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A scarecrow from last year's contest.

Scarecrows invade Thompson

BY OLIVIA RICHMAN
NEWS STAFF WRITER

THOMPSON – This weekend the Thompson Town Common is being taken over by scarecrows. For creative crafters who want to display their scary good imagination, registration and scarecrow set up is Saturday, Oct. 20. And anyone who wants to see these creations can come and vote on their favorite come Sunday, Oct. 21. Awards will be given out Sunday, Oct. 28, and then the scarecrows will leave town Nov. 3.

"This is an opportunity for people to explore their creative side, and take advantage of one of our community's greatest assets – the historic Thompson Common," said Secretary of Village Improvement Society Jean Beaupre. "It's all about enjoying the season and having fun, and then coming out to see what other people have created."

This is the 13th annual Scarecrow Contest on the Common, a way to celebrate the season and celebrate the town's creativity. And, said Beaupre, it was first formed to show off the Town Common.

"There's not many of these historic, beautiful commons in the country," she gushed. Since the Secretary of Village Improvement has been around for 100 years, beautifying the common has been a huge component of their mission.

"It's a relatively busy intersection in Thompson," she said. "A lot of people drive by. It's important to maintain these green spaces, and create a place where people can come together as a residential community."

Nothing brings people together more than beautiful weather, beautiful foliage, and wacky scarecrows.

Last year, the common was filled with 15 unique scarecrows, and this year they are hoping for even more. The scarecrows are created by the community's youth, as well as local businesses, individuals and families. It's a contest for anyone who loves creativity and loves Halloween.

"Making a scarecrow – or any other creative endeavor – is worthwhile. Especially something like this," said Beaupre. "It's good, clean family fun. It's a fun activity to do with friends and family."

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Going on the record for charity

BY OLIVIA RICHMAN
NEWS STAFF WRITER

WOODSTOCK — A small but growing recording studio in Woodstock, Elision Sound Studios, will be hosting their second annual Benefit Open Mic fundraiser on Thursday, Nov. 1 at Grill 37, with all proceeds benefiting Thompson Ecumenical Empowerment Group in Thompson.

"One of the big reasons we started this was to help people, musicians and otherwise," said Dominick Lucenti, Operations Manager. "It's one of the best benefits of being a business owner: Giving back to the community. This is just one of the ways we are helping."

Lucenti, along with co-owners Zach Bond and Jackie Menard, have also given back to the community in other ways throughout the years, including helping out with equipment and labor at Putnam's annual Particle Accelerator concert.

Last year, their Open

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Olivia Richman photos

Dominick Lucenti and Zach Bond will be hosting a Benefit Open Mic fundraiser on Nov. 1, benefiting TEEG.

Interfaith services hosts giveaway

BY OLIVIA RICHMAN
NEWS STAFF WRITING

PUTNAM — The Interfaith Human Services of Putnam hosted their bi-annual Clothing Giveaway Day on Oct. 13 at the Living Faith United Methodist Church. Focused on winter clothing items and coats, the giveaway was a chance for Putnam residents to expand their wardrobe for the upcoming cold winter months.

Interfaith is a 501c3 charity that oversees the Daily Bread food pantry and the New 2 You clothing closet at Living Faith. They also run a variety of helpful programs throughout Northeastern Connecticut, like the Diaper Bank, as well as assistance programs, like bill and utility assistance.

The Clothing Giveaway is a result of not only Interfaith's generosity, but the entire Quiet Corner community.

While customers can shop at the New 2 You clothing closet throughout the year for minimal prices (regardless of residency), there are often so many clothes being donated to Interfaith that the newly renovated space can't even contain it.

In fact, Interfaith volunteers often never finish sorting, since there's always more bags being dropped off.

The clothes – which are all gently worn or sometimes even new with tags – are then donated elsewhere throughout the Quiet Corner, or given away at Interfaith's bi-annual Giveaway.

"In NE CT there really truly is that sense of community. Everyone knows their neighbors," said President Karen Osbrey,

Osbrey herself often recognizes many people who come into the Giveaway or the clothing

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Charlie Lentz photo

DANIELSON — Putnam High defender Parker Sessums, left, clears the soccer ball before Killingly High's Kaleigh Olson, center, can get to it on Saturday, Oct. 13, at Old Killingly High School in Danielson. High school sports coverage begins on page B-1 of today's Villager.

State experts visit Pomfret to discuss voting security

BY CAROL DAVIDGE
FOR THE VILLAGER

POMFRET — Forty-five people attended a Quiet Corner Shouts meeting in Pomfret on Oct. 11 to learn about the Oct. 30 voting deadlines and election security from two officials of the Secretary of the State's office.

Connecticut's Deputy Secretary of the State Scott Bates, who is an expert on homeland and cybersecurity, said that Connecticut is America's leader in voter security. "The Russians tried to break our voting system, but the great thing about voting in the U.S. is that it is decentralized - each state keeps its process separate from all other states, so hacking our elections is a bit like if someone tossed a thousand pennies into the ocean and then had to get all of them in back in one place again," said Bates.

Connecticut is using a

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Chris Cadiz photos

Deputy Secretary of the State Scott Bates discussed voting security during the Quiet Corner Shouts Meeting on Oct. 11 in Pomfret

Lourdes Montalvo, Director of Constituent Services in the Connecticut Secretary of the State's Office, led a voter registration workshop during the Quiet Corner Shouts Meeting on Oct. 11.

Food drive benefits TEEG

BY OLIVIA RICHMAN
NEWS STAFF WRITER

THOMPSON — The Emanuel Lutheran Church in North Grosvenordale collected 1,100 food items and $886 for Thompson Ecumenical Empowerment Group in just a few hours last Saturday morning in front of radio station WINY in Putnam. That's thanks in part to the continuing generosity of the Quiet Corner and its residence.

The church more than doubled their goal of 500 food items, which they needed to collect in order to have their donations matched by Thrivent. In fact, the collectors in front of the radio station in Putnam were already at 800 food items and $150 after just two hours on Oct. 13.

"It's amazing, this response," said Pastor Charles Seivard. He is used to the church congregation being more than generous, but was pleased to see the rest of the community step up for the cause: Thanksgiving dinners for anyone using TEEG's food pantry.

"They have been a huge asset to us over the years," said TEEG Community Outreach Coordinator and Food Pantry Manager Jason Bleau. "Every month they do a collection for us. But to step up and do an early Thanksgiving drive... That puts TEEG way ahead for our Thanksgiving program."

Taking place a few days before Thanksgiving, there will be over 300 families coming in for Thanksgiving staples.

"There's a lot of people that wouldn't eat very well if it weren't for what TEEG does," said Seivard. "There's a huge need for food in our area. And food banks across the state are in need of assistance."

And there's an even larger need for food during the Thanksgiving season.

"Thanksgiving is all about the tradition of family dinners," said Seivard. "It emphasizes food."

Added Bleau: "At TEEG, we want to empower our clients. Make them feel normal. In addition to providing them food for Thanksgiving, we are also giving them a sense of normalcy. So they can celebrate the holiday without the stress of having to pay for it."

TEEG has a relationship with the Emanuel Church that spans back 30 years. Back when it was first formed.

"Without TEEG," said Seivard, "we can't imagine what will happen to an awful lot of families. They help with food, fuel assistance, parenting programs..."

TEEG is currently taking applications for their Thanksgiving and Christmas food programs. Families and individuals must come in to TEEG (15 Thatcher Road, Thompson) before Nov. 9. This program is for residents from Pomfret, Woodstock and Thompson.

Olivia Richman photos

Jason Bleau, Pastor Charles Seivard and many other TEEG and Emanuel Lutheran Church volunteers helped collect food outside of radion station WINY in Putnam.

The Emanuel Lutheran Church collected over 1,000 food items during their Thanksgiving food drive on Saturday.

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She expressed that she especially loves when kids take on the challenge. Stepping away from their video games and YouTube binges, the scarecrow contest is a great way for them to engage with something craft-related. And they end up creating some of the best scarecrows to date.

"My favorite was the Cook-Hay Monster last year. It was just so colorful and clever. It just stood out on the Common because it was so fun," said Beaupre.

Anything qualifies as a scarecrow, said Beaupre. The only rules are to stay away from political scarecrows, or anything else inappropriate. Besides that, anything goes.

The categories to vote on are Youth, Adult, and Group. This year there is also an additional prize for first-time entrants in the hopes of encouraging kids to explore their creative side. There will be wooden ballot boxes beside each creation.

"The Common is beautiful," said Beaupre. "You can swing right in, walk around, get some of the nice fall air, and just see what people have created."

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store. And while many of them are homeless or unemployed, still many others are just "underemployed," she explained.

She recalls a success story where a gentleman came in, looking for a suit for a job interview. After they hooked him up, he came back a few nights later looking for work attire. He had gotten the job.

"Clothing is expensive" despite its importance, she said. "Some people can't afford to buy enough clothes for themselves or their families."

This is especially true in the wintertime, with the price of clothes and winter attire. Luckily, the Giveaway had more than 200 coats to donate, as well as hats, mittens and scarves.

Osbrey got involved with Interfaith when they asked for a volunteer during their night hours. She's been involved for 17 years. Then she helped them become a 501c3 and got involved with the board.

"I'm really fortunate in my life," said Osbrey. "I had a wonderful upbringing, wonderful family, own my own business, wonderful husband. I don't worry where my next meal will come from. I like to give back. That's what my parents always taught me — roll up your sleeves and make the community nice. Take care of your neighbors. Help out."

While the next Giveaway is usually in the spring, Interfaith may be holding one mid-January to further aid people with winter clothing for the cold months.

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Congregational Church hosts craft show

Dolls and pet toys are Norma Shank's specialties.

Pat Bachand checks out some fused glass masterpieces by Amy Jakowski.

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Shirley Burgess and her daughter Debbie come to the church craft fair every year.

Bob Brown and Karen Barbeau of B&B Crafters showed off their expert woodwork and card creations.

Besides the rain, the craft fair has been "great," said Jan Bradley and Rachel Kennedy.

"It's beautiful out here," said Joyce Brousseau and Heather Mercik, who came to the Quiet Corner for the first time to show off their gourd and art and nail art.

Church volunteers helped in the kitchen: Cheryl Swenson, Jim Nowak, Dana Swenson and Charles Bottieri.

WOODSTOCK — The First Congregational Church of Woodstock held its annual craft fair on Oct. 13, along with a home-cooked meal. It's a time to welcome in the community, and show off what the Quiet Corner and beyond has to offer in terms of talent and creativity.

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U.S. Homeland Security grant of more than $5 million grant to improve security for the election, he added.

Lourdes Montalvo, who is Director of Constituent Services in the Secretary of the State's Office, stressed the need to register to vote by October 30 and then to vote on November 6. "In America, it doesn't matter if you have a billion dollars or none, every vote counts equally," she said. "Until October 30, citizens in Connecticut can register to vote in the November 6 election in many ways - by going online using Connecticut's Online Voter Registration System at (myvote.ct.gov/register), by going to their town's registrar of voters office, at the DMV, or by mailing in their registration form postmarked by October 30. They can also register on election day."

"It was inspiring to have Lourdes Montalvo and Scott Bates join us in Pomfret. Deputy Director Bates encouraged us that, compared to what he has experienced traveling the world and working with other governments, our country still has a very strong democracy, despite the anxiety we feel lately in such an angry, partisan atmosphere. He encouraged groups like ours to keep up the good work, to be civically engaged and to help others get involved in politics, no matter what party. They stressed that our votes really do count," said Cris Cadiz of Pomfret, Co-Chair of Quiet Corner Shouts.

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Sunshine flower shop warms hearts

BY OLIVIA RICHMAN
NEWS STAFF WRITER

DANIELSON — Sunshine Shop has been warming hearts in Danielson since 1977, thanks to owner Betty Merow's deep love of flowers. In fact, her entire family are obsessed with plants and horticulture. And it shows.

Sunshine Shop has grown throughout the years, adding additions and service every few years, thanks to her husband's clever construction. Once a tiny building, the Sunshine Shop is now a flourishing flower force to be reckoned with.

Merow shared her passion for plants, and what makes Sunshine Shop so special.

Olivia Richman photos

Betty Merow has always had a passion for plants, and it shows at the Sunshine Shop.

The shop started off as a little frame shop, but you had a background in flowers. What was your background?

I grew up on Cook Hill Road in Danielson, my parents running Country Greenhouses, which was there for 45 years. Before that, my grandfather ran Logee's Green House on North Street, where my dad grew up as the youngest of 15 children.

So you were always around florists, working at Country Greenhouses. What did you love about the business?

I grew up in the greenhouse business and flower shop business. It just becomes part of your soul. I have nieces who come and help me at holiday time, because it's in their soul, too. It's just part of who we are and what we do. We love flowers. We love plants. My father just recently passed away this spring at the tender age of 98. We were looking through army records and it said he was a gardener. And it truly was his profession. He was a gardener all his life.

I'm sorry to hear. It seems like the whole family shares his love of gardening, though, and has continued his vision. What does Sunshine Shop do?

We're a full-service florist. We do weddings, funerals, anniversaries, birthdays, cemetery work. We do giftware and interior decorations, like wreaths.

Do you make them here?

You get an individual piece when you come here. You won't see five of them at other stores. Everything is done individually here. That's our forte – when people come in we talk to them about their needs and lifestyle and we make something just for them. For a funeral, it's not about picking a picture out of a book. It's about the person, what they like, and we create a flower piece that is reminiscent of who that person was. It makes it special.

Why do you think flowers hold such importance for these occasions?

Sometimes people are at a loss for words. The beauty of flowers, it says that I'm honoring you. Or celebrating you. Without using words, you say it in flowers. There's a language of flowers, if you want to go back to Romantic times, the Victorian times.

What are some flowers' meanings?

A red rose is love. A yellow rose is friendship. There are books and books about it, if you want to get into it. Which is a lot of fun. A white rose is peace.

But for you, it's not just about the textbook meanings when making arrangements.

It's nice to know if you're coming for anniversaries, 'My wife really like sunflowers,' or 'the color purple.' It's a very personal experience. When so many people are electronically involved, to have that personal experience and in-person choices... It's a blast from the past. It puts some life back into our lives.

What are some of your favorite flowers?

I like them all. This time of year, dahlias are wonderful. Hydrangeas. I love roses, too, because they come in so many colors. We use grasses and kale. I like textures. A variety of textures is one of my favorites [for arrangements]. Anything with something unusual. In my youth I thought pink was the best, but as I've aged I just love all colors. It's about how artfully it's done.

Do you have any arrangement stories that stand out to you?

Way back when, I remember doing a wedding bouquet for a gal who brought me her grandmother's wedding photo. She was going to be wearing her grandma's wedding gown. The bouquet in the photo was so big it covered both her grandmother and the groom. I recreated it for her so she could carry the same one her grandmother carried in the 20s. It was so different from what we normally do. On the woman's 25th wedding anniversary, her daughter came in and wanted to create a miniature of that bouquet to give to her mother.

That's an amazing story. What do you like about having the Sunshine Shop?

Being here, it's about making a difference in people's lives. We listen to people's stories and we do something about it with our plants and flowers. The art we create is about being involved in people's lives. That's the biggest thing. The pleasure of it is how it affects people in such a positive way. We even have a therapy cat. Polly comes out and sits on the table. When people are nervous or sad, people can pet her. She comes to the wedding consultation, calms the brides.

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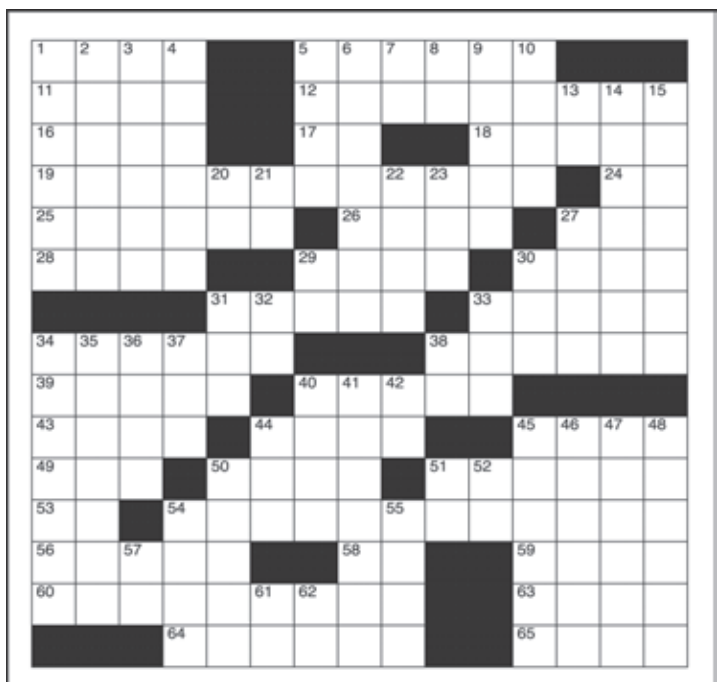
Sunshine Shop owner Betty Merow with Samantha Costello and the shop's therapy cat, Polly.



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5. Fashion accessories
11. Prong
12. Clever
16. Network of nerves
17. Helps the police (abbr.)
18. Russian lake
19. Not allowed into evidence
24. Indicates position
25. Without clothes
26. Geological times
27. Folk singer DiFranco
28. Buddy
29. __ but don't break
30. Father
31. Cast a shadow over
33. Afghan city
34. Concluding speech
38. Type of creed
39. French Revolution image "The Death of __"
40. Syrian president al-__
43. Soviet composer
44. Dove into
45. Famed Broadway producer
49. Leavened bread
50. Ruling family House of __
51. Planet
53. Publicity
54. Manifesting approval
56. Fern genus
58. Larry and Curly's pal
59. Company officer
60. Expressed loathing for
63. Birthplace of Constantine
64. People from Asia
65. "Hercules" voice Donovan

CLUES DOWN

1. Central hall or court
2. Italian city
3. All there
4. Seamstress's tool
5. Sends after
6. Used in herbal medicine
7. Specific gravity
8. A male
9. Hydroxyls + 2C
10. Trigonometric function
13. Archaic language (abbr.)
14. East African native
15. Satisfy
20. Mother
21. Where innate impulses are processed
22. "Rule, Britannia" composer
23. Not good
27. Swiss river
29. A-Team member Baracus
30. Calendar month
31. Drunk
32. Mercury
33. Concealed
34. Give forth
35. Contradiction in terms
36. Middle Eastern country
37. On the __
38. Sodium
40. One who attended a school
41. Supporters
42. South Dakota
44. American brewer Adams, Sr.
45. Type of attorney
46. Absence of oxygen
47. Most sheer
48. Human soul, mind or spirit
50. Flies high above
51. University of Dayton
52. Dorm moderator (abbr.)
54. Intestinal pouches
55. Assents to
57. Delaware
61. Robots are a byproduct of this
62. Tantalum

PUZZLE SOLUTION

WINDOWS ART GALLERY

PUTNAM — Windows Art Gallery owner Theresa LaCasse opened her doors in the Montgomery Ward Building on Main Street on Oct. 5 with a ribbon cutting ceremony. The studio will be offering adult and children's paint classes as well as catered birthday parties, paint and sip events. Pictured: Sheila Frost , Rev. Riley Prather, Rick Hayes, Matt Desauliner, Barney Seney, Delpha Very, Last Seney, Mary Calorio, Theresa LaCasse, Roland LaCasse , Gailia Rutan Annaldo , Nadia Krivosheev, Fritz Maurer.

Frost at Danielson vets coffeehouse

DANIELSON — Sheila Frost, from the Putnam Business Association, will be the speaker at the Danielson Veterans Coffeehouse on Tuesday, Oct. 23. The Coffeehouse is still in its summer location at St. John Lutheran Church, 190 Wauregan Road, Danielson. It returns to 185 Broad St. Danielson for the tuesday morning coffeehouse on Nov. 6. The evening coffeehouse will continue to be at St. John Lutheran Church. For questions regarding the coffeehouse call Fred Ruhlemann at (860) 428-4299 or see its FaceBook Page "Danielson Veterans Coffeehouse" or our website "dvcoffeehouse.com.

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QVCC hosts art show from ECSU's faculty

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Out of the ordinary elements make the ECSU art faculty gallery a unique experience for viewers.

DANIELSON – Quinebaug Valley Community College plays host to a very special exhibit this month: The art faculty from Eastern Connecticut State University have their eccentric art on display. The breathtaking gallery is a one-of-a-kind experience for the community.

"On the Edge: Sea Ice Melt and Polar Bear," by Terry Lennox.

"If Only," by Robert Greene.

The haunting "Fruits of Labor" by Simonette Quamina.

"Land of Myth I," by Lora Lee.

The ECSU staff's show at QVCC's SPIROL Art Gallery is a haunting and emotional display on a variety of important messages.

Pine wood and wicker sculpture by Robert Greene.

Afarin Rahmanifar's "Women of Shahnameh."

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Putnam Boy Scout Troop 21 learns survival skills

John D. Ryan photos

Troop 21 Scout Jared Jordan ties a splint.

Troop 21 Tenderfoot Scout Nathan Olson learned how to identify several species of native wild edible plants.

Troop 21 Scouts (left to right) Timothy Maltais, Jared Jordan, Raihden Albino and Cameron Bonin started a fire with flint and steel.

Scout Jared Jordan cooked an early breakfast for himself and the rest of Troop 21.

PUTNAM — "Don't get yourself into a survival situation, if you can avoid it." That's the first thing that members of Putnam's Boy Scout Troop 21 were taught during the Nipmuck District Fall Wilderness Survival Camporee held over the weekend of Oct. 5 through 7 at the June Norcross Webster Scout Reservation in Ashford. The gathering of Scouts from throughout northeastern Connecticut was designed to teach outdoor survival skills, such as using a map and compass, starting fires without using matches, building a survival shelter, wilderness first aid, finding wild, edible plants and sending emergency distress signals.

"Scouting events like this teach practical skills that build self-reliance and self-confidence," said Troop 21 Scoutmaster Peter Lombardo. "We also followed the standard Scouting practice of having our Scouts work together to learn the skills being taught, as well as setting up their tents together and each taking turns cooking for the troop. If a young man can work with and cook for a group of people out in the woods, then they'll be far more capable and self-confident when they get home."

Boy Scout Troop 21 is "open to any boy 11 to 17," Lombardo said. "Also, boys with special needs are welcome and Troop 21 does not turn away any boy for financial reasons."

The camporee is just part of Troop 21's year-round, active monthly schedule of activities. After a week at Camp Mattatuck in Plymouth, Conn., in July, the Scouts hiked the Air Line Trail in August, visiting the marker where Connecticut, Massachusetts and Rhode Island come together. Now that the fall camporee is over, Troop 21 is preparing for next month's wilderness camping trip, another hike, a Providence Bruins game, a winter camping trip, a food drive for local needy people, a weekend at an archery range, and finishing the troop's annual program next June with its annual fishing trip.

Troop 21's Scoutmaster noted that a Boy Scout troop's operations are run by the boys, with the adults guiding and teaching them as needed, overseeing transportation and making sure everyone is healthy and safe.

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

For information about joining or volunteering to help Troop 21, call Scoutmaster Lombardo at (860) 963-0171 and leave a message or send an email to troop21putnam@gmail.com.

Troop 21 Scouts (left to right) Jared Jordan, Raihden Albino and Nathan Olson started a fire without using matches.

Scout Raihden Albino and the rest of Putnam's Troop 21 put up their tents shortly after they arrived at the 2018 Nipmuck District Fall Wilderness Survival Camporee, held at J. N. Webster Scout Reservation in Ashford.

Troop 21 Scoutmaster Peter Lombardo taught Assistant Patrol Leader Timothy Maltais how to use a compass.

Troop 21 Scoutmaster Peter Lombardo, a registered nurse, showed his Scouts how to carry a patient in an improvised stretcher.

Scouts Brendin Adams (left) and Hunter Breyette learned how to start a fire without matches.

Troop 21 Scout Hunter Breyette ties a sling on a first aid instructor's arm.

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New fire technology class at Woodstock Academy

WOODSTOCK — Fifteen students are enrolled in a new fire technology course at The Woodstock Academy. A press release from the school said the class is filled with hands-on opportunities thanks to several local fire departments. Early in the semester Bungay Fire Brigade brought an engine tanker to campus so that students could become familiar with how the truck is used and the equipment on it. More recently, Woodstock Volunteer Fire Association brought their ladder truck to campus. Pomfret and Eastford Fire Departments have also donated gear and tools for the course.

Fire technology teacher, Adam Bottone, who is himself is a volunteer firefighter and a physical education and health department chair, valued seeing the actual trucks and equipment used by local departments. Through learning the needs of each department and how they use equipment differently to meet those needs, the press release said students are also learning more about the communities they live in. A few students in the course are already volunteering with their local fire departments in some capacity, and, as a result of the class, several more students have expressed interest in joining their local departments. The press release said some students taking the class are interested in pursuing fire technology as a career path, while others are just looking for way to serve their community.

Courtesy photo

Students attend fire technology course.

The elective course follows the curriculum for becoming a state-certified fire fighter. The class spent a week training with self-contained breathing apparatuses donated by the Attawauguan and Norwich Fire Departments.

"After several days of inspection training on the air packs the students were blindfolded and needed to put their packs together and go on air – not an easy task by any means. It has been an eye opening experience for the students and they are learning a lot," said Bottone.

"We believe it is important for our students to explore a wide range of interests while in high school. Not only does this help them become well-rounded individuals, but it will also help inform the decisions they make about their future," said Chris Sandford, Head of School.

Upcoming events at Quinebaug Valley Community College

DANIELSON — Quinebaug Valley Community College has a robust event calendar through the end of the month. The events include: Eastern Connecticut State University Art Faculty Show, through Nov. 1 at SPIROL Gallery. Oct. 20: fifth annual QVCC Foundation Tackle the Trail – Race starts at 9 a.m. at the Pomfret Airline Trailhead. Oct. 23: Start Your Career in Nursing at QVCC - Information session - 1:30 p.m. in W102. Oct. 26 – Manufacture Your Future – October is Manufacturing Month. 200 high school students from 12 high schools will be in attendance to learn about a career in the growing field of advanced manufacturing. Beginning at 8:30 a.m. Oct. 25 - Lecture - Lyme Borreliosis and Related Tick-borne Diseases - What you don't know can hurt you, Presenter Dr. Beatrice Szantyr, 12:30 p.m. Robert E. Miller Auditorium. Oct: 30 — Red Flag Finale Event - October is National Domestic Violence Awareness Month, supportive discussion at 5 p.m. in W100.

Courtesy photo

PACK 66 VISITS FIREHOUSE

THOMPSON — Thompson Community Fire opened its doors on Oct. 10 and gave a wonderful tour to the Boy Scouts and family of Pack 66. The visitors learned about fire prevention and fire safety and the Pack thanked all the member of Thompson Community Fire.

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OPINION

Opinion and commentary from the Quiet Corner

Good Sports

Life in Northeastern Connecticut can be a tough and tricky thing. Some of our summer, spring and winter months have been known to deliver a lot of misery, with endless rain, snow or intense heat waves. Those seasons are definitely challenging. But there is an argument to be made that OCTOBER is the hardest month…..for a non-sports fan.

October hosts a "perfect storm" of post-season major league baseball, pre-season NBA basketball, and the promising early weeks of the National Hockey League and of course NFL Sundays (…and Mondays. And Thursdays.) And everywhere you go, people are talking about sports. The talk at the office and in line at CVS and Dunkin Donuts is all about the Red Sox, Patriots and eventually the Celtics, and maybe even some Giants thrown in there. How will Kyrie do with the Celtics this year? Can the Sox make it all the way? How long will Brady be able to make it happen? How about those Bruins? October is a buffet line filled with the best of professional sports and we are ready to dig in!

But what if you're the one person on your block who doesn't know Tom Brady from Alex Cora? What if Monday morning finds you mumbling a sheepish hello to co-workers who can't stop high-fiving each other about the Patriots easy win and you think it's a Revolutionary War reference? How does a non-sports fan survive the month of October in a region steeped in professional sports greatness?

Well, first of all, take comfort: there's pumpkin spice and maple flavor – lots of it. There are also hayrides and woodfire stoves, flannel shirts and cozy sweatshirts. There are craft fairs, warm cider, and cold crunchy leaves. There are football games - the fun high school type, complete with marching bands and drum battles. There's Halloween and trick-or-treat and spooky inflatable ghosts, pumpkins and spiders.

If Red SOX don't do it for you, how about the red LEAVES of the sugar maples? There isn't a more colorful region in the country than the Quiet Corner in October. The majestic woods and fields that surround us might not offer many "Bruin" sightings but they have their share of coyotes, bats, squirrels, raccoons, wild turkey and deer.

Taking nothing away from our friends and neighbors who spend October glued to any device that will live-stream the MLB playoffs, it is nevertheless great to remember that this region is our playground and it's there to be enjoyed all year long, in every season. But the colorful, magical, pumpkin-spice-scented month of October just seems to – well – hit a grand slam.

Closer to the end

I have become a fan of the television series "Bluebloods", and I like to quote NYPD Commissioner Frank Reagan: "I'm glad I am closer to the end than to the beginning."

GUEST COLUMN
ARTHUR C. SGALIA, MD

After 40 years of practicing internal medicine in a large Massachusetts town southwest of Boston, I foresee a shrinking role for those who, like me, aspire to practice primary care.

When my hypertensive diabetic patient of 35 years described his chest pain to me, I was sufficiently alarmed to explain to him the need for an immediate workup. An urgent exercise tolerance test would be the logical next step. I explained to my staff that it should be arranged within the week, and then I dutifully moved on to my next patient. As soon as the result was in hand, we would together lay out the next logical phase of his care, based upon the result of that stress test. Imagine my surprise when I learned only through the grapevine over a week later that my patient lay in a bed at a Boston hospital awaiting coronary bypass operation. I learned, in retrospect, that the cardiologist who had overseen the test (well, she wasn't really in the room) had recommended that he undergo cardiac catheterization, and then on the basis of that result, she had referred him directly to a cardiac surgeon. She took these important life changing steps without so much as a phone call to me. Shortly thereafter he underwent a complicated triple bypass operation. (I learned of this by inquiring of his family. I had cared for four generations of that clan.) It is now four months later and there is yet to be any communication to me from either the cardiologist or the cardiac surgeon. For all they know, I am still totally unaware

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Smells like teen spirit

NANCY WEISS

Walking on a sidewalk near two local private schools, I often catch a whiff of the students passing by. They are in a hurry as they are headed to class, riding a skateboard, or taking a jog with a team. They are full of life and slightly distracted, a semi-permanent state for any adolescent. They smell like a charming mix of soap, body odor, clean clothes and perfume, or cologne or some similar odoriferous product. I'm immediately drawn back and forth in time. Smells do that to all of us.

If I had to guess what the students are wearing, I might say something international and new. It isn't Chanel No. 5, or Joy, or even Charlie or Obsession. They are too young for those old standbys and probably associate those potent scents with their mothers or even grandmothers.

Every generation must seek out its own smell as a hallmark of who they are. The current crowd seem to move from earthy to sweet, sweet stuff that is more like candy than roses. Whatever it is, it is strong. So strong it floats on the wind and can offset the passing draft from a garbage truck. Like a hunting dog, I stop and go on point trying to capture the scent to analyze it. Because I'm an adult, they don't notice me and think I'm crazy.

When I was in high school there was a family own pharmacy that included a cosmetics area, a newsstand and a small lunch counter. In cosmetics there were perfume samples for customers to spray to test them before buying them. Whenever my friends and I had the chance, we would make a bee line for the counter and spray as many perfumes and colognes as we could before the women in change called a halt to our antics. I found a cologne and wore far too much of it. It made me feel grown up and it gave me confidence.

Boys seemed to fall into fewer categories in terms choice. They rolled in Old Spice, English Leather or, if they wanted to seem worldly, Canoe. In reading up on what's popular now, almost every source listed Polo, as the number one scent worn by teenage boys. Next time I'm near a perfume counter, I plan to sidle up and sniff a bottle so I can identify it later.

Once when I was ostensibly studying for a year in France, my roommate and I made an appointment and went to a special parfumerie. The owner dragged her fingernails along my wrist and sniffed. She did same thing to my roommate and selected her scent first, Shalimar. Next she offered her choice for me, Caleche. I thought the word must mean something wonderful, but I looked it up. It means a small, two-wheeled cart pulled by a horse. Regardless, it was mine and I wore it for years.

As an adult, I meet lots of people who are allergic to perfumes. In my work place they were eventually banned. I was relieved as heavy smells made me feel carsick. Over time, the blend of scents one could pick up at a party from friendly smooches diminished along with the odor of tobacco smoke. It was a relief but it came at a cost. Some of those scents could evoke the presence of a particular person and bring back a memory of good times in one inhale.

Odors are touted as among the most powerful emotional triggers. When I catch new scents wafting from teenagers or classic perfumes from old friends, I'm glad to think that each person is making a private statement about how they want to world to see and smell them. Besides, it stirs up countless memories.

Election Letters Policy

Editor's Note: With an election season upon us, the Villager's guidelines for submitting election-related letters.

It's election season. Candidates in our communities are gearing up for Nov. 7, and just as they are hoping for a good voter turnout, Villager Newspapers wants to hear from you. Who do you support in your town's upcoming election? Why? What issue is most important to you?

Our Election Letters Policy is as follows:

Absolutely no anonymous Sound Offs may be submitted in endorsement of any candidate for political office. Any mention of a political candidate and/or issues he or she has addressed, and any election-related matter, must be done in a signed Letter to the Editor. All letters must be sent from the sender's e-mail — no batches of letters or multiple letters can be sent from one e-mail address.

All endorsement/election-related letters must be received in a timely enough fashion to allow for publication up until one week before your town's election. While space dictates how many letters are published in each issue, prompt submission will increase the likelihood of inclusion. In other words, writers are advised not to wait until two weeks before an election to submit a letter.

The last edition including political letters will be the Friday, Nov. 2 Villager. Letters must be received by the editor no later than noon on Tuesday, Oct. 30.

All letters must be signed, with a place of residence and phone number supplied for verification. Failure to include any of that information will result in your letter not being published.

All letters must be free of personal attacks and libelous remarks. Letter writers are encouraged to remain focused on endorsing a candidate, and to refrain from commenting negatively about opponents. Failure to follow that guideline will result in the rejection of a letter to the editor.

For election-related letters only, there is a 500-word limit, and all submissions will be published as space is available.

The editor reserves the right to edit any and all submissions at his discretion. When possible, attempts will be made to allow the letter writer to rewrite, but the final decision rests with the editor.

No "Guest columns" will be accepted as candidate endorsements. No letters from politicians endorsing fellow politicians.

The editor reserves the right to refuse a submission if it does not meet any of the aforementioned guidelines for publication. The editor may otherwise edit or reject a letter at his discretion.

There are a lot of important issues facing every town this year and you deserve a say in them. You'll get one chance at the polls on Election Day. You have another chance on our Op/Ed pages.

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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Send the Democrats packing

Voters of this once enjoyable state, isn't it time that we all stopped voting for Democrat politicians and expecting a different outcome from them? No matter the feel good, sound good rhetoric that comes out of their mouths you can always count on them to vote for new taxes, new fees, and establish more laws to take away more of your freedoms. They have made big promises to our state workers to get their votes, but, true to character have not provided the funds to make that possible. A ticking time bomb, along with our deteriorating roads and bridges. Do not let any Democrat politician running in the state of Connecticut get away with deflection from what they have done to this state. Use your own eyes, ears, and minds, no more accepting of the lies and the spin. Democrat politicians alone have brought this state to where it is now. They have had a majority in the house and senate for many years, and anyone can see what they have done with that. If you are happy with it, enjoy the power that they have held over you for years, the laws that they have passed, the lies that they have told, by all means, vote Democrat. If you have had enough, join me in not voting for a single one of them in November. Let's turn this state back towards the right direction. Your parents' and grandparents' party of JFK is long ago gone, these people are liars and radicals and are destroying everything that they turn their attention to. Ask yourself this question. When was the last time that the state of Connecticut passed a law that benefited you? How about took something away from you? Off the top of my head, I can't think of one thing that they have done for me. When I look at what they have done to me, it makes voting in this year's election a no-brainer for me, and in my opinion, it should be for you as well. Let's remove the stain of Dannel Malloy and the rubber stamp Democrats that he has had now and in the past, Mae Flexer, Christine Rossati Randall, and the rest of them, and send them packing this November.

NORM FERRON
DANIELSON

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A fresh start

BEYOND THE PEWS
JOHN HANSON

For a second time that Saturday before Memorial Day emergency workers scrambled to save the life of D.B. As they loaded him into their ambulance they could see where his face had been charred by the tailpipe of his 1969 Ford Galaxie 500. He had been pinned under the 2,000-pound car, after his wife accidentally ran over his chest as he lay drunk on his front lawn begging God to take him out of this world because his life was such a mess. The night before, D.B. had been drinking with friends and then tried to walk home from the bar only to pass out in the middle of the road on Main Street in Southbridge, MA. After visiting the emergency room, he was sent home to sleep it off. Instead, he drank even more. That is how he ended up on his front lawn in a stupor. That was the weekend that convinced him he had hit rock bottom and that something needed to change in his life.

D.B. recalls that he was actually an answer to his parent's prayer for a child, after they had experienced many miscarriages and lost a full-term baby girl due to her umbilical cord being wrapped around her neck. A few years later his brother was born, and the doctors told his mother to never try having another child. But they prayed, and he was born. His mother was loving and doting, and she was a praying woman. His father was always working and when he was not working he was drinking alcohol. Wanting to be like his father, he started drinking and smoking when he was 13 years old and was an alcoholic by the time he was 17 years old.

After many alcohol-induced accidents which should have taken his life and several brushes with the law which should have put him in jail, he joined the Navy and began hanging around with people that were addicted to alcohol. Then drugs became the norm. After being released from active duty from the Navy, his drinking became heavier and many more accidents ensued. One accident which should have killed D.B. involved a drunken motorcycle race. When his front tire locked up he was catapulted down the road at 70 miles per hour wearing only a T-shirt and dungarees. He lost a lot of skin on that one, but he believes the prayers of his mother kept him from dying.

Then came the Memorial Day weekend that marked the beginning of the end of his old life. Shortly after he returned to work in Hartford while training a new employee, the trainee actually started to train Him - using the Bible. D.B. was hungry for God at that point and realized that this life is way too short to live it controlled by substances. The trainee invited him to church, where he received the Holy Ghost and spoke in tongues as the Spirit of God gave the utterance just like the Disciples and Jesus' mother did (see Acts 2). He was then baptized in the name of Jesus Christ for the remission of his sins. Almost forty years later his testimony is: "since that day I have never gotten into another accident induced by alcohol or drugs."

While his Memorial Day weekend was a difficult one, it was a blessing in disguise because it prepared D.B. for a fresh start. He was finally ready to be "born again." Being born again ushered D.B into a whole, new, better life. God gives second chances. With God's help, anyone can have a fresh start.

Bishop John W. Hanson oversees Acts II Ministries. D.B is an elder at Acts II Ministries in Thompson. For more information, please visit www.ActsII.org.

The Industrial Oil Engine Company was short-lived

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MARGARET WEAVER

Have you taken a ride on Mechanic Street and Connecticut Mills Avenue lately? I was quite surprised when someone told me that the old Rison mill was gone, demolished. I didn't recall seeing anything about it in the paper. Of course, I could easily have missed it. How sad it is to see such an important structure disappear!

That section of Danielson was originally developed by the Industrial & Manufacturing Co. beginning in 1906. The following was extracted from the Killingly Business Encyclopedia 1708-1908 by Natalie Coolidge. (Industrial Place, Connecticut Mills Avenue). "James E. Rogers, president and Lemuel J. Coburn, treasurer and general manager, has bought 100 acres of land in Danielson and will at once proceed to develop it. The first step will be to erect a brick factory building 201 x 50 feet, two stories high. It will be leased to parties who are seeking a place to commence the manufacture of some staple articles"(Windham County Transcript 6/7/1906). Warden Francis is busy surveying the 90 and more acres of land soon to be transformed into a beautiful village by the Industrial and Manufacturing Company that is to locate in Danielson" (WCT 7/26/1906). "Industrial Place Notes-Local contractors are figuring on a foundation that will, if necessary, provide for a six-story building. While the building now will be a two-story structure, yet it is planned to have a foundation that will be strong enough for a six-story structure, so that the building to be erected can be enlarged with safety at any time in the future. The contract for the lumber to be used has been awarded to James A. Nichols. Streets are being laid out—1st Coburn Boulevard---100 feet wide with a grass plat and trees through the center and 10 foot sidewalks. Work will commence at once on Judd Avenue. " (WCT 9/13/1906). "Work has begun on extension of Mechanics Street. This street is to be extended in a straight line directly through the Industrial Company's property" (WCT 9/20/1906). "Mechanics Street near North is completed except for sidewalks" (WCT11/1/1906).

The earliest known occupant of the factory was the Industrial Oil Engine Company, which was attracted to Danielson through the efforts of the Board of Trade. By 1908 the company had produced a kerosene-driven car, as well as kerosene oil engines. The car was driven in Killingly's Bicentennial Parade in 1908. Two photographs related to the Industrial Oil Engine Company can be found in Images of America Killingly on page, 39. One is of the car decorated for the parade.

The Industrial Oil Engine Company was not long-lived in Killingly, and by 1909 the Connecticut Mills Company had "acquired the factories and most of the Industrial Place land, including several houses." It had an ideal location adjacent to the Norwich & Worcester Railroad. Unlike the earlier mills in town it relied on steam, not waterpower. (Images of America, p.41--photo of the factory under construction. Another is on p. 48.). Amos Morin helped set up the machinery, looms, and equipment to manufacture tire duck in the Connecticut Mills factory. Morin Avenue bears his surname. The Tudor and Colonial Revival housing built for the factory workers is the most unique in the area. In fact the area was referred to as "The Village Beautiful." The company moved South in 1926 and sold this property.

Some of you may recall when the factory was under the ownership of Powdrell and Alexander, curtain manufacturers, and housed the company's main office. If so, please share your memories by emailing me or by contacting the Killingly Historical Center.

I mentioned whom Morin Avenue was named for earlier in the column. Another Danielson street name that goes back to the Connecticut Mills era is Wheatley Street. Charles B. Wheatley was a major owner of the Connecticut Mills Company in its formative years. He died in July 1914, and the inventory of his estate listed Factory B at Industrial Place as valued at $15,000. His two-thirds interest in Factory C was valued at $8,000. He also owned six lots and a dwelling in the industrial place in addition to a residence and stable on Broad Street ($10,000), another, the former Waldo House, on Academy Street ($4,500) and several additional ones in Danielson and Wauregan. His total estate was valued at $75,050.72. ((Killingly Business Encyclopedia).

Mark Your Calendars: The Killingly Historical & Genealogical Society will host a program on Trains of Yester Year by Pieter Roos from the Connecticut Eastern Railroad Museum on Saturday, Nov. 3, 2018 from 1:30-2:30 p.m. at the Killingly Historical & Genealogical Center, 196 Main St., Danielson. Free and fun for the whole family. Free refreshments and food. Free parking at Key Bank or in front of the Killingly Historical Center. All are welcome! There will be a question and answer period after the program. Questions-call (869) 779-7250.

October is Family History Month. If you have never worked on your family tree, please feel free to stop at the Killingly Historical and Genealogical Center for forms to record the ancestors you do know so you can begin. Staff will be glad to assist you. It's a fun way to begin to teach your children and grandchildren a little history.

The Killingly Public Library is in the process of relocating genealogical materials to shelves near the main desk. Stop in to see books that circulate as well as references that may be used in the library. For additional information ask the reference librarian. Check the library's website for items in the genealogical collection.

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

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This month, we will be focusing on the planning implications for different retirement savings vehicles.

Some IRA planning and investment strategies may appear easy to execute, but errors can lead to unexpected taxes or penalties, loss of the IRA's tax-exempt status, and even disinherited beneficiaries. Where can things go wrong? Here are five common IRA misconceptions, as well as tips for making a more informed choice.

Misconception #1: Naming an IRA beneficiary is the simple part: Sure, naming a beneficiary is easy when you first open an IRA, but it can lead to problems if you fail to review beneficiary information regularly or plan ahead properly.

It's common to name a spouse as the IRA's primary beneficiary. This provides a range of options when the beneficiary inherits the funds. But what happens if you get divorced or you or your spouse passes away? If you neglected to update the beneficiary information on your account before your passing, for example, a former spouse could be entitled to your IRA assets, causing legal headaches for those whom you intended to inherit the IRA.

Naming your estate as the primary beneficiary is a common choice as well. This may seem prudent, as the intention is to let the will or trust document decide how assets will be distributed, but it can be a costly mistake. An estate beneficiary has no age or life expectancy, which leads to fewer distribution options. For example, beneficiaries determined by the estate could be forced to deplete IRA assets within five years or take distributions over the decedent's life expectancy instead of their own. This would result in larger distributions and potentially higher taxes.

Creditor protection is something else to consider. Generally, leaving assets to a named beneficiary offers protection from creditors. With assets left to the estate, however, the probate court would include the estate in the decedent's total assets, opening the door to creditors' claims.

Making the more informed choice. Be sure you understand the pros and cons of the options you choose, and reconfirm beneficiary information each year, as well as whenever you experience a major life event.

Misconception #2: You may borrow from your IRA: Loans are not permitted from IRAs. As an alternative, you may take advantage of the 60-day rollover rule.

Under IRS regulations, you may withdraw (or, in effect, borrow) assets from an IRA and roll over all or a portion of that withdrawal back into the IRA within 60 days. This is allowed once during a 12-month period. Sounds straightforward, but the 60-day rule has caused issues for countless investors who didn't execute the rollover properly. The first reason why is missing the deadline, the rollover into the IRA must be made 60 days after the distribution is received.

Also violating the once-per-year rule. The IRS counts the number of distributions taken within the 12-month period, not the number of contributions into the IRA. Sometimes investors take two separate distributions and roll over both into the IRA as one payment, thinking the IRS will count this as one 60-day rollover.

Lastly, Breaking the same-property rule. When you take the distribution of a stock or bond, for example, you must roll the same asset back into the IRA. Sometimes, investors withdraw a bond, sell it, and roll over the proceeds from the sale of the bond into the IRA instead of the bond itself.

Making the more informed choice. Avoid borrowing from your account until you have exhausted all other external options. If you decide on a 60-day rollover, be sure you understand the process, as taxes and penalties on failed rollovers can be considerable!

Misconception #3: Backdoor Roth conversions are always a good idea: In order to contribute to a Roth IRA, your modified adjusted gross income cannot exceed specific income thresholds. To work around this, you may consider funding a Roth with a "backdoor conversion." This involves making a nondeductible, post-tax contribution to a traditional IRA and immediately converting the amount to a Roth IRA, as there are no income limits for this conversion. If you don't have any other IRAs (e.g., SEP or SIMPLE IRAs), this strategy may be worth considering.

Making the more informed choice. Review all aggregate IRA assets before considering the backdoor Roth conversion option. If you're in a high tax bracket, this strategy may not be in your best interest.

Plan Well: Retirement planning is the one goal that almost every individual has. We all wish to be able to fulfill our goals when the time is right. There are numerous tips and tricks that people talk about, but these are 3 common misconceptions that you should be aware of. To speak with a financial advisor at Weiss, Hale & Zahansky Strategic Wealth Advisors. Visit, www.whzwealth.com/our-process to see how we may be able to help you.

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Reducing bullying

GUEST COLUMN

MIKE BOGDANSKI

It's great to have a national theme month to remind us of important events. October is national anti-bully month and it is a great time to have a talk with your children on the perils of bullying. Here are my suggestions for cyber bully prevention.

Parents have a lot on their mind. Work and family take lots of time, but with our culture so connected and the proliferation of cell phones and tablets at school, students are facing bullying and cyber bullying like never before. Here are five ways to reduce cyber bullying in the back-to-school time of year.

1. Know what's on the phone: Knowing what apps are on your child's phone is the key to preventing cyber bullying.

Ask your kids questions about how the apps are used and what they are used for (you may be surprised). If you don't know what an icon represents, ask your kids to tell you about it or do a little research to find out (StopBullying.gov).

2. Be the parent, not the friend: School is a tough time for some kids, and guidance is the primary role of the parent. Parents must set some parameters and stick to them. Parents are not their buddy, not their friend, not their pal, just be their parent. This is not always easy to do. As parents we held our kids' hand crossing the street, made sure they brushed their teeth and now we have to see who is talking to them on the internet.

3. Teach empathy: Empathy is walking is someone's shoes and feeling what other people feel. We need to teach kids about how much bullying hurts, and its long term effects, especially the anonymous kind on the internet. Teaching your child to be empathetic will allow them to emotionally walk in a person's shoes and feel their pain if they are being bullied.

4. Encourage social activities: Anything connected to the internet is a big part of the cyber bullying problem. Laptops, tablets, Xbox and cell phones all connect us to the exciting and sometimes dangerous World Wide Web. Many kids who are seen as loners and seem isolated tend to appear vulnerable to cyber bullies and become targets for online harassment. Getting your kids involved with clubs, groups or sports teams helps make sure they have a strong "offline" social network and support system.

Having a degree in psychology I studied Maslow's concepts of basic needs. Maslow created a list of five human needs and the one that applies here is about interpersonal connections- "a sense of belonging". If active socializing isn't for your child, as a parent you can help to build up your child's self-esteem and resiliency. Loners probably would like to be part of a group and often need encouragement in building social skills.

5. Be the role model: Children learn life skills primarily from their parents and the adults in their life. Parents, what you do speaks louder than what you say. Demonstrating empathy on a daily basis is a skill that can be passed on. You can look for opportunities to point out when you see them. A kind word, a compliment or holding a door for someone can go a long way. Characters in TV shows, articles in the newspaper or even cartoons can be your chance to show good manners in action. Like the Wizard of Oz once said "Back where I come from there are men who do nothing all day but good deeds. They are called phila... er, phila... er, yes, er, Good Deed Doers". Doing a good deed today will go a long way in molding your child's future behavior.

My last bonus tip — Keep tablets, cell phones and other devices out of children's bedrooms at night. Parents that have lost children to cyber bullying wish now that they had kept the predators out of reach of kids that have fallen prey to this ever growing danger.

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Legally Speaking

by Frank Herzog

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Deciding In Advance

As life-sustaining medical technologies continue to develop, there is the increasing possibility that we may be faced with decisions about how we want to be treated at the end of our lives. In the event that an accident, injury, or illness renders us unable to speak for ourselves, it is very important that we make our wishes known in advance. The documents known variously as "living wills," "medical directives," "health care proxies," or "advance health care directives" enable us to express our wishes concerning medical treatment in terminal illness or injury situations when we are unable to speak for ourselves. In such cases, the person named in the directive will communicate the wishes expressed in the health care proxy.

HINT: Without an advance health care directive in place, families of an injured and/or dying patient may find it necessary to obtain court orders to deal with the medical situation.

A living will is often paired with a power of attorney for health care, in which you name an agent to make health care decisions on your behalf. Some states combine these two documents into one document called an "advanced directive." **BORNER, SMITH, ALEMAN, HERZOG and CERRONE, LLC,** will provide a comprehensive, reasonably priced, and custom tailored estate plan including a last will and testament, trusts, living wills, power of attorney and more. To schedule a consultation, please call our office. We are a full service law firm with two main departments, estate planning and real estate. Our office is located at 155 Providence St.

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Putnam Bank supports Last Green Valley

DANIELSON — Putnam Bank and the Putnam Bank Foundation's generosity continues to enhance programs throughout The Last Green Valley National Heritage Corridor. Putnam Bank is the exclusive sponsor of Acorn Adventures, kid-friendly programs offered by The Last Green Valley, Inc. (TLGV) every month of the year where children and their families can learn to letterbox, track animals, see sun spots and much more. Putnam Bank's generous $1,500 sponsorship has allowed TLGV to expand the programs and give children the opportunity to enjoy the outdoors in a safe and educational way.

Putnam Bank also provided a $1,000 Gold Sponsorship of Tastes of the Valley, TLGV's largest fundraiser and the original farm-to-table event of the region. Tastes of the Valley showcases local farms and orchards by pairing products grown, raised and created in The Last Green Valley National Heritage Corridor with top-notch, local restaurant chefs. This year featured a sit-down dinner featuring special guest "Farmers at your Table" to help bring new meaning to farm-to-table cuisine.

The Putnam Bank Foundation is a major sponsor of the 28th Annual Walktober with a $3,000 donation. Putnam Bank has supported Walktober since 2001 and has helped it grow from one "Walking Weekend" into the six-week-long celebration that Walktober has become today.

"At Putnam Bank we believe in community and supporting events that enrich the area and the lives of those of us fortunate enough to live here," said Tom Borner, president and chief executive officer of Putnam Bank. "The Last Green Valley's Walktober is a perfect example of what makes this corner of New England such a wonderful place. We are pleased to support these events that so many can enjoy."

"Putnam Bank has been a major supporter of The Last Green Valley for many years," said Lois Bruinooge, executive director of TLGV. "Its contributions help us ensure our programming can not only continue but be enhanced to meet the needs of the region. Walktober is our signature event, Acorn Adventures serve a need for families throughout the National Heritage Corridor and Tastes of the Valley is our largest fundraiser. Each of these programs is critical for our organization and Putnam Bank has stepped up yet again to help us."

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From left: Lynn Bourque, Senior Vice President and Branch Administrator of Putnam Bank, Tom Borner, President and Chief Executive Officer of Putnam Bank, Lois Bruinooge, Executive Director of TLGV and Kyle Gregoire, Community and Donor Relations Manager of TLGV

First Fridays

PUTNAM — Photos from First Fridays on Oct. 5.

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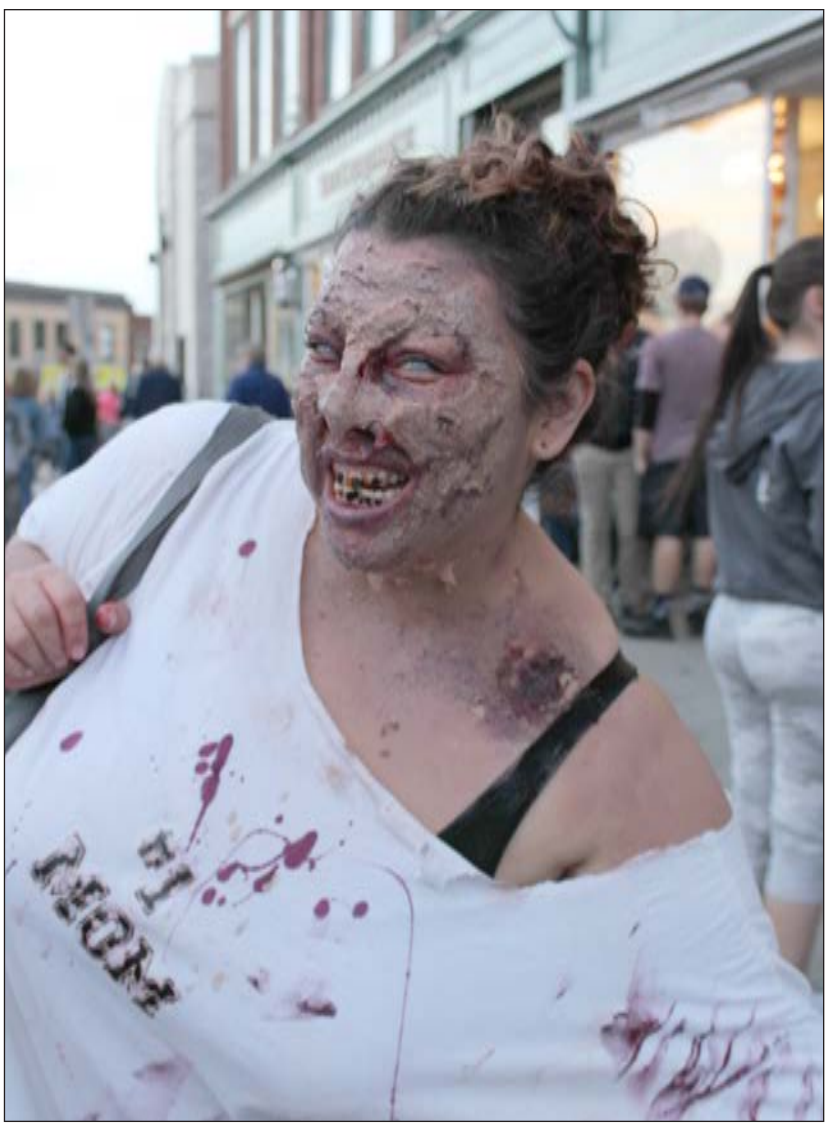

At left: Elvis

At right: Crystal Leboeuf of Woodstock

Charlene Blanchette and Wendy Kamm from Killingly

Cormac Segesdy from Pomfret

GUEST

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of events after that stress test was ordered.

The elderly woman had deteriorated abruptly. (I had come to know her well, caring for three generations of her family.) She looked unusually haggard when I entered the exam room, abruptly having lost 30 pounds in the three months since I had last seen her. I was worried. I ordered a battery of blood tests after examining her. When I saw her back a few days later we reviewed the blood work and found ourselves no closer to any answers. An urgent gastroenterology consultation was in order. I had one arranged. I scheduled her to come back in a few weeks so we could act upon any of the gastroenterologist's recommendations. I noted that her weight was down another 10 pounds and began to reassure her that we would do all we could to get to the bottom of this. She, in turn, reassured me that she was "much better now" and had in fact begun to gain some weight back. Puzzled, I inquired what had changed. Well, the surgery had worked miraculously.

It seems that the gastroenterologist had found an entrapped hiatal hernia and referred her for corrective laparoscopic surgery. My staff retrieved the surgeon's notes from the hospital data bank. Yes, after "PCP:" he had dictated my name. He knew I was her primary doctor. But the "cc:" line was completely blank. As of this writing, two months later, no communication has come from either the gastroenterologist or the surgeon.

I would like to be able to say these are rare occurrences, a result of a clerical oversight. I would be happy to say that our high powered, science based medical care community is a seamless interface among colleagues. I wish that, as an advocate for my patients in the dizzying maze of specialists upon sub specialists, I serve as an anchor, holding it all together for those who have honored me by entrusting that role to me. But I cannot do that in a vacuum.

The first blow to the primary care physician, the personal care physician, came with the advent of the "specialty" called hospitalist. (All other medical specialties have a board-based certification process. No such vetting takes place for one to call himself a hospitalist. So when a hospitalist tells you she is a specialist in hospital medicine, ask her if she passed her Hospital Medicine board exam. Shockingly, there is no such exam, and no such board. (It seems the most constant characteristic is the desire for predictable work load and hours.) In their effort to control the behavior and consumption of precious resources, hospitals created the hospitalist role to divest personal physicians of the ability to admit and follow their own patients. The result was a money-saving shortening of the hospital stay and half finished work ups that were supposed to arrive at a definitive answer. Now the primary goal of a hospitalist upon admitting a patient is to discharge them as quickly as possible (often the next day, before all outstanding test results are even back.) Their mantra is that the workup is merely being being shifted to the outpatient arena. Yet that workup cannot be completed when the primary physician is not even informed of the patient admission!

The next crippling blow to primary care was the ascendancy of the urgent care clinic. Understand, there is a place for such facilities. Abrupt illnesses not requiring all the resources of an overloaded emergency department can be handled by such clinics. Primary care practices which make no allowance for unscheduled urgencies must bear much of the blame for their patients seeking the greater responsiveness of urgent care.

But like the doctors who never touched a golf club on Wednesdays or any other day, we all are painted with the same stereotypical brush. "I didn't call because it was Wednesday and I knew you weren't in" has been replaced by "I went to urgent care because I knew you couldn't see me for three weeks.)"

Make no mistake. Although I have performed hundreds of exercise tests in my career, you do not want me to pass a gastroscope down your delicate gullet. And you certainly should never let me crack your chest open and suture tiny coronary arteries, let alone tack up your hiatal hernia so you can eat again.

But I am available for the near future to help you make sense of all this information. I can guide you toward some very good specialists. Equally importantly, I promise to steer you away from some who are not so good. I won't remember every nuance of your medical history if I bump into you at Target. But I will try my best to have all that information at my immediate disposal when I see you in the office.

And I might even remember your name at Target!

Last Green Valley awards funds to local groups

DANIELSON — The Last Green Valley, Inc. (TLGV) recently awarded $15,000 in grants to five local organizations to preserve, protect, interpret, promote or market historic and cultural resources. Since TLGV began awarding historic and cultural grants in 2003, more than $1 million has been disseminated to local organizations. For many the funding is the necessary step toward completion of their projects.

"The number, diversity and importance of the projects in the applicant pool made the selection process difficult this year," said Lois Bruinooge, executive director of TLGV. "These five projects are important to preserving the rich history of The Last Green National Heritage Corridor."

TLGV awards grants based on a competitive application process. There were more than one dozen applicants for this grant cycle. Every project is vetted and evaluated for its potential benefit to the region. Every successful grant must be matched 1:1.

The following grants were awarded:

The Temple Beth Israel Preservation Society in Danielson was awarded $4,000 for its project to create an archive of all its founders, including 40 Holocaust survivors, that can be used for educational purposes throughout Connecticut and Massachusetts. The archive will include documents such as immigration papers, photos, press clippings, descriptions of each founder and video interviews. The entire package will be collected on a hard drive and then copied onto DVD's which can be disseminated to schools, municipalities, community organizations and institutions of higher learning.

The Town of Eastford was awarded $4,000 for repairs to damaged sections of the 1806 east wall of the Union Society of Phoenixville House and the repainting of the original old-growth clapboards. The grant will help address the urgent needs of the building and is part of a $23,000 structural repair effort and a longer-term $400,000 overall restoration. The Union Society building is one of only two Union Society buildings left in Connecticut and sits at the intersection of routes 44 and 198 in Eastford, making it a highly visible local icon.

Friends of Ashbel Woodward Museum in Franklin, was awarded $1,500 for a project to upgrade its digital systems to better catalog and organize the three major collections housed at the museum. The grant will also purchase proper shelving and storage for physical artifacts in the collections.

The Hampton Antiquarian and Historical Society was awarded $1,500 for the historic Burnham Hibbard House Museum Carriage Shed restoration in Hampton. The project is part of the on-going restoration work to maintain the Burnham- Hibbard House Museum. The carriage house is the largest outbuilding on the one-acre property. The society's goal is to house a collection of antique farming implements, which are now in storage, and create a space for programs and demonstrations for the public and school children. The grant will allow the society to upgrade electrical systems.

The Voluntown Historical Society in partnership with the Town of Voluntown was awarded $4,000 for removal of lead paint and repainting of the Wylie Schoolhouse and its two outbuildings. Wylie Schoolhouse is the only remaining one-room school house in Voluntown and the town's only operational historic building. The peeling paint has been deemed a health hazard and the Voluntown Historical Society has suspended all programing in the building, including its role as a living history museum for the town's school children. The painting project is part of a larger renovation plan.

"With its listing on the National Register of Historic Places, the responsibility to preserve this historical icon to enthrall and educate future generations reaches even beyond our local community," said Jen Panko, president of the Voluntown Historical Society. "Having limited funds to address the urgent restoration, renovation and safety issues currently restricting public access, the town of Voluntown and the Voluntown Historical Society can now move forward to ensure that school will be back in session for many more years to come with this grant from The Last Green Valley."

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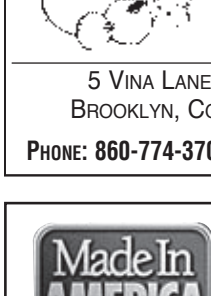

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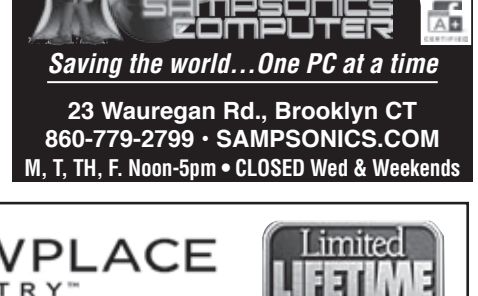

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Mic raised $600. This year, they are hoping to raise over $1,000. The money is raised through an optional donation at the door, donations throughout the night, and many, many raffles.

The gift baskets are donated by shops and organizations in Thompson, Woodstock, and Pomfret. There is also a gift card up for grabs for $100 worth of studio time at their very own studio.

"Come for good vibes, good music, free food," said Lucenti.

Added Bond: "And to give back to the community."

The two business owners discussed their passion for music, and the story behind their studio.

When did Elision Sound Studios open?

Lucenti – In March of 2017. We wanted to do something with music that we cared about, instead of just working our jobs and that being our life. We originally wanted to open up a music venue, but weighing our options and Zach was already an engineer for many years, it shifted to recording. And I'm glad we did.

Why a studio?

Bond, Head Engineer - I've been doing music since I was 12. Playing guitar. I've been recording for about 12 years (I'm 31 now).

Lucenti – I started playing guitar when I was 12, too. And I'm also 31. I played in the pit orchestras for a lot of different shows, including some touring shows. I was on the Rocky Horror tour across New England, playing guitar in the pit.

That's awesome. What do you like about having a studio?

Bond – You get to help musicians get to what they want to hear. You take their ideas for sound and help them find that sound and build that sound. Getting to work with different musicians from different genres, meeting people we would have never met... It's just fun. A nice creative outlet.

Lucenti – I couldn't agree more with what he said. It's just cool. I don't know if people consider this part of the music production as art... But it's like arranging all the different pieces to create something bigger.

What are some of your favorite projects you've done recently?

Lucenti – We just worked with a dude named Neil Russel. He does 90s inspired classic rock. We did a full length album with him.

Bond – He had a lot of good ideas. He also brought in Kayla Farnham to work on the record, and she brought in a lot of different ideas that I probably wouldn't have had. It was interesting. Because it was his first time working in a real studio, he got to try so many new things he hadn't tried before.

That sounds like a lot of fun, and very satisfying.

Bond – You have to work with the artist to get the best possible image for the whole album. To get what they want out, but improve upon what they even thought was possible.

What about you?

Lucenti – We had an acoustic guy come in, Chris Robertson, who had a very neat sound... A throw back – very 2000 emo. It was really neat to meet a song writer of his caliber.

Bond – It was like pop emo... Dashboard Confessions with a bit more grit.

So what is in a studio?

Bond – We have a control room, where I would be essentially. This is where we convert analog audio digitally into the computer, where we are able to edit and adjust things. It's about making different sounds and different textures, different effects. Anything an artist is looking for sonically we can make it happen.

And that room across the hall.

Lucenti - The live room. That's where the artist will perform. Sometimes layered over each other (drums, guitar, vocals). Sometimes a whole band will play all live together, and I'll be in the control room tracking everything. It also has an isolation area. That's usually used for certain vocal sounds, with not a lot of reverb. We also use that for acoustic guitar.

What are you working on now?

Lucenti – We're still building.

Bond – And still buying near gear and new equipment.

Lucenti – That will never end.

You guys built all this yourselves?

Bond – Everything is DIY. From putting in the floor – floating floor – to building the acoustic panels.

Lucenti – To building the head rack to the shelves.

Bond – We wanted to spend the time learning how to do build everything. To get what we wanted.

Lucenti – The live room... It's crazy how different it looks from when we started.

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School Menus

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October 22, Monday – Hot Dog, oven baked potatoes, baked beans, cucumber wheels. Alt. Main: Vanilla Yogurt-Muffin-Cheese Stick

October 23, Tuesday – Chicken patty with bun, mashed potato, roasted & fresh carrots. Alt. Main: Sun Butter jelly sandwich with cheese stick

October 24, Wednesday – Pasta and meatballs, garlic breadstick, roasted squash, cucumber wheels. Alt. Main: Vanilla Yogurt-Muffin-Cheese Stick

October 25, Thursday – Cheese Pizza, spinach salad, seasoned green beans. Alt. Main: Ham/Cheese Sandwich

October 26, Friday – Holiday chicken nuggets, mac & cheese, roasted broccoli, cucumber wheels. Alt. Main: Vanilla Yogurt-Muffin-Cheese

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October 22, Monday – Cheesy Pizza Slice, Crispy Celery Sticks, Crunchy Baby Carrots, Ranch Dipping Sauce, Assorted Fruits, Milk. Breakfast: Breakfast Pastry

October 23, Tuesday – Brunch for Lunch, French Toast Sticks, Egg Patty, Tater Tots & Grape Tomatoes, Assorted Fruits, Milk. Breakfast: Mini Pancakes

October 24, Wednesday – Chicken Tenders, Seasoned Brown Rice, Steamed Broccoli, Golden Carrots, Assorted Fruits, Milk. Breakfast: Breakfast Pastr

October 25, Thursday – Cheese Quesadilla, Zesty Tomato Salsa, Sweet Steamed Corn, Refried Beans, Assorted Fruits, Milk. Breakfast: Mini Waffles

October 26, Friday – Fish and Chips, Oven Baked Potato Wedges, Creamy Coleslaw, Tartar Sauce, Assorted Fruits Milk. Breakfast: Egg and Cheese

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October 22, Monday – Bosco cheese filled WG breadstick with zesty marinara sauce, WG pasta, seasoned broccoli trees

October 23, Tuesday – Chicken bacon ranch, panini, potato smiles, veggies w/dip

October 24, Wednesday – Toasted cheese sandwich and zesty tomato soup, cheddar goldfish crackers, baby carrots with hummus

October 25, Thursday – WG pasta with meat sauce, WG breadstick, seasoned broccoli, 100% fruit sherbet

October 26, Friday – ½ day: Putnam special pizza, assorted fresh toppings on home-made whole wheat pizza dough, fresh garden salad with cherry tomatoes and cucumbers

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October 23, Tuesday – Chicken Parmesan Patty or Plain W/Bun Mashed Potato, Roasted Carrots. Alt. Main: Hot Dog

October 24, Wednesday – Pasta and Meatballs, Garlic Breadstick, Roasted Squash. Alt. Main: Stuffed Crust Cheese Pizza

October 25, Thursday – Stuffed Crust Cheese Pizza, Pasta Salad, Cole Slaw, Seasoned Green Beans.

Alt Main: Turkey & Bacon Flatbread Sandwich

October 26, Friday – Crispy Breaded Chicken, Mac & Cheese, Roasted Seasoned Broccoli. Alt. Main: Filet of Fish Sandwich

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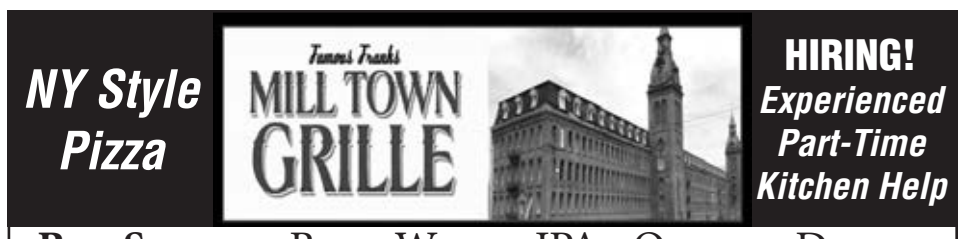
October 22, Monday – Spicy chicken patty/bun, oven fries, steamed carrots, fruit/milk.

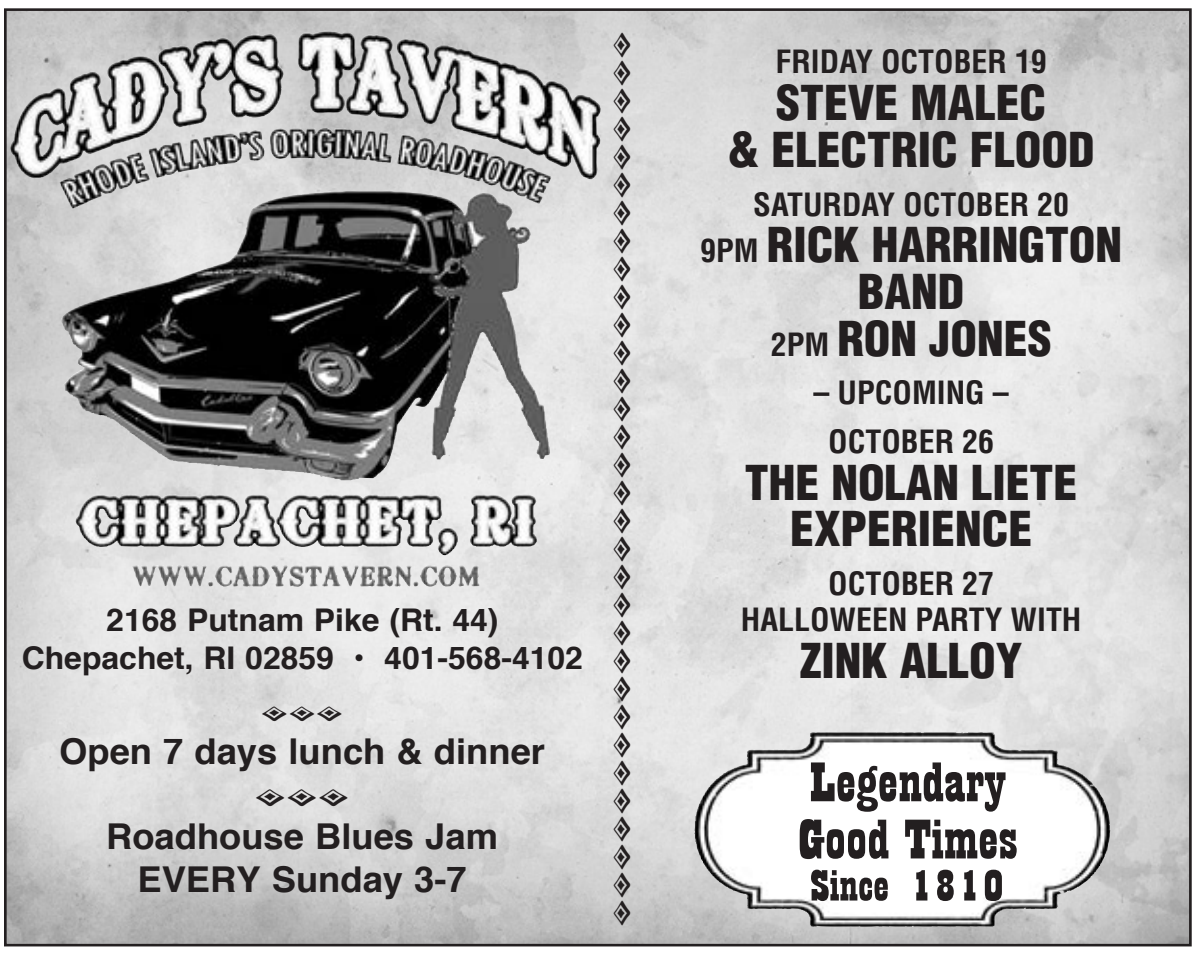
October 23, Tuesday – Meatball grinder, black beans, fruit, milk

October 24, Wednesday – ½ day: breakfast pizza, hash brown patty, fruit, milk

October 25, Thursday – Rigatoni and meatball, green beans, roll, fruit, milk

October 26, Friday – Fresh baked pizza, green salad, fruit, milk





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Issue with firehouse in N. Grosvenordale

With all the recent emphasis on our state elections, local issues often are downplayed.

It was recently brought to the Thompson Board of Selectmen's attention that there is a potential issue with the floor in the older section of the Community Fire House in North Grosvenordale. This is not a situation to be taken lightly, given the weight of the vehicles housed in the facility.

At a Thompson Selectmen's meeting, the Second Selectman suggested that if there was a structural issue with their building, Community Fire Dept. could limit their activities to providing ambulance and EMT services only and that the fire trucks could be dispersed to the other departments in town. The Fire study conducted by VFIS recommended replacing Community Fire Station with a suitable structure for Fire and EMS services.

Community Fire Department is a private corporation as are all our departments. While the town provides equal grant money to all our volunteer departments, we do not own the facilities or the equipment. Community Fire Department is a vital part of our town and, as a community; we have an obligation to assist them and all of our volunteers with their needs. The Community Fire Department is centrally located in North Grosvenordale and covers not only our school, library, and several small businesses but also the most densely populated areas of our town. With the potential for revitalizing River Mill it is essential that fire services be readily available.

We are very fortunate to have active local volunteers providing fire protection for Thompson. These individuals give countless hours to drills and training to keep us safe. The town's annual contributions to the individual departments are a fraction of the cost of paid services. As a community, it is essential that we support our fire services. As Thompson's First Selectman, I have an open door and pledge to work with our fire departments and assist in any way I can to maintain all departments, the quality of service, and the safety of our first responders. I urge all concerned citizens to attend a Selectmen's meeting on the first and third Tuesday of each month to voice their thoughts and opinions.

KEN BEAUSOLEIL
THOMPSON FIRST SELECTMAN

Benoit supports Coderre

It's that time again where we have to make critical decisions on who to vote for in the November election in Connecticut. We also have to take into consideration the absolute deplorable financial condition that out state is in currently. During Governor Malloy's time in office our bonding for projects has doubled every year – our bonded debt is now $10,576 per capita (per person) which is now 2nd in the USA. Our debt service cost now accounts for 13% of Conn annual budget the 2nd worst in the USA and lastly we have almost nothing in our rainy day fund which is – you guessed it 2nd worst in the USA and who voted along political lines to pass all of these budgets you guessed it our current State Senator Mae Flexer.

But there is now hope and all we have to do is elect David Coderre as our State Senator. I have known David and family for many years. He has an excellent background receiving his bachelor's degree from the University of Notre Dame and then his Masters degree from De Paul University. He was a Banker for several companies in the area and is very astute in the budget process and also owns a business in the Putnam area. Accordingly David will bring a source of competence and effectiveness during the budget process and will use his skill set to work with all parties to insure that prudent decisions are made to assist our state to gradually improve our current dismal financial condition. Let's make a change for the better and elect David Coderre to the State Senate.

PETER BENOIT
PUTNAM

Boettcher supports Dauphinais

During the recent state budget crisis, I saw Anne Dauphinais at almost every Plainfield Board of Education meeting. She would update us on the latest budget numbers. Since they seemed to change daily, it was much welcomed. Anne was always open to questions about the process and where our town stood in regards to the latest budget attempt from Hartford. Outside of Board meetings, I was in pretty regular communication with her, too. She was never too busy to answer questions. She often voted differently than other Republican representatives, because of her adherence to what she believed was best for her district instead of what was best for her party. I even disagreed with her on some of her votes but she was always respectful and communicative about her votes. With most representatives blindly following their party, it's refreshing to have one that doesn't.

STEVE BOETTCHER
PLAINFIELD

Dauphinais is the clear choice

I have known Anne for several years, including my time on the Killingly Town Council. There are very few legislators that have gone into our own swamp in Hartford and fought harder for individual and family rights and smaller, less intrusive government then Anne has. She is a completely unique and different kind of legislator and we need to send her back there to fight for all of us.

Government is at its best when it is at its smallest and local level. This state faces massive fiscal issues brought on by the tax and spend legislators (some on both sides of the aisle, sadly) who continue to consolidate more power in Hartford, expand already bloated programs and bureaucracy, and pay for it continual tax increases (hidden and direct) and scams. Lofty, non specific rhetoric and bumper sticker slogans will not solve our issues, nor can one person. But we have to build a coalition of legislators one person at a time that will take on these challenges, reigning in our out of control spending and reducing the cost of living and doing business for all citizens and businesses-regardless of size and scope by sending many of these important decisions back to the municipalities where they belong. Anne will put the Quiet Corner first with her common sense views and smart voting record and will stay away from the class warfare and petty partisan fights that we see constantly that only result in our situation being made even worse.

I enthusiastically support Anne Dauphinais for the 44th State Representative District, and I hope you will as well!

BRIAN GOSPER
KILLINGLY

Hayes will be accountable

I am writing to support the candidacy of Rick Hayes for the state assembly's 51st district seat. Rick has an extensive and exemplary background in public safety and administration, serving as a police officer, police chief, and town selectman here in Putnam for many years.

As someone who demands that elected officials take both tax money and liberty seriously, I wholeheartedly endorse Rick for this position at our state capitol. He values our hard-earned paychecks and has spent a lifetime balancing public safety and individual liberty with a deft touch. He has demonstrated time and again that we are in good hands with him at the helm of government.

If you are a voter that wants more accountability from your representatives, both in a fiscal sense and also in terms of protecting the freedoms so many have died for, please join with me and vote for Rick Hayes for the 51st District Assembly seat that serves the towns of Thompson, Putnam, and Killingly.

DOUG CUTLER JR.
PUTNAM

Get out and vote

Readers of this page know that I've been highly critical of Trump. I'm sure that there are many who therefore have come to the conclusion that I am a flaming liberal and rabid Democrat. Understand this, I can find some acceptable arguments from just about all elements of the political spectrum.

While fearing the short and long term effects of Trumpism, I'm not enamored with the Democrats and I am not flying their flag. They really don't have a clue right now. Pushing someone like Biden forward is only perpetuating an old message. He is too old and too old a message.

Also, they need to get rid of the Clintons. Both Bill and Hillary are despised by so many people, both GOP's and Dems. Please send them on a 2 year expedition to Antarctica. They cannot invigorate those who are in the middle. Their message is old time Dems mantra which has to change.

My take is that Trump won only because there was a huge anti-Hillary vote. I have a number of friends who voted for Trump saying, "Anyone but Hillary." I was almost with them except I saw Trump as a catastrophic poison to the concept of American Democracy. So far, I've been vindicated.

The Dems are doing nothing to find and develop candidates with national recognition and message. With 2020 only 2 years away, the Dems are already behind the curve. The Dems need to be putting forward 3-4 candidates that are younger and are willing to fight the GOP on their own terms.

The Dems need to go negative on at least some issues and downgrade their historical moderate or liberal stance. So what issues can they fight that their historic base will not call them traitors?

The ACA needs to be fixed, not eradicated. Its intentions are good, but like many laws, it was drafted under duress and limited time constraints. The Dems need to confess that there are problems with ACA and they are committed to fighting the GOP mean-spirited mindset and finding solutions that help the average person for which it was intended. They need to accept that some of the alt-right position has merit.

So where else do the Dems go negative? The Dems are no longer the spend-thrifts. The GOP has put us in so much more debt than the Dems have. The Bush wars have and will cost us 3-10 trillion by the time all the costs of his stupid wars are added up. So much for the Dems spending us into bankruptcy.

And take the "great" tax cut. Why aren't the Dems screaming that this does not help their base. i.e., the average person? The tax cut has been a temporary boost to the economy, but it has only helped corporations and the rich. 2/3 of all the average people have seen no help from the tax law. Nor will they in the next 1-3 years as their tax rates go up.

And how will the tax cut be paid? It will be borrowed! One Trillion Dollars. So much for the vaunted and historical message that the GOP's are fiscally responsible.

The real problem here is that Trump has set up a situation where the GOP Congressmen have been crushed with the threat that Trump and the alt-right will destroy their political careers. What a sham. Most of these guys can find extremely lucrative jobs as lobbyists or consultants.

They also need to understand that their purpose in national politics is to not only to promote the interests of their local constituents, but to have an obligation to America. The founding fathers expected them to have a national view as well. They should be morally constrained to do what is right. But Trump has degraded the common discourse to such an extent that dissent is argued as treason.

To all of those who think that Trump has "the message", you need to understand that his message is one of dictatorship, not democracy nor individual freedom.

My view of this is that many of Trump supporters say they want to have less government control and less involvement in our lives.

But if you quietly look at what Trump and his people want, it really comes down to more, much more, government access to personal information and restrictions on access to information, i.e. a free press. Lies, mis-directions and contradictions have been the modus-operandi of the Trump administration. Not only by Trump but by those he has put in office.

The unique vision of the American Democracy has survived scandal, wars, incompetent leadership and corruption. We will survive the dictatorial mind-set of Trumpism only if we have the courage and wisdom to refuse the fear-mongering and to elevate our spirits to the ideals of our Founding Fathers. Get out and vote. Please.

STEPHEN ETZEL
PUTNAM

Dauphinais is fiscally responsible

Anne Dubay Dauphinais is running to retain her 44th District House seat, and I am once again supporting her. Anne ran two years ago on a platform based on fiscal responsibility and limited government. She was overwhelmingly elected based on her campaign promises, and in the last 2 years, Anne's voting record reflects her consistency in sticking to the core beliefs and values that won her the seat in 2016, even when those votes came at a political cost.

Anne is a life-long Killingly resident, and attended Killingly public schools, QVCTC and ECSC. Anne advocates for a daughter with special needs, has volunteered with Special Olympics, and is a proponent of education. A recent example of this is Anne's co-authoring HB 5171, a bill which prevents the governor from making any reductions to ECS funding once the fiscal year has begun.

Anne understands and supports the need to provide critical services, but recognizes that our state has become a tax and spend state to the point where individuals and businesses can no longer afford to stay in Connecticut. Her opponent, Christine Rosati-Randall voted with Governor Malloy 96% of the time and voted to implement the second largest tax increase in the history of Connecticut during her two years in office prior to 2016.

I urge you to vote for Anne Dauphinais on Tuesday, November 6th.

DOUG FARROW
DANIELSON

Boyd supports education

This letter is offered in wholehearted support of Pat Boyd's re-election campaign for state representative in the 50th district. As a lifelong educator, a certified Connecticut forester and a certified Tree Farmer, I know Pat to be a strong supporter of both quality education and a clean, healthy, productive environment.

Unlike some, Pat entered politics for all the right reasons. He has believed in the importance of public service since his days as a boy scout, and follows through on that belief every day with his volunteer service to numerous groups including the Pomfret Volunteer Fire Department. Although still a freshman representative, he has already been named state legislator of the year by both the CT Firefighters Association and the CT Motor Transport Association.

Perhaps most importantly, Pat is a perceptive, intelligent hard worker and an independent thinker. Rather than hewing to either party line, he takes the time to study each issue and form his own opinion based on the needs of those of us he represents. That is exactly the kind of representation we need, and it can be hard to find in today's political world.

Please vote to send Pat Boyd back to the Connecticut State Legislature in November.

STEVE BRODERICK
EASTFORD

Return Dauphinais to House

Upon consideration it is my view that Anne Dauphinais, our elected representative, should be returned to the Connecticut House of Representatives. Mrs. Dauphinais, I have found, represents the people of Killingly and Plainfield not the views of certain special interests. She is available, does her homework, and responds. Refreshing.

DON COSTELLO
DANIELSON

Dunne likes Larry

First, I would like to congratulate Larry on his numerous endorsements, but especially the endorsement by the Connecticut State Police. The fact that Larry was endorsed by the Connecticut State Police over Larry's opponent, a recently retired Chief of Police of Putnam, speaks volumes. Larry is committed to this community in so many ways. He is the qualified candidate and the clear choice. Please join me on November 6, 2018 and vote for Larry Groh Jr. for 51st District State Representative.

CYNTHIA DUNNE
PUTNAM

Dauphinais cares

I am writing this letter in support of Anne Dubay Dauphinais candidate for State Representative 44th District Plainfield/ Killingly. In my opinion Anne is what a politician should be, she cares about the people in her district and the state as well. She is involved in the community and talks to people. She strives to bring common sense back to government. Anne cares! If this is the type of representation you want in Hartford vote for Anne on November 6. Anne cares!

ALLAN WILKINSON
DANIELSON

Make Connecticut great again

In response to my friend Greg Kline's letter last week regarding voting for Democrats in the upcoming elections, we do not need another four years of Democratic leadership. It will only be a continuation of out of control spending, funding "pet" projects and raising taxes. We need a change to make Connecticut great again. Vote Republican.

TOM PANDOLFI
WOODSTOCK

Truppa is right choice

Election day is Tuesday November 6th now only weeks away. This letter is in strong support for the re-election of Andrea Truppa to Probate Judge for the 27th district which includes Canterbury, Killingly, Plainfield and Sterling. As Probate Judge Andrea has been efficient and hard-working clearing a backlog of cases while maintaining respect and compassion for who those involved in these often-complicated judicial matters. Andrea Truppa is the personification of what a Probate Judge should be by blending a strong knowledge and reverence of law with her ability to rationally deliberate the complex family matters under her jurisdiction. Individuals and families within the 27th district with probate issues will continue to be well-served by re-electing Andres Truppa to office.

DANA-MARIE LEVINE
CANTERBURY

Dauphinais is diligent

State Representative Anne Dauphinais was elected to her first legislative term representing the people of the 44th District in Killingly and Plainfield in November 2016. During these past two years she has diligently communicated with the businesses and individuals within her Districts to discover how she can better represent them in Hartford. She has sympathetically and sincerely listened to each of their accomplishments, concerns and issues while living in the State of Connecticut. She took this information to heart and to Hartford. Anne is a dedicated State Representative. She is seeking re-election on November 6 and I encourage you to vote for her.

MARIE C. MORICH
PLAINFIELD

Ruhlemann supports Dauphinais

If you are a veteran, have a veteran in your family or even know someone who is a veteran I encourage you to vote for Anne Dubay Dauphinais on November 6th. She is the incumbent State Representative for the 44th District Towns of Killingly and Plainfield.

I am a U.S. Navy veteran and am dedicated to helping all veterans in our area. I have called upon Representative Dauphinais many times in the past 2 years about veterans issues and her response has always been prompt, with a what can I do to help attitude. And she always does help. Anne has work tirelessly for everyone in Connecticut, our district and our veterans.

Anne's father, her husband and her son are all veterans. Anne knows all too well about the sacrifice veterans and their families endure. She always has and always will stand up for veterans. Please vote for Anne Dauphinais on Tuesday November 6th.

FRED RUHLEMANN
DANIELSON

Dauphinais doesn't play political games

Anne Dauphinais, State Representative for the 44th District of Plainfield and Killingly will be getting my vote on November 6! I have personally known Anne before she even became interested in the position of State Representative, and I can personally attest to her high moral character and vouch for her as a person with impeccable integrity. This is the reason I will be voting for Anne again in this election. She is not interested in playing political games with either party, but sincerely wants our District and our State to move from being the outlier of New England in job creation and economic growth to being a leader in fiscal responsibility that will attract businesses while also being a place that our college graduates would want to stay in throughout their careers.

Our state has been run into the ground from politics as usual on both sides of the aisle. If you're tired of that and want someone to represent you who truly has your best interests at heart (Not the unions, not the party), then I implore you to vote with me on November 6 to re-elect Anne Dauphinais as State Rep!

ERIC SURPRENANT,
KILLINGLY

Stein supports Flexer

I am writing to encourage voters to support Mae Flexer for State Senator. I write as a constituent, advocate for older and disabled people, and employer. In all these capacities I have had the opportunity to know, work with, and respect Mae. She is smart, caring and dedicated to serving her constituents while also developing sound, equitable policies for the region and state. I know her to jump into a complicated debate, commit to principled positions, and provide responsive help whenever she can. Mae has integrity beyond measure and is running based on small donations. She works incredibly hard and, time and again, shows up all over the District! In addition to all this, Mae is a genuinely decent person. I hope you'll vote for Mae Flexer on November 6th. She's proven she deserves our support.

JUDITH STEIN
STORRS

Vote Democratic for climate

Do you want your children and great-grandchildren to live in a world that is both mild and thriving? Then vote for Democrats.

The recent massive UN report warns that if greenhouse gas emissions continue at the current rate, the atmosphere will warm up by as much as 2.7 degrees Fahrenheit (1.5 degrees Celsius) above pre-industrial levels in only 12 years, causing far greater floods, droughts, disruption of food supplies, poverty, migrations,and conflict. The likely two degree centigrade increase would be far worse. We next to act fast, now. This is not blind guess work. It is the consensus of 91 researchers and editors from 40 countries, citing 6,000 scientific studies.

Since climate change affects everyone it should not be a partisan issue. But it has become one.

What are Republicans doing about it? President Trump has long said that climate change is a hoax. He is the only - the only- leader in the world withdrawing from the Paris Climate Accords. Sunday, asked about the UN report, he mumbled that maybe something is changing, but that it is not man-made, and that the scientists are politically motivated. That is an insult to the scientists who spend their lives in the Arctic doing research, and who overwhelmingly agree that the evidence shows that man-made carbon dioxide and other greenhouse gases are the main cause of the change.

Why? Money. In 2016, the fossil fuel industry pumped $260 million into campaign contributions and lobbying Congress, the vast majority going to Republicans. This year, 19 of the 20 top political recipients of fossil-fuel contributions are Republicans. So it is not surprising that they lemming on as if nothing's wrong. And they return the fossil-fuel favor by giving companies billions in subsidies and laws that benefit polluters.

Republicans claim they can't do anything about climate change because it would hurt the economy. False. In fact, a massive shift to an environmentally friendly economy will create jobs and boost the economy.

The Global Commission on the Economy and Climate finds that major efforts to address climate change by 2030 would create 65 million new jobs and prevent 700,000 premature deaths. Over the next 15 years, the world will invest about $90 trillion in new infrastructure. We could invest that in ways consistent with addressing climate change, yielding $26 trillion in economic benefits. Reforming fossil fuel subsidies and setting a tax-neutral price on carbon could generate $2.8 trillion in government revenues a year by 2030.

This year's Nobel Prize winner in economics has carefully estimated the overt costs to the globe of ignoring climate change to be 70 trillion dollars by 2200, versus only 30 trillion to address the issue.

We have made such investments before. Before Pearl Harbor, the US spent 2% of its gross domestic product on defense. During the war, that rose to 41%. We won. Now, we can win the race against climate disaster.

But most of the current Republicans will not act. Democrats will. Democratic candidate for governor Ned Lamont will support renewable energy, support the Energy Efficiency Fund and the Green Bank, and reinstate net metering that will make it profitable for you to install solar panels. Republican Bob Stefanowski says little.

Democratic Congressman Joe Courtney signed a letter urging consideration of climate change in national security policy, opposed Trump's backing out of the Paris Accord and his cuts to the clean power Act. His opponent seems to be hiding.

Democratic senator Chris Murphy is a strong supporter of environmental action. He worked across the aisle with Susan Collins to co-author one of the only bipartisan climate bills in the Senate, the Super Pollutants Act, to reduce powerful greenhouse pollutants called Short-Lived Climate Pollutants, or SLCPs. Republican candidate Matthew Corey supports big oil and gas.

The same holds for regional candidates. Democrats Mae Flexer, John Perrier, and Pat Boyd all support environmental efforts.

So, on November 6, vote for your children. Vote for the planet. Vote Democratic.

JOCK MCCLELLAN
WOODSTOCK

Dauphinais is reachable

I'm writing in support of the re-election of Anne Dauphinais, for our state Representative of the 44th district, which includes Sterling, and parts of the towns of Plainfield and Killingly.

Anne makes herself very reachable, holding many town hall style meetings during her term. Anne makes it a point to be accessible by phone, text, or email. She has been very responsive, to any of the concerns that I have conveyed to her. Anne will always explain her point of view, and is also always willing to listen to a different point of view. She can, and does work well with others, who also have the best interests, of her constituents, and the citizens of the state of Connecticut in mind.

Most importantly, she is very mindful, for the futures, of our children and grandchildren, and works to make the State of Connecticut, a place that they will want to stay.

We should be thankful we have a person such as Anne Dauphinais as our Representative. We need more people like Anne in Hartford.

FRANK GRANDELSKI
DANIELSON

Groh cares about his community

I am writing this letter to give my full support and endorsement for Larry Groh Jr. for State Representative to the 51st District, Putnam, Thompson, and Killingly needs an experienced candidate. Larry is the most qualified candidate. As Thompson's prior First Selectman, and involved in local politics for 18 years, he will be able to start on the job and get to work for us as soon as he gets to Hartford. He has been active in our community as long as I have known him. He truly cares about this community. His desire to seek the office of State Representative is to take his experience and go Hartford to work hard and be a voice for each of us in the "Quiet Corner." I have no doubt that Larry will do that. Please vote on November 6th for the most qualified and experienced candidate. Join me in voting for Larry Groh Jr. as the next State Representative for the 51st District.

KIMBERLY J.
NEDZWECKAS
NORTH
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Boyd seeks common ground

Pat Boyd is a sharp-thinking, solution-oriented, non-partisan, public servant. There may be a (D) after his name, but that matters little to him – or me. He's bucked his party on more than one occasion when circumstances demanded it. He's worked with Republicans when the public's best interests hung in the balance. Mr. Boyd is beholden not to party but only the citizens of 50th District. He cares, deeply, about what matters to us here. Whether making sure our money is prudently allocated, protecting children, honoring veterans, or looking out for the unique rural interests of our area, Mr. Boyd seeks common ground for common sense. He listens with an open mind, sees clear-eyed, and speaks full-throated to do what's right for us. Two years ago, Pat Boyd asked us to trust him. He's earned it - and our respect, and I, for one, will be pulling the proverbial lever to send him back Hartford to continue the good work he's only just begun.

DAVID RING
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Coderre will be a welcome change

I recently met Dave Coderre and was impressed with his knowledge, energy, and common sense approach to serious issues facing our state. He is running for State Senate in the 29th District. Dave was educated at Notre Dame University in South Bend, Indiana and is a small business owner in Putnam. He is challenging incumbent Mae Flexer. She is an ultra liberal, always ready to introduce a bill which will cost the taxpayer of Connecticut. The State of Connecticut is broke. We need a changing of the guard in our legislature.

This would be a great place to start. Join me in voting for Dave Coderre on November 6th.

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Dauphinais goes the extra mile

I moved to Connecticut last year after my marriage having little knowledge of the area. I received a warm and welcoming letter from Representative Republican Anne Dauphinais from the 44th House District. I connected with her and made an appointment for her to come to our new home. She was the only Representative that showed concern as to our new location and contacted us.

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Villager Newspapers would like to salute our veterans

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BROOKLYN
Tuesday, Oct. 9
Gunnar Johnson, 50, of 14 Elm Street Apt. #B, Brooklyn, was charged with disorderly conduct and threatening

DANIELSON
Monday, Oct. 8
Hanna L. Baker, 34, of 24 Rogers Avenue Apt. #B, Killingly, was charged with a warrant

Friday, Oct. 12
Morgan Blackwell, 18, of 128 Furnace Street, Killingly, was charged with disorderly conduct, interfering with an emergency call and assault

Saturday, Oct. 13
J. Alexander St. Pierre, 26, of 34 Hutchins Street Apt. #B, Danielson, was charged with illegal sexual contact with a victim under 16 and sex with a minor

THOMPSON
Tuesday, Oct. 9
David George Mossy, 30, of 330 Lowell Davis Road, Thompson, was charged with disorderly conduct

PUBLIC MEETINGS

PUTNAM

Monday, Oct. 22
Board of Finance, 7 p.m., Town Hall

Library Board, 7 p.m., Library

THOMPSON

Monday, Oct. 22
Planning & Zoning Commission, 7 p.m., Town Hall

Wednesday, Oct. 24

Recreation Commission, 7 a.m., Town Hall

Friday, Oct. 26
NECOGG, 8:30 a.m., 125 Putnam Pike, Killingly

WOODSTOCK

Monday, Oct. 22
Conservation, 7 p.m., Town Hall

Historic Properties, 7 p.m., Town Hall

Tuesday, Oct. 23
WPCA, 7 p.m., Town Hall

Wednesday, Oct. 24
Historic District, 6:30 p.m., Town Hall

POMFRET

Wednesday, Oct. 24
Board of Education, 6:30 p.m., Pomfret Community School

EASTFORD

Monday, Oct. 22
American Legion, 7:30 p.m., Town Office Building

Wednesday, Oct. 24
Registrar of Voters, 7 p.m., Town Office Building

Thursday, Oct. 25
Union Society Building Committee, 8 a.m., Town Office Building

Inland Wetlands & Watercourses Commission, 7 p.m., Town Office Building

Library Board, 7 p.m., Eastford Public Library

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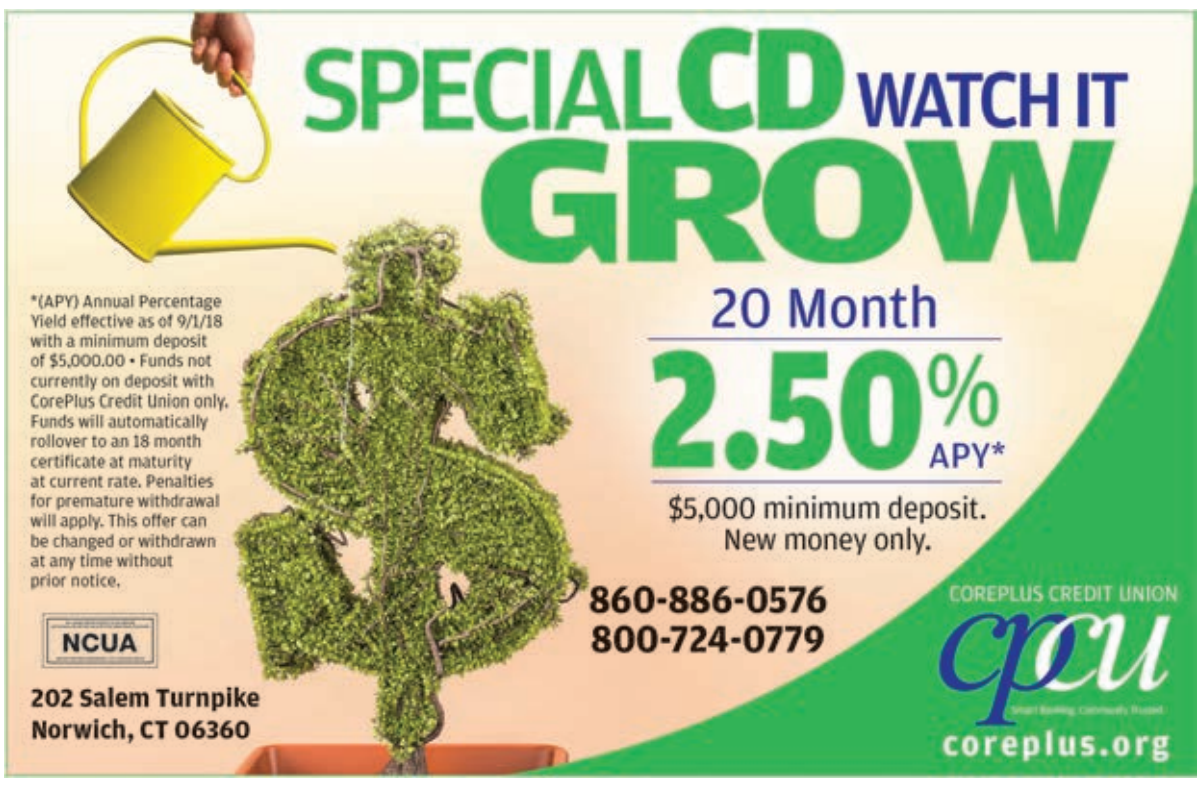

Access Health CT revamps website

PUTNAM — Access Health CT (AHCT) announced a new look and feel to its website, and enhancements to its health plan comparison and shopping tool. This new tool is available on the Access Health CT website, www.accesshealthct.com, and will help customers shop for plans during the 2019 annual open enrollment period that begins Nov. 1 and ends Dec. 15.

"Connecticut residents can visit our new website and click on the 'Compare Plans' link on the homepage to look at all their options for buying or renewing insurance plans for 2019," said Access Health CT Chief Executive Officer, James Michel. "Beginning November 1, customers will also be able to buy new plans or change plans for 2019."

In 2018, customers may have chosen a plan that was the lowest cost plan at a certain plan level at the time. That plan may no longer be the lowest cost plan at a certain plan level. Other life changes such as the members of a family, where people live and changes to income, might change the monthly cost of a plan.

"Every year, healthcare coverage needs can change, for example the doctors you visit or the prescription drugs you take. That's why the best way to make sure people find a 2019 plan that works for them is to shop and compare plans," said Michel.

New customers and current customers have the opportunity to shop, compare plans and make changes during the open enrollment period starting Nov. 1 and ending Dec. 15.

"Even if you are automatically enrolled for a 2019 plan, you can still make changes during open enrollment," said Access Health CT Director of Marketing, Andrea Ravitz. "When you receive a yellow envelope in the mail, this is your renewal notice that tells you the plan you will be enrolled in for 2019 if no action is taken, as well as your new monthly payment. Use our new compare tool to help you shop for a plan that best fits your needs."

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Woodstock girls rolling toward postseason

BY CHARLIE LENTZ
VILLAGER EDITOR

WOODSTOCK — The Centaurs of Woodstock Academy know the competition in the Eastern Connecticut Conference because through their first dozen games they were unbeaten. But knowing the unknowns will better prepare Woodstock for the girls Class L state soccer tournament, slated to begin the first week of November.

Last year Woodstock knew next to nothing about Joel Barlow High of Redding. But their season ended in the first round of the state tourney with an upset loss to the No.-26 seeded Falcons. The seventh-seeded Centaurs fell 1-0 (7-6 on penalty kicks) and finished with a mark of 16-5.

With that partially in mind Woodstock coach Dennis Snelling scheduled a known unknown last Saturday at the school's South Campus field. Snelling knows Old Lyme is a perennial powerhouse, the three-time defending Class S state champion. But he didn't know how his Centaurs would size up against this year's version of the Wildcats.

"It's different. You don't know exactly what to expect. You have

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Charlie Lentz photo

Woodstock Academy's Ivy Gelhaus, left, is defended by Old Lyme's Grace Lathrop, center, and Katie Funaro, right, in Woodstock on Saturday, Oct. 13.

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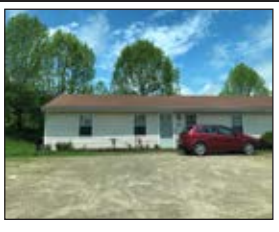

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Killingly High booters qualify for state tournament

Charlie Lentz photo

Killingly High's Kaleigh Hopkins controls the ball at Old Killingly High School on Saturday.

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Killingly High's Hannah Siegmund, right, looks to pass to teammate Lexi Purcell, center, with Putnam High's Emma Brathwaite, left, defending at Old Killingly High School in Danielson on Saturday, Oct. 13.

Charlie Lentz photo

Killingly High's Grace Nichols, right, moves upfield with with Putnam High's Kayla Morrison closing in at Old Killingly High School on Saturday.

BY CHARLIE LENTZ
VILLAGER EDITOR

DANIELSON — Killingly High checked off the top item on its to-do list this season with a 3-0 victory over Putnam High last Saturday at Old Killingly High School. The win was the Redgals' seventh this season and qualified them for the state tournament.

"This is huge," said sophomore forward Abbie Burgess. "I think the state tournament is going to be great."

Now that they've qualified for the tourney Burgess hopes they can go farther than they did last year at states. Last season Killingly was ousted in the first round of the Class M tournament, falling to Farmington 3-0. Burgess said the Redgals haven't reached their potential yet.

"Certain games we have, we just need to show what we've been working on the two years I've been here now," Burgess said.

The Redgals have moved up to Class L this season and were ranked 15th in their classification following their win over Putnam High on Saturday. If Killingly finishes the regular season ranked among the top 16 teams in Class L they will play host to a first-round match in the state tournament, which is slated to begin the first week of November.

"I think we do have the potential to make it past the first round," Burgess said. "I think this year we have a lot more cohesion with the team so we are connected. So we all just work together well on the field."

Killingly was in a holding pattern before earning its seventh win on Oct. 13 — falling to Plainfield 3-1 on Oct. 9 and losing to Waterford 1-0 in overtime on Oct. 11.

"I said to the girls the last couple games have been kind of tough. We had a rough one we kind of let slip away against Plainfield and the other day we played in basically a monsoon and unfortunately it went to OT and had an unlucky goal," Lackner said. "For us to make states is great. And to do it with four games left, now it's 'How many more wins can we put together to improve our seed?' "

Lackner saw no reason his team couldn't make a nice run in both the Eastern Connecticut Conference Tournament and the state tourney.

"This group of girls here have actually been fantastic this year to work with," Lackner said. "They're all really supportive of one another. They're playing more as a team. I think they're understanding what we're trying to do."

In the win over Putnam on Saturday, Killingly's goals came from senior Taylor Jax, junior Haylee Chester, and Burgess. Assists were notched by junior Chloe Hibbard and sophomore Grace Nichols. Jax scored at 17 minutes of the first half. Chester opened the second half with a goal and Abbie Burgess scored midway through the second half. Lackner has been pleased that the scoring has been spread around. Through Killingly's first dozen games Burgess scored 11 goals, Chester had six goals, Jax tallied four goals and Hibbard scored two goals.

"We're getting goals from a bunch of different people," Lackner said.

The Redgals outshot the Clippers 14-0. Putnam goalkeeper Kayleigh Lyons made five saves. The loss dropped Putnam's record to 4-6-1. The win lifted Killingly's record to 7-5-0. Killingly is next scheduled to travel to Fitch on Saturday, Oct. 20. The Redgals return home on Monday, Oct. 22, to play host to Woodstock Academy under the lights at 6 p.m. at new Killingly High. Killingly checked off the top item on its to-do list last Saturday — now the Redgals hope to check off a few more wins in the postseason.

"I think this year we're a better team than we were last year. And in the ECC Tournament I don't think there's a team that we've played this year that we're not capable of going and competing against," Lackner said. "The goal is obviously to advance in the ECC Tournament, I think we have enough talent to win a round, if not two. Same with the state tournament, it all depends who you draw. The goal is to win every game we play basically. But I feel good about the team this year."

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Woodstock's Adeline Smith, left, and Old Lyme's Katie Funaro battle on Saturday.

Charlie Lentz photo

Woodstock's Caroline Wilcox gets a head on the ball against Old Lyme on Saturday, Oct. 13.

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to adjust in game to what the other team is doing. Old Lyme has won the CIAC small (states) three years in a row so we knew they would be a quality game for us," Snelling said.

Now Snelling knows how the Centaurs would match up. Senior forward Ivy Gelhaus tucked in a goal with 5:56 left in the match to lift Woodstock to a 1-0 victory on Oct. 13.

"It has to be one of the better wins in my tenure coaching, for the program to be able to beat a school like Old Lyme," said Snelling, in his seventh season. "We've lost 3-0 to them three times in a row. It shows the girls hard work is paying off and they are getting better."

The game was good preparation for postseason play — where one never knows whom one might meet. Old Lyme offered an interesting style to contend with.

"They're just very technical on the ball. They don't make any mistakes," Snelling said. "They have a four-year All-State player, Mya Johnson. She's one of the best players in the state. She has three state-championship rings. So to keep her from scoring today was a priority. We knew that coming in. They're style, they're very clean. They're like a college program."

And the non-league opponent came sandwiched in the middle of a long season that started with training camp in August and was a welcome chance to focus his team.

"Considering it's Saturday morning, you don't know what you're going to get, we can't control what they're going to do Friday nights as teenagers. I'm so happy that they showed up ready to play from start to finish, all their energy on the field. It was impressive," Snelling said.

The coach said the win should supply some self-confidence come postseason play.

"It's good to know that we can compete with everybody," Snelling said.

Gelhaus said playing Old Lyme would better prepare the Centaurs for the postseason.

"It's really good for us going into the state tournament playing teams like this, that are good strong physical teams, it really prepares us," Gelhaus said. "Some of our games before this one have been a little easier and playing this team really set us up well."

Gelhaus is well aware the Centaurs will be venturing into the unknown in the state tourney and playing Old Lyme was good preview of coming attractions.

"Not knowing anything, I think that's beneficial for us. It gives us practice figuring out the team and knowing who their best players are and their weakest spots on the team," Gelhaus said.

Gelhaus's goal came off an assist from sophomore midfielder Emma Redfield on a corner kick — instead of lofting the corner toward the goal Redfield shoved it to Gelhaus who was waiting 25 yards out on the left wing. Gelhaus tucked the ball inside the far post to give the Centaurs the win. The short corner kick from Redfield to Gelhaus is something they've been working on and it paid off against Old Lyme.

"They've been practicing short corner kick, Ivy and Emma, where one or the other's going to get that ball in about that spot and shoot to the back post. They hit the crossbar twice against East Lyme with that same play. As soon as she kicked it (against Old Lyme) you knew it was in," Snelling said. "It's definitely a weapon."

Gelhaus and Redfield have been practicing the play and it worked to perfection with time running out against Old Lyme.

"I don't think I would have done it with five minutes left if I didn't have the confidence knowing the shot was going to be a good one or go in," Gelhaus said.

The loss dropped Old Lyme's record to 5-3-3. Woodstock led 6-5 in shots on goal. Old Lyme led 6-5 in corner kicks. Old Lyme goalkeeper Samantha Gray made five saves. Woodstock keeper Irene Askitis made five saves. The Centaurs are next scheduled to travel to Valley Regional on Saturday, Oct. 20. Woodstock is scheduled to play backyard rival Killingly High at 6 p.m. on Monday, Oct. 22, at Killingly High School.

When the postseason arrives Snelling is expecting a deep run with his veteran crew in both the ECC Tournament and the state Class L tourney.

"We came in thinking it was going to be one of the best years for the program in its history — because of the whole core coming back from last year. Sixteen players come back from a team that was already good and they did a lot of work in the summer to get that much better," Snelling said. "I don't say we're going to have an undefeated season but we knew it would be kind of right up there at the top. It just hasn't shown that they feel any pressure. Finally, a team that can go one game at a time, not think too far ahead, just focus on what's in front of them."

Before last Saturday Snelling didn't know how Woodstock Academy would fare against a quality unknown. Now he knows. Perhaps that will bode well for the Centaurs when the state tournament arrives in the first week of November.

"It kind of gives us an idea of how we stand against other leagues, so to speak," Snelling said. "Especially for states, when we play the mystery teams and the leagues from around the state that we aren't familiar with."

Woodstock was 10-0-2 through its first dozen games and Gelhaus knows one thing for sure — the Centaurs are for real.

"This is definitely the season we were expecting," she said. "We were great last year and I think we're even better this year."

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Killingly airs it out at Stonington

Charlie Lentz photo

Killingly's Jackson Lopes rushes with Stonington's Jon Curtin attempting the tackle last Friday at Stonington High in Pawcatuck.

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Killingly's Tyler Cournoyer runs against Stonington.

BY CHARLIE LENTZ
VILLAGER EDITOR

PAWCATUCK — Killingly High has trademarked its grind-it-out "RPO" style — run people over. So it was understandable that coach Chad Neal grimaced when confronted with the fact that his Redmen showcased their passing attack while building a four-touchdown halftime lead en route to a 49-0 victory at Stonington High.

"Don't tell anybody, OK?" said Neal.

The coach's protest notwithstanding, the secret is out on Killingly's aerial prowess and senior receiver Josh Montpelier was primarily the one to blame last Friday night. Before halftime Montpelier caught touchdown passes of 36, 29, and seven yards among his five receptions totaling 115 yards.

"Being a more diverse team it makes it more enjoyable for receivers and the quarterback too. Just like when they called the play I just came out and I was ready for it. I was kind of just ready for the ball," Montpelier said. "When it came my way I was going to make the play."

Senior quarterback Luke Desaulnier (9-of-15 for 166 yards and three touchdowns) hit Montpelier with a 36-yard strike to open the scoring with 6:20 left in the first quarter. Senior running back Nsaiah Harriet rushed for a six-yard score to help push the lead to 14-0 with 3:07 left in the first quarter. Montpelier snagged a 29-yard touchdown throw with 10:14 left in the second quarter and caught a seven-yard scoring toss with 4:23 left before the half and the Redmen took a 28-0 lead into the intermission. Montpelier wasn't complaining about the game plan.

"It's a lot more fun knowing that the ball could go my way and we could get in the end zone," Montpelier said. "It shakes up the defense a lot more and it makes it a lot easier for us."

If the Bears were expecting the Redmen to come out strictly with their run game they were in for a surprise.

"We were practicing really hard. We wanted to play our best game coming off the bye week and I think that's what we did," Montpelier said. "We wanted to come out with a hard start and keep going."

The Redmen had two weeks off before facing Stonington and Neal said they used part of the break to work on their passing game.

"In the bye week we really got better at it. We've been working on it non-stop since the preseason. It's just a matter of time where we were ready to get going with it — became more confident with it. I feel Luke (Desaulnier) is progressing real well and our receivers are doing a good job," Neal said. "I thought one of the keys is the pass protection up front and getting our roles and solidifying that. We came a long way with that."

Desaulnier said Killingly's reputation as a running team offers his receivers a better chance to get open.

"A lot of teams know we're going to come out and run the ball. It makes us have one-on-one man coverage with everybody. Josh Montpelier's one of the best receivers in this league, honestly, I think," Desaulnier said. "I knew if I just threw a good ball up there I knew he'd be coming down with it."

And like Montpelier, Desaulnier had no quarrel with the game plan.

"It's 10 times more fun, knowing I can contribute, make more plays for this team. It just gets everyone going rather than just one person, like the running back," Desaulnier said. "It's definitely going to cause problems for teams coming down the line, knowing that we can be diverse, more balanced than just running it straight up the middle. It just opens it up. They can't stack the box."

Killingly's defense was stout against the Bears, holding Stonington to just four first downs and 98 yards from scrimmage. The win might prove costly for the Redmen because senior running back Tyler Cournoyer (five carries for 37 yards) injured his right knee in the first half and had to be helped off the field at halftime. He did not return to action and after the game coach Neal said Cournoyer's injury could not be assessed until the swelling subsided.

"Tyler's a big piece for us," Neal said. "Hopefully we get him back on the field soon."

The loss dropped Stonington's record to 0-5. The win lifted Killingly's record to 4-1 as the regular season reached its halfway point. Killingly is next scheduled to travel to Waterford High on Friday, Oct. 19. Waterford's record is 2-3 and the Lancers are coming off a 21-14 loss to Bacon Academy last weekend. Despite the blowout win against Stonington coach Neal said much work remains.

"It's the little things. There's a lot of little things I saw and even see on film that you've got to clean up and still get better at. There's two times we were in the red zone and we didn't score tonight, one before the half and one to start the second half. That's uncharacteristic of us. Usually we finish before half and come out. So we're going to look at that. We're going to look at the play calls and really focus on finishing now," Neal said. "As the season goes on it gets tougher and tougher and we've got to get better and better each week."

The Redmen were good enough with their passing game in the win over Stonington. His "RPO" philosophy notwithstanding — coach Neal might be doing a lot more grimacing before the season is over.

"I'd rather just call a run play and we run people over like we did in the past, it makes it easy. You get more kids involved (with the passing game). It's exciting," Neal said. "Obviously we want to establish the run first, we always want to do that. But we've got to be able to balance it out a bit more when teams play eight, nine guys in the box."

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KILLINGLY 49, STONINGTON 0

Killingly	**14**	**14**	**14**	**7-49**
Stonington	**0**	**0**	**0**	**0-0**

FIRST QUARTER
K- Josh Montpelier 36 pass from Luke Desaulnier (Desaulnier kick) 6:20
K- Nsaiah Harriet 6 run (Desaulnier kick) 3:07

SECOND QUARTER
K- Montpelier 29 pass from Desaulnier (Desaulnier kick) 10:14
K- Montpelier 7 pass from Desaulnier (Desaulnier kick) 4:23

THIRD QUARTER
K- Harriet 1 run (Desaulnier kick) 6:33
K- Derek Turner 1 run (Desaulnier kick) 1:39

FOURTH QUARTER
K- Cooper Morissette 32 run (Desaulnier kick) 10:25

	Killingly	Stonington
First Downs	14	4
Rushes-yards	37-217	21-52
Passing	166	46
Sacked-yds lost	1-5	1-6
Comp-Att-Int	9-15-0	10-21-0
Punts-Avg.	0-0	5-30
Fumbles-Lost	2-0	3-1
Penalties-Yards	2-20	5-40

INDIVIDUAL STATISTICS
RUSHING- K: Desaulnier 3-(-2); Jackson Lopes 9-86; Turner 6-17 & TD; Harriet 7-22 & 2 TDs; Tyler Cournoyer 5-37; Morissette 2-32 & TD; Jacob Nurse 1-3; Josh Heaney 1-14; Mason Smith 3-8.
S: Drew Champagne 5-2; Nate Miller 13-42; Josh Curtin 2-0; Riley Burnside 1-8.

PASSING- K: Desaulnier 9-15-0 for 166 yards and 3 TDs. Champagne 10-21-0 for 46.

RECEIVING- K: Montpelier 5-115 & 3 TDs; Quinn Gervasio 2-50; Kameron Crowe 1-(-4); Lopes 1-5. S: Jon Curtin 1-4; Josh Curtin 3-19; Bobby Dimock 2-13; Burnside 4-10.

Ellis Tech boys heading back to state tourney

BY CHARLIE LENTZ
VILLAGER EDITOR

THOMPSON — Andrew Mazuraitis was in eighth grade the last time Ellis Tech qualified for the state soccer tournament. Mazuraitis is now a senior on the Golden Eagles soccer team. Come the first week of November Ellis Tech will be returning to the state tourney for the first time since the 2014 season. They did it by focusing one game at a time.

"We just kept playing as normal and didn't get ahead of ourselves," Mazuraitis said. "It's always been our goal to get there but this year I feel definitely confident going into (the tournament) and I feel like we're more than ready."

Coach Drew Mizak has overseen the renaissance of the Golden Eagles fortunes this season. It's been a long time coming. Last season Ellis Tech finished 5-10-1 in the regular season. In both the 2015 and 2016 seasons the Eagles mustered just two wins. Now they're returning to the state tourney.

"That's a big goal," said Mizak, in his first season as head coach after nine years serving as an assistant coach. "Every year obviously you set a couple targets. For us it's the league tournament and states. It's nice to be getting back to states. Hopefully we'll get a favorable matchup in the first round and compete."

Mazuraitis scored one goal in Ellis Tech's 8-1 victory over Tourtellotte Memorial on Monday, Oct. 15. The win lifted Ellis Tech's record to 8-4-0. As of Oct. 15 Ellis Tech was ranked No. 12 in Class L and if they can hold a rank in the top 16 of Class L the Golden Eagles will play host to a first-round state tourney game. The win over the Tigers was Ellis Tech's fourth victory over a five-game span.

"I think we're actually getting better, progressing more and more,"

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Charlie Lentz photo

Ellis Tech's Mike MacCracken carries the ball against Tourtellotte Memorial on Monday, Oct. 15, in Thompson.

Putnam High Clippers persevere through low numbers

Charlie Lentz photo

Putnam High's Mariah Travisano, left, moves upfield with Killingly High's Abbie Burgess defending on Saturday, Oct. 13, in Danielson.

Charlie Lentz photo

Putnam High's Jill Gray, right, gets past Killingly High's Jasmine Olson last Saturday.

BY CHARLIE LENTZ
VILLAGER EDITOR

DANIELSON — Putnam High might qualify for the Class S girls soccer state tournament and it's because the Clippers refuse to give in despite low numbers on this season's roster. The undermanned Clippers fell to Killingly High 3-0 last Saturday but they had only one substitute on their bench in the second half. The Clippers still managed to trail by just one goal at halftime at Old Killingly High School on Oct. 13.

"They fight to the end every game," said Putnam High coach Tommy Derosier. "I can't acknowledge as much as I'd would like how much they give it their all."

Class M Killingly had twice the number of players than were on Putnam's roster and was able to substitute wave after wave of players in the second half —when the Redgals added two goals to complete the scoring.

"Very proud of my girls. This is probably their overall best game of the year," Derosier said.

The coach couldn't help noticing how Killingly was able to substitute fresh legs throughout the match.

"I look over at Killingly and they're putting in six people at a time," Derosier said. "I look over at my bench and I've got one injured on the bench, and one who's getting a break because she's been playing out there on the field the whole time."

Putnam sophomore forward Laylah Chavez was injured early in the second half and spent the rest of the match on the bench. Chavez's injury left Derosier with just one substitute. He carried just 13 players on his roster into the match.

"First half Laylah rolled her ankle. And in the next half she got kicked in her left calf," Derosier said. "Both legs out, she couldn't go back in, she just couldn't do it."

The loss dropped Putnam's record to 4-6-1 with five games remaining in the regular season. The Clippers joined the Eastern Connecticut Conference this season and Derosier knew the competition would be stiff but his players have been up to the challenge.

"It's been awesome. We win the games we're supposed to win. We go out and give our most against the other opponents," Derosier said.

The Clippers played an independent schedule last season. Derosier expected endurance contests against quality teams with better-stocked rosters.

"We knew we were going to play some tough teams. We played a weaker schedule last year," Derosier said. "But they see games on the schedule and they're looking forward to the games."

The Clippers needed to win three of their last five games to guarantee a berth in the Class S tournament but could also gain entry if not enough teams in the division garner enough wins to fill out the 32-team tourney bracket. The Clippers ranked No. 24 in Class S after the loss to Killingly High.

"We have five games left and we're going to get into the state tournament," Derosier said.

The coach's message to his players is to keep on keeping on.

"They go out there. I just tell them 'Give me the most you've got. I'll get you a sub if I've got one available.' If not 'Put your head down and try to go after it,' " Derosier said.

Killingly outshot Putnam 14-0. The Redgals lifted their record to 7-5. Killingly is next scheduled to travel to Fitch on Saturday, Oct. 20. Killingly returns home to play host to Woodstock Academy at 6 p.m. on Monday, Oct. 22, at Killingly High School in Dayville. Putnam is next scheduled to play host to Tourtellotte Memorial at 10 a.m. on Saturday, Oct. 20, at St. Marie Greenhalgh Complex. Derosier said the Clippers will persevere — regardless of roster size.

"They're not backing down from anybody," Derosier said. "We're looking forward to playing anybody we've got."

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Tourtellotte boys hang through tough season

BY CHARLIE LENTZ
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THOMPSON — A mid-season coaching change coupled with a team loaded with underclassmen has not been a recipe for success for the Tourtellotte Memorial boys soccer team. Tourtellotte fell to Ellis Tech 8-1 on Monday — and yet the Tigers have stuck together despite just two wins over their first dozen games.

"We're very proud of the practices we've been having," said coach Brian Langlois. "Getting them out there — getting them running and pushing."

The Tigers ran and pushed with Ellis Tech early on, trailing the Golden Eagles 2-0 late in the first half. Tourtellotte's Mac Monahan scored for the Tigers at 30:06 to pull his team within one goal. But Ellis Tech answered with a goal from Chad Cramer at 32:03 and another one from Collin Lavoie at 39:28 and took a 4-1 lead into halftime. A steady drizzle at Tourtellotte's soccer field on Oct. 15 added to the downcast mood.

"Tough weather, tough game," Langlois said. "It's demoralizing when you get a goal scored on you. To come back from that is just a training issue. The kids need to learn that we need to push 110 percent in the beginning of the game."

Lavoie, Cramer, and Austin Desrosiers each finished with two goals and Jared Oenning and Andrew Mazuraitis each tallied one goal for Ellis Tech. Ellis Tech outshot Tourtellotte 18-4 and led 6-1 in corner kicks. Ellis Tech goalkeeper Brett Gile made three saves. Tigers keeper Tony Smith had eight saves and Jacob Bergeron made two saves for Tourtellotte (2-10-0). Langlois took over in mid-season and he has a simple message with a few games remaining on the schedule.

"To win, with any coach it's to win but really it's to push the kids to be the best players they can be," Langlois said.

Taking over in mid-season isn't easy for any coach.

"It's a practice change. It's a human resources change. It's big. The kids need to trust. The kids need to revamp and train my way so we can get things done," Langlois said.

Ellis Tech lifted its record to 8-4 with the win and is next scheduled to play at Plainfield High on Monday, Oct. 22. Tourtellotte is next scheduled to play at Norwich Tech on Friday, Oct. 19. The Tigers will travel to Putnam on Saturday, Oct. 20, to take on the Clippers at noon at St. Marie Greenhalgh Complex.

"Stay positive," Langlois said. "We've got to go out there and give ourselves and our school 110 percent."

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Charlie Lentz photo

Tourtellotte Memorial's Mac Monahan moves upfield with Ellis Tech's Collin Lavoie defending on Monday, Oct. 15, in Thompson.

High school roundup

WOODSTOCK 3, KILLINGLY 0

WOODSTOCK — Undefeated Woodstock Academy swept Killingly High for its 15th-straight win in volleyball on Monday, Oct. 15. Set scores were 25-13, 25-5, 26-24. For Woodstock: Paula Hernandez had eight kills, eight service points and 12 digs, Natalie Low had 10 kills and 10 digs, and Maddy Gronski had 20 digs. For Killingly: Trinity Angel had seven digs and two blocks and Kelsey Allen had eight service points and two aces for Killingly. Killingly (2-14) is next scheduled to travel to Windham Tech on Friday, Oct. 19. Woodstock (15-0) is next scheduled to play host to Conard on Wednesday, Oct. 24.

TOURTELLOTTE 3, WINDHAM 0

THOMPSON — The Tigers qualified for the Class S girls soccer tournament with their seventh victory as Ashley Morin scored two goals and Kaylee Jackson had one goal to help defeat the Whippets on Oct. 15. Mekayla Tackson notched an assist for Tourtellotte. The Tigers led 15-1 in shots. Keeper Kaliei Copley made one save for the Tigers. Adrianna Hernandez made 13 saves for Windham. The loss dropped Windham's record to 2-9-1. The win lifted Tourtellotte's record to 7-4-2. The Tigers are next scheduled to play against Putnam High at 10 a.m. on Saturday, Oct. 20, at St. Marie Greenhalgh Complex.

WOODSTOCK 3, FITCH 0

GROTON — Ashleigh Angle scored two goals and Ivy Gelhaus scored one goal in the Centaurs win over the Falcons in girls soccer on Oct. 15. Kayla Gaudreau had two assists for Woodstock (10-0-2 overall, 5-0 ECC). The win locked up the ECC Division I title for Woodstock. Fitch's record fell to 1-12, 0-5 ECC.

WATERFORD 1, KILLINGLY 0

DANIELSON — Kendra Gregg scored in the first overtime to give the Lancers the win over the Redgals in girls soccer on Oct. 11. Killingly led 9-8 in shots. Keeper Taylyn Lemoine made five saves for Killingly. Mya Rheaume made five saves for Waterford.

EAST LYME 4, WOODSTOCK 2

WOODSTOCK — Kristen Healy scored three goals to lead the Vikings (9-3 overall, 8-1 ECC) past the Centaurs in field hockey on Oct. 15. Paige Kasacek and Eliza Dutson scored for Woodstock (3-8, 3-5 ECC).

WATERFORD 3, KILLINGLY 1

WATERFORD — Killingly Lauren Kirkconnell had 13 digs and seven kills in the loss to the Lancers in volleyball on Oct. 11 in an ECC interdivisional match. Kelsey Allen had 19 digs and Trinity Angel notched 10 digs and two blocks for the Redgals (2-12 overall, 0-5 ECC). Set scores were 25-14, 28-26, 21-25, 25-1. The win clinched the ECC Division II title for Waterford (11-2 overall, 5-0 ECC).

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Brian Bernard Bonin, 78

WOODSTOCK -- Brian Bernard Bonin, of Woodstock, Connecticut, a hard-working truck driver who mixed humor with traditional family values, passed away on October 11, 2018. He was 78 years of age.

Mr. Bonin was a caring and concerned husband, father, father-in-law, grandfather or "pepere," and great grandfather. He devoted his life to his wife of nearly 60 years, Celina Marie Bonin, who survives him. He leaves behind his five children: his son Bruce Bonin and his wife Christina Bonin of North Grosvenordale; his daughter Brenda Bond and her husband Thomas Bond of Hopkinton, Massachusetts; his son Bradford Bonin and his wife Sherry Bonin of Woodstock; his son Matthew Bonin and his wife Kelly Bonin of St. Augustine, Florida; and his daughter Melissa Davis and her husband Jeffrey Davis of North Grosvenordale. He also leaves behind his nine grandchildren: Chad Bonin, Jason Bonin, Chelsea Bonin, Danielle Bond, Travis Bonin, Samantha Bond, Zachary Bonin, Aaron Davis and Lia Friedman. In addition, he leaves behind five great-grandchildren. He also leaves behind two sister-in-laws: Jane Daigle of Putnam and Gertrude Carr of Brooklyn.

He was a gifted storyteller and could captivate a crowded room with his jokes. He was happiest on his motorcycle, leading the way with his family behind him, exploring the backroads of Connecticut and Massachusetts. Or seated at the head of the table at one of the local diners or restaurants with his family and with his best friend, Lowell Bond, telling tales and holding court. He never missed a birthday celebration, baptism, graduation, or family event. And he was always available and willing to listen and to help when anyone needed him.

He believed in the value of hard work, often working more than 80 hours per week in order to provide for his family. He worked at Wajer's Express Company in Dudley, Mass. and at Ostermann Gas Company in Northbridge, Mass.

He was born in Hartford, Connecticut to Bernard and Evelyn Bonin. He attended Harvard Ellis Technical High School in Killingly, Connecticut and enlisted in the United States Navy in 1957. He served honorably in the Navy from 1957 - 1961, and was stationed at Virginia Beach and at Newport, Rhode Island.

At the request of Mr. Bonin, there will not be a memorial or burial service: his final wish was to be remembered just the way he was. Funeral arrangements have been entrusted to the Gilman Funeral Home & Crematory, 104 Church St., Putnam, CT 06260. For memorial guestbook please visit www.GilmanAndValade.com.

Nancy C. Schnaittacher, 69

WOODSTOCK – Nancy C. (Coster) Schnaittacher, 69, of Rte. 197, passed away peacefully in her home after a courageous battle with pancreatic cancer, surrounded by her family. She was the loving wife of Peter R. Schnaittacher for 47 years. Born in Alexandria, Virginia, she was the daughter of the late William H. Coster, Jr and Moselle (Johnson) Coster.

Mrs. Schnaittacher was a dedicated and loving mother and wife who was a thoughtful, accommodating, and a giving woman, always putting her family first. Nancy was adventurous in a quiet way. She loved traveling, knitting, basket weaving, and skiing in her younger years. More recently, she was an avid horseback rider and enjoyed hiking, walking (committed to picking up trash on those walks striving to preserve our environment) bike riding, and baking. Having been a member of the Woodstock Garden Club, she continued her love of gardening in her own yard, tending to a variety of perennials and fruit trees. She loved using her iPad and enjoyed antiques, museums and the theater. Additionally, she was a Day Kimball Hospital Volunteer putting in hundreds of hours over the years.

In addition to her husband, Nancy is survived by her son, Jeremy Schnaittacher of Seattle, Washington; daughters, Gwynne Schnaittacher of Seattle, Washington, and Brianna Schnaittacher of Woodstock; her sister, Jean Landry and her husband Bob of Dade City, Florida; and her loyal lady hound Percy.

Relatives and friends are invited to celebrate Nancy's life on Sunday, October 28, 2018 at the Mansion at Bald Hill, 29 Plaine Hill Rd, Woodstock, from 11am-2:30pm. Cremation services have been entrusted to the Gilman Funeral Home & Crematory, 104 Church St, Putnam, CT. For memorial guestbook visit www.GilmanAndValade.com. In lieu of flowers, feel free to make a donation in Nancy's name to the Pancreatic Action Network (https://www.pancan.org).

George Price, 85

WELLESLEY HILLS, MASSACHUSETTS -- George Price, 85, formerly of Boston and Wellesley Hills, died Monday, October 8, 2018, at Maristhill Skilled Nursing Facility in Waltham, Mass. He was the loving husband of Laima (Miknius) Price. Born in Cambridge, Mass., the son of the late William and Harriette (Merritt) Price.

George attended the Museum School of Fine Arts in Boston and served as a Marine during the Korean Conflict. Mr. Price owned and operated the George Price Advertising & Design Company and patented a headrest called OPTIMVS (Real Ease).

George was an award-winning graphic designer and artist loved by his family and friends for his talents, jokes, intellectual curiosity, dancing, and singing skills.

George is survived by his wife Laima; her children, Elyte and Edward; nieces, Karen, Christine, Marlys, Robin, and Shelly; five step-grandchildren; and many great-nieces and nephews. He was predeceased by his six sisters and one brother.

Funeral arrangements have been entrusted to the Gilman Funeral Home & Crematory, 104 Church St., Putnam, CT 06260. A Memorial Service will be held at a later date and burial is private. For memorial guestbook visit www. GilmanAndValade.com

Cecile A. Linnell, 96

ILLE-Cecile A. (Noel) Linnell, 96, passed away peacefully at home, aside her loving family on October 8, 2018. She was predeceased by her husband Richard J. "Shorty" Linnell Sr. in 1986.

Cecile is survived by 10 children, Francis A. Lavalley and his wife Linda of Lutz, FL, Alice "Pat" Pitman of Grafton, Linda M. Winchell and her husband Alfred of Douglas, Steven G. Lavalley and his wife Dona of Newport Ritchie, FL, Becky A. Vaundell and her husband David of Sutton, Diana J. Day and her husband Philip of Millbury, David P. Lavalley and his wife Cathi of Monroeville, OH, Dennis W. Lavalley and his wife Theresa of Thompson, CT, Denise R. Berthlette and her husband James of Uxbridge, and Richard J. Linnell of Whitinsville, with whom Cecile lived; 31 grandchildren; 63 great-grandchildren, and 13 great-great grandchildren; 3 sisters, Rita Dion of Worcester, Blanche Aubin of Grafton, and Bernice Geer of Uxbridge; 2 brothers, Ernest Noel of Millbury, and Henry Noel of Upton; a daughter in law, Betty Lavalley of Sutton; as well as many nieces and nephews. She was predeceased by a son Ernest S. "Smokey" Lavalley in 2015; 2 grandchildren; a brother, Sam Noel; and 3 sisters, Anne Hachowski, Alice Noel, and Mabel Charpentier.

Born in Millbury on September 24, 1922, she was the daughter of Simeon and Hermeline (Lefferriere) Noel and grew up in South Grafton. She has lived in Whitinsville the past 43 years. Primarily a homemaker, Cecile also worked for the former Hayward Schuster Woolen Mill in Douglas as a spinner for 15 years. She enjoyed visiting the Senior Center in town, quilting, playing bingo, but most of all spending time with her children, grandchildren, great-grandchildren and best friend Connie Fallon.

Her Funeral Service was held in Jackman Funeral Home, 12 Spring St., Whitinsville on Friday October 12, 2018 at 11am. Burial followed in St. Patrick's Cemetery. Calling hours at the funeral home were held on Thursday from 4-7pm. In Lieu of flowers, donation's in Cecile's memory may be made to: St. Jude Children's Research Hospital (stjude.org) To leave a condolence message for her family please visit: http://www.JackmanFuneralHomes.com

Roy W. Robillard, 88

DUDLEY- Roy W. Robillard age 88 died Friday, Oct 12, 2018 surrounded by his family at the Rose Monahan Hospice, Worcester. He leaves 2 sons; Bruce Robillard and his wife Debra of Webster, Alan Robillard and his companion Lisa Soper of Dudley, 4 daughters; Linda and her husband Richard Kruzewski , Kathleen and her husband Paul Arcieri, Carol and her husband Donald Cournoyer all of Webster and Diane Sinkis and her companion Alan Costen of Dudley. 12 grandchildren; Sean Kruzewski, Dawn Gravel, Kristie Peck, Jeremy Nowicki, Eric Cournoyer, Brad, Josh and Brian Robillard, Meagan Brousseau, Stevie Sinkis, Jessica and Stephanie Robillard and 18 great grandchildren.

He also had two brothers that predeceased him Ernest of Dudley and Albert of Webster.

He was born in Worcester son of the late Oscar and Ellen (Mahan) Robillard and lived in Dudley for 60 years. He was retired from American Standard in Plainfield, CT. Roy was a loving Dad, Pepe' who just loved being with his family. He enjoyed cards, dominos, watching old westerns and Famile Feud, going out for pizza, fried clams and fish and chips.

There are no calling hours, services and burial are private. Please omit flowers and donations may be made in his memory to the American Arthritis Foundation. The Shaw-Majercik Funeral Home, 48 School St., Webster, MA has been entrusted with his arrangements. A guest book is available at www.shaw-majercik.com where you may post a condolence or light a candle

Carol J. (Dyson) Huberdault 78

UNITY, MAINE -- Carol J. (Dyson) Huberdault 78, of Unity Maine, formally of Thompson, passed away Thursday, October 4, 2018, surrounded by her family. She was the loving wife of Joseph Huberdault Jr. for 58 years.

She was born in Worcester, the daughter of Joseph and Minnie

(Lloyd) Dyson. Carol was a graduate of Worcester South High School. On July 2, 1960, she married her middle school sweetheart, Joseph. Her husband and family were the center of her world and she loved everyone unconditionally. Carol worked for many years at Memorial Hospital and Hubbard Regional Hospital (Payroll Department) until she retired.

Carol is survived by her husband, Joseph Huberdault Jr. and her four children; Joanne Thayer and her husband Charles of Thompson, Mark Huberdault and his wife MaryBeth of Webster, Mass., David Huberdault and his wife Cynthia of Pascoag, Rhode Island, and Laurie Dubey and her husband Alan of Dudley. She leaves behind five grandchildren; Nicholas,

Rebecca, Matthew, Juliette and Cora. She also leaves two sisters; Barbara Josephson and Beverly Durkin as well as several nieces and nephews. She was predeceased by her brother, James Dyson.

Carol was extremely active, loved being outdoors and playing cards. She was hardworking and full of life, she enjoyed being with her family and friends, traveling, cruising and dividing time between Maine and Florida.

A funeral mass will be held on October 26, 2018 at 11:00 AM at the Sacred Heart of Jesus Parish 18 East Main St Webster, Mass. At Carol's request, there will be no calling hours.

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OBITUARIES

Shirley A. Wilbur, 97

NORTH GROSVENORDALE -- Shirley A. Wilbur, 97, of N. Grosvenordale passed away Friday, October 12, 2018 at Matulaitis in Putnam. Beloved wife of Marvin Wilbur of 53 years. She was born on September 4, 1921 in Fabyan, daughter of the late Eddy and Sadie (Wilbur) Arnold.

Shirley attended Paine District School and graduated from Tourtellotte Memorial High School class of 1939. She worked on the family farm and at American Optical in Southbridge, Massachusetts, for over 40 years.

Shirley was very active in her church. She held many offices but enjoyed missions the most. She was the church organist for many years. Shirley was the coordinator for the Community Kitchen at the North Grosvenordale United Methodist Church for 25 years. She enjoyed helping to prepare and feeding all the clients with a good meal. She had clothes available for them as well. She enjoyed watching the birds that came to the yard, especially the cardinals and bluebirds. Shirley was an avid follower of the UCONN Women's Basketball team and she also followed the Red Sox games. She loved to cook and she enjoyed a good meal. She loved making fudge. In earlier times she enjoyed crocheting, latch hook and plastic canvas. Shirley loved her animals, especially all the cats she had on the farm and the last one Buttercup. Throughout her life she did her best to follow the teaching of her Lord. She was a Certified Lay Servant in the United Methodist Church. Shirley will be missed by all who knew her.

She was a member of the Living Faith United Methodist Church of Putnam. She was a 7th Degree Member of the Grange and she joined the Quinnatisset Grange in 1936 and was Secretary of the Grange No. 65 until joining with Senexet Grange No. 40 in Woodstock, she enjoyed going to different Granges and meeting new friends. Shirley was a Pianist for the Cameron-Wilbur Installation Team, enjoyed cooking and working in her flower and vegetable gardens. She made jelly and jam, all kinds of pickles as well as preserving tomatoes, corn, beans and produce from her gardens. As a Certified Lay Servant, she enjoyed telling people about her Jesus and how he could change their lives. Her messages were always messages of God's Love. Shirley had a great sense of humor. Shirley liked poetry especially poems by Helen Steiner Rice.

Besides her husband Marvin, she leaves her nephew Stanley David Arnold of N. Brookfield Massachusetts, his children Philip and Kristen and many friends.

Predeceased by sister Vera Drury (Lewis) and brother The Reverend Darnold Arnold (Elizabeth).

A calling hour will be Saturday, October 20, 2018 from 9:30 to 10:30 AM at Smith and Walker Funeral Home, 148 Grove Street, Putnam, which will be followed by a funeral service at 11:00 AM at the Living Faith United Methodist Church, 53 Grove Street, Putnam. Burial will follow in West Thompson Cemetery. In lieu of flowers donations may be made to The Living Faith United Methodist Church or Quinnatisset Grange scholarship fund, c/o Town of Thompson, 815 Riverside Dr, N. Grosvenordale, CT 06255. Share a memory at www.smithandwalkerfh.com

Kathryn Brown, 105

NORTHBRIDGE- Katherine (Scholl) Brown, 105, died Wednesday, October 10, in the Beaumont Skilled Nursing and Rehab Center. Her husband, Charles F. Logan Brown, died in 1974. She is survived by a son, David J. Brown, of Sutton; a niece, Cynthia Haelsen, of Killingly, CT.; four grandchildren, Charles L. Brown, Elizabeth St. George, Katherine Clarkson and Christine Brown; and 2 great grandchildren Logan and Will. She was predeceased by a son, Charles F. Brown, Jr., a brother, Rudolph Scholl, and two sisters, Sophie Steele, and Emily John.

Katherine was born in Boston, September 20, 1913, a daughter of Frank and Sophia (Keck) Sholl. She lived in Jamaica Plain, and Upton before moving to Northbridge in 1934. She graduated from Upton High School in 1930, and was a state high school high jump champion.

She worked for many years in several departments of the Town of Northbridge, retiring in 1998. She also worked at the Whitinsville Social Library, and following retirement, she volunteered at Alternatives Unlimited in Whitinsville. Katherine loved children, caring for many, who became lifelong friends.

Katherine was a long-time, faithful member of the Village Congregational Church in Whitinsville, and its Ladies Fellowship, and she was a charter member of the former Whitinsville Women's Club. She was a loving, generous friend to many, and she will be missed and fondly remembered by all who knew her. Katherine's family would like to thank the staff at Beaumont and Salmon Hospice, as well as Dr. William Muller for their care and compassion.

A Memorial Service will be held at 11am, Monday, October 22, in the Village Congregational Church. There are no Calling Hours. Please omit flowers. Memorial donations may be made to the Village Congregational Church, 5 Church Street, Whitinsville, MA, 01588. Carr Funeral Home, 24 Hill St., Whitinsville is assisting the family with arrangements. To share a memory or condolence, please visit www.carrfuneralhome.com

Heidi K. Cormier, 75

WILLIMANTIC, CT- Heidi K. (Hofmann) Cormier age 75 died Oct. 3, 2018 at Hartford Hospital. She leaves two sons, Daniel Cormier of Nashua, NY and Michael Cormier, a brother Gerhard Hofmann and a sister Hannelore Hagenbusch both of Germany also four grandchildren and a great granddaughter.

She was born in Wurzburg, Germany daughter of the late Karl Hofmann and Rosl (Muth) Hofmann and lived here most of her life. Heidi was formerly employed by Eastern University in Willimantic, CT working in food service. She enjoyed gardening and quality time with her family. There are no calling hours. Services will be held Sat. Oct 20, 2018 at 1 pm at the Kingdom Hall of Jehovahs Witnesses, 1200 Norwich Rd., Plainfield, CT 06374. Please omit flowers, donations may be made in her memory to the church. The Shaw-Majercik Funeral Home, 48 School St., Webster, MA has been entrusted with her arrangements. A guest book is available at www.shaw-majercik.com where you may post a condolence.

Kent B. Luman, 66

NORTH GROSVENORDALE -- Kent B. Luman, 66, of North Grosvenordale, passed away on September 25, 2018 after a sudden and brief illness. He leaves behind his dear wife Susan (Staiger) Luman with whom he celebrated nearly 45 years of marriage.

Born in Hartford, on December 9, 1951, Kent was the youngest son of the late John R. Luman Sr. and Margerie (Dumas) Luman. He lived most of his childhood in Manchester and South Windsor and attended South Windsor High School. Following high school, he graduated from UCONN. After marrying, he lived in Enfield and Quinebaug for a short time with Susan before moving to North Grosvenordale in the fall of 1985. He spent the remainder of his life there in his dream house that he designed and helped build.

After college, Kent went into the retail field. He worked as a store manager for CVS. Following his time at CVS, Kent worked as a headhunter for retail positions for Alan Lerner Associates. He later established his own successful business as a retail headhunter, KBL Associates, which he ran for many years. Kent eventually changed career paths and became a nursing home administrator. He worked at various nursing homes in Massachusetts and Connecticut. He later returned to retail and worked for several different retail stores including Big Lots and Home Depot.

Kent was an avid outdoorsman and spent much of his free time outside. He enjoyed kayaking, fishing, camping, boating, riding on his tractor in the woods, and especially mountain climbing. He successfully climbed Mt. Washington 23 times, a spot which held a special place in his heart. He was a fan of UCONN basketball and the Boston Celtics. He loved spending time with his children and grandchildren and made many spectacular memories with them.

Kent is survived by his three loving children: daughter Sara Semrow and her husband David of Mansfield; son Brett Luman and his wife Melissa of Millbury, Massachusetts; and daughter Michelle Busha and her husband Dan of Chaplin. He will be remembered fondly by his four grandchildren: Shaun and Noah Semrow, Rylee Luman, and Jackson Busha. He is survived by his two brothers John Paul Luman and John R. Luman Jr. He will be dearly missed by his nephews and nieces, in-laws, friends, neighbors, and coworkers. A private celebration of Kent's life was held by his family.

Phyllis M. Thornton, 94

DANIELSON -- Phyllis M. Thornton, 94 of Danielson, passed away Friday, October 5, 2018 at Davis Place in Danielson. Born January 28, 1924 in Putnam. Daughter of the late Fred and Burnys (Kenyon) Thornton.

Phyllis worked as a private caregiver most of her life and in her younger years at Danielson Glass. She enjoyed being outside and she built her own house.

She leaves her sisters Minola Nola Terwilleger of Inverness, Florida, Dorothy Caparrilli of Scituate, Rhode Island and Cecilia Cristosori of Danielson, also several nieces, nephews, and friends. She was predeceased by a brother Fred Thornton and a longtime friend Charles Pike.

A graveside service was held Tuesday, October 16, 2018 in Old North Cemetery, Hampton. Share a memory at www.gagnonandcostellofh.com

Carol J. (Dyson) Huberdault 78

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A funeral mass will be held on October 26, 2018 at 11:00 AM at the Sacred Heart of Jesus Parish 18 East Main St Webster, MA. At Carol's request, there will be no calling hours.

Elwin C. Morgan, 87

DANIELSON– Elwin C. Morgan, 87, of Danielson, passed away on Monday, October 15, 2018 at Davis Place in Danielson. He was born in Brooklyn, on January 15, 1931, son of the late Clarence and Muriel (Dixon) Morgan. He was married to Kathryn Richardson Morgan in 1951. Kathryn died June 27, 2018.

Elwin graduated from Killingly High School in 1950 and attended Eastern Nazarene College in Quincy, Massachusetts. He loved working with flowers and for many years kept his home and church property beautiful. He also loved playing the piano and was one of the pianists' in church. He, along with his wife, sang for many years at various area nursing homes. He planned for many years' social gatherings and trips for the senior adults at The Danielson Church of The Nazarene where he was a lifelong member. He worked at Boston State and Norwich State Hospitals for thirty-three years.

He is survived by his four children, Jane (Ken) Rice, Carol (Gary) Stedman, John (Kathy) Morgan and Jim (Mary) Morgan; one sister, Glennis (Ernest) Larose; twelve grandchildren and thirteen great grandchildren. He was predeceased by four sisters, Elisabeth Saari, Dorothy Caouette, Shirley Richardson and Elsie Sposato. Funeral service was held on Thursday, October 18, at The Danielson Church of The Nazarene, Danielson. Burial will be in Westfield Cemetery, Danielson. There are no calling hours. In lieu of flowers donations in his name may be made to Compassionate Ministries, c/o The Danielson Church of The Nazarene. tillinghastfh.com

Marilyn I. Fanion, 58

SPENCER- Marilyn I. (Chambers) Fanion, 58, died at home, October 6, 2018, after an illness.

She leaves her daughter Jessica "Pepsi" Lynn Cote of Waterville, Maine, 2 grandchildren, Mason Scott and Faith Richard both of Maine, 2 brothers Freddie Chambers and Harry Chambers both of Oakfield, Maine, and 5 sisters Lisa Dupont of Worcester, Susan Anderson of Dyer Brook, Maine, Valerie Chambers of Brimfield, Linda Dashnaw of W. Brookfield, and Franki Taylor-Britto of North Grosvenordale, CT, and many nieces and nephews.

Marilyn was born September 24, 1960, in Millinocket, Maine, daughter of the late Harry M. Chambers and Leona M. (Hayes) Chambers Taylor. Her step-father was the late Frank Taylor.

She enjoyed spending time with her family, and being a homemaker.

There are no calling hours. Burial services will be in Maine. Sansoucy Funeral Home, 40 Marcy Street, Southbridge, MA 01550.

LEGALS

LEGAL NOTICE

Notice is hereby given that the Thompson Registrars of Voters will hold a session On Tuesday, October 30,2018, from the hours of 9:00am to 8:00pm, for admission of electors for those who become 18 years of age, U.S. citizens, or residents of the municipality on or before October 30,2018.
A Aileen Witkowski, Registrar
Frank McGany, Registrar

Notice is hereby given that the Thompson Registrars of Voters will hold a limited session on Monday, November 5, 2018 from the hours of 9:00am to 12:00pm to admit those seeking to vote in the November 6, 2018 election whose qualifications, as to age, citizenship or residence was attained since October 25, 2018.
A, Aileen Witkowski, Registrar
Frank McGarry, Registrar
October 19, 2018

TOWN OF THOMPSON
PLANNING AND ZONING COMMISSION
LEGAL NOTICE

The Town of Thompson Planning and Zoning Commission, at its Monday September 24, 2018 meeting, rendered the following decisions:

Application #18-17 Mountford Construction, LLC. Applicant & Owner, 0 Indian Inn Rd, Map 114, Block 26, Lot 50J & 50K, Zone R-20, Mountford Construction LLC, proposed 3-Lot Re-Subdivision. **Approved w/conditions**

Application #18-18 Mountford Construction, LLC. Applicant & Owner, 0 Lillian Ave, Map 114, Block 26, Lot 50F, Zone R-20, Mountford Construction, proposed 2-Lot Re-Subdivision. **Approved w/conditions**

Application #18-19 Ashley Tucker, Applicant, Ashley & Shaun Tucker, Owners of property at 124 Pompeo Rd, Map 61, Block 59, Lot 33, Zone R40, requesting home occupation permit for an internet based business selling organic skincare, bath & body, clothing, products, etc. **Approved.**

Application #18-20: Paul Radzik Applicant & Owner of property at13 Westside Dr, Unit 91, Map 85, Block 51, Lot 10C, Zone R20, requesting home occupation permit for JJ's Consulting, construction/business consulting. **Approved.**

Application #18-15: Applicant Daniel Bennett, owner James Whittemore, 115 Labby Road, Map 95, Block 44, Lot 2G, Zone R40, requesting home occupation permit for D.B.C. Solutions, office, tool and equipment storage. **Approved**

Respectfully submitted,
Joseph Parodi-Brown, Chairman
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OBITUARIES

Hope Listro, 88

WOODSTOCK – Hope (Hovey) Listro, 88, formerly of Revere, Massachusetts, died Tuesday morning October 9, 2018. She was the loving wife of the late Salvatore E. Listro. Born and raised in Houlton, Maine, she was the daughter of the late Wallace and Pearl (Lynt) Hovey.

Hope moved to Boston, Massachusetts, after graduating Houlton High School in 1948. She then worked as a cost estimator for Simplex Wire and Cable. She married Salvatore in June of 1957 and raised her children as a stay-at-home mom, volunteering at their schools and various other organizations for her children. Hope summered with her family at their cottage on Big Island Pond in Atkinson, New Hampshire. After her children were grown, she worked for several years as a secretary at St. Dominic Savio High School's Spiritual Office in East Boston, Massachusetts. In retirement, she spent her winters with her husband at their home in Lakeland, Florida.

She loved knitting, making everyone hats, mittens and afghans. She enjoyed Cribbage and other card games, Scrabble and crossword puzzles.

Hope was the loving mother of four children, Laura Listro and her husband Patrick of Tewksbury, Massachusetts, the late Steven Listro, Sr. of Atkinson, New Hampshire, Joann Listro of Derry, New Hampshire, Anthony Listro and his wife Joanne of Woodstock. She is survived by a brother, Bert Hovey and his wife Jess of Manchester, Connecticut and ten grandchildren, Salvatore, Steven, Jr., Joseph, Nicholas, Sarah, Derek, Linnea, Samuel, Benjamin, and Anthony. She was predeceased by seven brothers Noel, Rex, Kenny, Paul, Carl, Arthur, and Leo Hovey and three sisters Laura Hovey, Ruby Rhoda, and Jean (Estabrook) Moscone.

Calling hours were held on October 17, at Gilman Funeral Home in Putnam, which were followed by a Funeral Mass at Most Holy Trinity Church, Pomfret. Burial took place on Thursday, October 18, 2018, at Woodlawn Cemetery in Everett, Massachusetts, which followed by a graveside service. For memorial guestbook visit www.GilmanAndValade.com.

Kenneth J. Davis, 70

EAST KILLINGLY -- Kenneth J. Davis, age 70, of Valley Road East Killingly, passed away at his home on October 1, 2018 in the presence of his loving wife, Joyce (Pate) Davis to whom he was happily married to for four years. Kenneth was born in in Putnam and attended local schools in the Killingly area. He worked for Electric Boat as a welder and at J.P. Noonan as a truck driver prior to his retirement.

Kenneth enjoyed his retirement, spending much of his time riding the back roads of New England. He enjoyed swimming, going to the ocean, playing cards as well as the horse and dog races. He loved chowder and would drive distances to attain it no matter how far. The weather was no object to him, he challenged it and hit the road. He found his green thumb later in life and enjoyed gardening, enjoying many days driving from one end of New England to the other to garden centers looking for daylilies, which became his favorite. He loved his pets, a mini schnauzer named Tubby and a personable cat named Beeb. Every morning, he would wake and say to his wife, where would you like to go today? He was happiest when enjoying the outdoors. He coached little league and played men's soft ball for many years, and cherished the friendships stemmed from the sport.

He is predeceased by his mother Daliah and father James, as well as an infant sister and his brother Lenny. He leaves behind his brother Peter Davis of Connecticut, two sons, James Davis of Connecticut and Bradford Davis of Massachusetts, a step-daughter Erin Hopkins of Rhode Island, and a granddaughter Kalylah Davis of New Hampshire, step grandson Christian Hopkins of Rhode Island, as well as several cousins, nieces, and nephews.

A celebration of his life is planned for Sunday, October 21, 2018 from 1-4 pm at the Putnam VFW Hall 207 Providence Street Putnam. All relatives, friends, and acquaintances are invited to celebrate the life of a wonderful man who impacted every person he met. A basket for condolence cards will be provided, if you are unable to attend and wish to send a card, you may do so to PO Box 171,East Killingly, Ct 06243. Tillinghast Funeral Home 433 Main Street Danielson is in charge of arrangements.

ELLIS TECH

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Mazuraitis said. "Keep on playing the same and keep improving."

The Golden Eagles are looking forward to returning to the state tourney.

"We're pretty psyched and we're glad and we're proud that we got this far," Mazuraitis said.

Mizak said the team has worked hard and hopes for good things in the postseason.

"Each result I tell the guys I want us to get better every single game. I want us to be able to look at each game and say we've improved upon this, and each game get better, versus peaking too early," Mizak said. "And I think that by no means we're where we want to be yet. We're not there yet but we're heading in the right direction so that's a positive."

Collin Lavoie, Austin Desrosiers and Chad Cramer each scored two goals and Jared Oenning tallied one goal in the win over Tourtellotte. Mac Monahan scored for the Tigers. Ellis Tech outshot Tourtellotte 18-4 and led 6-1 in corner kicks. Ellis Tech goalkeeper Brett Gile made three saves. Tony Smith had eight saves and Jacob Bergeron made two saves for Tourtellotte (2-10-0).

Ellis Tech is also looking for a good run in the Connecticut Technical Conference Tournament, which will precede the state tourney.

"These guys have a lot of heart. They're working their butts off every single day," Mizak said. "It's a great step forward for this program."

Ellis Tech is next scheduled to travel to Plainfield on Monday, Oct. 22, with the match set to begin at 3:30 p.m.

Charlie Lentz may be reached at (860) 928-1818, ext. 110, or by e-mail at charlie@villagernewspapers.com.

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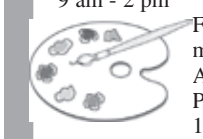

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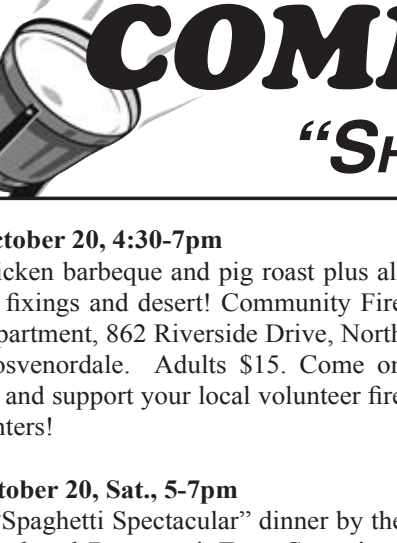
Chicken barbeque and pig roast plus all the fixings and desert! Community Fire Department, 862 Riverside Drive, North Grosvenordale. Adults $15. Come on out and support your local volunteer fire fighters!

October 20, Sat., 5-7pm
A "Spaghetti Spectacular" dinner by the Woodstock Democratic Town Committee at the East Woodstock Congregational Church, featuring spaghetti, meatballs, sausage, bread, salad, dessert and non-alcoholic beverages. Vegan, vegetarian and gluten-free dinners also available. The great Sally Rogers will be entertaining. Tickets $10 adults and $5 for children 16 and younger. Tickets available from WDTC members, at the door, or by calling 860-928-0773.

October 20, Sat., 8am-1pm
Abington Congregational Church is having a craft fair on Route 97, Abington. Crafters & vendors wanted, 6 ft. tables for $15 each. Contact Dalia 860-916-5230 or Donna at 860-978-9136 for info.



October 20, Sat., 2-3pm
LOW COST RABIES CLINIC – Last clinic this year Danielson - Pet Pals Northeast, is holding a low-cost rabies clinic at the Quinebaug Valley Veterinary Hospital, Rt. 12, Danielson/Plainfield town line. No appointment necessary. Cost is $12 CASH per animal. All animals must be on a leash or in a secured carrier. If available, bring prior proof of rabies vaccination.
For info, contact 860-317-1720.

October 20, Sat., 10-11:30 am
Rapoport/Spalding Preserve Walk Calkins Rd, Woodstock, (Please park at the end of Calkins Rd., off Joy Road. Hike the fields, woods, and wetlands of this scenic 154-acre property, during The Last Green Valley's Walktober program on this easy and scenic 2-mile walk. Bad weather will cancel. Leashed dogs welcome.

October 20, Sat., 9:30am
Book Club, *Undaunted Courage* by Stephen Ambrose. Bracken Memorial Library, 57 Academy Road, Woodstock

October 20, Sat., 6:30pm
Eastford Independent Fire Company's steak supper "all you can eat," at Eastford Firehouse. Menu: Steak, baked potato, salad, green beans, rolls, dessert, and beverage. Free raffle ticket per ticket! $20 per person For Tickets: John Paquin 974-0256, Jeannine Spink 974-1678. No tickets sold at the door.

October 21, Sun., 8:30-11:30am
Celebrate Autumn Breakfast at St. Joseph School, 26 Main Street North Grosvenordale. Adults $10, Seniors, $8, Children $6. French Toast Casserole, scrambled eggs, pancakes, steak, corned beef hash, sausage, bacon, roasted potatoes, fruit salad, muffins, beverages.

October 22, Mon., 7pm
BIANNUAL CEMETERY MEETING: Barlow Cemetery (South Cemetery Association) Biannual meeting at Church of the Good Shepherd, Bradford Corner Rd. West Woodstock. All who own plots or have interest are encouraged to attend.

October 23, Tues., 7pm
Bingo every Tuesday at the VFW, 1523 Providence Street, Putnam.

October 24, Wed., 7pm
Bingo every Wednesday night at St. James, 12 Franklin Street, Danielson. Proceeds benefit St. James School.

October 26, Sat., 7-8:30am
Soldiers, Sailors and Marines Fund assistance is available every Saturday morning, at the Pomfret Senior Center, 207 Mashamoquet Road (Rt. 44) in Pomfret. Please call ahead, 860-928-2309. Free and confidential. (The Soldiers, Sailors and Marines Fund is administered by the American Legion to provide temporary financial assistance to qualified veterans.)

October 27, Sat., 10am Kids Halloween Party with crafts & snacks. All kids that come in costume will be entered in a drawing to win a prize. Bracken Memorial Library, 57 Academy Road, Woodstock.

October 28, Sun., 7:30-10:30
American Legion Post 67, N. Grosvenordale, "All You Can Eat" breakfast on a.m. Tickets only $9 for adults and $5 children under seven and include scrambled eggs, home fries, bacon, sausage, ham, hash, English muffins, sausage & gravy, beans & kielbasa, French toast, pancakes, plus Belgian waffles and omelets. To benefit Community Fire Dept.

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.
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