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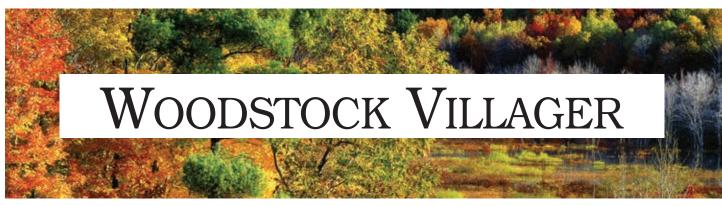
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Cooking with Greece

BY OLIVIA RICHMAN

DANIELSON — The Holy rinity Greek Orthodox Church delighted the community with traditional Greek desserts on Saturday, Nov. 18. The annual bake sale raises money for the church's expenses. But more importantly, it raises awareness and educates others about Greek culture.

'Greek culture is very unique, said Maria Moumouris Elsamin, who co-coordinates the bake sale with Pagona Karambinakis. "We like to share our culture."

The bake sale is a chance for community members to get a tour of the church, and learn more about the impressive pas-

"We want to educate people," Elsamin said. "It's always good to learn something new.'

The annual bake sale started back in 2012. And it's always been the weekend before Thanksgiving.

According there's a huge bake sale at the Holy Trinity Greek Orthodox

Church in June. And the same thing happens every summer: People ask for more.

So, Elsamin Karambinakis decided to hold a second bake sale - with all of the pastries made by church members (and their mothers) – around the holidays. And every year they have an "excel-

lent turn out," said Elsamin.
"People get used to us being here," she said. "We feel obligated to fulfill that need.'

The traditional pastries are now an expected treat during the town's holiday season. And it's no surprise. The desserts are spectacular. But they're also an ode to family. And tra-

'These are original family recipes," Elsamin said. "These are desserts we grew up with. They're made the traditional Greek way. They're our parents' and grandparents' baklava recipes.'

And it's no easy feat to recreate the recipes, noted the two women. With directions like "a pinch of sugar" it's really a r

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Bake sale co-coordinators Maria Moumouris Elsamin and Pagona Karambinakis with their assistant Angelica

Olivia Richman photos

Santa's Nanas are a craft fair staple in the Quiet Corner.

Brooklyn duo are Santa's Nanas

BY OLIVIA RICHMAN NEWS STAFF WRITER

BROOKLYN — It's the most wonderful time of the year, which can only mean one thing: Craft fairs, craft fairs, craft fairs! And if you are attending any over the next few weeks, you're sure to see Santa's Nanas, a sewing and crafting sister duo.

Selling tissue holders, socks, hats and even sleighs made of candy canes and chocolate, the Brooklyn natives are a craft fair favorite.

How did you come up with Santa's Nanas?

Debbie Wallace "We were looking for a craft name. We had bought those red Mrs. Clause dresses and called ourselves Santa's Nanas."

Lori Poirier - "Because there's only one Mrs. Clause. We've been using that name for two years now. But we've been doing craft fairs for four years."

What made you decide to form Santa's Nanas?

Lori - "Debbie has

always been crafty. One of my friends was doing a fair and we decided to try it out."

What crafts were you into, Debbie?

Debbie – "I do sewing and knitting. I started out with the chocolate sleighs. They're made from candy canes and chocolate bars. I also do an event calendar with Hershey Kisses. Kids take a Kiss off every

What started you with those creative

night before bed."

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A gem of a job

BY OLIVIA RICHMAN NEWS STAFF WRITER

BROOKLYN — Bethany Tucker makes jewelry. But not just any jewelry. Her unique pieces garnered her a lot of attention at her first craft show earlier this month. And the Brooklyn resident doesn't plan to slow down any time

I spoke to the founder of Green Valley Jewels about her passion for jewelry making, and to learn a bit more about her life as a busy stay-at-home mother.

When did you get into jewelry making?

"I've recently got into more intricate jewelry within the past year. I did jewelry making four or five years ago, just easy stringing with my friends on Friday nights. This past year, I was at a store and saw a bracelet I loved. But I didn't want to pay the price that it was. I tried making it myself and it turned out really nice."

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Olivia Richman photo

Bethany Tucker loves the meaning behind each piece of iewelry she creates.

Historical Society takes ownership of Larned Museum

THOMPSON — In a small ceremony held on Nov. 16 at the Thompson Public Library the Town of Thompson transferred ownership of the historic Ellen Larned Museum building to the Thompson Historic Society (THS). The small museum was first known throughout the area as Thompson's first public library. The Arts and Crafts-styled building was constructed in 1902 through the efforts of famed historian Ellen Larned. Over the past few decades, the building developed significant maintenance and structural problems, most notably a leaking roof.



The transfer of ownership on Nov. 16 of Ellen Larned Museum. From left, THS Executive Committee member John Rice, Selectman Laurent Guillot, First Selectman Ken Beausoleil, Selectman Steve Herbert, Town Attorney Doug Williams and signing witness Sara A. Menard

Over the past 10 years, the THS repaired the roof as best they could, but new leaks always found

a way through. The Town of Thompson, owners of the building at that time,

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Putnam Police nab robbery suspect

PUTNAM — On Nov. 16 at approximately 3:07 a.m. members of the Putnam Police Department were dispatched to Price Chopper located at 251 Kennedy Drive in Putnam for a report of a robbery in progress. A note was provided to a cashier demanding the money from the cash register. The suspect, later identified as Nicole Taylor, 35, of no certain address, then ran out of Price

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Chopper and was pursued by the night manager who subsequently called police. Police arrived moments later, found the suspect hiding in the bushes and placed her into custody without incident.

Taylor was charged with



Courtesy photo **Nicole Taylor**

degree and Threatening second degree. She was held on a \$25,000 dollar cash / surety bond and appeared at Danielson Superior Court on Nov. 16. Anyone with information relevant to this incident is asked to contact Sergeant Sezenias from the Putnam Police Department at (860) 928-6565.



DANIELSON — On Nov. 15 at approximately 6:04 p.m. members of the Connecticut State Police Troop D - Quality of Life Task Force conducted a motor vehicle stop on a black Mazda MX-5 for a motor vehicle violation (expired registration). QLTF Troopers approached the vehicle and interviewed the driver. During the interview, consent to search the vehicle was requested and granted. K9 Ambrie, a narcotic sniffing Labrador, was with one of the QLTF Troopers on-scene. K9 Ambrie was deployed and strongly alerted to the driver's waist band area. The driver, John Goyette, 46, of Broad Street, Danielson admitted he had drugs in his pants and turned over a plastic bag containing approximately one-quarter of an ounce of cocaine. Goyette was arrested



John Goyette

and transported to Troop D and charged with Possession of Cocaine 21a-279(a) and Possession of Cocaine WITS - 21A-278(b). Goyette was held on a \$10,000 cash/surety bond and appeared in Danielson Superior Court on Nov. 16 for the above charges.

Members of the Connecticut State Police are committed to combating drug activity in the "Quiet Corner" and anyone with information regarding the illegal sale of narcotics are encouraged to call the Troop D QLTF anonymous Tips Hotline at (860) 779-4950 or message the QLTF Facebook page.

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THOMPSON LEADERS

THOMPSON — On Nov. 14 Thompson held its swearing in ceremony of their newly elected town officials.



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LEGION HONORS VETERANS

PUTNAM — American Legion Post No. 13 Commander Ronald P. Coderre presented plaques to three veterans who were honored in a ceremony at the Black dog Restaurant. From left, pictured with Coderre, Victor Lippiello, World War II; Paul Martell, Sr., Korean conflict; and Tom Pandolfi, Vietnam.

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Bird sightings at Connecticut Audubon Society Center at Pomfret and Wyndham Land Trust properties for the week of Nov. 13: Pileated Woodpecker, House Finch, Goldfinch, Mallard, Great Blue Heron, Flicker, Junco, White-throated Sparrow, Great-horned Owl, Barred Owl, Robin. Visit http://www.ctaudubon.org/pomfret-home



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CHECK OUT THE SPORTS ACTION!

Higgins produces Comedy night at Bradley

PUTNAM — Comedian Scott Higgins is the producer of New England Comedy All Stars, a show that The Bradley Playhouse hosts a few times a year. And every time it's completely sold out. Higgins has performed at The Aria Resort in Las Vegas. He's performed at Foxwoods and Mohegan Sun. He did stand up as part of Comedy Connections in Boston. He even opened up for America's Got Talent season 7 runner-up Tom Cotter.

Despite all of that, Higgins still loves performing at The Bradley Playhouse.

'Working at the Bradley is a dream come true," he said. "The staff is so supportive. They love to watch the shows. The crowds have been crazy loyal. They appreciate very comedian. They show so much genuine love for comedy.'

The idea for the New England Comedy All Stars came to Higgins in 2012. After watching productions there his whole life, Higgins "just knew" it was the perfect place for stand up.

Now Higgins is the host of

'There's nothing better on the face of the earth than making people laugh," he



said. "Life can be so stressful. It can make them forget about that for a few seconds... Bad week... Trying to pay bills... They can come here and forget about that for two hours. I call it a superpower. Comedians have a super

Stand-up is nothing new for Higgins.

nower'

He's been doing it for 16 vears.

It all started in school, where Higgins was - of course - the class clown. He loved being the center of attention. He loved making people laugh. Not a chuckle. Real, genuine laughter. Laughter that can't be controlled.

"You feel amazing," he explained. "It's such an adrenaline rush. It wasn't until I was an adult that I got the courage to get up on stage in front of strangers and do it.

All through grade school he was an introvert. He was bullied. But making people laugh deflected that. And he discovered early on in high school that he can "flip a switch," and make it happen.

A superpower. But when he first started performing he hated it.

"I didn't understand performing," he said. "You wrote these stories but you didn't

know how they'll work. And it was terrifying. But during those struggles, I told myself I can do it. I said I had to go back and learn from today and come back better. The first time I told a joke that was a true life story of mine was when I got that real laugh. That was it. I was hooked. It's so addictive.'

In fact, if he doesn't perform for a couple of weeks his wife tells him he's a bit cranky.

He also has a joke about changing his daughter's diaper for the first time. Duct tape was involved.

What makes a comedy routine successful is how relatable the stories are.

"People just know it," he said. "When I tell a story about my daughter, everyone in the audience is a father, was a father, has a father, knows a father... When I talk about the fears I have going to the doctor - everyone has felt that way. You relate to everyone on a human level."

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Grand funds support NOW youth clinics

PUTNAM — Northeast Opportunities for Wellness (NOW) has received \$1,000 in grant funds from the Jewett City Savings Bank Foundation. A local non-profit focused on youth wellness, NOW will use the funds to support a series of free wellness clinics in 2018, designed to introduce the benefits of sports, fitness, and nutrition to area

For the past several years, NOW has hosted clinics focused on a variety of sports, including football, soccer, basketball, running, lacrosse, and hockey. Each event is free to children ranging in age from 3 to 15, and includes volunteer participation from area coaches and students. In addition to sports, children learn about nutrition and participate in general fitness activities, including stretching, yoga, and other wellness-related challenges.

Past grants from the Jewett City Savings Bank Foundation have helped support other wellness initiatives close to NOW's mission, including a series of healthy cooking events for families, and a youth yoga program. NOW Executive Director, Sarah Wolfburg expressed her appreciation to the Foundation, "The clinics are an important part of NOW's outreach in the community and we are grateful to the Jewett City Savings Bank Foundation for this year's grant funds. The \$1,000 will help us with the costs associated with the clinics, including facility fees, supplies, and educational materials.'

NOW staff are in the process of planning the calendar of wellness events for 2018 and have two events scheduled thus far. On Sunday, March 4, NOW will host a clinic focused on Track and Field events, including running, jumping, throwing, and other activities. On Sunday, April 8, NOW will partner with The Arc Quinebaug Valley for the Spectrum of Sports clinic. This event features a variety of sports, and invites volunteer coaches and student athletes to work with children of all abilities. As additional clinics are scheduled, information will be available via social media and the NOW website.

Northeast Opportunities for Wellness, is a non-profit human services organization focused on youth wellness. Serving the 10-town area of Northeast Connecticut, NOW provides children with the opportunity to participate in area athletics programs, offering scholarships to the youth of the community with up to 95 percent of the cost being subsidized by NOW. The mission of the organization is to provide all children, regardless of financial resources, equal opportunities to achieve and maintain youth wellness, beginning at an early age. For more information on NOW, visit www.nowinmotion.org or call (888) 940.4669

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Putnam resident wins DAR honor



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Sophie LeDuc received DAR recognition.

PUTNAM — Sophie LeDuc, a student at Quinebaug Middle School who resides in Putnam, recently won recognition from the National Society of the Daughters of the American Revolution, administered by the Deborah Avery Putnam Chapter Daughters of the American Revolution in Plainfield. The DAR Good Citizens program and Scholarship Contest is a wonderful way to recognize outstanding high school seniors. It is intend-

ed to encourage and reward the qualities of good citizenship. The program is open to all senior class students enrolled in accredited public or private secondary schools that are in good standing with their state boards of education. United States citizenship is not required. The student selected as the school's DAR Good Citizen must have the following qualities: Dependability

(which includes truthfulness, loyalty, and punctuality); Service (which includes cooperation, courtesy, and consideration of others); Leadership (which includes personality, self-control, and ability to assume responsibility); and Patriotism (which includes unselfish interest in family, school, community, and nation) to an outstanding degree.

One student per year per school is selected by the school

the DAR to be honored as that school's Good Citizen. student receives a DAR Good Citizen pin and certificate. Our chapter presented this award on Nov. 6, honoring LeDuc and Cooper Wade of Plainfield High School. These students will then follow the DAR process of applying for the Scholarship associated with this award. From all the students from around the state, one will be chosen to receive a state scholarship. This student will then be entered in the scholarship contest on the division level and then the national level. There will be 8 national division winners and two national winners. The speaker for our program was Karen Beck, Topic: Feeling like Nancy Drew: How DNA "solved" a Cold Case Murder. Her genealogical hobby of recording family data and their DNA helped detectives solve a murder and enabled a young woman, who had been kidnapped and placed for adoption after being abandoned on the West Coast, find her biological family on the East Coast.

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How long have you lived in the ist? I like so many different art**area?** Forever and a day

Do you have a favorite food? Anything with cheese or chocolate.

TV Show? All I ever watch is news so I guess that would be it.

What is your favorite travel destination?

Walmart apparently because I'm there almost every day. Sigh

What's the best part about your town? It's the peace, serenity, and unspoiled beauty that Woodstock offers.

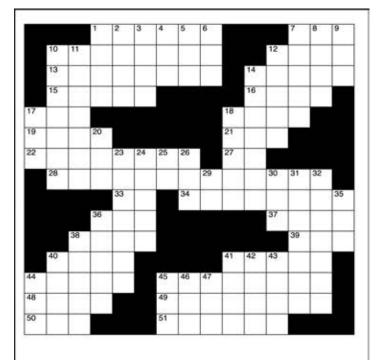
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Who is your favorite musical artists and genres I couldn't possibly choose one.

What is the greatest piece of advice you have ever been given? Never What is currently your favorite ruin an apology with an excuse.

> **Favorite Sports Team** Red Sox hands down!

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- Holds candles
- 7. In possession of 10. Rodents
- 12. Type of cofactor (Brit. sp.)
- 13. Hard candy on a stick 14. Animal of the weasel family
- 15. Things that should not be
- overlooked 16. "Silence" author
- 17. Dried, split lentils
- 18. People native to Ghana
- 19. Barros and Gasteyer are two
- 21. British thermal unit 22. Large oblong hall
- 27. Ethnic group in Asia 28. Holiday decoration
- 33. Milliliter 34. Open
- 36. Health physics concept (abbr.)
- 37. Tantric meditation 38. Where golf games begin
- 39. Birth swine
- 40. Rip
- 41. Remove
- 44. Puts together in time 45. Rotary engines
- 48. Skeletal structure
- 49. Member of a labor organization 50. Japanese classical theater
- 51. Undergarments

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- 3. Singer Redding
- and tuck 5. Head honcho
- 6. Second sight
- 7. Composer 8. About aviation
- 9. Senior officer 10. Forecasts weather
- 11. Seasoned Hungarian soup
- 12. Town in Hesse, Germany 14. Thought to derive from
- meteorites 17. Hit lightly
- 18. Seemingly bottomless chasm 20. Title of respect
- 23. Warms up

- 24. Man and Wight are two
- 25. Type of scan 26. Atomic mass unit
- 29. Article
- 30. Incriminate
- 31. Passes by
- 32. Most nerve-inducing 35. David Alan Grier sitcom
- 36. Achieve
- 38. Freshwater fish
- 40. Beginner 41. Dark brown or black
- 42. A newlywed wears one 43. DiFranco and Vardanyan are two
- 44. Diego, Francisco, Anselmo 45. Ancient Egyptian King
- 46. Old name (abbr.)
- 47. Brazilian city (slang)

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Westview honors veterans

DAYVILLE — Residents, patients and staff of Westview Health Care Center paid tribute to our nation's past and present armed forces and veterans on Nov. 11 at the facility in Dayville. The ceremony Westview honored veterans on Nov.11 recognized and affirmed the

selfless commitment and bravery of all United States veterans in not only remembrance, but also in complete reverence of their services. Coordinated Westview's Recreation Department and facility volunteers, the service included a Posting of Colors by members of the Albert J. Breault VFW Post 1523 of Putnam, as well as members of the Ladies Auxiliary. Chaplain Gerry Salvas delivered the event's invocation followed by a presentation of flags to Westview veterans by The Honorable Daniel Rovero, Connecticut House of Representatives as well

as Post Commander, Norman "Beau" Beaupre. Tom Callinan, Soloist, Fifer and Connecticut's First Official State Troubadour presided over the event as the

Master of Ceremonies. "We're honored to have this opportunity to pay tribute to the courageous and resolute dedication to country that our veterans have exhibited throughout the years," said David T. Panteleakos, Westview administrator. "Our nation's freedoms and securities are a direct result from the combined commitment and efforts of their service and for that we are indebted to

Arc Quinebaug Valley receives donation PUTNAM — Charter Oak viduals with disabilities, which "We are very excited to give the cools are vided to give the cools are vided

Federal Credit Union has provided \$2,000 in grant funds to The Arc Quinebaug Valley. With this gift, The Arc will be able to allocate these funds towards purchasing outdoor musical instruments for a sensory garden that will be created for Arc individuals, as well as the public, to enjoy.

The sensory garden will be designed with the purpose of stimulating the senses of indiwill help each person acquire essential life skills at their own peaceful pace.

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

"We are very excited to give back to the community, while enhancing the lives of those we serve at the same time. The sensory garden will provide a therapeutic and calming environment for all and we truly appreciate the generosity of Charter Oak Federal Credit Union supporting our mission with this project." said Mrs. Susan Desrosiers, Executive Director of The Arc Quinebaug Valley.



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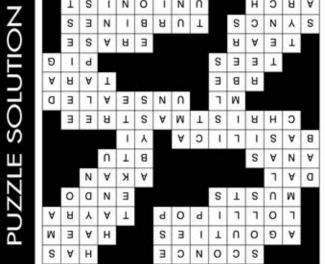


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Michael Bolger's Nutcracker at the Bradley Playhouse





PUTNAM — The Bradley Playhouse and The Complex Performing and Creative Arts Centre are coming together to present Michael Bolger's Nutcracker on the Bradley stage. This collaboration begins Dec. 1 and runs for three weekends. Performances are Dec. 1, 2, 8, 9, 15 and 16 at 7:30 pm and Dec. 3, 10 and 17 at 2:00 pm.

Bolger received a BFA in Dance from SUNY Purchase and is a choreographer, dancer and teacher. He is on the faculty at Providence Ballet, Roger Williams University and Rhode Island College. Bolger's Nutcracker is a staple within The Complex Community and has been warming hearts during the holiday season for the past three years. This original, contemporary adaptation of the ballet is performed by The Complex Dance Theatre, this story follows the Bolger family, their 12 siblings, two parents, and a lifetime of memories that will resonate with all families. Bolger's Nutcracker pays homage to the classic ballet, but is told through contemporary

theatre dance. The traditions of The Nutcracker ring true in tales of family, tradition, connection and holiday cheer told through lively and entertaining choreography.

Audiences will experience Tchaikovsky's brilliant score brought to life by an 18 piece orchestra. This is the first time in the history of The Bradley Playhouse and the Northeastern Connecticut community at large that dance has had the opportunity to entertain audiences as the main stage hol-

iday performance, featuring the faculty and company members of The Complex Dance Theatre.

In addition to the magical Nutcracker, the program will feature seasonal songs and a reading of 'Twas The Night Before Christmas by local celebrities. The Bradley Playhouse is located at 30 Front Street (Route 44) in Putnam. All seats are reserved. Reservations may be made at www.thebradleyplayhouse.org or by calling (860) 928-7887. Tickets may be purchased at the theater box office, either before the performance or at the door.





Scenes from Michael Bolger's Nutcracker, set to open at the Bradley Playhouse on Dec. 1.

Arts magnet school to hold open house

EASTCONN's Arts at the Capitol Theater (ACT) arts magnet high school will hold an open house for prospective students and their families on Wed., Dec. 6, at 6:30 p.m., at EASTCONN's Capitol Theater, 896 Main St., Willimantic. EASTCONN administers the ACT arts magnet high school for students who live in eastern and northeastern Connecticut.

ACT's open house, which will begin promptly at $6:30~\rm p.m.$, is for students who want to attend ACT in 2018-2019. The evening's program will include behind-the-scenes tours from $6:30~\rm p.m.$ to $7~\rm p.m.$; information sessions from $7~\rm p.m.$ - $7:30~\rm p.m.$, featuring ACT's arts staff, who will discuss the school's acting, audio/video, creative writing, dance and theater production programs; and performances by current students, as well as a general information session and Q & A panel, from $7:30~\rm p.m.$ - $8:30~\rm p.m.$

ACT offers students in grades 9-12 a full-day high school program that focuses on rigorous core academics and a rich variety of arts disciplines. Highly qualified ACT teaching artists and certified teachers work collaboratively to provide students with personalized educational experiences unlike any other public school in northeastern Connecticut. Each grade is limited to approximately 35 students, making ACT an intimate, highly focused learning environment.

ACT is located in the Art Deco-design Capitol Theater which includes two fully equipped theaters, a black box theater, a set shop, audio/video editing suites, dance studios, a costume shop, CAD (computer-aided drafting) lab, a café and an art gallery.

For more information about the open house, please contact the ACT main office at (860) 465-5636, ext. 1, or contact ACT Principal Sarah Mallory at smallory@eastconn.org. Visit www.eastconn.org/act to learn more or to download an application.

EASTCONN is a public, non-profit, Regional Educational Service Center that has been serving the education needs of northeastern Connecticut's schools and communities since 1980. Learn more at www.eastconn.org.







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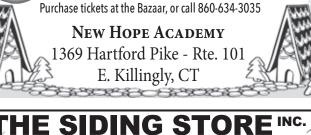
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WEF Starlight Gala raises funds

WOODSTOCK — On a chilly, starlit night, the Woodstock Education Foundation (WEF) lit up the night with its sixth annual Starlight Gala on Nov. 10 at the Mansion at Bald Hill. The Starlight Gala is WEF's biggest annual fundraiser, this year raising over \$40,000 to fund exciting, innovative enrichment programs for the students in the Woodstock Public Schools. Over 180 attendees enthusiastically bid on 79 silent and 23 live auction items generously donated by over 80 local individuals and businesses. Items included numerous vacations with trips to Sunapee, to a resort at Sugarbush, Cape Cod, an ultimate Lego package, and a cocktail party for 25 at the Mansion. Other hotly contested items included a trio of bicycles, family portrait photography package, New England Patriots tickets.

"It was clear that everyone in attendance had one thing in common – supporting educational excellence for the students of Woodstock," said Starlight Gala co-chair Wendy LeBoeuf.

The WEF uses the money raised through the Starlight Gala to fund



grant requests from Woodstock's public school teachers that are designed to broaden the sphere of learning and expand the reach of the K-8 public school experience. Over the past 12 years WEF

has funded over \$250,000 in grants; last year alone funding 35 innovative and exciting programs including homework club at both WES and WMS, public speaking, robotics club, the Woodstock Middle School production of "Willy Wonka," speakers from the Connecticut Historical Society, Mark Twain House drama club, We Deliver in-school postal service, Southwick Zoo visit, WES International Week, and much more. So far this year, WEF has already funded 29 grants.

"Tonight was all about the kids, and it was a very good night for the students of Woodstock," said Susan Fleck, Starlight Gala co-chair.







Courtesy photos

The Woodstock Education Foundation held a fundraiser on Nov. 10



THOMPSON FIRE COMPANY HALLOWEEN PARTY

Courtesy photo

THOMPSON Halloween party at the Thompson Hill fire station was hosted by the Thompson Fire Engine Company on Oct. 31. Front row, from left: Hunter – Garden Gnome; Amelia Hachigian – Good Witch with Dog; Phoenix Desaulnier – Super Mario; Gunner Reynolds – Porcupine; Landen Horniak – Coo-Coo Clock. Back row, from left: Isabella DeSouza – Dragon Goddess; Victoria Pelletier – Green Dragon; Hunter's mom, Kora Mae Reynolds – Harley Quinn; Addison Howell -Jellyfish; Daniel Pelletier -Clown; Justin Griffiths-Lam – Justin the Jester.



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Thanksgiving Craft Night at Putnam Library



Khloe Demers and Lori Britto played a few

PUTNAM - Thanksgiving Craft Night on Wednesday, Nov. 15 at the Putnam Public Library brought the community together over cupcakes and creative activities. All about Thanksgiving, of

"Activities at the libraries bring generations together," said Director Priscilla Colwell. "You see kids all playing together. You see moms working with their kids."

The crafts also help children learn skills, like gluing and painting. They also get to learn about seasonal events.

"There's a lot of benefits," said



"We give this event two thumbs up," said Dawn Keser, pictured with her daughters Abby, Ella and Elyse. "We love craft time here."



Children's Librarian Tina Aubin helped Meghan Rumsey and her daughter Charlie make turkey-themed cupcakes.



Alliea and Justin Falke love coming to the library.





Heather Monte and Jacob Watson had a blast doing the turkey book class.



Families had fun decorating cupcakes together.



Director Priscilla Colwell and the Children Librarian Assistants Mary Crowell and Elaine Peters.

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A fork in the road of life

If I had the three-tined fork my mother used every day, perhaps I'd feel more confident. The tool, which had a black handle inlayed with a material that looked like silver, but probably wasn't, was her main cooking implement. She flipped slices of fried ham, poked at chicken to test for doneness and swirled thick pats of butter around hot iron skillets to fry eggs. The fork was a lot like her and her form of cooking: no nonsense, straightforward, sprinkle everything with salt and serve it as hot as possible in a drafty house.

The fork disappeared on a holiday,



NANCY WEISS

many decades after she too was absent from the scene. She never knew me as an adult, standing in a kitchen steamed up from boiling pots of potatoes, but she would have understood my struggle trying to remember each year what special thing I made that worked and what failures I should chalk up to bad luck or bad taste.

It's likely the fork was swept into the trash can one early morning when I was trying to make two things at once. Perhaps I'd sliced my finger with a paring knife, a common occurrence when I'm hurrying, and I didn't want my husband to see the mess. Perhaps the fork had been dropped into the bottom of the roasting pan where it disappeared in the swirl of grease and gravy. It has been gone for a long time and while there may be another one somewhere, I haven't tried to find a replacement. In my mind only the original had magical properties that would transfer to the cook and the food.

I don't know when cooking became complicated, but somewhere between the Fannie Farmer Cookbook and the Barefoot Contessa, everything ramped up. I bought tagines and expensive pots. The Revere Ware set my mother owned, a great prize in her time, is still in perfect shape if only someone felt like polishing the copper bottoms.

Julia Child's cookbook, "Mastering the Art of French Cooking", upped the ante. I have friends who have worked their way through the entire tome, but I have merely dipped in and out, generally scouring the pages for another chicken recipe. The "60 Minute Gourmet" filled out our menus for a while. "The Silver Palate" was hip and sophisticated and gave us "Chicken Mirabella" a staple of dinner parties for a decade or more. Now I am ensconced in the "Barefoot Contessa- Make It Ahead" world, where Ina Garten's husband, Jeffrey, a graying businessman, is supposedly the focus of all her culinary efforts. I'll consult Ina throughout the holiday season just as I once called upon Martha Stewart for support and counsel.

Brussel sprouts have turned up on our dinner plates as well as mounds of kale, a green I once thought was fed only to chickens. I'm roasting vegetables more than boiling them to mush. I'm still devoted to jellied cranberry sauce from a can and Pepperidge Farm stuffing mix from a bag. They are familiar tastes that my daughters love.

I shopped recently at Whole Foods, where the number of choices was mind boggling. There were more kinds of sweet potatoes, colors of cauliflower and types of turkey than I have ever seen. The atmosphere was as festive as if I were at a big party with happy strangers. While I was dazzled, I was delighted to be in the shopping scrum. The threetined fork is an anachronism in a world of endless food choices, but it would come in handy to test the flesh of an

organic orange gem sweet potato, that I

could mash with butter and salt.



Opinion and commentary from the Quiet Corner

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Reader thanks VFW Post 10088

To the editor:

Thank you to VFW Post 10088 Commander Elmer Preston and President of the Ladies Auxiliary, Virginia Livernoche, who planned, set up, and executed the ceremony in memory and honor of all veterans, at the Oscar Swenson Park in North Grosvenordale, on 11 November at 11 a.m., then hosted a luncheon at their facility in Quinebaug. These two groups complement one another to honor men and women who have served our nation on both Veterans Day and Memorial Day year after year in Thompson. What you also need to know is that the Post was recognized and honored on the same day by the State Commander VFW for 50 years of service to veterans and their families here in Thompson and at the Veterans home in Newington.

As each speaker came to the podium they kept their comments brief due to the "chill'

in the air, but they all, whether drafted or volunteered SERVED and some continue to SERVE. God bless you all.

It was nice to see a fair size group in the Park and later at the Post for the luncheon.

We, as the home front, must never forget their SACRIFICE. Thank you to Commander Elmer Preston and Post 10088 Veterans and Ladies Auxiliary President Virginia Livernoche and the Auxiliary for first making sure Memorial Day and Veterans Day are celebrated and never forgotten by putting extra effort to participate and host these important community/worldwide events.

Thank you to all who participated by attending.

> LUCILLE A. LANGLOIS QUINEBAUG

Reader outraged by Congress

To the editor:

Are Republican voters paying attention? It is a question I have been asking myself for years now but I am talking about the current majority in the 115th United States Congressbecause I believe many are not. By paying attention I do not just mean to news articles or daily newsfeed - I mean actual congress. gov – bills being passed, bills being repealed, rules being made, rules being removed, and appointments being made. The reason I ask is because I cannot fully understand how any proud citizen can pay attention, and not be outraged. To many judge our politicians by what they hear, and not how they act or vote. The first bills signed into law by the 115th Congress look like checks written to special interests.

One example, take H.J.RES 41 (House Joint Resolution 41) which was introduced January 30th of this year- and that date is an important factor. It became law only 15 days later. While the country was either cheering that Trump was being inaugurated or slamming their heads against the wall wondering how three million plus votes loses you an election- the new majority in Congress was passing this law. This law is titled "Providing for congressional disapproval under chapter 8 of title 5, United States Code, of a rule submitted by the Securities and Exchange Commission (SEC) relating to Disclosure of Payments by Resource Extraction Issuers"if you read the bill it is geared towards foreign payments. Resource extractors being oil, coil, etc. I have spent nearly fifteen years of my life loving and studying business- and will give a little insight as to what a foreign or domestic undisclosed payment is, it's a bribe. So the question that outrages me is why would the current majority in Congress not want a company like, and just random here, Exxon Mobil or Koch Industries to disclose a payment to a country like, again just random, Russia?

Now I could list more but I encourage my fellow citizens to explore congress.gov and see for yourself, and there is only so much room in the paper. Another aspect to passing laws and policy that I am not sure if people are paying attention to is that the current

majority has nearly passed all of their most controversial bills through what is called budget reconciliation- which only allows for simple majority in the Senate. So they are passing laws that should normally require 60 votes and in this case some Democrat support, not with this Congress. Democracy should be fair in my mind.

To sum up my opinion on whether or not my fellow citizens are paying attention is the healthcare debate. Just recently I read in this paper an opinion piece on how our Connecticut Senators and Representative Joe Courtney should be repealing the Affordable Care Act because his premiums were going through the roof. Our citizens are being told by the majority in Congress that the ACA is "imploding" and causing premiums to sky rocket, and it is believed whole heartedly and it pains me to see. Does it not bother this person that Republicans have been saying this for nearly 7 years now, but never came up with a better plan? Yes Barrack Obama was President, but they controlled Congress. Or the fact that Trump ended the subsidies so now insurance companies need to make up that cost...by raising premiums? I understand the heartache, I truly do, but the CEO of United Healthcare makes \$76,000 a daythat is 365 including vacations. He is just one Board Member, one shareholder, and it is only one health care provider. United Healthcare is barely on the exchanges, most likely due to the fact it would curb their profits- so he might have to make \$50,000 a day and only take 5 week long vacations. Again, I love business and am all for somebody making a ridiculous amount of money- but heath care is not a Tickle Me Elmo- people die without it. I know this may sound like I am just trashing the Republican Party but there is also something we citizens need to stop doing- respecting past Congresses, I do not care about the 114th Congress and the ones before them, I care about the now. I would like to end by quoting a repost by Heather Heyer, "If you are not outraged, you are not paying attention."

Douglas Wolfram DANIELSON

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Favreau is Day Kimball's employee of the month

PUTNAM — Judith Favreau, registered nurse (RN) case manager, was named employee of the month for October at Day Kimball Healthcare (DKH). Favreau, whose experience in the medical field spans 45 years, began her career at DKH in 1972 as a licensed practical nurse (LPN). She later became a registered nurse, and in 2000, she became certified in case management. In her current role as RN case manager, Favreau's respon- Judith Favreau, left, and Anne Diamond sibilities include evaluating patient



Courtesy photo

needs, authorizing insurance, and managing resources to create the highest quality and most cost-effective discharge care plan for patients. This may include coordinating and monitoring visiting nurse care, outpatient care, or rehabilitation services among others.

'Judy consistently delivers great work in a challenging field of nursing. She navigates the patient's wishes, family choices as well as the physician's requests to create a discharge plan that all parties can agree upon," said Favreau's supervisor, Sara Ciras, clinical case manager. "She has helped thousands of patients and families transition from the hospital to their next level of care. In addition, she is active on several different committees and balances all of these commitments while producing excellent work. Judy is also quick to volunteer for any need that may arise in the department and she is a great resource, supporting her co-worker's growth at every opportunity.

"I am thrilled to have received this honor. There are so many outstanding people working at DKH and I am delighted and humbled to have been chosen as employee of the month." She added, "I enjoy working with our patients, their families and the entire DKH team," Favreau said. "Every day is different and I especially enjoy mentoring new

Favreau is a long-time resident of Woodstock where she lives with her husband of 33 years, Buzz Favreau. She earned her associate's degree in Nursing from Quinsigamond Community College, Worcester, Mass., and a bachelor's degree from Worcester State College. She is also a certified case manager and a certified professional in healthcare management (CPUR-Certified Professional). Favreau is a board member of Northeastern CT Healthcare Credit Union.



FINANCIAL Focus JIM ZAHANSKY INVESTMENT **ADVISER**

Teaching your child about money

It is never too early to teach your child the value of money. Learning how to handle money, open bank accounts, set and save towards goals, and become overall smarter with money at younger ages may only benefit your children financially rather than hurt

As soon as your child becomes interested in money, start teaching him or her how to handle it wisely. The simple lessons you teach today will give your child a solid foundation for making a lifetime of financial decisions.

Lesson 1: Learning to handle an allowance

An allowance is often a child's first brush with financial independence. With allowance money in hand, your child can begin saving and budgeting for the things he or she wants. When your child is of age to drive, he or she now has more independence, but that means they should learn that with freedom, comes responsibility. You may want to sit down with your child and be transparent about all expenses involved with a car and hold them accountable for small amounts at first, and more as they learn how to handle their money.

It's up to you to decide how much to give your child based on your values and family budget, but a rule of thumb used by many parents is to give their child 50 cents or 1 dollar for every year of age. To come up with the right amount, you might also want to consider what your child will need to pay for out of his or her allowance, and how much of it will go into savings.

Set some parameters. Sit down and talk to your child about the types of purchases you expect him or her to make, and how much of the allowance should go towards savings. Also keep in mind that they need to learn how to handle their money themselves and should try to make their own decisions with your guidance. Stick to a regular schedule. give your child the same amount of money on the same day each week.

Lesson 2: Opening a bank account

Taking your child to your local bank or credit union to open an account (or opening an account online) is a simple way to introduce the concept of saving money. Your child will learn how savings accounts work, and will soon enjoy making deposits.

Many banks and credit unions have programs that provide activities and incentives designed to help children learn financial basics. One tip that may help your child develop good savings habits is showing him or her how much "free money" has been earned from deposits. You may offer to match whatever your child saves towards a long-term goal. Children who value savings might be rare, so let them take money out and not lose interest in saving.

Lesson 3: Setting and saving for financial goals

When your children get money from relatives, you want them to save it for college, but they'd rather spend it now. Let's face it: children don't always see the value of putting money away for the future. So how can you get your child excited about setting and saving for financial goals?

One idea might be to let you child set his or her own goals. This may give them

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Before there was Thanksgiving

Since this is Thanksgiving weekend, I thought I would write a little about New England's earliest inhabitants--the Native Americans. Although this region had been covered with a thick glacier, archaeological evidence indicates that by 10,000 years ago it had sufficiently melted for a Native presence to utilize the resources in Eastern Connecticut. Keep in mind that the glacial melt produced a completely different landscape and environment, different flora and fauna, than what is now present in the area. Rivers would have been much wider, swampy area would have been small ponds, both attracting fish and waterfowl. The earliest inhabitants became adept at utilizing the region's resources, traveling fairly frequently to take advantage of the best foodstuffs and materials needed for their everyday living. Such habits continued even to the "contact" period with the white settlers.

Take a look at a map of Northeastern Connecticut and you will quickly recognize some place names as being of Native American heritage. The first edition of the booklet Nipmuck Place Names of New England by the Nipmuc Indian Association of Connecticut (1995) gives the meanings of a number of the names. In Killingly the Five Mile River was called the Assawaga, which the Nipmucks considered a "place between."The Quinebaug River referred to "the long pond." Acquiunk was considered by the Nipmucks to be both the falls and hills near the present junction of the Quinebaug and Assawaga/Five Mile Rivers at Danielson, "at the place below (agwi) the falls. "a hill thirty or forty rods s.e. from 'the upper falls of the Quinebaug River." "According to testimony by Passagcogon, a Quinebaug Indian, in 1704, a small fort stood on the hill in which only four families had wigwams. The head man at the fort was called Wan-non-chau-mooh." The booklet also noted that Acqunoke or Acquunkquoke" were alternate names for the same place.

The very first issue of the Killingly Historical Journal, Vo. 1, No. 1, 1995 contained an article by James Kenefick that had been extracted from the 125th anniversary edition of The Windham County Transcript of March 8, 1973. It spoke of the Native Americans that once inhabited the area south of the falls near the junction of the two riv-"More Facts of ers.

Indian History. The main village site for Danielson was about fifty vards north of where the Little League ballfield is now. Extensive excavation was done here by Donald Gingras of Danielson, ten or more years ago. He found several hut rings with post hole moulds. Fire pits were found within the hut rings and refuse pits were found outside the hut rings. This is the sign of a permanent village site. He also found concentrated areas with stone chippings and hammer stones which proves arrowheads, etc. were manufactured at this site, also. Broken Bannerstones, which were used in religious ceremonies, were found on the village site by Mr. Gingras. These stones are rare in this area. While digging for post holes for a fence on his property on Leander St., James Kenefick found several fire pits and later on, three arrowheads. With the springs which were in the vicinity of the village site and the streams in the area which had an abundance of fish, Danielson was an ideal location for an Indian community." (When reading the above, keep in mind when it was written. Native Americans moved their villages periodically).

Attawaugan was also possibly a Nipmuck name and meant 'a knoll, or hill, or height of land." In East Killingly mahmunsqueag/ wahmunsqueeg was a most significant location, "the spot resorted to for whetstones." This gave us the name for Whetstone Brook. This spot was so important that it was the northern bound of a tract of land that was claimed by the Mohegan Uncas and was later sold by Qwaneco, his son, to a group of men from Plainfield. Keep

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Maanexit on Thompson Hill. Mayanexit, Mananexit, Maanexit was defined as "where the road lies" or "where we gather" and was the name of a Native American village in what is now western Thompson. "The word Mayanexit may have been formed from mayano 'there is a path or road' or its participal maanog where the path is' since the village was near the Connecticut Path to and from Massachusetts" to Windsor and Hartford. "It may have come from miyanau 'he gathers together...alluding to the establishment of a community of Christian Indians at this place.

Some of what was recorded about the above villages came from writings of Daniel Gookin and John Eliot, the "apostle to the Indians" who was visiting Native American settlements with the hopes of converting the people to Christianity. He even sent out fellow workers to what became known as "the praying towns." In 1674 he visited them along with Major Daniel Gookin and others. After visiting a village near Lake Chaubongagum (Webster Lake), "he proceeded to Myanexet...Twenty families were gathered here, comprising by Gookin's estimate, a hundred souls---men, women and children---all eager to welcome and hear the missionaries. A religious service was held, Mr. Eliot preaching in the Indian tongue from the words, 'Lift up you heads, O ye

gates...and the King of Glory shall come in.' At the close of the sermon, Mr. Eliot led forward John Moqua, a pious and sober person, and presented him to the people to be their minister...' "Major Gookin reported another village at Quinnatisset... where there were also twenty family and a hundred souls... "and a village at Wabbaquasset (in Woodstock)." For much more on Eliot's visit look at Ellen Larned's History of Windham County, Connecticut, Vo. I, (Bicentennial edition) pages 6-10.

According to Larned early settlers of the Massachusetts Bay Colony had every reason to be grateful to the Natives who lived at Wabbaquasset. "Soon after the arrival of Winthrop's colony in Massachusetts, in 1630, tidings reached the distant Wabbaquassets that a company of Englishmen had come to the Bay, were in great want of corn and would pay a good price for it. The fertile hills of Wabbaquasset were famous even then for their beautiful yield of corn. Acquittimaug's father filled large sacks with the precious commodity, and with his son and other Indians bore the heavy burdens on their backs through the wilderness to the infant settlement at Boston." (p. 2).

As we celebrate this Thanksgiving weekend, let us remember the Nation's earliest inhabitants and give thanks also for what they did to help the earliest colonists survive. When opportunity knocks, let us remember to do likewise in this day and age. Happy Thanksgiving weekend!

Margaret M. Weaver Killingly Municipal Historian, November, 2017. For additional information email me at margaretmweaver@gmail.com or visit the Killingly Historical Center Wed. or Sat. 10-4 or www.killinglyhistorical.org. or call 860-779-7250. Like us at Facebook at www.facebook.com/killinglyhistorical society. Mail for the Killingly Historical & Genealogical Society, Inc. or the Killingly Historical Center should be sent to PO Box 265, Danielson, Connecticut 06329.

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more of an incentive if you deem it reasonable. You may want to encourage your child to divide his or her money. For instance, your child might want to save some of it towards a long-term goal, share some of it with a charity, and spend some of it right away.

Using something to track their goal lays out a plan that may help your child to learn the difference between shortterm and long-term goals and how to save towards them. Finally, don't expect a young child to set long-term goals.

Young children may lose interest in goals that take longer than a week or two to reach. Start with shorter long-term goals, for example, a whole month might be a long term goal for a child.

Lesson 4: Becoming a smart consumer

Commercials. Peer pressure. The mall. Children are constantly tempted to spend money but aren't born with the ability to spend it wisely. Your child needs guidance from you to make good buying decisions.

One thing you might consider to do is to set aside one day a month to take your child shopping. This might encourage your child to save for something he or she really wants rather than impulsive buying. Showing your child how to compare items based on price and quality might be a good skill to consider teaching as well. With older children, teaching them how to research and make smart buying decisions may prove helpful when they one day will buy a new car

or home. Think about your experience with money. What do you wish your parents taught you about money and why is it so important? The earlier these habits can be developed, the better off your child might be with their finances and the better off they will be to get where

they want to go in life. Create an environment your children can Plan Well, Invest Well, and Live Well in.

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COOKING

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ipe that people have to perfect

over time. "You have to be there," said Karambinakis. "You can read the directions. But it's easier to see the steps. There's always a

family secret." The unique flavors are what Greek families grew up with. And they bring back a lot of memories for anyone who has spent time baking with a par-

"My favorite thing to bake is kataifi," said Karambinakis. "It's something my mom and I used to make. When I grew up in Greece, I watched her make it during the holidays. It really brings back those Easter holiday memories. It's just part of a tradition."

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The Holy Trinity Greek Orthodox Church aims to share their culture with the community through their delicious traditional pastries, passed down from generation to generation.







NANA'S

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crafts?

Debbie-"I started those with my grandchildren. It was something I did every year with them when they were little. It's been 28 years now."

Oh, wow! So you ended up loving craft fairs. Why is that?

Debbie – "We liked meeting the new people and all the other crafters.'

Lori – "Their reactions to the crafts... They're always good."

Debbie "Always

What are your best sellers?

positive."

 $Debbie-``The\, chocolate$ sleighs."

Lori – "And the microwave bowl holders."

Do you guys make crafts all year?

Lori - "All year. In the summertime we take a little bit of a break, but we gear back up after

Do you do the crafts

alone or do you get together to work on

them?

Lori - "We've done them together. Back when we were doing the candy sleighs, we would sit around the table with huge bags of candy and make wreaths and the sleighs..."

Debbie - "We also made Christmas trees out of candy last year.'

Why do you like doing this together?

Debbie - "We get to spend family time together, her and I."

Have you two always crafted together? Or is this something new you started for the

Debbie - "We used to

Lori - Crotchet."

craft fairs?

Debbie "And Christmas cards and scrapbooking.'

Do you sell your crafts all year?

Debbie - "Mostly craft fairs around the holidays. But we do sell things the holidays." year-round.'

on Facebook. If you want a certain pattern or color we can make it.'

How do you feel when people buy your crafts or clothing?

Lori - "I love it. I'm so glad they can use it, too."

Why do you like doing this during the holiday season?

Debbie – "Sometimes the grandchildren will come down and help out. It's great to spend time with the family during

When you're not Lori - "We take orders making crafts, what else do you two like doing together?

Lori – baking..." "Camping,

It sounds like you both get along!

Debbie - "Oh, yeah!"

Lori - "Yeah, she's stuck with me!"

you would like to say about Santa's Nanas? Debbie – "We hope

Is there anything else

everybody has a Merry Christmas.'

Lori – "And a good holiday!"

Friends of Assisi food drive for Thanksgiving



Evan Adams and Matthew Viens volunteered at the food pantry for their confirmation hours.



Chantell Cournoyer, pictured with her daughter Venessa.



"I bring here down every Thanksgiving," said Sisters Pauline Tetreault and Claire Minio come to the food drive every year. Said Tetreault: "It's a blessing we want to share with others.



Mary Tiebout with the turkey she donated to the Assisi Food Pantry.





The Friends of the Assisi Food Pantry collected Thanksgiving fixings for their annual food basket drive, which provides a Thanksgiving meal for over local 300 families.



 $DANIELSON-The \,Friends\, of \,the \,Assisi\, Food\, Pantry\, held\, its\, annual\, Thanksgiving$

Volunteers helped clean and sort carrots - and other vegetables - for Thanksgiving baskets.



Director Jean Cyr, Laura Kroll and Colleen Brignole with just a small portion of the collected



Woodstock hosts Christmas on the Hill

WOODSTOCK — The First Congregational Church of Woodstock hosted its annual holiday fair on Nov. 18. Christmas on the Hill is a tradition on the Saturday before Thanksgiving and it had an array of tables staffed by over 80 volunteers. Tables included baked goods, unique boutique, silent auction, penny social, handmade in the Quiet Corner, Misfit Toys, and others. The signature chicken pot pie luncheon is a favorite and this year the kitchen crew sold more than 250 pies. Proceeds from the event help support the work of the church in and beyond Woodstock. Ministry partners include Community Kitchens of Northeastern CT, Thompson Ecumenical Empowerment Group (TEEG), Quiet Corner Refugee Resettlement, and disaster relief through Church World Service.









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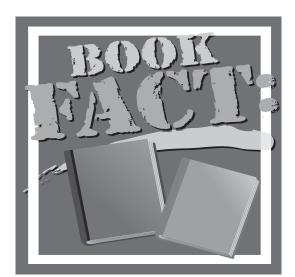
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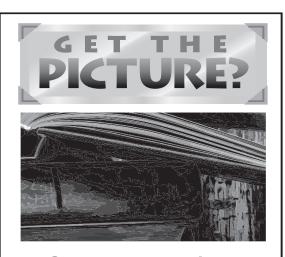
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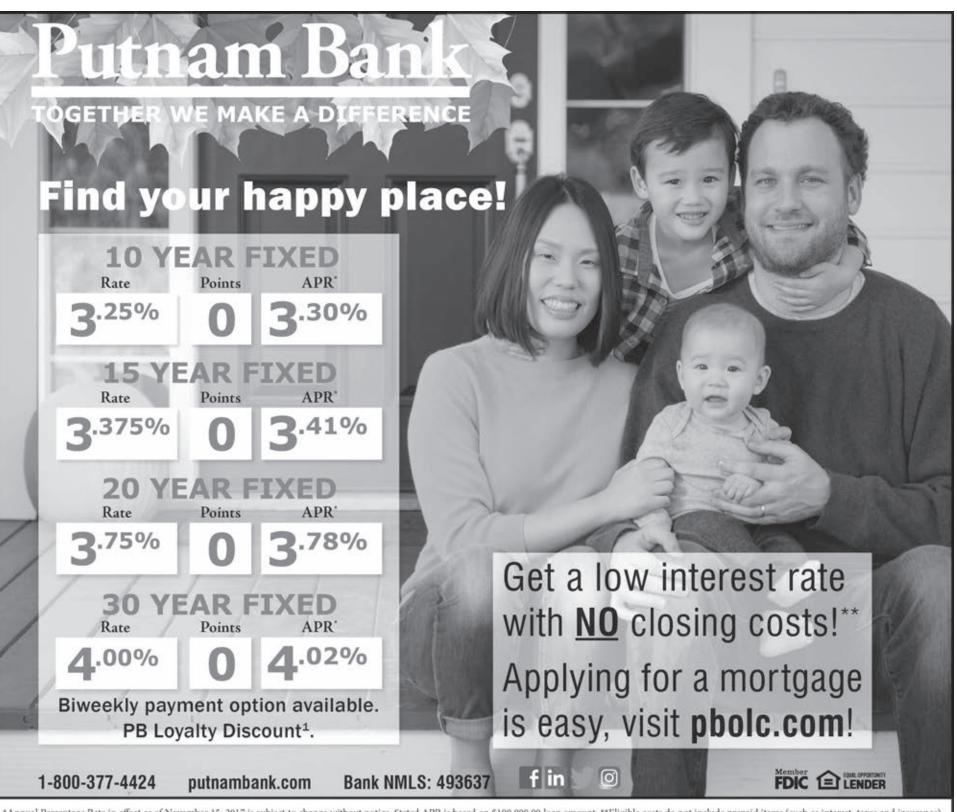


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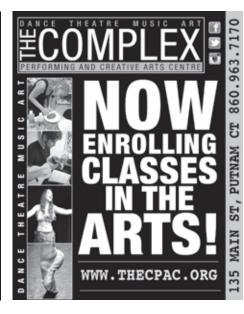
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Awesome solution.

"I had friends and family wanting something of their own. Next thing I knew, I was trying out different styles and pieces, like earrings and necklaces. That's how it all started for me."

What made your friends decide to make jewelry together all those years ago?

"I was living in Florida. My husband, Adam, and I had no family down there. I had a very tight-knit group of friends who got together every Friday. We'd go to Michaels and pick things out and go to a friend's house."

That sounds really fun. What got you hooked on jewelry making?

"When I started my more high-end pieces this past year, I kind of fell in love with it. In all honesty, my obsession is with the materials I'm now using. I'm into the stones and finding out more about them. I recently went to my first bead show, which I was blown away by. I absolutely loved it."

What was the bead show like?

"They had every kind of stone bead, semi-precious crystals... Just everything. It was so amazing how many different kinds of stone you can use in jewelry. It really opened my eyes to a lot more materials to use, texture and color-wise. Things I hadn't thought of before."

So it's the stones that stood out to you when making jewelry?

"When I first started making them this year, I was using much cheaper material. From Michaels. It looked nice on the shelf, but when you really see an actual semi-precious stone or crystal... It's completely different. It changes the whole design of what you're making."



Olivia Richman photo

Brooklyn resident Bethany Tucker: "Making jewelry is all about creativity"

What are your favorite stones to use?

"I love jade stones. There's so many different colors. But turqois is a favorite, especially in summer. I am starting to use a lot more crystals. I'm still teaching myself so much abut them. I want to tell people about the materials when they buy a piece from me, the different meaning behind it."

What do you mean by "the meaning" of a stone?

"Carnelion, is a good example – it's a red, fire-y stone. It's supposed to bring passion to somebody's life. That sticks out to me the most. Whenever someone purchases that, I tell them that. They all chuckle and say, 'I can use that in my life.' The piece means more to them once they know what it means."

Right. It makes the jewelry more special when there's a purpose behind the design and materials. What usually inspires how a piece of jewelry looks?

"I definitely keep my style wrapped into what I like to make. I don't make anything I wouldn't wear myself. A lot of my pieces are simple, but have a little extra something. They're simple, but sassy, kind of like myself. I get inspiration

from when I'm buying things. As I'm unwrapping things, I take a look and research some trends and go on Pinterest. I just want to see what pops out to me, something to work off of."

How do you feel when other people purchase your jewelry – and wear it?

"[Earlier this month] was my first vendor event. I loved it. I was very anxious. So nervous that people weren't going to buy it or that my price points were too high. I was blown away at how many pieces I sold. I probably tripled what I thought I would do. I was so excited about that. It showed me that what I'm making is something that people do like and have an interest in. It was very exciting for me."

That's amazing. It's always awesome when people love what you're doing, especially when it's something you're passionate about. What really excites you about the jewelry-making process?

"I am a stay at home mom. So for me, it's all about using my mind for creativity. Sometimes when you're home all day with your kids, you don't get to use your creative side as much, unless it's making things out of popsicle sticks and play-dough. That's



Photo courtesy Bethany Tucker

Bethany Tucker with her family: Husband Adam, and their two boys Hudson and Graham.

why I love it so much. It's my outlet, almost. I find it very therapuetic. I can be up until 11:30 making pieces and not even realize what time it is. I'll get up at 5:30 in the morning and start making things. I have limited time, as a stay at home mom. I just really love doing it."

What do you enjoy doing with your children when you guys have down time?

"I have two little boys, a 3 year-old named Hudson and 10 month-old, Graham. They keep me on my toes all day long, especially Hudson. My three year old is so artsy. He loves painting. Playing with play-dough. I love doing that with them. I love that side of Hudson. He is always asking for a bracelet when he sees me making jewelry. He probably has 20 different bracelets."

Have you always been artistic yourself?

"People who know me would say yes. I love doing photography, ever since high school. That was one of my big passions. I was very good at it. But it didn't click, like making jewelry does. I just have that certain artistic eye for things."

What do you like to do as a family?



Photo courtesy Bethany Tucker

Jewelry maker Bethany Tucker loves visiting bead and gem shows to find new, exciting materials for her own pieces. She also hopes to learn more about the meaning behind various gems.

"We're pretty adventurous people. Adam and I love to venture out and do different things. He loved going to the bead show. I thought he was going to hate it, but he loved it. We're going to a gem show soon. We love to travel and try new things. We want our kids to experience different things, too."

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MUSEUM

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turned down repeated requests from the THS for a total repair or replacement leaving the THS with few options.

"We were unable to secure the funds needed to replace the roof," said THS President, Joseph Iamartino. "The tax payers voted down a referendum line item asking for replacement costs and some taxpayers even suggested we install a less-expensive metal roof, but that was not possible. If we were to maintain our National Historic Register designation and remain eligible for future historic grants from the State and a number of other organizations, we had to keep the original design of the building."

This is the second building that the

THS has purchased from the town, the first being the Old Thompson Town Hall located on Thompson Hill.

"It's very important we preserve these building to the best of our ability for future generations." Said Iamartino. "Last evening's deed transfer now allows us to seek grants and raise money for the roof repair. This will be a Herculean task for us, but we have little choice and we will need the help of the community."

Representing the Town of Thompson at the signing was First Selectman Ken Beausoleil, Selectman Laurent Guillot, Selectman Stephen Herbert, town attorney Doug Williams and John Rice, member of the THS executive committee. Sara A. Menard, a librarian with the new Thompson Public Library was the witness.

PUBLIC MEETINGS

BROOKLYN

Tuesday, Nov. 28

Agriculture Commission, 7 p.m., Town Hall

Wednesday, Nov. 29

Water Pollution Control Authority, 6:30 p.m., Town Hall

Board of Education, 7 p.m., Central Office Community Room

Thursday, Nov. 30

Board of Selectmen, 6:30 p.m., Clifford B. Green Memorial Center

Resource Recovery Commission, 7 p.m., Clifford B. Green Memorial

KILLINGLY

Monday, Nov. 27

Board of Recreation, 6 p.m., Town Hall

Republican Town Committee, 7 p.m., Town Hall

Tuesday, Nov. 28

Democratic Town Committee, 7 p.m., Town Hall

Wednesday, Nov. 29

Special Board of Education, 6 p.m., Community Engagement Sub-Committee

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

Thursday, Nov. 30

Special Town Council Meeting, 7 p.m., Town Hall

POMFRET

No meetings scheduled

PUTNAM

Monday, Nov. 27

Board of Finance, 7 p.m., Town Hall

Library Board, 7 p.m., Town Hall

THOMPSON

Monday, Nov. 27

Planning & Zoning Planning Commission, 7 p.m., Tow nHall

Wednesday, Nov. 29

Agriculture Commission, 7 p.m., Town Hall

EASTFORD

Monday, Nov. 27

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

Tuesday, Nov. 28

Transfer Station Committee, 1 p.m., Town Office Building

WOODSTOCK

Monday, Nov. 27

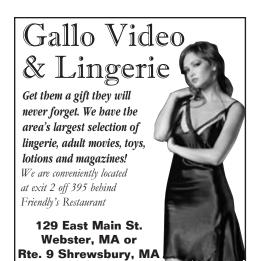
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Conservation, 7:30 p.m., Town Hall

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Tuesday, November 28 Chicken nuggets w/mac cheese, tuna salad sandwich, or yogurt parfait w/pretzel. Fruit/veggie choices: broccoli crowns, garden salad.

Wednesday, November 29 Hamburger/bun, toasted cheese, or yogurt parfait w/

Thursday, November 30 -French toast sticks & scrambled eggs, turkey/cheese sandwich, or yogurt parfait w/ pretzel. Fruit/veggie choices: celery sticks, garden salad.

Friday, December 1 Marshmallow Matey's, Yogurt, granola, cheese stick, ham/ cheese sandwich, baby carrots, 100% juice.

POMFRET COMMUNITY SCHOOL

Monday, November 27 -Cheese pizza served with fresh garden vegetable salad and ranch dressing. Breakfast: mini waffles

Tuesday, November 28 -Beef and cheese taco served with roasted corn salsa and seasoned rice and beans. Breakfast: breakfast roll

Wednesday, November 29 -Herb roasted chicken served over a garden salad with ranch dressing and a dinner roll. Breakfast: egg and cheese roll.

Thursday, November 30 -Mac n cheese served with golden carrots and green beans, breakfast: breakfast roll.

Friday, December 1 - Pizza burger served with marinara sauce and cheese on a WG bun with French fries. Breakfast: breakfast roll.

PUTNAM ELEMENTARY SCHOOL & PUTNAM MIDDLE

SCHOOL Monday, November 27 - WG pasta with meat sauce, WG breadstick, seasoned broccoli, 100% fruit sherbert.

Tuesday, November 28 – Hot dog with toppings on WG roll, baked beans.

Wednesday, November 29 -Supreme beef nachos: seasoned ground beef, crispy WG tortilla chips, cheese and salsa, seasoned corn.

Thursday, November 30 -Chicken tenders, WG breaded chicken tenders, served with gravy, whipped potato, seasoned carrots and whole wheat

Friday, December 1 – WG stuffed crust pizza or "new" cheeseburg pizza, fresh Caesar salad with seasoned croutons and parmesan cheese

THOMPSON MIDDLE SCHOOL & TOURTELLOTTE (GRADES 5-12)

Monday, November 27 – Mozzarella sticks w/dipping sticks, hamburger/cheeseburger, Italian green beans.

Tuesday, November 28 – Mac n cheese bar w/baked pretzel, chicken patty/bun, roasted

Wednesday, November 29 -Sloppy Joe/bun, hamburger/ cheeseburger, oven baked fries & roasted squash.

Thursday, November 30 Popcorn chicken (plain or orange zesty), Asian rice,

Friday, December 1 - Popcorn Chicken, Zesty or Plain Asian Stir-Fried Rice, Roasted

WOODSTOCK **PUBLIC SCHOOLS**

Monday, November 27 Lanky frank/bun, oven fries, fruit, milk.

Tuesday, November 28 – Hot chicken sandwich, butternut squash, WG cookie, fruit/milk.

Wednesday, November 29 -Bosco sticks, marinara sauce, salad, fruit, milk.

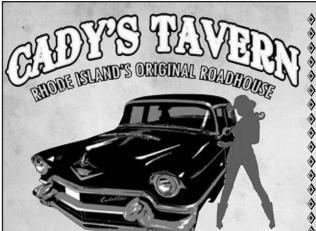
Thursday, November 30 -Bacon cheeseburger, lettuce & tomato, baked beans, fruit/

Friday, December 1 - Pizza, celery sticks, fruit, milk.

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DANIELSON

Wednesday, Nov. 15 John Goyette, 46, of Broad Street, Danielson,

was charged with possession of cocaine, and possession of cocaine with intent to sell

Ronald A Harding, 42, of 21 Baisley Road, Danielson, was charged with violation of probation

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Sunday, Nov. 12

Jade Walker, 21, of 160 Farrow St. Apt.12 Putnam, was charged with Disorderly Conduct Possession Marijuana, Possession of Drug Paraphernalia

Anthony Falzone, 20, of no certain address, was charged with Conspiracy Commit Robbery Criminal Attempt to Commit Sale of Narcotics, Possession Narcotics, Possession of Drug Paraphernalia, Failure to Appear

Giuseppe Falzone, 56, of no certain address, was charged with Conspiracy Commit Robbery Criminal Attempt to Commit Sale of Narcotics, Possession Narcotics, Possession of Drug Paraphernalia

Thursday, Nov.

Joshua Hoenig, 30, of 18 Stone Danielson, St., charged was with Misuse of Plates, Insufficient Insurance, Failure to Register Motor Vehicle.





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Redmen ready for playoffs with Capital Prep



Charlie Lentz photo

Killingly's Spencer Lockwood runs against Capital Prep on Nov. 16 at Killingly High.

BY CHARLIE LENTZ

DAYVILLE — It's called Capital Prep because the Hartford magnet school preps its students for college. Perhaps Killingly High might call Capital a prep school because the Redmen sought out a football program renowned for a high-powered offense — in preparation for the upcoming Class M playoffs. The Redmen got the test they wanted and survived with a 41-32 victory at Killingly High on Nov. 16.

"We're not going to face a team (in the playoffs) that throws the ball like this, with that amount of speed," said Killingly coach Chad Neal.

Capital Prep lived up to its reputation,

with senior quarterback Kyle Zajack completing 31-of-53 passes for 462 yards and five touchdowns. Killingly spotted Capital Prep an early touchdown but wore them down in a physical battle.

"I thought it was an offensive first half, a defensive second half. Our defense rose to the occasion," Neal said. "All aspects of the game we played well,

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FIRST QUARTER

CP-John Edwards 70 pass from Kyle Zajack (Renaldo Downer pass from Edwards) 9:57 K-Spencer Lockwood 55 run (Luke Desaulnier kick) 8:42 K-Lockwood 1 run (Desaulnier kick) 3:51 CP-Edwards 20 pass from Zajack (kick failed):08

SECOND QUARTER

K-Lockwood 10 run (Desaulnier kick) 10:05 K-Zach Caffrey 15 run (Desaulnier kick) 8:30 CP-Mike Slade 59 pass from Zajack (kick failed) 8:14 CP-Khyon Gillespie 15 pass from Zajack (pass failed) :00

THIRD QUARTER

K-Lockwood 10 run (kick failed) 7:38

FOURTH QUARTER

K-Desaulnier 2 run (Desaulnier kick) 9:47 CP-Oniel Robinson 6 pass from Zajack (pass failed) 6:45

	Capital Prep	Killingly
First Downs	21	18
Rushes-yards	17-62	56-373
Passing	462	0
Sacked-yds lost	3-33	0-0
Comp-Att-Int	31-53-2	0-1-0
Punts-Avg.	5-19	2-27
Fumbles-Lost	0-0	2-0
Pentalties-Varde	8-75	1-10

INDIVIDUAL STATISTICS

RUSHING- CP: Zajack 2-2; Gillespie 14-57; Slade 1-3. K: Desaulnier 3-21, TD; Lockwood 38-265, 4 TD; Caffrey 15-87, TD.

PASSING- CP: Zajack 31-53-2 for 462, 5 TD. Desaulnier: 0-1-0.

RECEIVING- - CP: Schamar Williams 1-10; Edwards 9-174, 2 TD; Slade 4-87, TD; Gillespie 5-63, TD; Robinson 10-117, TD; Tony Benefield 1-7; Jaden Simmons 1-4.

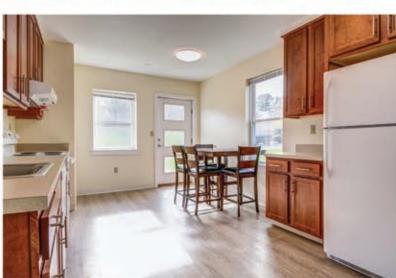
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RHAM derails Woodstock in state title game



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Woodstock's Maddy Gronski serves in front Woodstock Academy's cheering section last Saturday at East Haven High School.

> BY CHARLIE LENTZ VILLAGER EDITOR

EAST HAVEN — Woodstock Academy had been 'The Little Engine That Could' — overcoming a 3-3 record to start the season with a 20-game winning-streak as it chugged all the way up the mountain to the championship match of the CIAC Class L state volleyball tournament — its first trip to the title game in program history. The reward for the Centaurs' climb to the top was a date with top-seeded and undefeated RHAM in the finals. Last Saturday at East Haven High School the little engine ran head on into an oncoming locomotive.

"It's like a freight train coming down the tracks and it's not going to stop,"



Charlie Lentz photo

Woodstock coach Adam Bottone gathers his team during a timeout last Saturday.

said Woodstock coach Adam Bottone. "You've got to do something to disrupt that flow and we just struggled with that."

RHAM derailed seventh-seeded Woodstock in straight sets to capture the Class L crown. The Sachems not only finished unbeaten but did not drop a set this season. RHAM is an acronym for the regional school of Hebron, Andover, and Marlborough — it also stands for dynasty. Saturday's title was the Sachems' seventh state championship in the last 11 seasons. The Centaurs are quite familiar with RHAM's dominance — the loss in the champion-

ship match came exactly one year and eight days after the Sachems knocked Woodstock out of last season's Class L state tourney in the second round.

On Saturday Woodstock lost 3-0 (25-15, 25-20, 25-17) and could not puncture the air of invincibility RHAM carried into East Haven's gymnasium. Woodstock's Paula Hernandez finished with 14 kills and six service points. Caroline Eaton had nine kills, Maddy Gronski made 19 digs, and Sammie Orlowski notched 20 assists for the Centaurs. Eaton said that without winning a game they were not able to dent the Sachems' confidence.

"I really think what would have been the turning point, if we had won a game it would have gotten into their heads that 'Crap, we're losing.' I think that really would have been a turning point," Eaton said. "But I'm super-excited that we got this far, especially considering it's my last year. It's a great way to go out. I'm just really proud of my teammates and everybody for getting here."

The best run the Centaurs made on Saturday came in the second set, when they tied the Sachems at 19-19 — before

RHAM closed out the set on a 6-1 run.

"They put a lot of pressure on us so it's very difficult to play against them," said Woodstock junior Natalie Low. "But nobody expected us to make it this far. I think that we came a long way

this season."
Perhaps the
missed opportunity in the second set
was key

as key. "Being able to take a set off of them is something we needed to do, it hasn't happened all year from anybody they played against," coach Bottone said. "I think had we been able to win the first one or even the second one, I think it would have been a much different story."

The win lifted RHAM's record to 24-0. The loss ended Woodstock's season at 23-4. 'The Little Engine That Could' chugged all the way up the mountain to the state championship game — but sometimes the light at the end of the tunnel is an oncoming train.

"For the work they put in, what we were able to accomplish, nobody expected Woodstock volleyball to be here in the finals. I couldn't be more proud of them," Bottone said. "We struggled and it happens. Good teams do that to you, they take you out of your game. I think if you put any team in here against RHAM it's going to be the same result, they're going to win in three."

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Woodstock's Sammie Orlowski, center, and Maeve Stevenson, right, attempt to block a kill from RHAM's Anna Barry in the Class L girls volleyball championship game last Saturday, Nov. 18, at East Haven High School.

Locals earn soccer recognition

Three local players were selected by the Connecticut Girls Soccer Coaches Association to the All State soccer team. Woodstock Academy junior Ivy Gelhaus was named to the Class L All State team. Putnam High senior Morgan Foucault and Tourtellotte Memorial senior Meg Roy were each named to the Class S All State team. Foucault finished her career with 106 goals. Roy was named to the All State team for four consecutive years. Gelhaus scored eight goals this season and Woodstock won its first-ever Eastern Connecticut Conference tournament championship.

Foucault, Roy, and Woodstock Academy's Kennedy Davignon were each invited to play in the CGSCA Senior Bowl on Nov. 24 at Middletown High School.

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especially special teams."

The Redmen answered Capital's aerial attack with their punishing ground game. Senior running back Spencer Lockwood rushed for 265 yards and four touchdowns on 38 carries. Physicality trumped finesse.

"That gives us a whole lot of confidence going into the state tournament knowing that that was probably one of the better teams we're going to face — ever — with a quarterback who can throw like (Zajack) can," said Lockwood, who also plays at linebacker on defense. "Just seeing what our defense can do against a quarterback and a wide receiver corps like that, it really boosts our confidence going into the postseason."

Power running overcame prolific passing on a rainsoaked field. Neal is likely hoping for a similar scenario in the playoffs.

"We knew they were going to be great throwing the ball, and their speed was going to be tough to match. So we had to be physical with them on offense to try to wear them down just enough so our defense can play," coach Neal said. "Because our defense was tired. You're rushing that passer. You're running all over the field. They rose to the occasion."

Through nine games Lockwood has run for 2,188 yards and 29 touchdowns on 289 carries while averaging 7.6 yards per tote. In his junior year he picked up 2,496 yards on the ground. Lockwood wasn't surprised Killingly's running game was able to outlast Capital Prep's passing attack.

"I think it's an effective weapon in general. When you can wear down a team running the ball like that, I don't think a lot of defenses around the state are used to a power-run offense," Lockwood said. "I think when you have that kind of weapon then that really wears down a defense and it helps you a lot. You can definitely see in the defense's eyes that they're tired and they don't want to keep on going. But we're used to it. We practice that all week long."

Capital Prep struck first on its opening possession, with Zajack connecting with John Edwards on a 70-yard touchdown pass barely two minutes after the opening kickoff. Lockwood responded with a 55-yard touchdown burst on Killingly's next possession. Back and forth they battled throughout the first half with Zajack finding Khyon Gillespie on a 15-yard touchdown pass as time expired in the first half to help Capital Prep pull within two points -28-26 — at the intermission.

Killingly pushed its margin to 41-26 thanks to a Lockwood 10-yard touchdown burst in the third quarter and junior quarterback Luke Desaulnier's twovard touchdown run around right end with 9:47 remaining in the game. Capital Prep pulled within nine points — 41-32 — as Zajack hit Oniel Robinson with a six-yard touchdown pass with 6:45 left. But the Redmen stopped Capital Prep's twopoint conversion pass attempt following Robinson's touchdown to deny Prep a chance to pull within one touchdown — and a pair of Killingly interceptions in the final three minutes, one by Zack Burgess and one by Zach Caffrey, sealed the victory.

"Where people question us is our pass defense. We bent at times. We broke at times. But we kept playing and the defense got it done," Neal said. "We're a good football team. We're 9-0. We've played well in

all aspects of the game. I think tonight just proves that again."

Desaulnier, who also plays in Killingly's defensive secondary, said the Redmen survived a passing attack unlikely to be

surpassed in the state playoffs. We know we're going to see some teams throwing the ball like this. There's going to be no team better than that throwing the ball. We're glad that we came out with the 'W' and showed that we can still cover the pass pretty well," Derosier said. "We knew coming into the game it was going to be a tough one because of all the great Division I athletes they have on their team. We knew that with hard work, listening to the coaches, keep pushing through, we'd come out with the win. We trusted each

Coach Neal put Capital Prep and Trinity Catholic (a 49-7 Killingly win on Nov. 4) on his schedule in order to prep the Redmen for potential run this postseason.

"That's what it was, playing the unknown. We know the teams in the ECC. We don't know the teams in the FCIAC. Or Capital, an independent, Capital's a good, good football team," Neal said. "That's what it's going to do, is prepare us for the playoffs. We came out of here with a win tonight. If we came out with a loss that would have been tough but it would have prepared us for the playoffs."

Senior receiver Vasileios Politis remembers last season's 49-28 loss to Hillhouse High in the Class M playoff semifinals. The Redmen were ultimately run over by Hillhouse's superior speed. Politis said the win over a swift Capital Prep team shows that Killingly might be able to counteract that kind of speed this postseason.

"Now with the variety of teams that we've played throughout the regular season we will be prepared come playoffs for whatever comes our way, any style of offense, defense, I think we'll be ready," Politis said. "Our confidence is through the roof — but we're also humble."

The win lifted Killingly's record to 9-0. The loss dropped Capital Prep's record to 4-5. Killingly closed out its regular season on Thanksgiving Day at Woodstock Academy (4-5). The Redmen are ranked No. 1 in the state in Class M and will play host to a first-round state

tournament game on Tuesday night, Nov. 28, at Killingly High School. The Redmen have finished prepping. Killingly will likely rely on a basic curriculum for the playoffs — with sights set on a final exam.

"We're just going to go back to the bread and butter, I guarantee you," Desaulnier said. "Just ground and pound. Come right at 'em."

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Holidays Fairs & Crafts

December 2, Sat., 10am-3pm

The East Woodstock Congregational Church will host a Holiday Art Show in the fellowship hall. Over 20 vendors will be set up with great gift ideas. A luncheon will be served from 11-1. Stop and take a chance at the penny social.

December 2, Sat., 10am-2pm

St. Nicholas Fair, with luncheon from 11-1, new and like-new pocketbooks, silent auction, chocolate extravaganza, homemade fudge, raffle, book nook, toy box, holiday craft table, baked goods, more. Christ Church, Rt. 44 & 169, Pomfret.

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Sugar Plum Fair at Federated Church of Christ, Rt. 6, Brooklyn. Boxwood trees, Rada knives, baked goods, Cookies by the Pound, Grandma's Jewelry box, Christmas crafts, gently used table, 50% off at thrift shon

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Lawrence Edwin Jones, 95



WOODSTOCK Mr. Lawrence Edwin Jones, 95, son of the late Roy and Corinne Jones died peacefully the morning of Monday, November 13. He was born March 16, 1922 in Willimantic, and was

a longtime resident of Woodstock.

As a UCONN faculty boy he was raised on the UCONN campus where his lifelong love of learning and educating was born. He received his BS Degree from Springfield College, and both an MS Degree and a 6th Year Certificate from the University of Connecticut. He served our country for 2.8 years in the Army Air Corps Weather Service.

Mr. Jones taught mathematics at Woodstock Academy, Plainfield High School and Windham High School. A devoted educator, he also coached cross country and track, and worked informally with gymnastics students. For several years he was the Scoutmaster of Woodstock's Troop 27.

During his career Mr. Jones was a member of The National Association of Teachers of Mathematics, The New England Association of Mathematics Teachers, and the Associated Teachers of Mathematics in Connecticut (ATOMIC), for whom he was a Charter member, served a term as president, and was a frequent convention speaker. He published numerous math writings, including the book The Sundial and Geometry. He was a fivetime recipient of a National Science Foundation Fellowship, served on several secondary school evaluation teams, and was a member of Phi Delta Kappa, an honorary society of men in education.

In his early years, he worked with his Dad operating the Roy Jones Chicken Barbeque Service. This was instrumental in his inaugurating the renowned chicken barbeque booth (for which he served as Chief) at the Woodstock Fair in 1957.

After retiring from teaching in 1980 he worked as a programmer in the Data Center at Eastern Connecticut State University where he also taught a class each semester as an adjunct professor. For many years he enjoyed working summers as a historic interpreter at Old Sturbridge Village.

In retirement, he was able to enjoy his long time interest in gnomonics, the art of calculating and making sundials. He was a charter member of the North American Sundial Society and designed several sundials to mount on the main pavilion at the Woodstock Fair. They were calibrated with precision for the first week of each September, and he only stopped placing the primary dial when his wife would no longer allow him on the roof of the pavilion porch.

Mr. Jones was predeceased by his loving wife Gloria and is survived by his sons Gary Jones of Woodstock, Stanley Jones and his wife Wendy of Pembroke, New Hampshire, and Steven Jones and his wife Bouquette of Bethlehem, New Hampshire. He also leaves three grand-daughters Melissa Jones of Littleton, New Hampshire, Jennifer C. Jones of Chichester, New Hampshire, and Hannah Jones of Pembroke, New Hampshire.

Mr. Jones was grateful for his amazing caregivers at Westview Healthcare where he resided his final years and where he enjoyed working Sudoku and jigsaw puzzles, and solving mathematical challenges.

He was a member of the Woodstock Hill Congregational Church (where he served as Deacon), 543 Route 169, Woodstock, CT 06281 where there will be a Memorial Service December 2, 2017 at 2:00 PM. Private burial was in Storrs Cemetery.

In lieu of flowers the family suggests a remembrance donation to the charity of the donor's choice. Share a memory at www.smithandwalkerfh.com

Claire Sandra Martin, 81



Sandra Claire Martin, 81, entered into her heavenly rest on Friday, November 10. She was born in Putnam. on July 27, 1936, to George and Evelyn Basto Davis. She graduated from Woodstock Academy

in Woodstock, in 1955 and attended Northeastern Bible Institute in Essex Fells, New Jersey. Sandra and her husband, Francis Martin, ran a camping and marine business as well as a small dairy farm for several years in Canaan, Maine. Throughout Sandra's life her main interest was serving God and worshipping Him by singing in choirs as well as a soloist, attending worship services, being a counselor at the Billy Graham crusade in New York, and serving as camp counselor for teenage girls at the Word of Life camp in Schroon Lake, New York. She later was a substitute teacher in Christian schools and also in the public school systems in Maine and Connecticut. Sandra moved to Georgia and then eventually to Cleveland, Tennessee

where she took many encore courses at Lee University and was considered an alumnus. She is a former resident of the North Cleveland Towers.

Sandra is preceded in death by her husband, Francis Martin; parents, George and Evelyn Davis; and brother, George Davis.

She is survived by her son, James Martin (Martha); daughter, Bethany Moilan (Arne); granddaughters, Sarah Orluck (Tom), Rebekah Martin, and Naomi Martin (Hunter); two great-grandchildren Caleb Thomas Orluck and Memphis Grace Scoggins, twin sisters, Jennifer Simms (Phil), and Johanne Wenger (Jim); and several nieces and nephews.

Funeral services were held on Monday, November 13, in the chapel at Serenity of Cleveland Funeral Home with the Reverend Travis Porter officiating and Reverend Dan Bowles assisting. Interment followed in the Old Tasso Methodist Church Cemetery.

The family requests that in lieu of flowers, donations may be made to the North Cleveland Church of God, 335 11th St NE, Cleveland, TN 37311.

Francis R. Gregoire, 69



PUTNAM Francis R. Gregoire, 69, of Underwood Road, died unexpectedly on Tuesday, November 14, 2017 Day Kimball Hospital. He was the loving husband of

Susan (Deslauriers) Gregoire for 41 years. Born in Putnam, he was the son of the late Leodore and Lillian (Bonneville) Gregoire.

Francis worked as a fiberglass supervisor for Repco in Ivoryton, previously working for Danco Manufacturing in Putnam. Francis was a proud and active member of the Putnam Lions Club. He served as president and went on to represent the club on the state level as District Governor 23C for the 2000-2001 year. He served on the board of directors for Putnam Ambulance, also serving on the Putnam Water & Sewer Commission. He loved to hunt and fish.

In addition to his wife Susan, Francis is survived by his daughter, Rebecca Gregoire of Ashford; and his grandchildren, Mellissa Garner of Killen, Alabama, Elizabeth Garner of Ashford, and Aurora Paradis of Moosup. He was predeceased by his brother, the late Paul Gregoire.

Calling hours were held on November 18, in the Gilman Funeral Home & Crematory in Putnam with his Funeral Service held afterwards in the funeral home. Burial followed in St. Mary Cemetery.

Memorial donations may be made to the Connecticut Lions Eye Research Foundation, 40 Temple St. #1B, New Haven, CT 06510. For memorial guestbook visit www.GilmanAndValade.

Edward John Demarais, 62



DANIELSON Edward John Demarais, passed Danielson Wednesday, away November 15, after an extended illness Kimball Day Hospital in Putnam. He was born on April

1. 1955 in Millville, New Jersey, He was the son of the late Herman and Laura Jaunice (Hoffman) Demarais.

At the time of his death he worked out of B.A.C. Local #1 in Wallingford and Concrete Floors LLC in Plainfield as a Concrete Finisher. He was a big fan of the New England Patriots, Boston Red Sox and UConn Basketball teams. He enjoyed fishing and spending time with his family and his many close friends watching NASCAR.

He is survived by his beloved son Jacques Demarais of Danielson. He also leaves behind his sisters: Maureen Demarais of Thompson, Michelle Clarke of Springfield, Massachusetts, Lori Gaumond of Danielson and Deb Demarais-Laperle and her husband Dave of Brooklyn; his brothers, Nelson Sylvia and his wife Yvonne of Windsor. David Demarais of East Windsor and Stephen Demarais and his wife Dawne of Plainfield; his nephews and nieces, Tommy, Christine, Crystal, Jennifer, Ryan, Kara, David, Miranda, Zachariah, Christina and Timothy; his godmother Rhoda Vertolli of Vineland, New Jersey and his dog Jenny - his companion. He is predeceased by the love of his life Lezlie Bratovich, his brother Victor Demarais and his stepmother Beverly Desourcy.

A Mass of Christian Burial was held on Tuesday, November 21, at St. James Church in Danielson. Burial will be in St. Joseph Cemetery, Dayville. Calling hours were held in Tillinghast Funeral Home in Danielson on November 20.

Jeannette D. Columbia, 92



P U T N A M Jeannette D. (LaPointe) Columbia, 92, of Wicker Street, died Saturday, November 18, in her home surrounded by her family. She was the loving wife of the late

Richard E. Columbia. Born in Putnam. she was the daughter of Arthur and Alice (LaRose) LaPointe.

Jeannette was a seamstress and owned and operated LaPointe Tailoring. She enjoyed knitting & sewing and spending time with her grandchildren and great grandchildren.

Jeannette is survived by her son,

Richard A. (Linda) Columbia of Putnam; her grandchildren, Nicolas (Crystal) Columbia of Putnam and Michelle (Brad) Smith of Putnam; and her five great grandchildren, Mya, Veronica, Kailyn, Nicolas, and Jacoby. She was predeceased by her brother, Leo H. LaPointe.

Relatives and friends were invited to Funeral Mass of Christian Burial celebrated by her cousin Fr. Larry LaPointe on Tuesday November 21, in St. Mary Church of the Visitation in Putnam. Burial followed in St. Mary Cemetery in Putnam. Gilman Funeral Home & Crematory has been entrusted with her arrangements. For memorial guestbook please visit www. GilmanAndValade.com.

Doris J. Corriveau, 67



N O R T H GROSVENORDALE - Doris J. Corriveau, 67, of Fabyan Road, died Saturday, November Webster, in Massachusetts. Born in Putnam, she

was the daughter of Jeannette (Montpelier) Corriveau of N. Grosvenordale and the late George W. Corriveau.

Doris was a homemaker. She enjoyed baking, making puzzles and playing board games. She treasured the time she spent with her grandchildren.

In addition to her mother, Doris is survived by her daughter, Tina (Christopher) Caron of Webster, Mass.; her five brothers, George Corriveau

of Pennsylvania, Alfred Corriveau of Willimantic, Roger Corriveau of N. Grosvenordale, Richard Corriveau of N. Grosvenordale, and Paul Corriveau of Thompson; and her four grandchildren, Gregory Caron, Nicole Caron, Benjamin Caron and Gabriella Caron. She was predeceased by sister, Pauline Rock

 $Calling hours\,were\,held\,on\,November$ 21, in the Valade Funeral Home & Crematory, in N. Grosvenordale. The funeral was held on November 22, in the funeral home which was followed by a Funeral Mass of Christian Burial in St. Stephens Church in Quinebaug. Burial will follow in St. Joseph Cemetery. For memorial guestbook please visit www.GilmanAndValade.

Dorothy F. (Summers) Whittemore, 92

THOMPSON, CONN./ FORT MYERS, FLORIDA - Dorothy F. (Summers) Whittemore, 92 died Sat. November 18, in Putnam. She was born in Woodstock, the daughter of the late Robert and Ethel (Basto) Summers. She resided in Thompson and Fort Myers, Florida.

Dorothy leaves her husband of 55 years, Clarence J. Whittemore. Dorothy was preceded in death by her siblings; Robert Summers Jr. (Also known as Archie), Raymond Summers, Elizabeth Heath and Beverly Manso.

She leaves her sister-in-law Mabel Burke and several nieces and neph-

Dot had great times with her friends on Caribbean Cruises and at the many Florida attractions. She could yodel with the best of them and she enjoyed playing the Thomas Organ.

There will be no services at this time, but there will be a remembrance ceremony in the spring. Cremation arrangements have been entrusted to Shaw-Majercik Funeral Home, 48 School St., Webster, Mass. A guest book is available at www.shaw-majercik.com where you may post a condolence or light a candle.

Amy M. (Birch) Sanctuary



After a prolonged illness, Amy has succumbed to the illness and passed, on November 7, peacefully at home. Amy was born on March 4, 1976. She leaves behind a daughter,

Irene Phyllis Ethel Birch, her parents, Patrick and Phyllis Birch of Sierra Vista, Arizona, and her brother, Patrick R. Birch, Jr. of Southbridge, Mass. Numerous aunts, uncles and cousins. She was predeceased by her sister, Lolita L. Birch and brother Elmer T. Birch.

Isabel T. Wargat



MOOSUP - Isabel (Rosario) Wargat, 77, of Collelo Avenue, died Tuesday, November 14, in her home. She was the loving wife of Charles L. Wargat. Born in Inarajan, Guam, she was the

daughter of the late Jose and Dolores "Rita" (Crisostomo) Rosario.

Mrs. Wargat was a homemaker. She loved baseball and volunteered for the Moosup Little League. She enjoyed

her gardening, especially roses.

In addition to her husband, Isabel is survived by her sons, Steve Wargat of Moosup, Dave Wargat and his wife Esther of Colchester and her sisters, Rita San Nicholas, Bennett Aguon, and Lourdes Gonzalez; and her grandchildren, Bryanna, Shelby, Ryan, Justin, and Kaitlyn.

Services are private and have been entrusted to the Gilman and Valade Funeral Homes & Crematory, 104 Church St, Putnam, CT 06260. For memorial guestbook visit www. GilmanAndValade.com.

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Evelyn R. Paulson, 73,



BROOKLYN Evelyn R. Paulson, 73, of Brooklyn, passed away on Thursday, November 9 at UMass in Worcester, Massachusetts. Born October 9, 1944 in Putnam, daughter of the late Edmond and Marie (Schroth) Harnois. She was the beloved wife of Larry G. Paulson and they married on October 2, 1980 in Plainfield.

Evelyn was a Communicant of St. Joseph Church. She enjoyed sewing, quilting and shopping.

She leaves her husband Larry G. Paulson; her sisters JoAnn Ormerod (Robert), Karen Cote (Jeffery); her nieces Samantha Soltesz, Michelle Comeau, Betty-Jo Scott; her nephews Larry Westover, Donald Steele, Jr.; a special aunt Ruth Brodeau; also many special friends.

A Mass of Christian Burial was held November 18, in Our Lady of La Salette Church in Brooklyn. Burial will be at a later date. Share a memory at www. gagnonandcostellofh.com

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TOWN OF WOODSTOCK

At the November 16, 2017 Regular Meeting, the Planning & Zoning Commission modified the approval for application: #626-07-17 Annelle Syriac, 264 Brickyard Rd - Adding 1 condition and 1 waiver for a total of 4 waivers. Jeffrey Gordon, Chairman November 24, 2017

Legal Notice Town of Woodstock Receipt of Contract Between Woodstock Board of Education and Woodstock Association of Teachers July 1, 2018 to Ju ne 30, 2021

Pursuant to section 10-153d, subsection (b) of the Connecticut General Statutes, on November 23, 2011, the Woodstock Board of Education filed with the Town Clerk of Woodstock a signed contract between the Woodstock Board of Education and the Woodstock Association of Teachers. The terms of

such contract shall be binding on the legislative body of the local or regional

school district, unless such body rejected such contract at a regular or special town meeting called and convened for such purpose within thirty days of the filing of the contract.

Attest: Judy E. Walberg, **Town Clerk of Woodstock** November 24, 2017

TOWN OF THOMPSON

At the November 14, 2017 meeting of the Thompson Inland Wetlands Commission the following action was taken: Application #IWA17033 approved with conditions, Charles Wreschner, 29 Totem Pole Rd. (Assessor's Map 141, Block 17, Lot 59A) - Demolition of a concrete retaining wall and the construction of a rock revetment in its place along the shore of Quaddick Reservoir. Jarrett Thomas, Chair

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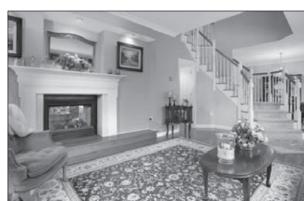


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VILLAGER NEWSPAPERS OMMUNITY SPOTLIGHT "Shining a light on community events"

November 25, 5:30

At Killingly Grange – Chicken dinner at 5:30pm for \$8. Bluegrass concert starts at 7pm, for a donation of \$12 featuring Willoughby Gap, along with Shady Creek for your listening pleasure,

November 26, Sun.

Socks Plus - A Cold Weather Apparel Drive during the Dazzle Light Parade. To be held at Living Faith United Methodist Church Hospitality Center, 53 Grove Street, Putnam. To benefit the IHSP Nu2U Clothing Closet. Accepting: socks -- all sizes-all ages; underwear all sizesall ages; gloves, hats, scarves, bedding, blankets, comforters, sleeping bags.

November 28, Tues., 7pm

Bingo every Tuesday at the VFW, 1523 Providence Street, Putnam.

November 29, Wed., 7pm

Plainfield Historical Society presents "Travel Our National Scenic Byway" (Route 169) with Dottie Durst as guest speaker. An illustrated talk will tell about the features that make this road so special in the Plainfield Rec Building, 482 Norwich Road, Plainfield. Info at 860-564-8561.

December 1, Fri., noon-8pm

Knights of Columbus Council 2087 will hold a Friday fish fry, in the Knights



The American Red Cross Needs Volunteers to work at Blood Drives

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Hall, 1017 Riverside Drive, North Grosvenordale. Fish and chips (\$10); fried clams (\$14); scallops (\$11-14); seafood platters (\$17), and more, 860-923-2967, council2087@att.net.

December 2, Sat., 10am-3pm

The East Woodstock Congregational Church will host a Holiday Art Show in the fellowship hall. Over 20 vendors will be set up with great gift ideas. A luncheon will be served from 11-1. Stop and take a chance at the penny social. We have room for only 4 more vendors. If interested please contact Karen McFarlin at kmcf3470@gmail.com.

December 2, Sat., 8am-1pm

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

December 3, Sun., 2pm

The Daughters of the Holy Spirit will host a Tim Janis Concert in their gymnatorium at 72 Church Street in Putnam. Admission is free. Everyone is invited to come enjoy this 'new age+' music ensemble as a time of relaxation and a super way to jump start the Christmas season. For more info (860) 928-0891 ext. 148.

December 3, Sun., 10:30am-2:30pm

Visit the Windham-Tolland 4-H Camp Open House at 326 Taft Pond Road, Pomfret. Free admission, all are welcome for crafts, cookies and s'mores and tour. From 11:30 - 1:30, enjoy Lunch with Santa upstairs in the lodge. For tickets 974-3379 or at the door, \$6 for children up to age 8, \$10 for age 9 and older. 5 x 7

Photo with Santa \$8.

December 3, Sun. 5pm 28th Annual Tree of Life Ceremonies. Simultaneous tree lighting ceremonies held in 10 towns throughout northeast CT. The purchase of memorial lights on each community's Tree of Life benefits the wonderful work done by Hospice & Palliative Care of Northeastern Connecticut who enhance the lives of terminally ill patients and their families. For more information about this event, visit daykimball.org/treeoflife or call the DKH Development Office at (860) 928-7141.

December 4, Mon., 7-8:30pm

The Quiet Corner Garden Club meets the first Monday of each month at the South Woodstock Baptist Church on Roseland Park Road in Woodstock. Each month we have different informative programs, from gardening tips to birding and wildlife preservation, garden crafts, and much, more! (Holiday programs are for QCGC members only.)

December 5, Tues., 6-7 pm

Let's Talk Books, 1st Tuesday of the month at Killingly Public Library 25 Westcott Road Killingly. Register at www. killinglypl.org, call 860-779-5383, or stop by for a visit!

This page is designed to shine a light on upcoming local nonprofit, educational and community events. Submissions are limited to 50 words or less and are FREE to qualifying organizations, schools, churches and town offices, To submit your event contact: Teri Stohlberg at 860-928-1818 ext. 105, or teri@villagernewspapers.com. Deadline for submission is Friday at Noon

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Local Events, Arts, and **Entertainment Listings**

FRIDAY, SATURDAY, **SUNDAY** NOVEMBER 24, 25, 26

COUNTRY FOLK ART **CRAFT SHOW** Fri, 11-6, Sat. 10-5 & Sun. 10-4 Admission \$7 Your handstamp admits you all three days Save \$1 off one admission with online coupon Free parking STURBRIDGE HOST HOTEL AND CONFERENCE CENTER 366 Main St., Sturbridge, MA CountryFolkArt.com

FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 24

David Prouty High School Class of 2007 10th Class Reunion Class members are allowed to bring one guest Tickets: \$20 online and at the door \$20 guest (at all times) 8:00 p.m. - 12:30 a.m. Spencer Country Inn 500 Main St., Spencer, MA https://www.eventbrite.com/e/davidprouty-class-of-2007-reunion-tickets-32864875728

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 25

9:00 p.m. HIT THE BUS 5-piece band playing an eclectic mix from the 50's through today 308 LAKESIDE 308 East Main St. East Brookfield, MA 774-449-8333

SATURDAY AND SUNDAY **NOVEMBER 25 AND 26**

Monson Arts Council presents its 39th Annual HOLIDAY CRAFT FAIR SATURDAY 9:00 A.M.- 4:30 P.M. SUNDAY 11:30 A.M. - 4:00 P.M. 70 exhibitors in 4 buildings in easy walking distance On Main St (Route 32) Monson, MA

MA Pike exit 8, 32 South Free admission. For more info call 413-364-9413

THURSDAY, NOVEMBER

30 FESTIVAL OF GIVING TREES Opening Day Premiere Tree Viewing 10:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m. Admission \$3 or \$5 And stay for choral event CHORAL PREMIERE EVENT 7:00 P.M. - 9:00 P.M. Admission \$5 at door or online @ www.sparklingtrees.com LaSalle Reception Center 444 Main St., Southbridge, MA

LADIES NIGHT 5:30 p.m. -7:30 p.m. First 50 people will receive a free Cormiers Gift Certificate ranging from \$15-\$200 Free refreshments and raffles from local businesses and in-store baskets. Wine served - must be 21 years or CORMIER JEWELERS & ART **GALLERY** 136 Main St., Spencer, MA

FRIDAY, DECEMBER 1

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6:00 p.m. - 9:00 p.m. NORTH BROOKFIELD PTO HOLIDAY FAIR Free admission. Crafters, vendors, food truck. Music, raffles and more! NORTH BROOKFIELD ELEMENTARY SCHOOL 10 New School Dr. North Brookfield, MA

FESTIVAL OF GIVING TREES Tree viewing and Senior Citizens' Day Puppets 11:00 a.m.: "Holly" the Elf Free admission for seniors age 62 and over Free raffles for seniors and lunch 1:15 p.m.: Heather, Cody & Cate Served by Annie's Country Kitchen at "Acoustic Trio" special price of \$5 Live entertainment

FRIDAY NIGHT LIGHTS 6:30 p.m. - 11:00 p.m. Admission \$15 in advance or \$20 at door Entertainment, live auction Buy tickets @ www.sparklingtrees.

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SATURDAY, DECEMBER 2

10 am - 3 pm PICTURES WITH SANTA Children & pets welcome KLEM TRACTOR, INC. 117 West Main St. Spencer, MA 508-885-2708 (Ext. 104) www.klemsonline.com

ST. JOSEPH PARISH CHRISTMAS BAZAAR 9:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m. ST. JOSEPH PARISH CENTER 68 Central St., Auburn, MA Jewelry, baked goods, plants, toys,knits, attic treasures, Collectibles. Raffles, holiday items, unique finds

MILITARY APPRECIATION DAY Mexicali Mexican Grill 117 Main St., Spencer, MA (SPENCER LOCATION ONLY) Special fundraising event for local veterans organizations. Live DJ, visit from the balloon man. Mexicali Mexican Grill gift cards raffle proceeds to feed two military families for the holidays. Special t-shirt sale proceeds and 20% of every food order on special menu to be donated to a local veterans organization. 774-745-8200

FESTIVAL OF GIVING TREES Children's Day 9:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m. Food available for purchase 11-2 10:00 a.m.-3:00 p.m.: Visit with Santa Claus 10:00 a.m.: Pumpernickel 12:30 p.m.: Lee Irish Dance 3:00 p.m.: Festival's Got Talent Contest LaSalle Reception Center 444 Main St., Southbridge, MA

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SUNDAY, DECEMBER 3

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SUNDAY, DECEMBER 10

10:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m. VISIT WITH SANTA during brunch 308 LAKESIDE 308 East Main St. East Brookfield, MA 774-449-8333

THURSDAY, DECEMBER

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TRIVIA SATURDAY NIGHTS 7:00 p.m. register 7:30 p.m. start up HILLCREST COUNTRY CLUB

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TRIVIA TUESDAYS at 7:00 p.m. Cash prizes 308 LAKESIDE 308 East main St. East Brookfield, MA 774-449-8333

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