Board of Appeals

November 9, 2018



# OBITUARIES

## Milton L. Korch, Sr., 69



STERLING -- Milton L. Korch, Sr., 69, of Sterling died Friday November 2, 2018 at home surrounded by his family. He was born on November 23, 1948 in Webster, Massachusetts, son of the late Allan Korch Sr. and Beatrice (Lemieux) Seraphin. He is predeceased by his devoted wife Ila Korch and sister Joan Mayotte. Milton worked as a well driller for Laframboise Well Drilling and Dalmik Well Drilling for many years. He had a passion for antique cars, having owned several. He liked fast cars, and burning rubber as often as he could. He enjoyed being outside operating heavy equipment, plow trucks, and lawn equipment. He enjoyed his time living in Maine and spending time with his family. Milton is survived by his children Milton Korch, Jr., of Dayville, Walter

Korch of Largo Florida, Tracy Glacken and her husband Mat of Sterling, his brothers Allan Korch Jr. and his wife Mary, Bradley Korch and his wife Anna, grandchildren Ryan Korch and his girlfriend Angela, Nicholas Korch, Shailyn Osga, Paige Glacken, great grandson Aiden Dixon, and many nieces and nephews. Milton had an extended family whom he loved very much, his significant other Linda Thorstenson, her children Gary Thorstenson, Jr. and wife Michelle, Tim Thorstenson and wife Melody, and her grandchildren Lauren, Ethan, Reid, Josh, Aaron, Lauren, Gary III, and Louis. Calling hours were held on November 8, 2018 at Smith and Walker Funeral Home in Putnam. A graveside service will be Friday, November 9, 2018 at 11:00 AM in Grove Street Cemetery, Putnam. In lieu of flowers donations may be made to Bridgeport Hospital, 267 Grant Street, Bridgeport CT 06610 – Payable to The Burn Foundation. Share a memory at [www.smithandwalkerfh.com](http://www.smithandwalkerfh.com)



WOODSTOCK - Carl Gustav Bernard Fredrickson, Jr. 79, of Old Sawmill Road, died Friday, November 2, 2018, in Day Kimball Hospital. He was the loving husband of Arlene (Hodges) Fredrickson for 59 years. Born in New Britain, he was the son of Carl and Iona (Burleigh) Fredrickson. Carl owned and operated the BBQ Hut for several years with his wife Arlene. He also had a long career as an over the road truck driver and loved to tell stories. As an avid golfer, Carl was known as “Super Dog” to his golfing buddies. In addition to looking forward to golf trips to Myrtle Beach with family and friends, he was a member of Vineyard Valley Golf Club and had received a trophy for a hole in one. Carl

enjoyed competitive bowling, cooking and the simple pleasure of feeding the squirrels in his yard. In addition to his wife, Carl is survived by his sons, Carl (Kelly) Fredrickson, III, of Panama City Beach, Florida and Michael (Sandra) Fredrickson of Pomfret; his daughters, Deborah (Horatio) Meyer of Mansfield, and Shawn-Marie Hopkins of Eastford; his brother Robert Fredrickson of Inverness, Florida; five granddaughters and four great granddaughters. Relatives and friends are invited to visit with Carl’s family from 5:00 pm to 7:00 pm on Friday, November 9, 2018 in the Gilman Funeral Home & Crematory, 104 Church St. Putnam. Burial will be private. Memorial donations may be made to The Dale Smith Golf Fund, c/o Robert Tetreault, 28 Fairway Drive, Brooklyn CT 06234. For memorial guestbook visit [www.GilmanAndValade.com](http://www.GilmanAndValade.com).

## George L. Gendron, 85

DANIELSON -- George L. Gendron, Jr. 85, of Danielson, passed away October 15, 2018 at Davis Place in Danielson. Born October 31, 1932 in Norwich, son of the late George L. Gendron, Sr. and Flora E. (Aubin) Gendron. He was the beloved husband of Louise (Champagne) Gendron. George was a communicant of St. Anne’s Church in Ballouville till its closing and then of St. James Church in Danielson and recently of St. Mary’s in Putnam. He enjoyed tools and making furniture. George was a resident of Alexander’s Lake in Dayville for 79 years where he enjoyed swimming and sailing. George worked at Gendron Manufacturing till it closed in 1985, then for 25 years worked at Pervel Industries as a Coater Operator. George loved to socialize and could spend more than an hour going to get the mail at

Maple Court enjoying conversation and making people laugh when they listen to Little George had the Hiccups by Anita Bryant. Besides his wife Louise he leaves a son Gary L. Gendron; his daughter Jerilyn Gendron of Danielson and a grandson Richard Dauphinais, Jr. of Rhode Island. In Lieu of flowers donation maybe made in his memory to Villa Maria Nursing & Rehabilitation Community, 20 Babcock Ave., Plainfield, CT 06374 or Community Kitchen of Northeastern Connecticut, Inc., P.O. Box 502, Danielson, CT 06239. A Celebration of Life Service was held November 2, 2018 at The United Methodist Church in Danielson. Burial in the spring at Holy Cross Cemetery, Danielson. Share a memory at [www.gagnonandcostellofh.com](http://www.gagnonandcostellofh.com)

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Book Club. Followed by Whist Club at 10:30 a.m. Bracken Memorial Library, 57 Academy Road, Woodstock.

## November 10, Sat., 9am - 4pm

Woodstock Fire Stations 75, 76 & 77 and Community Fire Station 81 have joined together for the 13th Annual TOY COLLECTION Bring a new unwrapped toy or a donation and be greeted by fire dept. Toys for all ages needed, infant to teens. To benefit local families. WVFA Station 76, 399 Route 169, Woodstock (Next to the Woodstock Town Hall) www.wvfa76.org

## November 10, Sat., 8-2pm

Daughters of Isabella Yuletide Festival. Raffle, Vendors, Café, Bake Sale, Basket Raffle, and More! St. Mary's Church Hall, 18 Providence St Putnam, \$1000 in Raffle Prizes, \$2 Tickets Sold @St Mary's Parish Center, Joe's Jewelers, Henry's, Knights of Columbus Hall

## November 10, Sat., 9am-3pm

Holiday Craft and Vendor Fair at Killingly Grange, corner of Dog Hill and Hartford Pike, Dayville. Start your Xmas shopping here! Food and beverages will be available.

## November 13, Tues., 7pm

Origins of Thanksgiving - Author Glenn Cheney will present the historical context of the Pilgrims' travels and their year prior to the famous Thanksgiving feast of 1621. 7 PM at Old Town House, 11 Town House Rd., Pomfret. Sponsored by Friends of Pomfret Public Library.

## November 14, Wed., 7pm

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

efit St. James School.

## November 14, Wed., 9:00-9:45 am

(and Nov. 21 & 28) QIGONG CLASS at Woodstock Town Hall, lower level. \$2 for residents & \$3 for nonresidents. Come and practice Qigong, an ancient Chinese practice using the mind-body-spirit connection. Qigong is designed to supplement and enhance the subtle energy in the body to promote health and wellbeing. All ages welcome.

## November 15, Thurs., 7:30 p.m.

In honor of the 300th anniversary of the birth of General Israel Putnam, the Brooklyn Historical Society will welcome accomplished musician Joseph Morneau who will perform *Music of the Revolutionary Era*. The program will include familiar songs such as "Yankee Doodle," as well as less familiar songs at Brooklyn's Trinity Episcopal Church Parish Hall, 7 Providence Rd. (Route 6). For info: 860-774-7728

## November 17, Sat., 9am-4pm

Greek Pastry Bake Sale at Holy Trinity Greek Orthodox Church, 80 Water Street, Danielson. All home-made Greek pastries just in time for the Thanksgiving holiday. (across the street from the Danielson post office)

## November 17, Sat., 10am to 11am

Milk Jug Turkeys Children's Program, Aldrich Free Public Library - 299 Main Street, Moosup. Please come join us to make your very own turkey to share. Materials are

mostly recyclable. Free event! Children will be painting their Turkey jugs and then decorating with paper scrap feathers. For info 860-564-8760.

## UPCOMING TRIP - New York City all lit

up for Christmas, December 15, Saturday. Leave Plainfield 8am, NYC 6pm. \$50 per person. Tickets: Norm's Trips 860-564-6999 or Bill 860-885-4361. Deadline is December 8. A great Christmas gift! To benefit Make A Wish Foundation.



November 17-19

At Friends of Assisi we are preparing for our annual Thanksgiving Distribution.

We sure hope you will join us!

Saturday, Nov. 17, 10-5 and

Sunday, Nov. 18, 12:00- 4 at 77 Water St.

(Home of Friends of Assisi)

Monday- Nov. 19 • 3-6:30

at St. James gym.

**Wish List:** Apples, broth, quick bread and cake mixes, nuts, pie filling, rolls, olives, can yams, monetary donations, and grocery store cards.

860-774-2310

This page is designed to shine a light on upcoming local nonprofit, educational and community events.

Submissions are limited to 50 words or less and are FREE to qualifying organizations, schools, churches and town offices.

To submit your event contact: Teri Stohlberg at 860-928-1818 ext. 314, or [teri@villagernewspapers.com](mailto:teri@villagernewspapers.com).

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A271217A  
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### 2015 Toyota RAV4 LE



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A5025  
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### 2014 Mercedes-Benz CLA-250



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A271441B  
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### 2016 Toyota RAV4 XLE



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A271260A  
**\$22,598**

### 2015 Toyota RAV4 Ltd



SUV, AWD, I-4 cyl, auto, black leather, 58K mi  
A271495A  
**\$22,998**

### 2014 Ford F-150 Flex Fuel



Crew Cab, 4x4, V-8 cyl, auto, 4x4, 67K miles  
A271355A  
**\$23,598**

### 2016 Nissan Rogue SV



SUV, AWD, I-4 cyl, CVA, 29K miles  
A270353A  
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### 2015 Toyota Avalon XLE



Premium Car, V-6 cyl, 6 spd auto, FWD, Beige  
Leather, 28K miles,  
A5026  
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leather, 25K miles  
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SUV 4x4, V-6 cyl, auto, 4x4, 35K miles  
A271487A  
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SUV, AWD, I-4 cyl, auto, Black leather, 30K mi.  
A271495A  
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### 2014 Audi Q7 3.0T Quattro



S line Sport Utility,  
TFSI V6, auto, black leather, 72K miles  
A271144A  
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### 2014 Toyota 4Runner SR5



Premium SUV 4x4, V-6 cyl, 5 spd auto,  
Black leather, 4x4, 54K miles  
A270638A  
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### 2014 Ford F-150 STX



Ext Cab 4x4, Pickup, Auto, 4x4, 40K miles  
A271490A  
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### 2015 Toyota Tacoma



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### 2016 Toyota Tundra 4WD SR5



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