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Putnam's Seney re-elected, St. Onge wins in Thompson, Killingly GOP sweeps Board of Ed open slots

BY CHARLIE LENTZ
VILLAGER EDITOR

KILLINGLY — In a stunning rebuke to the current Board of Education in Killingly, Republicans swept the races for the open slots on the BOE in unofficial election results posted by the Connecticut State Election Center website on Tuesday, Nov. 5. The BOE election in Killingly was viewed by some in town as a referendum on the board's unilateral decision earlier this year to replace the 100-year old Killingly High School mascot name "Redmen" — which some citizens viewed as racist while others simply said honored a Native American heritage. The decision to rescind the mascot name was made by the Board of Education without input from the town's voters.

Republican Doug Farrow won election to a full term on the board. In response to a questionnaire by The Villager he stated on Oct. 25 that "I also believe that the BOE needs to be more inclusive and responsive to the taxpayers of Killingly. A great example is the recent vote by six members of the BOE that allowed for the Redmen name change."

Also elected to full terms on the the BOE in Killingly were Republicans Jason Muscara and Norm Ferron.



Courtesy photo

Amy St. Onge

Republican Karen Fremuth was elected to fill a two-year vacancy on the Killingly Board of Education.

Putnam Mayor Norman "Barney" Seney won re-election, defeating Democrat Jamie Heath.

In Thompson, Republican Amy St. Onge defeated incumbent Ken Beausoleil in the race for First Selectman and Republican Susanne Witkowski defeated Democrat Charlene Langlois in the race for Selectman.

In Eastford, Republican First



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Barney Seney

Selectman Jacqueline Dubois won re-election, defeating Democrat Denis Day.

In Woodstock, Republican John "Jay" Swan defeated Democrat Frank Olah in the race for First Selectman and Republican Chandler Paquette defeated Democrat Greg Kline in the Woodstock Selectman race.

In Brooklyn, Democrat Richard Ives defeated Republican Austin Tanner in the race for First Selectman and Republican Lou Brodeur defeated



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Doug Farrow

Democrat Joe Voccio in the race for Selectman.

In Pomfret, First Selectman Maureen Nicholson ran unopposed and Selectmen Patrick McCarthy and Ellsworth Chase will both return to office.

In perhaps the closest race in the Quiet Corner on Nov. 5, Democrat Ed Grandelski and Republican Cole Whitehead tied with 284 votes apiece in the race for the Killingly District 2 Council Seat.



Olison Running Water Best of Brooklyn gives her presentation on the Indigenous Thanksgiving for the Killingly Historical and Genealogical Society

The first Thanksgiving

BY KAREN BUTERA
FOR THE VILLAGER

DANIELSON — Without help from Native Americans perhaps Thanksgiving would not be celebrated today. The Killingly Historical and Genealogical Society explored this history at

an event entitled 'Indigenous Thanksgiving' last Saturday.

"Thanksgiving has been changing for us because we are discovering more about what actually happened during the first Thanksgiving than we originally knew," said Narragansett Tribe member Olison Running

Water Best. "The pilgrims were greeted by the Wampanoag tribe in 1620 when they arrived — cold, wet, sick and tired — it was a terrible time for them. If not for the Wampanoags the pilgrims would not have made it."

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Paige Burgess photo

AAARGH

Eastford Baptist Church Olympians Jim Howard, left, with Adam and Sarah Minor, brought abundant goodies to Eastford's first "Trunk or Treat" event at Eastford Elementary School on Halloween.



Karen Butera photo

Scott and Melissa Chaput with some of their wood burning creations

A burning desire for crafts

BY KAREN BUTERA
FOR THE VILLAGER

DANIELSON — Remember that wood burning set your mother bought you in hopes of keeping you quiet and entertained for a while? Ever think that it could turn into a serious hobby when you got older and help you earn some extra cash? Scott Chaput did.

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GETTING TO THE POINT

DANIELSON — Quinebaug Valley's Sam Rebello gets set to boot an extra point with Payton Barna holding vs. MCW United on Nov. 1. The Pride are next scheduled to play host to O'Brien Tech on Friday, Nov. 8, at St. Marie Greenhalgh Complex in Putnam. High school sports coverage begins on page B-1 of The Villager sports section.

Artists Open Studios on the horizon


WOODSTOCK — Pomfret artists Barbara Lussier and Robert Macneil, East Woodstock woodworker Tim Rainville, Woodstock potter Susan Wheaton Morrisette, and woodworker Meb Boden are among the artists scheduled to participate in the 31st annual Artists' Open Studios of Northeastern Connecticut. The event will be held on successive weekends: Friday, Saturday and Sunday, Nov. 29, 30 and Dec. 1, and Saturday and Sunday, Dec. 7-8, from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. each day.

The self-guided art adventure features 71 artists. There are nine group shows and 33 individual studios. Artists invite you to visit their studios, view their work, learn about their processes and hear about what inspires them. Participating artists create in many realms including fine art, pottery, oils, watercolors, acrylics, woodcarving, furniture, sculpture, weaving, quilt-making, jewelry, fiber art, drawings, photography, glassworks, metal works, pyrography and mixed media. Pieces range from the practical to the whimsical, from small to monumental.

Studios and group shows are located in picturesque 18th and 19th century houses, charming outbuildings, historic town halls, along rural roads, and in the heart of the small mill towns Eastern Connecticut is known for. Printed tour guides with maps are available at many area businesses. Artists Open Studios is an opportunity to spend time visiting with artists who live and work in the Quiet Corner. The free art tour is open to all. For a map and complete listing of artists visit <http://www.aosct.org> or visit Facebook: <https://www.facebook.com/aosct.org/>



Tim Rainville, from East Woodstock, is participating in Artists' Open Studios.



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Kapitulik at Veterans Coffeehouse

DANIELSON — On Tuesday, Nov. 12, the Danielson Veterans Coffeehouse guest speaker will be Eric Kapitulik, founder and CEO, of “The Program” Kapitulik will speak about its mission , “We Develop Better Leaders and Create More Cohesive Teams” and how they accomplish their mission. The coffeehouse is open to veterans only and is located at 185 Broad Street in Danielson. It opens at 8:30 a.m. and the guest speaker program starts at approximately 9:15 a.m.

Born and raised in Thompson, Kapitulik attended Pomfret School, where he excelled as a three-sport varsity athlete. Upon graduation, Kapitulik matriculated at the United States Naval Academy, where he was a four-year varsity letter player on the Division I Lacrosse team.

After graduation in 1995, Kapitulik went on to serve in the United States Marine Corps as both an infantry officer and special operations officer with 1st Force Reconnaissance Company, 1st Marine Division. As a platoon commander within his company, Kapitulik led a

team of 20 covert operations specialists on numerous Special Forces-related missions, including long-range reconnaissance patrols, hostage rescues, high-altitude jump exercises, ship takeovers and gas-oil platform takedowns.

In 1999, during a routine training mission to prepare for an upcoming deployment to the Persian Gulf, Kapitulik and his platoon were in a helicopter crash that resulted in the death of seven Marines. In response to this tragedy, Kapitulik created the Force Reconnaissance Scholarship Fund to benefit the children of his fallen men.

Kapitulik left active duty after eight years of service and received his MBA from the University of Chicago Graduate School of Business in 2005. He founded The Program in 2008.

Kapitulik has participated in eight Ironman Triathlons, The Canadian Death Race Ultra Marathon, The Eco Challenge, and The AmKapitulikan Birkebeiner Ski Marathon. He is also an avid mountaineer and has summited five of the seven summits (the highest peaks on each of the seven continents): Mt. Kilimanjaro, Mt. McKinley, Mt. Aconcagua, Mt. Elbrus, and, most recently, Mt. Everest.

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It first started with his wife, Melissa. She was a crafter through and through and started to create things when she was younger. Then in 2017 she began making coasters and also hand painted potted plants with succulents. Early in 2019 she heard about the Putnam Fairy Fest in April and added to her hand painted pots by turning flower pots into reasonably priced fairy houses for the event.

The day before Thanksgiving last year, life as they knew it took a turn.

“I had a bad heart attack,” said Scott, from Danielson. “I was suddenly disabled. I went through rehab. It was a

scary time. Recovery was slow.”

Not being able to work any longer, he found himself not sure what he should do to keep busy.

“I told him he needs to get a hobby,” said Melissa who already had her crafting hobby.

He thought about that and remembered that wood burning kit he received as a gift so many years ago.

“I really liked working on it when I was younger, so I decided I would try that. I started for fun and to also occupy my time,” he said.

He found that he really enjoyed it.

“When friends saw what I made they encouraged my talent. That is when the idea came up to make more and sell them,” he said.

That is when Melissa’s

solo craft business became a partnership with Scott. Since he had some wooden pieces ready before the Fairy Fest, together they decided to bring his art to Putnam for the event. They were eye-catching and the duo mostly sold the wood burning pieces that day.

After awhile Scott showed Melissa how to use the tool and she also got involved in creating her own wood burning pieces. They showed their pieces at almost all of the First Friday’s in Putnam making many of the pieces to compliment the theme of each event. They are busy with weekend shows throughout the holidays, and have been adding wooden Christmas ornaments and holiday spoons.

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Bird sightings at the Connecticut Audubon Society Center at Pomfret and Wyndham Land Trust properties for the week of Oct. 28: Ruby-crowned Kinglet, American Pipits, Junco, Flicker, Killdeer, Saw-whet Owl, Barred Owl, Yellow-bellied Sapsucker, Mockingbird, Cedar Waxwing, House Finch, White-crowned Sparrow, White-throated Sparrow. Visit ctaudubon.org/Pomfret-home

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SPIROL pledges funds to DKH Cancer Fund



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SPIROL and DKH fundraisers, from left: Tim Thorstenson, Nicole LaVergne, and Eric Champagne, Joseph Adiletta, Kristen Willis; Matt Bartlett, Nicole Audet, and Ben Zern

PUTNAM — Day Kimball Healthcare announced that SPIROL International Corporation pledged to support the Northeast Connecticut Cancer Fund of DKH in the company’s 2019 fiscal year. At SPIROL’s annual employee picnic on Oct. 4, its fundraising team announced the results of its pledge which totaled \$15,000. In addition to designating the company’s annual employee giving campaign to the Northeast Connecticut Cancer Fund of DKH, the team raised money by hosting various philanthropic events throughout the year. The team also participated in DKH sponsored fundraising events to further benefit the Fund as well as the DKH Oncology Department which included: DKH’s 125th anniversary kick-off celebration, DKH Wine Tasting, Cruisin’ for Cancer Care Guest Bartender Night, Cruisin’ for Cancer Motorcycle & Car

Cruise, Paddle for a Cure, and the NECT Cancer Fund Walk & Race. As part of the fundraising initiatives, SPIROL supported the hard work of its employees by contributing \$5,000 as the corporate presenting sponsor of the 2019 NECT Cancer Fund Walk & Race. “We are deeply grateful to SPIROL and its employees for their generous contribution to the health and well-being of those in the communities that both our organizations serve,” said DKH Director of Development, Kristen Willis. “Since the NECT Cancer Fund of DKH was established, it has always been about the community coming together to support our neighbors in a time of need. SPIROL shares that vision and it is reflected in the efforts of its employees who have made a significant impact on the NECT Cancer Fund. Day Kimball

is not only fortunate to have a longstanding relationship with SPIROL, but the energy and enthusiasm its staff bring with them in supporting cancer care in our community.” “It has been a pleasure for SPIROL to work with the team at Day Kimball Hospital over the past year,” said SPIROL’s Matt Bartlett. “Our ability to not only contribute funds but to participate in fundraising events for the NECT Cancer Fund of DKH has proven to be a positive relationship that is both fun and productive with results that are having a great impact on our immediate community.” The SPIROL team has once again pledged to support the Northeast Connecticut Cancer Fund of DKH for the company’s 2020 fiscal year. Originally founded by a local family in honor of a loved one lost too soon to breast cancer, today the

Northeast Connecticut Cancer Fund of DKH provides financial assistance to more than 200 neighbors in need each year. Assistance is used to help pay for cancer-related screening and treatment services to individuals living in Northeast Connecticut who otherwise may not have the financial resources to access needed medical care. Through charitable contributions of local businesses, community members, and various philanthropic events, more than \$1.3 million has been raised for the Fund since its inception in 1989. The Northeast Connecticut Cancer Fund of DKH depends on the support and philanthropy of businesses like SPIROL and people in the community it serves. For more information about the Fund visit daykimball.org/cancercare or contact the DKH Development office at (860) 928-7141.

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POLICE LOGS

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TROOP D LOG

DANIELSON
Oct. 25
Jacqualin Ferguson, 31, of 17 Buck Street, Apt. E., Danielson, was charged with larceny in the 6th degree.
NORTH GROSVENORDALE
Oct. 31
Kevin Santerre, 55, North Grosvenordale, was charged with operating under the influence of alcohol.



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LEGION HONORS COLANGELO

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PUTNAM — American Legion 4th District Commander Ronald P. Coderre (left) recently presented Linda Colangelo of Putnam with the Department of Connecticut Americanism Award with Mayotte-Viens Commander Brian D. Maynard looks on. Colangelo was cited by the Department of Connecticut for her efforts on behalf of veterans in Northeastern Connecticut and beyond. She was nominated for the award by Coderre and Everett G. Shepard III, former Commander of Post 111 in Woodstock.

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Rugierri is Day Kimball employee of the month

PUTNAM — John Ruggieri, technical analyst in the information technology (department at Day Kimball Healthcare (DKH), was named employee of the month for September. Ruggieri, who has been in the IT field for eight years, first began working at DKH in 2014 as a desktop support technician. In 2015, he transitioned into his current role as technical analyst. In this role, Ruggieri is responsible for the networking, storage, and server environments used at the Hospital. Other responsibilities include providing troubleshooting support to users within DKH.

“This award is well-deserved. John goes above and beyond in everything he does to support the user community we serve at Day Kimball ensuring their needs are addressed. He is a very valuable member of the IT department team and the DKH family,” said Ruggieri’s supervisor, Patrick Clifford Jr., information technology manager.

“When I was told that I had received the employee of the month recognition, I was pleasantly surprised. To be hon-



Courtesy photo
From left, Joseph Adiletta, Janice Thurlow, John Ruggieri, Patrick Clifford, and Paul Beaudoin.

ored in such a way in an environment where so many people go above and beyond their duties is awesome, and to be part of it is both humbling and I am most thankful,” Ruggieri said. “From a technical standpoint, the technologies that we are working with to provide the users with the best computing experiences that we can is fantastic. Outside of that, we in IT get to help so many different users in so many different capacities here at DKH. To be able to contribute and provide support to all the different departments here with the team that I am a part of is definitely something special. This is a great community to be part of, and I couldn’t be more thankful.”

Ruggieri, from Glocester, R.I., holds a bachelor of arts in philosophy from Rhode Island College. Ruggieri served as the vice president of the board of directors for the Rhode Island Trapshooting Association and a member of the American Fox Terrier Club.

Day Kimball welcomes oncologists to staff

PUTNAM — Day Kimball Healthcare recently welcomed Carmen Pisc, MD, and Gino Bottino, MD, both board-certified and fellowship-trained medical oncologists, to the Rose Bove LaRose Cancer Center at Day Kimball Hospital in Putnam.

“We are thrilled to add Drs. Pisc and Bottino to our cancer care team at Day Kimball Hospital,” said DKH Director of Surgical Services, Cancer Services and Maternal Child Health Cheryl Petrarca. “These

cancer experts join our incredible team of oncology-certified nurses, a patient navigator, registered dietitians, and on-site pharmacists. This combination of skilled expertise all in one place makes it possible for patients to receive the specialized and compassionate care they have grown to rely on from Day Kimball.”

Carmen Pisc, MD has been appointed as the medical director of hematology/oncology for the Cancer Center. Board-certified in hematology and

oncology, Dr. Pisc brings more than 30 years of experience to Day Kimball, specializing in breast and ovarian cancer. She most recently practiced as a medical hematologist/oncologist at Beebe Healthcare, Rehoboth Beach, Del. Dr. Pisc earned her medical degree from Carol Davila Medical School, Bucharest, Romania in 1988. She completed her residency in internal medicine in 2001 at UMass Memorial Health Care Memorial Campus, Worcester, Mass., and received an additional three years of clinical training as a fellow in hematology/oncology at UMass Memorial Health Care University Campus. Dr. Pisc is a member of the American Society of Clinical Oncology and the American Society of Hematology, and is an associate member of the American College of Physicians.

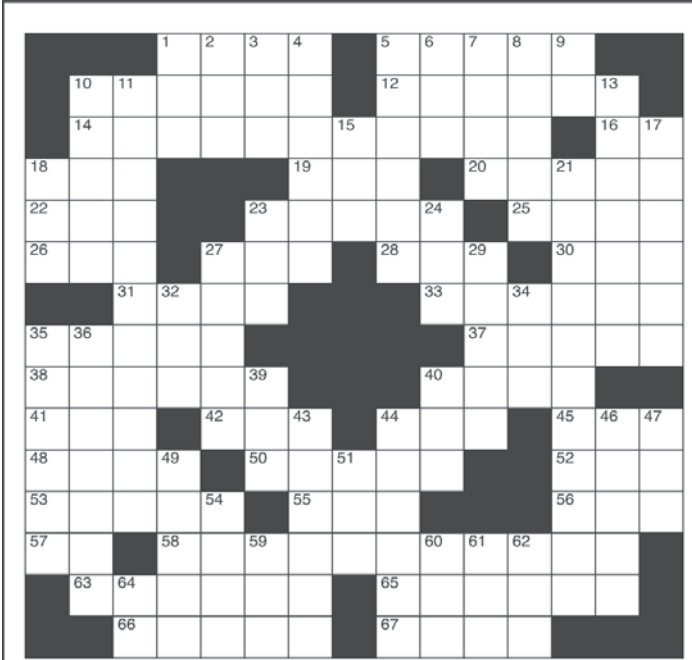
Gino Bottino, MD received his medical degree from New York Medical College, Valhalla, N.Y. in 1977. His professional medical career began with his internal medicine and hematology training at Montefiore Hospital, The Bronx, N.Y. Dr. Bottino has held clinical academic appointments at the University of



Courtesy photo
Carmen Pisc, MD, (left), and Gino Bottino, MD, (right), with Phyllis Kelliher, RN, MSN, OCN, FNP-BC, (center).

Arizona School of Medicine; New York Medical College; American College of Surgeons Commission on Cancer; Strang Cancer Prevention Clinic in N.Y.; VA Medical Center, Manhattan; and NYU Medical Center. He is credited with 22 peer-reviewed publications and is certified in oncology,

hematology, and internal medicine. Prior to joining DKH, Dr. Bottino cared for patients at the Oncology Institute for Hope and Innovation, Tucson, Az. His professional interests include medical ethics, thrombotic disorders, lung cancer, and colon cancer.



- CLUES ACROSS
1. Flat-topped hill

5. Fire usually accompanies it

10. Talked

12. Skillset

14. Unembarrassed

16. Where teens spend their days

18. Boxing’s GOAT

19. Used to anoint

20. Rust fungi

22. Panthers’ signal caller

23. Forests have lots of them

25. Lentils

26. One’s self-esteem

27. Where you entered the world (abbr.)

28. High school test

30. Large, flightless bird

31. Expectorated

33. Some practice it

35. Prickly shrub

37. French river

38. Told on

40. Steep hillside

41. Peyton’s little brother

42. Soviet Socialist Republic

44. Welsh river

45. Witness

48. Brews

50. Orange-brown

52. Separates DNA and RNA

53. Mexican agave

55. Self-contained aircraft unit

56. Encourage

57. Atomic #52 (abbr.)

58. About latitude

63. Trivial gadget

65. Film a scene again

66. Small blisters

67. Dark brown
- CLUES DOWN
1. Advanced degree

2. Goes with flow

3. The Caspian is one

4. Accumulate on the surface of

5. Vascular systems or plants

6. A popular kids magazine

7. __ podrida: spicy Spanish stew

8. Vandalized a car

9. Prefix meaning “within”

10. Soviet labor camp system

11. Strong hostilities

13. B complex vitamin

15. Go quickly

17. Toast

18. A team’s best pitcher

21. A Philly culinary special

23. Small child

24. Unhappy

27. Trims by cutting

29. Weepy

32. It might be on the back

34. Spy organization

35. Female body part

36. Came back from behind

39. Fall back or spring forward

40. Famed traveling journalist

43. Where the current is fast

44. Withstand

46. A Philly football player

47. Records brain activity

49. Aromatic powder

51. Circular panpipe

54. Ship as cargo

59. Bar bill

60. Adult female

61. OJ trial judge

62. One’s grandmother

64. Hot, massive star

THANKSGIVING

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The presentation at the historical society was made by Olison Running Water Best and Jerred Swiftcloud Best of the Narragansett tribe and was held at Westfield Congregational Church, United Church of Christ.

After the pilgrim’s survived their first harsh winter — planting season arrived and the Wampanoags taught them how to plant and care for new crops. The pilgrims tried seeds brought from Europe but they failed — the corn provided by the Wampanoags flourished. The tribe also shared its knowledge of local fishing and hunting sites. The fall of 1621 brought a bountiful harvest and a celebration was planned — Native Americans and pilgrims took part.

“Ninety Native American men and 50 English men had a three-day festival,” said Best. “Something went wrong between the two groups. On the third day blood was shed, ending the festivities. This was never put in the history books. I never knew about it and my grandmother never talked about it. Sometimes it is considered a somber holiday. We don’t really know why blood was shed or what happened. We also celebrate Thanksgiving on other days throughout the year, like our pow wows. There are usually 13 spots on the back of a snapping turtle which stand for 13 moons. Each moon tells of what is to be celebrated.”

Olison talked about 12 of those moons, all days of Thanksgiving for the Native Americans. In January it is called the Winter of Falling Snow and of Great White Silence where like everyone else, they prefer to stay indoors. In February it is the month of Telling Stories. March through April it is the Moon of the Great Wind, with March being the Month of Maple Sugar and April the Moon of Many Rains. May is the Moon of Planting. June is the Celebration of Strawberries and the Festival of Friendship where they gather together to share the strawberries. July is the Moon of Flowers and Berries. August is for the Moon of the Thunder Beans and Festival of Summer. September is the Moon of Harvest and the Harvest Festival. October is the Moon of Falling Leaves Festival. November is the Moon of the Great Frost and the Festival of a Great Summer. December is the month of Darkness. On that day they give and take gifts from each other.

Thanksgiving was declared a national holiday by President Abraham Lincoln on Nov. 26, 1863 — it might never have happened without the Wampanoags.

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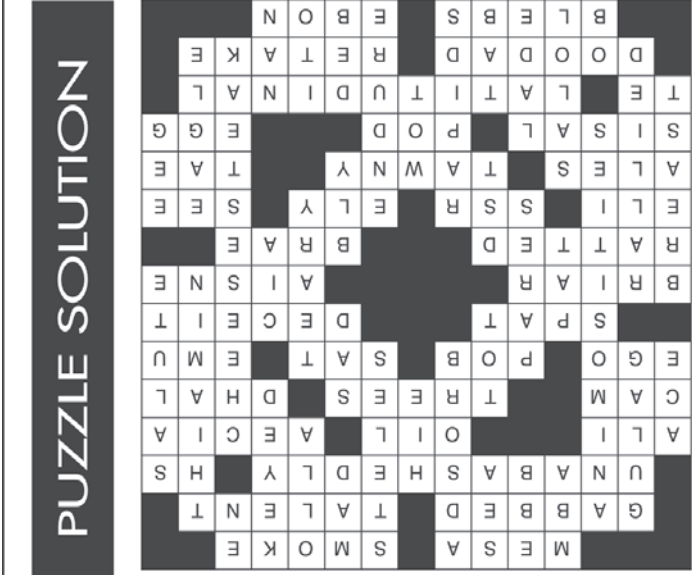
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From left, Carol Ryley, Ida Ransom, Treasurer of the Killingly Historical and Genealogical Society, Melody Guillemette, and Clover Cooper



Karen Butera photos
From left, Racine Lupien, Raigan Leveille, Glen Leveille, Jason Leveille and Kinsley Leveille



From left, Everette Godaire, Laurie LeClerc, Jean Cyr, Michael Kuter, Kindle Kuter and Amanda Lawton



Lindsey Brown



Donna Copeland and Peter Deary



Gathering at the bar to show support for KBA fundraiser



From left, Stacey Jimenez, Nancy Dutra and Mike Teed

Killingly Business Association serves up for charity

DAYVILLE — The Killingly Business Association held a Celebrity Bartending event fundraiser on Oct. 30 at the Railside Tavern. There was a full house as many local residents to support it. All money raised will go to QVCC Foundation, Friends of Assisi food pantry and Camp Quinebaug.



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Day Kimball honors Wilterdink

PUTNAM — Day Kimball Healthcare held a dedication ceremony at the hospital on Oct. 1 to honor medical director of employee health services, Dr. David Wilterdink. The hospital's administration elected to name the employee health services department located at Day Kimball Hospital after longtime family medicine physician, Dr. Wilterdink, in recognition of his 36 years of active service for the medical division of DKH, his time as Employee Health Medical Director, and in commemoration of DKH's 125th anniversary.

"The high-quality, family-centered care Dr. Wilterdink provides to his patients, and the medical leadership and management of employee health services has demonstrated his dedication to our community throughout his career," said Joseph Adiletta, Interim President, Day Kimball Healthcare.

At the dedication ceremony, colleagues, family members, and friends gathered to honor Dr. Wilterdink and his decades of excellence in the practice of medicine and patient care. Dr. Wilterdink earned his medical degree from Dartmouth Medical School in Hanover, New Hampshire in 1980. He joined the medical staff at Day Kimball Healthcare in 1983 upon completing the Family Medicine Residency Program with the UConn Health Department of Family Medicine. During his career, Dr. Wilterdink has made many contributions to education in the health care field with academic appointment at Brown Medical School as a clinical assistant professor (2007 – 2014) and at the UConn School of Medicine as a clinical assistant professor (1996 – present).

"Dr. Wilterdink embodies the finest characteristics of physicians in the family medicine specialty and has enhanced the quality of life for those in his care," Adiletta said.

In his tenure at DKH, Dr. Wilterdink has served in many positions including Patient Care Committee Chair (1989 – 1994), Department of Medicine Chair (1994 – 1997), DKH Physician Hospital Organization Board of Directors (1995 – 1997), CIGNA/DKH Physician Hospital Organization Medical Director (1997 – 2000), Medical Staff Representative to the Board of Directors (2001 – 2004), Medical Director of Employee Health (2012 – present).



Dr. David Wilterdink with his wife at a dedication ceremony.

Baum is Day Kimball's unsung hero



From left: Joseph Adiletta, Dr. Michael Baum, Michelle Donahue, Barbara Chubbuck.

WOODSTOCK — More than 240 cancer survivors and their families attended Day Kimball Healthcare's Cancer Survivors Day on Sunday, Sept. 29 at Roseland Park in Woodstock.

The celebration featured a "Healing Vibrations" theme with music by the Extraordinary Rendition Band from Providence, R.I., which provided an upbeat atmosphere where those who are currently fighting cancer and those who are survivors, along with their families, celebrated the power of music and support in healing.

Guests enjoyed the ambiance of Roseland Lake and a blessing by Day Kimball Healthcare's Reverend Jonathan Scott. Several guest speakers who have received treatment at DKH's Rose Bove LaRose Cancer Center addressed the crowd and shared their stories of hope and survival. The event was made possible through DKH's oncology/hematology staff and the support of the community.

At the event Dr. Michael Baum, general surgeon at Day Kimball Medical Group, and president of the DKH medical staff, was presented with the Unsung Hero Award by Joseph Adiletta, Interim President, Day Kimball Healthcare, in grateful recognition of his dedication, service, and leadership to DKH's Oncology program. Dr. Baum has demonstrated his dedication to the Northeast Connecticut community throughout his career.

"From the time the Day Kimball Oncology program began, it was clear that quality cancer care was a significant need for this community," said Adiletta. "So it should come as no surprise to hear that for many years now, Dr. Baum has been a staunch advocate and steadfast supporter of the oncology program."

In his role as general surgeon with Day Kimball Medical Group, Dr. Baum is part of a multi-disciplinary team for many patients receiving cancer treatment performing biopsies, excisions, and port placements. He works closely with pathologists, radiologists, medical oncologists and radiation oncologists.

"Dr. Baum works shoulder to shoulder with our oncologists, staff and administration to ensure the continued success of cancer care here at Day Kimball," said Adiletta.

Over the past year, Dr. Baum has overseen improvements, establishing and facilitating efforts to work towards clinical and programmatic goals for the oncology program, and analyzing data to identify the community's greatest oncologic related needs and working with the DKH cancer committee to meet those needs.

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Upcoming free events at QVCC

DANIELSON — Quinebaug Valley Community College is hosting a number of events in November that are free and open to the public.

Nov. 8: Veterans Day Celebration – QVCC will celebrate Veterans Day on November 8 from 2-3 p.m. in the Robert E. Miller Auditorium. Bricks added to the Veterans Garden will be dedicated at the ceremony. Immediately following the ceremony, the Veterans Connection Photo Exhibit will open in the SPIROL Gallery. Afterwards, guests are welcome to visit the Veterans Garden, located in the circle outside the College's main entrance.

Nov. 9: Saturday Registration for Winter and Spring Terms – Meet with an academic advisor to pick the perfect schedule from 9 – 2 p.m. Both the Danielson campus and our Windham Technical High School location will be open. Learn more at www.qvcc.edu/register.

Nov. 13: Fall Open House, learn about our 50 degree and certificate programs and meet with QVCC faculty at our Fall Open House on Wednesday, Nov. 13 from 6-8 p.m. Apply on or before November 13 for your chance to win a \$1,000 scholarship. Contact: Sarah Hendrick at shendrick@qvcc.edu for more information.

Nov. 20: Financial Aid Night, are you planning to attend college? Are you the parent of a senior in high school? Attend our presentation if you want to learn more about funding a college education, sources and types of financial aid, how to complete the FAFSA and more. For more information contact the QVCC Financial Aid Office at (860) 932-4003.

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December 6, 2019

Please call the Woodstock Elementary School to schedule an appointment at 860-928-0471.

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Fire Prevention Day at Woodstock Elementary School

WOODSTOCK — The Woodstock Volunteer Fire Association, Bungay Fire Brigade, Muddy Brook Fire Department and Woodstock EMS joined forces on Oct. 16 for the annual Fire Prevention Day for students at Woodstock Elementary School.

Dick Baron, Fire Marshal for the Town of Woodstock continued to review the basic fire safety principles with students from grades Pre-K through 4th grade. Outside with the Fire Fighters and EMS the students went from being showed what a fire fighter wears, interacted with students on questions of fire safety and survival, being shown equipment on the Ladder Truck, firefighting equipment and extrication tools and how they interact with EMS including being able to go inside and sit on a cot in the ambulance. Approximately 450 students took part in Fire Prevention Day this year. All of the students received fire prevention materials to take home provided from the Office of the Fire Marshal. As in the past, the fire apparatus was a big hit with the children.

According to Fire Marshal Baron, if not for the voluntary Fire and EMS personnel participating in Fire Prevention Day, the valuable lessons on fire and EMS topics taught to the children would not have taken place. The training provided by them will have a direct impact on the children and their families regarding fire prevention and home safety.



Students at WES attended Fire Prevention Day.

Courtesy photos



Quest Martial Arts



Courtesy photos

Board of Directors, from left, Grandmaster Leclerc, Grandmaster Bogdanski, master Duethorn, Grandmaster Voelker, Grandmaster Shintaku, Master Pumarejo, Grandmaster Jenkins.



Quest Martial Arts competitors

PUTNAM — Eighty students from Quest Martial arts competed at the annual World Dang Soo Do Union and US Goodwill Tang Soo Do association national championships. The event was held at Norwich Free Academy in September. Competitors from all the United States were in attendance. Special guest Grandmaster H.C. Hwang, the son of the founder of Tang Soo Do was in attendance. Master Bogdanski and Master Duethorn, the co-owners of Quest martial arts were the tournament hosts this year. Next year's event will be in Tucson, Arizona. The Quest martial arts competition team results are below.

Tournament Results: Chimairan Rochette: 4th in Sparring
Chiara Rochette: 1st in Form
Alisa Libby: 2nd in Form, 2nd in Sparring, nun-chucks
Jessica Rochette-Stanger: 3rd in Sparring
Samantha Mills: 3rd in Form
Maddie Hopkins: 2nd in Form
Kennedy Collier: 1st in Form, 2nd in Sparring
Lana Powell: 1st in Form
Charlie Caggiano: 2nd in Weapons
Tyler Hopkins: 4th in Weapons, 3rd in Form, 4th in Sparring
Alishia Thompson: 4th in Sparring
Madailyn Cote: 2nd in Weapons, 2nd in Form
Caitlyn Cote: 3rd in Weapons, 4th in Sparring
Katrina Cote: 1st in Form, 4th in Sparring

Kristen Finnemore: 2nd in Weapons, 2nd in Form
Kai Teed: 4th in Weapons, 4th in Form
Hunter Larson: 2nd in Form, 1st in Sparring
Oliva Othmann: Bronze in Nun Chucks
Vincenzo Dimeglio: 4th in Form, 1st in Sparring
Keegan Morrison: 3rd in Form, 2nd in Sparring
Georgia Cross: 3rd in Sparring
Ben Cross: 3rd in Sparring
Emma Chrzanowski: 3rd in Weapons
Landen Reschke: 2nd in Weapons, 2nd in Form, 2nd in Sparring
Judy Cote: 3rd in Form
Paul Azu: 1st in Form, 1st in Sparring
Abi Stevens: 2nd in Sparring
Caleb Koleszar: 1st in Form, 1st in Sparring
Gerry LaMontagne: 1st in Form
Ava Clark: 4th in Sparring
Brynn Perry: 4th in Sparring
Michelle Lengyel: 4th in Weapons, 1st in Form
Dheric Seney: 3rd in Form, 4th in Sparring
Greg Martinez: Grand Champ in Weapons, 1st in Form, 3rd in Sparring
Brian Card: 2nd in Weapons, 3rd in Form
Aris Roane: 1st in Weapons, 2nd in Form, 1st in Sparring
Lee Wesler: 4th in Form, 3rd in Sparring
Kai Frechette: 2nd in Form, 3rd in Sparring



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The whiff of wood smoke

The early morning darkness. The early evening darkness. It is November and once again it is time for us to abandon quiet walks in the garden after dinner and get ready for the long, inevitable trek toward winter. There is a whiff of wood smoke in the air that reminds us to settle in and enjoy all the elements of our character and behavior that make us comfortable as New Englanders. Now is the time to embrace cold fingers, being alone with our thoughts and feelings, and dining on fragrant pots of stew.

I managed to avoid reading the novel, Moby Dick, until I was in graduate school. I'd toured Mystic Seaport enough to believe I understood whaling and that it was a harsh business that had little to do with me. Once I allowed myself to enter the fictional world of Captain Ahab, I found the darkness fascinating. One line captures so much of what we feel this time of year: "Whenever I find myself growing grim about the mouth; whenever it is a damp, drizzly November in my soul..." the protagonist in the novel sets out for the sea. For the rest of us, it is time to go inside literally and figuratively.

A friend took me to see an exhibit of watercolors by the English artist J.M.W. Turner (1775-1851) at Mystic Seaport. Turner is associated with paintings of the sea, but the watercolors that stuck in my mind where so abstract and modern looking that they reminded me of the sky, lines of trees and storms. As I look toward my neighbor's house around dawn, I see a square of light among the bare trees between our homes that is similar to one in a Turner watercolor. The exhibit changed the way I see my own backyard.

The storm on Halloween took down many trees and left homes and businesses without electricity. We were among the fortunate ones who did not lose power, but throughout the area there was the dull roar of generators and road closings as utility workers diligently repaired the damage. There are so many dead and dying trees that it is just a matter of time before the next outages occur. The fallen hulks of tree trunks look like fallen giants in the woods, where decades will pass before they rot away. The maples on the driveway at our old farm were probably planted around the time of the Civil War. One split in the storm disrupting the orderliness of the alley of trees and taking away another connection to the past.

I spent some time in the vault at my town hall recently doing research on the history of an estate that began as the home of a wealthy widow, served as a school for Greek Orthodox and later Catholic young men and also was an ashram. The vault is brimming with fascinating materials. I read about my grandmother, who died in the 1930's. Two estates were probated on the same page. My grandmother left what today would be equivalent to \$27,000 excluding real estate. Her neighbor on the page and in life, a relative of the owner of the estate I'm researching, left the equivalent of \$19 million. Both saw their share of November days.

On the 11th day of November, the 11th month, at 11 am, the Armistice ending WWI was signed 101 years ago. Imagine the relief. Men spent years fighting in muddy trenches that must have felt like graveyards. Now we honor veterans in November and embrace the complexity of a month filled with everything including peace.



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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

In support of President Trump

To all those who continue to write letters about President Trump, get over it and get a life. OK, I am about to confess and this is my opinion. Some will understand this, some will not, some who do not understand it will not agree with me and some who do understand it may not agree with it but here goes anyway.

President Trump is not a lifelong, career politician. That's why I voted for him.

President Trump is not a part of the Washington establishment. That's why I voted for him.

President Trump understands the capitalistic society vs, socialism, and knows that is why America has prospered so much, economically, overall. That's why I voted for him.

President Trump believes that life begins at conception and that to terminate that life in the womb is murder. And that our tax dollars should not go to pay for those murders. That's why I voted for him.

President Trump supports the fact that America was founded on Christian principles and was, indeed, founded as a Christian nation. That's why I voted for him.

President Trump is a believer in the U.S. Constitution and is upholding it. That's why I voted for him.

President Trump champions the free exercise of religion, including Christianity, and takes a stand for the church in America. That's why I voted for him.

President Trump supports our 2nd Amendment rights. That's why I voted for him.

President Trump prays and asks others to pray for him. That's why I voted for him.

President Trump supports our troops and our veterans. That's why I voted for him.

President Trump professes to know Christ as his personal Savior. I didn't know that when I voted for him, but glad to hear it now.

President Trump is trying to close the border to illegal immigrants and those who would threaten our sovereignty. That's why I voted for him.

President Trump has ushered in a period of unprecedented lows in unemployment for all ethnic and minority groups. That's why I voted for him.

President Trump is bringing our economy back to where it was before the politicians started giving everything away to other countries. That's why I voted for him. President Trump has appointed conservative judges and filled Supreme Court vacancies with people who uphold the constitution rather than bowing down to the culture. That's why I voted for him.

President Trump loves America and is willing to do whatever it takes to make and keep our country the great country it has been in days past. That's why I voted for him.

And, I almost forgot, maybe the most important part. President Trump has a comb-over haircut, a little bit of orange tint to his skin sometimes, has been married more than once, declared bankruptcy a time or two, and is not afraid to fight back when the liberal politicians, the deep state, the left culture, and the socialist press attack him, days without end. He tweets his opinion in words that may not be well-crafted, but a stumbling, honest truth that you shake your head at, because of the way it was phrased, is better than a well-crafted and flowery, appropriately worded lie. He doesn't care what people think about his wording, because he loves America more than he loves praise, power, and position, which is what he had before he gave it up to run for president. And he is doing it all, without a salary. President Trump is human. He is just like us. He has a past. So do I. He has made bad decisions a and so have I. He has trouble, sometimes, telling his story but so do I but he loves his country, he loves the Lord Jesus, and he loves his fellow Americans and that's why I voted for him and that's why I am voting for him again in 2020.

TOM PANDOLFI,
WOODSTOCK

Alberts thanks citizens

It has been an honor and a privilege for me to have served as Woodstock's First Selectman for the past two years. I'm pleased to report to Woodstock residents that we reported significant savings of \$387,277 against what had been budgeted for general government expenses in our fiscal year that ended June 30th. In particular our health insurance, highway department overtime, and contingency fund line items were underspent. This represents a combination of vacancies, the continued adjustment of town hall staff to the reduced 31.5 hour work-week, and a mild winter. Since the fiscal year-end, the Board of Finance met and allocated \$212,483 of the savings toward Woodstock Academy's capital budget expenses as approved at town-wide referendum. Our strong general government fiscal constraint was assisted by the increased collection of revenue by our Tax Collector, the negotiation of greater than anticipated interest income from our primary financial institution by our Town Treasurer, and the receipt of greater funding from the state than anticipated. In a more perfect world, the state of Connecticut would provide the Town of Woodstock with more accurate information for our Board of Finance to use in advance of the adoption of our budget. Woodstock's mill rate remains at 24.5 mills, one of the lowest tax rates in eastern Connecticut, and general government expenses for our present fiscal year are flat -budgeted from two years ago. Unfortunately, significantly higher wage expense for our town employees is likely given a 27% increase in the state's minimum wage rate over the next several years, new union wage contracts that will soon be negotiated, and higher state-mandated pension and social security expenses.

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U.S.A. deserves a moral President

In 1972, 5 men being paid by an organization called CREEP, broke into the Democratic National Headquarters in Washington, looking for

useful information on President Richard Nixon's opponents and Democrats running for presidents and in general, information that that could be used against Democrats. This was in July of 1972 in the middle of the night. Not so soon after the cover up began, impeachment proceedings followed.

In 2019, while friends of the President searched for anything they could find on a potential opponent, the President asked a foreign government (Ukraine) to investigate corruption in that country. Specifically, Joe Biden and his son. While using our tax dollars (foreign aid) as an incentive to do this. In plain English, we want you to do what we ask you to do and you will receive aid, that already had been passed by Congress. As all of this happening as a backdrop Ukraine is trying to fight off an adversary (Russia). All

the while the President's personal lawyer was running a shadow foreign policy in the above country. This group did not do this in the middle of the night but in the light of day. Night or day this is abuse of power, which rises to the level that our forefathers specifically were worried about, they did not want a President to do this without being impeached. No one is above the law.

One of the differences is that Nixon did not have his own news(?) channel to defend him with lies and falsehoods. The American government cannot be used for a Presidents' political gain. Nice to see LT Col. Vinmam stand up for what is right. I wish there were a few more people like this war purple heart veteran who do what is in the best interest of country. Country over party.

The United States of America deserves a much more moral President.

DAVID CASSETTARI
DANIELSON

Independent voters

During every major, political, campaign season of my adult life I have heard people declare: "It is the independent



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voters who will determine the outcome of this election." The 2018 mid-term elections were no exception. With 40-50% of voters not willing to declare their party, it seemed

to make polling even more challenging. It left party leaders in government very unsure about their future. But do independent voters really have that much power?

Leandra Bernstein of the Sinclair Broadcast group thought so. One the eve of the 2018 election she wrote:

If history is a guide, the party that secures the largest margin of independent voters controls Congress. As Republican and Democratic enthusiasm crests ahead of the official opening of polls Tuesday morning, it's the less predictable independent voters who will be the most likely determining factor in the midterms.

Control of the House of Representatives has flipped three times in the last 25 years and each time, it was the party that rallied the largest share of independent voters that won the majority. In 1994, independents favored Republican candidates by a 14-point margin, enough to usher in a GOP majority. In 2006, Democrats regained the majority with an 18-point lead among independents. And in 2010, Republicans won independent voters by a margin of 19 percent and control of the House.

Evidently on November 6, 2018 a good number of independent voters were convinced to vote Democrat when it came to their state representative, because the voters returned control of the house to the Democrats.

Watching elections play out in the real world reminded me of a much more important struggle that is playing out, on a daily basis, all around us. The party of good and the party of evil are in competition. They both court voters. They both launch campaigns to convince independent voters to join their cause. The battle is fierce because each side understands that the world is only as good or evil as people choose to make it. Whenever enough independent people whole-heartedly follow the teachings of Jesus, nations are changed, communities are safer and families work better. Whenever people choose to love rather than hate, riots are diffused, marriages are reconciled and children sleep more soundly.

Unfortunately, there is a misconception afloat; many people blame God for the evil that is in the world. They wonder how a good God could let so many bad things happen. They err in not understanding the system. God gives every human being a vote. You and I are independent voters, until we choose sides. Unlike Satan, God does not try to control and enslave people by hook or crook. God runs an honest campaign, and waits to see how people choose. God's kingdom prospers to the extent that people choose his ways. Life is made better when more people humble themselves and accept God's ways. So, if evil abounds, don't blame God, blame the independent voters.

Bishop John W. Hanson oversees Acts II Ministries in Thompson. For more information please visit www.ActsII.org.

Additional letters, see page A-14

Danielson celebrates end of World War I

First, thank you to everyone who attended my LiR presentation at QVCC on October 28 on Names of Note from Northeastern Connecticut. If



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you were there and know someone that I did not mention, please email me with the name and why he/she is noted. I must have at least thirty to forty individuals that I did not mention. We are blessed to have so many women and men who contributed to making Northeastern Connecticut and this nation a better place in which to live including the many who have served our Country in the military.

This Monday, November 11, 2019 marks the 101st anniversary of the formal cessation of fighting in World War I. Although we now refer to it as Veterans Day, it was originally entitled Armistice Day to commemorate the signing of the Armistice. “Armistice Day is commemorated every year on 11 November to mark the armistice signed between the Allies of World War I and Germany at Compiègne, France at 5:45 am, for the cessation of hostilities on the Western Front of World War I, which took effect at eleven o’clock in the morn-

ing—the “eleventh hour of the eleventh day of the eleventh month” of 1918. But, according to Thomas R. Gowenlock, an intelligence officer with the U.S. First Division, shelling from both sides continued for the rest of the day, only ending at nightfall. The armistice initially expired after a period of 36 days and had to be extended several times. A formal peace agreement was only reached when the Treaty of Versailles was signed the following year. The date is a national holiday in France, and was declared a national holiday in many Allied nations” in addition to the United States.

In Northeastern Connecticut residents had begun anticipating the end of World War I 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 practically 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, and 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).

However, the November 11th cease-fire was real. 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 Demonstration Ever Staged in Town. Fairly Delirious With Happiness. People March About All Day Long Celebrating. Great Racket.

“The lid of Danielson’s enthusiasm came off with a bang Monday morning when the news reached here of Germany’s defeat and surrender and it took but a short time for the wonderful tiding to spread to all parts of the town. Sleeping residents were awakened by the din of factory whistles and bells, the racket being even greater than was created last Thursday when” news of a false peace appeared.”

“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, composed of people from the towns of Plainfield and Brooklyn”.

“At the urging of major U.S. veteran organizations, Armistice Day was renamed Veterans Day in 1954. . . Veterans Day celebrates the

service of all U.S. military veterans, while Memorial Day honors those who have died while in military service” (en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Veterans_Day).

I’m sure most of you have at least one or two veterans in your family. I am the child of two veterans of World War II, an Army doctor and nurse who were even married in Africa. Like you, I will try to honor them, my other relatives, and all who have served our great country.

There will be a number of Veterans Day services and ceremonies going on over the weekend. On Sunday, November 10 St. John Lutheran Church, 190 Wauregan Road (Route 12) Danielson will hold a Veterans service at 8:30 a.m. at the church. All veterans, their families, and the general public are welcome. The church is handicap accessible.

The Killingly Veterans Day ceremony will be that afternoon, November 10, at 1:00 p.m. at Davis Park in Danielson.

The Brooklyn Veterans Day ceremony will be on Monday, November 11 at Noon at the monuments in the center of the town (169) near the Israel Putnam monument.

In addition to honoring our veterans by attending a local ceremony or service, please take the time to pray for peace in our country and in our strife-filled world. In the words of and oft-sung song, “Let there be peace on earth, and let it begin with me. Let there be peace on earth, the peace that was meant to be. With God as our

Father, *Brothers all are we. Let me walk with my brother In perfect harmony. Let peace begin with me; Let this be the moment now. With every step I take, Let this be my solemn vow: To take each moment and live each moment In peace eternally. Let there be peace on earth And let it begin with me.” (*To be more gender inclusive several alternate words for brothers have been used).

The Genealogy Club at the Killingly Public Library will meet Saturday, November 9 from 10-11 a.m. New attendees are always welcome. You do not have to be a resident of Killingly to attend. Have you hit a roadblock? Come and see if someone can help. If you’ve been researching a while, keep in mind that your research experiences may also help someone else. We hope to see you. All are welcome.

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Tax Cuts and Jobs Act of 2017

As discussed last week, it’s a good idea to remain calm despite what the headlines are saying, or what the government is doing. But in some cases, the legislation passed by the federal government can have an effect on other aspects of your finances, like tax planning. On December 22, 2017, President Trump signed the Tax Cuts and Jobs Act of 2017 (the act or TCJA). The legislation makes significant changes to the Internal Revenue Code (IRC) and is the most comprehensive tax reform since President Regan’s Tax Reform Act of 1986; it changes and adds many tax rules affecting individuals, estates, wills, trusts, corporations, and small businesses. At Weiss, Hale & Zahansky Strategic Wealth Advisors, we want to make sure our clients and readers have the right information so you can plan accordingly. We collaborate with attorneys and Certified Public Accountants to align clients’ financial plans with all other legal aspects in order to help accomplish their financial life goals.

Individual income tax changes: Under the TCJA, the changes that affect individual income tax are in effect only for tax years 2018–2025. In addition to the changes made to the tax brackets, many exemptions and deductions for individual income tax have been modified or repealed. The personal exemption of \$4,150 per taxpayer and dependent has been eliminated, the standard deduction for individuals has been increased from \$6,500 for individual taxpayers and \$13,000 for married couples who file jointly to \$12,000 for individual taxpayers and \$24,000 for married couples who file jointly. This near doubling of the standard deduction will result in more taxpayers taking this deduction instead of itemizing.

The legislation places limits on several itemized deductions. State and local income tax and property tax deductions have been limited to \$10,000; the debt limitation for new mortgages taken out after December 15, 2017 has been lowered to \$750,000; medical expenses are deductible to the extent that they exceed 10% of adjusted gross income;



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moving expenses are no longer deductible at the personal or employer level, except for military, miscellaneous itemized deductions have been repealed; and finally, there is no phaseout for itemizing deductions.

Miscellaneous individual income tax changes: In addition to the major modifications discussed above, several other changes in the act may affect your financial decisions going forward. These are: Family tax credits. The child tax credit has been doubled, from \$1,000 to \$2,000, and the refundable portion of that credit is allowable up to \$1,400. The act also grants a new credit of \$500 for other dependents. These will phase out at income limits of \$200,000 (single) and \$400,000 (married).

Estate and gift taxes. Effective January 1, 2018, the individual unified gift and estate tax exemption has been raised to \$11.2 million (up from what was set to be \$5.6 million) and, with portability remaining intact, \$22.4 million for a married couple. The top rate will remain 40 percent. The new rates are set to expire—and return to 2017 levels—at the end of calendar-year 2025.

Cash donations to charity. Under 2017 law, gifts of cash to charity offered a taxpayer the ability to deduct the contribution, up to 50 percent of AGI. The act has increased the limitation to 60 percent of the taxpayer’s AGI.

Education planning. The act includes an expansion of 529 savings plans that allows families to save for K–12 expenses, in addition to college expenses. Owners of a 529 plan will also be able to use qualified distributions for elementary and secondary school expenses, up to \$10,000 per year, per student.

1031 exchanges. As of January 1, 2018, 1031 exchanges have been limited to real property. Affordable Care Act individual mandate. The act eliminates the penalty imposed under the IRC for individuals who do not maintain individual health care coverage.

Individual alternative minimum tax (AMT). The individual AMT exemption amount has increased to \$70,300 for individual filers and \$109,400 for joint filers. The phaseout for the AMT exemption has increased to \$500,000 for individuals and \$1 million for married couples. With enactment of the act, fewer Americans will be subject to the AMT.

Retirement recharacterizations. Beginning January 1, 2018, the act eliminates the ability for a taxpayer to unwind a Roth conversion and “recharacterize” back to a traditional IRA.

Pass-through business income: Under previous tax law, all pass-through business income was taxed at the individual taxpayer’s marginal rate, as is most ordinary income. Under the TCJA, qualified pass-through business income will be addressed in a new IRC Section 199A.

The general rule under the TCJA gives pass-through business entities a maximum deduction of 20 percent of the nonwage allocation of qualified business income (QBI) from the trade or business. But the deduction may be reduced, or even eliminated, when taxable income exceeds the following limits: taxable income over \$157,000 for individuals and taxable income over \$315,000 For married couples.

Certain service professionals (e.g., attorneys, accountants, financial professionals). If a person’s pass-through entity is in a “specified service business,” the deduction is reduced pro rata for taxable incomes between \$157,000 and \$207,500 for individual filers and \$315,000 and \$415,000 for those who are married filing jointly. The deduction is disallowed completely if taxable income exceeds \$207,500 for an individual and \$415,000 for married taxpayers filing jointly.

Please note: Additional guidance is anticipated from the IRS or the U.S. Department of the Treasury regarding the pass-through taxation deduction.

Corporate taxation: Although the changes to how individual income is taxed are set to expire at the end of 2025, the corporate tax changes provided for in the TCJA will be permanent. One of the largest tax cuts in the legislation

lowers the corporate tax rate from 35 percent to 21 percent, effective January 1, 2018. Furthermore, the TCJA completely repeals the corporate AMT. The act also imposes some limitations on certain corporate tax deductions, including those for net operating loss, business interest, and research and development expenditures.

Assess where you’re headed: In light of these sweeping changes, you should review your holistic financial plan. An overall review of your income, assets, and balance sheet is important in order to get a clear picture of how the TCJA’s significant changes to individual income taxation affect you or your business.

More planning opportunities will continue to arise as the new tax code unfolds. Make sure to reach out to your tax professional and financial advisor to ensure your unique financial life goals are strategically aligned to the new tax laws. At Weiss, Hale & Zahansky Strategic Wealth Advisors, we want to make sure all of our clients are prepared for the new rules for the upcoming tax season; it may seem far away, but it’s a good idea to plan ahead, especially when there have been many changes. You can access weekly market highlights, along with additional information, on our website at www.whzwealth.com/resources.

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Thompson schools partner with community

School leaders are challenged to bring much needed wellness programs to support students in their district due to the mounting lack of financial and human capital resources. Developing effective partnerships with social service agencies in the community is necessary to meet the diverse needs of children.

In this “Quiet Corner” of Connecticut, Thompson Public Schools are fortunate to tap into four organizations that are working with faculty and staff to make a difference in the lives of the



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students we serve. The district is partnering with Thompson Ecumenical Empowerment Group (TEEG), Harrington Health, Thompson Business Association and SERAC (Supporting and Engaging Resources for Action and Change) to address the daily living, social and emotional needs of our students.

A strong working relationship has been established with Anne Miller and her team at TEEG. TPS educators work directly with TEEG staff to offer families heating assistance, food, clothing, school readiness, after school, summer

Be known by what you are for

We’ve all been told to “Be part of the solution” and “If you are not part of the solution, you are part of the problem.” Both statements are good and true. Most people holding elected office and almost all of those running for president, apparently didn’t get that memo.

Beto O’Rourke recently dropped out of the race. I can tell you almost everything he was against but would be hard-pressed to tell you what he was for. Screaming against or at issues is not the same as proposing and selling solutions. My suggestion to all of those running for office, and especially those holding power is to be for and not against something.

You may say Beto was for gun control ... but I never heard him articulate that. Instead I heard him attack the National Rifle Association and saying he would seize guns from law abiding citizens. I never heard him propose a positive plan for legal immigration but instead he said he’d abolish ICE and he was against a wall. Attitude of your approach matters. Beto never got his message across because he was negatively attacking rather than positively proposing. He spent all his time telling us what he is against instead of what he is for. When you are against something, you come across

as negative. When you are for something you come across as positive and Americans almost always vote for the candidate who gets their positive message across.

Like him or not, Donald Trump won with a simple and positive message. Make America Great Again. His opponents attacked his slogan by calling it racist, homophobic, misogynistic and worse. Instead, maybe they would have been better served by being more “Pro-America” and less “Anti-Trump”?

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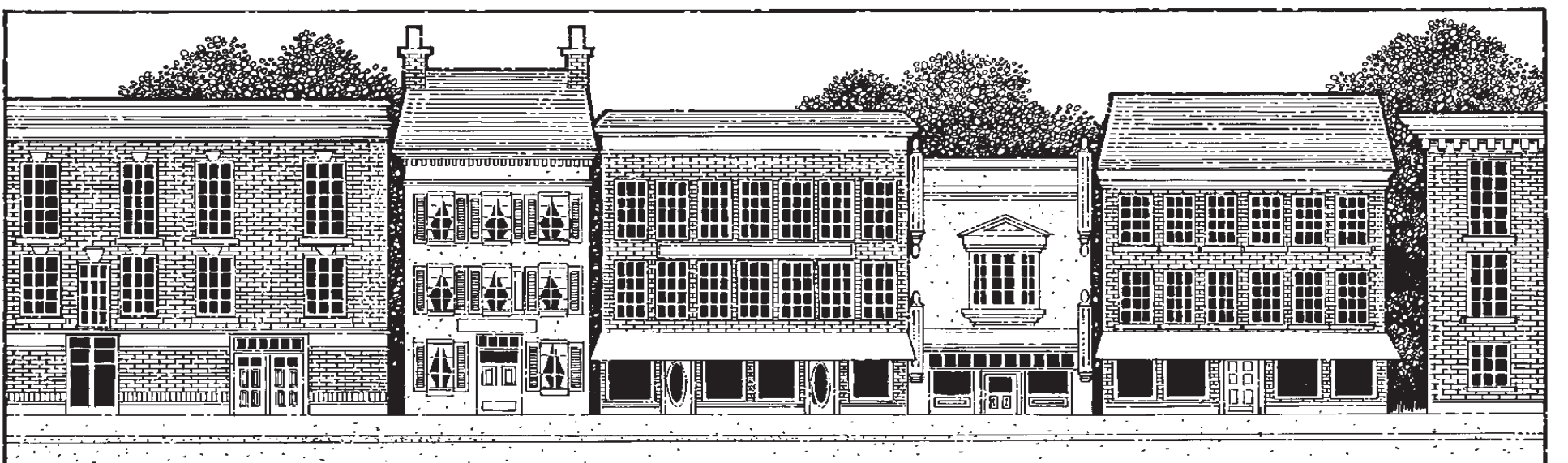
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Honoring all heroes this Veteran’s Day

Veteran’s Day, which is celebrated annually on November 11, commemorates the hardworking men and women who sacrifice their time and put themselves in harm’s way to defend the country’s core values of freedom and opportunity. While Veteran’s Day certainly is a chance to honor those who have donned the uniform during wars and military installments, it also can be a chance to



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recognize the unsung heroes of war-time — those who step into roles so that soldiers and strategists can focus their attention elsewhere.

Take for example Naomi Parker Fraley. In 1942, Fraley was a machine shop worker at the Naval Air Station in Alameda, Calif. She was one of scores women who worked in factories and shipyards during World War II, helping to produce munitions and war supplies. Parker was 20 years old in 1942 and served as the inspiration for what would become one of the most indelible images of the era, known as “Rosie the Riveter.” Parker unknowingly inspired the iconic image after she was photographed at work bent over an industrial machine in a jumpsuit with her hair tied back in a polka-dot bandana. In 2018, Naomi Parker Fraley died at the age of 96, not nearly the household name she perhaps should have been.

Rosie the Riveter helped to tout the

contributions of female war employees who were defending America by working on the homefront. Rosie was a successful morale-booster; and some may be surprised to learn that Rosie has various incarnations.

Norman Rockwell’s depiction of a female riveter, which appeared on the cover of the Saturday Evening Post on May 29, 1943, became an iconic staple of that time. Muscular, with a rivet gun on her lap, a sandwich in hand and a boot stomping on a copy of “Mein Kampf” — and timed perfectly to coincide with the release of a song called “Rosie the Riveter” by Redd Evans and John Jacob Loeb — Rosie became a household name. But another Rosie image actually predates Rockwell’s Post cover.

Naomi Parker Fraley was reportedly the inspiration for an ad created by a lesser known artist named J. Howard Miller. Miller produced a “We Can Do It!” poster for Westinghouse Electric in

1942 aimed at boosting spirits among the company’s workers. The poster helped to recruit new female personnel, according to scholar James J. Kimble. This Rosie was portrayed in a red bandana with her bent arm flexed, rolling up her shirtsleeve.

Both Miller’s and Rockwell’s depictions of female war workers became ingrained in popular culture. Rockwell’s cover art was eventually loaned to the U.S. Department of the Treasury for use in war bond drives for the duration of the war. Miller’s version has been emulated for generations and still epitomizes a strong female presence in the workforce.

This Veteran’s Day is a prime time to delve into American wartime history, with interesting stories like the origins of Rosie the Riveter, and pay homage to all of the heroes that help ensure America’s reputation as a great nation.

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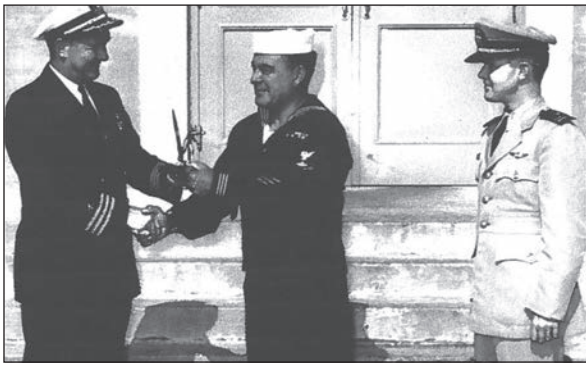
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Eastford’s first Trunk or Treat

EASTFORD — The rain may have moved the action indoors on Halloween but that didn’t stop festive trick-or-treaters from partaking in the fun at Eastford’s first “Trunk or Treat” event. Dozens of kids came in costume as everything from superheroes to presidents. More than 30 stations indoors at the Eastford Elementary School gym — and four trunks stationed outside despite the rain — provided children with a safe and fun opportunity to trick or treat. First Selectman Jacqueline Dubois presented the idea to the Eastford Recreation Commission which then sponsored the fun night. “There was an incredible turnout and everybody enjoyed the evening,” said Paige Burgess, Recreation Chair



Eerie fun images along were presented at Eastford’s first Halloween Trunk or Treat by Bonnie and Neil Souvigny.



Maties Adam Minor with daughter Chloe enjoyed the Halloween Trunk or Treat in Eastford.



Indoor family fun was provided by Caroline Williams, Linda Barlow, James Barlow and Jean Barlow.



Elf Alaina Kilburn did Santa proud with an array of colorful treats.



Halloween at Westview

DAYVILLE —The annual “Westview Candy Crawl” was hosted by Westview Health Care Center on Oct. 31. The Dayville facility holds this event every year to invite the children, families, and friends of patients and staff to trick-or-treat door to door along the resident rooms. Westview’s Therapeutic Recreation Department and its Director, Louise Taylor and her associates Genevieve Dubois and Vicki Ericson deputized a pack of volunteers. Live music was performed by the “Still Pickin’ Trio”. Over 400 guests walked through Westview’s doors. “This is one of our favorite times of year when our residents can see all of the children dressed up and strolling the hallways,” said David T. Panteleakos, Administrator. “The look on their faces is absolutely priceless.”



LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Brink of Civil War?

Ellen DeGeneres got strong criticism from other entertainment personalities for being friendly to George Bush at a Dallas Cowboys game on October Sixth. Each handled the issue gracefully. It wasn’t covered by PBS, NPR, the NY Times, The Wall Street Journal, the BBC, The Guardian, or even Democracy Now, so it wasn’t on my radar. Columnist Gary Moore, however, wrote in these pages that the incident showed us how elites, haters and people who claim to promote peace and tolerance were actually bringing the country to the brink of Civil War. Say what? Moore used the terms “haters” and “elitists” dozens of times throughout his column. If you spend any time on social media, or are signed up for Trump’s campaign email blitz, you know that those terms are used exclusively by the Right for the Left. They are Trump’s favorite names for his detractors. Civil War is another warning they repeat, but, of course, it’s actually a threat. Moore is blaming the Left for an idea enthusiastically promoted by the Right. We Liberals, over here, aren’t investing in body armor and thousands of rounds of .223. We’re investing in the ACLU, the Sierra Club, The Southern Poverty Law Center, Planned Parenthood, the NAACP and TEEG. The Right, meanwhile is typically represented by World Series umpire Rob Drake, who Tweeted last week: “I will be buying an AR-15 tomorrow, because if you impeach my President this way, You will have another Civil War!!!” “The group that promotes peace

is working to incite violence.” Gary writes. Well, that’s peacenik me and my allies, Gary, but we’re not the ones shooting up Mosques, Synagogues, Black Churches and Gay nightclubs, hoping to start a race war. You call us Fascists, but we’re not the ones carrying Nazi flags while chanting “Jews will not replace us!” and driving at high speed into a crowd of protestors. Like President Trump, Moore makes an unassailable argument by turning the world upside down. The things that divide us so deeply and angrily are not about who sits next to whom in the stadium, but about environmental laws slashed, climate change ignored, huge budget deficits, voter suppression, inept and dangerous foreign policy failures, extremist judge appointees, failure to act on gun control and much more. If I found myself sitting next to George at a game (someone would have had to have given me the good seats) I would probably ask him, “Mr. President, why did you listen to VP Cheney, whose Halliburton friends stood to make billions on the war, rather than the wise and honest old soldier that you had to pressure into justifying an unneeded, 2.4 trillion dollar war that killed half a million Iraqis and Afghans and caused sixty-thousand American casualties? Oh, and have you changed your mind about allowing my gay friends the same marriage rights as my straight ones? Shoulda listened to Dick on that one.” Would asking him all that make me a hater elitist?

G. LESLIE SWEETNAM
WOODSTOCK

4-year term makes sense for Pomfret

I am writing in response to Ford Fay’s negative letter (Nov. 1) about the “Sorry state of democracy in Pomfret” (Nov. 1). I beg to differ with him. Exploring the option of four-year terms for selectmen makes sense. We should always be looking to the future and finding ways to make our local government more efficient and effective. What other boards in Pomfret have 2-year terms? The Board of Education has 4-year terms; the Board of Finance has 6-year terms; and the Planning and Zoning Commission and Library Board of Trustees also have 6-year terms. If Mr. Fay had ever served as an elected official in Pomfret, he would understand there is a learning curve, and it does take at least a year on a board or commission to have a firm grasp of the issues and be able to make meaningful contributions. That is why experienced board members are an asset to a town. Mr. Fay feels a 2-year term is better because “the electors have an opportunity to make a change quicker” if the wrong person is in office. Is that more important than the knowledge and experience that are required for these positions? There are projects and initiatives undertaken by the first selectmen that do take several years to complete. Switching leaders in mid-stream might jeopardize the success of such projects, and that has happened in Pomfret. It is getting harder to find candidates to run for any town boards or commissions. If Mr. Fay looks at the ballot in Pomfret, he will see that the Republican Town Committee only put

up a handful of candidates, far less than they were entitled to. For example, there are four vacancies on the Board of Finance, but the Republicans only nominated one candidate. Most of the races in Pomfret are uncontested. Why didn’t Mr. Fay volunteer to run for a board or commission? Finally, Mr. Fay feels “the longer a politician is in office, the more corrupt he or she becomes.” I take exception to that statement. I have served on the Board of Finance for 14 years – two full terms and one partial term. I am running again this year because there are not enough candidates willing to step forward and make that commitment. My years on the board have made me a better and more effective member. The experience I bring to the board is valuable, especially in these challenging economic times. My length of service has not made me corrupt, period. Shame on Mr. Fay for implying that those of us who serve on boards or commissions for more than one term are corrupt. No - we have chosen to devote a considerable amount of time and effort to our town to improve the quality of life and make it the best place to live. I’m not sure what Mr. Fay has contributed to the town, but I guess it’s easier to criticize rather than jump in the trenches and do the hard work.

MARGIE HUOPPI
CHAIR, POMFRET BOARD OF
FINANCE

Additional letters, see page A-8



From left, Lynn Geiger, Anne Grudzinski and Shirley Lamothe



Beverly and David Brennan



Kiku Langford McDonald with sons, Rupert and Ambrose



From left, Carol and Cindy Ward



From left, Brittany Hart and Penny Wintgens

Westfield Church farmers market

DANIELSON — The Westfield Congregational Church, United Church of Christ held a Saturday Farmer's Market on Nov. 2. It will continue weekly through the end of December then will continue on every other Saturday.



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Pomfret Horse and Trail Association Fall Foliage Ride



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POMFRET — Pomfret Horse and Trail Association recently held its biggest trail ride ever with 185 riders. Funds raised from the ride support open space organizations including the Windham Land Trust, the Last Green Valley, and Audubon. Pomfret Horse and Trail Association is a nonprofit begun in 2007 to preserve horseback riding and trails in Pomfret.

“The Fall Foliage Ride has become the

most popular riding event in Pomfret,” said PHTA President Penny Foisey said. “Every year it gets bigger. It’s well run. The food is great. We offer many raffle items from generous donors. And best of all, the trail is scenic and historic. Parts of the trail date back to the 1700s.”

Riders meandered over nine miles of marked trails through fields, woods, and dirt roads on private land.

“We owe the popularity of this ride to the spectacular open space preserved by landowners and the Town of Pomfret,” Foisey said.

Landowners included Mrs. Doris B. Townshend and Raynham, Inc., Ms. Joann Potrzeba, Mr. and Mrs. Timothy Townshend, Mr. Preston Abbott, Mr. Chris Cyr, Ms. Lindsay Phillips, Mr. Edward Graff, and Misters John and Jeff Cartier.

“We maintain over twenty-five miles of trails in town. It requires a professional chain saw crew working year-round to keep the trails clear. Most importantly, we owe a debt of gratitude to the many landowners who give us permission to cross their land. Without them, the ride would not have the variety of terrain or the length. We start in the northwest part of Pomfret



POSITIVELY

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This is not a political message nor am I taking a side. I am strongly stating that people who are for something move their agenda forward and attract followers, while those who are against something are obstructionist and attract negative people. You may say, “I’m against racism” and I’ll respond by saying “try being for unity and to love your neighbor regardless of race, color, religion or nationality.” You may say you “are anti-drug” and I’ll respond with, “be pro good health and clear mind.” How we approach our problems matters because people respond to and are drawn to a positive message and approach and turn away from the negative. As such, I believe the negative approach of those who want Donald Trump out of office are assuring his reelection. Ronald Reagan and Bill Clinton were both elected because of their positive and optimistic messages.

So, my message to those wanting my vote is “I don’t care what you are

against. Tell me what you are for.”

It’s not only true in political elections but also in the workplace and in our homes. Our children need to understand what their parents are for. When a parent is always telling their children what they are doing wrong, they are damaging their child’s self-esteem and teaching them to communicate the negative. Certainly, we must correct our children, but the power of motivation is in building the child up, not tearing them down. Correct them positively.

Employees need to understand the same from their business leadership. Screaming at an employee for making a mistake assures they will never take risks but will also turn them against the boss and the company. When that happens, the employee may work to sabotage their boss and turn down the quality of work they perform. Positive always trumps negative. Employees need to understand what their leadership and their company values. Then, the leadership

must model those values in a positive and easy to understand way.

This is a difficult point to make in under eight hundred words but let me try with this simple story.

Mother Teresa is known worldwide for her work with the poor and the tremendous legacy she left behind. If you are ever tempted to ask if its possible for one person to make a difference, remember Mother Teresa. She is credited with saying ...

“I was once asked why I don’t participate in anti-war demonstrations. I said that I will never do that, but as soon as you have a pro-peace rally, I’ll be there.”

Mother Teresa

What did this kind, gentle and positive person who made a profound difference in the world say?

Anti-Anything never works. Be pro something. I want to be known by what I’m for.

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Gary W. Moore is at www.garywmoore.com

and cross into Woodstock,” Foisey said.

Foisey also gave credit to volunteers, including Fall Foliage Ride trails Joann Potrzeba, Ride Secretary Sue Jackson, and raffle organizer Lu-Ann Cunningham. David Foisey and his crew worked for months before the ride to clear fallen trees and resurface several bridges. On the day of the event volunteers made sure things ran smoothly

from parking two large fields of horse trailers to registering riders, providing deserts, and selling raffle tickets. Raffle donors included: Pomfret Horse and Trail Association, Nancy Austin. Linda Krul, Lu-Ann Cunningham, Denise Leonard, Margie Huoppi, and Betsey MacDonald. More information can be found at: www.pomfrehorseandtrail.com.

PUBLIC MEETINGS

BROOKLYN

Monday, November 11
Parks and Recreation Meeting, 7 p.m., Clifford B. Green Memorial Center
Tuesday, Tuesday, November 12
IWWC Regular Meetings, 6:30 p.m., Clifford B. Green Memorial Center
Thursday, November 14
Board of Selectmen Meeting, 6:30 p.m., Clifford B. Green Memorial Center
Regular BOS Meeting, 6:30 p.m., Clifford B. Green Memorial Center

KILLINGLY

Tuesday, November 12
Veteran’s Coffee House, 9:00 a.m., 185 Broad St., Community Center
Regular Town Council Meeting, 7 p.m., Town Meeting Room
Wednesday, November 13
BOE, 7 p.m., Town Council Chambers
Ag Committee Regular Meeting, 7 p.m., Room 102
Thursday, November 14
ZBA Regular Meeting, 7 p.m., Town Meeting Room

EASTFORD

Planning Commission, 7 p.m. Town Office Building
Wednesday, November 13
Registrar of Voters, 5 p.m., Town Office Building
Thursday November 14
Board of Education, 7 p.m., Eastford Elementary School
Saturday, November 16
AA Meeting, 7:30 p.m., Town Office Building

POMFRET

Tuesday, November 12
Economic Planning and Development

Commission, 8 a.m., Senior Center
Board of Finance Meeting, 6:30 p.m., Pomfret Community School Conference Room
Library Board of Trustees Meeting, 7 p.m., Public Library

PUTNAM

Wednesday, November 13
Inland Wetlands Meeting, 7 p.m., Selectmen’s Chambers
Thursday, November 14
WPCA Meeting, 6:30 p.m.

THOMPSON

Tuesday, November 12
Board of Education Meeting, 4:01 p.m., Thompson Middle School Media Center
Inland Wetlands Commission Meeting, 7 p.m., Town Hall, Merrill Seney Community Room
Housing Authority Meeting, 5:15 p.m., Housing Authority Office, 500 Riverside Drive, No. Grosvenordale
Wednesday, November 13
Zoning Board of Appeals Meeting, 7 p.m., Town Hall, Merrill Seney Community Room
Building Committee Meeting, 6 p.m., Thompson Middle School Media Center

WOODSTOCK

Tuesday, November 12
Ag Program, 6:30 p.m., Room 1
Board of Finance, 7 p.m., Room A
Cornfield Point, 7 p.m., Room B
Recreation, 7 p.m., Room C
Wednesday, November 13
Baby Sitting Training, 5 p.m., Room 1
Thursday, November 14
Baby Sitting Training, 5 p.m., Room 1
Arboretum, 6 p.m., Room A
Open Space Land Acquisition, 7 p.m., Room B

ON EDUCATION

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camp and mentoring programs. TEEG also sponsors the Juvenile Review Board (JRB), a diversionary and prevention program that helps students avoid the juvenile justice system. TPS administrators are invited to volunteer to participate on this important Board. In addition to JRB, TEEG was recently named a Youth Resource Bureau that will expand opportunities for youth and strengthen the partnership between the district and this neighboring agency.

Thompson Public Schools, TEEG, and the Thompson Business Association work together to ensure that our children do not experience food insecurity and anxiety when school is not in session. The Thompson Business Association sponsors a “Weekend Warrior” program that provides over fifty families with food that students can self-prepare over the weekend.

Students requiring behavioral health services are now able to receive therapy sessions directly on-site at all Thompson schools. Therapists from Harrington Health in Putnam provide counseling supports for children during the school day thanks to an articulation agreement established between the school department and this organization. Children benefit by receiving regular consistent counseling sessions within the school day. Teachers and therapists work together to coordinate

efforts to assist students to meet their behavioral goals. The success of the program has expanded, and therapists are in district two full days per week.

Thanks to a grant written by TEEG, the district received mental health training for educators. Facilitators from SERAC joined Thompson teachers and TEEG staff to learn how to better recognize the signs and symptoms of mental health issues among adolescents. SERAC also provided the school community with the opportunity to be trained to administer Narcan and learn suicide prevention strategies.

In a small district like Thompson, it is very unlikely that the Board of Education’s budget could fund personnel to implement the necessary wrap around services needed for students or provide the additional professional development for staff. Therefore, it is imperative for us to continue to reach out to community agencies to establish effective partnerships that will create safety nets for children at risk of school failure.

An African proverb claims “it takes a village to raise a child”. In Thompson, we are living the reality of this quote due to the number of partners we rely upon to help us care for the children attending our schools. To everyone in these agencies, we extend our deepest gratitude.

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Woodstock tops Chiefs to secure winning season



Woodstock’s Nick Bedard speeds down the sideline en route to an 80-yard catch-and-run touchdown in the first quarter, with Trey Ayotte leading the interference, last Saturday, Nov. 2.

WOODSTOCK 44, NONNEWAUG 0				
Nonnewaug	0	0	0	0-0
Woodstock	22	15	0	7-44
FIRST QUARTER				
W- Gavin Savoie 4 run (Savoie run) 6:39				
W- Nick Bedard 80 pass from Ethan Davis (Aidan Morin kick) 3:14 W- Luis Miranda 1 pass from Davis (Morin kick) :32				
SECOND QUARTER				
W- Adam Schimmelpfennig 56 run (kick failed) 11:09 W- Team safety 7:20				
W- Trey Ayotte 5 run (Morin kick) 4:12				
FOURTH QUARTER				
W- Trevor Savoie 60 run (Morin kick) 1:55				
	Nonnewaug		Woodstock	
First Downs	5		11	
Rushes-yards	21-110		30-339	
Passing	32		89	
Sacked-yds lost	0-0		0-0	
Comp-Att-Int	5-10-0		5-9-0	
Punts-Avg.	4-29		0-0	
Fumbles-Lost	3-2		2-2	
Penalties-Yards	1-10		5-50	
INDIVIDUAL STATISTICS				
RUSHING-N: Ben Conti 7-75; Jake Marques 9-45; Hunter Owens 2-(-3); Jake Hungerford 3-(-7). W: Davis 2-45; Ian Welz 6-42; G. Savoie 2-30 & TD; Adam Schimmelpfennig 2-72 & TD; T. Savoie 2-66 & TD; Adam Exley 3-13; Morin 1-0; Trey Ayotte 5-37 & TD; Daniel Suitum 4-30; Travis Jewell 1-(-3).				
PASSING-CP: N: Conti 5-10-0 for 32 yards. W: Davis 4-6-0 for 89 yards & 2 TDs; Jewell 1-3-0 for 20 yards.				
RECEIVING-N: Evan Nakoweczy 1-0; Marques 2-10; Owens 1-2; Dave Suttles 1-20. W: Travis White 1-8; Bedard 1-80 & TD; Luis Miranda 1-1 & TD; Huck Flanagan 1-20.				



Woodstock’s Ian Welz picks up an extra yard with Nonnewaug’s C.J. Fairbarin clinging to the tackle.

BY CHARLIE LENTZ
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WOODSTOCK — Travis White said this win was for all the Centaurs over all the years. Since reinstituting varsity football in 2006 — for 13

unlucky years prior to this one — Woodstock Academy’s football team had never finished with a winning season. White knew the misery firsthand — Woodstock sank below .500 in his freshman, sophomore, and junior

seasons — going 1-9 last year. That futility is ancient history now.

“Finally — honoring the seniors above us who unfortunately didn’t have as good records. It was for everyone honestly,” White said. “No matter what our record’s been our community has been so great to us.”

Woodstock Academy defeated Nonnewaug 44-0 last Saturday at Bentley Athletic Complex — lifting its record to 6-1 and ensuring a winning season regardless of what happens over the team’s last three regular-season games. Woodstock’s senior linebacker respected those gridders who had arrived before him but perhaps left with no respect. White, who also lines up at tight end on offense, shared the victory with all those who toiled for Woodstock in the past.

“It’s incredible. It’s one of the most amazing things I’ve ever been a part of,” White said. “We’ve been putting in the work for four years.”

The Centaurs didn’t let last season’s record cloud their attitudes coming into this year.

“After four years of work going 4-6 (in 2016), 4-6 (in 2017) and unfortunately last year going 1-9 — it’s great to see how much energy everybody’s bringing to the table no matter what happened in the past,” White said.

Woodstock jumped to a 22-0 first-quarter lead over Nonnewaug. Centaurs junior running back Gavin Savoie opened the scoring on a four-yard touchdown run with 6:39 left in the first frame. Senior receiver Nick Bedard raced 80 yards on a catch-and-

run score with 3:14 left in the opening quarter to push the lead to two touchdowns. Bedard shared White’s respect for those who had donned the Centaurs uniform in years past — and said this one was for last year’s seniors in particular.

“I agree completely. From last year, with all the effort they all put in, to not come out with the season they were hoping for — playing for them really felt good and unbelievable,” Bedard said.

It’s seemingly a whole new mindset for the Centaurs this season.

“Our first three years as Centaurs it really stunk for us, coming out here thinking we were going to lose week after week. Every week last year — ‘Oh, here comes another loss. Here comes another loss.’ This year, this winning season’s really pushed us forward, farther than we’ve ever gone as a program. So every week in every game we know we can win,” Bedard said. “For stepping up — me, Luis (Miranda), Travis (White), all of us, and all the seniors — stepping up and putting into a winning season this year — that feels unbelievable for us.”

Luis Miranda snagged a one-yard touchdown pass from sophomore quarterback Ethan Davis, and Aidan Morin booted the point after to push Woodstock’s lead to 22-0 with 22 seconds left in the first quarter. Adam Schimmelpfennig raced 56 yards for a touchdown with 11:09 left in the second quarter. The Centaurs defense forced a safety with 7:20 left in the second frame. Trey Ayotte rushed five yards for a touchdown with 4:12 left in the second quarter to push the lead to 37-0.

White said much work went into the turnaround and the underclassmen have bought in as well.

“It’s year-round, summer workouts, spring ball — going early in the morning to work out. It’s been a lot of work and I’m glad it’s paying off,” White said. “We’ve been trying to instill values of hard work and determination and class, obviously, and ultimately it seems to be paying off this year. I’m really proud of the younger guys.”

With a 37-0 cushion at the break Woodstock took its foot off the gas against winless Nonnewaug at the start of the second half — removing its starters and replacing them with the junior varsity. In the first half the Centaurs’ defense allowed Nonnewaug just 23 yards from scrimmage and forced two fumbles and a safety. The loss dropped Nonnewaug’s record to 0-3.

Woodstock Academy is next scheduled to travel to Bacon Academy (5-2) on Saturday, Nov. 9, with kick-off scheduled for noon. Regardless of the outcome against the Bobcats this weekend — or the next two games that follow — the 2019 Centaurs are winners.

“It’s so hard to process after the reputation and just past records of Woodstock Academy,” White said. “It’s unreal to be a part of this.”

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Woodstock’s Gavin Savoie crosses the goal line on a four-yard touchdown run in the first quarter last Saturday.

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Quinebaug Valley lineman shines in win over MCW



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Quinebaug Valley lineman Jay Brinson crosses the goal line for a touchdown vs. MCW United on Friday, Nov. 1 in Danielson.

BY CHARLIE LENTZ
VILLAGER EDITOR

DANIELSON — Jay Brinson toils in the shadows for the Quinebaug Valley Pride. The senior right guard has spent most of the last four seasons blocking for the glamour guys — helping those featured backs find the adulation that awaits them in end zone. Coach Joe Asermelly identifies with the anonymity of his pit crew — that’s where he labored back in the day for Hofstra University. So Asermelly seized the chance to shine a light on Brinson in a 49-0 blowout win over MCW United last Friday night.

“We have a little bit of a tradition here where we try to reward the guys who do things right,” said Asermelly, in his eighth season. “In terms of Jay, he’s a four-year player, he’s a three-year starter. He’s been a two-way starter for the last several seasons, does everything right. Great leader in the locker room and he’s selfless. It’s always about

the other guys around him.”

For all those reasons Asermelly called Brinson’s number when the Pride reached the 1-yard line early in the second quarter — already holding a 21-0 lead over MCW United.

“When I saw an opportunity from the 1-yard line I said ‘This is going to be his moment,’” Asermelly said.

Brinson lined up in the backfield for his moment in the sun on first-and-goal from the 1.

“We call it Jay-train — because one of my old coaches used to say Jay-train when I pulled down the line,” Brinson said. “So we just kept the name. It was pretty crazy but I used to be a running back in middle school so I handled it alright.”

Brinson took the handoff from sophomore quarterback Mike Merrill and powered into the end zone with 8:01 left in the half — the first rushing touchdown of his high school career.

“You know after four years it feels really nice,” Brinson said. “It feels real-

ly good to be recognized like that.”

Pride junior receiver Stephen Scrapchansky said Brinson’s recognition was well-deserved and everyone was rooting for their senior lineman on the only carry of his high school career.

“We know it’s going in. We’re like ‘We’re going to put this through right now,’” Scrapchansky said. “It’s exciting. It’s the best moment ever.”

The Pride had plenty of big moments against MCW United — both on offense and defense. Quinebaug Valley’s defense scored three touchdowns. Asermelly credited defensive coordinator Austin Hall.

“He almost outscored my offense tonight. He’s done that a couple times this year,” Asermelly said. “I’m really fortunate to have a great staff.”

With 1:31 left in the first quarter Coady Bell strip-sacked MCW quarterback Dylan Crump and Gabe Martel scooped up the fumble and rambled 29 yards for a touchdown. Pride sophomore cornerback Alex Grauer returned a pair of interceptions for touchdowns.

“It’s such a great position to be in when you’re scoring off turnovers like that,” Asermelly said. “Coady Bell had the big hit and Gabe with the scoop-and-score afterwards. Those are two very physical players and that was a very physical play. They’re playing good football right now. Getting the big jump in the first quarter was definitely a key because it felt like we were playing downhill the rest of the night.”

On the last play of the first quarter Grauer picked off MCW quarterback Dylan Crump at United’s 38-yard line and raced to the end zone to help put Quinebaug Valley up 21-0. With 14 seconds left in the first half Grauer intercepted an option pass from MCW running back Harrison Schopp and returned it 80 yards for a score.

“Grauer has seven interceptions this year with two of them returned for touchdowns and he’s another sophomore,” Asermelly said. “We’re pretty happy with how he’s emerged. He was not a day-one starter. He had to earn his reps and boy has he ever made us right.”

The Pride led 40-0 at halftime.

Sophomore running back Lee Schiavetti finished with 83 yards on 15 carries. Sophomore quarterback Mike Merrill was efficient, completing 6-of-11 passes for 72 yards and one touchdown.

The win lifted Quinebaug Valley’s record to 5-2. The Pride have achieved that record with first-year starters at quarterback (Merrill), running back (Schiavetti), receiver (D’Andre Therecka — three receptions for 50 yards vs. MCW) and receiver Anthony Navedo, who ran for a 19-yard touchdown vs. MCW.

“Who’d have thunk it?,” said Asermelly of the production of his relatively inexperienced skill players. “We’ve got a lot of first-year guys, different grade levels but a lot of first-year guys. Hats off to them. They took the coaching. We coach and are continuing to coach very hard on this group. But they’re responding excellently. They’ve got good fibre in them. They work hard. It’s really a tribute to their perseverance to be 5-2 right now.”

MCW United (Wolcott Tech/Housatonic Regional/Wamogo Regional) fell to an 0-6 record with the loss. The Pride is next scheduled to play host to O’Brien Tech at 6 p.m. on Friday, Nov. 8, at St. Marie Greenhalgh Complex in Putnam. Quinebaug Valley’s game vs. O’Brien Tech (2-5) is dubbed Senior Night.

“Got to be 1 and 0 this week. It’s Senior Night. Anytime you’ve got a chance to win in front of your home crowd that’s special,” Asermelly said. “Last home game of the season for us, an opportunity to be 6-2.”

This Friday night gives the Pride’s seniors their moment in the sun — Brinson already knows the feeling.

“I’ll remember this forever,” he said.

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Quinebaug Valley’s Colby Pedersen picks up yardage vs. MCW United.



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Quinebaug Valley’s Lee Schiavetti rushes against MCW

QUINEBAUG VALLEY 49, MCW UNITED 0				
Quinebaug Valley	21	19	0	9-49
MCW United	0	0	0	0-0

FIRST QUARTER
Q- Lee Schiavetti 3 run (Sam Rebello kick)
1:44 Q- Gabriel Martel 29 fumble return (Rebello kick) 1:31 Q- Alex Grauer 38 interception return (Rebello kick) :00

SECOND QUARTER
Q- Jay Brinson 1 run (Rebello kick) 8:01
Q- Anthony Navedo 19 run (kick failed) 1:44
Q- Grauer 80 interception return (kick failed) :14

FOURTH QUARTER
Q- Rebello 10 pass from Mike Merrill (kick failed) 10:16 Q- Rebello 25 field goal 4:58

	MCW	Quinebaug
First Downs	6	10
Rushes-yards	31-108	25-137
Passing	0	72
Sacked-yds lost	1-5	1-6
Comp-Att-Int	1-5-2	6-11-0
Punts-Avg.	2-33	2-22
Fumbles-Lost	2-2	0-0
Penalties-Yards	6-30	3-30

INDIVIDUAL STATISTICS
RUSHING-M: Dylan Crump 2-(-1); Jacob Bourgoin 17-96; Max Dodge 5-3; Don Cahill 4-3; Ethan Galinski 2-6; Eric Hickey 1-2. **Q:** Schiavetti 15-83 & TD; Colby Pedersen 1-0; Brinson 1-1 & TD; Navedo 1-19 & TD; D’Andre Therecka 1-2; Jason Angell 2-14; Tyler Fullerton 1-0; Cameron Bastien 1-14; Mason Nicolosi 1-4.

PASSING-CP: M: Hickey 0-1-0; Harrison Schopp 0-1-1; Crump 1-3-1 for 0 yards. **Q:** Merrill 6-11-0 for 72 yards & TD.

RECEIVING-M: Dodge 1-0. **Q:** Therecka 3-50; Stephen Scrapchansky 1-1; Pedersen 1-11; Rebello 1-10 & TD.

NFA looms large after Killingly tops Bears



File photo

Killingly's Jacob Nurse tossed three touchdown passes in a win over Stonington last Friday.

BY CHARLIE LENTZ
VILLAGER EDITOR

DAYVILLE — Senior quarterback Jacob Nurse threw for 211 yards and three touchdowns to help Killingly High stay undefeated with a 49-0 victory over Stonington last Friday night at Killingly High School. The win lifted the Red Hawks record to 7-0.

Nurse completed 9-of-12 passes including a 75-yard touchdown toss to senior receiver Kameron Crowe, a 65-yard score to senior receiver Josh Heaney, and a six-yard touchdown pass to senior tight end Nathan Keefe. Heaney finished with five receptions for 117 yards. Nurse and Heaney are both first-year starters but have developed into a productive aerial combination.

"I think — one, Josh is a very good route runner and they work hard together in practice — as do all the receivers, quarterbacks," said Killingly coach Chad Neal. "But the other thing, I

think, they're both good at recognizing coverages and using technique — especially with Josh, the technique part of it. They complement each other. They've developed a nice rapport with each other."

Killingly sophomore running back Jack Sharpe rushed for 160 yards and two touchdowns on 12 carries against Stonington. Sharpe scored on touchdown runs of 22 and 28 yards. Red Hawks senior running back Jackson Lopes ran for 64 yards and a pair of touchdowns on nine carries. Lopes scored on runs of nine and 15 yards. Sharpe has received the bulk of the handoffs as the season has progressed. Coach Neal said Sharpe's workload has increased for a couple of reasons.

"In the preseason (Sharpe) had a lot of carries but he was little injured to start the season off, he had a shoulder injury," Neal said. "But now he's back at 100 percent so we were able to increase his workload."

Sharpe is not a two-platoon player but Lopes is — at running back but also the Red Hawks safety. Neal has lessened the wear and tear on Lopes by increasing the totes for Sharpe.

"The other factor was, you know, Jackson Lopes is playing both ways and we wanted to kind of limit him, the number of carries he gets. He's our starting safety. We just want to keep both of them more fresh," Neal said.

Killingly always emphasizes the run game but the Red Hawks showed offensive versatility against Stonington — picking up 275 yards on the ground and 211 yards through the air. Neal said Killingly's attack is predicated upon opposing defenses — as was the case with the Bears last Friday night.

"It's nice to be able to throw the ball. We saw Stonington basically send everybody — put their guys one-on-one with our receivers. Our line did a great job with blitz pickup and Jacob (Nurse) was able to put the ball on the money on our patterns, the receivers ran great patterns, that makes it tough on the defense. That stretches the defense," Neal said. "And they've got to make a decision — are they going to put eight, nine guys in the box to stop the run or are they going to get help over the top with the passing game?"

Killingly senior linebacker Jonathan Creswell led the Red Hawks with nine tackles against Stonington.

"(Creswell's) definitely one of — if not the top — leaders on the team, especially defensively. He makes all our defensive calls. He does a great job studying film," Neal said. "We have a lot of guys like (senior noseguard) Connor Leduc, (junior defensive end) Jacob Galarza, and (senior defensive end) Jonathan Rodriguez, who do a great job sometimes taking double teams — and that frees up room for our linebackers to run."

The loss dropped Stonington's record to 0-7. Killingly is next scheduled to travel to Norwich Free Academy on Friday, Nov. 8, with kickoff set for 6:30 p.m. The Wildcats (4-3) will be looking to avenge last season's 12-6 overtime loss to Killingly. In Killingly's win last season Lopes intercepted a pass in overtime on NFA's offensive possession and then fullback Derek Turner ran over several Wildcats on a 10-yard touchdown run for the victory.

"I think they're going to be very motivated for payback," Neal said. "They've got the home game, a big student section, they're going to be ready to go. They're still in the playoff race in dou-

KILLINGLY 49, STONINGTON 0				
Stonington	0	0	0	0-0
Killingly	0	27	22	0-49
SECOND QUARTER				
K- Jack Sharpe 22 run (Chris Jax kick)				
K- Josh Heaney 65 pass from Jacob Nurse (kick failed) K- Jackson Lopes 9 run (Jax kick)				
K- Kameron Crowe 75 pass from Nurse (Jax kick)				
THIRD QUARTER				
K- Nathan Keefe 6 pass from Nurse (Two-point conversion)				
K- Sharpe 28 run (Jax kick)				
K- Lopes 15 run (Jax kick)				
INDIVIDUAL STATISTICS				
RUSHING-K: Sharpe 12-160 & 2 TDs; Lopes 9-64 & 2 TDs; Nurse 2-25; Jax 1-15; Isaac Bean 1-5; Heaney 1-2; Jonathan Creswell 1-2 Cooper Morissette 2-2.				
PASSING-CP: K: Nurse 9-12-0 for 211 yards & 3 TDs.				
RECEIVING-K: Heaney 5-117 & TD; Crowe 1-75 & TD; Sam DeRonsie 1-10; Keefe 1-6 & TD; Creswell 1-3.				

ble-L so they can't afford to lose any games. So we're going to have to come out strong early and withstand everything they're going to throw at us — and the atmosphere."

The Wildcats will likely fill the atmosphere with passes. The Red Hawks will have to limit NFA's dangerous aerial attack.

"They get close to 90 to 100 offensive plays a game because they run that air raid system where they're passing quite a bit, short passing game — clock's not running a lot with that — so it's more possessions," Neal said "The teams they play — they throw the ball a lot more too. You look at their schedule and the only ECC schools they've played are Fitch and East Lyme. Fitch runs the ball but East Lyme throws it quite a bit. But all the other teams they've played throw the ball."

Killingly must keep the football out NFA's hands as much as possible.

"One key for us is limiting the number of possessions that they're going to get. You look at what they do, they're averaging — in a game between the two teams — they're averaging about 170, 180 plays a game, where we try to keep the total plays in a game to around 120," Neal said. "We've got to try to keep the number of plays to around 120, where we can control the clock and the line of scrimmage, and finish off drives, and keep their offense off the field — similar to last year."

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Killingly boys qualify for state tourney



Charlie Lentz photo

Killingly's JR Simoneau, left, and Ellis Tech's Collin Lavoie go for the ball.

BY CHARLIE LENTZ
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DANIELSON — Perhaps the boys on the Killingly High's soccer team should pitch in and buy coach Ron Frechette a case of antacids — they've given him a case of heartburn. Killingly's quest for a berth in the Class M state tournament came down to its final game of the regular season against Ellis Tech. A loss to the host Golden Eagles on Oct. 30 would have ruined Killingly's quest on rainy afternoon in Danielson.

The Red Hawks prevented their coach from a severe case of indigestion — defeating host Ellis Tech 4-2 to claim a spot in the state tournament. The win lifted Killingly's record to 6-8-2 — giving it just enough points to qualify for the state playoffs.

"They pushed us to the last game. We started to finally play some soccer in the last three, four games," Frechette said. "You're starting to see that we have some possibilities out there."

Pablo Yotti, Evan Townsend, JR Simoneau, and Ethan

Lackner each scored one goal for Killingly. Chad Cramer scored both goals for Ellis Tech (11-3-2). Ellis Tech led 10-9 in shots and 7-6 in corner kicks. Killingly keeper Connor Chahanovich made six saves. Ellis Tech keeper Brett Gile had seven saves.

Coach Frechette was pleased that his seniors finally have a chance to play in a state tournament game. The last time Killingly qualified for the state tournament was in 2015, when Frechette's current crop of seniors were in eighth grade.



Charlie Lentz photo

Killingly's Pablo Yotti, left, moves upfield with Ellis Tech's Mike MacCracken attempting the tackle on Oct. 30.

"The guys are excited now. I've been coaching the last two, three games like we were in one-and-dones because that's effectively where we were," Frechette said. "So they've got an attitude about how this is going but everybody's getting cranked up and excited. They're starting to bring back some enthusiasm into the practices, and the sessions. And it changes everything when you know you're going to go to a tournament."

Frechette said the Red Hawks have learned the value of never giving up.

"The hardest lesson to get these young people to understand is that hard work doesn't always pay off immediately," Frechette said. "And you have to wait and drive through it. The rewards are further down the road. That's what they're starting to see. This is what the big deal is for me — they're seeing the rewards of all the hard work."

One of the hardest workers was Yotti, an exchange student from Spain. Frechette said he

set an example for teammates to follow.

"One of the things I love about Pablo is he's got similar intensity to the coaching staff," said Frechette with a grin. "He is very intense out there. He's not a happy camper when things aren't going well. That kind of drive and establishing what it's going to take for the program is a big deal."

The first round of the Class M state tournament is scheduled for Monday, Oct.11. Killingly will be at the bottom of the draw, have to go on the road, and likely play a Class L powerhouse — it doesn't matter — they're in.

"They don't know who, we won't know for a couple of weeks," Frechette said. "It's not going to be an easy team. We know that. And it's going to be a ride. But the guys are really looking forward to it."

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Woodstock netters poised for another tourney run



Woodstock Academy's Amelia Large, right, and Killingly High's Julia Hopkins battle at the net on Monday, Nov. 4, in Woodstock.

BY CHARLIE LENTZ
VILLAGER EDITOR

WOODSTOCK — After a grueling five-set loss to Joel Barlow High in last season's Class L state championship game Woodstock Academy volleyball coach Adam Bottone stood near the bench in East Haven High's gymnasium and wondered aloud if the Centaurs would have the right stuff to make another run for the state crown.

After all Woodstock would be losing several

key components to graduation, including Libero Maddy Gronski, setter Sammie Orlowski, and outside hitter Natalie Low — players who helped the Centaurs gain the No.1 seed for last season's state tourney and put together a record of 24-0 before falling to the Falcons in the title game. The Centaurs lost to second-seeded Barlow in the final after capturing the first two sets — Barlow won 21-25, 20-25, 25-13, 25-19, 16-14. Bottone said it wasn't easy replacing

those standout players.

“Actually it was a struggle all around to figure out how to make it work. It was just the reps, giving the girls the reps. I knew they had the ability to fill those roles — it was just how quickly that was going to be able to happen,” Bottone said.

Perhaps the doubters were still wondering about the Centaurs when they dropped their first three matches this season — to Coventry, Greenwich, and Waterford. But

there was a method to Bottone's scheduling. The coach pitted the Centaurs against some of the best teams in the state in order to prep them for the rigors of the Eastern Connecticut Conference.

“Our first game was against Coventry, that went five (sets). (Coventry) hasn't lost a match all year — they're the No. 1 seed in Class S — phenomenal defensive team. Then the very next day we're down at Greenwich, who was ranked No. 1 in the Coaches Poll for a good part of the season — they're the No. 1 seed in Class LL,” Bottone said. “So playing quality teams outside the conference definitely prepares us. I'm OK with taking our lumps early on and losing if we're going to learn from it and get better.”

Bottone's strategy seemed to work. After dropping its first three matches Woodstock has been on a tear — winning 16 of its next 17 matches, capped by Monday's straight-set victory over Killingly High in the opening round of the ECC Division I Tournament. Monday's win lifted the Centaurs record to 16-4 and Woodstock was ranked No. 8 in the Class L state rankings.

Bottone has fine-tuned his lineup as the season has progressed — moving players into different positions in order to maximize their strengths.

“The lineup that we had at the beginning of the season is very different than the lineup that we have now,” Bottone said. “I have Marissa Mayhew as Libero, she was setting for me. Katie Papp, who's playing outside now was my Libero. (Junior) Gabby Garbutt, who's one of the outsides that I switched in with (sophomore outside hitter) Aurissa Boardman, was playing opposite. We kind of went with that and it worked for a while. Then we started struggling so we made some switches. It really just comes down to reps and them having the confidence.”

Junior Marissa Mayhew didn't start the season as Woodstock's Libero but she has moved into the spot and excelled. Mayhew notched 20 digs and 13 service points in Woodstock's straight-set win over Killingly (25-12, 25-19, 25-18) on Monday, Nov. 4, at Alumni Fieldhouse. Mayhew said the key has been the Centaurs ability to adapt.

“Just learning our new positions, (senior opposite) Katie Papp was our Libero at the beginning of the season and I was the setter. And then we switched it again. But just knowing that we have each other, and knowing that each other knows their own positions, it's helpful. I don't have to worry about them. I can focus on what I can do,” Mayhew said.

And she said the three losses at the start of the season were perhaps the proverbial blessing in disguise.

“Coming from an almost undefeated season last year, it really gave everyone on the team and in town a wake up call,” Mayhew said. “It's not as easy as some people think. There was a lot more unity in the team that we needed to focus on. A lot of the girls had never played varsity before — seeing what we are and what we could be, and seeing how intense the other teams are and how much hard they do, I think it showed them that they have to step it up a notch.”

Senior outside hitter Paula Hernandez is the Centaurs unquestioned star. Hernandez emigrated to the United States from Puerto Rico after Hurricane Maria devastated the island in September of 2017. Hernandez was named Player of the Year in Connecticut last season and has picked up where she left off. In Monday's win over Killingly she notched 14 kills, five aces, and 16 digs. But Hernandez can't do it alone.

“We've had times this year where Paula has struggled. We needed to rely on others to make

plays happen,” Bottone said. “Granted, a lot of times she does carry us, especially when the other girls are struggling. Going forward everybody needs to play or we're not going to be successful.”

Woodstock junior Kileigh Gagnon had 14 service points and 10 digs in the win over Killingly on Monday. The loss ended Killingly's season with a record of 5-16. The win advanced top-seeded Woodstock to the ECC tourney semifinals against fifth-seeded Fitch on Wednesday, Nov. 6. The ECC D-I tourney finals were scheduled for Nov. 7 at NFA.

Killingly's seniors who played their final game were Caroline Gagnon, Lauren Kirkconnell, and Emma Turner. The first round of the Class L state tournament is scheduled to begin on Monday, Nov. 11. Coach Bottone said the Centaurs have the talent to make another run.

“If they can all get their consistency, understand what they should be doing, and work collectively as a team, then we're going to be a really tough team to beat,” Bottone said. “We've got some good players who are doing some good things — it's just that we're not doing them consistently enough.”

No one can predict if the Centaurs have the right stuff to a state championship game. But after three losses to start the season no one likely expected them to win 16 of their next 17 matches and capture the ECC Division I regular-season title.

“We've just got to keep working together and understanding our positions — that's the biggest part of our game,” Mayhew said. “We have definitely gotten much farther than a lot of people thought we would this season.”

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Putnam volleyball finishes out season

BY CHARLIE LENTZ
VILLAGER EDITOR

DANIELSON — Putnam High volleyball coach Shea Ogle said the Clippers battled this season and if a few close matches went their way they could have easily won more than five games. They fought regardless of the outcome.

“The biggest improvement from last year is definitely the energy. The girls have more fight. They're backing each other up,” Ogle said. “Offensively and defensively I've just seen huge changes. They all bought in. They were all ready to play. They just worked really hard.”

The Clippers finished out their regular season with a straight-set win over Ellis Tech on Oct. 30, lifting their record to 5-11. Putnam advanced to the Eastern Connecticut Conference Division II Tournament, where it fell to Montville on Nov. 4.

Ogle said her players supported each other throughout all the wins and close losses. Ogle knows all about staying positive. She played for Woodstock Academy, Class of 2011. Her assistant at Putnam High, Jeff Boshka, coached her when she played for Woodstock Academy.

“I loved my program at Woodstock Academy. It was phenomenal. I had great coaches. Adam Bottone, Jeff Boshka — who coaches with me now — they taught me everything I know. Positive attitude is a big part of that,” Ogle said. “I'm trying to instill that in my girls.”

Her Clippers have shown strong camaraderie this season.

“The positive attitude for especially volleyball — it's a

total team sport — so if you don't have each other's backs, it's not possible,” Ogle said. “I constantly say to them in group huddles ‘You guys need to make sure you've got each other's backs. That you're covering whoever gets the serve, everyone run in that direction, step in that direction at least and get ready to help.’ It's a total team sport. You need everybody, so it's crucial.”

Set scores in the win over Ellis Tech were 25-12, 25-10, 25-20. Putnam's Molly McKeon had 10 kills, 12 assists, seven digs and eight serve-receive points. Alyiah Negron notched six aces and 14 assists. Abby Gardner had six digs. Abby St. Martin notched five kills. Putnam High's seniors include McKeon, Gardner, Negron, Ellie Morissette, and Melayna Titchen.

“Five seems a lot when you're talking about losing your seniors. Abby Gardner and Ellie Morissette, this really was their first full season as varsity players, and they stepped it up so much. Alyiah (Negron), this was her first season as a starting varsity setter and she totally met all my expectations,” Ogle said. “Molly (McKeon) is obviously my strongest player so losing her is going to be tough. Melayna — it's tough not always being a starter but I think she handled that beautifully — she came to every single practice and I could count on her when I needed to put her in.”

Coach Ogle said they will all be missed.

“It's going to be tough because I started with them,” said Ogle, in her third season. “They were sophomores when I first started coaching. And so I grew with them. I learned a lot with them. They're fan-



Putnam High's Abby Gardner stretches for a dig against Ellis Tech on Oct. 30.

tastic girls. They try hard academically as well on the court. They're all so sweet and I'm really going to miss their pos-

itive attitudes and I had fun with them. It's going to be sad.”

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Charlie Lentz photo

Ellis Tech soccer on solid footing

BY CHARLIE LENTZ
VILLAGER EDITOR

DANIELSON — Ellis Tech put together another strong run this soccer season. The Golden Eagles finished the regular season with a record of 11-3-2, which ranked them seventh in Class L through last weekend. This season's run comes on the heels of last year's final mark of 10-7-1 capped by an 11th seeding for the Class L tournament — the Eagles were knocked out by Bristol Central in the opening round of last year's tourney. Coach Drew Mizak said the program is heading in the right direction.

"We've had a pretty solid season. We've got a good group of guys. Toward the end here we had a lot of local rivalry games," said Mizak after a 4-2 loss to Killingly High to close out the regular season on Oct. 30. "We were able to knock off Thompson (Tourtellotte), tied Plainfield. Today we didn't get the result that we wanted."

Mizak credited senior midfielder Austin Derosiers and senior forward Chad Cramer with being a huge part of Ellis Tech's resurgence on the soccer field.

"They've been at the heart of it. They've been with us for four years



Ellis Tech's Tyler Grenon tracks down the ball against Killingly High on Oct. 30.

now," Mizak said. "The two of them have linked up and scored an incredible amount of goals. I think Austin's close to 30. Chad hasn't had as

many this year but what he's dropped in goals he's added in assists. It's just been a complete team effort and I expect big things out of them come

tournament time."

Mizak is hoping to get past the first round of the state tourney this year. Ellis Tech finished second in the Connecticut

Technical Conference with a record of 8-1-1. Mizak scheduled three non-conference games to finish out the regular season against local rivals — Plainfield High (1-1 tie), Putnam High (7-0 win), and Killingly — to better prepare for the state tournament.

"That was kind of done by design. We had our tech school games and then we went on to the local rivalry games and that's what we want," Mizak said. "You want to be playing competitive teams leading into the tournament time."

Ellis Tech battled Killingly High on Oct. 30 before falling to the Red Hawks. The Golden Eagles fell behind 2-0 in the first half on goals by Killingly's Pablo Yotti and Ethan Townsend. Cramer answered with a pair of goals — one at 14:05 of the first half and another at 36:07 of the opening frame to pull Ellis Tech into a 2-2 tie at the half.

"We were tied at halftime. Look, we were down two nothing, we battled back. I told the guys at halftime I was proud to see that they battled back," Mizak said. "Ultimately in the second half we just didn't take care of business."

Killingly's JR

Simoneau and Ethan Lackner each tallied one goal in the second half to help the Red Hawks get the win. Ellis Tech led 10-9 in shots and 7-6 in corner kicks. Killingly keeper Connor Chahanovich made six saves. Ellis Tech keeper Brett Gile had seven saves.

Ellis Tech surrendered a goal to Yotti just 16 seconds into the match to fall into an early hole. Mizak said the Golden Eagles can't afford to let opponents score quick goals if they expect to make a run in the state tourney.

"We gave up a goal in the first 16 seconds of the game. You're not going to beat a lot of guys when you do that," Mizak said. "I told these guys that tonight wasn't the result we wanted, let's learn a lesson from the game today. And the lesson to be learned is we've got to come out faster. We've got to be smarter. We can't beat ourselves."

The first round of the Class L state tournament is scheduled for Monday, Nov. 11.

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Tech netters look to next season



BY CHARLIE LENTZ
VILLAGER EDITOR

DANIELSON — Ellis Tech's volleyball team finished its season with a record of 2-18. That record wasn't unexpected considering coach Michelle Miller had a slew of players with limited experience who are learning the sport. They will all have a year of experience under their belts for next season.

"I think there were a lot of positives this year. Our record wasn't very good but we played volleyball. We had a lot of kids that didn't get a chance to play last year that moved up to jay-vee and then just moved up and played varsity," Miller said. "I think that's a huge testament to them, how hard they worked and how they just picked it up."

Miller didn't measure the season by wins and losses.

"Someone has to win. Someone has to lose. We set goals every game. Did we accomplish our goals? Did we get better from game to game? Do we recognize our mistakes and making a change or adjustment right there and then? In

the beginning of the season I couldn't say that," Miller said. "Now I can say that."

The seniors on the team included Mackenzie Saucier, Joy Amarante, Helana Fugazzi, and Breeanna Bentley.

"I'm going to miss them big time. I love those kids. Just to see where they were when they started and when they came in, to now, is just a huge accomplishment," Miller said. "And they've added so much to the program. And they're just great people. And they just bring so much happiness around and they just enjoy the game. So it's great to teach them."

Miller looked forward to next season.

"We have a freshman, Jaidyn Armstrong, that moved into a varsity spot. It clicked for her and she's doing a phenomenal job," Miller said. "Plus, all of our younger players, who are sophomores in the front row, are coming back as juniors and they're going to play in the off-season too. So I'm excited about that."

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Ellis Tech's Allyson Roberts, left, and Putnam High's Abby St. Martin, battle at the net on Oct. 30.

HIGH SCHOOL ROUNDUP

KILLINGLY 2, EAST LYME 1

EAST LYME — Tied 1-1 after regulation play — the third-seeded Red Hawks won a penalty-kick shootout 4-1 to defeat the second-seeded Vikings in girls soccer in the semifinals of the Eastern Connecticut Conference Division I Tournament on Tuesday, Nov. 5, at East Lyme High School.

Killingly's Haylee Chester scored at 3:30 of the first half off an assist from Abbie Burgess to put the Red Hawks up 1-0. East Lyme tied it with 22 seconds left in regulation on a header off a direct kick. The Red Hawks dominated the shootout with goals from Burgess, Chester, Grace Nichols, and Emma Carpenter. Killingly outshot the Vikings 13-6. Killingly keeper Taylyn Lemoine made eight saves including a key stop in the shootout. East Lyme

keeper Avery Owen made seven saves. The win lifted Killingly's record to 11-3-3. The loss dropped East Lyme's record to 9-5-3. The win advanced the Red Hawks to the ECC D-I tourney final on Nov. 7 versus the winner of the game between top-seeded Plainfield and fourth-seeded Woodstock Academy.

ELLIS TECH 3, WILCOX TECH 2

DANIELSON — Chad Cramer, Everett LeBlanc and Austin Desrosiers each scored one goal in the Golden Eagles win over Wilcox Tech in boys soccer in the opening round of the Connecticut Technical Conference Tournament on Monday, Nov. 4. The win lifted Ellis Tech's record to 12-3-2. The loss dropped Wilcox's Record to 11-5-1. The victory advanced Ellis Tech to the CTC Tourney semifinals on



Killingly's Haylee Chester scored two goals, one in regulation and one in the penalty-kick shootout to help Killingly High defeat East Lyme in the ECC D-I tourney semifinals on Nov. 5.

Nov. 7, where it faced Abbott Tech of Danbury (14-3).

MONTVILLE 3, PUTNAM 0

MONTVILLE — Montville defeated

Putnam High in straight sets in an opening-round game in the ECC Division II Volleyball Tournament on Nov. 4. For Putnam: Molly McKeon notched five kills, six aces, and 14 digs. Abby Gardner had seven digs. Ellie

Morissette had three digs and two kills. Alyiah Negron had three aces and 13 assists. Abby St. Martin had two blocks and seven kills. The loss dropped Putnam's record to 5-11. The win lifted Montville's record to 11-10.

KILLINGLY 1, BACON 1

COLCHESTER — Killingly High's Abbie Burgess scored on a feed from Casey Beauregard midway through the second half to help the Red Hawks tie host Bacon Academy in girls soccer on Nov. 1. Bacon took a 1-0 lead in the first half on a header from Skylar Gustavsen with an assist from Shannon Hickey. Both teams had seven shots on goal. Killingly goalkeeper Taylyn Lemoine made five saves for the Red Hawks. Bacon keeper Sami Ciaglo notched four saves for the Bobcats (5-7-4).

WOODSTOCK CROSS COUNTRY

MANCHESTER — Woodstock Academy's Lindsey Arends finished in second place in individual results at the CIAC Class MM cross country championships at Wickham Park on Oct. 26. Arends was clocked in 20 minutes and 14 seconds. Avon's Rhiannon Richmond finished first among the girls in 19:59. E.O. Smith won the girls team competition. Woodstock finished in fifth place in girls team competition. Woodstock's Ethan Aspiras finished in fourth place in 16:49 in individual results at the boys Class MM championships at Wickham Park on Oct. 26. Avon's Jack Martin finished in first place in 16:18. Woodstock took 13th place in the boys team results. East Lyme finished in first place in the boys team competition.

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Alphonse J. Lariviere, Sr., 89



N O R T H GROSVENORDALE – Alphonse J. Lariviere, Sr., 89, of Klondike St., died Sunday evening, November 3, 2019, at UMASS Memorial Hospital after a recent fall outside of his home. He was the loving husband of Claudia (Budrow) Lariviere for 62 years. Born in Putnam on March 26, 1930, he was the son of the late Louis and Fedora (Mailloux) Lariviere. Al was a proud veteran of the Korean War serving with the United States Army, being honorably discharged on March 26, 1953.

Mr. Lariviere worked for many years as a truck driver for JB Concrete Products in East Putnam delivering product throughout Eastern CT, MA & RI.

He was a highly skilled dancer who with his wife Claudia enjoyed dancing the jitterbug to “In the Mood” by Glen Miller at all social functions including the weddings of his five grandchildren. He also enjoyed their trips to Foxwoods Resort and Casino up to the day of his accident. During his younger years, he participated in bowling leagues at Mohegan Bowl in Webster, MA, but above all he cherished the time that he spent attending his grandchildren’s

sporting events as they grew up. Al was a member of the VFW in Quinebaug and the American Legion Post 67 in N. Grosvenordale.

Al is survived by his wife, Claudia; a son, Alphonse “Al” J. Lariviere, Jr. and his wife Kelly of Ellington, CT; his sister Theresa Martin of Thompson and brother Paul Lariviere and his wife Rita of Oxford; five grandchildren and their spouses, Bryan and Alyssa Lariviere, Kristyn and Lewis Jackson, Brett and Jessica Blackburn, Christopher and Megan Blackburn and Brittany and Matt Piro and five great grandchildren, Elijah, Ezra, Penelope, Finn, and Conrad. He was predeceased by a daughter, Denise Blackburn and a sister, Florence (Lariviere) Phelps.

Relatives and friends are invited to visit with Alphonse’s family from 11:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. on Saturday, November 9, 2019, in the Valade Funeral Home and Crematory, 23 Main St., N. Grosvenordale, followed by a service in the funeral home at 1:00 p.m. Burial will follow with military honors in St. Joseph Cemetery. The memorial guestbook can be visited at www.GilmanAndValade.com.



Beverly A. Daviau, 76



WEBSTER – Beverly A. (Hryzan) Daviau, 76, passed away on Monday November 4, 2019 with her loving family by her side at the Southbridge Rehabilitation and Nursing Center.

Beverly is survived by her husband of thirty-three years Emile L. Daviau; five sons: Jeffery Hryzan and Robbie Hryzan of Webster, Russell Daviau of Boston, Jeffrey Daviau of Worcester, and Brian Daviau of Texas; her daughter Cathy Ouellette of Spencer; five sisters: Deborah Bethal of Arizona, Donna Sortwell of East Killingly, CT, Cathy Mongeon, Cheryl Hryzan, and Linda DiBonaventura all of Webster; she also leaves many grandchildren, great-grandchildren, nieces, nephews, relatives and friends; she was predeceased by five brothers: David, Edward, Gary, Allen, and Glen, and by

two sisters: Sandra M. Papierski and Jean Lasnowski of Webster.

Beverly was born in Webster, MA on August 30, 1943, daughter of the late Edward and Mildred (Raymond) Hryzan. Living in Webster for all of her life, Beverly was very active in various local organizations; she was a member of the VFW and Dudley PNA Pitch leagues; she loved lobster especially when enjoyed with her loved ones.

There will be a celebration of life on Tuesday November 12, 2019 from 9:00 - 10:00 am at the Shaw-Majercik Funeral Home, 48 School Street Webster, MA; A graveside service will follow in Calvary Cemetery.

In lieu of flowers, please send memorial contributions to the St. Louis School Endowment Fund, Webster, MA.

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

Wilhelm (Bill) M. Lohbusch



Wilhelm (Bill) M. Lohbusch, 1935-2019, of Leesburg, FL formerly of Danielson, CT. Bill worked for Pratt and Whitney of East Hartford, CT for over 30 years before retiring to Florida. Bill was a shuffleboard pro and played through out the state of Florida. He also loved playing pool with his buddies. Wilhelm

is survived by his wife of 64years, Marion Pike Lohbusch, their children and spouses- Linda Anderson (David), Joanne St. George (Glen) , David Lohbusch (Sheryle), six grandchildren and 5 great grandchildren. No services at this time. Donations may be made to- Cornerstone Hospice Foundation of Tavares, FL. By phone-352-742-6819 or 888-728-6234. By mail make checks payable to the Cornerstone Hospice Foundation, 2445 Lane Park Road, Tavares, FL 32778.

Hildegund (Jagow) Culligan, 82



N O R T H GROSVENORDALE, CT – Hildegund (Jagow) Culligan, 82, of Sunshine Terrace, died Wednesday, October 30, 2019, at UMass Memorial Medical Center – University Campus

in Worcester, after a battle with cancer. She is survived by five children, Brenda Carpenter and her husband Daniel of Sturbridge, Jane Galligan of Dudley, Susan Tinsley and her husband William of Webster, Carolyn Denham and her husband Al of Webster, and Danny Barylski and his wife Sylvia of Texas; fourteen grandchildren, Nicholas, Haley, Herbert, Shana, Jessica, Anthony, Robert, Kyle, Sally, Randi, Katie, Travis, Joseph, and Alexander; six great-grandchildren, Nathan, Ian, Zoey, Harper,

Tyler, and Odin; and several nephews and nieces. She was predeceased by a daughter, Sally Rivers who died in 2001; a grandson, Troy Rivers who died in 2019; and her former husband, Alfred Culligan. She was born in Bremerhaven, Germany, daughter of the late Johann Paul and Mathilde Meta (Balk) Jagow, and lived most of her life in Connecticut.

Ms. Culligan loved quilting, cooking, gardening, and playing bingo. She was an avid New York Yankees fan, and enjoyed watching Wheel of Fortune and Jeopardy with her daughters every Friday night.

Services are private. In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be made to the American Cancer Society, 30 Speen St., Framingham, MA 01701. Paradis-Givner Funeral Home in Oxford is directing the arrangements. paradisfuneralhome.com

Florence K. Kijowski, 95

WEBSTER-FlorenceK. (Kacorowski) Kijowski 95, passed away Friday, November 1, 2019 with her family at her side.

She was the wife of the late Joseph G. Kijowski Sr. who died in 2005. She is survived by three sons, Kenneth J. Kijowski and his wife Janice of Fords, NJ, Michael T.P. Kijowski and his wife Susan of NY and Joseph G. Kijowski of Webster and with which she made her home; she also leaves five great-grandchildren: Kennedy, Gavin, Cecilia, Ayden, and Harper.

She was born in Perth Amboy, NJ on May 7, 1924 daughter of the late Michael and Mary (Shpiriski) Kacorowski and

lived in Webster for the past two years, prior to that living in Palisades, NY. She was an administrative secretary working in the health field. She was a member of the Guild of St. Peter’s Episcopal Church in Perth Amboy, NJ. She enjoyed crafting, needle point, art work with sea shells and reverse glass painting.

There are no calling hours and services will be private. The Shaw-Majercik Funeral Home, 48 School St., Webster, MA has been entrusted with her arrangements. A guest book is available where you may post a condolence or light a memorial candle

SOUTHBRIDGE- Carole A. (Rynkowski) Forand, 79, passed away on Tuesday October 29, 2019 at the Southbridge Nursing and Rehabilitation Center.

Being predeceased by her husband, the late Edward J. Forand who passed away in 2010, Carole is survived by two sons: Glen E. and Bruce J. Forand of Southbridge; two brothers: Dennis Rines of Southbridge and Kevin Freeland of Thompson, CT; two sisters: Linda Bombard and Debra Goulet of Southbridge; she also leaves many relatives and friends.

Carole was born in Webster, MA on January 17, 1940, daughter of the late John P. and Marion (Regis) Rynkowski. Living in Southbridge for most of her life, Carole was a hard worker, being employed by the

American Optical Company for over thirty years. Carole was a member, for many years, of the PPACC Polish Club in Southbridge; She will live on forever in the hearts of those who were blessed to know her.

A Memorial Mass will be held in St. Mary’s Church, 263 Hamilton St., Southbridge at 11 AM, Saturday, Nov. 9, 2019. Funeral arrangements have been entrusted to the care of the Shaw-Majercik Funeral Home, 48 School Street Webster, MA. Carole’s family kindly requests that memorial contributions be sent to the American Cancer Society.

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

Jeralyn J. Bell, 57

WORCESTER- Jeralyn J. (Gagnon) Bell, 57, passed away on Sunday November 3, 2019 at the Massachusetts General Hospital while surrounded by her loving family.

Jeralyn is survived by her husband of thirty-one years Daniel J. Bell; her son Corey J. Bell of Worcester; her daughter Brittany A. Condon and her husband Tim of Auburn; three brothers: David and Roland Gagnon of Worcester, and Jeffrey Gagnon of Spencer; two sisters: Laurel McCluskey of Oxford and Merrilee Buckley of Danielson, CT; she also leaves many nieces, nephews, relatives, and friends; she was predeceased by her sister Lynn Leger of Spencer. Jeralyn was born in Worcester, MA

on October 7, 1962, daughter of the late Albert and Alice (Gorham) Gagnon; she worked as a home health aide for many years; she loved socializing and cooking for her family and friends. Jeralyn will be deeply missed by all who were fortunate enough to know her.

A Celebration of Jeralyn’s Life will be scheduled and announced at a later date.

The Shaw-Majercik Funeral Home, 48 School Street Webster, MA is honored to have been entrusted with Jeralyn’s funeral arrangements.

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Judith A. Bousquet, 78



A. Bousquet, Jr. Born in Putnam, she

PUTNAM – Judith A. (Reynolds) Bousquet, 78, died Tuesday morning November 5, 2019 at Matulaitis Nursing Home surrounded by her loving family. She was the loving wife of the late Ernest Bousquet. Born in Putnam, she

was the daughter of the late Allen N. and Minnie A. (Bennett) Reynolds. Mrs. Bousquet, a graduate of Tourtellotte Memorial High School, and worked for many years as a library aide at Putnam High School. She was a member of the Windham County 4-H, starting as a camper and then became a camp counselor and club leader. Judith enjoyed walking, sewing, rug hooking, crafts, embroi-

dering, gardening, and reading. Judith is survived by her children, Robert Bousquet of Putnam, Mary Cotnoir, and her husband Paul, also of Putnam, and her two grandchildren, Joe and Dan; her siblings, David Reynolds and his wife Kathryn, Warren Reynolds and his wife Jayne, and Laura Reynolds, all of Thompson, and many nieces and nephews. Funeral arrangements are pri-

vate, and have been entrusted to the Gilman Funeral Home & Crematory, 104 Church St., Putnam, CT. Memorial donations in Judith's memory may be made to the Windham County 4-H Fund, 326 Taft Pond Road, Pomfret Center, CT 06259, for the upkeep of the Windham-Tolland Camp. For memorial guestbook visit [www. GilmanAndValade.com](http://www.GilmanAndValade.com).

3 unique ways to give back to service members

Military service in the United States was once more common than it is today. According to the Council on Foreign Relations, the draft for military service was ended in 1973, a point in time when 2.2 million men and women made up the country's active military personnel. By 2018, the number had dipped below 1.3 million. Military service in Canada is also somewhat uncommon, as the Department of National Defence reports that active military personnel totaled just 68,000 as of 2018.

The vast majority of people in countries where military service is not compulsory will never serve in the military. But that does not mean non-military personnel don't appreciate the sacrifices service members and their families make. In fact, a recent report conducted for Canada's Department of National Defence found that while many Canadians seem only vaguely aware of what their military does, appreciation for service members was high.

Service members and their families make many sacrifices to protect the lives and freedoms of their fellow citizens. The following are three unique ways to give back to these selfless men and women, who often benefit greatly from even the simplest of gestures.

1. Serve as a driver for veterans. Unfortunately, many service members return from overseas missions with disabilities, some of which prevent them from driving. Adults who want to help service members can serve as drivers for veterans who can't drive themselves. Such a gesture ensures

they won't miss any appointments with doctors or physical therapists, helping them get on the road to recovery that much quicker.

2. Donate your airline miles. Some disabled veterans receive medical treatments far away from home at facilities that specialize in treating certain types of injuries, which can make it difficult for their families to be there for them during their recoveries. By donating airline miles to military families, ordinary adults can ensure injured servicemen and -women can still see their families during difficult times in their lives. Access to such support systems can be a big help as veterans work to recover from their injuries.

3. Sponsor a service dog. A significant percentage of veterans return home with post-traumatic stress disorder, or PTSD. PTSD has been linked to a host of conditions, including depression and anxiety. However, programs such as Companions for Heroes, an organization that places service dogs with veterans, has helped many veterans successfully cope with PTSD. By sponsoring a service dog through an organization such as Companions for Heroes, adults who want to help service members can provide an invaluable service to men and women fighting to regain their quality of life.

There are many ways for ordinary citizens to show their support for the brave men and women who selflessly serve in the military.

Honoring all heroes this Veteran's Day

Veteran's Day, which is celebrated annually on November 11, commemorates the hardworking men and women who sacrifice their time and put themselves in harm's way to defend the country's core values of freedom and opportunity. While Veteran's Day certainly is a chance to honor those who have donned the uniform during wars and military installments, it also can be a chance to recognize the unsung heroes of wartime — those who step into roles so that soldiers and strategists can focus their attention elsewhere.

Take for example Naomi Parker Fraley. In 1942, Fraley was a machine shop worker at the Naval Air Station in Alameda, Calif. She was one of scores women who worked in factories and shipyards during World War II, helping to produce munitions and war supplies. Parker was 20 years old in 1942 and served as the inspiration for what would become one of the most indelible images of the era, known as "Rosie the Riveter." Parker unknowingly inspired the iconic image after she was photographed at work bent over an industrial machine in a jumpsuit with her hair tied back in a polka-dot bandana. In 2018, Naomi Parker Fraley died at the age of 96, not nearly the household name she perhaps should have been.

Rosie the Riveter helped to tout the contributions of female war employees who were defending America by working on the homefront. Rosie was a successful morale-booster, and some may be surprised to learn that Rosie has various incarnations.

Norman Rockwell's depiction of a

female riveter, which appeared on the cover of the Saturday Evening Post on May 29, 1943, became an iconic staple of that time. Muscular, with a rivet gun on her lap, a sandwich in hand and a boot stomping on a copy of "Mein Kampf" — and timed perfectly to coincide with the release of a song called "Rosie the Riveter" by Redd Evans and John Jacob Loeb — Rosie became a household name. But another Rosie image actually predates Rockwell's Post cover.

Naomi Parker Fraley was reportedly the inspiration for an ad created by a lesser known artist named J. Howard Miller. Miller produced a "We Can Do It!" poster for Westinghouse Electric in 1942 aimed at boosting spirits among the company's workers. The poster helped to recruit new female personnel, according to scholar James J. Kimble. This Rosie was portrayed in a red bandana with her bent arm flexed, rolling up her shirtsleeve.

Both Miller's and Rockwell's depictions of female war workers became ingrained in popular culture. Rockwell's cover art was eventually loaned to the U.S. Department of the Treasury for use in war bond drives for the duration of the war. Miller's version has been emulated for generations and still epitomizes a strong female presence in the workforce.

This Veteran's Day is a prime time to delve into American wartime history, with interesting stories like the origins of Rosie the Riveter, and pay homage to all of the heroes that help ensure America's reputation as a great nation.

LEGALS

TOWN OF THOMPSON PLANNING AND ZONING COMMISSION LEGAL NOTICE

The Planning and Zoning Commission, at its October 28, 2019 meeting, rendered the following decisions:

PZC Application #19-23: Applicant Rolland Zeleny; Owner Saywatt Hydroelectric, LLC, Old Route 12, 67/102/26, Z-IND, for construction of 220 kW(AC) PV Solar Array **Approved**

PZC Application #19-28: Applicants & Owners Jeffery & Joslyn French, 369 Ravenelle Rd, 46/100/17A, Z-RA80, requesting home occupation permits for shared home office for 1)offsite counseling business Grief Recovery Education by Joselyn French; 2) off-site real estate investments RMF Properties, LLC by Jeffery French **Approved**

PZC Application #19-29: Applicant & Owner Heidi Johnson, 1210 Riverside Drive, 57/66/11, Z-R40, requesting home occupation permit for office space for repairs of commercial computers, phones, etc. J&J Commercial Services, Inc. **Approved w/ conditions**

PZC Application #19-30: Applicant & Owner John Burton, 6 Wrightston Dr, 143/17/32, Z-R40, requesting home occupation permit for office space for Burton Electric **Approved**

PZC Application #19-31: Applicant David Santerre; Owner Lynne D. O'Brien, 0 Thompson Rd, 87/37/2, One-lot subdivision **Approved**

PZC Application #19-33: Applicant & Owner Phil Cannistraci, 19 Gaumond Rd, 63/97/1B, requesting a home occupation permit for office and storage space for an offsite audio video installation service, Sights & Sound Teck Solutions **Approved**
Respectfully submitted,
Joseph Parodi-Brown, Chairman
November 8, 2019

TOWN OF WOODSTOCK

The Zoning Board of Appeals has scheduled a Public Hearing for November 18, 2019 at 6:00 p.m., Woodstock Town Hall, 415 Route 169, lower level, conference room B, to hear the following application for Certificate of Location, required under 14-54 CGS for Vehicle Repairer's License: #19-01 Hancock, David, 670 Brickyard Rd, (Map 5704, Block 02, Lot 66) Chair Suzanne Woodward

November 8, 2019

Town of Eastford Connecticut Inland Wetlands and Watercourses Commission Notice of Decision

On October 24, 2019 the Inland Wetlands and Watercourses Commission made the following decisions:

• **File # 19-007 Brooklyn Development CT, LLC, Corner of Ashford and Westford Roads, Map 70 Block 4 Lot 1, Eastford, CT. Construction of 14 Duplex Residences (28 units) with onsite septic, wells and paved access. APPROVED UNANIMOUSLY WITH CONDITIONS.**

• **File # 19-011 Ray & Jennifer Moore, 160 Westford Road, Eastford, CT. Repair and replace 100 feet of existing PVC and corrugated drainage. Excavate 130 foot ditch. APPROVED UNANIMOUSLY.**

• **File # 19-012 Wayne and Denise Somero, 150 Crystal Pond Road, Eastford, CT. To amend existing Permit # 18-010 to allow for the moving of large rocks from lake while water levels are low. APPROVED UNANIMOUSLY WITH CONDITIONS.**

• **File # 17-011 David Hustus, 23A Lake Drive, Eastford, CT. To amend Permit # 17-011 to allow for removal of rocks during lake low level period. APPROVED UNANIMOUSLY.**

Details can be found in the minutes filed at the Town Clerk's Office, Town Office Building, 16 Westford Road, Eastford, CT.

Dated at Eastford this 29th day of October 2019.
Susan Welshman
Recording Secretary
November 8, 2019

**ORDINANCE CREATING A
CONSERVATION COMMISSION
Adopted: February 14, 1968
AMENDMENT V: CONSERVATION
COMMISSION ORDINANCE
By deleting "and who shall hold no
salaried town office" in Paragraph 1
Adopted: October 29, 2019
Effective:
15 Days after this Publication**

Paragraph 1 is hereby amended as follows:

The Commission shall be composed of eleven (11) members and three (3) alternate members who shall be electors of Woodstock, residing in said town, to

be appointed by the Board of Selectmen. (The full text of this Ordinance is available in the Office of the Town Clerk.)

This amendment shall become effective fifteen days after publication thereof in a newspaper having circulation in the Town of Woodstock.

Dated at Woodstock, Connecticut, this 4th day of November 2019

Attest: Judy E. Walberg, Town Clerk

November 8, 2019

TOWN OF THOMPSON ZONING BOARD OF APPEALS LEGAL NOTICE

The Thompson Zoning Board of Appeals will hold a public hearing on **Wednesday Nov.13, 2019** beginning at 7PM in the Merrill Seney Room, Thompson Town Hall, 815 Riverside Dr., North Grosvenordale, CT for the following:

ZBA Variance 19-06: Hann Youssef, applicant & owner, 64 Messier Rd, 48/104/50A, Z-R80, requesting a 145-foot lot frontage on a public street variance to build a second dwelling unit for parents

ZBA Variance 19-07: Raymond Gould, applicant & owner, 26 Buckley Hill Rd, 61/59/2, Z-R40, requesting a variance for 8-foot front-yard setback

ZBA Variance 19-08: Paul Carter, applicant & owner, 4 Linehouse Rd, 38/71B//, Z-R80, requesting a variance for 30-foot front-yard setback

ZBA Variance 19-09: Dennis & Debra Lamarche, applicant & owner, 0 Becola Rd, 116/24/45, Z-R40, requesting variance to build a 24'x 24' garage on vacant lot for handicap vehicle

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

Respectfully submitted,
Daniel Roy, Chairman

November 8, 2019

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

ESTATE OF Gloria J Howard,
(19-00400)

The Hon. Leah P. Schad, Judge of the Court of Probate, District of Northeast probate Court, by decree dated, October 30, 2019 ordered that all claims must be pretested 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:

Ashley Nicolosi
c/o Alyson R Aleman, Borner Smith Aleman Herzog & Cerrone, LLC,
155 Providence Street, PO Box 166,
Putnam, CT 06260
November 8, 2019

State of Connecticut COURT OF PROBATE Northeast Regional Children's Probate Court DISTRICT NO. PD59 NOTICE OF HEARING TERMINATION OF PARENTAL RIGHTS NOTICE TO

Justin Leo whose last known residence is unknown to the court.

Pursuant to an order of Hon. Carolanne Rowe, Judge, a hearing will be held at Northeast Regional Children's Probate Court, 508 Pomfret Street, P.O. Box 471, Putnam, CT 06260 on November 26, 2019 at 11:30 AM, on a petition for Termination of Parental Rights concerning **Destiny L.**, a minor child born to **Tracy Johnson** on February 3, 2016 at Putnam, CT. The court's decision will affect your interest, if any, as in the petition on file more fully appears.

RIGHT TO COUNSEL: If the above named person wishes to have an attorney, but is unable to pay for one, the Court will provide an attorney upon proof of inability to pay. Any such request should be made immediately by contacting the court office where the hearing is to be held.

By Order of the Court

Mona Fournier,

Clerk

November 8, 2019



REAL ESTATE



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VILLAGER NEWSPAPERS COMMUNITY SPOTLIGHT

“SHINING A LIGHT ON COMMUNITY EVENTS”

November 8, Fri., 5-7pm

Club 2087 will hold a fish fry in the Knights of Columbus Hall, 1017 Riverside Drive, North Grosvenordale. The menu: fish & chips (\$11); baked haddock (\$12); fried bay scallops, fried shrimp (\$13); fried clams (\$16); seafood platter (\$18). 860-923-2967, council2087@gmail.com.

November, Sat., 9

St. Mary Church Yuletide Festival
The Daughters of Isabella will be holding its annual Yuletide Festival and is seeking craft vendors. Please call Jean Ryan at 860-928-5014.

November 9, Sat., 8am-2pm

Winter Wonderland Bazaar and Craft Fair. 210 Main Street, Danielson WestfieldUCC.org. For more than 75 years, our bazaar helped kicked off the holiday season in the Quiet Corner. As we did in recent years, we added a craft fair to our event and we will have vendors who make handmade and up-cycled crafts. We will still have raffle baskets, homemade bakery and gourmet foods, silent auction, wreaths, jewelry, holiday gifts, and attic treasures available. We hope to see you there!

November 9, Sat., 8am-2pm

St. Mary Church Yuletide Festival & Pictures with Santa. Sponsored by The Daughters of Isabella. At St. Mary Church Hall, 218 Providence St, Putnam. Featuring: Pictures with Santa, A large raffle, handy crafts, big basket raffle, 25 area vendors, baked sale, Café refreshments and luncheon, and more

November 9, Sat., 8am-1pm

There will be a Christmas Wonderland Bazaar at the Atwood Hose Fire Station, Rte. 205, Wauregan. Many craft vendors includ-

ing the “pickle man.” FREE COFFEE! Public invited. Sponsored by the ladies’ auxiliary.

November 10, Sun., 3-5pm

Soup social. A variety of homemade, healthy soups and bread. Quinebaug Seventh Day Adventist church. 768 Quinebaug Rd, Route 131 Quinebaug, CT. 860-935-5412 Free event and all are welcome

November 10, Sun., 3pm

Take Note! Will perform a concert to benefit TEEG. The concert will take place at the First Congregational Church of Woodstock- 543 CT-169 Woodstock, CT 06281. You can contact the TEEG office at 860-923-3458 or visit www.take-note.org for more information.

November 10, Sun., 1:30-4:30pm

Auction at The Lodge at Crandall Park, 120 Cider Mill Rd., Tolland, CT. There is a donation of \$10.00 per person. Refreshments will be served and there will be live French-Canadian music being performed. The Live Auction features Kevin Gaudreau. Items include Collectibles such as Dept. 56, hand made quilts, Gift certificates to CT businesses, tickets to museums, and much more. We will accept credit cards and any questions-call 860-872-2597. Proceeds are to benefit our scholarship and the research library. French-Canadian Genealogical Society of CT is a non-profit CT organization with our Library/Research Center located in Tolland, CT.

November 11, Mon., 9:30-11am

Wee Wanders Aicher Hiker Views, Harrisville Rd., Pomfret www.wyndhamlandtrust.org

November 12, Tues., 6:30 - 8:30pm

The Woodstock Agriculture Commission will

host Kip Kolesinskas, Conservation Scientist, who will speak on Climate Change: Impacts and Adaptation Strategies for Connecticut Agriculture. He will address challenges and strategies for dealing with changing and unpredictable weather, and improving community resilience. For more information, or to submit questions for the speaker, email woodstockag@earthlink.net. Woodstock Town Hall, 415 Route 169, Woodstock.

November 13, Wed., 6:30-8pm

Thompson Public Library. Art @ the Library* Fiber & Art Compilation by Hope Barton, Pat Ferguson & Cathey LaBonte. On view: November 2nd to November 30th*. *The meeting room may be unavailable at times due to other functions. Program generously supported by the Friends of the Thompson Public Library. www.thompsonpubliclibrary.org 860-923-9779 860-923-9779

November 14, Thurs., 1-2pm

Commission on Aging trip club meeting at St. Mary’s Church Hall, 218 Providence St., Putnam. Bingo afterward from 2-3pm

November 14, Thurs., 4-5pm

Graphic Novel Book Club, Ages 9-17 welcome Ghosts by Raina Telgemeire. Killingly Public Library 25 Westcott Rd., Killingly, CT 06239 (860) 779-5383

November 15, Fri., 5-7pm

Club 2087 will hold a fish fry in the Knights of Columbus Hall, 1017 Riverside Drive, North Grosvenordale. The menu: fish & chips (\$11); baked haddock (\$12); fried bay scallops, fried shrimp (\$13); fried clams (\$16); seafood platter (\$18). 860-923-2967, council2087@gmail.com.

November 16, Sat., 5:30-10pm

Join us at the Mansion at Bald Hill for the Woodstock Education Foundation’s Starlight Gala, Silent and Live Auction, Dinner, Dancing, plus MC Mike Brunetti, WINY’s Sports Personality. Monies raised fund grants to enrich our PREK - 8th grade student’s education. Tickets online www.woodstockeducationfoundation.org

November 16 & 17, Sat. 10am-5:30pm & Sun., 8:30am-12:30pm

HOLY ROSARY CHRISTMAS BAZAAR. Along with our regular booths (baking, lottery, indoor flea market, thanksgiving basket etc...), this year we will be introducing a new money raffle drawing replacing the special gift raffle. St. Andrew Bobola Church 508-943-5633

November 22, Fri., 5-7pm

Club 2087 will hold a fish fry in the Knights of Columbus Hall, 1017 Riverside Drive, North Grosvenordale. The menu: fish & chips (\$11); baked haddock (\$12); fried bay scallops, fried shrimp (\$13); fried clams (\$16); seafood platter (\$18). 860-923-2967, council2087@gmail.com.

November 23, Sat., 1pm

Everyone is invited to view “The Hurricane”, a drama based on Rubin “Hurricane” Carter’s incredible true story (R). The event is hosted by the Westfield Congregational Church, 210 Main St, Danielson. A Community Conversation on Race facilitated by the Windham/Willimantic NAACP Chapter will follow. The movies are free and so is the popcorn. Please join us in this opportunity for people of good will to have an open, honest conversation about civil rights and social justice. For more information, please contact Lyn Tolar at 860-455-8144 or tolar@infoResolution.com.

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: Paula at paula@stonebridgepress.news

Deadline for submission is Friday at Noon

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

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 9

THANKSGIVING DINNER at 5:30-7:00pm
Charlton City United Methodist Church Turkey with fixings and desert.
\$10.00 for adults, \$6.00 for children 6-12, under 5 free.
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contact: Gary Picard 508-277-7582 garypicard@charter.net

WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 13

HOW TO MOVE ON - CREATING A BRIDGE TO A NEW LIFE
1:30-2:30. Barbara Perman, President, Moving Mentor. Tea & Refreshments will be served
Limited seating. Quaboag Rehabilitation & Skilled Care Center 47 East Main Street, West Brookfield, MA. RSVP 508-867-7716

FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 15

SECOND CHANCE MOBILE UNIT PET ADOPTION
from 2-4pm Thankful for a Home!

Mobile Adoption Unit is coming to Klem’s! On the road to saving more lives! Be sure to stop by and say hi to some of the sweet dogs and cats looking for a new home! Let adoption help you find your next best friend. Let us know you’re coming. Click here to RSVP at our Facebook Event Page. Please don’t forget to share with your friends!

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 29

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FRIDAY SATURDAY & SUNDAY NOVEMBER 1, 2, 3

A FUNNY THING HAPPENED ON THE WAY TO THE FORUM.
Show dates are November 1st and 2nd at 7:30

and November 3rd at 2PM Tickets are \$17.00 for adults and \$12.00 for seniors and 12 and under. Held at the North Brookfield Elementary School Auditorium 10 High School Drive, North Brookfield, MA 01535

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 15

MURDER MYSTERY DINNER

An interactive dinner theater

The Fashionable Murders
6:30 pm
Join us for a laugh-filled night, a great dinner, and a mystery we need help solving. Advance ticket sales required
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West Brookfield, MA 01585

SATURDAY NOVEMBER 16

HOLY ROSARY CHRISTMAS BAZAAR
10am-5:30pm. Along with our regular booths (baking, lottery, indoor flea market, thanksgiving basket etc...), this year we will be introducing a new money raffle drawing replacing the special gift raffle.
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SUNDAY NOVEMBER 17

HOLY ROSARY CHRISTMAS BAZAAR.
8:30am-12:30pm Along with our regular booths (baking, lottery, indoor flea market, thanksgiving basket etc...), this year we will be introducing a new money raffle drawing replacing the special gift raffle. St. Andrew Bobola Church 508-943-5633

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 7

MARY QUEEN OF THE ROSARY CHRISTMAS FAIRE
Vendors, Crafts, Raffles, Baked Goods, and so much more!
In the Church Hall 9am-2:30pm. 7 Church Street, Spencer, MA. If you’d like info on being a vendor at this Christmas craft fair, please. Email susan.terkanian@gmail.com

PICTURES WITH SANTA

from 10am-3pm
\$5.00 Donation to the Spencer American Legion
Ho, Ho, Ho – Santa is Coming! Spread the Cheer! Children & Pets Welcome! Santa will be meeting and greeting, take Christmas Pictures together! Let us know you’re coming. Click here to RSVP at our Facebook Event Page. Please don’t forget to share with your friends!



SATURDAY, DECEMBER 20

SECOND CHANCE MOBILE UNIT PET ADOPTION
from 2-4pm. Home for the Holidays! Mobile Adoption Unit is coming to Klem’s! On the road to saving more lives! Be sure to stop by and say hi to some of the sweet dogs and cats looking for a new home! Let adoption help you find your next best friend. Let us know you’re coming. Click here to RSVP at our Facebook Event Page. Please don’t forget to share with your friends!

ONGOING



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Trivia Night



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